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Bill Clinton bristles at questions on Lewinsky, #MeToo

The former Democratic president claimed credit for empowering women in his orbit and disputed that he might owe Lewinsky a private apology, insisting his public televised apology was adequate. *See The News Wire*

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North Port parking rules back on agenda

By LAUREN COFFEY
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — After a lengthy discussion was cut short, parking regulations will once again be discussed by the City Commission.

At their May 22 meeting, the North Port commissioners gave consensus on several items, which will be further discussed and possibly approved at their meeting on Thursday.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in City Commission chambers and starting at 4 p.m. there will be a recognition portion for city proclamations.

The general consensus for parking would be to limit the number of vehicles to some extent, based on the size of resident's property. Lots under 11,000 square feet, which is a single family lot, are limited to six vehicles. Lots that are 11,001 to 22,000 square feet, which is an average of two lots, can have eight vehicles.

Lots over 22,000 square get eight vehicles and for every 10,000 square feet get one more vehicle. There is a maximum of 12 vehicles.

There will also be discussion and possible action on a historical registry record system and angled parking along U.S. 41. Both of those items had to be removed from the May 22 agenda due to the lengthy parking discussion.

A presentation on body cameras is also on the meeting agenda, set to be given by interim Police Chief Chris Morales. North Port Police have dashboard cameras in their vehicles but do not have body cameras, which are worn by officers.

The meeting can be viewed online at cityofnorthport.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx or on Youtube under "city of North Port."

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State: Leave wildlife alone

Fine is \$500 for hunting 'gators, \$100 for feeding raccoons

By STEVE REILLY
STAFF WRITER

A North Port man and a Punta Gorda woman learned recently that Florida takes wildlife violations seriously.

North Port resident Justin Laidler, 19, was cited for illegal alligator hunting, according to reports from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. He was charged with a second-degree misdemeanor that could result in a \$500 fine

and 60 days in jail.

Wildlife officers cited Punta Gorda resident Marie Ross, 71, for repeatedly feeding raccoons. She was charged with a civil misdemeanor and fined \$100.

Illegal gator hunting

Laidler faces charges for killing a 9-foot alligator in North Port without a license.

According to reports, officers received calls about someone illegally hunting

alligators in a secluded canal at Yorkshire Street in North Port. Investigating officers spotted Laidler, whom they deemed "suspicious."

"(Officers) drove around the block and within a short time they heard gunshots," the report stated. "When they came back to the location they saw (Laidler) with some bolt cutters going down the embankment of the bridge."

When asked if he was OK (Laidler) said yes, that he had fired a few shots but

everything was fine," the report states. "A short while later, the investigators identified themselves and found a 9-foot alligator dead on the bank."

Wildlife officers reported Laidler possessed a Taurus Millennium 9mm pistol and a hand line with a steel leader and a large hook, equipment common to alligator hunting.

Officers charged Laidler with possession of an alligator

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Punta Gorda looks at measures to help prevent card skimmers at gas pumps

By DANIEL SUTPHIN
STAFF WRITER

While there has only been one credit card skimming attempt in Punta Gorda in 2018, the City Council is considering developing an ordinance to protect people at the city's gas stations.

In May, a card skimmer was found at a gas pump at the Mobil gas station on Burnt Store Road and U.S. 41 in Punta Gorda.

"We have only had one skimmer found within the city limits over the past nine years," said Punta Gorda Police Chief Pam Davis.

Davis said that most of her experience with credit card skimmers comes after the fact when people report fraudulent charges on their cards.

"Most of the time, fraudulent charges related to skimmers have been outside our jurisdiction," said Davis. "We identify the jurisdiction and forward the case to them for investigation."

Currently, Davis said officers regularly patrol gas stations and banks.

"We also educate our citizens through social media and community meetings," said



PHOTOS PROVIDED

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Skimmers are illegal card readers that can be attached to payment terminals, such as gas pumps or ATMs. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the skimmers take data off a credit or debit card's magnetic stripe. Criminals can then sell the stolen data or use it to buy things online.

In Charlotte County, there have been three other reports in the last six to eight months, according to Katie Heck, public information officer with the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

"(There were) two at Marathon stations awhile back," said Heck, "one caught before the business even opened for the day."

There was also one reported at a

Pik-N-Run over the weekend.

Heck said that a county-wide ordinance would need to be proposed and implemented by the County Commission.

"I'm not aware of any staff or commissioner discussions on this topic as far as proposed ordinances being considered," said Brian Gleason, communications manager with the county.

The City Council will be discussing a potential ordinance at Wednesday's council meeting. The discussion will be based on an ordinance passed in Cape Coral.

The Cape Coral ordinance requires that each gas pump have a locking device with a unique key to restrict access to a customer's payment card information, according to the City Council's agenda.

As an alternative, the owner of the gas pump may

install a device that renders the pump inoperable if there is an unauthorized opening of the gas pump panel or a payment card encryption device.

City Council member Lynne Matthews said she asked the city to begin a discussion of an ordinance to protect Punta Gorda residents and visitors at the pumps.

"Since it happened here once," said Matthews, "and since Cape Coral has taken such a solid stand on the subject due to numerous problems they have had, I thought it was worthy of discussion and for us to be proactive."

On its website, FTC noted ways to spot skimmers at a gas pump.

People should make sure

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Vote centers: The next big thing in Florida elections?

By STEVE BOUSQUET
TIMES/HERALD BUREAU

Florida voters spoke loudly in the 2016 presidential election: More than two-thirds of them voted early or by mail, not on election day.

That clear preference has county elections officials thinking about a big change to the use of regional vote centers in the future. An increasingly mobile society and the widespread support for early voting makes it inevitable, experts say, that people will vote at regional sites.

Check the numbers: More people voted early than by

mail or on election day in 2016.

Voters could go to any vote center in their county and cast a ballot, and the traditional neighborhood polling place at a VFW hall or church would be a thing of the past. No matter where you live and vote, the correct ballot for your precinct would be provided on demand at a vote center.

"People want to vote early, and they want to vote by mail," says Orange County Supervisor of Elections Bill Cowles in Orlando, where 73 percent of voters cast early or mail ballots in 2016.

In a survey of all 67 county election supervisors, more than two-thirds of those participating favored the idea of vote centers, and fewer than a third opposed the idea.

Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Hillsborough all like the concept.

"We already know how to plan and execute this," said Hillsborough County elections chief Craig Latimer. "Vote centers would eliminate any confusion voters may have about where they are required to vote on Election Day, because they could vote anywhere."

Hernando voted yes for vote



TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTO

An election worker loads mail ballots in Pinellas County in 2016.

centers. So did Collier, Lake, Osceola, St. Lucie, Santa Rosa and Pasco.

"Voters are flocking to early voting more and more

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North Port budget talks kick off

By **LAUREN COFFEY**
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — While the final decisions are still a month away, the City Commission began reviewing some of the city departments' wish-list projects for the 2019 fiscal year budget.

The commission met Monday to review initial proposed budgets for projects in the capital improvement plans. The capital improvement plan includes any project over \$50,000 for all the departments. Each

department presented a list of projects they wish to have for fiscal year 2019, which begins October. The requests below will not all be included in the final budget or even the next budget presentation.

City Manager Pete Lear will choose to cut some or revise some requests based on commission feedback and simply crunching numbers. There will be another three-day budget session in July, and the final budget decisions will be voted on in September.

Public Safety (Fire Rescue and Police)

- Public Safety Training Complex: \$488,250

It would be near the driving track off of Price Boulevard and both Fire Chief Scott Titus and City Manager Pete Lear hope it could be a regional draw for other city departments. "One of the things to consider is entire project could be a public safety training and it could be regional to attract other entities as well," Lear said.

"That's where the school and technical college (partnership) could really help. It could be a great thing for our city as a whole and it could be a regional asset, so you wouldn't have to go all the way to north Sarasota."

- Fire Station 81 Renovation: \$2,775,000.
- Emergency Operations Center and City Hall Generator: \$1,250,000

The biggest cost would be the City Hall generator. The building currently does not have

a backup generator, which Titus said is crucial during emergencies. Lear added suggested placing it in City Hall versus Fire Station 81 because during an emergency, all firefighters would be in the station. With a generator, there would not be room for them use as living quarters.

- Fire Station 86 - West Villages Independent District: \$250,000

Impact fees collected in West Villages from the city would go to pay for the project. It is

unknown if West Villages or the city would build the project, should it get approved. "1,000 people come in a month and many of them are in the West Villages," Titus said. "And I can't in good conscience say 'Let's wait another year,' that scares me. I don't feel like we're being proactive, I feel like we're getting on the 8 ball."

- Police Station Renovation: \$400,000.

"Many times we have realized the building

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'Dormant' IMPAC building could get second life

By **DANIEL SUTPHIN**
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The city is considering rezoning the four-plus acres of 900 W. Marion Ave., formerly known as the IMPAC building.

If the rezoning is approved by the City Council, the area will serve as an upgraded facility for the Military Heritage Museum, a hotel, local office space, an auditorium and condominiums in the Punta Gorda area.

"The site was purchased by the applicant to complement and support Fishermen's Village," said Geri Waksler, attorney for McCrory Law Firm.

Integrated Control Systems, IMPAC, built the \$6 million training facility in Punta Gorda in 1994.

"We are excited to take a large vacant building

and revitalize it to a new use," said Kathy Burnam, marketing and events manager with Fishermen's Village.

The proposed rezoning will retain the site's existing configuration. No major changes to the existing site are being proposed, neither are any new buildings.

"What this does is allow is for the establishment of a mixed-use project," said Waksler. "The applicant will renovate the interior of all the buildings."

Waksler said that building one will be converted to a hotel with 25 rooms. Building two will house the Military Heritage Museum. In building two, there is also 3,500 square feet of office space, as well as a 244-seat auditorium.

"The auditorium is envisioned as an amenity

for both residents and guests of this site and for the overnight guests at Fishermen's Village," said Waksler. "Movies, entertainment, presentations can all be offered in the auditorium, but it will not be open to the general public so it will not generate any additional traffic. The Fishermen's Village people have golf cart and walkability (access) to the site. We're not anticipating any additional traffic."

The third building will be converted into nine condominium units. According to Waksler, all the buildings will maintain their existing footprints.

"The only new construction that is proposed is a driveway connection from building three to the existing drive which accesses W. Retta Esplanade," said

Waksler. "That's new. That doesn't exist right now. That allows for traffic flow through the entire site (and) creates a better flow of traffic ... that is the only change to the site that is currently proposed."

The property has been vacant for several years.

According to Lisa Hannon, zoning official with the city, the property is currently zoned as neighborhood residential and designated to have 15 units per acre, which only permits residential uses.

"The IMPAC University was approved by special exception in 1992 for the use of the university," said Hannon. "The special exception 07-92 was terminated upon discontinuance of the use in 2011."

Traffic in the area is a big issue. To address

it, Waksler said that a transportation study was conducted and included with the rezoning application to the city.

"The study found that adopted levels of service on all the surrounding roadways will be maintained," said Waksler. "That means that the traffic that this project will generate will not exceed the traffic for which the road was designed and will not exceed the standard amount of traffic that has been adopted by the City Council as being the maximum amount of traffic that's allowed."

Waksler said that the proposed redevelopment stands to benefit the city.

"This proposed redevelopment benefits the city by officially utilizing the existing infrastructure, utility infrastructure and roadway

infrastructure, broadening the city's tourist amenities and options," said Waksler. "The addition of an upgraded Military Heritage Museum also enhances the city's cultural offerings."

Ultimately, Waksler said, the rezoning will benefit the Punta Gorda community in the long run.

"It diversifies the city's tax space by incorporating new commercial uses by the proposed office and hotel," she said.

"Perhaps, most importantly, it will allow a long dormant site to once again become a vibrant part of the community."

City staff recommended the approval of the rezoning to the city's planning commission. In order to revive the vacant buildings, the rezoning will have to be approved by the City Council.

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Libraries kick off summer learning program

By **ALEXANDRA HERRERA**
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NORTH PORT — This Saturday, families can take a trip back to the 1980s at the Shannon Staub Public Library.

The Rock the '80s Party marks the official launch of this summer's reading and activity program for kids and teens at the library.

According to Erin Carter, reference librarian for the library, this year the facility chose a musical theme for its summer program.

She said the librarians at Shannon Staub picked the '80s theme for the

kick-off party, figuring parents and children would enjoy it.

"(There) is something for everybody," she said.

On Saturday, families will have an opportunity to do a variety of activities, from face painting and crafts to a "Stranger Things" escape room for teens.

The event kicks off at 11:30 a.m. with story time where "Jumanji" by Chris van Allsburg will be read, and music by DJ Jam All Day begins at 1 p.m. playing a variety of '80s music.

"Footloose" by Kenny Loggins will also be read during one of the other

story times on Saturday.

Carter said the "Stranger Things" escape room, which is based on the Netflix show, will be held at a variety of times and the objective is to find Character 11.

"(There) will be an '80s arcade, board games, (and) food," Carter said.

There will also be a photo booth and an '80s themed photo contest. The event is free and open to all ages.

Saturday's event marks the kick of Sarasota County Libraries summer learning program, which runs until Aug. 4. Kids will have an opportunity to win prizes by logging

and reviewing the books they have read.

Carter says that the kids will have to meet a goal to receive a prizes from the library.

In addition to reading, kids can also participate in a variety of activities like dance workshops, a party centered around the Broadway musical "Hamilton," among other music themed activities.

This year's summer theme is Libraries Rock! and activities are centered around the music, according to Carter.

Carter said the library will also have calendars and information available for the summer program.

The Rock the 80s Party begins at 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Saturday at The Shannon Staub Library, 4675 Career Lane, North Port, all events are free and open to the public.

To see a full list of library activities at the Shannon Staub Library or any other Sarasota County Library branch visit scgov.net/library or call 941-861-5000 with any questions.

The Shannon Staub Public Library is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday.

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Charlotte Harbor CRA to no longer hear rezoning, special exception, variance requests

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The Charlotte Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee will no longer review rezonings, special exceptions, and variances in order to make a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals. The change to the Charlotte Harbor Community Revitalization Plan was made at the committee's meeting Monday.

According to Economic Development Director Lucienne Pears, the amendment is part of an ongoing effort to bring consistency to the role and responsibility of CRAs, as well as decreasing county liability. Similar changes are being made

to the Murdock Village CRA, she said.

Chairman James Herston was initially hesitant to adopt the change.

"We have no power as an advisory committee, so what's wrong with our advice to the people who have all the power?" he asked.

Assistant County Attorney Tom David said the problem is that the advice essentially becomes an ex parte communication, in violation of the quasi-judicial process.

Quasi-judicial hearings conducted by the Board of Zoning Appeals must be based on competent substantial evidence. Applicants are required to have due process and must hear the testimony of any

witnesses speaking for or against their request, in order to cross-examine them, should they choose.

"I think the board appreciates your input but the appropriate process is to do it at the hearing so that everybody's on the same page or in writing or some other way," David said.

Committee Member Delmar Wooden said the change made sense to him, as the committee's involvement has slowed down projects in the past.

"It seems appropriate to me that this is where it should have been all along," he said.

Pears said the advisory committee will still have a significant amount of influence in writing the code which

the Board of Zoning Appeals is responsible for enforcing through its hearing process.

Herston and Wooden both voted for the change, while the two other committee members present abstained. Vice Chair Garland Wilson stated he did not believe an action from the advisory committee was actually required as the change will go forward with or without the committee's approval. Committee Member Charlotte Ventola felt she needed more context to understand the change.

Updates on three county projects were also given by county staff at the meeting Monday:

- Art in the Park, a project involving

painting and artwork at Live Oak Point, has been postponed indefinitely until the county knows when the hurricane damage repairs will be complete and the park can be reopened.

• The Harborwalk project is slightly behind schedule due to weather delays and tide issues. The contractor has been awarded 18 additional contract days, and will begin working Saturdays to catch up.

• A contractor for hurricane damage repairs at Live Oak Point and Bayshore Park is expected to be chosen this month after the county receives bids for the project.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

LBDT Club meets

The next meeting of the Lemon Bay Touchdown Club will be 7 p.m. tonight in Coach Don Southwell's classroom No. 235 at Lemon Bay High School, 2201 Placida Road, Englewood. The group is the booster club for the Lemon Bay football program. Discussion will include the recent fundraising golf tournament and the annual LBDT Inshore Offshore fishing tournament set for Aug. 4. For more information, like Lemon Bay Touchdown Club on Facebook.

Groundbreaking ceremony set

The Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners has scheduled a ceremonial groundbreaking for the South County Recreation Center renovation for 9 a.m. today, June 5 at the recreation center, 670 Cooper St., Punta Gorda. The project includes a fitness room and a multi-purpose room. The renovation is funded by the voter-approved 1-percent local option sales tax passed in 2014. Construction is scheduled to be completed in spring 2019.

For more information, contact Communications Manager Brian Gleason at 941-743-1462 or Brian.Gleason@CharlotteCountyFL.gov.

Volunteers needed

North Port's Meals on Wheels is growing and seeks volunteer drivers and kitchen assistants. It is moving into a larger facility and increasing its client base. Anyone interested can call Teddy Repose at 941-685-6969 or email npmealson-wheels@gmail.com

Dance at Library

Start the summer off with an exciting dance party! On Wednesday, June 6, the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood, will be hosting a Libraries Rock! Dance Party from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The dance is for ages up to 11. Enjoy music, photo booth and other fun activities as we kickoff the summer learning program with DJ Jamaal Day (Jam All Day Entertainment). For more information, call 861-5000 or stop by the Library.

'Not So Formal, Formal'

The Port Charlotte Moose Lodge 2121, 3462 Loveland Blvd., Port Charlotte, will host a "Not so Formal, Formal" dinner dance on Saturday, June 9. Dinner (chicken or steak, veggies, potato, slaw and roll) will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with music and dancing from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 and includes dinner or \$5 for dance only. Proceeds benefit the Women of the Moose Charities and Quarters for a Cause. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 941-286-2056.

Summer learning program

The Sarasota County Libraries' Summer Learning program returns through Aug. 4. Shannon Staub Public Library will celebrate its with a "Rock the '80s" kickoff party is from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Officials said there are activities for everyone, including a disc jockey from 1-3 p.m., "creating the soundtrack for our '80s prom party." The storytime event will feature Kenny Loggins' "Footloose" along with Chris van Allsburg's "Jumanji" and have dancing and audience participation, the library said. It also has face painting, arcade games, crafts, an escape room for teens based on "Stranger Things," prizes and more.

Chicken dinner at Legion

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 113, Rotonda West, will again have its incredible Chicken Dinner June 9 at the Post, 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda. The

menu will include a one-half baked chicken, macaroni salad, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and butter, and dessert. Dinner is served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be music in the lounge from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Advance tickets until June 8 are \$10 (see the bartender), and will be \$12 at the door. Call the Post at 941-697-3616 for information. The public is welcome.

Women's Forum to meet

The Peace River Federated Republican Women's Forum will be meeting on Wednesday, June 13, at the Isles Yacht Club, 1780 W. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda. The meeting will begin at noon and end at 1 p.m. (social time 11:30-12). Lunch is \$20 for members and \$22 for guests. Guest speaker will be the candidates for the United States House of Representatives, District 17, Bill Atkins, State Representative Julio Gonzalez, House District 74, and State Senator Greg Steube, Senate District 23. For reservations, email: peaceriverforum@gmail.com or call 941-916-7224.

Safe boating

Coast Guard Auxiliary hosts a Safe Boating class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 18 for a cost of \$45 per person or \$65

per couple. It will be held at the Flotilla 92 Building, 7030 Chancellor Blvd., North Port. For more information or to register, call Philip Caroleo at 516-909-0784 or email jetski2pdc@aol.com

Jungle Book workshop

Children ages 5-11 are invited to register for a Jungle Book Adventure Workshop from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. June 9 at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. Using Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book" as inspiration, Asolo Rep's theatrical workshops provide the opportunity for participants to create their own storytelling jungle adventure. Registration is required at scgov.net/library.

Comedy for a Cause cast reveal

The kickoff party and unveiling of the Comedy for a Cause cast will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at South Port Square, 23023 Westchester Blvd., Port Charlotte. Complimentary food and beverages. Proceeds from Comedy for a Cause support the Charlotte Players, Kids on Stage program and Imagination Library. For more information, call 941-255-1022.

Casino trip

Knights of Columbus Council 7997 hosts a bus trip to Immokalee Casino on June 11; Buses board at 8 a.m. at North Port Wal-Mart. The cost is \$25. For more information or reservations, call Michael at 941-400-7416.

