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Body in local pond ruled accidental drowning

By **ANDREA PRAEGITZER**
STAFF WRITER

The lifeless body of a local man found in a retention pond earlier this year near a shopping center in Port Charlotte died in an accidental drowning, law enforcement and medical examiner authorities concluded.

A Charlotte County Sheriff's volunteer officer spotted a bicycle lying on its side behind 4265 Tamiami Trail in February and noticed what appeared to be a body in a retention pond about 20 feet away, according to a CCSO death investigation.

The CCSO volunteer called in the situation to dispatchers and the individual in the water was later identified as Eric Henry Johnson, 65, who lived at a nearby apartment.

Authorities investigated the scene and determined no crime occurred.

They also reviewed video surveillance from a business nearby.

"The video shows that Mr. Johnson was alone and no one else was around him at the time or following when he (was) observed moving toward the pond," states the CCSO report. "There did not appear to be any recent signs of trauma."

A Charlotte County associate medical examiner ruled shortly after the autopsy that the death occurred as a result of drowning, when Johnson "fell into a pond while drinking alcoholic beverage."

So far this year, there have been three accidental drownings in Charlotte County and there were 10 last year, according to information from the District 22 Medical Examiner's Office in Charlotte County.

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Authorities with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office set up a privacy blind earlier this year near 4265 Tamiami Trail as they investigated a man's lifeless body, found that morning in the pond.



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Memorial Day gets a pass from the storm

By **DANIEL SUTPHIN**
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature took a break Memorial Day morning to let Charlotte County residents honor and celebrate America's veterans.

Despite the outlying effects of Subtropical Storm Alberto moving north through the Gulf of Mexico, the biggest hazard of the morning was the wind at Lashley Park, reaching gusts as high as 23 mph.

"The weather sucks," said Dennis Bruland, president of the Charlotte County Veterans Council. "Gary Butler and I were the ones that set this thing up and programmed everything. I was rather reluctant about doing it inside because how often do we have three or four days of rain? He convinced me that we should."

Butler is the executive director for the Military Heritage Museum who teamed with Bruland to put together



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Veterans, their families and other visitors gather inside the Community Room at the Municipal Marina next to Lashley Park. The Memorial Day Ceremony was moved indoors due to a rain and storm forecast. Despite the predictions, it did not rain on Memorial Day morning.

Monday's Memorial Day ceremony. A dreary weather forecast, which included scattered showers and thunderstorms, convinced them to move the ceremony indoors to the Community Room at the Municipal Marina at Lashley Park.

Originally, the event was to be held outdoors at the Veterans Kiwanis Garden and Gazebo at Lashley Park, which would be followed by a wreath laying

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ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, also located in the Lashley Park area.

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A flag blows in the wind on Memorial Day in front of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Lashley Park.

Alberto advances into Alabama Led to May rain records locally

By **PHIL FERNANDEZ**
REGIONAL EDITOR

After slipping by the Southwest Florida coast over the weekend, Subtropical Storm Alberto was on track, continuing north, hitting the Panhandle and moving into Alabama this morning.

With it was the "significant" risk of flooding in that region, according to the National Hurricane Center. Florida Gov. Rick Scott's office said mandatory evacuations were issued for Franklin County's barrier islands and anybody living on the coastline in mobile homes and RV parks.



Hundreds of miles south of Alberto's center, the tail end of the "ragged," sprawling storm was taking the form of a large cluster of moisture, affecting

Southwest Florida's skies, bringing scattered rain and stirring up Charlotte Harbor. Although the potential for precipitation continued

MAY'S MOISTURE

	in inches
Englewood	13.09
Punta Gorda	12.93
North Port	12.13

Source: Weather Underground (For May in Punta Gorda; April 28 through May 28 for others)

SUN PHOTO BY PHIL FERNANDEZ

Left: Subtropical Storm Alberto had long bypassed the region, but the harbor was still stirred up along Bayshore Live Oak Park in Port Charlotte.

Tuesday for Southwest Florida, Robert Molleda, a National Weather Service

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Drowning foundation raises money for swim lessons

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

While the death of his twin boys never leaves him, Paul DeMello feels good knowing they've helped others live.

At the recent Just Against Children Drowning Foundation bike run fundraiser, DeMello and other participants gathered at the gravesite of Joshua and Christian. The 13-month-old boys drowned in their grandmother's pool in 2010.

The boys' organs were donated. Jillian Forgea was one of the recipients and the transplant saved her life and enabled

her to give birth to a daughter.

Forgea and her daughter, Arabella, joined DeMello at the cemetery to pay respect to the boys during the bike run.

"There is no story that could be greater than what came out of my baby boys' drowning because it is a true full circle of life," DeMello said. "Jillian received our twin angel's organs. She's one of the very best of moms that a mom could be. The very thing she prayed for on a daily basis was to have a baby. All of her doctors told her she could never ever bear a child with her kidney condition.

"Well God answered her prayers. He is the true ultimate physician," she said.

This year's fundraiser began at the Kings Highway Walmart, proceeded to Restlawn Memorial Gardens for a gravesite memorial for

the twins and continued through Englewood to Sharky's restaurant in Venice.

"We raised \$1,995," DeMello said. "What's amazing is we had people come in from Michigan to support us."

Jeremy Morandini said he didn't mind traveling 1,200 miles for the sometimes rainy ride.

"Paul is a great guy with a great heart," Morandini said. "I planned my vacation around this event. I've known Paul for a while. He really wants to help others. He's making a difference with the swimming lessons and installing the pool fences."

Morandini joined about 30 others on the pier near the restaurant to throw flowers into the Gulf of Mexico to remember children who drowned.

A couple of parents spoke about losing their children to drowning during the event.



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Roger Lynn shows off the colorful fish won during the drawing at the Just Against Children Drowning Foundation bike run at Sharky's in Venice.

Rachael Gentile told the crowd when she refers to her children, she still says she has four of them even though her 19-month-old son, Alexander Anthony, drowned in a family member's pool in Cape Coral on Dec. 14, 2013.

"I do have four children," said Gentile, while holding her 3-year-old daughter Alaina. "One of them is in Heaven now."

For months, DeMello sold tickets for a chopper donated to the foundation for the fundraiser.

Gared Briggs of Fort Myers wasn't in the audience, but he was the winner. DeMello called him and the crowd roared after he was told he won the awesome motorcycle.

Monies from the fundraiser will go toward children's swim lessons.

"I really need to make more connections with the YMCA in the Englewood and North Port area," he said. "I have money for these swim lessons. I want to help save children."

DeMello also installs baby gates and pool fencing.

"I have installed these fences after children drown at family pools," he said. "I also work with the Department of Children and Families to install fences and gates for families in need. The problem is it's often done after a near drowning or after a child dies. I don't do this for any kind of recognition. Drownings are real. They happen way too often in our region. When a child drowns, it impacts a family forever."

For more information on the foundation visit the www.justagainstchilddrowning.org web site.

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Paul DeMello holds his little friend Shane Seabury, 8 months, while talking to his dad Shane at the recent Just Against Drowning fundraiser at Sharky's in Venice.



Jeremy Morandini throws a flower into the Gulf to remember children who have drowned including toddler Jordan Cayla Trimble, 2, of Venice.



Gared Briggs of Fort Myers was the winner of the chopper raffled off during the Just Against Children Drowning recent fundraiser.

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Rachael Gentile speaks to the crowd about the devastating loss of her 13-month-old son who drowned in a family member's pool. She was one of the parents who supported the Just Against Children Drowning recent fundraiser.

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VIEWPOINT

OUR VIEW

Release texts, emails in Lewis, Punta Gorda issue

OUR POSITION: *Punta Gorda needs to cut short any controversy stemming from former Punta Gorda police chief Tom Lewis' claims of unethical conduct in the investigation of Mary Knowlton's death.*

Former Punta Gorda Police Chief Tom Lewis has made some serious, and unsubstantiated, claims regarding how the city — specifically City Manager Howard Kunik — dealt with the aftermath of Mary Knowlton's death.

In case you're new to the area, or have a bad memory, Lewis was fired from his job a few months after retired librarian Mary Knowlton was mistakenly shot and killed in a police demonstration. The shoot-don't-shoot scenario was being played out for the Punta

Gorda Chamber of Commerce when Knowlton was shot and killed in front of dozens of onlookers.

The tragedy resulted in criminal charges of culpable negligence brought against Lewis and negligent manslaughter against officer Lee Coel, who fired the fatal shots with wadcutter rounds instead of blanks.

Coel awaits trial. Lewis was found not guilty.

Lewis recently filed requests with the new police chief, Pam Davis, and the FBI trying to correct what he says were mistakes in the investigation and unethical practices by the city and Police Department in the wake of the tragedy.

Among the charges Lewis has made was a claim that members of the police force who testified in his trial were

granted pay increases that were not deserved. He claims Kunik granted the pay raises as a favor for making Lewis look bad. Kunik says the raises were well deserved.

Lewis also says a hired consultant, Sandi Poreda, relayed messages from Kunik, instructing him what to say publicly leading up to his trial — with a promise he would retain his job when it was over.

And, finally, Lewis has sent the police department the first couple of what he says will be about 12 requests for investigations, charging officers lied or misled investigators in his case.

At first glance it all seems like a case of sour grapes from a person embarrassed by his role, or lack of a role, in the shooting death.

But, Poreda did admit she helped Lewis set up a website

that requested donations to pay for his legal expenses. She denied the other claims.

We find it troubling that someone hired by the city to deal with the media would be working to help Lewis. Her claims that it was on her time don't wash because she was paid a lump sum, not by the hour.

That lone fact is enough to question if some of the claims Lewis is making could be true.

The air needs to be cleared.

This is what we believe should happen next.

First, we believe Lewis should compile all his grievances — including charges against an officer he admits he did not get along with — and file them with the police department so they can be investigated.

Lewis said in an e-mail to the

Sun that he cannot organize all 12 of his complaints at once.

"It takes a tremendous amount of time to properly organize these items. I simply don't have it done. And lastly, handing it over all at once would be voluminous and difficult to digest," he said.

The city also needs to respond. Kunik should release any emails and text messages between him and Poreda during a two-to-three month time period after Lewis was suspended with pay.

That would go a long way toward clearing Kunik of the charges Lewis has made. It might reveal if Lewis has real reason to feel betrayed or if the former chief is simply grasping at straws to salvage his reputation.

Everyone would like to get at the truth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A prescription for less violence

Editor:

At age 96 and fortunate to be blessed with a clear mind, and much leisure time to do some serious thinking, I am impelled to pass along some ideas, distilled from studying many divergent points of view.

Talking heads of the media are once again frantically avowing we must exercise more gun control, more investigatory procedures, armed personal and guards at schools.

All of the above are worthy. However, of major importance is the mindset of those who have been perpetrators of school, and other shootings.

What causes the evil devilry of thought and will that causes this terrible desire to kill?

An obvious answer is the proliferation of violent electronic devices, movies, rap music with horrifying lyrics. Our youth are being systematically indoctrinated with deadly activities and plots, realistic depictions of killing, and the brain is influenced by repetition.

Parents: Take notice to your children. Have you taken the time to view some of the videos they seem to have an addiction for?

Do you take time to talk to find out what they are thinking. Do you talk about morality, as well as how it is in your own behavior?

I propose all electronic games and films be destroyed if they depict killing.

Your children will suffer withdrawal and anger, but deal with that. Minds have been twisted to accept this awful murdering. It will take time and effort to change, but unless we give our best efforts to this problem



there will be no decrease in school violence.

Evelyn Loeffler
Port Charlotte

Holiday Lakes should pay for sign

Editor:

The residents of Village of Holiday Lakes want a traffic signal at Gasparilla/Marathon. Let them pay for it, just like Riverwood did.

There has not been an increase in accidents since the road has been widened. The

accidents that have occurred since the widening have been caused by impatient/careless drivers. By installing a traffic signal does not mean accidents will decrease, but just the opposite. Accidents will increase, fatalities decrease.

Instead of a traffic signal, why don't we make the side street (Marathon) coming onto Gasparilla right turn only. This should go for all side streets coming onto a major road.

We should not be spending our tax dollars on this just to benefit 600 people. There is a lot more purposeful projects that

this money can be used for. It is not just the installation cost, but the maintenance of the traffic signals for years to come.

Richard Van Acker
Port Charlotte

Thanks to Trump for Israel policy

Editor:

As a Christian and a defender of Israel and Israel's right to their land and Jerusalem, God said I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you, Gen. 12:3. God was

speaking to Abraham and his descendants.

It's very sad about what's happening to the Palestinians. Hamas and its leaders are guilty for what is going on. All those countries — Iran, Syria, Palestine, etc. — hate the Jews and Christians. There will never be peace. They don't want peace. They want death and destruction.

Hamas is the one to blame and it's leaders. They are sending children and women and all those who are willing to risk their lives to cause havoc. Also, they are being paid money, too, for coming against Israel.

There could be peace and the possibility of getting along. No. Death to the Jews and all those who defend her. I think President Trump for all he is doing.

Elaine Kneynsberg
Englewood

Hold food drive earlier in year

Editor:

The mail carrier did a great job again last Saturday. The people who will do the sorting and delivery deserve a big thank you, also. It always makes me feel good when I hear the poor people are being helped.

Our economy depends upon the snowbirds, so I would like to make a suggestion. Since they head north in early spring, I would like to see the mail carriers food drive done earlier next year.

Think about this: The school kids receive a free breakfast at school, but in summer, many go without.

I was a Depression baby, but was never hungry.

Lee Waddle
Englewood

George Zimmerman broke? Thank you, karma

And so George Zimmerman says he is \$2.5 million in debt and has no income.

Awwww. Can you see my crocodile tears streaming down your smart phone or computer?

It seems to me that karma is dealing with Mr. Zimmerman, Nature's Way of righting a wrong.

Zimmerman got a hall pass on the night of February 26, 2012, when he confronted Travon Martin, a black teenager who wasn't looking for

George Diaz
Orlando Sentinel

trouble. But Zimmerman most certainly seemed to be in his pretentious role of community watchdog.

We all know what happened next: Martin died following a confrontation with Zimmerman. A jury found Zimmerman not guilty of second-degree murder in the summer of 2013.

Zimmerman, by many

accounts, won the legal lottery that day. The verdict was right from a legal standpoint. But not so much when it came to moral standards, and a tragedy escalated by Zimmerman's actions.

A long list of contentious dustups and confrontations since that hearing leaves most folks thinking two things:

Zimmerman is a damaged human being. Flawed at best, deplorable at his worst. Maybe both.

It leads us to this: Zimmerman stands

accused of sending threatening messages to private investigator Dennis Warren, who had contacted him about a documentary series on Trayvon Martin produced by rapper Jay Z.

Zimmerman is trying to beat the rap by filing a not-guilty plea and requesting a jury trial.

But he claims to be broke, which is why he will be represented by the Public Defender's Office.

But hey, didn't Georgie Boy profit off this tragedy by auctioning off the gun

he used to kill Martin? He made a nice chunk of cheese, \$250,000 from that transaction in 2016.

What about the money he made from selling his paintings of the Confederate battle flag in 2015?

"I painted the confederate flag backed by the American flag because I believe that anything can stand with the American flag behind it," he said at the time. "My confederate flag painting also represents the hypocrisy of political correctness that

is plaguing this nation."

He must have "political correctness" confused with anyone who might have a smidge of human decency and not buying his racist propaganda.

I also humbly suggest to Georgie Boy that in addition to legal representation, he find himself a good financial planner.

Are they available pro bono in prison? Asking for a friend.

George Diaz is a columnist with the Orlando Sentinel.

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For Trump, Libya model must be on the table

After months of pretending to be normal and reasonable on the diplomatic stage, North Korea's mask has slipped, and Pyongyang is back to threatening a "nuclear-to-nuclear showdown" that will "make the U.S. taste an appalling tragedy it has neither experienced nor even imagined up to now."

Why is Kim Jong Un's regime lashing out? It's not because it is offended at talk of a "Libya model." It's because it was hoping to follow the "Iran model" — sanctions relief up front and weak inspections — and is starting to realize that is not going to happen.

When national security adviser John Bolton first raised the "Libya model," he was not referring to the overthrow of Muammar Gaddafi; he was saying North Korea would have to carry out complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization (CVID) before the Trump administration



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lifted its "maximum pressure" campaign. That is what got the North upset.

In a statement last week, North Korea rejected the "so-called Libya mode of nuclear abandonment, 'complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization,' 'total decommissioning of nuclear weapons, missiles and biochemical weapons' etc. ... (and) 'abandoning nuclear weapons first, compensating afterward.'" The Trump administration, the North Koreans said, "is trumpeting as if it would offer economic compensation and benefit in case we abandon nuke. But we have never had any expectation of

U.S. support in carrying out our economic construction and will not at all make such a deal in future, too."

In other words, Pyongyang rejected the very premise of Trump's proposed deal: security and prosperity on par with South Korea in exchange for complete denuclearization. On Monday, Vice President Pence reiterated this is the only basis on which Trump would cut a deal. He pointed out that "the Clinton administration, even the Bush administration got played in the past. We offered concessions to the North Korean regime in exchange for promises to end their nuclear weapons program only to see them break those promises and abandon them."

He added that Kim will only end like Gaddafi if Kim "doesn't make a deal." Pyongyang in turn threatened the U.S. with nuclear annihilation if Trump did not come to the negotiating table.

Pence's threat could not be what provoked Pyongyang's fit of pique, since he was simply repeating with Trump himself had said a few days earlier when the president warned that Libya showed "what will take place if we don't make a deal." Rather, the North Koreans are angry because Trump is not budging from his demand, when what they want are front-loaded economic benefits in exchange for promises of "mutual" and "synchronous" arms reductions.

In other words, the idea that imprudent talk of a Libyan model somehow disrupted a potential deal is dead wrong. With its bellicose response, North Korea exposed the fact that it has no intention of giving up its nuclear weapons at the negotiating table.

This was further underscored by the PR stunt North Korea pulled this week when it unilaterally "destroyed" its Punggye-ri nuclear test

site. This was portrayed as a sign of good faith, but as the Guardian newspaper recently reported, "North Korea's main nuclear test site has partially collapsed under the stress of multiple explosions, possibly rendering it unsafe for further testing." Because Pyongyang has no choice but to stop conducting nuclear tests at the site, they tried to take credit for doing what they had to do anyway. This is the kind of deceit Trump is up against.

The president made the right decision by calling off the summit, which should disabuse Pyongyang of the notion that he is desperate for a deal. Now, his conciliatory public letter to Kim Jong Un should be followed by tough backchannel warnings that the alternative to negotiations is not to continue the status quo. Sanctions will get tighter and military action is possible.

My American

Enterprise Institute colleague, Dan Blumenthal, suggests that Trump could also announce a major U.S.-Japanese joint project to develop missile defense capabilities to "shoot down missiles at their 'boost phase' (when they are at their warmest in their ascent and easier to track) through space, unmanned aerial vehicles, and other sensors and shooters" and also put major Chinese banks on notice that they could face sanctions for financing of North Korean projects. "This would get the attention of both Beijing and Pyongyang."

Trump should make clear to both North Korea and China, absent an agreement, that sanctions will get tighter and military action is possible. And that means the "Libya model" is indeed on the table.

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Autocratic ambitions and Republican cowardice

Much about the future of American politics — and about the historical judgment that will be visited on those associated with it — depends on the answer to one question: Is Donald Trump an instinctual demagogue or an instinctual authoritarian?

On most days, the evidence favors the former interpretation. Trump often acts like a desperate, self-interested politician, convinced that his enemies fight dirty and determined to out-slime them. So he pursues a strategy of character assassination against the special counsel on the model of Bill Clinton discrediting Ken Starr. This is squalid and damaging, but at least familiar.

Then there are other days — and more and more of them — that justify the latter interpretation. Rather than a politician trying to muddy the waters, Trump seems more like a strongman probing the limits of democracy. He seems less like Bill Clinton and more like Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, seeking to dismantle institutional checks on his authority. "This is what it looks like," according to Republican Senator Jeff Flake, "when you stress-test all of the institutions that undergird our constitutional democracy at the same time."

The current flashpoint is the FBI probe of Russian influence on the



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Trump campaign — an investigation which made use of an informant in pursuit of information from suspicious Trump associates. Trump has transformed this into a "spy" who was "implanted, for political purposes, into my campaign," constituting one of the "biggest political scandals in history."

This is accurate, except there was no spy, who was not implanted in the Trump campaign, in the course of an entirely legitimate investigation. And Trump's charge of political motivation is absurd on its face, since the FBI investigation of Trump advisers was not made public before the 2016 election.

But the president's evident goal has nothing to do with logic, and everything to do with power. Since the early days of his administration, Trump has believed that federal law enforcement should be under his personal control. He has sought loyalty oaths and tried to make FBI investigations stop and start. Now he has seized on a conspiracy theory to undermine public confidence in the FBI. And the future of that institution now

hangs by the thread of a few officials committed to the rule of law and the independence of law enforcement.

What would Trump prefer the FBI to be? Consider the House Intelligence Committee under Rep. Devin Nunes, which has become a laughably partisan alibi factory for the president. Or the Republican Party, which has become a pathetic propaganda tool for a leader who reviles his own party. For Trump, this is what loyalty looks like: subservience. Putting federal law enforcement under his personal, political control would be a danger to the constitutional order.

There is an authoritarian playbook, used (with some variations) in places such as Hungary, Turkey, Venezuela and Russia. Dismantle checks on executive power. Control the criminal justice system. Scapegoat minority groups. Co-opt

mainstream parties. Discredit the independent press. Call for opponents to be jailed. Question the legitimacy of elections. Claim to be the embodied soul of the people.

Trump has praised and congratulated leaders who have done all these things — including Erdogan, Russia's Vladimir Putin and Egypt's Abdel Fattah el-Sisi. And he has attempted some parts of the authoritarian playbook himself, particularly in his systematic attacks on law enforcement and the press and his self-conception as the voice for "real Americans." "The only important thing," he said in 2016, "is the unification of the people — because the other people don't mean anything." In a country with weaker institutions, argues former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in her new book

"Fascism," Trump "would audition for dictator, because that is where his instincts lead."

Because Trump lives here, his authoritarian instincts are unlikely to dominate a government thick with balancing institutions. But the stakes of our politics have dramatically changed. If Trump were a typical politician, other Republicans could keep their heads down and wait for the storm to pass. If his ambitions are autocratic,

the cowardice of elected Republicans is indefensible and near to unforgivable. Trump's enablers in politics and the media are reducing the political cost of undemocratic rhetoric and behavior. They are hurting the country in sad and lasting ways. And it has become urgent to wake their sleeping courage.

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Board of Zoning Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Charlotte County Board of Zoning Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the following petitions. Said public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM in Meeting Room 119, Building A, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida. All interested parties to the petitions should be present at that time. The Board of Zoning Appeals is not bound to consider the petitions in the order listed in this notice. Any of these petitions may be considered as soon as the meeting commences. Copies of the petitions, along with their complete legal description, are available for review at the Charlotte County Community Development Department, Zoning Office, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, Florida.

Petition SE-18-005: Stephen and Kimberly Gunn are requesting a special exception to allow a Major Home Occupation, consisting of the boarding and breeding of 70 finger monkeys, in the Agriculture (AG) zoning district. The property address is **50544 Bermont Road**, Punta Gorda, and is described as Tract 5, of Golden Ranches, an unrecorded subdivision, located in Section 33, Township 40 South, Range 27 East.

Petition SE-18-006: William Dryburgh, agent for Punta Gorda Elks Club, is requesting a special exception to allow a private club, consisting of the existing Elks Club, in the Residential Multifamily-10 (RMF-10) zoning district. The property address is **25538 Shore Drive**, Punta Gorda, and is described as Lots 1, 2, 11 and 12, of Block 2, of Solana Subdivision, located in Section 32 and 33, Township 40 South, Range 23 East.

Petition SE-18-007: Perry Lawrence, agent for Michael McCullough, is requesting a special exception to allow a boat-lift at a vacant lot in the Bridgeless Barrier Island (BBI) zoning district. The property address is **60 North Gulf Boulevard**, Placida, and is described as Lot 1, of Block D, of Palm Island Estates, Unit 1 Subdivision, located in Section 33, Township 41 South, Range 20 East. Should any agency or person decide to appeal any decision made by this board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Shaun Cullinan, Zoning Official

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Florida stone crab season ends after wallop from Hurricane Irma

By **KATHERINE HAMILTON**
DAILY NEWS

Another stone crab season has ended — but this time, Hurricane Irma left Southwest Florida stone crabbers in a bit of a pinch.

Irma drove the crabs offshore early in the season. Instead of being accessible 5 miles offshore, the stone crabs were anywhere between 20 and 50 miles offshore; crabbers who had the means to fish far offshore did well, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reported.

Florida, which provides 98 percent of the U.S. stone crab supply, landed at least 3 million pounds of stone crab claws this season, state figures show. The FWC was still tallying this year's catch, but Southwest Florida is responsible for a lot of it.

Stone crab season ended earlier this month, just ahead of the official June 1 start of tropical weather. The industry's season will reopen Oct. 15, leaving stone crabs five months to spawn.

Kirk Fish Co., which catches and sells all types of seafood including stone crab claws, said it caught slightly less than last year, bringing in almost 50,000 pounds of claws. Usually the company has up to eight or nine fishermen during season, but the hurricane knocked the crew down to four.

"It was a little bit of a rough year for some of the guys," said Kelly Kirk, owner of Kirk Fish Co. "They seemed to have to work a lot harder to catch the quantity of crabs to make a living."

The fishermen of Kirk Fish Co. worked five to six days a week and pulled up around 200 to 600 traps a day, depending on the weather.

They started their days at 6 a.m., drove the boats 30 to 40 miles offshore and pulled up 100 traps at a time. Then they threw back the fish they didn't want but took the claws that measured at least 2¾ inches. The claws will grow back.

The fishermen repeat the process until it is time to head home.

"They hit the dock at 4 p.m.," Kirk said.

The company then weighs, cooks and chills the stone crabs overnight. The following morning, they grade the sizes by checking each claw to determine its weight. After being checked for size, they are ready for sale.

The company has been in the family starting with Kirk's father, Damas.

"It's all I know. My dad was a stone crabber long before my mom was in the picture, and then my mom and dad began running the business together. I was actually born on opening day of stone crab season, so that's kind of exciting," Kirk said.

Kirk sells stone crab to several Southwest Florida retailers and restaurants. The catch is always sold fresh from the night before — the claws selling for anywhere between \$18 and \$40 per pound, depending on size and costs.

"I just think it's important everyone knows they're supporting a local industry, and it is unique to our area," Kirk said. "We take the good years with the bad, and we hope next year is going to be even better."

HURRICANE PREP: TRIMMING TREES

As the crab industry found, tropical weather's impact is wide. That includes your trees. Here's how to prepare for the upcoming season:

- Never cut a branch flush with the trunk, which is also known as making a flush cut
- Avoid "liontailing" or "overlifting," which consists of removing side branches from a large branch, leaving only those at the distant end, resulting in limbs resembling a lion's tail.
- Never "hat rack" or "top" a tree. It is illegal and potentially dangerous.
- Avoid root pruning and digging around tree roots. This makes the tree more likely to fall during a storm.
- When pruning, only use removal cuts (prune a branch back to the trunk or parent branch) or reduction cuts (shortens the length of a stem by pruning back to a smaller limb).
- Don't remove more than 25 percent of the canopy in a single pruning event.
- Palm trees don't need hurricane pruning. Palms adapt to windstorms. Removing fronds has no benefit and is detrimental.
- Trees can survive more than 100 years. They can survive hurricanes and storms, but they cannot survive human errors.

Source: University of Florida, Parks Foundation of Miami-Dade, WFOR

Kelly's Fish House, a downtown Naples restaurant that has been in the Ellis family since 1967, also catches its own stone crabs. With three fishermen, Kelly Ellis, owner of the restaurant, said they did not have as good a season as they are used to.

"Irma made it rough on us," Ellis said.

Considering Southwest Florida's latest red tide beginning in October and carrying through to early May — dead fish and the stench of decay plaguing normally tranquil white sand beaches — Ellis said the stone crabs were just fine.

"The fish die, and the crabs have a smorgasbord. They are the vultures of the sea."

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Despite the relocation, more than 200 people crammed into the community room. Local veterans, among others, attended the event with their friends and family and Charlotte County Sheriff's officers and members of the County Commission and City Council.

Local veteran and Military Heritage Museum librarian, R.C. Suci, presented a bit of Memorial Day history to the crowd.



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Alana Santiago fixes a small flag at the Wounded Veterans Memorial at Lashley Park. She was there for Memorial Day with her mother and her father, who was also a veteran.



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Port Charlotte High School Navy Jr. ROTC members and their friends were present at the Memorial Day Service, at the Charlotte Cultural Center, on Monday. (From left) Cadet Petty Officer 3rd Class Stott, Cadet Lt. Reid, Cadet Lt. Jr. Grade Catron, Linda Dela Cruze, former Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Claro Dela Cruze, Cadet Lt. Commander Flaws, Cadet Ensign Caparo. The cadets hope to attend Annapolis, where their plans range from becoming a navy pilot, to nuclear engineering.



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Punta Gorda City Council members Jaha Cummings (right), Lynne Matthews (middle) and Nancy Prafke (far left) at the Memorial Day Ceremony in the Community Room at Municipal Marina at Lashley Park.

"It's interesting how the name changed over a period of time," said Suci. "How many of you remember when we used to refer to this as Decoration Day?"

Decoration Day was established three years after the Civil War ended on May 5, 1868, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. It was established by the head of an organization of Union veterans called the Grand Army of the Republic. It was set as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the "war dead" with flowers. Major General John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30.

"What I find interesting," said Suci, "is that the name change went from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. Memorial Day has turned into — in many respects

ALBERTO'S EFFECTS

Some events were still held, but others this weekend were canceled due to the storm, wet grounds and weather predictions including:

- Englewood's Memorial Day Service and Wreath-Laying ceremony
- El Jobean's pre-Memorial Day ceremony

— to a second Veterans Day. While its purpose remains the same, to remember those who gave their life in defense of this great nation, it's also a day where we say thank you to veterans."

Suci said Americans think about those individuals who gave their lives.