Mad Science

Summer fun at the Elsie Quirk Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood, continues from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, with Mad Science: Sounds Like Science. The Mad Scientist will unlock the mystery of sound using ordinary items to make spectacular noises. This program, for children ages 5-11, is funded by the Friends of Elsie Quirk Library. For more information, call 861-5000 or stop by the Library.

Dinner dance to be held

The Italian Heritage Social Club will host a '50s dinner dance from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 at The Woman's Club, 118 Sullivan St., Punta Gorda. Dinner includes baked chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables and homemade desserts. Entertainment will be provided by the Don & Jo Show. Tickets are \$15 per person. RSVP by June 14 to 941-235-3303.

BUDGET

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we're currently in is at capacity," Interim Police Chief Chris Morales said. "The past several years we've expanded created new units. We've been making due and adjusting and creating new space for new staff. What became alarming when our property evidence said we're at capacity."

Morales explained many times, evidence is legally required to be kept for many years. The department is currently

housing over 32,000 pieces of evidence.

- Budget to purchase 24 vehicles, which include 14 replacement vehicles, six undercover narcotics detective vehicles, four possible West Villages officers and an armored vehicle: \$1.2 million

Information Technology

Staffers had three main requests for using capital improvement funds. The commissioners did not have comments for the projects. This does not mean

all three projects are approved or will even be in the next version of the budget presented to the commission.

- Police data center disaster recovery: \$232,450
- City Hall backup and recovery upgrades: \$118,390
- Video surveillance at Butler Park, Atwater Park and Family Service Center: \$50,000

Parks and Recreation

- Blueways/Greenways access for Blue Ridge Park: \$150,000 paid for by impact fees

- Blueways/Greenways access for South Myakkahatchee Creek Trailhead: \$165,850, looking to be paid for by grants. If it does not get a grant, it will come back to the commission for direction. The trailhead would be near the skate park and provide parking for existing trails nearby.

- Parking lot improvements for the Community Education Center: \$500,000 paid for from surtax

While the North Port Aquatic Center will have more in-depth conversations later on, commissioners directed staff to

look making some staff full-time versus almost all part-time positions. They also asked for staff to look into if hiring internally versus outsourcing would be more cost efficient. They also asked staff to look into the costs of improving acoustics in the Morgan and Mullen centers.

Public Works

- Expansion of Price Boulevard: impact fees — \$2,403,000 using impact fees, \$1,081,000 using capacity fees, \$1,081,000 from grants and \$35,782,320 from

loans.

- Angled parking along Tamiami Trail: \$385,000 using surtax. Commission directed staff to ensure angled parking would be done along both sides of the street, in the area between North Port Boulevard and Bolander Terrace and between Landover Terrace and Almonte Terrace.

The commissioners will address the Utilities Capital Improvement plan today, along with the regular district budgets.

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WILDLIFE

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without a permit/trapper's license. The officers took the alligator carcass to the Cecil Webb Wildlife Management Area, where it could be "returned to the food chain."

Alligator hunters have an opportunity to hunt legally.

"Since 1988, Florida's statewide alligator harvest has been nationally and internationally recognized as a model program for the sustainable use

of a renewable natural resource," said Rob Klepper, public information coordinator for the Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"Each year, alligator management units are established with appropriate harvest quotas to provide recreational opportunities for hunters," he said. More information can be found on myfwc.com.

Don't feed wildlife

When it comes to feeding wildlife, state officers prefer to educate

first-time violators.

"It's never a good idea to feed wildlife," Klepper cautioned, explaining how feeding wildlife can result in the animals becoming nuisances and potentially dangerous to humans. "They can fend for themselves. Give wildlife space and let them be wild."

An officer did try to dissuade Marie Ross from feeding raccoons on a prior occasion. Officers, however, received a call that she continued feeding raccoons.

According to reports, an officer watched Ross walk to the end of her driveway,

looking around as if she was trying to see if anyone was watching. She spotted the officer and waved to him, then went back inside her house at the 700 block of Hazel Street.

The officer drove around the block where he could watch Ross. While waiting for her to return, a large number of raccoons emerged from wooded area across the street from the Ross' house. About an hour later, Ross came out and started throwing food out for the raccoons.

The officer then approached Ross and

FWC WILDLIFE PENALTIES

- First offense: No criminal penalties, \$100 civil fine.
- Second offense: A criminal second-degree misdemeanor, up to a \$500 fine and 60 days jail sentence.
- Third offense: First-degree misdemeanor, up to \$1,000 fine and one-year jail sentence.
- Fourth offense: Third-degree felony, up to a \$5,000 fine and five-year jail sentences.

More detailed information can be found on myfwc.com.

told her she was going to receive a civil citation for creating a public nuisance by feeding the raccoons. The officer contacted a trapper, due to the number of raccoons that became accustomed to eating food at her home, the report states. The raccoons would

be destroyed, rather than relocated.

Ross said Monday she paid the fine.

"I won't ever feed them again," Ross said, but she doesn't know how to keep the raccoons out of her trash cans.

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SKIMMERS

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that the gas pump panel is closed and doesn't show any signs of tampering. Stations put security seals over the pump

panel. If the pump panel is opened, the label is supposed to read "void," meaning the machine has been tampered with.

Before inserting a credit or debit card, a person can try to wiggle the card reader. If it moves, report it to the

attendant and use a different pump.

If possible, run the card as a credit card instead of entering a PIN. By doing this, the PIN number is safe and the money isn't deducted immediately from the account. If that's

not possible, a person should cover his or her hand when entering the PIN. Some scammers use tiny pinhole cameras to record PIN entries. Also, be sure to monitor any credit card or bank accounts to spot any unauthorized charges.

Patrons can also just pay inside to avoid any potential skimmer situation.

As of this report, any potential ordinance is only at the discussion stage.

"We don't have any language written at this

time," said Davis. "That would be part of the discussion at the City Council (meeting)."

The City Council will meet Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the council chambers, located at 326 W Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda.

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VOTE

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and more. Early voting came back in a huge way in 2016," said Pasco Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley. "But I don't think vote centers are ready for prime time in Florida. Let's give it a test drive and see how it works."

Questions persist about whether some counties would have enough big sites with enough parking and that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Pinellas Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark, who has aggressively promoted voting by mail for more than a decade, does not support the concept of vote centers.

"I really don't think it would be an improvement over our current system," Clark said. She said each county needs to decide what's best for its voters.

In the survey, counties said the advantages of vote centers include allowing people to vote anywhere and a need for fewer poll workers and sites, which could save money. But one of the

biggest disadvantages cited is a potential backlash from voters over the change from traditional neighborhood voting to a new system.

Other counties that expressed opposition include Alachua, Brevard, Duval, Leon, Marion, Monroe and Polk.

Thirteen states use now vote centers, according to the National Conference of State

Legislatures.

The state of Colorado mails ballots to all voters whether they request them or not. Florida supervisors were evenly split (22-22) on whether they liked that idea.

Florida requires a minimum of eight days and allows up to 14 days of early voting, ending on the Sunday before election day. Controversy swirled two years ago as

Democrats said some counties offered too little early voting.

The Legislature would need to approve the idea of vote centers. Cowles said supervisors are inclined to keep the current voting system in place for now and in the 2020 presidential election and may propose vote centers as a pilot project for the next mid-term election in 2022.

Punta Gorda man was WWII tail gunner

Editor's note: This story originally appeared in January's Sun.

Jim Hicks, of Emerald Lake Mobile Home Park in Punta Gorda, was the tail gunner on a B-25, twin-engine attack bomber, part of 81st Squadron, 12th Bombardment Group, 10th Air Force in the China Burma and India Theatre during World War II.

He was a staff sergeant in the military.

His squadron's primary duty was to provide air support for Merrill's Marauders — a highly regarded American long-range jungle penetration unit. The outfit's main accomplishment was capturing the Japanese all-weather air base at Myitkyina, Burma, and destroying enemy troops and communications on the way to the base.

Looking back on this military career the 93-year-old local resident recalled, "I wanted to be in Naval Aviation, so I joined the Aviation Cadet Program, but I flunked the physical — I had a heart problem. Then I signed up for the Army Air Corps, lied about my medical condition, and was accepted."

After basic training, he attended gunnery school at Buckingham Army Air Field in Fort Myers and graduated in August 1943. From there Hicks went to Columbia, S.C., where he became part of a five-man B-25 bomber crew.

"After we crewed-up, they loaded us into B-24, four-engine bombers converted into troop transports and were flown to North Africa and then on to Karachi, India. We ended up in a little town called Fenny, India.

"Fenny was a very crude, rural Indian village. All the buildings were made of bamboo," Hicks said. "Our barracks housed 16 to 18 men and it was made of bamboo. It had bamboo floors, sides of bamboo and a thatched roof of bamboo.

"I flew 27 combat missions but never saw a Japanese plane. Our job was to attack the enemy wherever they were camped in support of Merrill's Marauders in Burma," Hicks explained. "Our first mission was Christmas Day 1944. Our last mission was sometime in March 1945."

The Marauder's official designation was the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) commanded by Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill. He and his battalion marched 800 miles from India through the dense jungle of Burma, over the 29,000-foot Himalayan Mountains and on until they captured the Japanese airfield at Myitkyina that took them four months. Everything they required was carried on the soldiers' backs or on the pack animals.

By the time their successful incursion into Burma was over, they had fought five engagements with the



War Stories

Don Moore

Japanese 18th Division. Each time they won.

Their biggest headache during the time Hicks B-25 squadron provided air support for Merrill's Marauders was a bridge over the Prom River in India.

"I don't know how many times we bombed it. We never did knock it down," he said.

For Hicks, It was their last flight — the one that took in Fenny and took his crew on a bombing run to an enemy airport outside Bangkok, Thailand — he remembers most. It was the longest flight flown by a B-25 in World War II, he said. His bomber crew was awarded the Air Medal for their efforts during that mission.

"Most of our crew had no idea where we were going. On our return flight we didn't have enough fuel to reach Fenny. We had to land at an airfield on an island off the coast of Burma the British had just captured."

"I'll never forget it, our pilot was talking to the tower about landing. The tower told him: 'Ol' boy, there's a C-47 transport plane ahead of you that's about to land.' Our pilot replied, 'You better tell that SOB to get out of my way or I'll shoot him down.' The C-47 pilot got out of our way an we landed first.

"Before we could taxi off the runway we ran out of fuel," Hicks said.

Mostly he recalls how dull his service was during the war. When they weren't flying a mission, there was little to do. One of his buddies in his bunk that was covered with mosquito netting was reading a book.

"This guy was sitting in his bed when he heard this plop on the netting above him, but saw nothing. Pretty soon, there was a second plop on the netting and then a third plop. By this time, one of the plops fell on his bunk. It was a cobra about 2½ to 3 feet in length. All three plops were snakes about the same size that were living in our barrack's thatched roof," he said.

"So what do you do when you have cobras in your thatched roof? We took everything out of our barracks. Then we lit a match and burned the place down. How else would you get cobras out of your thatched roof?"

People who lived in the area and worked with the American military rebuilt the barracks.

"It only took them a day or so to put up another barracks," Hicks said.

"After we finished our combat missions in Fenny, we were sent to a base outside



SUN PHOTO BY DON MOORE

Jim Hicks is 93 and lives at his home in Emerald Lakes Mobile Home Park in Punta Gorda.



PHOTO PROVIDED

This is a B-25 Mitchell Bomber similar to the one former Staff Sgt. Jim Hicks flew as a tail-gunner on during World War II.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Jim Hicks was 19 when this picture was taken. He was in the Aviation Cadet program but didn't complete the training because of a heart problem.

Calcutta, India, where we trained to fly A-26 Invader bombers at the end of the war. We were training to skip bomb a Japanese battleship bottled up in the harbor at Singapore.

"We were told, if they sent 10 A-26s out to sink the battleship they only expected two of the bombers to return from the mission," Hicks explained.

It was early June 1945 and he and his buddies got word the president was going to make an announcement over Armed Forces Radio.

"We sat around all night playing bridge and waiting for the president to speak. It was 4 a.m. (our time) when President Truman came on the air and announced the Japanese were going to surrender. I hadn't cared much for the president up until then. After that announcement I loved him."

Hicks sailed home from India to New York City on a troop ship. It

took them 31 days to reach the Port of New York. He was discharged from the Air Corps just before Christmas 1945.

He took the G.I. Bill and attended a little college in his hometown. At the same time he went to work in a local lumber yard owned by the family of a high school friend. He stayed with the lumber company for nine years until he took a job with a building supply firm where he worked for more than 20 years.

After that, he was employed by Sony for 11 more years after the Japanese firm purchased a CBS plant in the area.

Hicks and his wife, Harriet, retired and purchased a home in Punta Gorda in 2000. Two years later, it was blown down by Hurricane Charley. The couple moved to Emerald Lakes where they currently live.

They have six children: Andy, Chris, Cindy, Ron, Susie and Tom.

OBITUARIES

Charlotte

Pamela Baird

Pamela Baird, 71, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Consulate Health Care Nursing Home.

Pam was born on Dec. 22, 1946 in St George's Grenada and migrated to U.S. in the early 60s with her recently deceased cousin Bernadette Church.

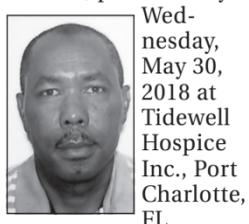
Pam lived in Springfield Gardens and Brooklyn, New York, where she was a choir member at St Barnabas Episcopal Church before moving to Port Charlotte, Florida.

She's survived by her sister, Estelle Edwards; aunt, Edith Edwards; several cousins, Reginald Baird, Tracy Yarborough and Trevor Baird.

Memorial Service will be at 10:30 a.m. on June 27 at St. Nathaniel Episcopal Church in North Port, FL, and New York, date TBD.

St. Patrick Blair

St. Patrick Blair, 66, of Punta Gorda, Florida, passed away



Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Tidewell Hospice Inc., Port Charlotte, FL. St. Patrick was born to Winston and Gloria Blair on March 25, 1952 in Jamaica, West Indies and later immigrated to the United States. He was a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. St. Patrick loved mother nature. He enjoyed his motorcycle, small engine repair and driving monster trucks. He was a wonderful, hardworking man who loved life to the fullest and will forever be missed by all who loved and knew him.

St. Patrick is survived by his loving family, his wife, Jean Green-Blair; a daughter, Shawna Spence of Jamaica, W.I.; mother, Gloria Blair of Punta Gorda; two sisters, Heather Melzer and Karene; three brothers, Verol, Dion and Courtney. He was preceded in death by a sister, Denise.

Visitation will be held 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. followed by Funeral Services at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at El-Bethel Apostolic Tabernacle, 4814 S. Chamberlain Blvd. North Port, FL. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Jamaica.

Friends may visit online at www.robersonfh.com to extend condolences to the family. Arrangements are by Roberson Funeral Home & Crematory Port Charlotte Chapel.

Roy Johnson

Roy Johnson, 94 years old, died June 2nd 2018.

He is preceded in death by his wife of over 50 years, Edna Johnson and son Bruce Johnson.

Roy was born in Brooklyn, NY, February 1st 1924, one of four brothers.

He married his wife and moved to Florida in 1961. He founded Johnson Wholesale in 1963, and made it into a successful paper wholesale business. Roy enjoyed volunteering and helping others. He was a member of Kiwanis for over 40 years. Every winter he would assist setting up weekly blood pressure checks "for the elderly," never thinking of himself as older. Roy was active until his death, going to the gym three times a week. He was an avid reader, loved to travel, had a quick wit, and loved his family.

He leaves a son, Brian Johnson and his wife Barbara, a daughter, Brenda Parker and her husband, William, grandchildren, Brittany Moore and her husband Austin, Chase Parker, Jessica Johnson, Kyle Johnson, and great grandchildren, Trevor, Janice, Dominic, and Summer.

Special thanks to Rick, Diana, and George for their care and help. Our father was a proud, wonderful man, who will be missed by all who knew him.

No deaths were reported in Englewood, North Port and DeSoto County.

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Words of Comfort

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-Sylvana Rossetti



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OUR VIEW

Safety first, second and third on the roadways

OUR POSITION: Florida's pedestrian-safety figures are awful. Let that be a warning.

A. The average weight of a car is 4,079 pounds.

B. The average weight of an American man is 191.

C. A female, 166.

Put a moving A in a collision course with a B or C — or both B and C together, for that matter — and it adds up to tragedy.

No contest.

As recent Page 1 stories in the *Sun* noted, Florida leads the nation in pedestrian-automobile accidents. Of the worst 12 metro areas in the country, Florida has nine that are ranked the "least safest places to walk." Cape Coral-Fort Myers is the worst, by a long shot, with a "danger index" of 283. North Port-Sarasota-Bradenton ranks 10th with a 149 score.

In addition, Florida has had 228 pedestrian fatalities as of May 9, and 48 bicycle fatalities.

Close to home, three people — either on bicycles or walking — were killed in the past two

months in Venice. Three.

On May 30, a man on a bicycle was hit by a box truck, in the afternoon, on a relatively lightly traveled street on the island of Venice.

Ten days before a 19-year-old pedestrian walking east on U.S. 41 in South Venice was struck and killed by an SUV. The SUV took off. The driver was later arrested for leaving the scene of the accident.

In April, a 74-year-old man was struck and killed at 2:15 a.m. on the U.S. 41 bypass in Venice. The driver just drove off. No arrests have been made.

Three dead in the space of two months.

Heed the warning numbers; be very careful. This is a big state with a large population, and an older population whose drivers may be less nimble (or, perhaps, more careful) than the national norm. The weather is good year-round, so people are outside walking and biking more than they may be in northern states. Vehicular traffic is heavy, especially in the winter tourist/

snowbird season. Analysts also attribute the sky-high fatality figures to highly developed urban and suburban sprawl where the concentration is on larger roads with only passing consideration, to pedestrians and cyclists, and little space devoted to their safety.

Something is way off. We need more safe spaces for walkers and bicyclists. If nothing else, the statistics inform us that pedestrians, cyclists and motorists must be more aware of one another and pay attention to the rules of the road.

Infrastructure is critical, and governments road projects must now include bike lanes and sidewalks. But older roads often lack sidewalks and wide shoulders, and sidewalks are expensive to build.

Sarasota County now imposes developer "mobility" fees — rather than the traditional "road" fees — which can be used to fund sidewalks and bike lanes in urban areas where road-widening isn't feasible. Sarasota also has

the non-motorized 12.5-mile Legacy Trail, which runs from Venice to the Palmer Ranch area. County voters will decide Nov. 6 whether to fund an extension of the trail to downtown Sarasota and upgrade an off-road trail in North Port. It should help.

The city of Venice also has a 10-mile-long biking-hiking trail on both sides of the Intracoastal Waterway. Venice has also undertaken a strong effort in recent years to mark bike lanes on the island, increasingly setting itself aside as a Bicycle-Friendly Community.

Punta Gorda has traveled in the bike-friendly direction, too, with a bike-loaner program and other initiatives. Unfortunately, as a recent story by *Sun* staffer Rusty Pray noted, an effort by Team Punta Gorda and city government to elevate the city to Bicycle-Friendly Community status suffered from what one city official termed "bike-lash," push-back from residents either worried about cost or unaware of the safety and recreational benefits. Misguided,

we believe.

One thing all agree on is the need for education and individual awareness of the rules of the road. Like these:

Motorists must eliminate distractions. It's easy to drift into the shoulder/bike lane. Most important: Don't text while driving!

Pedestrians should walk against with the flow of traffic, cyclists ride with it.

Bicycles have a right to a portion of the roadway. Cyclists should stay right as much as practicable, but cars are legally required to give cyclists three feet of clearance.

Cyclists must follow rules of the road, including stop signs. The law forbids earbuds for cyclists and motorists. Cyclists may use sidewalks, but pedestrians have the right of way.

The situation should improve as Florida's road network improves. Still, follow the rules and proceed as safely as possible. Be alert. Look at our shared paths through the other guy's eyes. Walk-cycle-drive accordingly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congress must contain Trump

Editor:

Michael Gerson's editorial column addressed the fact that Trump's autocratic ambitions are "hurting the country in sad and lasting ways," but his "authoritarian instincts are unlikely to dominate a government thick with balancing institutions."