"If there are 60,000 names, approximately," said Suci, "what I want you to do is simple multiplication. Multiply it by two: those are the parents who have lost



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World War II veteran Angus Watson (left) is greeted by Cadet Lt. Cdr. Flaws at the door, at the Memorial Day Service held at the Charlotte Cultural Center, in Port Charlotte on Monday.



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VFW Post 5690 member Jeremiah Card placed the United States Flag upon a wreath, at the Memorial Day Service, at the Charlotte Cultural Center, Monday.

their children. Add another number for the wives and another number for the spouses and for the children. Add another number for the classmates and their friends ... cousins, aunts, uncles ... who suffered through the commitment of those 60,000-plus individuals who paid the price of the war."

Michael Raymond, commander of American Legion Post 110, served as the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

"Americans gather in a free society unified with a common purpose of honoring uncommon bravery," said Raymond. "We are their legacy. Regardless of the place or the war fought, the period of their sacrifice is without question. Young men and women lost their lives in order to make the freedom of others possible. More than a million U.S.



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VFW Post 5690 members Chris Brucci and Keynote Speaker Guy Dusek saluted veterans at Monday's Memorial Day Service at the Charlotte Cultural Center.



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Vietnam veterans Dennis McGreevy and Elsie and Francis Moriarty in front of the Southwest Florida Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Lashley Park on Memorial Day.

heroes had their lives cut short while fighting in wars since the American Revolution. Time only permits to tell just a few of their remarkable stories today, but they are representatives of many."

County Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch delivered a proclamation declaring the day as Memorial Day in Charlotte County. In his speech, Deutsch said, "All the important things we celebrate during the year, few are more worthy than Memorial Day. Whereas, citizens of our nation served in peacetime and war and defended the American way of life."

Deutsch said this is a day where Americans realized that freedom isn't free:

"So many people have donated thousands and thousands and thousands of gallons of blood for us to be able to take for



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Matt Fred (veteran and Purple Heart recipient) with his wife Tasha and their sons Ryan (right) and Brantley (left) at the Southwest Florida Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall at Lashley Park on Memorial Day.

granted the way of life that we have now. We are so honored and so blessed. We're blessed to be in this country."

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meteorologist, said the more typical summer weather pattern of moderate afternoon rainfall should be emerging later in the week.

The weather service said Charlotte and Sarasota counties would continue to have scattered showers and thunderstorms today, with breezy conditions and winds nearing 15 mph and gusts as high as 20 mph. Rain chance: 50 percent, with that dropping to 40 percent on Wednesday and back up to 70 percent on

Thursday. Expect clouds more than sunshine the next few days.

Alberto already delivered a lot of downpours in recent days in the region. By Monday afternoon, Punta Gorda Airport officially had received almost 13 inches of rain in May, nearly 11 inches above the norm, according to Weather Underground. It has already broken the record for May, which the weather service had said was 10.13, set in 1946.

As Alberto honed in on northwest Florida and up further into Alabama, the hurricane center Monday discontinued the tropical

storm warning for the Gulf coast areas west of the Florida-Alabama border. At one point last week, some tracks had called for the system to knock on New Orleans.

Alberto's top winds had topped at 65 mph, and were projected to continue slowing as it dropped to about 50 mph Monday afternoon. Forecasters expect the storm to weaken once it was out of the Gulf, likely becoming a tropical depression by early today.

The center of the storm had wobbled slightly to the left and was lumbering at a slow 6 mph toward the Panama City Beach area in the middle of the Panhandle's coastline,

according to hurricane forecasters.

It's the rain — not the wind — that poses the most serious threat from this year's first named storm. Hurricane season officially starts Friday and goes until Nov. 30, but Alberto is proof that storms can and do occur outside of the official hurricane season.

Alabama, western Georgia and the Florida Panhandle could see four to eight inches, and as high as 12 inches in some areas today and beyond due to Alberto, the hurricane center said.

In contrast to a tropical storm or hurricane, where the strongest winds are at the

center, a subtropical storm can have the most powerful winds far from the core.

The "subtropical" designation is a nuance in the world of weather science. Essentially, the characteristics of a subtropical system mean it lacks the punch to quickly increase in strength and become a hurricane.

Scott had declared a state of emergency in all of Florida's 67 counties.

The Sun-Sentinel's Susannah Bryan, Brett Clarkson and Aric Chokey and the Orlando Sentinel's Roger Simmons, Ryan Gillespie and Lisa Maria Garza supplemented this report.

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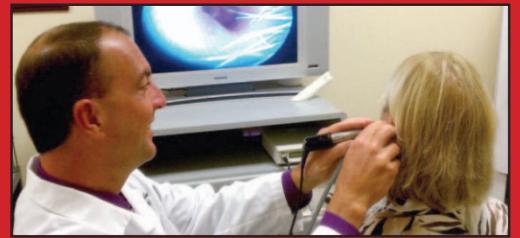
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Englewood**
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OUR TOWN: BUSINESS NEWS

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Returns without surprises

Let's start this column with two big takeaways: Regardless of the purchase, always make sure you know a company or retailer's return and refund policy. Then, if possible, pay using a credit card.

READER ADVOCATE



David MORRIS
COLUMNIST

Pat Mastowski admits both are valuable "lessons learned."

To repair floor tile damage by a slab leak in her Port Charlotte home, Mastowski came back to Mark's Carpet & Tile in Port Charlotte, happy to discover it could match the tile she originally purchased there.

Unbeknownst to her, two mistakes

were made. The store's salesperson made a computation error converting the number of tiles Mastowski's contractor said she needed to square footage, and ordered too many boxes. In addition, the contractor had miscalculated his estimate. The resulting order was four times larger than actually needed. Mastowski paid by check.

After the installation, Mastowski said she was given the impression by the salesperson that the unopened boxes could be returned for a refund. But the salesperson wasn't there when she brought back the tile. I wasn't there either. It appears some tempers flared and a "No refunds" sign was pointed out by the store's owner.

Mastowski contacted me for help. Let's go back to those two takeaways.

If Mastowski had asked about the store's return policy BEFORE purchase, she would have been told that the tiles were a "special order" and non-returnable. So the excess tiles she ordered because of her contractor's mistake, were nonrefundable. The store — in business for 30 years — says a sign stating the same is "hanging in a prominent viewing area where the order was written."

That's important because Florida law requires retail establishments with any "no-refund" policy to "post a sign so stating at the point of sale." Retailers failing to comply with this statute must refund merchandise within seven days with proof of purchase. Violators may be hit with a \$100 fine per violation. Florida residents can file complaints with the Department of Consumer Services at 800-435-7352.

A minority of states have laws similar to Florida, mandating consumer refunds. California, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York and Ohio, for example, require retail establishments to "conspicuously post" or display non-refund policies, according to findlaw.com.

And the tiles mistakenly ordered by the store?

Had Mastowski used a credit card instead of paying with a check, and the store refused to acknowledge its mistake, she could have filed a billing dispute with her card issuer for the inaccuracy under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act. The FCBA offers no protection when paying with cash, check or debit card.

Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed all around with Mike's agreeing to take back the tiles it mistakenly ordered, issuing Mastowski a refund for a little under \$400.

Want to avoid other return surprises? Find out whether refunds are in the same form of payment or issued as a retailer credit, and if there are any additional "restocking fees."

USA.gov explains most retailers require returning an item within a set number of days, with a receipt, and original packaging.

However, did you know many major credit cards offer "return protection" enabling eligible cardholders to return items a retailer won't accept? WalletHub.com reports nearly all cards with this benefit enable you to make returns for up to 90 days from the date of purchase. Refunds are normally capped at \$300 per item and \$1,000 total each year. Check with your card issuer for specifics.

Finally don't be surprised if you're asked to show your driver's license at the return desk. Consumerworld.org explains some chains — including Best Buy — "use computerized return-authorization systems to detect abuse and make sure you aren't a serial returner."

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bikes and Boards keeps Englewood rolling

By DEBRA GOUVELLIS
SUN CORRESPONDENT

BIKES AND BOARDS

Owner: Frank Goodie
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941-474-2019

skateboards, surf boards, skim boards, and windsurf boards."

Q: How many employees do you have?

A: "Only one and myself. But we have had up to five employees in the past."

Q: What is your most popular item or service?

A: "Our Townie. It's a good fit for our current demographics. Also our 'real' tune up for bicycles."

Q: What's the hardest part about your business?

A: "Keeping up with all the changes in retail and bicycles. The physical wear and tear, and making it through the off season."

Q: What sets you apart from other businesses?

A: "We strive for excellence in building the new bikes and servicing and repairing bicycles."

Q: What advice do you have for someone just

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According to owner Frank Goodie of Bikes and Boards, their most popular bikes are Electra Townie comfort bikes but they also carry adult trikes, recumbent trikes and pre-owned bikes.



SUN PHOTO BY NIKKI STANLEY

Nancy's husband, Harry Taylor, holds their dog Taylor (who was named after him), next to Nancy as they pose for a picture.

Pet friendly for friendly pets

By NIKKI STANLEY
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Every day is "take your kid to work day" for Nancy Okun and Judi Herston; except their "kids" are actually their dogs. Canines Buddy and Taylor accompany them each day at their

pet shop, Cat N Dog Stuff. "We're animal friendly," said Judi. "You're welcome to bring in your pets, just, no horses, no cows..." she added with a laugh.

For their first three years, they operated out of the Sun Flea Market, and then moved to a small

750-square-foot store. After 12 years of operation they have more than doubled their floor space, in a more than 1,800-square-foot store, which is located at 2826 Tamiami Trail, in Port Charlotte.

As you approach the outside, you're greeted with

a pet-theme-decorated front, and as you enter the shop, you're quickly greeted by two friendly and curious employees. Not Nancy and Judi; Buddy and Taylor! The two dogs are excellent greeters, and welcome any

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Family-owned Cape Haze Outfitters has found its niche

Mike and Joy Lutz, along with son Matt Jr., a Lemon Bay High School student, have found a niche with their fishing business called Cape Haze Outfitters. It's a fisherman's delight — and more specifically a fly fishing headquarters.

The Lutzes located their business at Cape Haze Plaza, which is about a mile from the Boca Grande Causeway, making it pretty close to some of the premier fishing spots in the world.

Mike hails from Cincinnati, but got here by



Lang Capasso

way of North Carolina. He's always been interested in fishing, even while picking up a degree in graphic design and associate's degree in advertising. The degrees have come in handy, as Mike has designed a whole line

of clothes called TrueFlies Clothing. The family sells this line through their store.

I have to tell you, they've also put Mike's degrees to good use when laying out the store. Talk about presentation, layout and eye appeal. I know many people are tired of buying their fishing clothing at the box stores and are looking for that extra something. That is where Mike and his specialty line come in.

I'm not much of a fisherman, so I'm not really familiar with the specific needs of fly fishing. Matter

of fact, I didn't know there was a shop that specialized in that certain type of fishing. So I asked Mike how he got interested in the craft.

"I have been doing it for about 30 years, and each year I got better at it," he said. "I knew that one day I would be doing this for a living — and here I am."

Mike, realizing he knew fly fishing but did not know all the ins and outs of the area, partnered with some of the leading charter captains and guides to put on fly fishing

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It takes two

Dear Dave, My husband has an old car that has become a real sticking point between us. He bought it for \$2,400, and it needs about \$4,000 in repairs and restoration. Together, we bring home \$50,000 a year, and I feel like this car is interfering with our ability to save money and pay off \$35,000 in debt. We already have two decent cars we drive to work, so what should I do about this?

— Stacy



Dave Ramsey

manner, it may be a real eye-opener for him. On top of that, you might consider giving him a little incentive to get on board with the idea of getting your finances in order. Suggest that once the debt is gone, and you've got some savings in place, there might be a little extra cash on hand to help get that car up and running.

Good luck, Stacy!

— Dave

Postpone the marriage?

Dear Dave,

My fiancé and I are planning to be married in less than a year. We've both been through your class at church, and the other night we started wondering if we should wait to have the wedding until we're both completely debt-free. Would you give us your opinion?

— Michelle

Dear Michelle,

Congratulations! I hope you two will have long and happy lives together.

To answer your question, I don't think there's a reason to wait. When two people know they really love each other,

they should get married whenever they feel in their hearts the time is right.

At this point, you shouldn't be thinking about money as anything except an indicator of where you're going. It doesn't matter who got into debt or how, because everyone makes mistakes. But if you're both serious about getting out of debt, living on less than you make, and are in agreement about how the dollars are going to be handled, then — where money is concerned — you're ready to be married.

Many relationship experts say if a couple can agree on four important things — kids, money, religion, and how to handle the in-laws — they have a great statistical chance of a happy marriage. I believe this, too. And make sure you meet with your pastor for some good, pre-marital counseling before the big day. With all this going for you, I think you two will be okay.

God bless you both!

— Dave

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Is iRobot a good buy?

Dear Mr. Berko: Almost a year ago, we bought our first home, which has an enclosed pool. We never expected that a pool would require so much work. After months of cleaning it, we decided to buy a pool cleaner. We bought one from our neighborhood hardware store, and it works like a charm. We're delighted with it, and it saves my wife and me from having to do a lot of work. The salesman said the company that makes it, iRobot, also makes robotic vacuum cleaners, and we will buy one of those soon. I understand that this is a public company. Would you recommend the stock? — TT, Port Charlotte, Fla.



Malcolm Berko

of cleaning his carpets. Roombas (there are numerous models) are simple contraptions that are battery-powered, can run for about two hours and should last for about 400 charges. An infrared beam detects walls and obstacles, signaling the Roomba to slow down when approaching them, while a touch-sensitive bumper stops the Roomba when it hits something. And there are infrared sensors underneath the Roomba, pointing straight downward, allowing it to detect stairs. It also cleans floors just as well as an upright canister vacuum, and my friend tells me that it does a better job with dog fur than his upright vacuum. Anybody over 21 can buy a Roomba if his or her credit card will accept a charge of between \$900 and \$1,400, depending on the model. The robot for my friend's pool is a four-wheel, \$1,000 contraption named Mirra. It is much larger than an ordinary pool vacuum and uses a moderately enhanced technology. It deep-cleans a pool floor, removing leaves, dirt, hair and algae. Mirra produces 10 percent of IRBT's revenues.

IRBT's revenues have increased in nine of the past 10 years — more than tripling, from \$249 million in 2007 to \$875 million in 2017. This year, management tells us revenues should reach just over \$1 billion.

Earnings, which were 36 cents a share in 2007, rose in eight of those 10 years, to \$1.90, with 5.4 percent net profit margins. Management advises that earnings could come in at \$2.35 a share this year, a 24 percent increase, with net profit margins of 7.2 percent. In the coming three to four years, revenues could grow to \$1.6 billion (a 50 percent increase), with anticipated net profit margins slightly exceeding 8 percent. That's impressive. The company has only 27 million shares outstanding, no debt, no preferred stock, no pension liability and less than \$5 million in uncapitalized leases. However, even with an expected 2018 cash flow of \$3.60 a share, the Scrooge-like board of directors still refuses to pay a dividend. For shame!

In the past dozen-plus years, IRBT has sold over 20 million of its vacuum units, and its products receive warm welcomes overseas. In Europe and in Japan, management decided to transition itself and began selling directly to the consumer rather than use distributors. This was a dangerous strategy, but it worked! IRBT eliminated the added costs of middlemen, and the results were impressive, as revenues in Europe rose by 46 percent and revenues in Japan rose by 28 percent.

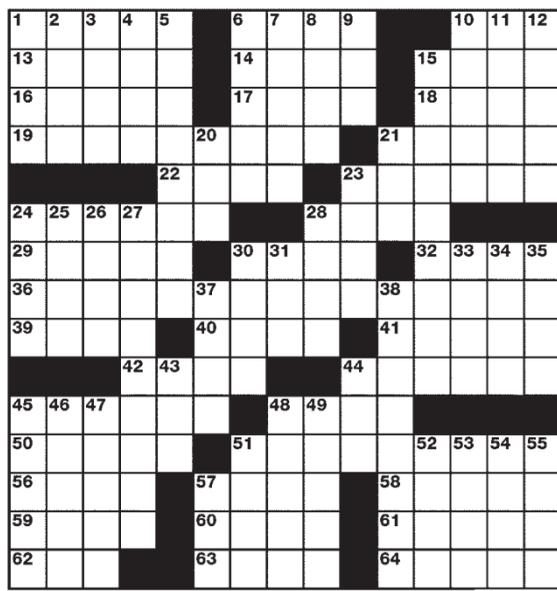
I like this company's products and management. But I don't care to own IRBT at \$59.54, which is too high for my comfort. I think \$48 to \$51 would be a good entry point.

Please address your financial questions to Malcolm Berko, P.O. Box 8303, Largo, FL 33775, or email him at mjberko@yahoo.com.

Newsday Crossword

EAT YOUR GREENS by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS**
1 Sparrows' homes
6 Several
10 Knock lightly
13 Islam's Almighty
14 Valentine sentiment
15 Rounded roof
16 Glide around a rink
17 Topped with frosting
18 Tears up
19 Green veggie in spears
21 Word of welcome
22 Recycling containers
23 Throws softly
24 Engraved deeply
28 Wagers
29 Greet, as a film villain
30 American Pacific territory
32 Group of actors in a play
36 Green "mini-cabbage" veggies
39 Second-year student, for short
40 Not as much
41 Calculate the total of
42 Residence
44 Promotional connections
45 Arm joints
48 Building for farm animals
50 Show on TV again
51 Green veggie with a "heart"
56 Hertz competitor
57 Racetrack shape
- DOWN**
1 Astronaut org.
2 Antlered animals
3 High-five, for example
4 Informal farewell
5 Fruit-flavored frozen desserts
6 Adjust, as car wheels
7 Adjust a camera lens
8 Pre-holiday nights
9 Marry
10 Works hard
11 More than enough
12 Mexican money
15 Company's apparel rules
20 Help out
21 Sizzling
23 Office sub
24 Recedes
25 Barcelona bull
26 Brilliant success
27 Inexpensive eatery
28 Low-voiced singer
30 Giddy elation
31 Battleship initials
33 German auto
34 Leave speechless
35 Cough syrup ams.
37 Wide-spreading trees
38 Wet weather wear
43 Hold the title to
44 Prefix for angle
45 Wipe clean
46 Blue-jeans brand
47 Londoners, informally
48 Courageous
49 Map book
51 Declare to be true
52 Barbershop sweepings
53 Gumbo ingredient
54 Hold on to
55 Finishes
57 ___ in a million (rare)



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Look for a third crossword in *The News Wire* section.

Answer to previous puzzle



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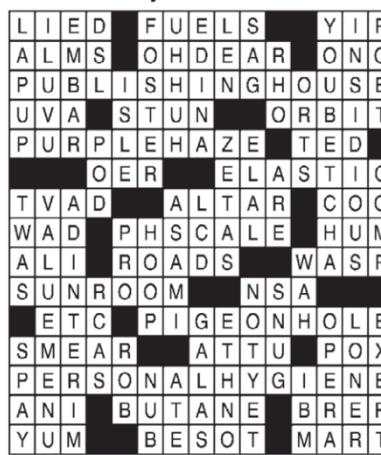
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
1 Learn to fit in
6 "Si," on the Seine
9 Nasser of Egypt
14 Oscar winner Marisa
15 "What was ___ expect?"
16 Martini garnish
17 "The Sixth Sense" writer/director
M. Night ___
19 "Mack the Knife" singer Bobby
20 Basic cocktail with Dewar's
22 Spanish "other"
23 Acorn producer
24 Live frugally
31 What truants "play"
32 2010 Apple release
33 Application file suffix
35 Pests in a pantry
36 Like very serious errors
38 Octopus octet
39 Muscle spasm
40 Chore
41 Most of Wile E. Coyote's gadgets, brand-wise
42 Political entities subject to Constitutional separation
46 Forget-me-___
47 Ohio border lake
48 Exhortation to come together ... and a hint to 20-, 24- and 42-Across
54 Hawaiian hi
55 Embarrasses deeply
58 Bourbon Street cuisine
59 Boston skyscraper, with "the"
60 Nick of "Cape Fear"
61 Shoelace problems
62 Stockholm airline
63 Wear away
- DOWN**
1 @ signs
2 "I am so stupid!"
3 Actress Poehler and singer Grant
4 Birds with eyelike spots on their tails
5 Youngest-ever Best Supporting Actor Oscar winner Hutton
6 Lube shop container
7 D-Day beach
8 Hebrides isle
9 NASA's ___ Space Flight Center
10 Where Nome is
11 Surrealist painter Joan
12 Gung-ho
13 "Girls" creator Dunham
18 Gillette blade
21 Diet-friendly
24 Cool, in '90s slang
25 Greek column type
26 V-shaped cut
27 Football's "Iron Mike"
28 Place for a waxing
29 Prefix with frost
30 Ron Darling or Tom Seaver

By Ed Sessa 5/29/18

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 34 To be, to Livy
36 De ___: actual
37 Campfire remnant
38 Represented
40 Some "Iliad" warriors
41 Utterly absurd
43 Left open, as a door
44 Indian political family
45 "Dagnabbit!"
48 Absence
49 Splashy style
50 Axis dictator who ordered the Pearl Harbor attack
51 Little rascals
52 "Julie & Julia" director Ephron
53 Grain tower
56 Flight board abbr.
57 "Just like I said!"

Free rides en route to Punta Gorda

By **ANDREA PRAEGITZER**
STAFF WRITER

A free ride service with a presence already in Fort Myers and Cape Coral is rolling into Punta Gorda on June 1.

The Nickel Ride is a ride-sharing service involving electric vehicles, which each seat five people.

Driven by contractors who know about the area and work for tips, the vehicles display advertising outside and inside — including on the ceiling — which keeps the service free to riders.

Bound for Punta Gorda are three vehicles, which will operate seven days per week. Riders can wave

them down from the road, or request pickup by phone or through a new app to be rolled out soon.

The vehicles have already made an early debut recently in Punta Gorda.

They drove people around during a Punta Gorda Pub Run, and during last month's Punta Gorda Blues, Brews & BBQ fest.

Since launching last year, Nickel Ride has worked with more than 50 businesses, according to information from the company.

And, CEO of the company, Judah Longgrear said after eight months they have provided more than 30,000 rides to people.

"It's a perfect time to invest in that area, and be part of growth," said Longgrear about the expansion into Punta Gorda.

Lacking public transportation options in the city, Longgrear noted the service will also help provide a "transportation solution needed in the area."

The proposed service area route is limited to downtown Punta Gorda near the waterfront along east and west Marion Avenue, fanning out in a triangle to West Henry Street and Cooper Street.

With other ride services in the area such as Uber, Longgrear said he doesn't believe what they're offering would take away

from that.

"We compliment other services," he said, adding Nickel Ride routes are short, limited to a small area, and not the most lucrative for other drivers.

But it is a service that could be used by both residents and tourists, which Punta Gorda Chamber Customer Relations Manager Julie Mitchem said she is excited about.

"It's going to be great for local businesses," said Mitchem. "I'm very excited they're coming."

Beginning next month, rides are expected to be available Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., as well as Friday through Saturday from



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A free ride service with a presence in Fort Myers and Cape Coral called Nickel Ride is coming to Punta Gorda on June 1.

11 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday from noon until 6 p.m.

Nickel Ride is also looking for drivers. Applications are available on their

website. Riders can also register to be notified when the app is available here: <http://thenickelride.co/#comingsoon>.

Email: Apraegitzer@sun-herald.com

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attention and petting you may wish to give them.

Not only are they the official greeters, but they are also the "treat testers."

"There isn't anything in the store that we wouldn't feed to our own pets," Nancy said. In fact, their best-selling item is a treat called "Chicken Chips," which has been playfully termed "doggy crack."

What started as a need for quality pet foods that they couldn't find, became the reason behind opening their own pet store. Nancy and Judi are the only two employees — and they are open seven days

a week — Nancy says it's comfortable having just the two of them there. Nancy's husband, Harry Taylor, comes in to help stock the shelves from time to time, but Nancy is the owner, and it's usually just her and Judi, who Nancy says is more a "partner" than an employee.

"This is my store," Nancy smiled. "This is my joy. It's an incredible way, to not work."

Although they don't offer grooming, they do many other things, such as "Cinco Doggie Mayo" on the May 5, where they have free frozen yogurt for dogs. They also have other holiday-themed activities where customers can bring in their pets to get free holiday pictures

with characters like the Easter Bunny, and Santa Claus, and more.

When asked what advice they had for someone considering starting their own business, a unanimous "Don't!" rung out, followed by laughter all around. Of course they were joking, and Nancy replied in all seriousness, "You have to be really committed." Judi added, "It's a seven-day-a-week job, and it doesn't stop when we leave here. It goes home with us."

"If you want it to be your own business, you don't shut the door at five o'clock." Nancy continued, to which Judi finished with, "It's a

full-time job, times two."

Nancy's husband Harry shared that the hardest part about running a business is that you are "tied to the store. It's something that you can't leave, you certainly can't forget about," he said. "We're hesitant to take any kind of trips, or to leave for any length of time." But, even though running a business is a big responsibility, Harry finished up by saying "it's rewarding."

For more information about Cat N Dog Stuff, visit their website at catndogstuff.com, or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/catsndogspetstore/>.



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Some of the beautiful artwork on display in the store, and available for purchase.



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In this old photo, you can see a young Taylor on the lap of the Easter Bunny, with Buddy at his feet, during one of Cat n Dog Stuff's free holiday photo shoots.



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Owner Nancy Okun, in blue, with her dog Taylor, stand next to partner Judi Herston and her dog Buddy, in front of a display of some beautiful art pieces that are offered at Cat N Dog Stuff.

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demonstrations in the parking lot. They show fishermen the proper way and techniques to cast and reel in the prize fish. He always tries to put the fisherman with just the right guide, to kind of match personalities if you will.

One of the guides is Captain Cole Fairbanks, who traces his family lineage all the way back to Ponce de Leon. Can you imagine the stories he can tell? Some of the

other captains include Lew Morgan, Leo Herriques and Tommy Locke.

Besides exploring the full-line fly shop, you will be able to find so much more. They have G. Loomis rods, Clutch Fly rods, CHO Flies, flies by Umpqua Feather Merchants, Smith Optics, Sun Bum skin protection, Hook & Tackle clothing, and many other

well-known fly fishing and outdoor-related products.

By the way, there is also a complete line of ladies fishing clothing. You can't just have the men looking sharp.

Besides all the fishing gear there is Jeannie Palmer Pottery and Jon Hatch artwork, plus designer metals. Mike will also take certain types of artwork on a

consignment basis to add that added touch to his store

Before heading to a big box store for fishing gear or clothes, you may want to check out this little shop. You'll be impressed. I know I was.

The address is 8501 Placida Road A2, and the phone number is 941-214-5448. You can also visit capehazeoutfitters.net.

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starting a business?

A: "If you dare to, make sure you have lots of reserve funds, figure what you need and add 50 percent more."

Q: What's the future hold for your business?

A: "I would like to have a younger person purchase the business and take it to the next level with lots of new energy and ideas."

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LOCAL SPORTS

■ BASEBALL: STONE CRABS

Former Stone Crabs making MLB debuts

By **BRYAN LEVINE**
SPORTS WRITER

There are currently more than 40 former member of the Charlotte Stone on Major League rosters. Each week, we're going to check in with the current big leaguers (and some minor leaguers) who used to call Port Charlotte home.

Willy Adames became the fifth former Stone Crab to make his MLB debut so far in 2018.

Joined by Yonny Chirinos, Ryan Carpenter, Braxton Lee and Johnny Field, Adames finally earned his much-anticipated call up last week.

The Tampa Bay Rays' No. 2 prospect played in three games in his brief stint before being sent back down to Triple-A. Adames hit a home run in his first game for the first hit of his career.

Adames played in 106 games with the Stone Crabs in 2015 where he hit 24 doubles, had 46 RBI with a .258 average.

Chirinos and Field both made their debuts this season with the Rays. Chirinos broke big league camp with Tampa Bay and just returned from the disabled list after hurt his throwing arm.

Chirinos has appeared in six games this season, tossing 26.2 innings with a 3.71 ERA and 24 strikeouts. In parts of two seasons with the Stone Crabs, Chirinos went 6-1 with a 1.95 ERA and had 36 strikeouts in 55.1 innings pitched.

For Field, his call up came in the middle of April. So far this season, he's hitting .266 with four homers, four doubles and eight RBI. In 2014 with the Stone Crabs, Field hit .320 with 21 extra-base hits and 17 RBI in 40 games.

Carpenter (Detroit Tigers) and Lee (Miami Marlins) each made their debuts away from the Rays.

Carpenter has appeared in three games this season, allowing nine runs in

8.2 innings of work. He made 22 starts for the Stone Crabs in 2013 and went 7-6 with a 4.67 ERA before being traded to the Rockies' organization.

Lee has three hits while appearing in eight games with the Marlins this season. In 2015 with the Stone Crabs, Lee hit .281, stole 23 bases and drew 36 walks.

One other former Stone Crab to make some recent news was Alex Colome, who was traded by the Rays last week to the Seattle Mariners.

Colome was 2-5 with 11 saves in 23 appearances this season. He made 19 starts with the Stone Crabs in 2011 and had a 3.66 ERA in 105.2 innings pitched.



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Former Stone Crabs pitcher Alex Colome was traded by the Tampa Bay Rays to the Seattle Mariners.



Former Charlotte Stone Crabs outfielder Johnny Field has been playing well in his rookie season with the Tampa Bay Rays.



Former Charlotte Stone Crabs shortstop Willy Adames made his MLB debut with the Tampa Bay Rays last week.

SPORTS CALENDAR

SPORTS CAMPS

2018 North Port High School Basketball Summer Camp

June 4-8 and June 11-15
Boys and Girls in Grades K-9; \$80 per week or \$150 for both weeks - 8:30am-Noon; Campers may be dropped off starting at 8am. Campers will develop skills for the next level from the NPHS basketball coaches and players. Awards given daily for daily competition; Final competition and games on the main court on Friday! All Campers will receive a camp t-shirt. Questions Contact: Coach Ryan Power: 772-486-5628 ryan.power@sarasotacountysschools.net or Coach Dale Huffman: 941-586-3435 dale.huffman@sarasotacountysschools.net.

2018 Lady Mantas Sports Camp

The 2018 Lady Mantas Sports Camp will take place from May 30-June 1.
The camp, which features sessions in basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball, is for girls in grades 3-8 and runs from 8 a.m. - noon each day. An optional afternoon session is available from 12-3 on those days.
Cost for the camp is \$60 for the

morning session and \$40 for the afternoon session. A discounted family plan is also available.