Our democracy is truly threatened but thus far the courts have constrained Trump's most authoritarian tendencies. Yet his admiration for autocratic iron-fisted leaders such as Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip, Abdel Fattah el-Sisi and Rodrigo Duterte raises red flags. His flagrant assault on the rule of law, delegitimizing institutions that check his power (FBI, media), doing everything for personal advantage, stoking toxic partisanship, and amassing power through the provocation of hate and fear, undermines American democracy.

Trump calls politicians of the opposing party "treasonous" and "un-American" and his opponents "enemies"; views all criticism as disloyalty that must be punished; turns Americans against each other; and asks law enforcement to investigate the people who are investigating him. Authoritarian leaders use their justice system to punish enemies and deflate attention from their own crimes, now the U.S. does, too.

We should never assume or hope that the "balancing institutions" will sufficiently contain Trump's authoritarian instincts. The Constitution gives Congress the tools it needs to deal with this situation; instead they give Trump a free pass. However, the Constitution gives ultimate power to you and me to curtail his toxic presidency for the next two years. It is up to voters in 2018 to fulfill George Washington's hopes for the resilience of the American system.

Teresa Jenkins
Punta Gorda



An apt comparison of two presidents

Editor:

David Dunn Rankin's column on Presidents Trump and Carter was another challenge to readers to think, maybe to even think differently. He compares Presidents Carter and Trump. My initial reaction was, "I don't think so." How could two men be any more different? After all, the New York and southern accents, lifestyles, mannerisms, and history are so diverse as to almost be laughable.

But, David is right. For all the superficial differences, there are a couple of important similarities, namely, being successful businessmen elected in defiance of the D.C. establishment and in their desire to change the culture in the swamp.

It is good for us to ponder what history has taught us and to consider that these two men share some similar values. It is good for Republicans to think about how their perceptions

of Carter might have been unkind, if not simply wrong. And it would be refreshing if today's Democrats could give President Trump credit where it is due.

It is important to explore our differences and to look for areas of agreement. Don't we all agree that D.C. is a swamp that needs to be drained?

Thank you to David and the *Sun* for opening the possibility of thoughtful discussion.

Alice Vann
Englewood

Red flag warning: Protect yourself

Editors:

Did you know that your mailbox flag is a beacon for mail thieves, mail fraud, identity theft and check-washer criminals?

The flag on your mail box once intended to show that incoming/outgoing mail is inside for pickup, is no longer used by postal carriers for incoming mail, but still expects you to use

it to alert the carrier of outgoing mail. However, you may also be announcing that you have mail containing personal identity, credit card and bank account information, and more importantly, your checks. Check-washers, are able to remove your check details and enter their own, in order to empty your bank account.

The mail box flag is an open invitation to would be thieves, and yet, the U. S. Postal Service provides no protection, and takes no responsibility for your mail after it is placed in the mail box. However, if you don't flag it, carriers in North Port will not accept your outgoing First Class mail, even when they open the box and see it, thereby leaving it delayed and undelivered while unprotected, indefinitely.

Ironically, we are required to maintain the system's integrity and continuity by immediately reentering misdirected, forwarded and return mail. However, North Port carriers place the flag above the mail service.

David DeGeorge
North Port

Crematory accepts flags

Editor:

I read with interest the story in the May 26 edition of the *Sun* on retired U.S. flags. It's great that the *Sun* gets the word out about how folks can properly dispose of old flags. Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery has been a drop-off point for years.

In addition to our funeral home at 9400 Indian Springs Cemetery Road, Punta Gorda, we service 10 other pick-up locations around the county, including the Veteran's Affairs Office on Loveland Boulevard.

After obtaining permission from a deceased veteran's family, we actually cremate the flags with the veteran in our on-site crematory. For anyone who needs us to come to you, we will gladly pick up your flag for disposal. Just call us at 941-639-1171.

Rick Tuss
Punta Gorda

Paying it forward with thanks

Editor:

Some days it seems like we are inundated with stories of crime, political unrest between the parties and just plain negativity. That is why an incident last week gave me assurance that the world is still full of wonderful people.

While celebrating an event at a local restaurant I read to my husband a communication from the children expressing their sorrow that they could not join in our celebration. Being thousands of miles away their attendance was not possible.

When we requested our bill, we were told that a couple had already taken care of the cost of our dinner. We were quite surprised and at that moment it reminded me of the good in people.

Thank you Jim and your lovely wife. We have since returned your deed to someone else.

Diane Davidson
Punta Gorda

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ANOTHER VIEW

When a foolish tariff hits close to home

This was written by the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board:

Tariffs like those the Trump administration is imposing on imports invite trade wars — in this case, foolishly, with U.S. allies and neighbors. Last Thursday's roll-out of new tariffs on steel and aluminum from the European Union, Canada and Mexico have us baffled. One reason: Friday's federal employment report, reflecting strong May hiring and unemployment at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent, speaks to a growing economy that tariffs threaten to undermine.

The Tribune has a long record of supporting free markets and opposing trade barriers. Open competition

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Another View

enables a dynamic economy that creates jobs and prosperity; government intrusion, by contrast, rarely leads to efficiency. So a federal tariff with repercussions close to home is especially vexing.

Trump's Commerce Department has picked a trade fight with Canada over that country's newsprint exports to the U.S. That means higher costs to American newspapers. Fortunately, some members of the U.S. Senate want to end this needless confrontation. If you care about the future of newspapers — as we obviously do

— we hope you'll look at the facts and support efforts to resolve the mess. In this particularly odd case, the Commerce Department is helping one U.S. manufacturing firm at great cost to an entire national industry.

The brief background: Commerce Department has added anti-dumping duties of up to 32 percent on newsprint and some other paper products from Canada. The agency says these products benefit from unfair Canadian government subsidies. U.S. publishers retort that Commerce is misreading the state of the newsprint industry, and using government power to benefit a single paper mill owner in Washington state. That one mill owner,

North Pacific Paper, had asked Commerce to punish the imports from Canada. No other U.S. newsprint mills supported North Pacific's claim, according to the News Media Alliance, an industry group.

The American newsprint industry is in decline as more Americans read newspapers' digital editions. There isn't much of a domestic newsprint industry to protect. Newsprint is also a regional business: Publishers and other users of printed products in the Midwest and East import their newsprint from Canada because there are no longer U.S. mills operating in their regions. And no one is clamoring to invest millions to build new

mills on this side of the border.

This is an example of trade that was working as it should: Canada, blessed with forests and efficient paper producers, selling to an eager American market. But now because of pressure from one firm, publishers are seeing their costs skyrocket. Jobs are at stake.

The U.S. government is collecting duties at the border and newsprint prices in the U.S. are up 20 to 30 percent. But the situation still appears fluid. The International Trade Commission will conduct a final investigation, which will include a public comment period and hearings. Meanwhile, a group of Democratic

and Republican senators have introduced legislation that would suspend the tariffs and require Commerce to review the economic health of the American printing and publishing industries.

Trump's skeptical, inconsistent views on trade make our heads spin. While claiming to embrace free and fair trade, he's been quick to threaten sanctions in certain industries, even against close trading partners. But he's also pulled back from the brink in some circumstances.

In the case of newsprint tariffs, lawmakers have an opportunity to reverse a bad decision. We'd like to see more members of Congress get involved.

Jarrett, US move beyond 'Planet of the Racists'

Roseanne Barr's appeal has so long eluded me that her further fall from disgrace has failed to dislodge even the slightest pebble of pity, though pitiful she is.

It seems too facile to call her merely racist, which her recent tweet about former White House adviser Valerie Jarrett plainly establishes. Barr said that Jarrett was the result if the "muslim brotherhood & planet of the apes had a baby," amusing approximately one.

No, Barr is more than an Ambien-enhanced racist; she's what happens when a struggling network (ABC) sells out in a bid to capture Donald Trump's base. If executives had but tuned into Barr's Twitter account sooner, they'd have known she was a Trumpster suffering conspiracy fever. Then again, maybe they did know and didn't care. Ratings, baby, ratings are all that matter.

Barr apologized six ways from Sunday. In



Kathleen Parker

later tweets, she recalled begging ABC President Ben Sherwood not to cancel the recently resurrected show, saying that she thought Jarrett, who served eight years as a senior adviser to President Obama, was actually white. She added that Jarrett "looks like my family!"

Sure. And did she also think that Jarrett was, what, a Presbyterian and not really a Muslim, as people on the fringe-right have long held? No, Barr was obviously tapping into the conspiracy theory that the Jarrett, who was born to African-American parents living in Iran, is Muslim — and the racist's persistent belief that blacks are inferior and less evolved than whites.

This is such an

enduring, dehumanizing trope of racists that it requires no further elucidation. That Barr, whose own knuckles must be raw from strolling the subterranean sewers of her foul dreamscape, should select the ape and the terrorist Brotherhood to represent Jarrett's parentage is, in Sherwood's words, "egregious and unforgivable."

But, the Ambien made her do it! This was one of the explanations Barr offered, as she frantically rifled through her primordial psyche in search of a credible excuse. Ambien, an insomnia medicine, may help you sleep, but it doesn't make you a mean, ugly person. Those conditions would be considered pre-existing — and the "Ambien haze" to which Barr referred, a release of the inherent being. As the drug's maker tweeted in a comic line that Barr might study: Racism is not a known side effect of Ambien. The overwhelming

condemnation of Barr's remarks via social and other media has proved at least one thing: Racism won't be tolerated in this country ever again. We can infer this because Barr made a similar racist remark in 2013 about then-national security adviser Susan Rice with little disapproval. With her familiar classiness, Barr tweeted that Rice, also African-American, was "a man with big swinging ape balls."

Who thinks like this? Racists, that's who. Nevertheless, some have leapt to Barr's defense. A joke is a joke, they say, and bad ones shouldn't be show-stoppers. Free speech, y'all, comes the chorus from quarters where the First Amendment is only selectively admired. Speech is free, all right, but it doesn't mean free from consequences — and free markets decide what sells. It didn't take guts for ABC to cancel "Roseanne," despite its high ratings (see Donald Trump's praise) and its 18 million viewers in the first week. It took only a

modicum of humanity — and, of course, the understanding that advertisers and audiences would no longer support the show.

Frankly, after Barr's screeching, crotch-grabbing (no wonder she likes Trump) massacre of the national anthem in 1990, as well as anti-Semitic comments and her subsequent remark about Rice, she didn't deserve another shot at America's laugh track.

No doubt, Barr's anguish over about the consequences shared by her cast and co-stars is sincere. But bottom line: There is no excuse. While Barr's tweet about Jarrett may have revealed her darkest thoughts, her attempts to cover herself reveal who and what she is.

Inadvertently, the incident also highlighted who Valerie Jarrett is: a strong, intelligent, well-educated, service-driven, thoughtful, warm and charming woman of historic significance. One hopes that Jarrett, whom I count as a friend, is

also impervious to the Barrs of the world. Regrettably, these include the current president, who rose to office on the racist "birther" myth about Obama's origins and was elected in spite of a long history of moral turpitude and alleged sexual abuse.

On a positive note, Trump and Barr are to be credited with shining a light on America's underbelly and uniting decent Americans in common cause. Unlike in earlier times when racism or sexism were shouted out, social media and the recent movement of two relevant movements — #MeToo and #BLM — suggest that times are, indeed, changing for good. No excuses.

In the meantime, Jarrett floats above the fray with grace and dignity, seeking ways to make this a teaching moment, and reminding us of what true leadership looks like.

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- Sonja Ann Sneed, 54, of Silver Springs, Fla. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$9,000.
- Mark Victor Belmonte, 49, of St. Petersburg. Charge: failure to comply with registration law. Bond: \$5,000.
- Jennifer Marie Doherty, 45, 100 block of Sunny Way, Rotonda West. Charges: three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$17,000.
- Kimberly Sue Kratz-Horton, 43, 28200 block of Belmont Road, Punta Gorda. Charge: knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,000.
- Matthew Edward Shipman, 31, 700 block of Tarpon Way, Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft 1st degree property \$100 to under \$300. Bond: \$1,500.
- Adam Kilian Hupfer, 35, 700 block of Tarpon Way, Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft 1st degree property \$100 to under \$300. Bond: \$2,500.
- Dustin Rick Baine, 31, 5600 block of Beechwood Ave., Punta Gorda. Charge: out of county warrant. Bond: none.

- Rommel Gerard Walsh, 36, of Port Richey. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$7,000.
- Timothy Lee Huddleston, 44, 1400 block of Lullaby St., Port Charlotte. Charge: breach of peace disorderly conduct. Bond: \$1,000.
- Taurino Perez Ojeda, 23, 3000 block of Pinetree Street, Port Charlotte. Charges: two counts of DUI with damage to property or person. Bond: \$2,500.
- Darryl Laverne Wilson, 50, 1500 block of Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,500.
- Breeanna Theo/Mae Drobny, 22, 21500 block of Kenyon Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery. Bond: none (released on own recognizance).
- Harriet Vance Albaugh, 71, 4500 block of Klass Gulf Cove., Port Charlotte. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$1,500.
- Tommy Alton Shirey, 50, of Port Charlotte. Charge: violate domestic violence injunction. Bond: \$2,500.
- Hernan Dario Ramirez-Toro, 34, of Lawrenceville, Georgia. Charge: operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: \$1,500.
- Carlos Jimenez, 22, of Homestead, Fla. Charge: operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: \$1,500.
- Anthony Charles Holder, 33, homeless of Englewood. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation. Bond: \$7,000.
- Philip Joseph Redoutey, 25, 1100 block of Delmar St., Englewood. Charge: breach of peace disorderly conduct. Bond: \$1,000.
- Michael Scott Alden, 32, 100 block of Thrall St., Englewood. Charge: possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$1,500.

The Punta Gorda Police Department reported the following arrest:

- Melissa Lynn Rodriguez, 33, of Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation. Bond: \$11,500.

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission reported the following arrest:

- Chase Edward Wells, 33, 3100 block of 10th St., Englewood. Charge:

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.

out of county warrant. Bond: \$16,500.

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

- Michael Agee, 48, 5100 block of Sylvania Ave., North Port. Charges: two counts of probation violation (original charges: two counts of grand theft). Bond: none.
- Steven Blake, 31, 1600 block of Thomas St., Englewood. Charge: fraud through swindling property. Bond: \$1,500.
- Ian Bowling, 21, 1000 block of Myrtle Ave., Venice. Charge: probation violation (original charge: resisting an officer with violence). Bond: none.
- Tajuana Devary, 37, 1400 block of Minneapolis Ave., North Port. Charge: Charlotte County issued warrant for operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: none.
- Kyle Freeland, 26, 20400 block of Grand Lago Drive, Venice. Charges: two counts of probation violation (original charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of narcotics equipment and DUI). Bond: none.
- Jason Hunter, 47, 200 block of N Ravenna Drive, Nokomis. Charge: battery on a person 65 years or older. Bond: \$1,500.
- Mitchell McKusick, 32, 2000 block of Peachland Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charges: two counts of probation violation (original charges: two counts of petty theft). Bond: none.
- Kenneth Myers, 27, 5000 block of NE County Ranches Road, Arcadia. Charge: contempt of court (original charge: petty theft). Bond: \$10,000.
- Kelley Piediscalzo, 39, 100 block of Davinci Court, Nokomis. Charge: Charlotte County issued warrant for violation of probation (original charge: petty theft). Bond: none.
- Joseph Reisinger, 18, 3800 block of N Biscayne Drive, North Port. Charges: battery and resisting an officer without violence. Bond: none.
- Ernesto Rendon, 19, 5200 block of Kumquat Ave., North Port. Charges: DUI with a person under 18, DUI and property damage, possession of marijuana, possession of liquor by a person under 21 and possession or use of narcotics equipment. Bond: \$2,500.
- Justin Rettel, 32, 1400 block of SW Plum Drive, Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, petty theft and property damage. Bond: \$8,120.
- Drew Tilson, 28, 600 block of Bristol Lane, Nokomis. Charges: two counts of probation violation (original charges: three counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription). Bond: none.
- William Trimmer, 39, 9100 block of Melody Circle, Port Charlotte. Charge: Charlotte County issued warrant for contempt of court (original charge: driving with a suspended license). Bond: none.
- Joseph Vercheski, 37, 100 block of N Portcia St., Nokomis. Charge: probation violation (original charge: grand theft). Bond: none.
- Eric Warnelo, 33, 100 block of Avenida De Bahia, Nokomis. Charge: probation violation (original charges: leaving the scene of a crash with factor other than serious bodily injury and driving with a suspended license). Bond: none.
- Nazar Zibrov, 27, 1200 block of Margarita Ave., North Port. Charges: two counts of contempt of court (original charges: DUI, driving with a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage). Bond: \$35,000.
- Brett Bobrzynski, 28, 3800 block

of Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice. Charges: DUI and two counts of resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,500.

• Dustin Nagy, 34, 500 block of Center Road, Venice. Charge: driving with a suspended license. Bond: \$120.

• Travis Costello, 44, 100 block of S Temple Road, Venice. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, battery causing bodily harm and two counts of probation violation (original charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription). Bond: none.

• Taurian Deseignora, 28, 4700 Alibi Terrace, North Port. Charge: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure. Bond: \$1,500.

• Isaac Masry, 55, 200 block of Algiers Drive, Venice. Charge: Manatee County issued warrant for aggravated battery. Bond: none.

• Trevor Pierson, 59, 2200 block of Sandeewood Drive, Venice. Charge: contempt of court (original charge: violation injunction against protection for domestic violence). Bond: none.

The North Port Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Nickolas Calvano, 22, 4400 block of Sabrina Terrace, North Port. Charges: fleeing/eluding police by failing to stop, driving with a suspended license resisting an officer without violence and two counts of contempt of court (original charges: driving with a suspended license driving without a motor vehicle registration and violating financial responsibility for property damage). Bond: \$24,000.
- Mandi Grant, 27, 200 block of Venice Blvd., Venice. Charges: resisting an officer without violence and two counts of contempt of court (original charges: possession or use of narcotics equipment and running a drug building creating a public nuisance). Bond: none.
- Matthew Sobrower, 24, 4900 block of Alseir Road, North Port. Charge: driving with a suspended license. Bond: \$1,500.
- Craig Budro, 47, 7900 block of Hyde Park Ave., North Port. Charges: armed burglary of a dwelling, three counts of simple assault with the threat to do violence and probation violation (original charge: DUI). Bond: none.
- Trevor Nainby, 37, 5000 block of La France Ave., North Port. Charges: petty theft and probation violation (original charge: trafficking stolen property). Bond: none.
- Tyson Plemons, 36, 8200 block of Herbison Ave., North Port. Charges: fraud through obtaining property and driving with a suspended license. Bond: \$3,000.

The Venice Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Christy Terrell, 38, 3100 block of Shamrock Drive, Venice. Charges: fraud through giving a false ID to an officer and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: \$620.
- Millison Robson, 52, 1300 block of Brookside Drive, Venice. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$500.

The Florida Department of Transportation Venice unit reported the following arrest:

- Patrick Rule, 35, 2200 block of NW Flint Road, Arcadia. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$500.

— Compiled by Anne Easker and Lauren Coffey

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

NARFE Chapter

NARFE Chapter 1713 meets at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, June 7 at Olde World Restaurant, North Port. At noon, North Port Fire Department's Rich Berman will speak about hurricane season and shelters in the region. For more information, call Jean at 941-240-6127.

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There will be intermittent lane closures until Friday, June 15 in sections of Edgewater Drive, between Harbor Boulevard and Conreid Drive. This is required for drainage maintenance. Advance warning signs and flaggers will be onsite to direct traffic. Travelers will experience intermittent, slow moving traffic and/or temporary delays within the project limits. The Charlotte County Public Works Department reminds motorists to remain alert at all times and to exercise caution when traveling in the vicinity of construction zones.