Each Participant will receive a camp t-shirt. For more information or to register, contact Kim Pinkham 474-7702 ext. 3112 or Mike Young ext. 3112.

SAILING

Englewood Sailing's Popular Summer Sailing Camps, Learn to sail or improve your skills on beautiful Lemon Bay this summer.

Registration is now open for youth ages 10-17 at the Englewood SKY Family YMCA. Camps provide supervised instruction in the fundamentals of sailing and boat handling, as well as safety, seamanship and environmental awareness. Instruction is provided by adult U.S. Sailing certified instructors. The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Camp Dates: June 4-8 and June 18-22, from 9-3 daily. Cost: \$135, with a \$10 discount for Y or ESA members. Camps are held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park in

Englewood.

For more information, contact Laurie O'Gara at (908) 310-7975 or the Englewood SKY Family Y at (941) 475-1234. Please visit our website at englewoodsailing.org. Camps are limited to 22 participants each.

Charlotte Harbor Multihull Association, For multihull owners or those interested in them. No dues. Meets first Monday of each month 6 p.m. at Harpoon Harry's. Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CHMA/> or call Ron, 941-876-6667.

Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center, Year-round weekly sailing classes for youth and adults. Monthly Portsmouth racing second Saturday each month. Family membership \$140 per year includes use of boats on days open. Discounts available for multiple family members taking a class. Classes open to public and include beginning learn to sail, learn to race, advanced race training, tactical racing, water safety. Contact 941-456-8542 or email at thesailingcenter.org@gmail.com or

web at www.thesailingcenter.org or Facebook page Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center.

SWIMMING

Charlotte County Swimming: Year-round USA Swimming team provides instruction and competition ages 5 and up. Visit www.ccswwim.org or call Susan, 941-628-1510.

RUNNING

Zoomers: The Southwest Florida club emphasizes running events and triathlons. Visit zoomersrun.com for information.

BASEBALL

Senior Men: The South Florida Suns, men's over-50 baseball team, is looking for players. All positions needed. Call 941-456-5229.

MODEL SAILING

Club schedules: Sun Coast Club meets Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South County Regional Park in Punta Gorda. Open to the public. 941-628-8802.

FOOTBALL / CHEER CAMPS

The Englewood Cats have scheduled football and cheer clinics, set for May 29, May 31 and June 2.

The Clinics will take place at the Ann Dever Regional Park pm San Casa Drive, Englewood.

The May 29 and May 31 clinics will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the June

2 clinic will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a Punt, Pass & Kick Competition following.

The Cats will also have registrations for the 2018 Season

Participants must be between the ages of 5-15 for football and 5-16 for cheer. A parent/guardian must be present at the time of registration. The registration fee is \$25 which will include a T-shirt

For information, please contact Lonnie Moore at 941-270-6240 or Kristine Riley 941-468-4069. The Cats website is being revamped, but please keep checking www.Englewoodcats.com for further information.

CREW CLUB

Lemon Bay Crew Club will host a Learn to Row open house, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. June 2 at Indian Mound Park, 210 Winson Ave., Englewood. Participants will learn the basics of safety and technique, practice on a rowing machine (ERG), then join experienced rowers in a 60-foot-long, 8-person sweep boat for a row on Lemon Bay. The full experience takes about an hour. The event is free, and no reservation or experience are needed. The club will offer a four-week Learn-to-Row class beginning June 9. For more information, call 941-473-2535 or visit www.lbcc.jimdo.com.

SOCCER

Charlotte Tarpon High School pre-Season Camp
Date: June 25th - June 29th.
Where: Charlotte High School Soccer Field. Time: 8am - 10:30am

Participants: Grades 7-12.
Cost: \$50

Checks payable to: Charlotte High School, Prior to June 22nd.

Checks, registration, & waiver should be mailed to: Charlotte High School / Attn: Greg Winkler, Boys Soccer / 1250 Cooper Street / Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Late Fee: \$75 after 6/22. Fee includes: T-Shirt, Water bottle

GOLF

Golf tournament planned

The Education and Athletic Excellence scholarship foundation's annual fundraising golf tournament is set for June 26 at Lemon Bay Golf Club, 9600 Eagle Preserve Drive, Englewood.

Golf with former college and NFL football players while supporting a scholarship fund for local youths in need of financial assistance for higher education. There will be door prizes, raffles and contests for longest drive and closest to the pin. Registration for this scramble tournament is \$80 per player before May 31 (\$90 after), which includes golf, cart and green fees and lunch. Registration is 7:30 a.m., shotgun start is 8:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Rhondy Weston at rhondyweston@gmail.com or 941-286-1548.

The CHS football team is hosting its annual 2-man golf scramble Saturday, June 2 at Port Charlotte Golf Club. Start time is 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$75 per golfer. There must be a minimum 15 handicap per team. Lunch and beverages will be provided. For more info, call Scott Harvey at 941-204-5691.

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Mark your calendar for multiple June events

Even though “the season” is over, the month of June is one of the busiest times of the year for the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce. You’ll want to mark your calendar, or enter these dates into your digital devise. Do it right now, so you don’t miss anything.

• June 6 is the graduation celebration for the Leadership Englewood Class of 2018. The affair will take place at the Boca Royale Golf & Country Club, 1601 Englewood Road, with a cocktail reception commencing at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the program to follow at 6 p.m. The cost is \$35, and includes a beverage during the reception as well as a dinner.

Leadership Englewood alumni are encouraged to attend and to welcome these new graduates into your association. If you have an interest in learning more about Leadership Englewood, this is a great



Englewood Chamber Chat

Ed Hill

opportunity for you to do so.

• June 13 is our monthly Business Card Exchange. This month’s is being hosted by DM Dean Homes, 8288 Wiltshire Drive. This after-hours networking event begins at 5 p.m. Attendees should bring lots of business cards as well as a small door prize to promote your business.

• June 21 is the chamber’s monthly Bizz @ Noon networking lunch. The ever popular Nicola’s Italian Kitchen, 4343 S. Access Road, is the venue. If you haven’t been to one of our networking lunches in while, you should be aware of two things: First,

the number of attendees has increased significantly. And, a good number of the attendees are relatively new chamber members. You’ll be able to RSVP online starting next week.

• June 29 is the date for the Annual Smoked Mullet & Englewood Legends award luncheon. The guest speaker will be Mr. John McCarthy, executive director of the Gulf Coast Heritage Association and Historic Spanish Point in Osprey. This will be your opportunity to learn more about the Manasota Key offshore archaeological site that’s been getting worldwide attention. The event starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Waverly Restaurant, 2095 N. Beach Road. Reservations are required and can be made at www.EnglewoodChamber.com.

Support Waterfest

Advertising space is now available in the Englewood Beach WaterFest souvenir

program. Your business can reach thousands of passionate boat racing enthusiasts as they descend upon our community in November. Space is limited and rates start at just \$110. You can reserve your spot online at: www.EnglewoodBeachWaterFest.com.

Funding fireworks

Please don’t forget to drop your loose change and bills into “the rock-ets” whenever you see one. By doing this, you are helping to ensure Englewood continues to enjoy one of the largest fireworks shows in Southwest Florida. Thank you to the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary for making this happen each year.

Ed Hill is executive director of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached by email at ed.hill@englewoodchamber.com.

North Port chamber seeks board nominations

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations of individuals for the nomination committee to consider in placing on the ballot to fill five Board of Directors seat vacancies beginning Oct. 1.

The chamber is requesting that each chamber member take a moment to review the qualifications and criteria for an individual to be considered for a seat on the Board of Directors.

The nominating committee will review all recommendations and will create an official ballot that will be sent to all chamber members to consider and vote. Qualifications and criteria to be nominated for a Board of Directors seat include:

• Members of the Board of Directors shall be members, or representatives of members, in good standing of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce prior to their selection, election, appointment or other invitation, and shall so remain at all times during their tenure.

• Nominees must be a member of the chamber for at least one year.

• Must agree to the terms as outlined in the Board of Directors background check policy. (a copy of the policy is available upon request).

• Nominees/board



North Port Chamber

Bill Gunnin

members cannot be related to, or in a relationship, with a chamber staff member.

• Nominees/board members must agree to join and participate on a Chamber Committee.

Chamber members are welcomed and encouraged to nominate themselves if interested in serving on a seat for the Board of Directors. It is requested that all nominations be returned to the chamber office by 5 p.m. Friday, June 15.

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

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

chamber members.

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

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

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce has extended the opportunity for chamber businesses to order and purchase advertising opportunities in the 2018 North Port Maps.

These maps are very popular and the chamber will have 4,000 maps printed and distributed locally, statewide and nationally beginning July 9.

Businesses interested in purchasing an ad in the North Port Map must order and make payment no later than Friday, June 1.

The cost of the business card size ads is \$125 for a back-side ad (\$175 for non-chamber businesses), \$175 for a map-side ad, \$750 for the back-panel ad, \$350 for panel ads and \$250 for map-side display ads.

Order forms are available at the chamber office or can be emailed to you upon request.

Advertising opportunities are limited and secured on a first-come/first-serve basis, so order your ad today.

The chamber’s Summer “BILL” board Campaign off to a smashing success for the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and each of the chamber partners that are participating in this promotion.

Each day, I am wearing different business attire that has been provided by various chamber business partners that request to have their businesses promoted through this campaign.

This program is free to all chamber businesses and dates are still available.

I would like to thank the following businesses that are participating in the campaign this week. They include: North

Port Art Center, Mary Kay — Linda L. Zick, IBC, Rock Box Music School & Stage and Escape Rooms Unlocked.

For more information, please call the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce office at 941-564-3040 or visit the website at www.northportareachamber.com.

to reach new customers, using a wide variety of marketing platforms, many of which the chamber can help you with with minimal effort on your part. Until you ask and see, you’ll never fully know what it is we do for you all.

Scotland forever

The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Travel Ease and Collette Travel is taking a special trip to Scotland departing April 28, 2019 for 10 days. The price includes transfer from Punta Gorda to Miami International, all flights, taxes and surcharges, all accommodations, eight breakfasts and six dinners

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Mindi Abair announces Keb’ Mo’, Dumpstaphunk for festival

Yesterday our festival darling, Mindi Abair, made a very public announcement through her social media platform and website, confirming her upcoming event in Punta Gorda on Nov. 16-18.

Our partnership on this project has brought nationwide, if not worldwide, focus to the city with guests scooping up tickets from far and wide over the past few days.

Starting with a very unique dinner at La Fiorentina restaurant Nov. 16, to the main stage show outside on the lawn of the Event Center on Nov. 17, where she will appear with Keb’ Mo’, Dumpstaphunk and the Greg Billings Band, capping it with a great brunch at the Tiki at Fourpoints. This will be



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yet another weekend for Punta Gorda to shine.

Details of all tickets options are viewable at www.puntagordachamber.com in the shop chamber section, or by calling 941-639-3720 during office hours.

Don’t miss out on this great musical extravaganza. More importantly, make sure your business gets involved in order to greet a large number of out-of-town guests who will all be sleeping, eating and buying in our

hometown!

While you are on the site, check out our Oct. 19-21 “Harboritaville” party honoring the life and music of Jim Morris, as well as the 2019 Wine and Jazz Festival in February 2019, now that the lineup is complete with Gerald Albright and the Sax Pack!

Take advantage

With so much to offer, don’t forget as a member that there are many ways to take advantage of our programs and marketing support — many of which are free as part of your chamber membership. Don’t hesitate to drop in and see what we can do to help you.

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3114 INVITATION TO BID

INVITATION FOR BID

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Punta Gorda, Procurement Office, 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL, 33950 until 3:00 P.M. ET on June 28, 2018 for Solicitation #/F2017127 to REPLACE WATER TREATMENT PLANT GENERATOR. Location for the opening is City Hall Annex, 2nd Floor, 126 Harvey Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Solicitation information, including documents, is available on the City’s website at www.pgorda.com or call (941) 575-3368. A Pre-Submittal Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2018 at 2:00 pm ET in the City Hall Annex - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL. Bidders may attend this meeting via Internet Webinar. Non-Mandatory Site Visits have been scheduled for June 5, 2018 directly after the PreSubmittal Meeting and June 6, 2018 at 10:00 am at the Water Treatment Plant. Bidders may attend one of the scheduled site visits. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statute 286.26, the location of meetings related to this solicitation is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Interpreters for the hearing impaired (TTY 941-575-5013) or non-English speaking citizens and any other special accommodations can be requested by contacting the Human Resources Manager/NonDiscrimination Coordinator whose address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, whose telephone number is (941) 575-3308, and whose email address is humres@pgorda.us, at least two (2) calendars days prior to the meeting. /s/ Marian Pace, CPPO, CPPB Procurement Manager Publish: 05/29/18 102469 3581409

3120 NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: MARY B. LARSEN, Deceased. File No. 18-395-CP
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of MARY B. LARSEN, deceased, whose date of death was March 14, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1687, Punta Gorda, Florida. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA STATUTES WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is **May 29th, 2018**.
W. KEVIN RUSSELL, Esq. W. KEVIN RUSSELL, P.A. Attorneys for Personal Representative **14295 SOUTH TAMiami TRAIL NORTH PORT, FL 34287** Florida Bar No. **398462** Personal Representative: **Brenda Lee Stone 166 Severin Rd. SE Port Charlotte, FL 33952** Publish: 05/29/18, 06/05/18 279415 3581153

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF **JOSEPH R. STONE**, Deceased. File No. **18000459CP** Division

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **Joseph R. Stone**, deceased, whose date of death was **March 20th, 2018**, is pending in the Circuit Court for **Charlotte County**; Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is **350 East Marion Ave., Punta Gorda FL 33950**. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT’S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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Vineland students are princes, princesses

For the past four years, volunteers from Englewood Masonic Lodge 360 and the Order of the Eastern Star No. 300 have sponsored a kindergarten prince and princess ball at Vineland Elementary School.

Students are given the red carpet experience including a story read to them by a Fairy Godmother and then the ball with the queen. This year, the queen was school principal Laura Blunier, who danced to the song "It's Raining Tacos." For more information about the Englewood Masons lodge, visit www.EnglewoodMasons.com



Princess Isabella Orouke, 6, was one of 100 students to receive a flower.



Jennifer Roco, 6, was one of many princesses in her class.



Madison Milam, 6, dances with her friend Kayden Gelotte, 6, to the "I'm a Taco" song.



Summer Wiley reads to the students while accompanied by members of the Englewood Masonic Lodge 360 at the annual kindergarten ball.



Vineland Elementary School principal Laura Blunier, left, greets everyone and dances at the ball. She was deemed the queen.



SUN PHOTO BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH

Student prince and princesses walk the red carpet, which includes parents encouraging them to smile, and bubbles.



George Jeffers, secretary of the Englewood Masonic Lodge 360, pins flowers on student princes. The flowers were donated to the kindergarten students by Stevens The Florist.

Hermitage receives National Endowment for the Arts grant

By LISA RUBINSTEIN
LDR CREATIVE

The National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu recently approved more than \$25 million in grants as part of the NEA's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$15,000 to the Hermitage Artist Retreat for artist residency support. This money will cover the cost of supporting three six-week residencies or eighteen single weeks of artist residencies.

"We are very grateful to the NEA for appreciating the important work done by and at artist retreats," said Bruce E. Rodgers, Hermitage executive director. "Their support is not only a welcome monetary award but also an endorsement of our contribution to the arts in America. Our community programs introduce fine arts, new music and

literary works to the public at no cost. Therefore, our residencies benefit our communities as well as our artists. There is huge competition for these federal dollars and we are honored to be among those organizations who have been given this grant."

The Art Works category is the NEA's largest funding category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

"It is energizing to see the impact that the arts are making throughout the United States. These NEA-supported projects, such as this one to the Hermitage Artist Retreat are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being,

prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of our lives," said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. "At the National Endowment for the Arts, we believe that all people should have access to the joy, opportunities and connections the arts bring."

The Hermitage is a not-for-profit artist retreat located at 6660 Manasota Key Road in Englewood. It invites accomplished painters, sculptors, writers, playwrights, poets, composers and other artists from all over the world for residencies on its beachfront historic campus. Many of these artists are Pulitzer Prize, Tony, Emmy, Grammy and MacArthur "Genius" Award winners. Artists are asked to interact with the community during their stay and as a result, Hermitage artists touch thousands of Gulf Coast community residents with unique and inspiring programs each year. Hermitage community

programs are sponsored in part by the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture and the State of Florida, and the Sarasota County Tourist Development Tax Revenues. In addition, the Hermitage awards and administers the prestigious Greenfield Prize, an annual \$30,000 commission for a new work of art, rotating among visual art, music and drama. The Hermitage also partners with the Aspen Music Festival and School to award the annual Hermitage Prize to a composition student during the Festival. For more information about The Hermitage Artist Retreat, call 941-475-2098, ext. 5, or visit www.HermitageArtistRetreat.org. For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

OBITUARIES

There were no deaths reported Monday.

In Loving Memory

Brycen

Oct. 8, 2011 - May 29, 2013

It's been five long years since you left us
Not a day goes by that we don't think of you
You are our missing link,
Our sweet angel, Brycen

Love you eternally,
Mommy (Kaitlin Chalaire)
Granma & Pop Pop Chalaire



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and all transportation in Scotland.

For double occupancy, prices start at \$3,949 with early sign up bonuses available.

To learn more and get a true feel for the entire experience there will be a special presentation at 5:30 p.m. today at the Women's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. To attend, kindly call Sandyon 941-637-7771 so we know to expect you. I'll be accompanying the

trip over to my native land and look forward to adding even more local flavor to your travels making sure this will be a trip to remember!

Chamber networking

On Wednesday

morning, wake up and smell the coffee at the Bean on 41, 2705 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, as we welcome Tom and Moni Watson as the new owners to this great coffee shop in the Towles Plaza. Tom will be brewing up his special coffee blends at 8 a.m., with the ribbon-cutting taking place at 8:30 a.m.

Then at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, join us at the Gettel Lincoln dealership at 2021 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda as we

welcome The Nickel Ride to Punta Gorda. Nickel Ride starts operations officially that evening transporting guests in and around our downtown area using electric 6-passenger covered carts. Operating for tips, they will take you from restaurant to hotel, dealership to shops. Operating on an app basis, similar to the UBER model, they will arrange pick-up and drop-off for you within their designated

area of service. Come along on Thursday and see them for yourselves before they hit the streets. RSVPs for both event would be greatly appreciated.

Get the 'Facts'

Whether you are local or just visiting, we have a weekly e-newsletter that can be delivered to your inbox every Friday full of events, programs and information to assist you. It's called the Friday Facts (no fake news here!). To sign up, simply click the icon on our website www.puntagordachamber.com, call us on 941-639-3720 or email your details to chamber@puntagordachamber.com. You'll never be out of the loop again. John R. Wright is president of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce jrwright@puntagordachamber.com. The Charlotte Sun is a proud Platinum sponsor of this chamber.

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FLORIDA REPORT

Parkland parents decry game that simulates school shootings

MIAMI (AP) — An upcoming computer video game that would allow players to re-create school shootings by stalking school hallways and racking up kills has been condemned as insensitive and inappropriate by the parents of students who were shot to death during the massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

The game is titled "Active Shooter" and is slated for a June 6 release. It is branded as a "SWAT simulator" that lets players choose between being an active shooter terrorizing a school or the SWAT team responding to the shooting.

It was developed by Revived Games and published by the company Acid, which has said it plans on selling the game for \$5 to \$10 on the video-game marketplace Steam and releasing an alternate "civilian" mode. It will not be sold on a console system.

The Miami Herald reports that a description

of the game comes with the following disclaimer: "Please do not take any of this seriously. This is only meant to be the simulation and nothing else. If you feel like hurting someone or people around you, please seek help from local psychiatrists or dial 911 (or applicable). Thank you."

Revived Games and Steam's publisher, Valve Corp., did not respond to messages from the newspaper seeking comment.

Acid said in a blog post Thursday that its game does not promote violence and that it might remove the shooter's role in the game.

On Sunday, Ryan Petty, the father of a 14-year-old Marjory Stoneman Douglas High student killed during the Feb. 14 mass shooting, called for the game's release to be canceled.

"It's disgusting that Valve Corp. is trying to profit from the glamorization of tragedies affecting our schools across the country," Petty, who is

running for Broward County School Board, said in a statement.

"Keeping our kids safe is a real issue affecting our communities and is in no way a 'game.'"

Andrew Pollack, the father of 18-year-old Meadow Pollack, who was killed on the third floor of the high school's 1200 building, said "sick people" were behind the game's creation and release. He said these kind of games desensitize young people to the tragedy that befell his daughter.

"The last thing we need is a simulated training on school shootings," said Pollack, the founder of the school-safety advocacy group Americans for CLASS. "Video game designers should think of the influence they hold. This really crosses the line."

Acid noted that other violent games have existed on Steam's platform, including a 2015 game that involved killing civilians at random, though not in a school setting.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Knife-wielding man in wheelchair injures Florida officers

WINTER HAVEN (AP) — Authorities say two Florida police officers were injured by a knife-wielding man in a wheelchair.

WFLA reports 29-year-old Emmanuel Ruiz Mejia is charged with cutting two Winter Haven police officers who responded to a disturbance at a bar Friday.

Police say they removed a sword-like knife strapped to the back of Mejia's wheelchair, but Mejia refused to show officers both his hands and kept one hand under his thigh.

Police say Mejia produced a large knife when an officer pulled out a stun gun. One officer was cut when they tackled Mejia, trying to get the knife.

Police say the stun gun was used on Mejia, who then picked the knife up and threw it at the other officer. Neither officer was seriously injured. It's unclear whether Mejia has a lawyer.

Florida teacher won't be charged in raccoons' drownings

OCALA (AP) — A Florida agricultural science teacher accused of drowning two raccoons and an opossum in front of students won't face criminal charges because investigators say the killings weren't cruel or inhumane.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports that Assistant State Attorney Toby Hunt determined Dewie Brewton didn't intend to torture or torment the "nuisance" animals.

Brewton was removed from the classroom and later retired after videos of the animals being drowned were posted on social media.

Investigators said he told them that he suspected the animals were killing chickens his class was raising. Once trapped, he said he couldn't shoot them because guns aren't allowed on school property and bludgeoning them would be cruel.

Hunt noted that a jury recently acquitted a man charged with animal cruelty after cutting off the tails of four kittens with rusty scissors.

Ship that showed up after Irma to remain beached for turtles

MELBOURNE (AP) — Flanked by sea turtle nests, the vandalized Key West "ghost ship" that mysteriously washed ashore after Hurricane Irma will likely remain beached until at least November.

Because endangered turtles recently laid eggs there, officials in Brevard, on Florida's Atlantic coast, say they'll leave the boat alone for now.

Cuki, the beached 45-foot sailboat won't be removed until nesting season ends on Oct. 31 — at the earliest.

Florida Today reports the sailboat's fate is

unclear. The owner of the boat is jailed in Key West for charges including sexual assault, tampering with or fabricating physical evidence, cocaine possession and 45 counts of possession of child pornography.

Irma's waves and wind gusts apparently tore the sailboat from her anchor, and the unoccupied vessel drifted more than 300 miles up Florida's East Coast before running aground.

Florida man steals, crashes unmarked police car near Miami

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — Authorities say a man stole an unmarked police car near Miami and then crashed it.

The Miami Herald reports that the man stole the car Sunday night and sped away, before losing control and crashing into another car. The unidentified suspect was taken into custody, and Miami Beach Fire Rescue Chief Jorge Linares says he was hospitalized in stable condition.

Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez says no bystanders or police officers were injured.

Further details weren't available.

Miami Beach police had recorded 72 arrests as of midday Sunday, slightly more than the 63 arrests recorded at the same point during Memorial Day weekend last year. Most arrests were for minor drug charges and other misdemeanors.

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Leading Acid Reflux Pill Becomes an Anti-Aging Phenomenon

Clinical studies show breakthrough acid reflux treatment also helps maintain vital health and helps protect users from the serious conditions that accompany aging such as fatigue and poor cardiovascular health

Stewart Blum
Health Correspondence

Seattle, WA — A clinical study on a leading acid reflux pill shows that its key ingredient relieves digestive symptoms while suppressing the inflammation that contributes to premature aging in men and women.

And, if consumer sales are any indication of a product's effectiveness, this 'acid reflux pill turned anti-aging phenomenon' is nothing short of a miracle.

Sold under the brand name *AloeCure*, it was already backed by clinical data documenting its ability to provide all day and night relief from heartburn, acid reflux, constipation, irritable bowel, gas, bloating, and more.

But soon doctors started reporting some incredible results...

"With *AloeCure*, my patients started reporting less joint pain, more energy, better sleep, stronger immune systems... even less stress and better skin, hair, and nails" explains Dr. Liza Leal; a leading integrative health specialist and company spokesperson.

Doctors are calling *AloeCure* the greatest accidental health discovery in decades!

AloeCure contains an active ingredient that helps improve digestion by acting as a natural acid-buffer that improves the pH balance of your stomach.

Scientists now believe that this acid imbalance is what contributes to painful inflammation throughout the rest of the body.

The daily allowance of *AloeCure* has shown to calm this inflammation which is why *AloeCure* is so effective.

Relieving other stressful symptoms related to GI health like pain, bloating, fatigue, cramping, constipation, diarrhea, heartburn, and nausea.

Now, backed with new clinical studies, *AloeCure* is being recommended by doctors everywhere to help improve digestion, calm painful inflammation, soothe the joint pain, and even reduce the appearance of wrinkles - helping patients to look and feel decades younger.

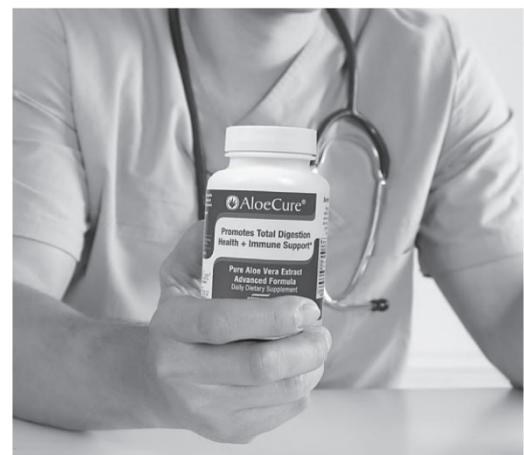
FIX YOUR GUT & FIGHT INFLAMMATION

Since hitting the market, sales for *AloeCure* have taken off and there are some very good reasons why.

To start, the clinical studies have been impressive. Participants taking the active ingredient in *AloeCure* saw a stunning 100% improvement in digestive symptoms, which includes fast and lasting relief from reflux.

Users also experienced higher energy levels and endurance, relief from chronic discomfort and better sleep. Some even reported healthier looking skin, hair, and nails.

A healthy gut is the key to a reducing swelling and inflammation that can wreak havoc on the human body. Doctors say this is why *AloeCure* works on



"ACCIDENTAL" ANTI-AGING BREAKTHROUGH: Originally developed for digestive issues, *AloeCure* not only ends digestion nightmares... it revitalizes the entire body. Some are calling it the greatest accidental discovery in decades.

so many aspects of your health.

AloeCure's active ingredient is made from the healing compound found in Aloe vera. It is both safe and healthy. There are also no known side effects.

Scientists believe that it helps improve digestive and immune health by acting as a natural acid-buffer that improves the pH balance of your stomach.

Research has shown that this acid imbalance contributes to painful inflammation throughout your entire body and is why *AloeCure* seems to be so effective.

EXCITING RESULTS FROM PATIENTS

To date over 5 million bottles of *AloeCure* have been sold, and the community seeking non-pharma therapy for their GI health continues to grow.

According to Dr. Leal, her patients are absolutely thrilled with their results and are often shocked by how fast it works.

"For the first time in years, they are free from concerns about their digestion and almost every other aspect of their health," says Dr. Leal, "and I recommend it to everyone who wants to improve GI health without resorting to drugs, surgery, or OTC medications."

"I was always in 'indigestion hell.' Doctors put me on all sorts of antacid remedies. Nothing worked. Dr. Leal recommended I try *AloeCure*. And something remarkable happened... Not only were all the issues I had with my stomach gone - completely gone - but I felt less joint pain and I was able to actually sleep through the night."

With so much positive feedback, it's easy to see why the community of believers is growing and sales for the new pill are soaring.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND ALOECURE

AloeCure is a pill that's taken just once daily. The pill is small. Easy to swallow. There are no harmful side effects and it does not require a prescription.

The active ingredient is a rare Aloe Vera component known as acemannan.

Made from 100% organic Aloe Vera, *AloeCure* uses a proprietary process that results in the highest quality, most bio-available levels of acemannan known to exist.

According to Dr. Leal and several of her colleagues, improving the pH balance of your stomach and restoring gut health is the key to revitalizing your entire body.

When your digestive system isn't healthy, it causes unwanted stress on your immune system, which results in inflammation in the rest of the body.

The recommended daily allowance of acemannan in *AloeCure* has been proven to support digestive health, and calm painful inflammation without side effects or drugs.

This would explain why so many users are experiencing impressive results so quickly.

REVITALIZE YOUR ENTIRE BODY

With daily use, *AloeCure* helps users look and feel decades younger and defend against some of the painful inflammation that accompanies aging and can make life hard.

- One *AloeCure* Capsule Daily**

 - Helps End Digestion Nightmares
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 - Soothes Stiff & Aching Joints
 - Reduces appearance of Wrinkles & Increases Elasticity
 - Manages Cholesterol & Oxidative Stress
 - Supports Healthy Immune System
 - Improves Sleep & Brain Function

By buffering stomach acid and restoring gut health, *AloeCure* calms painful inflammation and will help improve digestion... soothe aching joints... reduce the appearance of wrinkles and help restore hair and nails... manage cholesterol and oxidative stress... and improve sleep and brain function... without side effects or expense.

Readers can now reclaim their energy, vitality, and youth regardless of age or current level of health.

HOW TO GET ALOECURE

This is the official nationwide release of the new *AloeCure* pill in the United States. And so, the company is offering our readers up to 3 FREE bottles with their order.

This special give-away is available for the next 48-hours only. All you have to do is call TOLL-FREE 1-888-849-6762 and provide the operator with the Free Bottle Approval Code: AC100. The company will do the rest.