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

- Group's response to "Who's there?"
- Shut forcefully
- Lasting mark
- Intimidate
- Santa's laugh
- Tip of an ear
- Privileged group
- Appliance for baking
- "Mamma Mia!" singing group
- Clothes for recreational sports
- Get ready, for short
- Snakelike fish
- Hottest part of summer
- Carpentry tools with teeth
- Association: Abbr.
- Time in history
- Adam's wife
- Frighten, so to speak
- Hollywood award
- Very remote place
- Magazine edition
- Has a hunch
- Annoying noise
- Fellows
- Stoptight color
- Uncluttered
- Cough or sneezing, to a doctor
- Freezer cubes
- Neighbor of Vietnam
- Fine cutlery
- Plenty
- Natural skin balm
- Art studio stand

DOWN

- Notion
- Bath powder
- Business attire
- Loosens, as shoelaces
- Apple cofounder
- Jobs
- Demonstrate
- Valentine sentiment
- Leading the pack
- President after Madison
- Carelessly thrown together
- Snake charmer's snake
- Home for monks or nuns
- Brings in the harvest
- Marry on the run
- Gets taller
- Prefix for circle
- Competitor of Hertz
- Marries
- Top of a house
- Errand runner, informally
- Icy precipitation
- Leg joint
- Valentine legally
- Operatic solo
- Landlord's income
- Large trash receptacle
- Song from long ago
- Sodium-free diet restriction
- Garden State's largest city
- Informal language
- New Haven collegian
- Cash, casually
- Long-distance runner
- Guiding principle
- Corporate symbol
- Bulletproof garment
- Largest continent
- Depend (on)
- Letters after kays

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- Plunk down in front of, as a counter
- 1-BR listings
- Ph.D. wannabe's obstacle
- Heart chambers
- Blue Ribbon beer
- Short flight
- Gym bar addition
- In days of yore
- Opposite of SSW
- Seat of Allen County, Kansas
- Pricy watch
- Fairness principle for bandwidth providers
- Dodos
- Lumber
- "__ Baby": "Hair" song
- Genie's offering
- Hoppy beer, for short
- Judicial fact finder
- Mo. port on the Miss.
- Mark Harmon TV series
- "Now!" in the ER
- Ruler until 1917
- iPad and Kindle Fire
- What a crossword clue typically starts with
- "I didn't expect to see you here"
- Out of the wind
- Itinerary word
- Habitat of many schools
- Retail come-ons ... and what the starts of the longest Across answers can be?
- "Live __": Taco Bell slogan
- Take off the TV
- Lustrous furs
- Poetic tribute
- Mannerless one
- Behold, of old

DOWN

- Like lumber
- Southern coast-to-coast hwy.
- Occurring every third year
- 2008 bailout co.
- South Pacific getaway
- Orchard fruit
- Micronesian setting for the 10th season of "Survivor"
- Letters in an incomplete schedule
- Retired flier, briefly
- Ex-U.N. head Boutros-__
- Thesaurus compiler
- Hobbyist's glue
- Resistance unit equal to one trillion of the basic units
- Musical quality
- Yellowstone's __ Faithful
- Cabinet dept. concerned with nukes
- Candy from Mars
- Rights icon Parks
- Casual denials
- "Su-r-r-r-re"
- "Rushmore" director Anderson
- Play peacemaker
- Bog fuel
- "Fine" studies
- Current, as fashion
- Frozen Four org.
- Lass
- 5-Down or 7-Down
- Deadlock
- Penn's silent partner
- Perfectly, with "to"
- Backup squads
- Pink drink, for short
- On the horizon
- Temporary stage
- Catcher at a rodeo
- Really gets to
- Certain prof.'s designation
- Poetic planet
- __ Paulo, Brazil
- Yahrtzee cube

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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The initial email sent from Lucy's iPhone was short and sweet: "Are you free at the moment?"



David MORRIS

Judy Schnabel recognized Lucy's name and email address as that of a good friend who was out of the country with many friends celebrating her mother's birthday. Of course,

she immediately responded. Lucy explained she would have phoned but couldn't receive calls where she was. Lucy asked Judy to purchase \$500 worth of iTunes gift cards, then send back pictures of the cards with the codes scratched off. She promised to reimburse her when she returned.

"The purchase didn't exactly throw out any red flag," Judy wrote me. "I thought of all sorts of ways she could reward some of her friends with a gift card for their help."

However, when the 80-year-old Punta Gorda resident went to the Publix store in the Burnt Store Promenade to buy the gift cards, Publix wouldn't let her. Rather, she was referred to the customer service desk, where she was told this had all the earmarks of a scam.

Turns out "Lucy" was an impostor.

"I say hooray for Publix for looking out for their customers," said Judy. "They were looking out for our community."

"Unfortunately, this type of fraud does take place from time to time," said Publix's Brian West, when I told him Judy's story. "We've developed extensive information for our store personnel. The information helps educate them so that they can identify a potential scam, and then inform and warn our customers. We're always pleased when the information we share has helped our associates to help our customers."

Not surprisingly, Judy said both women are on Facebook, where scammers can harvest a lot of personal information, including a person's travel whereabouts in real time. Crooks like iTunes cards, since they're readily available, redeemable online and can easily be sold at a discount.

Some 350,000 impostor scam reports were filed with the Federal Trade Commission in 2017. It was, by far, the top category, with \$328 million in total losses.

"If you have a computer or a phone, you've probably been targeted by a scammer pretending to be someone they're not: maybe the IRS, another government official, a family member or friend, or a tech company," warns the FTC.

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Pool, darts and a good time: Find it all at Mookey's



Lang CAPASSO

I had the opportunity to meet a very interesting person the other day. His name is Mukesh Patel and he was born in India but moved to Uganda at a very early age.

As things happen in many parts of the world, the political climate in Uganda

changed rapidly. In the 1970s, Idi Amin came to power, and in the havoc he created, his goons killed Mukesh's father and 300,000 other residents, including many people of Asian heritage.

This forced Mukesh's family to move all over Africa to find a home. They found one eventually, but it was in England, where he learned the retail trade and how to effectively plan a good way of life.

Eventually Mukesh came to the United States and settled in Englewood. That

was 34 years ago. He opened a very successful business 15 years ago called Mookey's Bar at 4821 Placida Road in Grove City.

They don't serve food at Mookey's, but the pool tables and billiard leagues, the dart boards and dart leagues, 14 big screen televisions, outdoor Tiki hut, and "smoking allowed" keep the happy patrons coming in to relax and enjoy the atmosphere and just have a good time.

I personally know quite a few of the league

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Forestry Resources covers lots of ground Company specializes in mulch and rock

Name of Business: Forestry Resources
Address: 850 N. Indiana Ave., (State Road 776), Englewood
Store Manager: Laura Wood

Q: When did you open your business?

A: "July 1, 1999."

Q: What has changed since you opened?

A: "We have expanded tremendously our mulch inventory as well as our rock inventory."

Q: How many employees do you have?

A: "We currently have four."

Q: What is your most popular item or service?

A: "I would have to say our FloriMulch. It is the original environmentally friendly mulch. It is made of 100 percent melaleuca, an invasive tree to our native wetlands. It is also uniquely cured to eliminate burrowing nematode and tested by the University of Florida to be termite-resistant. The mulch comes in two colors

... dark brown and natural."

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

A: "Making sure people are loaded correctly and that our customers get the right amount of material for the job."

Q: What sets you apart from other businesses?

A: "Our knowledge of various pesticides, insecticides and fertilizers. We do plant diagnosis as well, for disease and insects."

Q: What advice do you have for someone just starting a business?

A: "Be prompt, call your customers back. We have helped a few businesses in the area and one of the key elements is to work hard and be fair with your people."

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

A: "The new construction, which includes home owners and contractors. They both love it because we are so helpful with our knowledge of a vast array of products and potential problems."



Store Manager Laura Wood has been at the Englewood location for over 20 years. "I use to own this business. I sold it to Forestry Resources and now am managing the store," said Wood. The store is located at 850 North Indiana Hwy 776. For more information, call 941-473-1403.



SUN PHOTOS BY DEBRA GOUELLIS

According to Laura Wood, her store has some of the most desirable mulch in town. "We carry 'FloriMulch,' an environmentally friendly mulch. It has been endorsed by 'Friends of the Everglades' and works with standards defined by Florida's Native Plant Society and Audubon International," said Wood.



Laura Wood is the store manager of Forestry Resources Landscape in Englewood. They have a variety of merchandise to choose from including bagged mulch, bulk mulch, fertilizer, rock, and sod, to name a few.

SCORE small business talk: Check your business prices



Ed DAVIS
PRESIDENT

During the summer months, when traffic to your business tends to slow a bit, is a good time to look at some of the pieces of the business that we tend to ignore when things are crazy with customers or clients. For this article I'd like to address pricing.

As long as revenue is coming in, we sometimes forget to look at our prices. You may be losing customers because of price or you could be leaving money on the table because your prices are too low.

Determining the proper prices for your products and services is among the most perplexing issues for any small business owner. It should be simple. You want to be competitive, appeal to customers and also cover your costs and make a reasonable profit. When you look at costs, there is more to consider than just Cost of Goods Sold or Cost of Services Provided, there are operating expenses that must be covered as well. Things like payroll and self-employment taxes, fees for accepting credit cards, supplies, utilities, office space, equipment rental, etc. In a service business you need to consider nonbillable hours to make certain there is enough cash at the end of the month to cover all the bills and have some left for you. If you underestimate costs, or

overestimate the volume that will be sold, the outcome will be reduced profits or even a loss.

Yet even after all those costs are accounted for, a seemingly fair price may not gain traction with customers. The truth is, prices are market-driven, not cost-driven. What matters is if you can make a profit at a price the market will bear. Wouldn't it be great if you could read minds? Then you'd know exactly what each customer thought of your prices and be able to respond accordingly.

So how can a small business owner strike a balance between costs and profit, yet still attract customers in these cost-conscious times?

This is where a review of your marketing strategy becomes important.

Your marketing strategy identifies customer groups that your business can serve better than your competitors. Armed with demographic information about these people you can create product offerings, prices, distribution, promotional efforts, and services toward them. Your strategy should address the unmet needs of the customer that offer the greatest profitability. A good strategy helps a business focus on the target markets it can serve best. Also you have to take into consideration what your competition is charging. You can charge more if what you offer is better or a better value. That's why a marketing strategy is so critical to small business success.

Once you've established your pricing structure

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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.**

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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 29, 2018.**

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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.**

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3128 NOTICE OF PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District has received an Environmental Resource permit application number 764532 from Sunseeker Florida, Inc., 1251 Center Crossing Road, Building 10, Las Vegas, NV, 89144. Application received: April 26, 2018. Proposed activity: Residential & Commercial Development. Project name: Sunseeker Resort. Project size: 22.07 acres. Location: Section 36, Township 40 South, Range 22 East, in Charlotte County. Outstanding Florida Water: yes. Aquatic Preserve: yes. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at Sarasota District office, 6750 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34240. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the District's website at www.watmatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or (1800)423-1476, TDD only (1800)231-6103. Publish: 06/05/2018
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Unincorporated Areas of Charlotte County, Florida, Case No. 18-04-3229P.

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). Publish: 06/05/18, 06/12/18
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Leadership North Port class to hold graduation ceremony

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating and congratulating the participants of the 2017-18 Leadership North Port Class at its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 22, at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club.



North Port Chamber
Bill Gunnin

There will be a reception at 6 p.m. that includes a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres and the dinner and graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner, salad, desert and beverages. The deadline to register is Monday, June 18.

Chamber members and the public is invited and encouraged to join in the celebration.

This year's Leadership North Port class includes: Brian Beason, Brittney Hoogland, Claude Allen, David Roth, Edward Beyer, Frank Lama, Jodie Vaughn, Katrina Romano, Kim Mooreland, Maryann Terry, Scott Lawson, Susan Tracy and Teresa Carrier.

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate each of these individuals for their participation in the Leadership North Port Program.

This month's Breakfast Club Networking will be held at 7:30 a.m. June 6 at the Longhorn Steakhouse Restaurant, located at 1381 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte. The

Longhorn Steakhouse will be opening exclusively for our chamber to host this breakfast networking event.

They will be providing a delicious breakfast buffet and the cost is only \$6 per person. It is requested that participants register and pay in advance so that proper and accurate arrangements can be made.

The chamber will be conducting a ribbon cutting ceremony for TEAM DOOGIE Sports & Social Club from 5:30-8 p.m. June 6 at Atwater Park, located at 4475 Skyway Avenue in North Port. TEAM DOOGIE Sports & Social Club will be providing a cookout with hot dogs and hamburgers, drinks, cornhole and kickball.

This event is open to all chamber members and to the public. Bring the kids. Join us as we welcome TEAM DOOGIE Sports & Social Club to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and to the city of North Port.

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. 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. on Friday, June 15.

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 8.

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 is 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: Mike Lowe, CPA, Atlanta Braves Spring Training Complex, Rhonda Gustitus Team - Keller Williams Realty, Solaris HealthCare and Do-Well Painting.

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.

Congratulations to Leadership Englewood Class of 2018

Back in October, 20 current and future Englewood community leaders met for the first time.

Tomorrow evening, the Leadership Englewood Class of 2018 will conclude their eight-month adventure with their graduation celebration at Boca Royale Golf & Country Club.

Their leadership experience began by devoting a full day to create a simulated society. Following that exercise, the class participated in monthly field trips to learn more about the needs of our community as well as



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Ed Hill

the resources available to meet those needs.

The monthly field trips included Non-Profit Day, Education Day, Healthcare Day, Sarasota County Day, Arts & Humanities-Culture Day, Charlotte County Day and Tourism & Hospitality Day.

Elaine Miller, a graduate of the Class of 2017 and a scheduled

speaker at Wednesday's graduation ceremonies, reflected on her Leadership Englewood experience. "I recognize its value as a building block for professional development and relationships," she said. "Learning about Englewood and the citizens who make it not only work but succeed on many platforms has reinforced my commitment to contribute to the community and my fellow Leadership classmates."

Congratulations Leadership Class of 2018. Its members include:

- Ashley Johnson of Rowley Insurance Agency Inc.
- Blaise Castellano of Castle Air
- Brandon Dignam of Key Agency Inc.
- Brenda Meden of Boca Royal Golf & Country Club
- Charlene Dorio of Englewood Bank & Trust
- Chris Atamanchuk of Sandbar Tiki & Grille
- Erin Hurter of Visit Sarasota County
- Holly Haynes of Englewood Community Hospital
- Sgt. Jason Zakowich of Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
- Jessica Anderson of Boys & Girls Club
- Kathy O'Connell of Mark Knauf CPA
- Kristen Conti of Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty
- Liana Lazaridis of Englewood Sun
- Lourdes Fuller of Lightspeed Voice
- Mary Smedley of Michael Saunders & Company
- Matt Smith of Sate Farm Insurance



- Nichole Beyer of Quality Carpet Outlet
 - Shelly Ann Kohagen of EXIT King Realty
 - Sherri Wetherill of Englewood Community Hospital
 - Yvonne Wolf of Michael Saunders & Company
- Applications for the Leadership Englewood Class of 2019 will become available at www.LeadershipEnglewood.com, beginning Aug. 1.

Funding fireworks

We're only about five weeks away from the July 4 and the annual Fireworks display that is put on by the Lemon Bay Sunrise Rotary. This weekly column will include regular reminders about the need for donations. This fireworks show, one of the biggest in Southwest Florida is funded by community donations. If you see one of the Rotary Club's rockets around town, please take a moment to drop in your change and loose bills. Thank you.

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

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LOCAL SPORTS

■ SUGAR BERT BOXING: BOXING NATIONAL QUALIFIER

Tournament's Depth Matches Talent

By **CHUCK BALLARO**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

It was the perfect environment.

Careers were being molded in the ring as if ingots of greatness were being cast.

The Sugar Bert Boxing National Qualifier ran the gamut from local fighters to those who came from thousands of miles away. The tournament's depth showcased experienced boxers and featured those who were making their initial entry into the sport. There were others whose lineage would suggest greatness, and those who sought to establish themselves in the quest to become the quintessential warrior.

More than 30 championship belts were contested for on Sunday at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center, and the collective enthusiasm of the spectators in attendance brought a ravenous excitement, as if they were bearing witness to a series of world title fights.

For local fighter Anthony Rose, Sunday was a day for redemption following a lackluster split decision victory, as he knocked out Leven Shiver just before the bell to end the first round, to win the 201-pound title.

"I got my sleep," said



Frank Diaz, left, lands a punch against Eric Tudor during their bout Sunday at the Sugar Bert Boxing National Qualifier 2018 at Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center. Tudor went on to defeat Diaz.

Rose. "We were rested and not running around all over the place. I used my height and my reach and caught him walking in. I waited to see if I had to come in on him or if he would on me."

While it was Rose's fourth career belt, he said it's all a means to an end, with his primary objective to transition into the professional ranks.

"It's a nice achievement, but I want to go for pro and get the real

belts," Rose said.

The tournament's most recognizable name, Evan Holyfield, son of former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, didn't have such an easy time as he tangled with Isiah Decent in perhaps the most thrilling bout of the day.

Many of the fans went over to see the fight as both boxers fought relentlessly, exchanging explosive blows, before Holyfield won a split decision over his opponent.

"I think my name puts a chip on people's shoulders and (they want to) prove themselves by saying they knocked out a Holyfield," Holyfield said. "That makes me train harder and (wanting to) prove those people wrong."

More than 30 states were represented at the championships, with both genders having a presence at the tournament.

Jaquana Logan, 21, of Virginia, came to Punta

Gorda with the objective of winning a belt in her ring debut. And while she won, the bout proved to be an invaluable educational experience.

"I came in thinking I was in shape and that I had the match won, but when I came in the ring, I had a good first round, but soon learned my biggest opponent was myself," said Logan, who comes from a family of boxers. "I got tired and had to keep going." However, Florida

fighters proved to be a tough bunch. One was Raycel Blanco of Marco Island, who won in the 125-pound novice division.

"I was looking for the knockout too quickly and I had to shorten up my punches," said Blanco, whose record improved to 7-1 with the win.

"I need to work on that."

Adrian Vazquez, 9, of Hollywood, won his second belt with a decision over Ruben Soto, a champion in his own right. And like many other boxers, Vasquez found team sports not to his liking.

"I'm not good with team sports, but when it's just me and another opponent, I'm good because in team sports I would get mad," Vazquez said. "It's my second time fighting him and I beat him both times."

Sugar Bert Wells said this weekend was a great experience and hopes that with the tournament returning for two more years to Charlotte County, it will grab even more attention from locals and fighters.

"We had boxers who came from all over the country," said Wells. "This is the highest level of boxing for the Olympic team, that's the kind of event we provide. Florida has been great to these boxers and it's been a great event."

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 — 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Campers may be dropped off starting at 8 a.m. 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! Two 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.

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 and July 9-13, 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 or gmail.com or web at www.thesailingcenter.org or Facebook page Charlotte Harbor Community Sailing Center.

Learn to Sail: Learn to Sail is offering youth sailing summer courses weekly from June 4 through August 10 at the YMCA Bayfront Center, 750 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda. The cost is \$165 per week. Limit of 12 students per week. Register and pay online at www.learnertosail.com or call 941-999-1102 for more information.

SOCCER

Charlotte Tarpon High School Preseason

Camp: The Charlotte Tarpons will be conducting a high school preseason camp June 25-29, 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. grades 7th through 12th, at the Charlotte High School Soccer Field. The cost is \$50 per student. Checks should be made payable to Charlotte High School, and be received prior to June 22. The checks, registration and waiver should be mailed to: Charlotte High School, Attn. Greg Winkler, Boys Soccer, 1250 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, FL, 33950. If checks are received after June 22, the cost will be \$75. The fee includes a t-shirt and water bottle. The camp director is Greg Winkler, Charlotte High School Boys Soccer Coach, 2012 NSCAA National Coach of the Year. The objective of the camp will be to provide an opportunity for the players' to immerse themselves into the Charlotte Boys system of play. There will be individual skill work and team tactics presented during the week. The week will also include team-building activities and skills competitions.

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.

BOATING SKILLS CLASS

The Englewood Coast Guard Auxiliary will be offering their premier Boating Skills and Seamanship class in June at their station, 1949 Englewood Road (State Road 776).

The class is 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays over two weeks from June 11, 13, 14 and June 18, 20 and 21. Students will learn knot-tying, marine radio use, navigation and rules of the road, choosing the right boat, engine and life jackets, plus trailering, Florida laws, anchoring and general marine courtesy. Cost is \$50 for one person, \$65 for two sharing the same book.

The class is taught by Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors. Space is limited, to attend you

must pre-register. Call Dane Hahn 941-681-0312 to reserve your space.

Englewood Bike Night

The Moose Riders of Elks Lodge 1933 will present Englewood Bike Night from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 16 at Pioneer Park, 348 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. The evening will feature rock band Maiden Cane with the Chris Walker Band and the Trey Wanvig Band. There will be lots of vendors, and several establishments are open for food and libations. For more information, visit Englewoodbikenights.com.

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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.