Important: Due to *AloeCure's* recent media exposure, phone lines are often busy. If you call and do not immediately get through, please be patient and call back. Those who miss the 48-hour deadline may lose out on this free bottle offer.



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North Port pays its respects to the fallen

By TYLER TAYLOR
SUN CORRESPONDENT

NORTH PORT — To honor those who paid the ultimate price for the country, American Legion Post 254 hosted its yearly Memorial Day ceremony Monday at the Veterans Park in North Port.

Although the rain loomed overhead, American Legion Post 254 Cmdr. Skip Felicity opened with a warm welcome, thanking the crowd for their attendance.

V.F.W. Post 8203 Honor Guard and North Port Police Department contributed with renditions of the playing of taps — a bugle call originally popularized during the Civil War — along with the National Anthem.

Soon after the rain subsided, the ceremony began with an invocation from Post 254 Chaplain Bob Moore, which was followed by a proclamation from the North Port

City Commission.

“Freedom’s not free, and you must not only remember those lost but remember what they sacrificed for,” Vice Mayor Linda Yates said.

After the applause ceased from the Memorial Day proclamation, the Imagine School North Port’s Young Marines raised the flag to half-staff. Traditionally, the flag is only raised fully at noon to honor those fallen in the protection of the country.

Post 254 Vice Commander Samuel Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance and VFW Post 8203’s Carol Serino led in the singing of “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

Speaker Richard “J.D.” Betrosian, a veteran and educator, covered the origins of the national holiday. In the past, it had been known as Decoration Day, but after World War I, it shifted titles and days to more encompass the tragedies suffered.

After Betrosian finished, Felicity returned to announce the annual reading of “In Flanders Field.”

The reading was completed by Pat Magee, a member of Post 254 Auxiliary.

Magee stepped in after the death of Buddy Hughes.

Hughes was a longtime North Port city commissioner who died earlier this month. She had traditionally sold poppies and read “In Flanders Field” on Memorial Day in North Port.

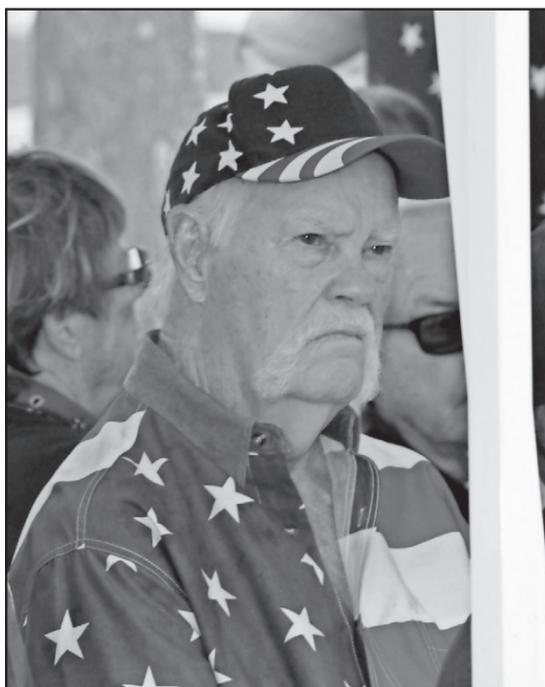
“I promised (Hughes) we would always read it,” Felicity said.

As the ceremony came to a close, an honor guard fired a gun salute into the sky, and bagpipes filled the air with renditions of taps and “Amazing Grace.” Various veteran organizations and other local groups placed wreaths around the Veterans Monument to give Memorial Day tributes.



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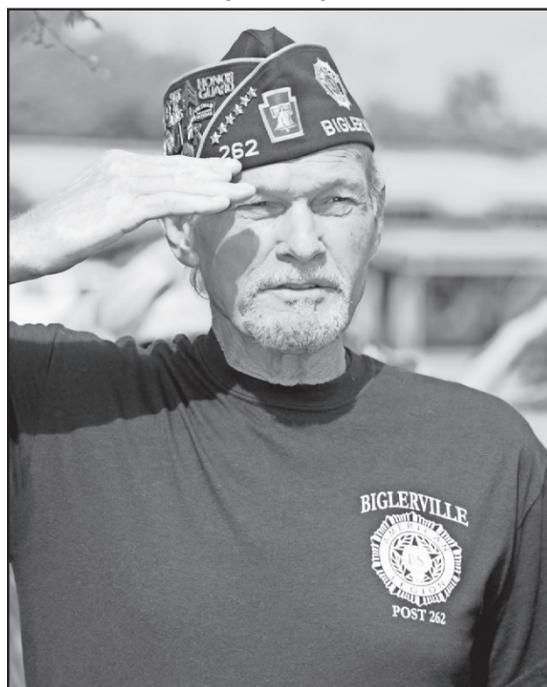
Representations of the City of North Port Fire and Police departments present the wreath.



Ray Mohr attends the Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park on Monday.



Reta O'Grady and Bernie O'Grady represent U.S. Coast Auxiliary Flotilla 92.



US Navy veteran Rick Snieder salutes during the Pledge of Allegiance

CHARLOTTE EVENTS

■ TODAY

Wood Carving Club, Charlotte County Wood Carvers, 8-12 noon, at Punta Gorda Boat Club, W. Retta Esplanade, all welcome to visit and enjoy.

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

Deep Creek Elks, Lunch 12-2, Dinner 5-8, Reservation Required, 249-8067, Karaoke 6-9 With Spotlight

Punta Gorda Elks, 11am-2pm Lunch; 1-6pm Tiki Tuesday, Music by Gary and Kerri @ 25538 Shore, PG, 637-2606; members & guests

Mah-Jongg, Cultural Center

2280 Aaron St. 11:30am-3:30pm, .50 cents an hour Cultural Center MembersPLUS free. 625-4175.

Cards & Rummikub, 5/29, 1-4 PM, GFWCPC Woman's Club, 20271 Tappan Zee Dr., 941-7668855, memb \$1, nonmemb \$2, men welcomed & Pinochle

Am Leg Aux 103 Bingo, 6-9 PM Open to Public Smoke Free. Accepting School Supplies for Free Card. Big Pots Great Fun! 2101 Taylor Rd PG 639-6337

■ WEDNESDAY

Woodcarving, Woodcarving and Woodburning every Wed. at 8am to 12pm at the Cultural Center. Come

Featured Events

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FREE Kids Fishing Tournament, Saturday June 16th, @ Punta Gorda Elks Lodge, 25538 Shore Dr. Check in 8am, we will fish from 9am to 11am. Lunch and prizes at 11am, please bring your fishing pole and RSVP to Brenda @ 941 916 5693 or Bill @ 239 887 0085 by June 13th

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.

and join in. Bev 764-6452
Ribbon-Cutting, Join

the celebration as Punta Gorda's hometown coffee shop reopens under

new ownership. Ribbon-cutting set for 8:30 a.m.

TOPS Club, Supportive group taking off pounds sensibly. 8:45-10:30 S PG Hgts Civic Ctr 11200 1ST Av PG \$4/m \$32/Y Fran 941-347-8151

Community Awareness, Cultural Center 2280 Aaron St. Come gather information from community organizations. All are welcomed.

Project Linus, Have Fun making blankets for Charlotte County kids 9-11am New Day Church 20212 Peachland Nancy 627-4364

Eagles, Eagles 23111 Harborview Rd PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 Karaoke by Billy G, Queen of Hearts 7:30pm

Deep Creek Elks, Lunch 12-2

Punta Gorda Elks, 11-2 Lunch; 3pm Tiki open; 5-8 Dinner; 6:30 to 10 p.m. Karaoke with Ron Geisler @ 25538 Shore, PG, 637-2606; members & guests
S.H.I.N.E. Medicare Counseling, FREE. PC Library 2280 Aaron St. 11:30am-2pm Appts. call 1-866-413-5337 FL Dept. of Elder Affairs.

Punta Gorda Elkettes, Elkettes Thrift Shop Open to the Public from 11:30am to 2:30pm @ 25538 Shore Dr., PG, 637-2606, ext. 451

Wings & Things AL103, 12-3:45PM Aux & Riders lunch help support many charities. Wings, Fish Sliders & Bites & more. 2101 Taylor PG 639-6337

ENGLEWOOD EVENTS

■ TODAY

TOPS 167 Suncoast, Learn how to 'Take Off Pounds Sensibly' & keep them off. 8-9 am Suncoast Aud. \$4/Mo. Info: 475-0449. Register: 473-3919.

Badminton, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9-10a. \$2 to play!

Table Tennis, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-12:30p. \$2 to play!

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

Auxiliary Penny Bingo, Post

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

Daily Lunch, Rotonda Elks. Good food, great prices. Enjoy with cocktails, cold beer, wine. 11:30am-2pm. Members & guests

Pickleball (Open), Englewood Sports Complex, 1-4p, 941-861-1980. Cost: \$2. This session is Open Play

H2U Tuesday Cards, Play 4 types of cards. Bring friends. Play games of your choice. Free. Englewood Hospital Café. 1:30-4:00 RSVP: 473-3919

Walk 15 Fitness, Walk Aerobics. 4:30pm Tues., Eng. Sports

Complex 941-662-6858 \$6, 9th class Free! Great for all ages & fitness levels

■ WEDNESDAY

Taco Bar is Back, Taco Salad, Tacos, Nachos, Burritos & more 5-7pm Music by Tim Goodman 6-9pm Rotonda Elks members & guests

H2U - Walk 15 Class, Movements w/music. All ages & fitness levels. Join us from 8:30-9:20 am. Suncoast Aud. 779 Medical Dr, \$4 RSVP: 473-3919

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

Beginner Pickleball, Englewood Sports Complex, 10:30-12:30p, 941-861-1980. Cost: \$2. This session is NOT instructional

Memorial Day Service, Memorial Day Service at Post 113 May 30 at 11:00 AM. Great Program and Veterans eat for free. All others \$6.00 Per person.

Euchre, Euchre Every Mon & Wed @ 1:00 PM VFW Post 10178, 550 N McCall Rd. (941)474-7516 Come join us!

Intermed. Pickleball, Englewood Sports Complex, 10:30-12:30p, 941-861-1980. Cost: \$2. Intermediate Play

H2U Movie Day, Watch a good Movie with free popcorn and

snacks and bring your friends along. Suncoast Aud. 1:30-4:00pm RSVP: 473-3919.

Food for the Soul, Wed evenings. Bible study 4:30. Dinner 5:30. Activities for all ages 6-7:30. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

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

■ THURSDAY

Badminton, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9-10a. \$2 to play!

VBS - Register Now, Mon-Fri June 11-15, 5:30-8:30pm w/light dinner. Register at GulfCoveChurch.com. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

Beg/Impvr Line Dance, 9-30 to 11-30 American Legion Post 113 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda West. Phone Eve at 941 697 8733

Line Dance Club, 9:30-11:30am, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N Indiana Ave. Improver/intermed. line dances. Public welcome. Nancy 474-6027

Pickleball (Open), Englewood Sports Complex, 1-4p, 941-861-1980. Cost: \$2. This session is Open Play

NORTH PORT EVENTS

■ TODAY

VBS - Register Now, Mon-Fri June 11-15, 5:30-8:30pm w/light dinner. Register at GulfCoveChurch.com. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747

VBS Register NOW, NPCUCC, 3450 S. Biscayne, VBS-Age 5-grade 5, June 18-22nd, 8:30-12noon, M-F, all faiths welcome. Register now!

Scrabble, 9:30-11:30 am NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 If you like scrabble come

join in the fun.

Mahjongg, 10 am-2 pm NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Learn something new. Willing to teach.

North Port VFW, Members & Guests, Tacos 11-2, Euchre 12-4, \$0.25 off drafts, dom. btls. & wells, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Amvets 2000, Krista's Conee Dogs or Chili Dogs only \$2 from 11am till 2pm 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

North Port Moose, Happy hour starts at 3! Pork chops and

shepherd pie dinner special, 14156 tamiami trl NP

FISH of North Port, 1:00 pm, 3050 Pan American. Volunteers urgently needed. Call Bruce, 429-8945

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

Amvets 312 Dinner, Lunch 11:30-2:00 Dinner 5-7 Philly's & Wings Great food Public welcome 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-429-5403

Youth Boxing, 6 p.m. Tues/Thurs. Morgan Center. 6207 W. Price

Bld North Port. USA Boxing. Work ethic. 239-292-9230. \$10.

■ WEDNESDAY

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

VBS - Register Now!, NPCUCC, VBS, Held June 18-22, 3450 S. Biscayne Dr, Ages 5- grade 5, all faiths welcome, call 426-5580 no fee.

VBS Register NOW, NPCUCC, 3450 S. Biscayne, VBS-Age

5-grade 5, June 18-22nd, 8:30-12noon, M-F, all faiths welcome. Register now!

Amateur Radio Club, North Port Amateur Radio Club, Coffee Break. All Welcome. North Port Abbe's Doughnuts 9:15AM come & have coffee 888-2980

North Port VFW, Members & Guests, Gyndie's Drink of the Day 6-10, a different drink every Wednesday, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Hand & Foot, 12-3 pm NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd

426-2204 Easy to learn, lots of fun and willing to teach.

North Port Moose, Gyro lunch special and garlic shrimp for dinner! Free glass of wine with dinner purchase! Happy birthday Brad Meissner!

Adult Boxing, USA Boxing. Self-defense, balance, conditioning, memory. Wed. 1-2 at Morgan Center. \$10. 239-292-9230.

Pinochle, \$1.50/person 3:30-6 pm NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd Pat Lucia 257-8358 Lets play cards & have fun

Cause of local restaurant fire undetermined

By **ANDREA PRAEGITZER**
STAFF WRITER

An investigation into a fire at Emil's Sports Bar and Grill in March has been closed by the Florida Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations with an undetermined cause.

The Bureau released its report to the *Sun* this week on the fire at 24901 Sandhill Blvd. in Charlotte County, during the morning of March 16.

Charlotte County Fire/EMS responded to the establishment at around 6:20 a.m. when flames were coming through the roof. Authorities noted no injuries.

Some other businesses

in Deep Creek Commons sustained smoke damage, and traffic was detoured until the fire was extinguished within about an hour, county officials had said.

According to the state's report, the case was closed in April with an overall estimated loss of \$500,000.

"The area of fire origin was in the kitchen area of the structure," the report noted.

Fire investigators sifted through debris and found remnants of electrical equipment that were still plugged in and could have been "a potential heat source for fire ignition."

In the report's analysis

it lists "apparent motive" in the fire was accidental, and weather was not considered a factor in ignition.

The roof and ceiling were consumed, and the structure was left with extensive, fire, smoke and soot damage. Lab results were negative for the presence of ignitable liquid, but the report states that doesn't mean an ignitable liquid wasn't present in the fire scene.

Photographs taken by a state investigator on the case were lost due a camera malfunction, according to the report.

Meanwhile, a civil lawsuit was filed this month by Gordon Food Service Inc. against Emil's

Sports Bar and Grill, LLC and Joshua Emil, an owner, in the 20th Judicial Circuit Court in Charlotte County.

Gordon Food Service claims in the lawsuit it was not paid for food products sold to Emil's, with \$6,936.39 in payments "dishonored for insufficient funds" in 2017. Gordon Food Service also seeks court costs, attorney fees and other damages for \$20,809.17, according to the lawsuit.

Reached for comment this week, Emil said it has been difficult financially since losing the business while trying to support a family.

Emil said the restaurant



SUN PHOTO BY CHRISTY FEINBERG

Emil's Sports Bar and Grill at 24901 Sandhill Boulevard in Charlotte County was burned in a fire March 16 and subsequently closed down. The Florida Bureau of Fire and Arson Investigations found the cause of the fire was "undetermined" and closed the case last month.

space was rented, he did not have insurance, and wiring was old.

"Everything just burned up," he said.

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POLICE BEAT

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

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

- Terrence Taylor, 41, 1300 block of 14th St., Sarasota. Charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia, violation of probation and failure to register as a convicted felon. Bond: \$18,500.

- Tiffany Mae Roberts, 20, 22100 block of Breezeswept Ave., Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. Bond: none.

- Matthew Christopher Johnson, 37, 4500 block of Shady Lane, Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$6,500.

- Thomas Clyde Mott, 38, 3400 block of Lakeview Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charges: battery by intentional touch or strike, tampering with a witness in a misdemeanor proceeding and two counts of off-bond/forfeiture/revocations. Bond: none.

- Stephen Donald Rydell, 43, 9300 block of Gazania Drive, Port Charlotte. Charge: exposure of sexual organs. Bond: \$3,500.

- Tara Marie Blasi, 26, 17200 block of Ursula Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: loitering or prowling. Bond: \$1,000.

- Joseph Edward McDonald, 32, 5400 block of Globe Terrace, North Port. Charges: possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$6,500.

- Joseph Chivale Madoya, 35, of Mobile, AL. Charge: operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: \$1,000.

- Bayron Alexander Guerra Monterroso, 34, of Lindhurst, NY. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$6,500.

- Patricia Foulds, 67, of Lakewood, NJ. Charge: out of county warrant. Bond: \$24,000.

- Dallas Raphael Cotton, 26, of Labelle, FL. Charges: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and carrying a concealed unlicensed firearm. Bond: \$10,000.

- Cole Michael Redden, 33, of Cape Coral. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance and failure to return driver's license registration when insurance canceled.

—Compiled by Daniel Sutphin

Families enjoy Snakes and Ladders

Shannon Staub Public Library hosted another free Family Game Day recently, featuring a life-size version of Chutes and Ladders called Snakes and Ladders.

Guests who attended the event could play the fun, life-size game, along with other board games available at the library, with Family Game Day returning in the fall.

For more information on events at Shannon Staub Public Library, call 941-861-1740 or visit scgov.net/library.



Kristie O'Kon and her son, London, 12 play checkers during Family Game Day.



Matthew O'Kon prepares to make his move against his son London, 12, during a game of checkers.



Annette O'Kon plays Kerplunk with her grandsons Aiden O'Kon, 9, and his cousin, Michael O'Kon, 9.



Cara Robinson and her daughter, Lola, 10, play a life-size version of Chutes and Ladders called Snakes and Ladders at Shannon Staub Public Library recently.

Pine View principal speaks out

By **BOB MUDGE**
STAFF WRITER

Pine View School and the Sarasota County School District don't see eye to eye with State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, on the reason seven of nine dual enrollment classes won't be available on the Pine View campus for the 2018-19 school year.

Dual enrollment allows high school students to take college classes and earn both high school and college credit.

Pine View, among the best high schools in the nation, has students from throughout North Port, southern Sarasota County and Southwest Florida who attend it.

SCF President Carol Probstfeld notified the district in March that the classes would be suspended for three reasons, with the major one being an alleged "grade distribution discrepancy" in the Differential Equations class.

The other two were the teaching of Discrete Math as a year-long class instead of over only one semester and Pine View's alleged inquiry to the body that accredits SCF about becoming an affiliate campus of the college.

Pine View Principal Stephen Covert acknowledged that Discrete Math was taught over the course of a year.

There was nothing in the district's agreement with SCF prohibiting it, so Pine View elected to do it.

It's unlikely the class will even be taught in the future, he said, because so few students expressed an interest in it.

Regarding contact with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the topic was making a change in Pine View's dual enrollment offerings, he said.

The district's agreement with SCF allows any school to offer up to nine dual enrollment classes. Adding a new one requires dropping an existing one, but SCF told him SACS would require that an existing class still be counted as one of Pine View's nine until all students who could take it had graduated.

Because students who qualify can begin taking dual enrollment classes as early as sixth grade — though none is — that could mean it would take years to add a new one, Covert said. He said he contacted SACS to see if there were another option and learned the college could ask for a waiver, though he didn't pursue one.

That wasn't what the college was told, said Jamie Smith, SCF director of Communications & Marketing, though she said there could have

been some miscommunication. Covert denied any interest in becoming an affiliate of the college.

'Quality control'

The grade distribution discrepancy was identified in SCF's annual review of the dual enrollment program, according to Probstfeld's letter.

Differential Equations students earned mostly A's and a few B's in the spring of 2016 but a year later there were more B's than A's, with some C's, D's and F's, according to a chart the district was provided. District officials said it was sent to Pine View parents early this week.

SCF said the distribution related to when test materials were provided, with higher scores when the materials were provided in advance rather than on the day of the exam.

Covert said SCF communicated with him about a "differential" in scores, not a "discrepancy."

In a statement posted at PVTorch.com, David Nezelek, the Differential Equations teacher, attributed the decline in scores mainly to a change in the testing protocol.

Until 2016, his first year teaching the class, he wrote, the Pine View teacher made up the

exam and got it approved by SCF. Mid-semester in 2017, however, he was informed he'd be using a test prepared by SCF.

According to his statement, he wasn't given any guidance about teaching the class to prepare his students for that test other than "the publicly posted list of learning outcomes."

He also had a few students who, for individual reasons, were "unprepared for any test," he wrote.

"It was therefore no surprise that the 2017 grades were lower than 2016," he wrote.

Covert said that the district's agreement with SCF gives the college control over exams. Some of Pine View's dual enrollment classes already used an SCF exam, he said, while others used the teachers'.

All of the school's dual enrollment teachers have taught at SCF, he said.

In the semester in question, he said, Nezelek was unable to get SCF to OK his exam, so he asked Covert to step in. It was then that they learned SCF wanted to use its exam, though he said they weren't given a reason.

He said SCF agreed to provide the exam a week in advance. It was provided the day of testing this year, he said.

Smith said the change

was a "quality control measure" for evaluating the class. The grades aren't in for this year, so she wasn't able to say what the current distribution is.

Covert said he'd like to know the distribution for the Differential Equations classes taught at SCF. He said that students there would benefit from collaboration among the instructors, who would work together to formulate an exam to encompass their teaching styles.

His focus now is on helping his students either acquire through other class offerings the knowledge they would have gotten in the absent dual enrollment classes or to take them online or at SCF.

New Advanced Placement classes, which can earn college credit, will incorporate some of the missing curriculum, he said, and it may be possible for some students to work an online class into their schedule.

But what the students will lose to some degree, he said, is something only available on his school's campus, which exists to educate gifted students.

"The whole purpose for a student being at Pine View," he said, "is to be taught in this environment by a gifted-endorsed teacher."

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No rain on Run to the Wall

On Sunday, American Legion Post 103 in Punta Gorda hosted a Memorial Day ceremony to honor our veterans and remember our fallen. The event, the first Run For the Wall, Punta Gorda, brought together many American Legion posts and Harley-Davidson dealerships from around the area and was scheduled to end at the Southwest Florida Vietnam Memorial Wall in Veterans Park in Punta Gorda. Due to inclement weather, the event was held indoors at the American Legion Post.



SUN PHOTOS BY SUE PAQUIN

Members of the U.S. Paratroopers Port Charlotte Chapter pose for a photo before posting the colors during the opening ceremony.



Jean Carr, an Air Force nurse during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War, salutes during the Pledge of Allegiance.



American Legion 110 Honor Guard prepares for the gun salute.



Mike "Gambler" Raymond and Maj. Gen. Richard E. Carr were both speakers at the event.



Hank Reposa, Dennis and Marite McCreedy, Jerry Baumgartner



Kate and Bill Albers



Joe Williams, David Colver, John Carroll



Left: Debbie Young, Kim Lovejoy-Ross, Diane Messier



Bill Berger, Barb and Pete Ski, Linda and Gary Moore



Ronald Price, Steve and Lynn Goldstein, David McLain



Trump honors 'America's greatest heroes'



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Monday, in Arlington, Virginia.

On 'sacred soil,' the President lauds those who've fallen in service

By CATHERINE LUCEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Donald Trump paid a Memorial Day tribute at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, saying he came to "sacred soil" to "honor the lives and deeds of America's

greatest heroes." The commander in chief, speaking before an audience of Cabinet members, military leaders, veterans and families assembled in the marble amphitheater near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, said, "We mourn alongside their families and we

strive to be worthy of their sacrifice." Trump's somber tone contrasted with a self-promotional tweet earlier Monday in which he said fallen soldiers would be "very proud and happy at how well our country is doing today," citing the economy and low unemployment.

During his second Memorial Day trip to Arlington as president, Trump laid a wreath at the tomb before making his remarks. He recognized military figures, including Bob Dole, the former senator and 1996 Republican presidential nominee, who served in World War II. And he

spoke warmly about a number of military families in attendance, including a young boy named Christian Jacobs, whose father is buried at Arlington. Trump said the boy showed him his father's grave last year, calling it "a moment I will always remember."

Before heading to the hallowed grounds across the Potomac River from the nation's capital, Trump tweeted that "those who died for our great country would be very happy and proud at how well our country is doing today."

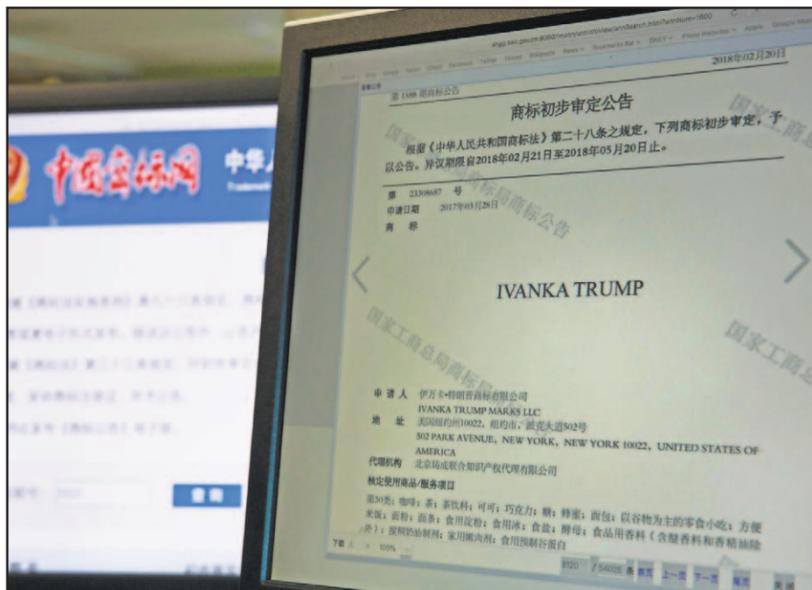
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China approves 13 new Ivanka Trump trademarks in 3 months

By ERIKA KINETZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANGHAI — Ivanka Trump's brand continues to win foreign trademarks in China and the Philippines, adding to questions about conflicts of interest at the White House, The Associated Press has found.

On Sunday, China granted the first daughter's company final approval for its 13th trademark in the last three months, trademark office records show. Over the same period, the Chinese government has granted Ivanka Trump's company provisional approval for another eight trademarks, which can be finalized if no objections are raised during



AP PHOTO

A computer screen displays an announcement on the Chinese Trademark Office website approving of the Ivanka Trump trademark to be used in wide variety of products from beverages to instant noodles and spices in Beijing, China, Monday.

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Getting serious about limiting global warming could save the world more than \$20 trillion

By AMINA KHAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Fighting global warming is starting to sound like a lucrative investment. A new study from Stanford University finds that keeping global warming a half-degree beneath the Paris climate agreement's 2-degree Celsius target could potentially save more than \$20 trillion globally.

The findings, described in the journal Nature, go beyond the environmental and health benefits to highlight the economic rewards for reducing global warming.

Since the Industrial Age, Earth's temperature has risen at an alarming rate, thanks largely to the greenhouse gases produced by human activity. Scientists already have documented how global warming and other aspects of climate change are allowing for the spread of disease, impacting sleep, affecting agriculture, killing corals and playing a role in extreme weather events.

The 2015 Paris climate agreement set out to place limits on the amount of warming over

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INSIDE TODAY'S WIRE

EU proposes to ban plastic products



The European Union has proposed banning plastic products like cotton buds, straws, stirrers and balloon sticks when alternatives are easily available.

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Teacher who stopped attack says he had to save students



Jason Seaman thanked the Noblesville community for its support and stressed that he wanted the focus to be on the other person shot during the incident, 13-year-old Ella Whistler.

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Rescuers search for missing after flash flood



A man remained missing Monday after flash flooding tore down a historic main street in a picturesque Maryland town.

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EU proposes to ban plastic straws, stirrers, and cotton buds

By **RAF CASERT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS — The European Union has proposed banning plastic products like cotton buds, straws, stirrers and balloon sticks when alternatives are easily available in an attempt to reduce litter spoiling beaches and ocean beds. The European

Commission said its proposal would seek to cut marine litter in half for the ten most prominent items and avoid environmental damage estimated at over \$250 billion over the next dozen years. EU Vice President Frans Timmermans said that utensils would not be banned completely, but steps would be taken to

have them made out of sustainable materials when possible. "You can still organize a pick-nick, drink a cocktail and clean your ears just like before," Timmermans said. He also made new proposals to ensure that it is the polluter that pays. The proposal will be assessed by the EU parliament and member states

but Timmermans hopes to see results before May 2019. And unlike so many EU proposals that are immediately criticized by consumer and environmental groups as too little too late, the reaction was largely positive on Monday. "The only way to stop plastics pouring into our oceans is to turn off

the flow at its source: production," said Lasse Gustavsson, the European executive director of the environmental group Oceana, as he lauded the initiative. European Green Party lawmaker Monica Frassonni also welcomed the initiative and added that "the scale of the problem means that we cannot rely on individual

European countries to take action and must instead find a Europe-wide response." The European Parliament has said that plastics production is now 20 times higher than in 1960s. The EU has also been spurred into action by China's decision to no longer import part of the bloc's waste.

Looming Italian election seen as plebiscite on EU and euro

By **FRANCES D'EMILIO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Italian populists vowed Monday to convert voter anger over their thwarted bid to govern for the first time into a kind of plebiscite on the European Union, financial markets and eurozone membership as the country found itself propelled to fresh elections as soon as late summer.



AP PHOTO

The League leader Matteo Salvini arrives at the Lower House of Parliament, in Rome, Monday.

Amid the political turmoil, Carlo Cottarelli, an economist with International Monetary Fund experience, was asked by the Italian president to assemble a technocrat government to take the country to elections.

of change" in what would have been Italy's — and western Europe's — first populist government.

With weeks of political uncertainty taking a toll on Italy's bond and stock markets, Premier-designate Cottarelli said the return to the polls could come as early as after the August vacation break or, at the latest, at the start of 2019.