Have a sports event planned?
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Break Free from Neuropathy with a New Supportive Care Cream

A patented relief cream stands to help millions of Americans crippled from the side effects of neuropathy by increasing sensation and blood flow wherever it's applied

Raymond Wilson

The Associated Heath Press

AHP — A recent breakthrough stands to help millions of Americans plagued by burning, tingling and numb legs and feet.

But this time it comes in the form of a cream, not a pill, suggesting the medical community may have been going about the problem all wrong.

The breakthrough, called *Diabasens*, is a new relief cream developed for managing the relentless discomfort caused by neuropathy.

When applied directly to the legs and feet, it causes arteries and blood vessels to expand, increasing the flow of warm, nutrient rich blood to damaged tissue.

However, what's most remarkable about the cream...and what makes it so brilliant...is that it contains one of the only natural substances known to activate a special sensory pathway right below the surface of the skin.

This pathway is called TRAP1 and it controls the sensitivity of nerves. In laymen terms, it determines whether you feel pins and needles or soothing relief.

Studies show that symptoms of neuropathy arise when the nerves in your legs deteriorate and blood flow is lost to the areas which surround them.

As the nerves begins to die, sensation is lost. This lack of sensation is what causes the feelings of burning, tingling and numbness.

This is why the makers of *Diabasens* say their cream has performed so well in a recent clinical use survey trial. It increases sensation and blood flow where ever its applied.

No Pills, No Prescriptions, No Agony

Until now, many doctors have failed to consider a topical cream as an effective way to manage neuropathy. *Diabasens* is proving it may be the only way going forward.

"Most of today's treatment methods have focused on minimizing discomfort instead of attacking its underlining cause. That's why millions of adults are still in excruciating pain every single day, and are constantly dealing with side effects" explains Dr. Esber, the creator of *Diabasens*.

"*Diabasens* is different. Since the most commonly reported symptoms — burning, tingling and numb legs and feet — are caused by lack of sensation of the nerves, we've designed the formula increase their sensitivity.

And since these nerves are located right below the skin, we've chosen to formulate it as a cream. This allows for the ingredients to get to them faster and without any drug like side effects" he adds.

Study Finds Restoring Sensation the Key To Effective, Long Lasting Relief

With the conclusion of their latest human



Topical Creams Offer Sufferers a Safer, More Effective Avenue of Relief: Diabasens increases sensation and blood flow wherever its applied. It's now being used to relieve painful legs and feet.

clinical use survey trial, Dr. Esber and his team are now offering *Diabasens* nationwide. And regardless of the market, its sales are exploding.

Men and women from all over the country are eager to get their hands on the new cream and, according to the results initial users reported, they should be.

In the trial above, as compared to baseline, participants taking *Diabasens* saw a staggering 51% increase sensitivity in just one week. This resulted in significant relief from burning, tingling and numbness throughout their legs.

Many participants taking *Diabasens* described feeling much more balanced and comfortable throughout the day. They also noticed that after applying, there was a pleasant warming sensation that was remarkably soothing.

Diabasens Users Demand More

Many of *Diabasens* users say their legs have never felt better. For the first time in years, they are able to walk free from the symptoms which have made life hard.

"I have been using the cream now for about ten days. It has given me such relief.

I've had very bad foot pain from injuries and overuse of my feet for years which have contributed to severe itching/tingling and pain for some time. (My father also suffered from this pain and itching. I wish I would have had this for him.)

The first time I used the cream, I felt an almost immediate relief from this.

I now use it at least twice a day: once in the morning before work and once at night before I sleep.

I am so delighted with this. It has helped my walking, also. It has helped generate feeling again in my feet," raves Marsha A. from Texas

Diabasens is shown to provide relief from:

- Burning
- Swelling
- Tingling
- Heaviness
- Numbness
- Cold extremities

Targets Nerve Damage Right Below the Skins Surface

Diabasens is a topical cream that is to be applied to your legs and feet twice

a day for the first two weeks then once a day after. It does not require a prescription.

The active ingredient is a compound known as cinnamaldehyde.

Studies show that neuropathy and nerve pain is caused when the peripheral nerves breakdown and blood is unable to circulate into your legs and feet.

As these nerves deteriorate, sensation is lost. This is why you may not feel hot or cold and your legs and feet may burn, tingle and go numb.

Additionally, without proper blood flow, tissues and cells in these areas begin to die, causing unbearable pain.

The cinnamaldehyde in *Diabasens* is one of the only compounds in existence that can activate TRPA1, a special sensory pathway that runs through your entire body.

According to research, activating this pathway (which can only be done with a cream) increases the sensitivity of nerves, relieving feelings of tingling and numbness in your legs and feet.

Supporting ingredients boost blood flow, supplying the nerves with the nutrients they need for increased sensation.

Amazing Relief Exactly Where You Need It

With daily use, *Diabasens* users report remarkable improvements in their quality of life without of the negative side effects or interactions associated with prescription drugs.

Readers can now enjoy an entirely new level of comfort that's both safe and affordable. It is also extremely effective, especially if nothing else has worked.

Discounted Supply of Diabasens for Local Readers

This is the official release of *Diabasens*. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any reader who calls within the next 48 hours.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Florida residents. Discounts will be available starting today at 6:00AM and will automatically be applied to all callers.

Your Toll-Free Hotline number is 1-800-628-8829 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of *Diabasens* is currently available in your region.

Networking at the Tri-Chamber

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The Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce was well-represented May 24 at the Tri-Chamber Business After Five networking event at the Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice. Pictured are, from left, Kristina Watts of Englewood Bank & Trust, chamber board president Keith Farlow of Farlow's on the Water, chamber past-president and Englewood Sun Publisher Carol Moore, chamber executive director Ed Hill, Kathy Castellano of Centennial Bank, and Brian Faro of Paradise Exclusive Realty.

Monthly chamber garage sale moves to covered lot

This coming Saturday, our monthly Garage Sale has moved to our summer location in the under-cover parking lot of Bayfront Hospital Punta Gorda, 809 E. Marion Ave. There's ample parking and you'll find our vendors using the entrance off Booth Street, that connects Marion and Olympia.

If you too have a little too much stuff hanging around your house, there are still a few vendor spaces available. The cost is only \$15 for which you get two spaces — one for your car, one for your goods. To register (and pre-registration is required), please call 941-639-3720 during regular office hours.

It's also the season that we start to prepare for our upcoming new fiscal year, starting Sept. 1. The search for new board directors has begun in earnest. If you are talking to any business-people you think would be ideal to serve on our board, they have till June 14 to email us their desire to be part of the board. Once all the names are submitted, the nomination process will begin in earnest with Marjorie Benson, Mike Martin, Ron Olsen, Stacy Cruz and Nancy Prafke heading us our nominating committee.

Upcoming events

During Memorial Day weekend, 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



Punta Gorda Chamber

John Wright

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. The weekend will conclude with a great brunch at the Tiki at Fourpoints on Nov. 19. With all this great live entertainment, this will be 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 home town!

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 line up is complete (Gerald Albright and the Sax Pack!)

See Scotland

It's still not too late to go to Scotland in April/May of 2019, if you missed last week's presentation. The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Travel Ease and Collette Travel is taking a special trip to Scotland departing April 28, 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 and all transportation in Scotland. To get all the information, kindly call Sandy on 941-637-7771 and she'll get you everything you need. I'll be accompanying the trip over to my native land and look forward to adding even more local flavor to your travels.

Sign up for news

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 jwright@puntagordachamber.com. The Charlotte Sun is a proud Platinum sponsor of this chamber.

Last call for golfers to help support Junior Leadership

Last call for golfers, door prizes and items for the "goodie" bags as we tee-off for the 10th Annual Junior Leadership Charlotte Golf Tournament on Saturday.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. at Kingsway Country Club for the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Please let Ruth know if you can help with any or all of these or if you plan to play, by calling her at 941-627-2222. It's always a fun tournament.

Networking at Noon is June 13 at Riverwood Golf Club. Seating is limited, so please make your reservation in the Chamber store or by calling 627-2222.

The Leadership Charlotte class will hold their last day, Tourism Day, on June 14. Where did the year go? It seems like yesterday that this group of 24 was introduced to alumni and friends and now they will join the ranks of alum at their June 22 graduation. Applications for the class of 2019 are



Charlotte County Chamber

Julie Mathis

available in the newsroom and on our website and in both offices.

You'll hear an interesting presentation by Mark Martella, Icard Merrill, on "Credit Lies: The Secret War Destroying Workplace Productivity" at the June 20 Third Wednesday Coffee. The 7:15-8:30 a.m. coffee is sponsored by Shop Local Media. Plan to join us at the Event Center in Punta Gorda for an informative, fun networking opportunity.

The June 28 Business Card Exchange will be held at the Mortgage Firm on Sullivan Street in downtown Punta Gorda. Toastmasters is a nonprofit educational organization that helps

members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills. Members of the Charlotte County club will present a four week series of lunch and learn workshops at noon on June 7, 14, 21, and 28 in the Chamber's Port Charlotte office. The series, Learn to Effectively Present Your Business, will cover: the Secret to Exceptional Salespeople; How to Organize your Speech; Vocal Variety and Using Visual Aids. There is no charge. Just bring your brown bag lunch and we'll provide drinks. Please RSVP to the Chamber at 941-627-2222.

There is a lot going on this month, and we hope to see you at a least one networking (meet new customers and/or referral sources) event!

Julie Mathis is executive director of the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce. Email her at jmathis@charlottecounty-chamber.org.

Government spending in layman's terms

Dear Mr. Berko: My wife and I have two questions. Could you please tell us the difference between entitlement spending and discretionary spending? Could you give us examples? Also, could you explain the difference between our national debt and our deficit? Please try to do this without using complicated economic terminology so we don't have to run to the dictionary. This is for an investment club discussion. — BA, Rochester, Minn.



Malcolm Berko

government benefits. And thanks to the beclowning of Congress, those benefits always exceed their planned cost. In 2017, our entitlement spending included Social Security (\$945 billion), Medicare (\$597 billion), Medicaid (\$705 billion) and welfare (\$444 billion). This totals \$2.7 trillion. If our beclowned Congress reduced this spending, it would be political suicide. So we're morphing into a nanny state because an increasing number of citizens lack the skill sets to provide for themselves. It's become a fait accompli;

technology has advanced to the point at which a growing number of Americans are intellectually ill-equipped to participate in a fast-changing economy. Their earnings capacity will not allow them to buy a home, attend college, save for retirement or pay for health care. They can't be responsible for themselves. Therefore, the government must become responsible for them. That's why more and more of the money the federal government spends (\$4.1 trillion in 2017) is being consigned to support this growing nanny state. Sadly, many Americans produce less than they consume. And those people must work at reducing their numbers.

Now, after subtracting \$2.7 trillion of entitlement spending from the total \$4.1 trillion spent in 2017, the remaining

\$1.4 trillion is called discretionary spending. Here's what we get for \$1.4 trillion. We get the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps and the Air Force. Then we get government agencies, such as the SEC, the EPA, the ATE, NASA, the VA, the CBO, the SBA, the CFTC, HHS, the DOT, the DOJ, the BLM, FEMA, HUD, the CIA, the FBI, the IRS, the NLRB, TSA, the NTSB, ICE, the NRC, the OMB, the DOL, the Secret Service, Homeland Security and the Library of Congress. This list could continue for pages. It reads like a Boston phone directory. And Americans are getting one heck of a real bargain.

As I said, the federal government spent \$4.1 trillion on stuff and things last year. But it collected only \$3.6 trillion in taxes. The difference was \$500 billion, and that's

the deficit. The deficit is the amount of money the government borrows (selling Treasury's) to cover the difference between the amount of money it spent in a budget year and the taxes it collected. And all those annual deficits added up since the beginning of the republic make up the national debt. When George H.W. Bush was president in 1990, the national debt was only \$3 trillion. When Barack Obama was elected in 2008, the national debt was \$10 trillion. By December 2009, deficit spending had grown to \$2 trillion, and the national debt had risen to \$12 trillion. In 2010, deficit spending declined to \$1.5 trillion, and the national debt was \$13.5 trillion. In 2011, deficit spending

declined to \$1.2 trillion, and the accumulated national debt stood at \$14.7 trillion. In 2012, the end of Obama's first term, deficit spending totaled \$1.2 trillion, and the national debt stood at \$15.9 trillion. During Obama's next term, the national debt reached \$20 trillion. So in 2017, for the first time since the Lord made little green apples, the national debt exceeded our \$19.3 trillion gross national product. In 2017, we paid over \$470 billion in interest on our debt, and interest rates are headed higher. And that's very scary.

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

Teach them while they're young

Dear Dave, My wife and I want to begin teaching our son how to make a budget and live on one. He's 16, and he has a part-time job and a hand-me-down car. Is this a realistic idea? — Mike



Dave Ramsey

account.

It's still your responsibility to provide him with the basic necessities at this point. But I love your willingness to teach your son how to handle money intelligently. The sooner he learns some basic money management principles, the sooner he'll be able to handle his finances responsibly in the real world!

— Dave

Controlling your cash

Dear Dave, I work long hours, and I make pretty good money. The problem is the money from my paychecks always seems

to disappear before the end of the month. I know part of the problem is grabbing quick meals between extra shifts, and eating out a lot after work, because I'm usually too tired to cook when I get home. How can someone who has very little free time start gaining control of their finances? — Sheila

Dear Sheila,

No matter how little free time you think you have, or how tired you are, you must make time do a written budget every month. This is essential. Making a budget for the month ahead isn't a lot of hard work, and it really doesn't take long. When you give every dollar a name before the month begins, you're taking control of your money instead of allowing a lack of it to control you.

Start with the income you know is predictable. If that isn't possible, look back over the last few

months and find the minimum amount you brought home during a month over that period of time. This will be the basis for your budget. Once you've established a baseline income, you can write down and prioritize bills and other expenses. Just remember, restaurants are not a priority!

When you make a prioritized spending plan, and start telling your money what to do ahead of time, you'll have the ability to do what's important with what you've earned!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 14 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.

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by examining your costs and reviewing your marketing strategy, justify it by the value you bring. This is what sets you apart from your competition. It may be special expertise, low-cost suppliers, low overhead, location, etc. Promote this every opportunity you have. Make it a point to review your pricing several times a year. With the easy availability to find cost information, customers and competitors are watching pricing trends, so don't risk being left behind. These slower summer months are an excellent time to do just that.

Let me know your thoughts at eddavis@scorevolunteer.org.

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"These impostors come in many varieties, but work the same way: the person pretending to be someone you trust tries to convince you to send money."

"Like your grandson calling, panicked because he needs you to wire money to help him fix a car, get out of jail or a hospital emergency room," explains the FTC. "Or a stranded friend emails and asks you to wire money overseas. In reality, it's a scammer who sleuthed out your grandchild's name, or hacked your friend's email account."

AARP reports these

impostors succeed by creating what experts call an "illusion of invulnerability." It's the belief that frauds happen to others but not to you. "Impostor fraud is among the fastest-growing scam types precisely because so many of us think we are immune to it."

To prove it, 85 percent of participants in an AARP survey said they were "confident" they could spot an impostor. But the majority flunked an "Impostor IQ" quiz which measured the ability to spot a liar. (Take the quiz at <https://aarplocal.polladdy.com/s/imposter-iq>.)

The takeaway here? Don't assume a person or message sender is

who they say they are, especially if under the guise of some type of legal authority. Rather than responding or acting in any way — including clicking a link or opening an attachment — unmask the possible disguise by independently verifying the source and the information.

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

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players and they swear by the place.

The pool leagues have tournaments each Tuesday and Saturday, with players coming from Port Charlotte, Venice, and many other surrounding communities. If you know a group of friends that enjoy the game, get them together and form a league of your own. There should be a time for you, as Mookey's is open from noon to 2 a.m.

To quench your thirst, they offer 20 different brands of beer on tap, plus a wide variety of bottled beer. They've got an excellent selection of whiskeys and other spirits. And if you have a particular preference for a brand of alcohol or beer they don't have, Mukesh will make sure he has it for the next time you drop in.

Another thing that might attract you is the high-speed wi-fi service kept very healthy by the IT guru John Owens. He is also tasked with keeping the juke box going. He must be doing his job, because it's always on, although not very loud.

You might think that Mookey's is frequented by men mostly, but

there are plenty of ladies there playing pool or darts and mostly having a good time as they sit with their husbands or boyfriends around the huge bar. It has become quite a meeting place for the locals, and one visit there will tell you why.

Oh, by the way, you might think with all the crowd, parking might be a problem. I can assure you the well-lit parking area gives you all the room you might need. There are many spaces out front, and some right by the horseshoe pits.

I want to dispel any thoughts you might have as to it being just a bar. It is a really nice place to enjoy your surroundings, your friends and just have a good time in a very popular place that you can relax, have a drink, have a smoke and take the time to enjoy yourself in a very relaxed environment.

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Behind Florida's payments to victims, links to lobbyists

By GARY FINEOUT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — When Florida lawmakers began clearing a backlog of payments to victims and families harmed by government actions, their explanation for the dramatic shift was that it was their duty to abide by court rulings for the injured.

What wasn't said was that, of the \$37.5 million in claims bills approved over the past two years, \$16.9 million — nearly half — was awarded to victims represented by a lobbyist who is the brother of Florida's outgoing Republican House speaker, Richard Corcoran.

Of the roughly 100 bills filed in the House and Senate during the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions, 21 were approved — and eight of those 21 were represented by Michael Corcoran's firm, Corcoran and Johnston. Altogether, the firm

submitted 19 claims, giving it a 42 percent success rate.

Lobbying records show the Corcoran firm collected at least \$89,000 in fees last year for its work on claims bills and is in line to receive tens of thousands more this year.

The success of the well-connected lobbying firm in winning approval for claims bills adds to a persistent debate among legislators as to who does — and doesn't — get paid.

Michael Corcoran didn't return a phone call requesting comment. Richard Corcoran didn't respond directly to questions about his brother's lobbying efforts, but said he was a firm believer that legislators should approve claims bills.

Claims bills are needed when someone sues state and local governments and a jury approves a payment above the caps enshrined in the state's sovereign-immunity law. The law says state and local government

cannot pay more than \$200,000 to an individual or \$300,000 overall.

But some Republicans in the past openly complained that lobbyists held too much sway in deciding which bills were approved. During the 2013 and 2014 sessions, legislators didn't approve a single claims bill, in part due to opposition by then-Senate President Don Gaetz, who said it seemed bills were passing based not on their substance, but the effectiveness of the lobbyists behind them.

Rep. Jay Fant, a Jacksonville Republican and attorney, consistently votes against claims bills because of what he calls a flawed process.

"The way it is applied is just terribly imperfect," Fant said.

Rep. Cord Byrd, a Jacksonville Republican and an attorney, sponsored two claims bills during the 2018 session that didn't pass — and he blamed lobbyists for

their failure.

One bill would have authorized Volusia County to pay nearly \$2 million to a Kansas woman who was injured and disfigured after she was run over by a county-operated truck while sunbathing on Daytona Beach. The bill was opposed by an insurer that covered the county. The insurer was represented by a lobbyist.

"We don't have a consistent process," Byrd said. "It's cheaper to hire a lobbyist to go in year in and year out and kill a local claims bill than pay it out."

Fant, who's running for attorney general, said that if Florida is going to waive its sovereign immunity caps, it should have a codified, egalitarian process that doesn't rely on who has the best lobbyist.

"This is something we should fix from a public policy standpoint," Fant said. "I think we can do better in Florida."

HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

Billionaire developer runs for Florida governor

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Billionaire Jeff Greene is jumping into Florida's governor's race, joining the already crowded Democratic primary.

It's not the first political run for Palm Beach real estate developer, who lost a U.S. Senate primary eight years ago despite spending \$30 million of his own money.

Greene, who filed his latest paperwork on Friday, lost by a landslide in 2010 to then-Rep. Kendrick Meek, who lost in turn to Republican Marco Rubio.

Greene's campaign was dogged by distractions, including reports that former boxer and convicted rapist Mike Tyson was the best man at his wedding, and Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss was his house guest for a year.

Feds quickly approve election security grant

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Florida is going to quickly get a \$19 million federal grant aimed at protecting the state's election systems from cyberattack.

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's office on Monday announced the U.S. Election Assistance Commission had approved the grant request. The commission wrote a

letter to Rubio saying the money would be given to the state this week.

Gov. Rick Scott ordered the state to apply for the money late last month. His move came one day after the state's top election official said the money wouldn't be available until after the November elections.

The money is part of a \$380 million national election protection program President Donald Trump approved in March.

PUBLIC NOTICE - CITY OF NORTH PORT NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND THE CITY OF NORTH PORT UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 2018-23 & 2018-24

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and Section 9.01(b) of the Charter of the City of North Port, and Chapter 1, Article II, Section 1-12, of the City's Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), that the City of North Port proposes to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-23 & Ordinance No. 2018-24, Amendments to the City of North Port Florida Unified Land Development Code (ULDC).

Public Hearings will be held before the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board designated as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) on **Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter will be heard, in the **City Hall Commission Chambers, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34286**.

Public Hearings for the first reading of Ordinance 2018-23 & Ordinance No. 2018-24 will be held before the North Port City Commission in Commission Chambers on **Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. The second and final reading will be held before the North Port City Commission in Commission Chambers on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**, to consider enactment of Ordinance No. 2018-23 & Ordinance No. 2018-24.

These Public Hearings will be held in the **North Port City Hall Commission Chambers, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida, 34286**.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-23

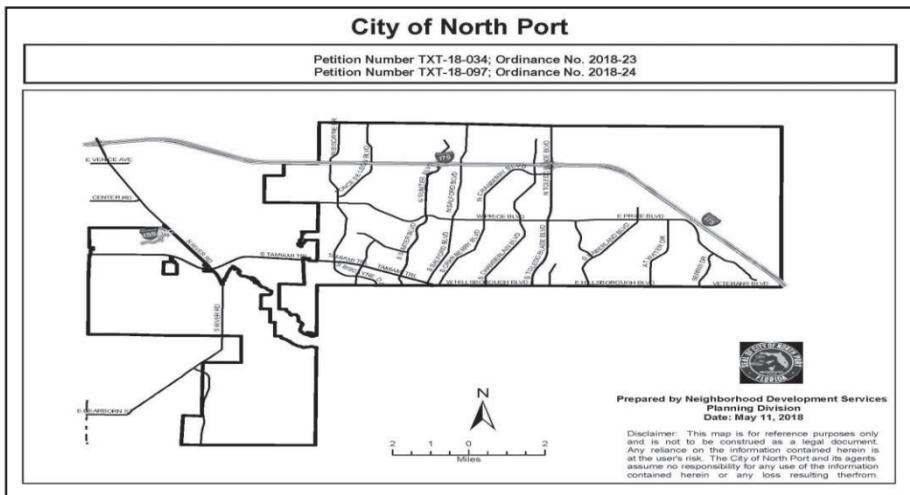
(Amending Chapter 25-Parking and Loading Regulations and Chapter 53-Zoning Regulations of the City of North Port, Florida, Unified Land Development Code related to parking and storage of certain vehicles.)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, RELATING TO PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 25 - PARKING AND LOADING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE II - OFF-STREET PARKING, SECTION 25-17 - MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES FOR WHOLESALE, WAREHOUSE, OR STORAGE USE; REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY SECTION 25-19 - PARKING AND STORAGE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES; RESERVING SECTION 25-19 FOR FUTURE USE; AMENDING CHAPTER 53 - ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE VIII - PCD PLANNED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, SECTION 53-112 - PARKING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING ARTICLE IX - RSF RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT, SECTION 53-122 - PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES AND SECTION 53-131 - PARKING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING ARTICLE X - RTF RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT, SECTION 53-144 - PARKING REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING ARTICLE XIII - RMH RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME DISTRICT, SECTION 53-170 - PARKING REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING ARTICLE XX - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE REGULATIONS, SECTION 53-240 - SPECIAL STRUCTURES RELATED TO MODULAR/MANUFACTURED HOMES AND TO PARKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-24

(Amending Chapter 53-Zoning Regulations of the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code related to mini-storage facilities and warehousing.)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, RELATING TO MINI-STORAGE FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSING, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 53 - ZONING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XX - SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE REGULATIONS, SECTION 53-240 - SPECIAL STRUCTURES RELATED TO OUTDOOR STORAGE AND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Note: This map covers all of the incorporated areas of the City of North Port, Florida. The proposed Ordinance 2018-23 & Ordinance No. 2018-24, (Adoption of Amendments to the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code) applies to the entire City of North Port as depicted on this map.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard in respect to these Ordinances at the public hearings in the City Hall Commission Chambers. Written comments filed with the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board and the City Commission will be heard and considered and will be made a matter of public record at these meetings. These public hearings may be continued from time to time as announced at the hearings, as may be found necessary. The files pertinent to Ordinance 2018-23, TXT-18-034 and Ordinance No. 2018-24, TXT-18-097, may be inspected by the public at the Neighborhood Development Services Department, Planning Division, and in the City of North Port City Clerk's Office, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34286, during regular business hours.

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NOTE: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING (SEE F.S.S. 286.26).

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Patsy C. Adkins, MMC, City Clerk
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Judge considers lifting stay on smokable medical marijuana

By JOE REEDY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — Floridians who are eligible to receive medical marijuana will still have to wait a long time to access smokable products if a judge lifts a stay.

An attorney representing the state's Department of Health said Monday that even if smokable medical marijuana was made legal, it would not be immediately available. Assistant Attorney General Karen Brodeen said it would take several months for the department to make rules and for medical marijuana treatment centers to stock the product.

Leon County circuit court Judge Karen Gievers heard testimony Monday on a motion that would vacate a stay on a May 25 ruling that said a provision banning smokable cannabis was unconstitutional. The state immediately filed an appeal which led to an automatic stay against the ruling's implementation.

John Morgan's People United for Medical Marijuana and two patients with terminal illnesses appealed the stay. Jon Mills, who represents the plaintiffs, said if the stay is vacated, then the Department of Health should get to work on creating rules even if further litigation continues. "There's no excuse for delay at this point," he said. "We have tens of thousands of people in Florida who could benefit. We need to expedite it as much as possible."

Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment in November 2016 allowing the use of medical marijuana, which left it up to the Legislature to approve enacting laws.

Orlando attorney John Morgan, who was the guiding force behind the amendment, has

noted that a "statement of intent" shared with the public before voters approved the constitutional amendment made it clear that "smokable marijuana wouldn't be used in public." He also added "we said very clearly that if it's not allowed in public, it is allowed in private."

Morgan's People United for Medical Marijuana filed a lawsuit last July, less than a month after the Florida Legislature last year banned smokable medical marijuana due to health risks. The state has argued that the Department of Health and Legislature have a role in regulating public health and that the smoking ban addresses reasonable health and safety concerns.

Gievers wrote in her 22-page ruling that the ability to smoke medical marijuana was implied in the amendment's language and is a protectable right when used in private places.

Gievers said she would decide on the stay "as quickly as possible." If she does rule to vacate, she could put a seven-day delay in place so that the Department of Health could start coming up with rules for treatment centers to cultivate and sell smokable pot.

The state would likely appeal to the state's 1st District Court of Appeal in Tallahassee. It will be the second medical marijuana case that court will be taking up after Gievers ruled last month that a Tampa man — Joseph Redner — is entitled under state law to possess, grow and use marijuana for juicing. Redner was prescribed juicing treatments from his doctor to prevent a relapse of stage 4 lung cancer.

The stay on that ruling remains in place. Mills said this case is different because the smoking ban applies to everyone.

Jimmy Fallon thanks Parkland students for schooling world

By TERRY SPENCER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE — The surprise commencement speaker at the Florida high school where a gunman killed 17 people in February was Jimmy Fallon, who said he wanted to thank the students personally for their courage and bravery.

"Most commencement speakers get up and talk in future tense: 'You will succeed. You will make us proud, you will change the world,' the 'Tonight Show' host said. "But I'm not going to say that, because you're not the future. You're the present. ... You are succeeding, you are making us proud."

Fallon joked about his own less-than-stellar high school performance — it took having to go to summer school to find "my people," he said — before telling the students that they've already proven how setbacks can "change us in ways we don't expect, and make us better, and stronger."

"You guys have already proved that to everyone. You took something horrific and instead of letting it stop you, you started a movement. Not just here in Florida and not just in America, but throughout the whole world," he said. "That was you, choosing to take something awful

and using it to make a change. That was you, choosing hope over fear."

"Keep making good choices," he added. "I'm not saying that because you need to learn it; I'm saying it because you've already taught it to all of us."

Graduate Shannon Recor said afterward that Fallon "made us laugh and cry."

"He brought a positive energy — I'm glad he came," Recor said.

Four families received diplomas on behalf of the seniors killed in the attack that gave rise to the "March for our Lives" movement for gun control: Nicholas Dworet, Joaquin Oliver, Meadow Pollack and Carmen Schentrup. Graduate Chris Grady said their families received standing ovations when they walked on stage; Oliver's mom wore a T-shirt that said, "This should be my son."

The private ceremony for the nearly 800 members of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School class of 2018 was held Sunday at the BB&T Center, where the National Hockey League's Florida Panthers play.

As families arrived, gunshots from a nearby public shooting range could be heard echoing over the parking lot.

Englewood searching for its mayor (for a day)

By SARAH GARCIA

PIONEER DAYS COMMITTEE

ENGLEWOOD — Do you have a favorite charity? Looking to raise money to help out a nonprofit organization?

Put a face on your favorite cause! Run for Mayor of Englewood for a day! Cut the ribbon at the Cardboard Boat Race and then ride in the Parade on Labor Day.

The 2018 Englewood Pioneer Days "Mayor For A Day" contest is now underway. The event's chairperson, Jeannie Joyce, is extremely excited to be running the Mayor For A Day contest, especially after her involvement last year.

This is how it works: each vote is equal to one dollar. The "votes" for candidates will be counted by the amount of money raised by the candidate. The candidate with the most votes wins. The proceeds collected (100 percent) by the winner go to the winner's charity as designated on their application form. Proceeds from all other

candidates will be split with 75 percent going to their designated charity and 25 percent to Englewood Pioneer Days.

In 2017, Charlie Hicks ran for the Lemon Bay Historical Society. He raised money for the Lemon Bay Historical Society's campaign to move the Historic Green Street Church Museum. Voting jars were placed in many establishments throughout town and Charlie made appearances at several events during the summer. Once officially named, Mayor Hicks announced that he was able to collect over \$2,700 to save the historical Green Street Church.

In 2012, Torrey Mead, a local Realtor, was motivated to run. He selected the Suncoast Humane Society as his charity. Torrey did several things during his campaign to increase his chances of winning, including making "campaign" appearances at numerous places and events.

Two mayoral debates are being planned for all

candidates. Candidates may organize additional events and locations to raise "votes." All "votes" must be turned in by 5 p.m. Aug. 30 to the Pioneer Days Committee office at 30 S. Mango St.

The winner will be notified on Aug. 31. He or she will receive a "Mayor For A Day" sash prior to the Cardboard Boat Race at Indian Mound Park on Sept. 1. The winner will cut the ribbon to start the race, select "Mayor's Choice" winners for two car shows, and ride in the Pioneer Day Parade on Sept. 3.

Candidate information and online voting will be available at www.EnglewoodPioneerDays.com. Voting boxes for all candidates will be available at soon to be named locations around Englewood.

Any Englewood resident is eligible. All candidates must declare and register by July 15. Applications may be downloaded from the website www.EnglewoodPioneerDays.com or can be requested by sending

an email to info@EnglewoodPioneerDays.com. The forms should be completed online or can be mailed to EPD, PO Box 1411, Englewood, FL 34275 along with a photo of the candidate, a brief statement (200 words or less) to include information about the candidate, the charity and why that charity was chosen, along a \$10 registration fee.

Email info@englewoodpioneerdays.com with any questions.



SUN FILE PHOTO BY STEVE REILLY

Charlie Hicks, president of the Lemon Bay Historical Society, was Englewood's Mayor For A Day in 2017, and served his community well. He raised funds to move the Green Street Church Museum to a new home on State Road 776.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Torrey Mead, Englewood's 2012 Mayor For A Day, cuts the ribbon at the Cardboard Boat Race. It's one of the official duties of the Pioneer Days Mayor.

CHARLOTTE EVENTS

■ TODAY

Men's Fellowship, Gulf Cove Methodist Men meet 1st Tuesday at 8am, at Perkins, 6001 S. Salford, North Port. 697-1747

Wood Carving Club, All kinds of wood carving. 8-12 noon, Punta Gorda Boat Club W Retta Esplanade. All Welcome to visit, join and enjoy.

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

Bible School, 10am-2pm, Salvation Army, 2120 Loveland Blvd. Vacation Bible School, food provided daily ages 4yrs-12yrs

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

FL Fish & Wildlife, FL

Fish & Wildlife then FREE Lunch for Ages 18 & under. 10:30-12pm @ PC Library 2280 Aaron St. 941.764.5562

Deep Creek Elks, Lunch 12-2, dinner 5-8, Reservation Required, Pasta, Burgers And More, Karaoke With Spotlight 6-9

Punta Gorda Elks, 11-2 Lunch; 1-6 Tiki Tuesday; 1-5 Bar Food; 6pm LBOD Mtg; 7pm Lodge Mtg @ 25538 ShorePG637-2606;members & guests

Writers help Writers, Writers help Writers from 11.0 -1.0 5th June at Punta Gorda Library, West Henry St. contact Paul pgholmes@comcast.net

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

Bridge @ Faith, Join the fun in playing this fascinating game! Tuesday's at 12pm Faith Lutheran,

4005 Palm Drive, PG, 33950

At Ease, Vets, Listening ears & discussion at Rotonda West American Legion (3436 Indiana Rd) first Tues, 4pm. Gulf Cove UMC, 249-5513

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. 8am to 12pm at the Cultural Center. Come see us. Bev 764-6452

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.

Bible School, 10am-2pm, Salvation Army, 2120 Loveland Blvd. Vacation Bible School, food provided daily, ages 4yrs-12yrs

Am Leg 110 Bingo, Early Birds 10:30 Hot Balls, progressive and specials. Am Legion Riders – Open to the public

Audubon Society, Audubon presentation then FREE lunch for ages 18 & under. 10:30-12pm @ PC Library 2280 Aaron St. 941.764.5562

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, Lodge Initiation For New Members @ 7pm

Featured Events

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Creation Health Seminar, Dr. Grace Levy-Clarke Auto-Immune Disease Specialist presents free Creation Health Seminar at the Cultural Center on June 4-8 @ 6:30-8:30 PM nightly. Phone 941 467-2169 for more info.

General Membership Meeting, Tue. June 5, starting 7p.m. VMCCA SW Fl. Region, 713 E. Marion Ave. 4th Floor (between E. Olympia & E. Marion before Cooper) Last meeting until Sept 4. Non-modified car/truck/motorcycle enthusiasts welcome. Info Don Royston 941-626-4452.

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

ENGLEWOOD EVENTS

■ TODAY

Men's Fellowship, Gulf Cove Methodist Men meet 1st Tuesday at 8am, at Perkins, 6001 S. Salford, North Port. 697-1747

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, 9-12p, 941-861-1980. \$2 to play!

Beginning Line Dance, Learn steps and dances at Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St. 9 - 10 am, \$3.00, 474-1438.

Table Tennis (Open),

Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-12:30p. Open to all skill levels. \$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.

Plant Clinic, Plant Clinic @ Charlotte Englewood Library 10-12 Every Tuesday & Thursday, Florida Master Gardeners, Free

Library Bingo, 6/5/18 at 10:30 a.m. at the Elsie Quirk Library 941-861-1200

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

Friend to Friend, Fellowship

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

Pickleball (Open), Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 1-4p. Open to all skill levels. \$2 to 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

At Ease, Vets, Listening ears & discussion at Rotonda West American Legion (3436 Indiana Rd) first Tues, 4pm. Gulf Cove UMC, 249-5513

Walk 15 Fitness, Walk aerobics. 4:30pm Tues., Eng. Sports Complex 941-662-6858 \$6, 9th class

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Open Music Jam, 6-9 every Monday. Indian mound Park. 210 Winson ave Englewood fl 34223, 941-786-6116

■ WEDNESDAY

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

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

NORTH PORT EVENTS

■ TUESDAY

Men's Fellowship, Gulf Cove Methodist Men meet 1st Tuesday at 8am, at Perkins, 6001 S. Salford, North Port. 697-1747

Scrabble, 9:30-11:30 am NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Looking for more players, don't need to be perfect

Back pack angels, N.P. Coalition Homeless/ Needy children(BPA)10:am N.P. Library,volunteers needed,Dianne 813-758-2805

Mahjongg, 10 am-1:30 pm NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 They are looking for more players. Gail 941-429-1182

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

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

At Ease, Vets, Listening ears & discussion at Rotonda West American Legion (3436 Indiana Rd) first Tues, 4pm. Gulf Cove UMC, 249-5513

Pub. welcome Amvets Mtg 7:00 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-5429-5403

Amvets Regular Monthly Meeting, @ 6pm Ex-Board meeting @ 5pm 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999

Youth Boxing, 6 p.m. Tues/ Thurs. Morgan Center. 6207 W. Price Blvd 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 Join Brenda for a good workout & feel better

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, Cynidre'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 If you know how to play cards this is easy to learn

Adult Boxing, USA Boxing.

Self-defense, balance, conditioning, confidence, 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 Join others & have fun

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

Amvets 312 Dinner, Lunch 11:30-2:00 Dinner 5-7 Steak Night Pub. welcome Chase the Ace 6:30 Music 6-9 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-429-5403

Amvets 2000, Corn Hole Tournament @ 7pm Join in the fun 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999



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Celebrity Estate Planning Mistakes, Free seminar, Thursday, June 7, 11am-noon, Englewood Bank & Trust, 1111 S. McCall Road. Trust Officer Kerry Hunter and Portfolio Manager Jeffrey Bryen explore how to avoid planning mistakes made by James Gandolfini, Warren Burger, Jerry Garcia and others. RSVP to Kerry 941-473-3629, khunter@ebtfl.com

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Concert Band loves 'the '70s,' says goodbye to longtime director

STAFF REPORT

NORTH PORT — The North Port Concert Band closed the 2017-18 season with “We Love the 70s (All of Them!)” as well with a farewell to director, Dennis Silkebakken who retired after the performance.

The night was filled with music at the North Port Performing Arts Center that brought memories to the audience.

The band will be back with “God Bless the USA” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1.

To purchase tickets for the event, visit www.northportconcertband.org.

SUN PHOTOS BY MONICA AMAYA



Upper right: “We Love the ‘70s (All of Them!)” was the last concert of the 2017-18 season — and the last one conducted by Dennis Silkebakken. The night included hits from 1970s along with a number of classical selections.



Flutist Susan Lagg-May performs “Antique Suite,” a piece by John Rutter, arranged by North Port Concert Band Director Dennis Silkebakken.



Sarasota resident Lucille Rose D’Armi-Riggio, an acclaimed vocalist, performs “The Look of Love” and “I Will Survive” during the North Port Concert Band concert recently.



Dennis Silkebakken received recognition as the North Port Concert Band conductor for eight years, bringing together the group that features members from Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte counties. North Port Concert Band President Joan Skowrya presented the recognition.



Phillip Morehouse and Klaudia Kusznierevich, members of the Wilson’s Dance Club International, danced to the music of “MacArthur Park” and “Village People on the Move.”

Chorale brings forth songs of ‘Silver Screen’

NORTH PORT — “Songs from the Silver Screen” was the name of the last concert of the 2017-18 season of the North Port Chorale held in April at the Performing Arts Center.

The night was filled with music from Hollywood productions, under the musical direction of Jeffrey Herbert.

The first concert of the 2018-19 season, “A Christmas Tale,” is set to take place at 7 p.m., Saturday Dec. 8.

To purchase tickets, call 941-426-8479 or 1-866-406-7722 or visit the webpage www.northportchorale.org

SUN PHOTOS BY MONICA AMAYA



Right: The North Port Chorale during a recent concert, “Songs from the Silver Screen,” which was a remembrance to some of Hollywood’s greatest hits.



Bass Mark Gentile and North Port Chorale Director Jeffrey Herbert during “ACT III — Isn’t it Romantic?”



Alto Ann Larrivee during her participation with the North Port Chorale recently in “ACT II — Thanks for the Memories.”



Tenor Dan Burns participated in the musical groups “ACT IV — The Heat is On” and “ACT V — The Envelope Please.”



“Part of Your World” was performed by alto Jean Lowe as a part of the North Port Chorale.