That dream deflated dramatically Sunday night when President Sergio Mattarella refused to submit to populist demands that he approve their proposed economy minister, who in the past has recommended having a "Plan B" to exit the eurozone if EU strictures become too tight for Italy.

Only five days ago, another premier-designate, political novice Giuseppe Conte, stood in the same spot in the Quirinal presidential palace and declared he would work to create a "government

"This isn't democracy, this isn't respect for the popular vote," railed Matteo Salvini, a fire-brand populist whose

right-wing League was one of the anti-EU parties foiled by Mattarella. "It's just the last gasp of the strong powers who want Italy as a frightened, precarious slave." "The next elections will be a plebiscite: the people and real life versus the old castes and the 'Lords of the Spread,'" Salvini said, referring to financial speculators.

Milan-based economist Nicola Nobile said it appeared that the upcoming election could shape up as a "de facto referendum on Italian membership in the eurozone."

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

French prosecutor: 40 terrorism convicts to be released soon

PARIS (AP) — France's anti-terrorism prosecutor says about 40 convicted terrorists are due to be released from French prisons this year and next, calling the re-entry into society of the unrepentant ones a "major risk." Francois Molins said on BFM television Monday that France still faces a significant threat from homegrown supporters of the struggling Islamic State group. Molins estimated that 600 to 700 French extremists are unaccounted for in the areas of Iraq and Syria claimed by IS, though many have probably been killed. He says authorities think some organizers of the November 2015 attacks in Paris are among the dead in the Mideast.

Cuba to update Soviet-era constitution, adapting to reforms

HAVANA (AP) — When Cuba adopted its current constitution, the sugar-based economy was being bolstered by aid from the Soviet Union, citizens were forbidden to run private businesses or sell homes and gays kept their sexual identity a tightly guarded secret.

Now a rewrite is on the way as the country's communist leaders try to adapt to the post-Soviet world in which hundreds of thousands of Cubans work for themselves, American remittances and tourism keep the economy afloat and the daughter of Communist Party chief Raul Castro is campaigning for gay rights.

The country's parliament is scheduled on Saturday to name the commission to draft a new constitution, consulting with the citizenry and eventually bringing it to a referendum.

Officials have made clear that the constitution will maintain a Communist Party-led system in which freedom of speech, the press and other rights are limited by "the purposes of socialist society."

But Castro and other leaders apparently hope to end the contradictions between the new, more open economy and a legal system that calls for tight state control over all aspects of the economy and society.

Mexico train robberies rise as thieves block tracks

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Freight train robbers in Mexico are increasingly blocking tracks or loosening rails to stop trains and steal the contents. The federal rail agency said Monday the number of cargo thefts increased

from 532 in the last quarter of 2017 to 561 in the first quarter of 2018.

While that's only a 5 percent increase, thieves are using more dangerous ways to stop the trains.

In the past they often triggered the brakes on freight cars or uncoupled them. But in the first quarter, thieves blocked tracks with rocks or vehicles over 250 times, a 42 percent increase over the fourth quarter.

And they loosened or stole rail clips or other pieces of track 222 times, almost triple the fourth quarter total.

That has led to train derailments in some cases.

Ebola vaccinations begin in Congo's northwest town of Bikoro

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Officials began vaccinating health workers and others on Monday in Bikoro, where Congo's current Ebola outbreak was first declared at the beginning of May.

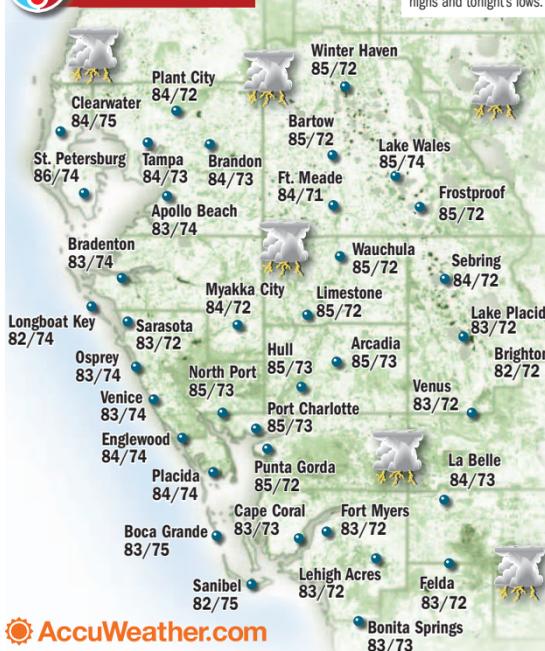
Congo's Health Minister traveled to oversee the Ebola vaccinations of at least 10 people in Bikoro, where at least five of 12 Ebola deaths have happened.

Bikoro Hospital director Dr. Serge Ngalebato said he and other health officials were vaccinated for protection when treating Ebola patients.

TODAY / TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

<p>Cloudy, t-storms; humid</p> <p>HIGH 85°</p> <p>65% chance of rain</p>	<p>Clouds, a t-storm; humid</p> <p>LOW 73°</p> <p>55% chance of rain</p>	<p>Cloudy, a shower and t-storm around; humid</p> <p>85° / 73°</p> <p>60% chance of rain</p>	<p>Partly sunny and humid with a thunderstorm</p> <p>88° / 74°</p> <p>60% chance of rain</p>	<p>Humid; partly sunny, then mainly cloudy</p> <p>87° / 73°</p> <p>25% chance of rain</p>	<p>Mostly cloudy, a shower and t-storm around</p> <p>87° / 74°</p> <p>60% chance of rain</p>	<p>Some sun with a t-storm possible; humid</p> <p>88° / 74°</p> <p>30% chance of rain</p>
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80° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE



FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Apalachicola	84 77 t 83 76 t	
Bradenton	83 74 t 83 74 t	
Clearwater	84 75 t 83 75 t	
Coral Springs	86 77 t 86 78 t	
Daytona Beach	84 72 t 84 71 t	
Fort Lauderdale	84 75 t 85 76 t	
Fort Myers	83 72 t 86 74 t	
Gainesville	85 72 t 85 70 t	
Jacksonville	85 72 t 85 71 t	
Key Largo	83 78 t 85 79 t	
Key West	82 78 t 84 77 t	
Lakeland	84 72 t 83 72 t	
Melbourne	85 73 t 84 74 t	
Miami	83 74 t 85 76 t	
Naples	84 72 t 85 75 t	
Ocala	82 71 t 83 70 t	
Okeechobee	84 72 t 84 72 t	
Orlando	84 73 t 85 72 t	
Panama City	83 76 t 85 73 t	
Pensacola	86 76 t 88 75 t	
Pompano Beach	85 77 t 85 77 t	
St. Augustine	84 73 t 83 71 t	
St. Petersburg	86 74 t 85 76 t	
Sarasota	83 72 t 83 72 t	
Tallahassee	84 73 t 83 72 t	
Tampa	84 73 t 84 75 t	
Vero Beach	84 71 t 84 73 t	
West Palm Beach	83 75 t 84 74 t	

TIDES

Location	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 4:57a	9:01a	2:56p	11:04p
Englewood	Today 3:34a	7:17a	1:33p	9:20p
Boca Grande	Today 2:24a	6:02a	12:31p	8:01p
El Jobean	Today 5:29a	9:30a	3:28p	11:33p
Venice	Today 1:49a	5:56a	11:48a	7:59p

MARINE

Wind Speed Seas Bay/Inland direction in knots in feet chop
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs SSE 8-16 1-3 Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola S 10-20 3-6 Moderate

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	6:35 a.m.	8:17 p.m.
Wednesday	6:35 a.m.	8:17 p.m.

SOLAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	5:58a	12:10p	6:22p
Wed.	6:47a	12:34a	7:11p
Thu.	7:38a	1:26a	8:02p

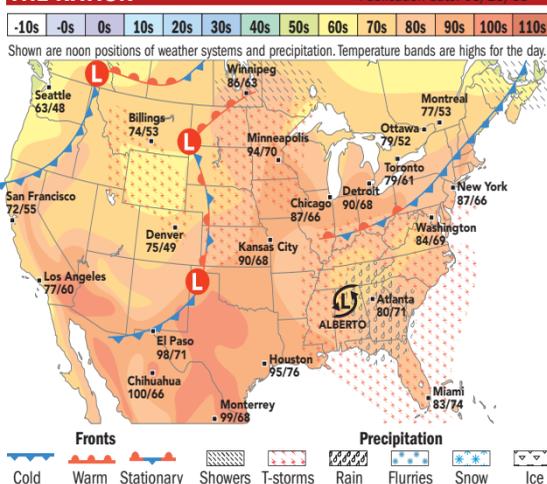
WEATHER HISTORY

Severe sandstorms hit Yuma, Ariz., on May 29, 1877. Such sandstorms have helped create the Southwest landscape.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What state averages the most lightning deaths each year?

THE NATION



U.S. Extremes

High 97° at Mankato, MN Low 23° at Angel Fire, NM

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Albuquerque	88 60 s 90 61 s		Jackson, MS	86 71 t 92 71 pc	
Anchorage	55 44 pc 55 45 c		Kansas City	90 68 pc 88 69 t	
Atlanta	80 71 r 83 71 t		Knoxville	83 71 c 84 70 t	
Baltimore	83 68 t 80 67 c		Las Vegas	98 77 s 100 74 pc	
Billings	74 53 t 81 54 pc		Los Angeles	77 60 pc 73 60 pc	
Birmingham	78 71 r 86 71 t		Louisville	85 72 pc 84 74 t	
Boise	82 52 pc 76 53 c		Memphis	83 70 t 90 75 t	
Boston	81 56 pc 69 54 s		Milwaukee	80 60 pc 71 64 t	
Buffalo	86 64 s 90 69 c		Minneapolis	94 70 t 84 68 t	
Burlington, VT	78 52 s 83 61 s		Montgomery	83 71 t 86 71 t	
Charleston, WV	86 69 pc 85 68 t		Nashville	77 69 t 85 71 t	
Charlotte	83 71 t 83 71 t		New Orleans	90 74 pc 92 75 t	
Chicago	87 66 s 75 66 r		New York City	87 66 pc 75 60 pc	
Cincinnati	86 69 pc 82 71 t		Norfolk, VA	80 72 pc 80 73 c	
Cleveland	89 70 s 84 69 t		Oklahoma City	90 68 s 92 73 t	
Columbia, SC	86 73 t 86 73 t		Omaha	91 66 pc 90 65 t	
Columbus, OH	91 71 pc 83 71 t		Philadelphia	88 68 pc 77 64 c	
Concord, NH	88 47 s 81 49 s		Phoenix	103 78 s 104 74 s	
Dallas	97 75 s 98 76 s		Pittsburgh	90 69 pc 82 69 t	
Denver	75 49 r 80 55 pc		Portland, ME	83 52 pc 68 52 s	
Des Moines	93 69 t 87 68 t		Portland, OR	66 47 c 68 47 pc	
Detroit	90 68 s 84 69 c		Providence	86 59 pc 75 52 s	
Duluth	72 57 t 77 58 t		Raleigh	81 70 t 84 71 t	
Fairbanks	67 45 pc 62 44 c		Salt Lake City	78 57 s 86 64 t	
Fargo	88 64 t 82 60 t		St. Louis	84 69 pc 87 72 t	
Hartford	90 57 s 81 51 s		San Antonio	99 73 s 98 75 s	
Helena	78 50 t 71 51 t		San Diego	69 62 pc 69 62 pc	
Honolulu	85 74 t 85 74 sh		San Francisco	72 55 s 65 55 pc	
Houston	95 76 s 92 74 s		Seattle	63 48 c 66 47 c	
Indianapolis	90 71 pc 82 70 t		Washington, DC	84 69 t 78 71 t	

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	80 62 t 75 61 t		Mexico City	87 57 pc 89 55 s	
Baghdad	104 79 pc 108 79 s		Montreal	77 53 s 83 63 s	
Beijing	87 60 s 92 63 s		Ottawa	79 52 s 83 59 c	
Berlin	88 64 t 87 62 t		Paris	77 60 t 77 60 t	
Buenos Aires	74 58 pc 60 47 r		Regina	79 54 c 80 53 pc	
Cairo	88 71 pc 90 72 r		Rio de Janeiro	78 66 s 79 65 s	
Calgary	61 43 c 60 40 pc		Rome	83 64 pc 82 62 pc	
Cancun	86 76 t 84 77 t		St. John's	51 39 pc 42 35 r	
Dublin	66 52 pc 66 51 pc		San Juan	86 76 pc 86 76 pc	
Edmonton	63 42 pc 56 40 r		Sydney	75 53 s 65 51 r	
Halfax	68 46 sh 62 47 pc		Tokyo	76 66 pc 73 65 r	
Kiev	79 53 pc 81 57 s		Toronto	79 61 s 80 63 c	
London	74 56 pc 71 59 t		Vancouver	63 47 c 63 46 pc	
Madrid	71 53 t 69 54 pc		Winnipeg	86 63 t 76 54 t	

PORT CHARLOTTE

Temperatures	High/Low
Today	86°/77°
Normal High/Low	91°/69°
Record High	97° (1967)
Record Low	61° (2007)

PRECIPITATION

Precipitation (in inches)	Record
24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon.	0.21"
Month to date	7.69"
Normal month to date	1.94"
Year to date	10.20"
Normal year to date	12.91"
Record	1.32" (1978)

SEBRING

Temperatures	High/Low
Today	85°/74°

AIRPORT

HI/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	83/72	storms all day
Punta Gorda	85/72	storms all day
Sarasota	83/72	storms all day

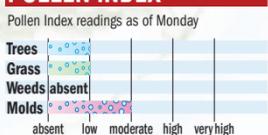
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Starbucks training a first step, experts say, in facing bias

By **TERRY TANG**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Starbucks, trying to put to rest an outcry over the arrest of two black men at one of its stores, is closing more than 8,000 stores for an afternoon of anti-bias training, a strategy some believe can keep racism at bay.

After the arrests in Philadelphia last month, the coffee chain's leaders apologized and met with the two men, but also reached out to activists and experts in bias training to put together a curriculum for its 175,000 workers.

That has put a spotlight on the little-known

world of "unconscious bias training," which is used by many corporations, police departments and other organizations to help address racism in the workplace. The training is typically designed to get people to open up about implicit biases and stereotypes in encountering people of color, gender or other identities.

The Perception Institute, a consortium of researchers consulting with Starbucks, defines implicit bias as attitudes — positive or negative — or stereotypes someone has toward a person or group without being conscious of it. A common

example, according to some of its studies, is a tendency for white people to unknowingly associate black people with criminal behavior.

Many retailers including Walmart and Target said they already offer some racial bias training. Target says it plans to expand that training. Nordstrom has said it plans to enhance its training after issuing an apology to three black teenagers in Missouri who employees falsely accused of shoplifting.

Anti-bias sessions can incorporate personal reflections, explorations of feelings and mental exercises. But one expert

says training of this kind can have the opposite effect if people feel judged.

According to a video previewing the Starbucks training, there will be recorded remarks from Starbucks executives and rapper/activist Common. From there, employees will "move into a real and honest exploration of bias" where, in small groups, they can share how the issue comes up in their daily work life.

Starbucks has described it as a "collaborative and engaging experience for store partners to learn together."



AP PHOTO

This Sunday photo shows a sign displayed at a Starbucks cafe in Portland, Maine, reminding customers that the store will be closed Tuesday for training.

Teacher who stopped attack says he had to save students

By **KEN KUSMER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOBLESVILLE, Ind. — A suburban Indianapolis teacher who was shot while tackling and disarming a student inside his classroom said Monday that his swift decisions "were the only acceptable actions" to save his seventh-grade students.

Jason Seaman, speaking publicly for the first time since the shooting Friday, thanked the Noblesville community for its support and stressed that he wanted the focus to be on the other person shot during the incident: 13-year-old student Ella Whistler, who was seriously wounded.

"Her courage and strength at such a young

age is nothing short of remarkable," Seaman said during a news conference at the school district's administrative building. "We all should continue to keep her in our minds as she continues to recover."

School officials said Saturday that Ella was improving and making progress while recovering at an Indianapolis hospital. Her family has said she was in critical but stable condition following the shooting, though no other details about her injuries have been released.

Seaman is credited with stopping an armed student who entered his classroom at Noblesville West Middle School. Witnesses said the 29-year-old former

college football player ran toward bullets as he tackled the student. Seaman was shot three times, according to his brother.

"I want to make it clear that my actions on that day, in my mind, were the only acceptable actions I could have done given the circumstances," Seaman said Saturday. "I deeply care for my students and their well-being. That is why I did what I did that day."

"We're so grateful for Jason's quick and brave actions," Noblesville Schools Superintendent Beth Niedermeyer added during the news conference. "He put his own life in danger for his students. That alone tells you about his character and his big heart."

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Officers reassigned amid probe of video of beach altercation

WILDWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Police officers have been reassigned to administrative duty amid an investigation into a video posted online showing an officer punching a woman on a beach in New Jersey.

Wildwood police said on their Facebook page that 20-year-old Emily Weinman, of Philadelphia, faces several charges, including two counts of aggravated assault on a police officer, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

NJ.com reports video of Saturday's incident shows an officer striking the woman's head twice as she's down on the sand. Voices are heard yelling "stop resisting," though it's unclear who was talking. The video doesn't show what led to the confrontation.

Wildwood Police Chief Robert Regalbuto said he finds the video "alarming" but doesn't want to "rush to any judgment" until the investigation is complete.

Former President George HW Bush hospitalized, misses parade

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — The hospitalization of former President George H.W. Bush has caused him to miss his tradition of attending the local Memorial Day parade.

The 93-year-old was taken to a hospital Sunday in Maine after he experienced low blood pressure and fatigue. A spokesman said he'd likely be in the hospital for a couple of days for observation. There was no immediate update on his condition on Monday.

Residents attending the Memorial Day parade in Kennebunkport, down the road from Bush's summer

home, expressed concern for the nation's 41st president.

Manning friend says she's safe after window-ledge tweet

BALTIMORE (AP) — A close friend and colleague of Chelsea Manning said Monday that the convicted leaker of government secrets and longshot candidate for U.S. Senate is safe after a photo on her Twitter account apparently showed the 30-year-old woman standing on the edge of an upper-story window ledge.

The photo was posted to her Twitter account late Sunday with the words: "I'm sorry." It was sent shortly after a separate tweet that said: "im not really cut out for this world." The tweets did not make clear where the photo was taken, and Manning's friends declined to say.

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THE CONVERSATION

The forgotten history of Memorial Day

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In the years following the bitter Civil War, a former Union general took a holiday originated by former Confederates and helped spread it across the entire country.

The holiday was Memorial Day, and this year's commemoration on May 28 marks the 150th anniversary of its official nationwide observance. The annual commemoration was born in the former Confederate States in 1866 and adopted by the United States in 1868. It is a holiday in which the nation honors its military dead.

Gen. John A. Logan, who headed the largest Union veterans' fraternity at that time, the Grand Army of the Republic, is usually credited as being the originator of the holiday.

Yet when General Logan established the holiday, he acknowledged its genesis among the Union's former enemies, saying, "It was not too late for the Union men of the nation to follow the example of the people of the South."

I'm a scholar who has written — with co-author Daniel Bellware — a history of Memorial Day. Cities and towns across America have for more than a century claimed to be the holiday's birthplace, but we have sifted through the myths and half-truths and uncovered the authentic story of how this holiday came into being.

Generous acts bore fruit

During 1866, the



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Preparing to decorate graves, May 1899.

first year of this annual observance in the South, a feature of the holiday emerged that made awareness, admiration and eventually imitation of it spread quickly to the North.

During the inaugural Memorial Day observances which were conceived in Columbus, Georgia, many Southern participants — especially women — decorated graves of Confederate soldiers as well as, unexpectedly, those of their former enemies who fought for the Union.

Shortly after those first Memorial Day observances all across the South, newspaper coverage in the North was highly favorable to the ex-Confederates.

"The action of the ladies on this occasion, in burying whatever animosities or ill-feeling may have been engendered in the late war towards those who fought against them, is worthy of all praise and commendation," wrote

one paper.

On May 9, 1866, the Cleveland Daily Leader lauded the Southern women during their first Memorial Day.

"The act was as beautiful as it was unselfish, and will be appreciated in the North."

The New York Commercial Advertiser, recognizing the magnanimous deeds of the women of Columbus, Georgia, echoed the sentiment. "Let this incident, touching and beautiful as it is, impart to our Washington authorities a lesson in conciliation."

Power of a poem

To be sure, this sentiment was not unanimous. There were many in both parts of the U.S. who had no interest in conciliation.

But as a result of one of these news reports, Francis Miles Finch, a Northern judge, academic and poet, wrote

a poem titled "The Blue and the Gray." Finch's poem quickly became part of the American literary canon. He explained what inspired him to write it:

"It struck me that the South was holding out a friendly hand, and that it was our duty, not only as conquerors, but as men and their fellow citizens of the nation, to grasp it." Finch's poem seemed to extend a full pardon to the South: "They banish our anger forever when they laurel the graves of our dead" was one of the lines.

Almost immediately, the poem circulated across America in books, magazines and newspapers. By the end of the 19th century, school children everywhere were required to memorize Finch's poem. The ubiquitous publication of Finch's rhyme meant that by the end of 1867, the southern Memorial Day holiday was a familiar phenomenon throughout

the entire, and recently reunited, country.

General Logan was aware of the forgiving sentiments of people like Finch. When Logan's order establishing Memorial Day was published in various newspapers in May 1868, Finch's poem was sometimes appended to the order.

'The blue and the grey'

It was not long before Northerners decided that they would not only adopt the Southern custom of Memorial Day, but also the Southern custom of "burying the hatchet." A group of Union veterans explained their intentions in a letter to the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph on May 28, 1869:

"Wishing to bury forever the harsh feelings engendered by the war, Post 19 has decided not to pass by the graves of the Confederates

sleeping in our lines, but divide each year between the blue and the grey the first floral offerings of a common country. We have no powerless foes. Post 19 thinks of the Southern dead only as brave men."

Other reports of reciprocal magnanimity circulated in the North, including the gesture of a 10-year-old who made a wreath of flowers and sent it to the overseer of the holiday, Colonel Leaming, in Lafayette, Indiana, with the following note attached, published in The New Hampshire Patriot on July 15, 1868:

"Will you please put this wreath upon some rebel soldier's grave? My dear papa is buried at Andersonville, (Georgia) and perhaps some little girl will be kind enough to put a few flowers upon his grave."

President Abraham Lincoln's wish that there be "malice toward none" and "charity for all" was visible in the magnanimous actions of participants on both sides, who extended an olive branch during the Memorial Day observances in those first three years.

Although not known by many today, the early evolution of the Memorial Day holiday was a manifestation of Lincoln's hope for reconciliation between North and South.

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Want to support veterans? 4 tips for finding good charities

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Many Americans donate to charities that help military veterans as a way to honor them for their service to the country. It can, however, be daunting to choose from the more than 8,000 such groups operating nationwide.

Donor trepidation is magnified by the scandals that have embroiled vets' groups. In fact, more than 10 percent of the charities tagged as "America's Worst Charities" by the Tampa Bay Times and the Center for Investigative Reporting in 2013 focus on veterans.

As a professor who researches nonprofit organizations and teaches about their finances, I have observed that while some veterans' charities do squander donors' dollars, others make the most of donations in meeting their mission. Fortunately, a little research goes a long way toward spotting the difference between a good cause and a lost cause.

The following four tips will help you vet these charities.

Learn what exactly the charities do

Be wary of vague statements about a group's activities. While language indicating that a charity "supports" or "honors" veterans does not always signal a problem, it does mean you should seek more specific information. Many of the veterans' charities that have faced criticism, such as Paralyzed Veterans of

America and National Veterans Services Fund, have had vague mandates to educate the public about what veterans need.

A detailed description of a group's mission and activities can instill confidence that veterans truly benefit from its work. An exemplary charity is the Honor Flight Network, which flies veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit military monuments and honor fallen colleagues. The benefits are self-evident, as I've seen firsthand as a flight volunteer. Fisher House Foundation, which provides temporary housing to families of veterans receiving treatment at VA facilities, is another good example. There are many ways that organizations can and do directly serve veterans. To find them, look for clear-cut programs you find meaningful and significant.

Find out what share of money raised for organizations actually supports them

Another common pitfall: for-hire fundraisers that siphon too much of the donated funds.

Michigan's attorney general determined that only 39 percent of funds raised by professional solicitors for charity in the state in 2016 actually supported those groups. The fundraising contractors kept the rest of the money. The picture is even more lopsided for veterans' charities in the state, with only 23 percent of donations making it into their coffers. The track record in



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Finding a well-run veterans' charity isn't hard with some due diligence.

Michigan is no anomaly — New York, Massachusetts and other states have found similar patterns.

Professional solicitation is not inherently problematic — but outsourced fundraisers keeping most of the money raised for a charity is a real concern. The federal government does not track this information but most offices of state attorneys general maintain databases that indicate how the organizations raising funds in their states stack up.

Since national campaigns also show up in these databases, even if your own state doesn't make all the details easily accessible, you can use the online tools other states offer to evaluate different charities. New York's database is especially user-friendly.

Check out IRS 990 forms

OK. I know perusing

IRS forms is not everyone's favorite activity. But it's the best way to discover how donor dollars are actually spent. Finding a charity's tax form is easy, even if groups don't post them on their own websites, thanks to databases like Propublica's Nonprofit Explorer and the Foundation Center's 990 Finder.

If you do check out a 990 form, be sure to go to page 10. That's where nonprofits classify their expenses, both by function and type. There, you can see where donated money primarily goes. If the organization has a stated focus on providing financial assistance to veterans, for example, you should see lots of grants to individuals on line 2, and not so much in the way of advertising, travel and postage listed on the other lines.

Consider how the Semper Fi Fund, a group that provides financial and other aid to injured

and ill post-9/11 veterans and their families, stated its functional expenses for its 2016 fiscal year. The numbers indicate that the group spends over 90 percent of its funds on its mission. Three-fourths of that mission spending is direct grants to individuals — a good sign.

Inquire about donor privacy policies

When you make charitable donations, you give away both money and personal information. What charities do with your personal data is part of the picture and how they handle this information varies widely.

Consider how the Wounded Warrior Project, among the nation's most visible veterans' organizations, has handled donor data. The group came under fire in 2015 and 2016 for alleged waste, as well as routinely selling

personal information culled from its donors to other nonprofits and defending this practice. The controversy resulted in a shakeup at the top.

Other groups do a better job of protecting donor privacy. Fisher House Foundation, which clearly states a policy of not sharing or selling donor lists, offers a good example of how to do this. If an organization doesn't state its privacy policy on its website, take the time to ask.

When it comes to vetting charities, a little work goes a long way. These four steps should help you find veterans' charities with goals that match your own and that you can trust to make the most of the money you give away.

Brian Mittendorf has no formal affiliation with any charities mentioned in this article but he has served as a volunteer guardian for Honor Flight Network.

Check for conflicts of interest from information sources

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have been reading a lot about the cardiovascular and general health benefits of supplemental vitamin C and lysine given that human beings are the only animal that does not produce vitamin C. I also read that otherwise healthy adults should be taking 4,000 milligrams of vitamin C and 2,400 milligrams of lysine, with adults suffering from cardiovascular disease taking up to 6,000 milligrams of vitamin C daily. What do you think about this? — B.S.



Dr. Roach

and vegetables, help reduce heart disease risk, but supplements have not been proven to do so.

When reading medical sources, be sure to look for potential conflicts of interest. Some of the online sources I found on this subject were selling the same supplements they were recommending.

ANSWER: I disagree with the sources you have been reading. Humans and primates do need dietary vitamin C, but so do some birds, fruit bats, guinea pigs, coho salmon and other species, which also are unable to make it. More importantly, large trials — such as the Physician's Health Study II, which randomly assigned nearly 15,000 men to vitamin C versus placebo — found no significant difference in heart disease, cancer or death rates. Foods high in vitamin C, including many fruits

I was diagnosed with kidney failure in 2015 (my GFR is 7) caused by "IgM nephropathy." Otherwise, I am perfectly healthy. As good as my nephrologist is, I don't understand the cause of my kidney failure. Please explain in layman's terms "IgA," "IgG" and "IgM," and how they affect the body. How can the apparently same condition cause cancer of the plasma cells and kidney failure? — G.D.L.

ANSWER: Immunoglobulins, also called antibodies, are one of the two pillars of the immune system (the other is T-cells). There are five families of immunoglobulins: IgA, IgG, IgM, IgE and IgD. They all have different functions in health.

Seventy-five percent of the immunoglobulins we have are IgG, which is the type that usually provides long-lasting immunity. IgM is the first antibody produced in a new infection, so IgM in the blood usually indicates acute infection. IgA is found in secretions, like breast milk. IgD is a regulator, and IgE is important in allergic reac-

tions. Immunoglobulins are made by plasma cells, which are found mostly in the bone marrow.

In disease, immunoglobulins are part of the mechanism through which the body attacks itself. IgM nephropathy is a variant of a disease called "minimal change disease," an autoimmune disease of the kidney. IgM nephropathy is a cause of nephrotic syndrome, which involves the loss of large amounts of protein from the kidney. The IgM may represent the body attacking the kidney, and it is damage to the kidney that allows protein to escape.

In multiple myeloma, the plasma cell itself is the cancer cell. A plasma cell making any kind of immunoglobulin can turn cancerous, and make variable amounts of immunoglobulin, which can be found in the blood. Unfortunately, those immunoglobulins don't help the immune system, and infections are a serious risk in people with myeloma — the plasma cells crowd out the other immune cells in the bone marrow.

Family wants flaky cousin to be bride's maid of honor

DEAR ABBY: I have an extremely difficult decision to make. I recently got engaged to the love of my life.

However, with this comes the decision of who should be my maid of honor.

Until a couple of years ago, the choice was obvious — my cousin. Over the past couple of years, though, we've become distant. She's an extremely flaky person and can't be counted on for much.

Now, I also have a best friend who is always there when I need her, but we've been friends for only a couple of years.

My immediate family says I should still ask my cousin to be my maid of honor because her feelings will be hurt if I don't.

Abby, I don't want to give such a special title to someone I can no longer depend on. She has hurt my feelings countless times by not being there. She shouldn't get the honor just because I've known her forever. Please help. — Stuck At A Crossroads

DEAR STUCK: Talk to your cousin and also your best friend. When you do, remind your cousin there are serious responsibilities



Dear Abby

that go along with being a maid of honor and ask if they would create a problem for her.

Tell her that if it's too much for her, she could be a bridesmaid. If she says she wants to be maid of honor, give her the chance. However, if she flakes EVEN ONCE, ask your best friend to step in.

DEAR ABBY: I feel much more comfortable eating gluten-free. But it creates problems when I'm invited to the homes of friends. What's the best way to deal with my dietary restrictions when invited to these affairs? — Restricted Eater

DEAR RESTRICTED: If catering to your dietary restrictions is a problem for your host, deal with it by asking if he or she will be serving salad and bring something with you that you can eat with it.

Returning mail to sender

Dear Readers: Shopping online today is big business, and with all those sales, there inevitably will be a RETURN or two that's necessary. Fortunately for consumers, online retailers now have fairly generous return and exchange policies.

Many retailers provide a shipping label. The cost of this return shipping may be subtracted from your refund, and some luxury retailers offer a paid label.

Decide if an item is a "go" as quickly as possible; 30-day return windows are common, but retailers like to resolve issues in a timely manner. Call the company, read the invoice or check



Hints from Heloise

out the website if you have questions. — Heloise

P.S. Pull the plastic shipping bag inside out to use for your return, and seal with good-quality packing tape. Masking tape can't seal properly, especially if it gets wet. For larger items, cardboard egg cartons can be used as filler in a box.

JUMBLE

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

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: TUMMY WEAVE PROVEN SHRIMP
Answer: He was a cook in the military and was proud to — SERVE IN THE ARMY

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 like a broken heart (6)	_____
2 cooked in boiling water (7)	_____
3 doing its job (9)	_____
4 Henry Moore's creations (10)	_____
5 students' assignments (10)	_____
6 full-size Toyota sedan (6)	_____
7 grilling (10)	_____

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Monday's Answers: 1. CHARLOTTE 2. STETHOSCOPE 3. MARINATED 4. BROTHER 5. UPSPELL 6. ADVENTUROUS 7. SUCCEEDED 5/29

Challenger

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

5-29

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Yesterday's Challenger Answers	solution	5-28			
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	8	1	5	2	16
	9	9	9	2	29
	9	1	9	7	26
	33	12	29	15	24

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"Poor, poor Marmaduke. You always get blamed whenever people can't find their food."

Cryptoquip

5-29

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: COPY OF A FAMOUS PAINTING THAT A MANHATTAN ART GALLERY PRODUCED AND DISPLAYED: "MOMA LISA."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals U

WHATZIT?

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

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SOLUTION A lot to answer for

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RULES

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

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

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

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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Monday's unlisted clue: GARDENS
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: — ELLINGTON

Beach	Coleman	Joplin	Rodgers
Berlin	Copland	Kern	Shapiro
Bernstein	Gershwin	Porter	Tower
Brubeck	Higdon	Price	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In situations in which one person's preference or opinion is tacitly understood to carry more weight than everyone else's — enough! This is getting old! You might dismantle the unjust power structure by simply refusing to take part in it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll invest your attention and hours in what makes you happy. It's a great strategy. You definitely can't go wrong with this — not in the long term, and not over the course of this day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What good is it to feel another person's pain unless one is also moved to help relieve it? Your compassion hits you like a call to action today, and this could significantly alter your original plans.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Technically, discoveries are made by those who got there first, though they are often credited to those who got there loudest, most powerfully and with great support.

Question of the day: How important is it to stake your claim?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get together with people who happen to be in a different mood than you are. So, whose mood prevails? Do both meet somewhere in the middle? Hopefully, the better mood will lift the other.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Work fast so you can play slow, or at least play without distraction for nice blocks of time. This will be a reward to savor, and, better yet, it will lead to more of the same.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loving people do not always get to choose how that love gets distributed. You'll set out to direct your focus on one who always rewards it, and yet there will be others who need you more. That's just how it goes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As much as you would like to be able to explore every option, there won't be time for meandering. Your intuition will come in the form of a preference. It will be practically impossible to miss this one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in a position to lead. The first order of business is to help the others see what there is to want. Create an appetite for what's in it for them. Tell a part of the

story that will make people wonder what's next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While rejection is a necessary part of life, there's no reason to put yourself in the position to risk rejection today. You'll talk to people who want to be talked to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Check in with each member of your group to make sure everyone is on the same page. When you all work together you'll turn out a result all will be proud to claim.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When the situation doesn't feel right, that doesn't make it wrong; it's just not for you. Trust that enough to walk away so you can find something that is right for you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29). There are deep habits and essential interactions forming in the first part of this solar return, so try and repeat only the actions you firmly believe contribute to your happiness and well-being. A windfall comes in September, and an even better deal happens in December. Also, you'll throw a party that will cement your status. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 12, 6 and 30.

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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EASY DOUBLE SQUEEZE

North-South vulnerable, East deals

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 ♦ A Q
 ♣ A K

was no longer pleased. South led the king of spades to West's ace, won the club continuation in hand, and began to run his spades. This was the position with one spade to go:

NORTH
 ♠ Void
 ♥ Q 9 8
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10

EAST
 ♠ Void
 ♥ Void
 ♦ 10 7 5
 ♣ Q 9

SOUTH
 ♠ 5
 ♥ K 10
 ♦ A Q
 ♣ Void

The bidding:
EAST 3♣ **SOUTH** Dbl **WEST** Pass **NORTH** 4♥
 Pass 6NT All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♣

East and North apparently thought there was a prize on offer for the player who made a jump bid with the worst hand. South bid the slam in no trump to "protect" his queen of diamonds.

South won the opening club lead in his hand and led a low spade to dummy's queen, pleased to see the 10 fall from West. He crossed back to his hand with the ace of hearts and he

All declarer had to do on the run of the spades was to watch for a heart discard from West or the queen of clubs from East. On the last spade, West shed the jack of diamonds, dummy a heart, and East a diamond. Now the king and queen of hearts forced East down to one diamond also. Both opponents were known to have a singleton diamond, so a diamond to the ace was certain to drop the king, no matter who had it. Well done!

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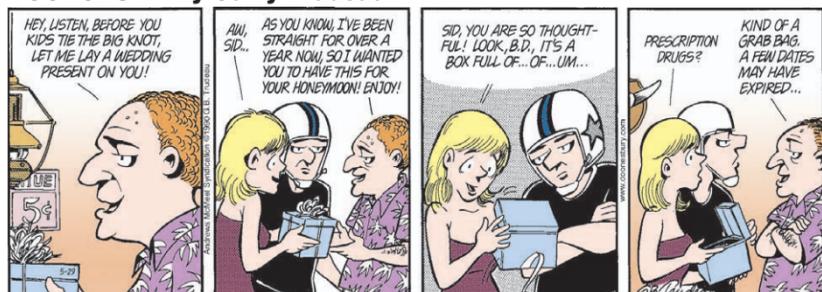
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 — donna
 - 6 Did the butterfly
 - 10 Yodeler's place
 - 14 Stogie
 - 15 Burrow
 - 16 Wry face
 - 17 Use steel wool
 - 18 Strengthen (var.)
 - 20 Oval-nest builders
 - 22 More uncouth
 - 23 Hearty laugh
 - 24 Not bumpy
 - 26 King of the hill (2 wds.)
 - 30 Envelop
 - 33 Exploiters
 - 34 Tongue-in- —
 - 35 Ballpark figure
 - 37 Pitcher handles
 - 38 Alliances
 - 39 French cheese
 - 40 Slalom gear
 - 41 Perch
 - 42 Droops
 - 43 Firm, as pasta (2 wds.)
 - 45 International socialites (2 wds.)
 - 46 Snake eyes
 - 47 Baseball club
 - 48 Letter turner
 - 51 Zeppelin
 - 55 Paraphernalia

- DOWN**
- 1 Dell or Lenovo wares
 - 2 Wealthy, in Madrid
 - 3 Russian epic hero
 - 4 Pineapple island
 - 5 Dry gullies
 - 6 Popular 2001 movie
 - 7 Sorrows
 - 8 Malt beverage
 - 9 Chess pieces
 - 10 Add up to
 - 11 Tarzan, really
 - 12 Brownish-purple
 - 13 Fortune-teller
 - 19 Flip out
 - 21 Carry with effort
 - 24 Perpendicular
 - 25 Goose formations
 - 26 Calendar abbr.
 - 27 Major Japanese port

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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- 28 Sorrows of danger
- 29 AMA members
- 30 Possessive pronoun
- 31 Throws
- 32 Rousseau novel
- 34 Thickers
- 36 Housefly, to humans
- 38 Tibia, for one
- 39 Plant sci.
- 41 Brief summary
- 42 Releases, as steam (2 wds.)
- 44 Breakfast pastry
- 45 Cookie —
- 47 Very small
- 48 Is or was
- 49 Water
- 50 Essences
- 51 Sigmund's daughter
- 52 Tortoise rival
- 53 Osiris's sister
- 54 Potting medium
- 56 Bride's title
- 57 Gourmandize
- 59 Almost-grads

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 5/28/18

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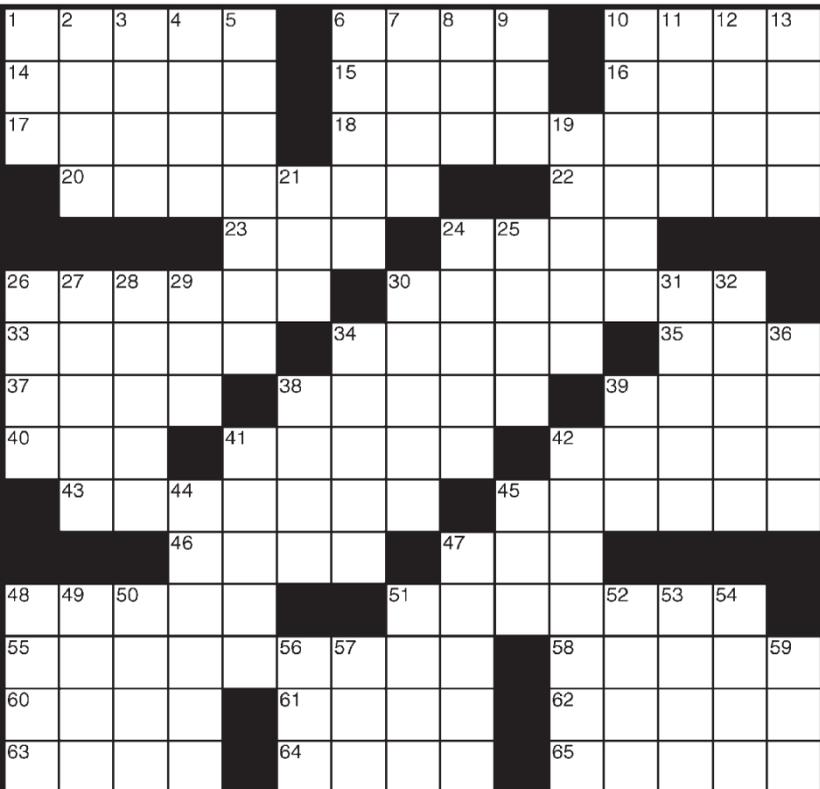
BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Heavy metal mattress holder (1)
2. Put the kibosh on magic feats (1)
3. Mob of people solemnly swore (1)
4. "57 Varieties" company beer mugs (1)
5. Wimbledon sport threat (2)
6. Mink stole salesman time-rusher (3)
7. Scraps NYC to D.C. frequent flights (2)

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

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ANSWERS
 1. LEAD BED 2. NIX TRICKS 3. CROWD VOWED 4. HEINZ STEINS
 5. TENNIS MENACE 6. FURRIER HURRIER 7. SCUTTLES SHUTTLES



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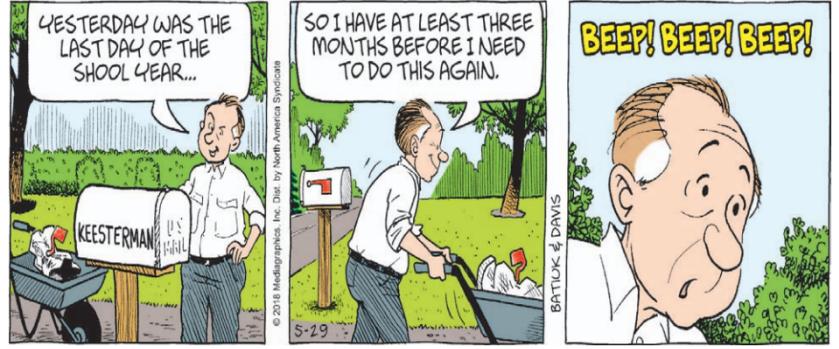
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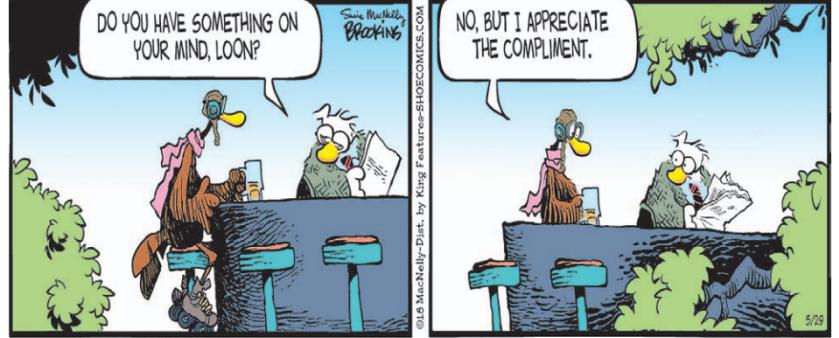
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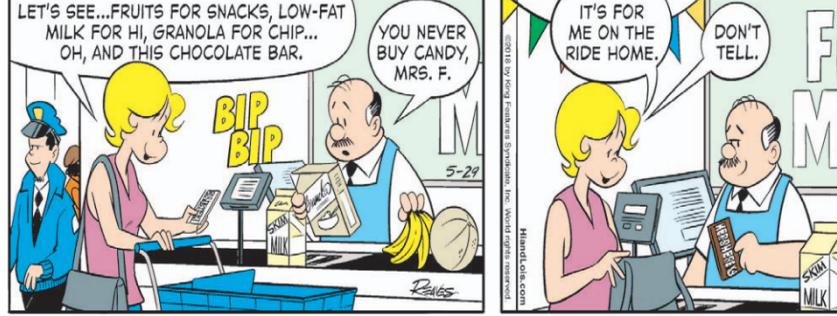
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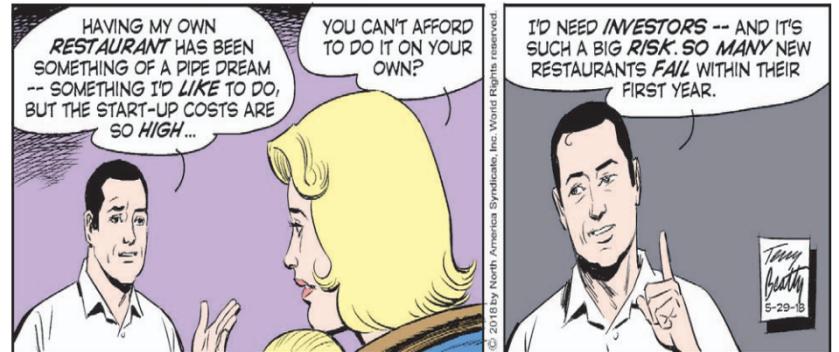
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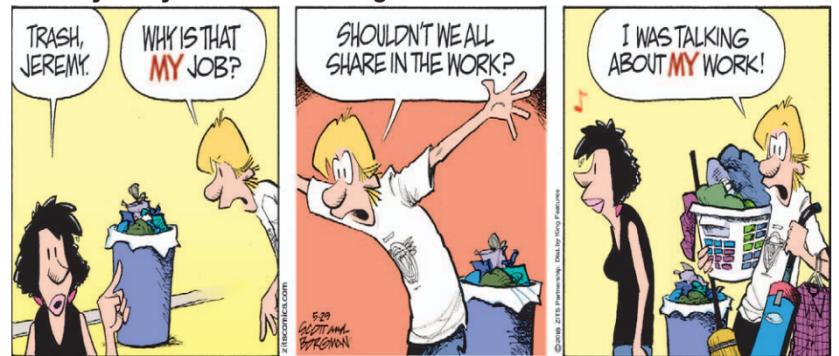
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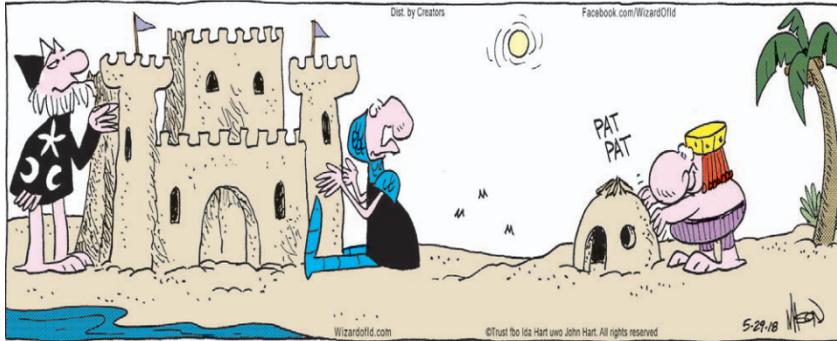
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GARFIELD By Jim Davis



THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



NON SEQUITUR By Wiley



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters



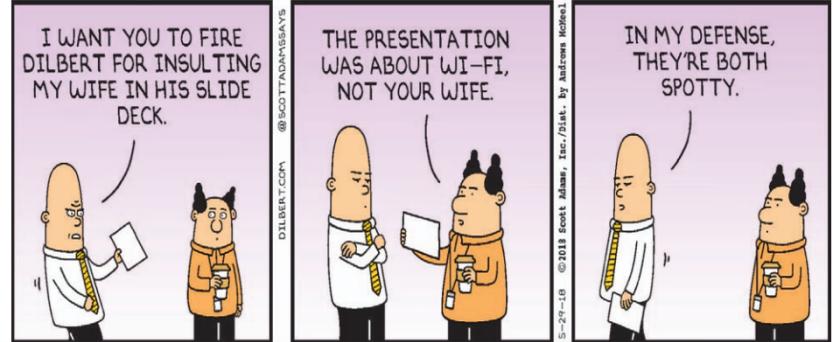
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B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



Rescuers seek 1 still missing after Maryland flash flood

By DAVID McFADDEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — A man remained missing Monday after flash flooding tore down a historic main street in a picturesque Maryland town and left a community heartbroken at seeing more devastation less than two years after rebuilding from another massive flood.

The missing man — 39-year-old Eddison Hermond of Severn, Maryland — was last seen trying to help a woman rescue her cat behind a restaurant while churning, brown waters ripped through Ellicott City's flood-prone downtown. Howard County Police Chief Gary Gardner said the missing National Guard member and U.S. Air Force veteran had been with a group at the La Palapa Grill & Cantina. He said Hermond was trying to help others by holding a door open as brown floodwaters coursed through the restaurant when a woman approached, desperately trying to rescue her pet just outside.

"He, along with some other folks, went back to assist her and unfortunately during that effort they saw him go under and water and not surface," Gordon told reporters, adding that the others made it out of the area safely.



AP PHOTO

Residents gather by a bridge to look at cars left crumpled in one of the tributaries of the Patapsco River that burst its banks as it channeled through historic Main Street in Ellicott City, Maryland, Monday.

Simon Cortes, who owns the restaurant, described Hermond as "a super nice guy," who was frequently out in the community showing support when it worked to rebuild from the devastating flooding that ravaged the former mill town in July 2016.

Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman said that his immediate priorities are finding the missing man and assessing the condition of damaged buildings that housed shops, restaurants and families.

For now, the Main Street area remained blocked off

Monday, even to residents and business owners, as teams of authorities and engineers surveyed the heartbreaking mess.

"If you look at the devastation and the damage, I would certainly say it's worse than 2016," Kittleman said. "We've had areas that were not even damaged at all two years ago terribly damaged this time."

Ellicott City certainly got the worst of it. But torrential rains led to such bad flooding in Baltimore County, Baltimore City and the capital of Annapolis that Gov. Larry Hogan on

Sunday declared a state of emergency statewide in order to better coordinate support and assistance.

With floodwaters receded Monday, revealing the damage in Ellicott City, residents and business owners could see the scope of the next challenge ahead of them: They face another mammoth cleanup and another daunting comeback.

Local resident Nathan Sowers, owner of the River House Pizza Co., an outdoor eatery in the old mill town's business district, said that after all the hard work rebuilding from the destructive 2016 flood he's

feeling a bit overwhelmed at the prospect of tackling yet another revival.

Asked whether he's committed to building back anew he said: "We'll see. It takes a lot of money and a lot of time."

But Sowers also said he saw other hard-hit locals laughing and joking about their troubles Monday morning — a good sign the Maryland town will launch yet another rebirth from raging floodwaters.

Sunday's dramatic flooding tore up streets and swept away dozens of parked cars in the city, which sits in a ravine on the west bank of the Patapsco River, about 13 miles west of Baltimore.

Mike Muccilli, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Sterling, Virginia, has said it was too early to make comparisons between the two floods. But he said both were devastating. In the July 2016 storm, Ellicott City received 6.6 inches of rain over a two- to three-hour period. On Sunday, the community received some 8 inches of rain over a six-hour period, but most of it fell during an intense, three-hour period, Muccilli said.

"In a normal heavy rain event, you wouldn't see this amount of flooding, where you see cars floating down the road," Muccilli said. "This was a true flash flood."

HEROES

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But the president then veered from the somber to the self-congratulatory in the tweet, citing what he said was the "Best economy in decades, lowest unemployment numbers for Blacks and Hispanics EVER (& women in 18 years), rebuilding our Military and so much more. Nice!" The president also posted quotes in line with his criticism of the Justice Department and investigations into ties between his winning campaign and Russia.

He was criticized for his tone by a number of people, including a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Obama administration,

retired Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, who wrote, "This day, of all days of the year, should not be about any one of us."

Memorial Day messages from first lady Melania Trump and Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter, struck to a theme of remembrance and thanks.

"As we remember our fallen servicemen and women, our hearts are filled with gratitude for their sacrifice and awe of their courage," Ivanka Trump tweeted.

And Melania Trump thanked service members and their families for helping safeguard the country. "We honor the many Americans who laid down their lives for our great country. As one nation under God, we come together to remember that freedom isn't free,"

she tweeted.

At Arlington, Trump said the heroes who died for America "rest in these hallowed fields, in cemeteries, battlefields and burial grounds near and far, and are drawn from the full tapestry of American life."

He said they came from "every generation, from towering cities and wind-swept prairies, from privilege and from poverty. They were generals and privates, captains and corporals of every race, color and of every creed, but they were all brothers and sisters in arms. And they were all united then, as they are united now, forever, by their undying love of our great country."

Gen. Joseph Dunford, the current chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, honored the more than



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump, Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph Dunford, stand for "Taps" during a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, Monday, in Arlington, Virginia.

a million Americans he said "gave their last full measure so we could live in freedom and raise our children in peace."

He also honored the families "they left behind and for whom every day is Memorial Day."

Those who fought and died for America, he said, "shared a commitment to something greater than themselves and they were people who understand what we have in this country is worth fighting for."

IVANKA

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a three-month comment period.

Taken together, the trademarks could allow her brand to market a lifetime's worth of products in China, from baby blankets to coffins, and a host of things in between, including perfume, make-up, bowls, mirrors, furniture, books, coffee, chocolate

and honey. Ivanka Trump stepped back from management of her brand and placed its assets in a family-run trust, but she continues to profit from the business.

"Ivanka Trump's refusal to divest from her business is especially troubling as the Ivanka brand continues to expand its business in foreign countries," Noah Bookbinder, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, said in an

email Monday. "It raises significant questions about corruption, as it invites the possibility that she could be benefiting financially from her position and her father's presidency or that she could be influenced in her policy work by countries' treatment of her business."

As Ivanka Trump and her father have built their global brands, largely through licensing deals, they have pursued trademarks in dozens of countries. Those

global trademarks have drawn the attention of ethics lawyers because they are granted by foreign governments and can confer enormous value. Concerns about political influence have been especially sharp in China, where the courts and bureaucracy are designed to reflect the will of the ruling Communist Party.

Chinese officials have emphasized that all trademark applications are handled in accordance

with the law.

More approvals are likely to come. Online records from China's trademark office indicate that Ivanka Trump's company last applied for trademarks — 17 of them — on March 28, 2017, the day before she took on a formal role at the White House. Those records on Monday showed at least 25 Ivanka Trump trademarks pending review, 36 active marks and eight with provisional approval.

WARMING

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this century — 2 degrees Celsius over preindustrial levels by the year 2100. It also set a more ambitious target of reducing that increase to 1.5 degrees Celsius in that same time period. Countries were free to implement their own programs to reach that target, but previous research has shown that those collective commitments would be able to limit the rise only to 3 degrees Celsius by century's end. (President Donald Trump announced his decision to pull out of the accord last year.)

These efforts will require a lot of money, lead author Marshall Burke of Stanford University said in a briefing. And while such efforts would theoretically reap environmental rewards, he and his colleagues wanted to pin down what the global return on investment

could really be.

To find out, researchers used historical data to calculate how much a change in temperature affected gross domestic product, or GDP, the total value of goods and services a country produces in a year. They then used that information to estimate how a continuing rise in temperature would affect those countries in the future.

The scientists found that if temperatures stayed within the more ambitious 1.5 degree Celsius target rather than the 2 degree mark, there's a good chance that these reductions would save the world roughly 3 percent of global GDP, or around \$30 trillion dollars, Burke said. If the global temperatures are kept only within the 3 degree Celsius target, scientists say, it likely would cost an extra 5 percent to 10 percent of global GDP.

"That's tens of trillions of dollars," Burke said. "So these are very

large numbers."

The scientists also found a high likelihood that 71 percent of countries, representing 90 percent of the global population, would face less economic harm if the temperature increase were kept to 1.5 degrees. Poorer countries benefited the most, they added.

"The low-latitude countries, which are already warm and already poor, in many cases, are highly likely to benefit from lower levels of warming because of the fact that they're highly likely to incur damages for higher levels of warming," said study co-author Noah Diffenbaugh of Stanford University.

Keep in mind, previous work estimates the cost of implementing these initiatives to be somewhere around half a trillion dollars over 30 years, Burke said — a tiny fraction of the amount of money that those efforts would save.

"Based on the published estimates, our evidence would suggest that the

benefits of meeting the more stringent targets vastly outweigh the costs," Burke said.

In general, those countries that were already warm were more likely to benefit from a reduction in temperature; cold countries, such as Iceland, on the other hand, benefited from a little warming.

Scientists who were not involved in the paper praised the work while pointing out a number of its limitations.

For example, it's difficult to accurately predict how future technological growth could shave off some of that temperature increase, said Maximilian Auffhammer of the University of California, Berkeley and the National Bureau of Economic Research.

"Future adaptation will probably involve innovative technologies with lower costs than those that are currently used," he wrote in a commentary. "Such technologies might

include, for example, air conditioners powered by carbon-free electricity that are more energy efficient than present-day devices. Adaptation could therefore result in lower economic damages than are predicted."

Wolfram Schlenker of Columbia University pointed out that GDP is a good measure if you assume that the prices of goods and services "fully reflect the costs of their production and use" — and, as in the case of fossil fuel prices, that isn't always the case, he wrote in a commentary.

On the other hand, by limiting their analysis to economics, the researchers might actually be lowballing the amount of benefit from reducing global warming.

"These estimates would be even bigger if the non-market benefits of reduced fossil-fuel use — for example, for human health and ecosystems — were considered," Schlenker wrote.

ALMANAC

Today is **Tuesday, May 29**, the 149th day of 2018. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **May 29, 1953**, Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

On this date

In **1453**, Constantinople fell to the Ottoman Turks, marking the end of the Byzantine Empire.

In **1660**, Britain's King Charles II was restored to the throne on his 30th birthday after nine years in exile.

In **1765**, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses.

In **1790**, Rhode Island became the 13th original colony to ratify the United States Constitution.

In **1848**, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In **1917**, the 35th president of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was born in Brookline, Massachusetts.

In **1932**, World War I veterans began arriving in Washington to demand cash bonuses they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In **1943**, Norman Rockwell's portrait of "Rosie the Riveter" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post. (The model for Rockwell's Rosie, Mary Doyle Keefe, died in April 2015 at age 92.)

In **1961**, a couple in Paynesville, West Virginia, became the first recipients of food stamps under a pilot program created by President John F. Kennedy.

In **1977**, Janet Guthrie became the first woman to race in the Indianapolis 500, finishing in 29th place (the winner was A.J. Foyt).

In **1988**, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened their historic summit in Moscow.

In **1998**, Republican elder statesman Barry Goldwater died in Paradise Valley, Arizona, at age 89.

Today's birthdays

Former Baseball Commissioner **Fay Vincent** is 80. Motorsports Hall of Famer **Al Unser** is 79. Actor **Kevin Conway** is 76. Actor **Helmut Berger** is 74. Rock singer **Gary Brooker** (Procol Harum) is 73. Actor **Anthony Geary** is 71. Actor **Cotter Smith** is 69. Singer **Rebbie Jackson** is 68. Movie composer **Danny Elfman** is 65. Singer **LaToya Jackson** is 62. Actor **Ted Levine** is 61. Actress **Annette Bening** is 60. Actor **Rupert Everett** is 59. Actor **Adrian Paul** is 59. Singer **Melissa Etheridge** is 57. Actress **Lisa Whelchel** is 55. Actress **Tracey Bregman** is 55. Rock musician **Noel Gallagher** is 51. Singer **Jayski McGowan** (Quad City DJ's) is 51. Actor **Anthony Azizi** is 49. Rock musician **Chan Kinchla** (Blues Traveler) is 49. Actress **Laverne Cox** is 46. Rock musician **Mark Lee** (Third Day) is 45. Cartoonist **Aaron McGruder** ("The Boondocks") is 44. Singer **Melanie Brown** (Spice Girls) is 43. Latin singer **Fonseca** is 39. Actor **Justin Chon** (TV: "Deception"; "Dr. Ken") is 37. NBA player **Carmelo Anthony** is 34. Actor **Billy Flynn** is 33. Actor **Blake Foster** is 33. Actress **Riley Keough** is 29. Actor **Brandon Mychal Smith** is 29. Actress **Kristen Alderson** is 27. Actress **Lorelei Linklater** is 25.

Thought for today

"A pessimist and an optimist, so much the worse; so much the better." — **Jean de La Fontaine**, French poet (1621-1695).

Bible verse

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."

— **1 Corinthians 3:19**.
This world has more knowledge than it's ever had and yet it has less wisdom. Why? We have left the wisdom of God to follow the foolishness of man. Get smart. Commit your life to the Lord.



TWO-MAN RACE?

At NASCAR's halfway point, it sure looks like a two-man race to the title between past champs Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch. **Page 6**

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TENNIS: French Open

Djokovic advances; Wawrinka stumbles

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
Associated Press

PARIS — Like Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka is a past French Open champion still working his way back into form after surgery.

Like Djokovic, Wawrinka is ranked lower than he has been in more than a decade. And like Djokovic, Wawrinka recently reunited with a coach who helped guide him to success earlier in his career.

Both men were in first-round action at Roland Garros on Monday, but unlike Djokovic, who won in straight sets, Wawrinka could not summon and sustain the sort of high-level play that has carried him to major titles in Paris and elsewhere. Returning to a place where he won the title in 2015 and made it back to the final a year ago, Wawrinka bowed out with a 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 loss to 67th-ranked Guillermo

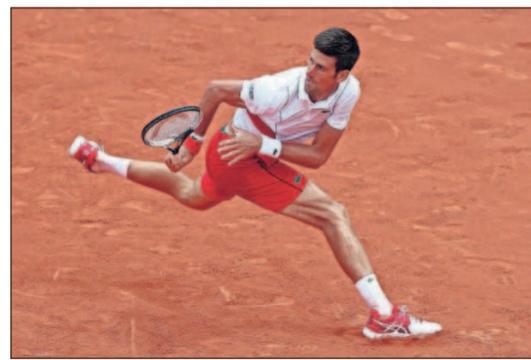
Garcia-Lopez of Spain. "I won three Grand Slams in my career, and I know what it takes to do it," said Wawrinka, who was seeded 23rd and is ranked only 30th, territory unfamiliar to him since April 2008. "And my goal is to get to my top. Sooner or later, I will."

Wawrinka only recently returned to the tour after missing three months to rest his left knee, which was operated on twice last August. He's played 11 matches in 2018,

going 4-7.

As Monday's match stretched to 3½ hours, Wawrinka was hindered by the physical strain of playing in a fifth set for the first time since his French Open semi-final victory over Andy Murray a year ago. But that wasn't the biggest impediment to success.

"It was more the difficulty of continuing to go for it mentally," he explained.



AP PHOTO
Novak Djokovic follows the ball as he returns a shot against Rogério Dutra Silva during their first round match of the French Open Monday at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France.

SEE TENNIS, 6

MLB: Rays 1, Athletics 0

Extra-inning heroics



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Rays' Johnny Field, right, celebrates with C.J. Cron (44) after scoring against the Oakland Athletics in the 13th inning Monday in Oakland, Calif. Field scored on a single by Mallex Smith.

Smith drives in run in 13th inning to lift Rays over A's

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Three days after shaking up the back of their bullpen by trading away closer Alex Colome, the Tampa Bay Rays finally got their first shutout of the season.

On a day when starter Chris Archer pitched six strong innings, five relievers were equally as effective and held things together to extend the Rays' winning streak to three games.

Mallex Smith hit an RBI single with two outs in the 13th inning, Jonny Venters got his first save

in seven years to cap a seven-hit shutout and Tampa Bay outlasted the Oakland Athletics 1-0 on Monday.

"The pitchers were outstanding. We won the game because of them, just buying us time," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "Sometimes you have to win 1-0, sometimes you have to win 2-1. Maybe we haven't won those close ones as much as we'd like but today we did. We had to play flawless and we came out on top."

Ryne Stanek (1-0) retired five batters to win and Venters struck out Matt Olson with the

tying run on base to preserve the seven-hitter and earn his first save since 2011

The Rays have won four of five. Chris Hatcher (3-2) retired the first two Tampa Bay hitters in the 13th before Johnny Field reached on an infield single to shortstop. Jesus Sucre followed with a single to move Fields to second before Smith blooped a 2-0 pitch to right-center.

The A's and Rays wasted multiple scoring opportunities before Smith knocked in the only run of the game.

SEE RAYS, 2

NFL: Bucs

Bucs guarantee \$250k on undrafted free agents

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

The Bucs have had great success in finding talent in undrafted rookies in recent years, and they paid out more than \$250,000 in guaranteed money to undrafted rookies this year, hoping to continue the trend.

The biggest bonus, and among the largest for any undrafted rookie in the league this year, was \$105,000 to Northwestern safety Godwin Igwebuike, who got a \$20,000 signing bonus and \$85,000 of base salary guaranteed. That could cover most of the season on practice squad, even if he didn't make the team's initial 53-man roster.

• QB Austin Allen of Arkansas, who will go to training camp as the Bucs' No. 4 quarterback behind three returning veterans, got a combined \$50,000 to sign with Tampa Bay. Allen got a \$15,000 signing bonus and \$35,000 in base salary guaranteed.

• OL Cole Boozer of Temple, who will compete for a backup job at offensive tackle,

got \$45,000 to sign, with a \$20,000 bonus and \$25,000 in base salary guaranteed. It's a solid bonus — two years ago when the Bucs got Leonard Wester after the draft, he signed for \$35,000 (\$20,000 bonus, \$15,000 guaranteed salary) and is still on the roster and entering his third season.

• RB Shaun Wilson of Duke, who could make the team as a backup running back or return specialist, got \$20,000 to sign, with a \$10,000 signing bonus and \$10,000 in base salary guaranteed. By comparison, the Bucs signed RB Peyton Barber for an \$8,000 signing bonus two years ago and he led the team in rushing last season.

• TE Donnie Ern-sberger of Western Michigan, who is trying to be the fourth undrafted rookie tight end to make the Bucs' roster in five years, got a \$15,000 signing bonus. Another undrafted rookie tight end, Missouri's Jason Reece, got a \$3,500 signing bonus.

SEE BUCS, 3



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Bucs rookie QB Austin Allen, shown with RB Ronald Jones, got the second-largest guaranteed money among the Bucs' undrafted rookies.

COLLEGE BASEBALL: NCAA Tournament

Gators nab top seed in NCAA tournament

By **ERIC OLSON**
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Losses in six of its last seven games didn't diminish defending national champion Florida's overall body of work when it came to seeding the NCAA baseball tournament.

The Gators (42-17) are No. 1, and there never was much doubt, NCAA Division I Baseball Committee chairman Ray Tanner said Monday after the 64-team field was unveiled.

Kevin O'Sullivan's program is the first to earn the No. 1 overall seed three times since the tournament went to its current structure in 1999. The Gators also were top seeds in 2012 and 2016.

"They were incredible the majority of the season and didn't finish strong," said Tanner, athletic director at South Carolina. "As we were finishing up our data last week before coming to Indianapolis,

SEE NCAA, 6



AP PHOTO
Florida second baseman Blake Reese reaches out for an errant throw as LSU's Antoine Duplantis (8) slides into second base during the third inning of a Southeastern Conference tournament game Wednesday in Hoover, Ala.

SOCCER: Argentina

Where's Messi? Tributes missing in his native city

By **LUIS ANDRES HENAO**
Associated Press

ROSARIO, Argentina — Right before kickoff, the plasma TVs were still tuned to a tennis match on mute instead of the Barcelona game at a nearly empty bar owned by Lionel Messi's family in his Argentine hometown.

The only clue at the bar were some photos of Messi. No one seemed

to care about the game until a couple walked in hurriedly and asked a waiter to change the channel. The college students from Germany had saved for months to travel on a pilgrimage to their idol's native city. By this point they were disappointed: they had seen no Messi statues, plaques or museums. Nothing.

SEE SOCCER, 6

Florida Lottery
www.flalottery.com

PICK 2
May 28N..... 0-0
May 28D..... 1-3
May 27N..... 5-9
May 27D..... 0-9
May 26N..... 8-7
May 26D..... 1-3
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3
May 28N..... 9-1-5
May 28D..... 2-7-6
May 27N..... 5-5-2
May 27D..... 0-2-9
May 26N..... 4-2-1
May 26D..... 2-7-4
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4
May 28N..... 2-7-0-8
May 28D..... 6-3-4-1
May 27N..... 8-2-9-3
May 27D..... 6-9-9-0
May 26N..... 5-6-5-0
May 26D..... 0-9-1-1
D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5
May 28N..... 9-7-6-9-2
May 28D..... 6-2-2-2-5
May 27N..... 8-9-1-5-8
May 27D..... 5-2-0-4-5
May 26N..... 5-2-3-9-1
May 26D..... 5-2-6-7-5
D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5
May 28..... 6-14-19-21-33
May 27..... 8-10-17-21-34
May 26..... 10-12-17-18-25

PAYOFF FOR May 26
3 5-digit winners \$59,896.65
279 4-digit winners \$103.50
8,296. 3-digit winners \$9.50

CASH FOR LIFE
May 21..... 13-29-31-34-47
Cash Ball 1
May 24..... 5-13-35-49-56
Cash Ball 2

SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE GOLF
11 a.m.
GOLF — Men, NCAA Division I Championships, quarter-finals, team match play, at Stillwater, Okla.
4 p.m.
GOLF — Men, NCAA Division I Championships, semifinals,

PAYOFF FOR May 28
0..... 5-of-5 CB \$1,000/Day
0..... 5-of-5 \$1,000/Week
7..... 4-of-5 CB \$2,500
8..... 4-of-5 \$500

LUCKY MONEY
May 25..... 10-13-42-44
Lucky Ball..... 3
May 22..... 2-7-31-42
Lucky Ball..... 15

PAYOFF FOR May 25
0..... 4-of-4 LB \$550,000
2..... 4-of-4 \$2,441.00
40..... 3-of-4 LB \$267.50
503..... 3-of-4 \$62.50

LOTTO
May 26..... 4-8-9-42-46-53x5
May 23..... 5-9-18-24-25-27

PAYOFF FOR May 26
0. 6-digit winners \$3 million
11 5-digit winners \$7,478.50
913... 4-digit winners \$77.00

POWERBALL
May 26..... 1-21-31-45-49
Powerball..... 21
May 23..... 20-54-56-61-64
Powerball..... 7

PAYOFF FOR May 26
0..... 5 of 5 + PB \$306 Million
0..... 5 of 5 \$1 Million
1..... 4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
25..... 4 of 5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT
\$60 million

MEGA MILLIONS
May 25..... 11-14-51-64-68
Mega Ball 25
May 22..... 16-17-21-36-48
Mega Ball 9

PAYOFF FOR May 25
0..... 5 of 5 + MB \$40 Million
0..... 5 of 5 \$1 Million
0..... 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
11..... 4 of 5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT
\$84 million

team match play
MLB BASEBALL
7 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, Houston at N.Y. Yankees OR Washington at Baltimore
10:05 p.m.
FOX SPORTS SUN — Rays at Athletics

RAYS
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“We weren’t really getting on base much in the extras,” Smith said. “I just tried to not do too much in a 2-0 count and came through. Shoot, I know everybody was happy. It’s the 13th inning. That’s a lot of baseball for one day.”

Tampa Bay had runners at second and third with two outs in the third and again in the sixth but didn’t score. The Rays also got Carlos Gomez to second with two out in the 10th but Field struck out swinging.

Oakland came up empty after loading the bases with one out in the sixth, then failed to score after getting the first two batters on in the ninth.

“It’s tough to be on that side using that many guys and still not getting it done,” A’s manager Bob Melvin said. “Unfortunately, that was the case today.”

The Rays got a big lift from their bullpen on a day when both starting pitchers were stellar.

Archer was sharp, going six scoreless innings with seven strikeouts and two walks. Archer has allowed two runs or fewer in five of his last six starts.

Sergio Romo retired two batters, Jose Alvarado pitched 1 1/2 innings and Matt Andriese worked three scoreless frames for the Rays.

On Friday, Tampa Bay traded Colome and outfielder Denard Span to Seattle in exchange for a pair of pitching prospects.

“We grinded out a win,” Venters said. “It’s always good to go out and get a win after you lose a couple

guys that are big parts of the team but it’s the way it is.”

Oakland starter Trevor Cahill pitched four-hit ball, didn’t walk a batter and had six strikeouts over eight innings, his outing since going eight against Texas on May 27, 2013 while still with Arizona.

MILLER HURT TAKING BATTING PRACTICE

First baseman Brad Miller grounded out in two at-bats after being a late scratch from the Rays starting lineup because of a facial contusion suffered when he hit a ball that deflected off a protective screen and struck him near his left eye during batting practice.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Rays: RHP Yonny Chirinos (right forearms strain) will make a second rehab start with Triple-A Durham on Tuesday.

Athletics: Designated hitter Khris Davis continues to make steady progress in his recovery from a strained right groin. “His agility looks great,” Melvin said. “I’m encouraged.” Davis is eligible to come off the disabled list Thursday. . CF Boog Powell (sprained right knee) has been feeling better the past few days, Melvin said.

UP NEXT

LHP Blake Snell (6-3, 2.78 ERA) pitches for Tampa Bay on Tuesday and is winless in two career starts against Oakland. Snell has allowed two runs or fewer in nine starts overall this season, tied for second in the majors. RHP Daniel Gossett (0-2, 6.28) takes the mound for the A’s.

STANLEY CUP FINAL: Golden Knights 6, Capitals 4

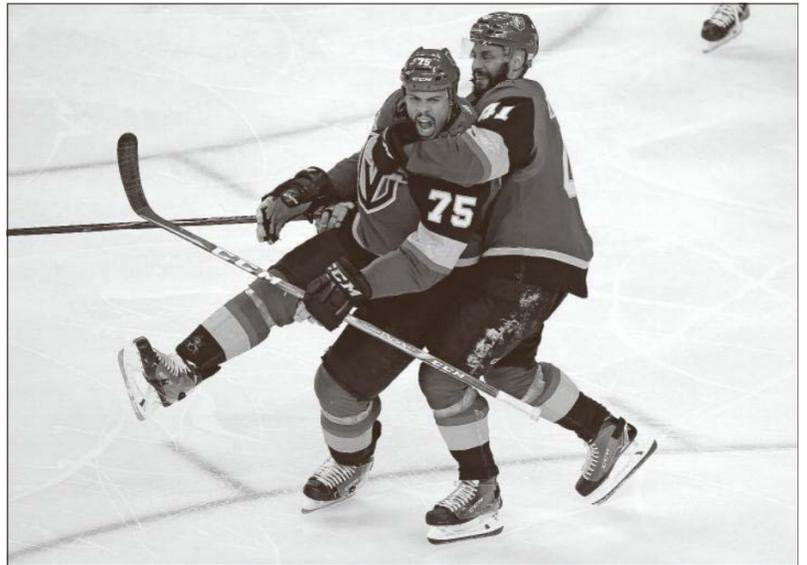
Golden Knights outlast Caps in Final opener

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Vegas Golden Knights’ incredible inaugural season isn’t slowing down in the Stanley Cup Final.

Tomas Nosek scored the tiebreaking goal midway through the third period, and the expansion Golden Knights opened an improbable Final with a thrilling 6-4 victory over the Washington Capitals on Monday night.

Marc-Andre Fleury made 24 saves in an occasionally shaky performance, but the three-time Stanley Cup winner’s new teammates carried the goalie who has so often carried them with a relentless



Vegas Golden Knights right wing Ryan Reaves, left, celebrates his goal with left wing Pierre-Edouard Bellemare, of France, during the third period Monday in Las Vegas.

AP PHOTO

outburst of offense.

The Eastern Conference champion Capitals

hadn’t given up this

many goals in 29 games since March 18, but they

hadn’t seen anything

like this charmed run by the upstart Knights.

NBA: Cavaliers

Another NBA Finals brings another challenge for LeBron

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

BOSTON — LeBron James will get a couple days to catch his breath, then make his annual June journey to Golden State or down to Houston to face a team far better than his.

His eighth straight NBA Finals sets up as one of his most difficult, flanked by a largely unheralded set of teammates who force him to do much more at 33 than most other players are ever asked.

But James keeps showing he can do it, and he can’t wait for his chance to win another ring.

Dare count him out? “At the end of the day, the game is won in between the lines, and we have an opportunity to play for a championship,” he said after Sunday’s 87-79 victory over Boston. “That’s all that matters.”

James dragged an injured and inconsistent Cavaliers team out of the Eastern Conference and back to the NBA Finals, where they will be an underdog against whichever team wins Game 7 in the West on Monday.

But after playing all 48 minutes in his 100th game of the season, punctuating one of the greatest series a player has ever had with 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, he sure looks capable of more.

And the Cavaliers will need every bit of it. They had to play seven games just to get out of the first round, and seven more to finish a climb over of 2-0 deficit against a younger, more athletic Celtics team. They have to be tired, and that’s no way to go into a series against Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors,



Cavaliers forward LeBron James celebrates as his team pulls away from the Celtics near the end of the fourth quarter in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals Sunday in Boston.

AP PHOTO

who blew Cleveland away in five games last year, or James Harden and a Rockets team that can be every bit as potent on one end and lock teams down on the other.

The only way it would appear Cleveland would have a chance would be if James can summon his highest level, the kind that perhaps no other player can reach — and then do it three more times.

The Celtics have seen him do it, after he averaged 33.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 8.4 assists to eliminate them in the East finals for the second straight year.

“I think we’ve played now until May 25th and May 27th the last two years, and we started on Sept. 25th,” Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. “That’s every day. Every day that you’re totally focused on this, and he’s gone past that

eight straight times. It’s ridiculous, and he does it at this level and with the pressure, with the scrutiny. Doesn’t matter. It’s just unbelievable.”

This was the year James’ finals streak looked over. Kyrie Irving had been traded to Boston in the offseason, Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose weren’t the answers as his replacement, and Kevin Love missed significant time with injuries.

And even after the Cavaliers remade their team at the February trade deadline, it didn’t look good enough. Cleveland had finished just fourth in the East, never developing the necessary cohesiveness required to be even a mediocre defensive team, let alone a championship-caliber one. They still can surrender open shots everywhere, a flaw that

seems fatal against the 3-point happy Rockets or Warriors.

The only obvious advantage the Cavaliers have is James, the kind of player who can win a Game 7 in Boston with a team that was without its other All-Star because of a concussion and couldn’t shoot straight deep into the first half, with Cavaliers other than James missing their first 10 3s until J.R. Smith hit one with 2:54 remaining until halftime.

“I mean, the bigger the stage, the bigger the player, and he’s been doing it for us since we’ve been here,” Cavs coach Tyronn Lue said. “The great quote from the ball to Doc Rivers is you always want to go into the Game 7 with the best player, and we have the best player on our team going into a Game 7. I like our chances.”

SOCCER: USA 3, Bolivia 0

Sargent and Weah score as US beats Bolivia

Associated Press

CHESTER, Pa. — Josh Sargent scored in his American debut, fellow 18-year-old Tim Weah added a goal in his second international match and a young United States team

beat Bolivia 3-0 in an exhibition Monday night.

Walker Zimmerman put the Americans ahead in the 37th minute and Sargent doubled the lead in the 52nd. Weah, the son of former FIFA Player of the Year and current

Liberia president George Weah, scored in the 59th.

Weah, born on Feb. 22, 2000, became the fourth-youngest American to score when he displaced Sargent, who was born two days earlier. Sargent’s goal

was particularly memorable — with his back to the goal, he intercepted a pass over his head from the goalkeeper, played the ball to himself and put it in the net with a strong right-footed shot from about 11 yards.

COMMENTARY: Rays



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Rays manager Kevin Cash, left, relieves pitcher Sergio Romo in the seventh inning Monday in Oakland, Calif.

A column to match Rays upside-down pitching

By MARTIN FENNELLY
Tampa Bay Times

In the spirit of the Rays' topsy-turvy pitching alignments, last goes first in this column. Go to the end to start reading.

"The buy-in that we get, the buy-in to each other, and the team effort has been really fun to be part of to this point," Cash said.

The Rays left Sunday for a nine-game road trip which begins this afternoon in Oakland and will take them to Seattle and Washington.

"It's the first time we've seen anybody do this," Pruitt said. "Does it work? I think we've done better than we haven't. It's definitely different."

Orioles manager Buck Showalter said, "You do what gives you the best chance to win regardless. They make a big deal of this, but they're doing it because they don't have any starting pitchers. They weren't doing it with Archer. They ain't doing it with Snell; They weren't doing it with Faria."

"It's cool," Stanek said Saturday. "It's something that's definitely going to shake things up a little bit. It's different. Different is not bad. I don't think it's ever going to get to the point where we don't have starters. This helps make their jobs a little easier. I can see this catching on."

"I'm totally fine," Cash said Saturday. "Whatever anybody wants to say I'm totally good with. We think it's the right thing to do for us to win games. We think this is a good strategy to help us stay in games, and so far we've done that."

Cash said innovation



AP PHOTO
Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Chris Archer works against the Oakland Athletics in the first inning Monday in Oakland, Calif.

has its downside, including being called an "idiot."

This one day after hard-throwing Rays reliever Ryne Stanek made his first major-league start and retired all five batters he faced, striking out three, before giving way to winning pitcher Anthony Banda, who was optioned to Triple-A Durham after a 5-1 win.

"Everyone is kind of pitching in and doing their part," Pruitt said. "We've got a lot of guys, we're kind of doing this thing right now. We've got a lot of dudes in the bullpen who can go long innings, go deep."

But Romo's fellow relievers came through Sunday with shutdown innings, including 5 2/3 innings of shutout ball from Pruitt for his first save of the season and second save of his career.

"No, not really," Cash said. "The walks didn't help. Romo's walk, maybe my intentional walk, didn't help. Starters or relievers, you walk guys, you're going to give up runs. And that's what kind of put us in the hole."

But on Sunday, Romo, after three decent innings across three previous starts (the Rays went 1-2), hit the wall,

allowing a walk and two singles after getting the first out of the game.

Cash replaced him with Vidal Nuno, who let in three runs, all charged to Romo.

Rays relievers as starters/relievers has been an interesting diversion, made necessary by the fact that manager Kevin Cash's Rays lack experienced starting pitchers. It has overshadowed the Rays trading Alex Colome and Denard Span to Seattle.

"It's fun," Miller said. "Obviously you get to go up there and kind of get things started. 'I think the way we have a lot of guys clicking right now, it's just kind of fun.'"

Brad Miller was the big stick for the Rays, with a long home run to lead off the bottom of the first inning and a two-run double in a six-run Rays third. Carlos Gomez, who began the day hitting .197, homered and made two sparkling fielding plays in rightfield.

ST. PETERSBURG — Sergio Romo made his fourth start in nine days, lasting only four batters, but the "bullpen" responded, led by Austin Pruitt, and Rays bats rallied to beat the Orioles 8-3 Sunday afternoon as Tropicana Field.

the rest of the undrafted rookies are believed to have bonuses of \$1,000 or less.

On the whole, the Bucs have 15 undrafted rookies on the current roster, with a combined investment of less guaranteed money than 2018 fifth-round pick Justin Watson, who

was slotted for a \$301,736 signing bonus.

Remember, too, that signing bonuses only indicate what it took to land the player — two years ago, DT DeVonte Lambert made the Bucs' roster after getting no signing bonus at all, and TE Alan Cross did so after a \$2,000 bonus.

BUGS

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• DE Demone Harris of Buffalo got a \$5,000 signing bonus, K Trevor Moore got a \$4,000 signing bonus, DE Evan Perrizo of Minnesota State got a \$3,000 signing bonus, and

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New Prostate Pill Reduces Urge to Pee Especially During the Night

Men in clinical trials see dramatic improvements in nighttime bathroom urges and an overall improvement in sexual performance.

Kris Stellum
National Health Syndicate

NHS, Boston MA — A new prostate pill is helping men across the country regain control of their bladders and their sex lives.

Innovus Pharmaceuticals, the company behind the breakthrough, says its key ingredient blocks certain hormones in the body that make your prostate grow.

As a result, while taking the pill, your prostate gets smaller and your symptoms disappear.

"Men say the first things they notice is waking up less for the bathroom and an unexpected boost in sexual performance" says Dr. Bassam Damaj, Director of Science at Innovus.

"It's why they love the product. While most prostate drugs kill your sex life, our natural pill enhances it. Plus, it solves all the other problems. It will strengthen your stream, end your straining, and relieve the constant urge to urinate".

Sensational Improvements in Urinary Control and Performance

Sales for the new pill, which goes by the brand name *ProstaGorx*, are exploding! And that's because *ProstaGorx* is not a drug. It's something completely different. It uses natural compounds to shrink your prostate and put the brakes on prostate growth. By taking it daily, it helps men regain control of their bladders and escape all of urinary discomfort that can make life miserable.

Reverses Prostate Growth

Numerous medical studies reveal that keeping your prostate healthy is vital for avoiding urgent bathroom problems. When your prostate is small, you pee freely, forcefully, and without hesitation. You don't feel any pain, urgency or discomfort. **And you feel fully relieved every time you go.**

But when your prostate swells, you experience just the opposite. And endless battle with annoying enlarged prostate symptoms that can linger for decades!

And according to new studies, they will. A staggering 80% of men suffer with them. The most common being weak urinary streams, painful urination, dribbling and leaking, middle of the night bathroom urges, incomplete emptying, and the constant feeling of having to pee.

Boosts Sexual Performance

According to new research published by the Mayo Clinic, men with large prostate have less sex, lower sex drives, and consider more problems with their erections. In fact 8 out of 10 men with prostate issues end up suffering with ED!



Great Sleep, Great Sex and Less Running to Find a Bathroom: Published studies on the ingredients in ProstaGorx show that they block the hormones associated with prostate growth and sexual let downs.

"Most men have no idea that their prostate can impact their sexual performance" says Dr. Damaj. "The prostate gland needs to be healthy to achieve a powerful orgasm. If its enlarged, men can experience serious sexual let downs."

How It Works

ProstaGorx uses the same science that makes drugs like Alpha Blockers so effective but since it's natural it won't give you any side effects and you won't need a prescription.

As you get older your body slowly converts your remaining testosterone into estrogen through a process known as aromatase. Over the years as more testosterone is converted into estrogen, your body becomes imbalanced — too much estrogen and too little testosterone signals your to produce DHT, a growth hormone 10 times stronger than regular testosterone.

Unfortunately, instead of correcting this imbalance, the enormous spike in DHT causes your prostate to grow! As levels of DHT rise, your prostate only gets bigger...pressing hard against your bladder and clamping your urethra shut! The result is painful and persistent prostate problems that will have you living your life around a bathroom.

ProstaGorx Offers Clinically Proven Results

- Reduce frequency and urgency
- Stop dribbling, dripping, and leaking
- Improve flow and force
- Relieve pain while peeing
- Empty your bladder completely
- End late night bathroom trips and sleep longer
- IGNITE YOUR SEX DRIVE!

ProstaGorx naturally shrinks your prostate using a key nutrient that's clinically proven to block DHT. As your levels of DHT begin to fall, your prostate gets smaller and your symptoms vanish.

Backed By Stunning Research

In a new landmark study, the leading ingredient in *ProstaGorx* slashed lower urinary tract symptoms by a staggering 81% and was reported to be as effective as the drug Proscar but with virtually zero side effects. And in yet another

study "boosted prostate health by promoting a healthy libido.

"Every since I retired my prostate has given me hell" says John Manning, 68, of Ohio. "But since taking *ProstaGorx* everything has changed. I've stopped waking up for the bathroom in the middle of the night. I pee a lot less during the day. And when I do go, my streams are strong and there's no hesitation. And out of nowhere my sex life's improved! I've tried everything and this is the only thing that's worked".

Guaranteed Effective

ProstaGorx is an exciting new prostate pill that's helping men find real relief from prostate problems without any of the negative side effects from drugs. By blocking certain hormones in the body that trigger prostate growth, *ProstaGorx* naturally shrinks your prostate, relieving your worst symptoms safely.

With daily use you'll sleep more, pee less, and have much better sex. *ProstaGorx* is clinically proven to end the urgency and frequency, improve urinary flow and force, and give you an entirely new level of comfort that makes life easier and much more enjoyable.

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This is the first official public release of *ProstaGorx* in Florida. In order to get the word out about *ProstaGorx* the manufacturer, Innovus Pharmaceuticals is offering special introductory discounts to all Florida residents.

A special phone hotline has been set up to take advantage of deep discounts during this ordering opportunity. Special discounts will be available starting today at 7:00am. The discounts will automatically be applied to all Florida callers. The Special TOLL-FREE Hotline number is 1-800-804-0331 and will be open 24-hours a day.

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TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	37	17	.685	—	—	7-3	W-1	18-8	19-9
New York	33	17	.660	2	—	5-5	L-1	20-9	13-8
Tampa Bay	26	26	.500	10	6½	6-4	W-3	11-13	15-13
Toronto	25	29	.463	12	8½	3-7	L-1	12-17	13-12
Baltimore	17	37	.315	20	16½	3-7	L-3	10-14	7-23

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	27	25	.519	—	—	6-4	W-3	16-11	11-14
Detroit	24	29	.453	3½	9	4-6	W-2	15-11	9-18
Minnesota	22	27	.449	3½	9	4-6	W-1	11-12	11-15
Kansas City	18	36	.333	10	15½	4-6	L-1	7-19	11-17
Chicago	16	35	.314	10½	16	5-5	L-2	8-18	8-17

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	35	20	.636	—	—	7-3	W-1	16-11	19-9
Seattle	33	20	.623	1	—	9-1	W-4	16-10	17-10
Los Angeles	29	25	.537	5½	4½	4-6	L-2	12-17	17-8
Oakland	28	26	.519	6½	5½	6-4	L-1	14-13	14-13
Texas	22	34	.393	13½	12½	4-6	L-2	11-19	11-15

BOX SCORES

RED SOX 8, BLUE JAYS 3

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
TORONTO	5	2	1	0	0	.252
Hernandez rf	1	0	1	0	2	.234
Donaldson 3b	2	1	0	0	2	.148
1-Urshela pr-3b	3	0	1	0	2	.249
Smoak 1b	3	0	1	0	2	.263
Solarte ss	3	1	1	0	2	.278
Pillar cf	3	1	1	0	1	.161
Martin lf	3	0	0	1	1	.181
Morales dh	4	0	1	0	0	.277
Malle c	4	1	1	0	0	.182
Travis 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.292
TOTALS	32	3	7	3	5	

BOSTON

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Benintendi lf	5	1	3	4	0	.292
Bogaerts ss	5	1	1	0	2	.277
Moreland 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.317
Martinez dh	3	1	2	1	0	.320
Devers 3b	4	1	2	0	0	.239
Nunez 2b	4	1	1	0	0	.243
Holtz rf	1	0	1	0	2	.329
Vazquez c	4	1	1	0	0	.194
Bradley Jr. cf	3	2	1	1	0	.184
TOTALS	33	8	11	8	4	

TORONTO

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	
1-ran for Donaldson in the 5th.	0	0	0	0	0		
E-Malle (4), LOB—Toronto 8, Boston 6. 2B—Hernandez (13), Smoak (12), Pillar (20), Bradley Jr. (7), 3B—Hernandez (3), Travis (2), Benintendi (5), HR—Benintendi (7), off Sanchez; Martinez (17), off Sanchez; RBIs—Hernandez (21), Solarte (33), Morales (15), Benintendi (4) (37), Martinez (2) (44), Holt (8), Bradley Jr. (10), SB—Pillar (9), Bradley Jr. (5), SF—Solarte, Holt.	0	0	0	0	0		
DP—Toronto 1 (Solarte, Travis, Smoak); Boston 1 (Moreland, Bogaerts).	0	0	0	0	0		
TORONTO	5	9	7	1	4	4.77	
Barnes	1	1	1	1	0	14	3.44
Axford	1	1	0	2	0	20	3.75
Petricka	1	0	0	0	0	8	5.40
BOSTON	5	4	2	4	9	4.05	
Price, W, 5-4	5	4	2	4	4	95	4.04
Hembree	2	2	1	1	3	33	4.81
Wright	2	1	0	0	2	20	2.77
Seager 3b	3	0	1	1	0	2.00	0.00
Healy 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2.50	0.00
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	0	1.95	0.00
Beckham 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2.14	0.00
Romine ss	2	0	1	0	0	1.46	0.00
TOTALS	28	2	6	2	2	2	

TEXAS

AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
DeShields cf	4	0	1	0	0	.232
Chirinos c	3	0	1	0	1	.261
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.253
Mazara rf	4	0	0	0	2	.264
Profar ss	4	0	0	0	2	.234
Rua lf	2	0	1	0	0	.163
a-Gallo ph	1	0	0	0	0	.197
Odor 2b	3	1	2	0	0	.215
Chirinos c	3	0	0	2	0	.190
Guzman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.216
TOTALS	28	1	5	5	7	

TORONTO

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Sanchez, L, 2-5	5	9	7	1	4	82	4.77
Barnes	1	1	1	1	0	14	3.44
Axford	1	1	0	2	0	20	3.75
Petricka	1	0	0	0	0	8	5.40
BOSTON	5	4	2	4	9	4.05	
Price, W, 5-4	5	4	2	4	4	95	4.04
Hembree	2	2	1	1	3	33	4.81
Wright	2	1	0	0	2	20	2.77
Seager 3b	3	0	1	1	0	2.00	0.00
Healy 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2.50	0.00
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	0	1.95	0.00
Beckham 2b	3	0	1	0	0	2.14	0.00
Romine ss	2	0	1	0	0	1.46	0.00
TOTALS	28	2	6	2	2	2	

TEXAS

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DeShields cf	4	0	1	0	0	.232
Chirinos c	3	0	1	0	1	.261
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	0	1	1	.253
Mazara rf	4	0	0	0	2	.264
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SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT

North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Daytona (Reds)	27	20	.574	—
Tampa (Yankees)	26	22	.542	1½
Lakeland (Tigers)	24	22	.522	2½
Florida (Braves)	21	25	.457	5½
Clearwater (Phillies)	19	27	.413	7½
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	19	30	.388	9

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Jupiter (Marlins)	31	18	.633	—
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	26	19	.578	3
Bradenton (Pirates)	26	22	.542	4½
Charlotte (Rays)	23	23	.500	6½
St. Lucie (Mets)	19	23	.452	8½
Fort Myers (Twins)	18	28	.391	11½

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Lakeland at Tampa, TBD
Lakeland at Tampa, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.
Jupiter at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.
Dunedin at Florida, 6:31 p.m.
Fort Myers at Clearwater, 7 p.m.
Bradenton at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Fort Myers at Clearwater, 12 p.m.
Jupiter at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.
Lakeland at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.
Dunedin at Florida, 6:31 p.m.
Bradenton at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CLEVELAND 4, BOSTON 3

May 13: Boston 108, Cleveland 83
May 15: Boston 107, Cleveland 94
May 19: Cleveland 116, Boston 96
May 21: Cleveland 111, Boston 102
May 23: Boston 96, Cleveland 83
May 25: Cleveland 109, Boston 99
Sunday: Cleveland 87, Boston 79

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON 3, GOLDEN STATE 3

May 14: Golden State 119, Houston 106
May 16: Houston 127, Golden State 105
May 20: Golden State 126, Houston 85
May 22: Houston 95, Golden State 92
May 24: Houston 98, Golden State 94
Saturday: Golden State 115, Houston 86
Monday: Golden State at Houston, late

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

CLEVELAND VS. HOUSTON/ GOLDEN STATE

Thursday: Cleveland at Houston-Golden State winner, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 3: Cleveland at Houston-Golden State winner, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6: Houston-Golden State winner at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8: Houston-Golden State winner at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Houston-Golden State winner, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Houston-Golden State winner at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Houston-Golden State winner, 8 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	4	0	1.000	—
Connecticut	3	0	1.000	½
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
Atlanta	1	2	.333	2½
New York	0	2	.000	3
Indiana	0	5	.000	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—
Seattle	3	1	.750	—
Dallas	2	2	.500	1
Minnesota	2	2	.500	1
Phoenix	2	2	.500	1
Las Vegas	0	3	.000	2½

Saturday's Games

Dallas 78, Atlanta 70

Connecticut 86, Indiana 77

Sunday's Games

Washington 90, Minnesota 78

Los Angeles 80, Phoenix 72

Seattle 105, Las Vegas 98

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Minnesota at Atlanta, 7 p.m.

Dallas at New York, 7 p.m.

Washington at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Game

Washington at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Today

National League

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Chicago	-115	at Pittsburgh	+105
at Atlanta	Off	New York	Off
St. Louis	-108	at Milwaukee	-102
at Colorado	-146	San Francisco	+136
at Arizona	-115	Cincinnati	+105
at San Diego	-157	Miami	+147
at Los Angeles	-155	Philadelphia	+145

American League

at Cleveland	-235	Chicago	+215
Houston	-120	at New York	+110
Los Angeles	-130	at Detroit	+120
at Boston	-180	Toronto	+165
Minnesota	-126	at Kansas City	+116
Tampa Bay	-110	at Oakland	+100
at Seattle	-163	Texas	+153

Interleague

Washington -114 at Baltimore +104

Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Designated RHP Ricardo Pinto for assignment. Placed INF Matt Davidson on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 25. Selected the contract of INF Matt Slocum from Charlotte (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated LHP Ian Krol for assignment. Recalled RHP Akeel Morris from Salt Lake (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Claimed INF Taylor Motter off waivers from Seattle and assigned him to Rochester (IL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned OF John Androski to Tacoma (PCL). Activated OF Denard Span.

TEXAS RANGERS — Released RHP Kevin Jepsen.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — RHP Kris Medlen announced his retirement.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed OF Ronald Acuna Jr. on the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Max Fried from Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned RHP Justin Hancock to Iowa (PCL). Recalled RHP Luke Farrell from Iowa.
COLORADO ROCKIES — Recalled RHP Scott Oberg from Albuquerque (PCL). Placed RHP Adam Ottavino on the 10-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled RHP Yimi Garcia from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned LHP Edward Paredes to Oklahoma City.
NEW YORK METS — Placed RHP AJ Ramos and INF Wilmer Flores on the 10-day DL; Ramos retroactive to May 27. Optioned C Tomas Nido to Binghamton (EL). Recalled 3B Phillip Evans and RHPs Hansel Robles and Gerson Bautista from Las Vegas (PCL). Reinstated C Kevin Plawecki from the 10-day DL. Sent 3B Todd Frazier to Las Vegas for a rehab assignment.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Ivan Nova on the 10-day DL, retroactive to May 25. Recalled RHP Nick Kingham from Indianapolis (IL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Designated LHP Kyle McGrath for assignment. Placed OF Francisco Cordero on the 10-day DL. Reinstated OF Hunter Renfroe from the 10-day DL.

40. (39) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 83, 1. **Race Statistics**
Average Speed of Race Winner: 136.692 mph.
Time of Race: 4 hours, 23 minutes, 22 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 3.823 seconds.
Cautions: 11 for 54 laps.
Lead Changes: 9 among 4 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Ky.Busch 0; J.Logano 1-4; Ky.Busch 5-8; B.Keselowski 86-87; Ky.Busch 88-158; D.Hamlin 159-165; J.Logano 166-173; Ky.Busch 174-352; D.Hamlin 353-354; Ky.Busch 355-400.
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Kyle Busch 4 times for 377 laps; J. Logano 2 times for 12 laps; D. Hamlin 2 times for 9 laps; B. Keselowski 1 time for 2 laps.

FORMULA ONE

MONACO GRAND PRIX

Sunday at Monaco circuit, Monaco
Lap length: 2.07 miles
1. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 78 laps, 1:42:54.807, 25 points.
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 78, +7.336 seconds, 18.
3. Lewis Hamilton, Britain, Mercedes, 78, +17.013, 15.
4. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 78, +18.127, 12.
5. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Mercedes, 78, +18.822, 10.
6. Esteban Ocon, France, Force India Mercedes, 78, +23.667, 8.
7. Pierre Gasly, France, Scuderia Toro Rosso Honda, 78, +24.331, 6.
8. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Renault, 78, +24.839, 4.
9. Max Verstappen, Germany, Red Bull Racing Tag Heuer, 78, +25.317, 2.
10. Carlos Sainz, Spain, Renault, 78, +69.013, 1.
11. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber Ferrari, 78, +69.864s.

NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
WASHINGTON VS. VEGAS
Monday: Washington at Vegas, late
Wednesday: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
Saturday: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.

ECHL PLAYOFF GLANCE
KELLY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Florida 1, Colorado 1
Friday, May 25: Colorado 3, Florida 1
Sunday, May 27: Florida 4, Colorado 3
Wednesday, May 30: Colorado at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, June 1: Colorado at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2: Colorado at Florida, 7:00 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 6: Florida at Colorado, 9:05 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 9: Colorado at Florida, 7:00 p.m.

AHL CALDER CUP PLAYOFFS
All times Eastern
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
TORONTO 4, LEHIGH VALLEY 0
May 19: Toronto 4, Lehigh Valley 3
May 20: Toronto 3, Lehigh Valley 2, OT
May 23: Toronto 5, Lehigh Valley 0
May 25: Toronto 3, Lehigh Valley 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
TEXAS 3, ROCKFORD 2
May 18: Texas 4, Rockford 2
May 20: Texas 3, Rockford 2, OT
May 22: Texas 6, Rockford 5, OT
May 24: Texas 3, Texas 2, OT
May 25: Rockford 3, Texas 1
Monday: Rockford at Texas, late
x-Today: Rockford at Texas, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

VERIZON INDYCAR INDIANAPOLIS 500

Sunday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Best position in parentheses)
1. (3) Will Power, Chevrolet, 200, Running
2. (1) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet, 200, Running
3. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 200, Running
4. (32) Alexander Rossi, Honda, 200, Running
5. (4) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda, 200, Running
6. (2) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet, 200, Running
7. (21) Carlos Munoz, Honda, 200, Running
8. (4) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 200, Running
9. (18) Robert Wickens, Honda, 200, Running
10. (30) Graham Rahal, Honda, 200, Running
11. (27) JR Hildebrand, Chevrolet, 200, Running
12. (12) Marco Andretti, Honda, 200, Running
13. (11) Matheus Leist, Chevrolet, 200, Running
14. (22) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet, 200, Running
15. (23) Stefan Wilson, Honda, 200, Running
16. (31) Jack Harvey, Honda, 200, Running
17. (26) Oriol Servia, Honda, 200, Running
18. (15) Charlie Kimball, Chevrolet, 200, Running
19. (13) Zachary Claman De Melo, Honda, 199, Running
20. (6) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet, 199, Running
21. (33) Conor Daly, Honda, 199, Running
22. (20) Max Chilton, Chevrolet, 198, Running
23. (25) Zach Vech, Honda, 198, Running
24. (28) Jay Howard, Honda, 193, Running
25. (10) Tony Kanaan, Chevrolet, 187, Contact
26. (24) Sage Karam, Chevrolet, 154, Contact
27. (8) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet, 145, Contact
28. (5) Sebastien Bourdais, Honda, 137, Contact
29. (17) Kyle Kaiser, Chevrolet, 110, Mechanical
30. (7) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 67, Contact
31. (22) Ed Jones, Honda, 57, Contact
32. (16) Takuma Sato, Honda, 46, Contact
33. (19) James Davison, Chevrolet, 45, Contact

Race Statistics
Winner's average speed: 166.935 mph.
Time of Race: 2:59:42.636s.
Margin of Victory: 3.1589 seconds.
Cautions: 7 for 41 laps.
Lead changes: 30 among 15 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Carpenter 1-30; Newgarden 31; Pigot 32-34; Carpenter 35-50; Claman De Melo 51-55; Carpenter 56-62; Kanaan 63-64; Carpenter 65-72; Kanaan 73-89; Carpenter 90-91; Power 92-94; Servia, Oriol 95; Bourdais 96; Rahal, Graham 97-105; Claman De Melo 106-107; Power 108-128; Hunter-Reay 129; Bourdais 130-132; Newgarden 133-134; Rahal, Graham 135-137; Munoz, Carlos 138-140; Power 141-170; Carpenter 171-172; Rossi, Alexander 173; Pagenaud, Simon 174; Munoz, Carlos 175; Servia, Oriol 176-177; Wickens, Robert 178-179; Servia, Oriol 180-192; Wilson, Stefan 193-195; Power 196-200.

Point standings: 1. Power 243; 2. Rossi 241; 3. Newgarden 233; 4. Dixon 218; 5. Hunter-Reay 186; 6. Rahal 183; 7. Wickens 178; 8. Bourdais 169; 9. Pagenaud 155; 10. James Hincliff 144.

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP COCA-COLA 600

Sunday at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400 laps, 70 points.
2. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 400, 54.
3. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 49.
4. (5) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 41.
5. (23) Jimmy Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 41.
6. (7) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 47.
7. (11) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 36.
8. (16) Kurt Busch, Ford, 400, 36.
9. (27) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400, 28.
10. (13) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 399, 31.
11. (22) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 399, 30.
12. (28) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 399, 35.
13. (9) Aric Almirola, Ford, 399, 34.
14. (14) Paul Menard, Ford, 399, 23.
15. (10) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 399, 22.
16. (24) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 399, 21.
17. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 399, 20.
18. (29) Michael McDowell, Ford, 399, 19.
19. (4) Erik Jones, Toyota, 399, 29.
20. (26) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
21. (20) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 16.
22. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 399, 15.
23. (30) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 399, 14.
24. (22) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 398, 0.
25. (19) David Ragan, Ford, 396, 12.
26. (33) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 396, 11.
27. (32) Parker Kliggman, Toyota, 394, 0.
28. (35) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 394, 9.
29. (18) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 394, 8.
30. (37) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 389, 7.
31. (34) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 388, 6.
32. (36) Timmy Hill, Ford, 383, 0.
33. (38) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 373, 0.
34. (12) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 348, 3.
35. (6) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 344, 5.
36. (8) Ryan Blaney, Ford, engine, 278, 10.
37. (31) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, oilleak, 257, 1.
38. (40) Jay McElroy, Chevrolet, fuelpump, 191, 0.
39. (21) William Byron, Chevrolet, accident, 139, 1.

Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, def. Anastasiya Sevastova (20), Latvia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Grace Min, United States, 6-3, 6-2.
Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, def. Kaia Kanepi, Estonia, 6-4, 6-1.
Kristen Flipkens, Belgium, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 7-6 (1), 6-4.
Maria Sakkari, Greece, def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Carla Suarez-Navarro (23), Spain, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-0, 6-1.
Georgina Garcia Perez, Spain, def. Dailia Jakupovic, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-4.
Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, def. Danielle Rose Collins, United States, 7-6 (2), 6-1.

GOLF

PGA TOUR

FORD WORTH INVITATIONAL
Sunday's leaders at Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth, Texas; **Purse:** \$7.1 million; **Yardage:** 7,209; **Par:** 70 (35-35).
Final
Justin Rose (500), \$1,278,000 66-64-66-64=260
Brooks Koepka (300), \$766,800 70-63-67-63=263
Emiliano Grillo (190), \$482,800 64-67-69-64=264
Kevin Na (135), \$340,800 62-73-70-61=266
Louis Oosthuizen (100), \$259,150

67-71-64-68=270
68-70-64-68=270
69-68-69=270
71-68-63-69=271
Ben Crane (80), \$205,900 66-69-68-68=271
Joquim Niemann, \$205,900 66-72-66-66=271
Tim Herron (65), \$163,300 66-70-68-68=272
Chris Kirk (65), \$163,300 66-71-67-68=272
Ben Silverman (65), \$163,300 66-69-72-65=272
Ryan Armour (52), \$117,150 68-68-66-71=273
Ricky Fowler (52), \$117,150 67-69-69-68=273
Bill Haas (52), \$117,150 67-73-69-64=273
Brian Harman (52), \$117,150 72-67-64-70=273
Danny Lee (52), \$117,150 70-69-69-65=273
Tyrone Van Aswegen (52), \$117,150

67-67-71-68=273
68-71-70-65=274
Rory Sabbatini (35), \$64,196 66-71-71-66=274
Vaughn Taylor (35), \$64,196 67-70-70-67=274
Jimmy Walker (35), \$64,196 68-70-70-66=274
Joel Dahmen (35), \$64,196 68-69-68-69=274
Harris English (35), \$64,196 68-67-69-70=274
Chesson Hadley (35), \$64,196 67-71-65-67=274
Russell Knox (35), \$64,196 69-69-67-69=274
Satoshi Kodaira (35), \$64,196 66-67-71-70=274
J.T. Poston (35), \$64,196 69-68-65-72=274
Andrew Putnam (35), \$64,196 64-72-70-68=274
Shubhankar Sharma, \$64,196 73-68-66-67=274
Jason Kokrak (20), \$36,068 69-67-68-71=275
Matt Kuchar (20), \$36,068 67-73-65-70=275
Nicholas Lindheim (20), \$36,068

70-72-69-64=275
Ben Martin (20), \$36,068 66-71-68-70=275
William McGirt (20), \$36,068 70-67-67-71=275
Conrad Schnider (20), \$36,068 73-68-68-66=275
Jordan Spieth (20), \$36,068 69-68-70-68=275
Steve Stricker (20), \$36,068 65-72-68-70=275
Brian Stuard (20), \$36,068 70-72-68-65=275
Michael Thompson (20), \$36,068
70-72-64-69=275
Chad Campbell (11), \$21,811 69-70-68-69=276
Bryson DeChambeau (11), \$21,811
68-67-71-70=276
Derek Fathauer (11), \$21,811 67-70-66-73=276
Tom Hoge (11), \$21,811 69-66-72-69=276
Mackenzie Hughes (11), \$21,811
73-68-66-69=276
John Huh (11), \$21,811 69-71-68-68=276
Maverick McNealy, \$21,811 69-72-70-65=276
Ted Petzel Jr. (11), \$21,811 70-70-71-65=276
Brandt Snedeker (11), \$21,811 68-72-63-73=276

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COMMENTARY: IndyCar

Best name in racing shows willpower to win Indy 500

By JENNA FRYER
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INDIANAPOLIS — William Stephen Power was named after his great-grandfather, an Australian motorbike racer who “set records from Toowoomba to Brisbane” and sparked a love of motorsports passed down three generations.

Will Power.

Legendary drag racer John Force called it the greatest name in motorsports.

Now it will forever be linked to “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing.”

Five years after pledging to improve on ovals, Power won on the biggest one in the world and took one of Roger Penske’s cars to victory in the Indianapolis 500. The Indy win was the 17th for Penske, elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame just last week, and made Power the winningest IndyCar driver in Team Penske history.

He’s won 31 times for Penske, but Sunday’s victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway was just his seventh triumph on an oval. His specialty is winning on road and street courses, and no one has been more consistent at those venues than Power over the last decade.

The road to improvement started in 2013, the year after Power coughed up another championship, and he turned his focus toward mastering those vexing ovals on the schedule. When he won that season’s finale in California, he declared himself fit to consistently challenge for wins.

He conquered the Milwaukee Mile the next year, the year he became a champion, and has since won twice at Pocono, once at Texas and now on the grandest stage in



Indianapolis 500 champion Will Power, of Australia, kisses the Borg-Warner Trophy during the traditional winners photo session Monday at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis.

motorsports.

“I just got better and better and better at ovals. Just absolutely love them now,” Power said Monday. “Understand them so well. I know exactly what I want, exactly how the car should feel, know how to drive them, know when to take risks. That just took time. Now I would race them every week if I could.”

Yes, his path to this life-changing Indy 500 victory began five years ago with an attitude change.

The extra push he needed came a month ago, at an NHRA event at Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

Power had the weekend off, and having never been to the drag races, he figured an afternoon in a different environment might do some good. The first four races of the IndyCar season had not gone his way: He’d been in two race-ending accidents and was seventh in the championship standings.

That day at zMax Dragway, watching NHRA

drivers race four-wide down the strip, helped turn Power’s season around.

He was stopped everywhere he went in the paddock and given an in-depth tour of the cars, engines and setup from Funny Car driver Ron Capps. Courtney Force, who is married to IndyCar regular Graham Rahal, took a selfie with Power to show “at least one IndyCar driver came to see me on their weekend off,” because her husband had a prior engagement.

Then Power saw Courtney Force’s father, 16-time champion John Force and one of the most powerful personalities in motorsports. Power broke free from his group, raced over to Force and was entertained for 30 minutes by racing stories told in Force’s bold, embellishing style.

As Power made his way out of the paddock, he was randomly stopped by the father of seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson, who recognized Power in passing and told him

what he fan he was of the driver.

When the day ended and Power and his wife headed home, his demeanor had changed. He had that swagger back, admitting the afternoon was a massive confidence-booster before heading to Indy.

Power got to the great gray speedway nestled in a neighborhood and won on the road course, the warmup to the Indy 500. His toddler son took his first steps while the family was in Indianapolis. He didn’t make a mistake the entire month of May and parlayed that into the biggest win of his career.

“It was kind of the turning point. I went down there and had a really good time,” Power said of the trip to the drag races. “We were joking around a lot. That’s like, the happiest times in your life, when you are around friends and you are totally in the moment, joking around, trying to be funny, and not thinking about the past or the future. That was a day like that.”

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AP PHOTO

Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series race at Charlotte Motor Speedway Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Harvick, Busch out front at halfway point

By PETE IACOBELLI
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CONCORD, N.C. — At NASCAR’s halfway point, it sure looks like a two-man race to the title between past champions Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch.

They have combined to win nine of 13 races — 10 of 14 counting this month’s All-Star race — and neither expects to slow down during the second half of NASCAR’s 26-race regular season.

Busch and Harvick were the headliners again Sunday night. Busch led 377 of 400 laps to win the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Harvick, who had won the past two points races and the All-Star race, was not around at the end. But he did make a charge from 39th to fourth over the first 70 laps before an accident took him to the garage.

While the rest of NASCAR is scrambling to make a summer playoff run, Harvick and Busch are preparing for bigger things.

“Our goal is to playoff race every week,” said Harvick, the 2014 series champion. “I think as we’re doing that right now as an organization that’s still the goal going forward.”

Busch, like Harvick in March, won three straight races earlier this year and both teams look capable of running off several more victories before the playoffs begin in Las Vegas in September.

After 13 races last season, there were 10 drivers with a victory, securing them a spot in the 16-man playoffs. The dominance of Harvick and Busch this year means only six drivers have won races, perhaps making points racing to qualify more a focus in the second half.

Denny Hamlin, who has missed the playoffs just once from 2006 through 2017, stands seventh in the points and is one of those winless drivers who could be shuffled to the outside without that victory. Hamlin, Busch’s Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, said the difference this year has been finding that little bit of speed that’s the difference between ending up out front or further down standings.

“We’re disappointed,” said Hamlin, third at Charlotte. “It’s something we’re going to continue to look for.”

Truex won last year’s title with eight victories. He won the Auto Club 400 in California this season to lock into the playoffs.

Busch is 33 and racing at his best. He’s looking forward to the rest of the season, no matter who stands in his way. Few things make him happier than being in the car competing for a victory.

“He doesn’t settle for less from himself and doesn’t settle less from the people around him,” Stevens said. “I take comfort for that, personally. You know what you are going to get. He’s hard to beat.”

TENNIS

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The owner of one of the prettiest one-handed backhands in the sport, Wawrinka — who is again working with coach Magnus Norman — only managed 12 winners, compared with 35 unforced errors, with that shot. He finished with 72 unforced errors in all, 32 more than Garcia-Lopez, who never has been past the fourth round at a major tournament.

“There is no frustration. It’s just tough,” said the 33-year-old Wawrinka, who’s been as high as No. 3 in the rankings. “But I’m on the right way. It was very close today.”

Djokovic — a former No. 1 now ranked 22nd,



AP PHOTO

Switzerland’s Stan Wawrinka closes his eyes during a press conference after losing to Spain’s Guillermo Garcia-Lopez in their first round match of the French Open Monday in Paris.

his worst spot since 2006 — beat 134th-ranked qualifier Rogerio Dutra Silva of Brazil 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, quickly recovering after dropping the opening two games.

Since winning the 2016 French Open to complete a career Grand Slam and become the first man in

nearly a half-century to collect four consecutive major trophies, Djokovic has taken a step back. He has not added another major championship since, and after dealing with right elbow trouble for more than a year, he finally opted for surgery in February.

“I had to dig deep,” Djokovic said, discussing the work it took to try to rebuild his game.

“It has been difficult to face ... the most, say, challenging injury that I have ever had. It’s been a long 12 months behind me, but I’m starting to play better, I feel like, in the past couple of weeks,” said Djokovic, who is being coached at Roland Garros by his former long-time mentor Marian Vajda. “Not thinking about the elbow. Playing pain-free, which is the most important thing at the moment.”

The third past men’s champion on the schedule for Day 2, No. 1-seeded Rafael Nadal, did not complete his match, which was suspended along with several others because of rain in the evening.

SOCCER

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“It seems like I feel more for Messi than Rosarinos,” Oshin Gharibi, 32, said as he watched the match next to his girlfriend, Lena Wagner, 23. She wore a Barcelona shirt adorned with Messi’s number 10 on the back.

“Messi is such a big star from such a small place,” Gharibi said. “How can you not give him the recognition that he deserves?”

It’s a mystery that confounds many. Cristiano Ronaldo has an airport named after him on his Portuguese home island of Madeira; Pele has his museum in his Brazilian native city of Santos; even Rocky Balboa — a fictional boxer — has been paid homage with a statue in Philadelphia. So why does Rosario seem to have an ambivalent relationship with the world’s most famous footballer?

Many here seem to come back to the same theories: a soccer-mad city divided by the rivalry of its two beloved clubs; the comparisons to Diego Maradona; and the idea that anything but winning is worthless. In a decade of winning trophies for

Barcelona, the best player of his generation has yet to deliver a World Cup for Argentina — as Maradona did in 1986. Russia might be the last chance for Messi, who will turn 31 during the tournament.

Rosario, a river port and Argentina’s third-largest city is located about 180 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. It’s best known for being the country’s agricultural hub, the hometown of revolutionary leader Ernesto “Che” Guevara, and a talent factory for some of Argentina’s best footballers and coaches. But for Rosarinos only two clubs matter: Rosario Central and Newell’s Old Boys, its eternal rival and Messi’s childhood club.

“You breathe football everywhere in Rosario, but, curiously, the air doesn’t smell of Messi,” author Guillem Balague writes in “Messi,” the official biography.

Everybody seems to have a story about Messi, but “the city does not seem to want to gloat. It’s almost as if it is considered vulgar to have his face posted everywhere,” Balague says. But “when you ask him what his favorite memories are, he is in no doubt. ‘My home, my neighborhood, where I was born.’”

NCAA

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I was curious to see if they were going to be a clear-cut (choice) once we got into the committee room, and they continued to be, despite not finishing the way coach O’Sullivan would have wanted them to finish. They clearly were the No. 1 seed with all the metrics considered.”

Play begins Friday in 16 regionals. Winners advance to eight best-of-three super regionals. Those winners move on to the College World Series in Omaha.

The NCAA seeded 16 teams for the first time. There had been eight seeds previously.

Stanford (44-10) is the No. 2 seed, followed by Oregon State (44-10-1), Mississippi (46-15), Arkansas (39-18), North Carolina (38-18), Florida State (43-17) and Georgia (37-19).

Seeds nine through 16 are Texas Tech (39-17), Clemson (45-14), Stetson (45-11), East Carolina (43-16), Texas (43-20), Minnesota (41-13), Coastal Carolina (42-17) and North Carolina State (40-16).

Florida, the regular-season champion in the

Southeastern Conference, is the only team to earn a national seed in each of the last five seasons.

“Obviously, we haven’t played well lately, but coming home and having a full week of practice before the regional will certainly help,” O’Sullivan said. “We’ll try to get healthy ahead of the weekend and get some guys back on track before we play Columbia on Friday. At the end of the day, everybody has a clean slate now, and our guys will be as motivated as anyone to show everyone how good they are.”

Florida State, at 41 appearances in a row, has the longest active streak, but no national championships to show for them.

“For me to say a national championship isn’t important is as dumb a thing as anybody can say. Darn right it’s important,” said Seminole coach Mike Martin, whose 1,987 career wins are an NCAA record. “Every coach that works is striving to be known as the top dog when it’s all said and done. That is something our program is lacking and we’re working very hard to achieve that.”