50 YEARS LATER



AP FILE PHOTO

This June 5, 1968 file photo shows Sen. Robert F. Kennedy speaking his final words to supporters at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, moments before he was shot on June 5, 1968. At his side are his wife, Ethel, left, and his California campaign manager, Jesse Unruh, right. Football player Roosevelt Grier is at right rear. Associated Press Hollywood reporter Bob Thomas was on a one-night political assignment in June 1968 to cover Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary when mayhem unfolded before his eyes. (AP Photo/Dick Strobel, File)

How the AP covered the RFK assassination 50 years ago

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Associated Press Hollywood reporter Bob Thomas was on a one-night political assignment in June 1968 to cover Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary when mayhem unfolded before his eyes.

He heard pops of gunfire, then screams, and quickly rushed into the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel to see what was happening. People stood in a circle, staring down at the concrete floor in shock. Thomas jumped up on a stack of kitchen trays and saw Kennedy on the floor, blood oozing from his head.

Thomas sprinted into the press room

to find an open phone line to call in the story to his editors. The line was dead, so he tried again at a phone booth in the lobby and reached editor Bob Myers.

"I've got a flash. Kennedy shot," Thomas said.
"Are you serious?" Myers responded.
"I'm serious. Kennedy's been shot," Thomas said.

Within moments, AP bulletins and story updates were transmitted to newspapers and TV and radio stations around the country, informing the world that Kennedy had been shot.

The AP filed numerous takes to the wire that night — the story broke just after midnight Los Angeles time — and did the same the next day when Kennedy succumbed to his wounds

and the story became an obituary for the 42-year-old senator just five years after his brother was assassinated.

Here is some of the AP's coverage surrounding the assassination:

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the assassinated President John F. Kennedy, was shot in the brain early today just after he claimed victory in the California primary that he felt was the key to his own bid for the presidency.

Mayor Sam Yorty and Police Chief Tom Reddin told a news conference

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Bill Clinton bristles at questions on Lewinsky, #MeToo

By ANNE FLAHERTY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Former President Bill Clinton says the #MeToo movement is overdue. Just don't ask him about Monica Lewinsky.

In an interview with NBC's "Today Show" released Monday, Clinton bristled at questions over whether he should have resigned 20 years ago over his sexual relationship with the White House intern and whether the #MeToo movement has changed his perspective.

At the same time, the former Democratic president claimed credit for empowering women in his orbit and disputed that he might owe Lewinsky a private apology, insisting his public televised apology was adequate.

Lewinsky wrote in March that their relationship "was not sexual assault" but "constituted a gross abuse of power."

"I dealt with it 20 years ago, plus," said Clinton. "And the American people, two-thirds of them stayed with me. And I've tried to do a good job since then, and with my life and with my work. That's all I have to say."

Clinton is promoting his new fictional thriller, "The President Is Missing," with best-selling author James Patterson.

In clips released from the interview, Clinton was at times both vague and combative in his answers, repeatedly blaming his critics and even the NBC interviewer for "omitting facts" by trying to lump him in with other men who have abused their positions of power to leverage sexual relationships.

Clinton said he was right not to resign. And while he said he supports the #MeToo movement, "I still have questions about some of the decisions which have been made."

Clinton said he doesn't think President Donald Trump has gotten a free pass,

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Guatemala volcano death toll up to 62, expected to rise

By SONIA PEREZ D.
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EL RODEO, Guatemala — Rescuers pulled survivors and bodies Monday from the charred aftermath of the powerful eruption of Guatemala's Volcano of Fire, as the death toll rose to 62 and was expected to go higher from a disaster that caught residents of remote mountain hamlets off guard, with little or no time to flee to safety.

Using shovels and backhoes, emergency workers dug through the debris and mud, perilous labor on smoldering terrain still hot enough to melt shoe soles a day after the volcano exploded in a hail of ash, smoke and molten rock.

Bodies were so thickly coated with ash that they looked like statues, and rescuers were forced to use sledgehammers to break through the roofs of houses buried in debris up to their rooflines to try to see if anyone was trapped inside.

Fanuel Garcia, director of the National Institute of Forensic Sciences, said 62 bodies had been recovered and 13 of those had been identified.

"It is very difficult for us to identify them because some of the dead lost their features or their fingerprints" from the red-hot flows, Garcia said. "We are going to have to resort to other methods ... and if possible take DNA samples to identify them."

Hilda Lopez said her mother and sister were still missing after the slurry of hot gas, ash and rock roared into her village of San Miguel Los Lotes, just below the mountain's flanks.

"We were at a party, celebrating



AP PHOTO

Firefighters remove a body recovered near the Volcan de Fuego, or "Volcano of Fire," in Escuintla, Guatemala. Monday Rescuers have found the bodies of several more victims of an eruption at Guatemala's Volcano of Fire, and emergency workers have pulled some people still alive from ash drifts and mud flows.

the birth of a baby, when one of the neighbors shouted at us to come out and see the lava that was coming," the distraught woman said. "We didn't believe it, and when we went out the hot mud was already coming down the street."

"My mother was stuck there, she couldn't get out," said Lopez, weeping and holding her face in her hands.

Her husband, Joel Gonzalez, said his father had also been unable to escape and was believed to be "buried back there, at the house."

Guatemalan authorities say they had been closely monitoring the Volcano of Fire, one of Central America's most active, after activity picked up around 6 a.m. Sunday.

The volcano has registered a

number of minor eruptions over the years, and no evacuations were ordered as scientific experts reported the activity was decreasing.

Guatemala's disaster agency, Conred, issued a number of standard precautions, advising people to wear protective face masks, clean their rooftops of ash once the eruption was over and cover any food and water intended for human consumption. It also said to heed any recommendations from authorities. Guatemala City's international airport was closed due to the danger to planes.

Conred spokesman Manuel de Leon said that around 2 p.m. the volcano registered a new, more

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Supreme Court rules narrowly for baker who refused to make cake for same-sex couple

By DAVID G. SAVAGE
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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled narrowly Monday for a Christian baker who refused to make a same-sex wedding cake, deciding that he was a victim of religious bias on the part of the state's civil rights commission.

But the 7-2 ruling, written by Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, stressed the importance of maintaining equal rights for gays and lesbians.

"The exercise of their freedoms on terms equal to others must be given great weight and respect by the courts," wrote Kennedy, who has penned several decisions upholding the rights of gays and lesbians.

He cautioned that law does "not allow business owners and other actors in the economy and in society to deny protected persons equal access to goods and services under a neutral and generally applicable public accommodations law."

But in this case, Kennedy said, the Colorado civil rights

commission displayed "hostility" to Jack Phillips, the owner of the Masterpiece Cakeshop. Kennedy cited comments by a member of the state commission who had said that religion was often used as a basis for bigotry.

Justices Elena Kagan and Stephen G. Breyer joined with their more conservative colleagues to form the majority.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented.

The case has been widely seen as a clash between religious liberties and gay rights. It also reflected a conservative backlash against the Supreme Court's ruling in 2015 holding that same-sex couples had a constitutional right to marry in all states.

But Kennedy and the court chose the narrowest possible way to resolve the case of Masterpiece Cakeshop vs. Colorado Civil Rights Commission.

The justices did not say that store owners like Phillips had a right to an exemption from the state's civil rights law based on their sincere religious beliefs. Lawyers for Phillips

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Senator refused entry to facility holding migrants' kids

By ANDREW SELSKY ASSOCIATED PRESS

A United States senator tried to enter a federal facility in Texas where immigrant children are being held, but police were summoned and he was told to leave.

Sen. Jeff Merkley's attempt late Sunday to enter the facility, and his request to speak to a manager, comes amid a national debate over the practice of separating families caught crossing the border illegally.

The children are being held in Brownsville, a city along the Mexican border, said Merkley, a Democrat from Oregon who live-streamed his arrival there on Facebook. He said no member of Congress has visited the facility, and that because U.S. citizens were financing it, he and the press should be able to see what conditions are like inside.

The facility, run by a contractor, is in a former Walmart with blacked-out windows. "Every American citizen has a stake in how these children are being treated and how this policy is being enacted," Merkley said.

A supervisor, who finally emerged from the building, told Merkley he was not allowed to make any statements. He gave the senator a phone number of the public affairs office in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington.

Meanwhile, Brownsville police had shown up. One asked Merkley for

his name and birth date. Merkley provided the information, and then tried to explain to the officer why he had come to the facility.

"The children who were previously kept with their families, under a new policy just implemented by the attorney general, are being separated from their families and warehoused here," Merkley told the police officer. "And the attorney general's team, and the Office of Refugee Resettlement, they don't want anyone to know about what's going on behind these doors."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions recently announced a new "zero-tolerance policy" in which it will press criminal charges against all people crossing the border illegally, even if they have few or no previous offenses. More children are expected to be separated from their parents as a result.

It was out of concerns for "the safety, security and dignity of the children" that the senator was barred entry into the Brownsville facility, a spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families said in an email.

A statement from Victoria Palmer said there's a "process" to enter such a facility he should follow "to make headway on this important issue, rather than just headlines."

The Department of Health and Human Services says it operates over 100 shelters in some 17 states, and that children spend an average of 51 days in them.

Melania Trump appears for the first time in 3 weeks



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 2017, photo first lady Melania Trump sits at the Sigonella Naval Air Station, in Sigonella, Italy.

WASHINGTON (AP) — First lady Melania Trump has attended a White House event honoring Gold Star families in her first appearance in more than three weeks after a kidney procedure.

Mrs. Trump joined the president at a reception Monday to honor families of those killed during military service.

Video posted on Twitter showed the first lady wearing a sleeveless black dress and strolling into the East Room accompanied by President Donald

Trump. The president showed her to a seat in the front row before he headed for the stage.

Mrs. Trump had not been seen in public since May 10, when she and the president welcomed home three Americans freed from North Korea. Four days later, the White House announced she had been hospitalized to treat a benign kidney condition.

She has stayed out of public view since returning home on May 19.

Amber Alert: 7-month-old abducted by registered sex offender

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Authorities in Virginia and North Carolina are searching for a convicted sex offender who kidnapped his 7-month-old daughter from her mother at knifepoint, police said Monday.

Police in Danville, Virginia, said Emma Grace Kennedy was taken by her father, 51-year-old Carl Ray Kennedy, at a Kwik Stop. The gas station is about three hours southwest of Richmond on the North Carolina border.

Virginia State Police issued an Amber Alert and said the infant is believed to be in "extreme danger."

Danville police Lt. Michael Wallace declined to release the name of the girl's 32-year-old mother. Authorities said Carl Kennedy is registered as a sex offender in Asheboro, which is 30 minutes south of Greensboro, North Carolina. He's currently out of jail on a \$250,000 bond on a drug distribution charge.

North Carolina incarceration records show Kennedy was convicted in 2014 on a felony charge of strangulation and a charge of misdemeanor sexual battery.

Kennedy is described in the police alert as a white man with gray hair, 5 foot 8 inches, weighing 170 pounds, last seen driving a gold 4-door Suzuki, with the North Carolina tag FAA-1873 or EKZ 5093. Police said he has tattoos of skulls on his forearms, an eye on the back of his right hand, a pit bull with "American bulldog" written under it on his upper right arm, and a wizard on his upper left arm.

Emma, the alert said, was last seen in a light blue onesie.



EMMA GRACE

US pressure on Kim to continue as time set for summit

By JENNIFER JACOBS and JUSTIN SINK BLOOMBERG NEWS

WASHINGTON — The U.S. campaign to economically isolate North Korea will continue, the White House press secretary said Monday, even as preparations advance for President Donald Trump's summit next week with Kim Jong Un.

The White House set a time for Trump's first meeting with Kim: 9 a.m. Singapore time on June 12, press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said. But she said there has been no change in what Trump has described as a "maximum pressure" campaign on the North Korean regime.

Trump said last week he'd avoid using the phrase because of improving relations between the two countries. "I don't want to use that term because we're getting

along," he said on Friday. "Our policy hasn't changed, and as the president stated, we have sanctions on, they're very powerful and we would not take those sanctions off unless North Korea denuclearized," Sanders said on Monday.

Trump aims to persuade the North Korean dictator to give up his country's nuclear arsenal in exchange for relief from U.S. economic sanctions. He's promised American investment in the under-developed country would follow.

The White House has been tight-lipped about Trump's preparations for the summit. He spent the weekend at Camp David, the presidential retreat in Maryland, with some of his family.

"The president has been receiving daily briefings on North Korea from his national security team," Sanders said.

TODAY / TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

TODAY / TONIGHT A p.m. t-storm in spots A thunderstorm in spots HIGH 90° 45% chance of rain LOW 75° 40% chance of rain	WEDNESDAY Clouds and sun with a t-storm in the area 89° / 73° 45% chance of rain	THURSDAY Clouds and sun with a t-storm in the area 89° / 71° 45% chance of rain	FRIDAY A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 90° / 72° 60% chance of rain	SATURDAY A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 89° / 72° 60% chance of rain	SUNDAY A couple of showers and a thunderstorm 86° / 70° 60% chance of rain
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78° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Apalachicola	89 74 pc 87 74 t	
Bradenton	88 77 pc 85 74 pc	
Clearwater	87 76 pc 85 75 pc	
Coral Springs	92 76 pc 90 73 pc	
Daytona Beach	91 70 pc 88 69 pc	
Fort Lauderdale	91 77 pc 88 75 pc	
Lakeland	91 76 pc 90 75 pc	
Fort Myers	91 76 pc 89 69 pc	
Gainesville	92 69 pc 89 69 pc	
Jacksonville	93 67 pc 92 68 pc	
Key Largo	87 78 pc 87 77 pc	
Key West	86 76 pc 86 76 pc	
Lakeland	91 71 pc 86 71 pc	
Melbourne	93 73 pc 88 73 pc	
Miami	91 76 pc 88 74 pc	
Naples	88 78 pc 87 76 pc	
Ocala	91 70 pc 88 70 pc	
Okeechobee	90 72 pc 87 69 pc	
Orlando	93 73 pc 88 72 pc	
Panama City	87 72 pc 86 73 pc	
Pensacola	89 72 t 88 72 pc	
Pompano Beach	91 76 pc 87 75 pc	
St. Augustine	90 70 pc 88 69 pc	
St. Petersburg	89 76 pc 86 75 pc	
Sarasota	87 76 pc 86 74 pc	
Tallahassee	93 70 pc 90 70 pc	
Tampa	90 77 pc 87 76 pc	
Vero Beach	91 71 pc 88 72 pc	
West Palm Beach	90 74 pc 86 73 pc	

TIDES

High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 10:15a 3:10a 7:43p 2:28p	Wed. 10:51a 3:59a 9:02p 4:08p	
Englewood	Today 8:52a 1:26a 6:20p 12:44p	Wed. 9:28a 2:15a 7:39p 2:24p	
Boca Grande	Today 8:30a 12:20a 4:11p 11:09a	Wed. 8:57a 1:08a 5:26p 1:29p	
El Jobean	Today 10:47a 3:39a 8:15p 2:57p	Wed. 11:23a 4:28a 9:34p 4:37p	
Venice	Today 7:07a 12:05a 4:35p 11:23a	Wed. 7:43a 12:54a 5:54p 1:03p	

MARINE

Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	W	8-16	1-2 Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	NW	6-12	1-3 Light

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	6:34 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
Wednesday	6:34 a.m.	8:20 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	1:03 a.m.	12:28 p.m.
Wednesday	1:40 a.m.	1:21 p.m.

SOLAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	11:57a	5:46a	6:08p
Wed.	12:19a	6:32a	6:54p
Thu.	1:05a	7:16a	1:27p 7:39p

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Monday

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Monday

THE NATION

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U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 106° at Needles, CA Low 27° at West Yellowstone, MT

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Albuquerque	94 62 s 93 63 pc	Jackson, MS	89 64 pc 90 65 pc		
Anchorage	60 46 c 60 50 pc	Kansas City	87 65 s 90 65 s		
Atlanta	86 64 pc 90 67 s	Knoxville	84 62 pc 86 58 s		
Baltimore	78 54 t 72 57 pc	Las Vegas	103 76 pc 100 74 s		
Billings	73 54 t 80 57 pc	Los Angeles	77 60 pc 74 59 pc		
Birmingham	86 62 pc 89 64 pc	Louisville	86 62 s 81 60 pc		
Boise	82 55 pc 87 59 pc	Memphis	87 68 pc 90 69 s		
Boston	67 53 sh 60 52 pc	Milwaukee	64 49 s 68 56 pc		
Buffalo	64 51 sh 68 54 pc	Minneapolis	79 63 s 80 64 t		
Burlington, VT	64 52 r 68 53 c	Montgomery	88 67 pc 91 67 pc		
Charleston, WV	80 55 pc 73 51 pc	Nashville	86 63 pc 89 60 s		
Charlotte	83 60 pc 87 61 s	New Orleans	88 75 pc 89 73 pc		
Chicago	68 52 sh 75 61 s	New York City	75 57 t 70 57 pc		
Cincinnati	82 55 t 75 56 pc	Norfolk, VA	83 68 pc 77 65 s		
Cleveland	69 50 c 68 52 pc	Oklahoma City	87 67 s 90 70 s		
Columbia, SC	88 66 pc 94 69 s	Omaha	92 69 s 94 69 pc		
Columbus, OH	74 53 t 71 53 pc	Philadelphia	77 58 t 71 56 pc		
Concord, NH	67 47 r 68 45 pc	Phoenix	106 77 pc 104 76 pc		
Dallas	93 75 pc 95 75 pc	Pittsburgh	68 47 t 67 51 pc		
Denver	93 56 pc 88 55 pc	Portland, ME	59 47 r 64 49 pc		
Des Moines	91 66 s 93 71 pc	Portland, OR	74 52 pc 80 54 pc		
Detroit	71 50 pc 72 56 pc	Providence	72 52 sh 66 48 c		
Duluth	65 45 pc 71 51 t	Raleigh	83 64 pc 82 60 s		
Fairbanks	75 53 c 71 47 sh	Salt Lake City	90 65 s 92 67 pc		
Fargo	84 63 s 79 52 t	St. Louis	89 66 s 88 68 s		
Hartford	71 52 sh 71 52 pc	San Antonio	101 75 s 101 76 pc		
Helena	75 48 pc 78 55 pc	San Diego	70 62 pc 69 61 pc		
Honolulu	84 73 pc 85 74 sh	San Francisco	68 54 pc 65 54 pc		
Houston	94 74 pc 96 74 pc	Seattle	67 51 c 75 52 pc		
Indianapolis	84 54 t 79 59 pc	Washington, DC	79 58 t 72 58 pc		

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	68 52 pc 78 61 pc	Mexico City	82 58 pc 81 58 pc		
Baghdad	108 81 s 110 82 s	Montreal	62 49 sh 69 53 pc		
Beijing	103 74 c 99 73 pc	Ottawa	59 48 sh 68 53 c		
Berlin	79 53 pc 74 54 pc	Paris	77 60 t 76 60 t		
Buenos Aires	55 40 pc 58 42 pc	Regina	72 47 pc 79 53 pc		
Cairo	93 72 s 95 72 s	Rio de Janeiro	74 67 sh 80 69 s		
Calgary	66 42 c 73 45 s	Rome	76 61 pc 78 64 pc		
Cancun	88 76 pc 88 78 pc	St. John's	55 35 c 46 36 c		
Dublin	64 48 pc 64 49 pc	San Juan	90 78 s 89 78 pc		
Edmonton	66 37 pc 73 42 c	Sydney	63 56 sh 66 57 sh		
Halifax	49 41 r 57 43 c	Tokyo	81 67 c 73 67 r		
Kiev	78 52 t 67 46 s	Toronto	64 49 c 68 54 c		
London	67 49 pc 72 54 s	Vancouver	65 53 pc 69 53 pc		
Madrid	68 51 c 67 52 t	Winnipeg	74 56 pc 73 49 pc		

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low 91°/80°
Normal High/Low 91°/71°
Record High 99° (1985)
Record Low 65° (2011)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.66"
Year to date 10.26"
Normal year to date 13.90"
Record 4.73" (1968)

VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low 88°/81°
Normal High/Low 89°/72°
Record High 96° (2011)
Record Low 60° (1966)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.66"
Year to date 10.26"
Normal year to date 13.90"
Record 4.73" (1968)

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80 9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52 11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28 9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03 5.80/1994
May	15.98	2.74	2.50 15.98/2018
Jun.	0.02	14.79	8.92 23.99/1974
Jul.	0.02	9.02	8.22 14.22/1995
Aug.	13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03/1979
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88/1995
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002
Year	20.32	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low 91°/76°

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.00"

AIRPORT

Possible weather-related delays today. Check with your airline for the most updated schedules.

Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	91/76	part cldy afternoon
Punta Gorda	90/75	part cldy afternoon
Sarasota	87/76	part cldy afternoon

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Monday

WEATHER HISTORY

Out-of-season frosts proved fatal to many crops, and snow fell in Boston, in June 1815.

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Putin scoffs at US indictment of Russians

MOSCOW (AP) — President Vladimir Putin ridiculed the U.S. indictment of 13 Russians in a television interview broadcast Monday, scoffing at the notion that a person described as his chef could interfere with a U.S. presidential election.

Special counsel Robert Mueller in February charged Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy businessman dubbed “Putin’s chef,” and 12 others in an alleged conspiracy to meddle in the 2016 election.

Putin dismissed the charges as “ridiculous” during an interview with Austrian public broadcaster ORF broadcast late Monday.

“How low the Western information and political environment has fallen if a restaurateur from Russia could influence elections in the United States or a European country,” the Russia leader said.

The 13 people indicted are accused of an elaborate plot to disrupt the U.S. election that allegedly included running a huge social media campaign from their headquarters in St. Petersburg, dubbed the “troll farm.”

Prigozhin has been dubbed “Putin’s chef” by Russian media because his restaurants and catering businesses have hosted the Kremlin

leader’s dinners with foreign dignitaries.

Putin told ORF that the Russian government has no connection to Prigozhin’s activities. When pressed further, he pointed to Hungarian-American financier and philanthropist George Soros, alleging that Soros meddles in the affairs of various nations while “our American friends often tell me that America has nothing to do with it.”

“Ask the (U.S.) Department of State why he does it,” Putin said. “The Department of State would tell you that it has no relation to that, it’s Mr. Soros’ private business. Well, here it’s Mr. Prigozhin’s private business.”

Asked about his interactions with U.S. President Donald Trump, Putin said political infighting in Washington was hampering their contacts.

In a phone call to Putin in March, Trump proposed their holding a summit. U.S. and Russian officials haven’t discussed specifics yet.

“In my view, it’s a result of the acute political struggle continuing in the U.S.,” Putin said.

He emphasized that his meeting with Trump would be important as an opportunity to discuss arms control and preventing a new arms race.

HEADLINES AROUND THE WORLD

US says airstrike in Somalia kills 27 al-Shabab extremists

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — The U.S. military says it has carried out an airstrike in northern Somalia that killed 27 al-Shabab extremists.

The statement issued Monday by the U.S. Africa command said it assesses that no civilians were killed in the attack on Sunday about 26 miles southwest of Bosasso, the commercial capital of the semiautonomous Puntland state. The area has recently seen attacks on local forces by extremists aligned with the Islamic State group.

The Trump administration approved expanded military operations against extremists in Somalia, including al-Shabab, which is linked to al-Qaida and was blamed for the truck bombing in Mogadishu in October that killed more than 500 people.

Cuba’s new president meets with US senator, Google exec

HAVANA (AP) — New President Miguel Diaz-Canel on Monday held his first official meeting with visitors from the U.S., discussing increased internet access for Cuba with Google executive Eric Schmidt and Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Google and Cuba have been discussing how the company can help connect Cuba to undersea fiber-optic cables that run relatively near to the island, which would allow

Cubans faster access to data stored around the world. Cuba now uses a cable that runs under the Caribbean to Venezuela.

Flake and Schmidt said no agreement was reached at the meeting, but Flake described the session with the new president as positive and an important step toward an eventual deal.

“I think it moved the needle in the extent that it needed to,” Flake said.

UK police agency puts cost of ex-spy attack at \$10 million

LONDON (AP) — Police officers from 40 departments in England and Wales are returning to their home assignments three months after they stepped in to help local authorities respond to the nerve agent attack on a Russian ex-spy.

The Wiltshire Police force, which serves the English city of Salisbury, reported Monday that it has spent about 7.5 million pounds (\$10 million) dealing with the aftermath of the March 4 attack on Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia.

Chief Constable Angus Macpherson says his department wouldn’t have been able to handle the crisis without the 1,230 outside officers who staffed cordons throughout the city.

Macpherson says the officers no longer are needed because some decontaminated sites are being turned over to their owners and private security guards are being stationed at the remaining locations.

Greek economy grows for fifth straight quarter

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greece’s economy has grown for a fifth consecutive quarter, keeping the country’s recovery on target as eight years of international bailout programs are due to end in August.

The Greek Statistical Authority said Monday that the economy grew 2.3 percent in January-March compared to the same period a year earlier. The growth from the previous quarter was 0.8 percent.

The government is negotiating the terms of its bailout exit with euro-zone rescue lenders, and parliament is expected to approve a final major round of administrative and cost cutting reforms next week. The planned cuts triggered a 24-hour general strike last week.

After the August exit, the government is seeking a full return to bond markets, but Greece’s top central banker renewed a support for a more gradual approach with a precautionary credit line from bailout lenders.

Italy mayor halts school lunch after suspect food poisoning

ROME (AP) — The mayor of the Adriatic city of Pescara has suspended the public school lunch service as a precaution after some 80 children and half a dozen teachers were treated at hospital emergency rooms over the weekend for intestinal cramps, diarrhea and vomiting.

Public health officials said Monday they hadn’t

determined the cause, saying the suspected food poisoning could be from a toxin or bacteria, but not a virus. Most of the children were sent home but a few were admitted to the hospital.

Mayor Marco Alessandrini posted the city ordinance suspending the lunch program on his Facebook page. He said it was a precaution and in effect until the cause is determined.

Mexican court orders new investigation into missing students

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A federal court in Mexico has ordered that the investigation into the 2014 disappearance of 43 college students be done again under the supervision of a truth commission.

The court in the northern state of Tamaulipas says accusations that suspects were tortured to give confessions make it necessary to conduct a new investigation.

In a statement Monday, the court called for the creation of an Investigation Commission for Truth and Justice. The commission would be made up of victims’ representatives, the National Human Rights Commission and federal prosecutors.

In September 2014, 43 students at a teachers college disappeared in the town of Iguala in the southern state of Guerrero. The government’s original version of events was challenged by independent investigators and the victims’ families continue to seek justice.

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Large table of stock listings with columns for Div, Name, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols.



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Man questions if flu shot would benefit his overall health

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 69-year-old male who suffered an attack of Guillain-Barre syndrome in 1973. I have residual neurological and muscular damage, but otherwise I am in excellent health. I have declined the flu shot up to this point, based on the recommendation of my doctor and the advice given at sites where flu shots are offered. I have always questioned this advice. Caught between the Scylla of risking a recurrence of Guillain-Barre and the Charybdis of dying of the flu, it seems to me that Scylla is the better bet. — P.B.



Dr. Roach

Although people have developed GBS after vaccination, the risk is very low (unlikely to be more than 2 per million), and some studies have suggested that there is no increase in risk following vaccination. However, many experts recommend against influenza vaccination in those people who developed GBS within six weeks of getting the vaccine.

Odysseus tried to sail exactly between Scylla (a six-headed monster) and Charybdis (a whirlpool), but you can't go between — you must choose whether or not to get

the vaccine. Here's what studies have shown:

Among 107 people who chose to get the vaccine after having had GBS, none had a recurrence of GBS. Another study with 279 patients also showed zero episodes of recurrent GBS. This does not mean there is no risk, but the risk probably is very low. Getting the flu vaccine (partially) protects you from dying of the flu, but the absolute reduction in death rate is small.

In older people, perhaps a single vaccinated person is saved per 200-300; other estimates are not that high.

It's very difficult to make a decision about competing low-risk events. You probably will be fine either way. Given a more likely benefit of vaccination against only a lesser possibility of harm from GBS would argue for getting the vaccine; however, this remains controversial.

DEAR DR. ROACH: While stationed in the U.S. in 1967, I volunteered for a "study" in which an amount of my blood was col-

lected, then saved and returned to my veins. I can't believe as a stupid 19-year-old I trusted some military individual to return my blood to me, and apparently didn't think of the risks involved. I suppose the prospect of receiving what equaled 25 percent of my monthly pittance was my main draw! — B.B.

ANSWER: Protection for subjects in scientific studies has improved since 1967, especially for people in whom compulsion is more likely, such as military, prisoners and medical students, all of whom have been famously involved in research studies.

It's also possible that lives have been saved thanks to people like you who participated in this study. We actually do this procedure now in clinical practice. People will have a unit or two of blood removed, and then they can get their own blood back during or after surgery. I suspect the military was testing that back in 1967.

It seems unlikely, now that you are 70 (or near there), that it led to any medical issues.

Choice made before birth continues to haunt mom

DEAR ABBY: Twelve years ago, I gave birth to a beautiful baby girl. It was a difficult pregnancy and delivery due to a medical condition my daughter was diagnosed with in the womb. The doctors let my husband and me know there could be problems during the delivery. We needed to make a decision. If things went wrong, we had to choose between my life and our daughter's life. I told my husband to pick her.



Dear Abby

parent a child alone. You made the choice for your husband, and you are wrong to be second-guessing him.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for seven years from my 28-year-old daughter's father. She doesn't understand why I date and keeps asking me why I can't stay single. She said if I do find a boyfriend, she'll refuse to meet him. She insists that if a man is in my life, he does not have to be in hers. What should I say to her? — Getting Opposition In Austin, Texas

DEAR GETTING: Tell her that you want to date and have companionship for the same reasons she does. Then point out that she does not have the right to dictate how you should live the rest of your life, and if she chooses not to meet someone who brings her mother happiness, it will be her loss.

Reader doorbell responses

Dear Readers: In a previous column, a reader asked for delivery drivers to RING THE DOORBELL when they leave packages on the porch. Several readers wrote in. Here's a sampling:



Hints from Heloise

"Some people are day sleepers. There are apps that'll notify you when your package has been delivered, and every stop along the way. You'll get a text once your package has arrived."

— Lisa, via email

"I was happy that someone mentioned what should be obvious: Ring the doorbell. I made a sign and put it on my front gate: 'All Deliveries, Ring Doorbell.'"

— A Retired Late Sleeper in Louisiana

Thank you for your feedback! — Heloise

WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION:

More or less

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

- 1 feeling of guilt and regret (5)
- 2 Molly Malone sold them (7)
- 3 "toenail clippers" (11)
- 4 stretchy, velvet-like fabric (6)
- 5 garbanzo bean (8)
- 6 Copland's was for common man (7)
- 7 cap store in the mall (4)

SOLUTIONS

FA	ES	SHA	CUR	CO
CKL	CK	PE	TS	CHI
DI	NF	VEL	ME	LI
ARE	DS	PEA	OUR	IS

Monday's Answers: 1. CURTAINS 2. SHOPPING 3. ANKLES 4. HELPFUL 5. MINISKIRTS 6. PRESENTERS 7. PARENTHOOD

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.

Today's Challenge

	2			18
			4	10
		4		23
4				16
				13

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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

5	3	2	9	19
9	7	1	2	19
5	3	8	7	23
6	9	7	3	25
25	22	18	21	23

JUMBLE

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

GURHO

PINTE

TILNOO

DYIMAD

Ans. here:

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: WORLD BOGUS FIRMLY ENOUGH

Answer: He challenged him to arm wrestle. Now they just needed some — ELBOW ROOM

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.

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"I'm staying up late on purpose. Go back to sleep."

Cryptoquip

6-5

XLF VTQ PFYDD ZBDRHRYGD'

ALVNBHE URGGQF, R XQQN

NREQ R DTLBNU ZYEQ Y

UQQA-URDT VBPY HYDDQFLNQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE FELLOW LOOKED VERY PENSIVE, SO I HELD A SPRING FLOWER AND ASKED, "PEONY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals R

WORD SLEUTH

IT : CAR

Z U Q S N J F C Y V R O L H E

B X B E U R O L I E B Y V S Q

N K K R A P H E B Y W T R O L

E J G V A E B Y W U R M P N K

I S G I D G B Z X V S U Q O M

K I N C L E A N G R E U C A Y

K T W E E E U B S Q I C P N L

J N H F C V N R O F Y A P E C

E R U S N I O I A U Y V P X V

U S Q J P R L L H E T A H E N

M K J H E D A R T S F E C B R

Monday's unlisted clue: CATS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: SUCK UP THE DIRT

Brag about	Insure	Paint	Service
Clean	Junk	Park	Shine
Drive	License	Pay for	Trade
Hate	Love	Repair	

KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

2X		10+	
12+		4	
		2÷	
	3-		2

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CHALLENGING

3-		1-	6X		13+
5-			2-		
72X		5-		4	
			3÷	4-	4
75X	10+		2		3÷
		2	2-		

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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

4+	3+	2-
1	3	2
7+	2÷	
3	4	1
4	2	3
2	1	4

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In this Jenga game of life, what seems like a perfectly stable arrangement can be knocked down in a blink with the right kind of jostle. This knowledge makes you simultaneously tougher and tenderer about it all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes people don't know what to ask for until they see others get it. Mostly it's a feeling we're going for, not an item, though it can be difficult to tell when it's the item that seems to be making you happy, if only momentarily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). At the start of something, the tendency will be to judge every movement as if it were a sign about whether or not to continue. But once you get to the middle, all the trepidation will disappear into your desire to get it accomplished.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Slowing down isn't giving up, but it's not showing full commitment and enthusiasm, either. You'll be in a highly visible position today, and others will take their social and professional cues from you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll help people by connecting with them through a shared activity. It really doesn't matter what the activity is. What matters is your approach to it — serious but not solemn.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Removing your expectations from a relationship is not only wise; it's kind. It allows people to be who they really are, and it allows you to understand who that is — a knowledge that will enhance your life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The representation of a thing is always different from the lived experience of it. You've always known that at some point you'd have to decide which version you wanted more. The point of decision is fast approaching.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Intimidating characters pepper this group you want to join, but don't let that deter you. Once inside you'll find out people are friendlier than they seem from the outside.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Friends will meet success. Your time is coming! You may have to swallow jealous tinges to be truly supportive, but this will be relatively easy for you when you focus on the good luck that is coming your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those people trying terribly hard to be good are quite possibly compensating for something else. Keep your eyes open, and be slow to align yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The first requirement for effective action is to make sure you're really behind it. Determine what you really believe, and then get on your own side. If you're not on your side, figure out why and change it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're likely to take the action that most people would take — the thing that seems like the best and easiest choice. So give yourself easy options that will make you proud. It will take some planning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 5). This will be a year that sizzles with excitement. It starts with a brilliant plan based both on history and your gut instincts, which are particularly keen over the next three months. October shows you doubling up on friends and money. In November you'll finally get the chance to experience what you've long wondered about. Aquarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 4, 33, 48 and 15.

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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EASY WHEN YOU COUNT

Neither vulnerable, North deals

NORTH			
♠	K Q 5		
♥	Q 9 4		
♦	K 6 4		
♣	A 10 7 4		
WEST			
♠	10 6 4 2		
♥	7 5 2		
♦	Q 10 5 2		
♣	9 5		
EAST			
♠	7		
♥	K J 10 8 6 3		
♦	9 7		
♣	J 8 6 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A J 9 8 3		
♥	A		
♦	A J 8 3		
♣	K Q 3		

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	6♣	All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♥

Keycard Blackwood would have been a nice tool for North-South, as South could have found out about the king and queen of spades. Lacking that agreement, South just bid what he hoped he could make.

Declarer won the opening heart lead in hand, perforce, and drew four rounds of trumps, discarding a heart from dummy as East shed three hearts. The king and queen of clubs

were followed by a low club to dummy's ace. West had to discard a heart on this trick to prevent South from ducking a diamond and setting up a long diamond trick. The opening lead, and East's bid, marked West with an original holding of three hearts. He had shown up with four spades and two clubs in the play, so he had to have started with four diamonds.

South ruffed dummy's last heart, which removed West's last heart at the same time. South then led a low diamond to the king and then a low diamond from dummy, intending to just cover whatever card was played by East. When East played the nine, South simply covered it with the jack. West won this with his queen, but was forced to lead a diamond from his 10 into declarer's ace-eight. It's easy when you count!

Had West followed to the third club, the contract would still have been cold. A 3-3 club split would have made it easy, but no problem if West had four clubs. That would mean that East had four diamonds, so the ace, king, and another diamond would guarantee a third diamond trick.

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DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fall veggie
 - 4 Zeppo's brother
 - 9 Relish
 - 14 Levin or Gershwin
 - 15 Glowing coal
 - 16 Mink cousin
 - 17 Teaching
 - 19 Diver's find
 - 20 Aloof one
 - 21 Pageant wear
 - 23 Put down
 - 24 Radical
 - 27 Family member
 - 29 Lebanon neighbor
 - 31 Ads
 - 34 First-magnitude star
 - 37 Like some chatter
 - 39 Quiver
 - 40 State, in Paris
 - 41 Cults
 - 43 Be, to Henri
 - 44 Take it all off
 - 46 Womanizer
 - 47 Scan
 - 48 Forbidden acts
 - 50 Maxim
 - 52 Smithy's block
 - 54 Issue forth
 - 58 Jillian or Sothem
 - 60 Online auction
 - 62 Mountaineer's tool (2 wds.)
- DOWN**
- 1 Bond-buyer's concern
 - 2 Warmth of feeling
 - 3 Hawaii's — Loa
 - 4 Sincere
 - 5 Invoice no.
 - 6 Box-score column
 - 7 Cages
 - 8 Bach instrument
 - 9 Burrowing rodents
 - 10 Pass near Pikes Peak
 - 11 Deadlock
 - 12 Prefix for "trillion"
 - 13 Busy European airport
 - 18 Stoppage
 - 22 Drink a little
 - 25 Orchidlike blossom
 - 26 Halloween quaff

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

T	E	N	D	S	X	E	N	A	D	O	S	E	
A	W	A	I	T	I	R	O	N	E	L	L	S	
T	E	R	R	A	V	A	S	E	B	L	I	P	
A	R	C	T	I	C	T	E	M	E	R	I	T	Y
F	U	M	B	L	E	R	N	E	E				
U	S	U	R	Y	A	C	M	E	F	O	A	L	
D	E	L	I	S	K	I	E	S	I	S	L	E	
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G	O	T	T	E	N								
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P	E	T	E										
S	L	E	D										

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- 42 Bed of coal
- 45 Monk's vow
- 49 Bro or sis
- 51 Spat
- 53 Fastened a shoe
- 55 Craggy abode
- 56 Heads opposite
- 57 Elevate
- 58 I smell —!
- 59 Zero
- 61 Connecticut campus
- 64 Decide
- 66 Grease
- 67 Paris season

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).

		8			4	6	1	
6		8			9			
	4		7			8		
	5		3	7				
4			5	6			9	
		1	9			5		
	6		1			4		
		4		3			6	
7	1	3			2			

Rating: SILVER

Solution to 6/4/18

8	7	1	9	3	5	4	6	2
2	3	9	4	6	8	7	5	1
6	5	4	1	7	2	3	8	9
3	9	5	2	1	4	6	7	8
1	6	7	8	9	3	5	2	4
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5	1	3	6	2	9	8	4	7
7	8	2	5	4	1	9	3	6
9	4	6	3	8	7	2	1	5

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Tout a coffee-holding ceramic (1)
2. Revolve a multi-cup coffee server (1)
3. A couple make coffee (1)
4. Pre-20-something's coffee seeds (1)
5. Pal's mixtures of different coffees (1)
6. Pummels coffee-making wastes (1)
7. Coffee-oven-processing bragging (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. PLUG MUG 2. TURN URN 3. TWO BREW 4. TEENS BEANS
5. FRIENDS BLENDS 6. POUNDS GROUND 7. ROASTING BOASTING

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	
14				15						16					
17				18						19					
20								21		22			23		
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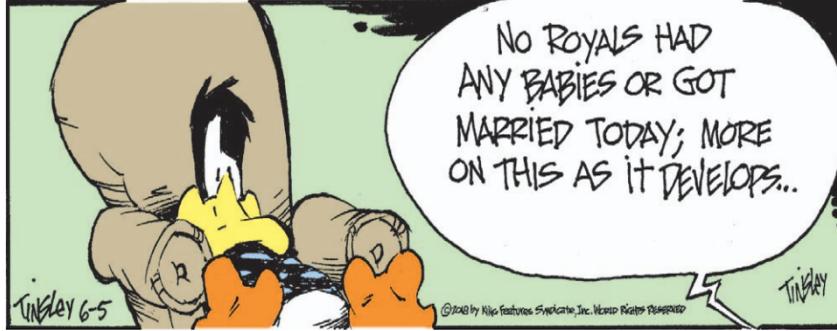
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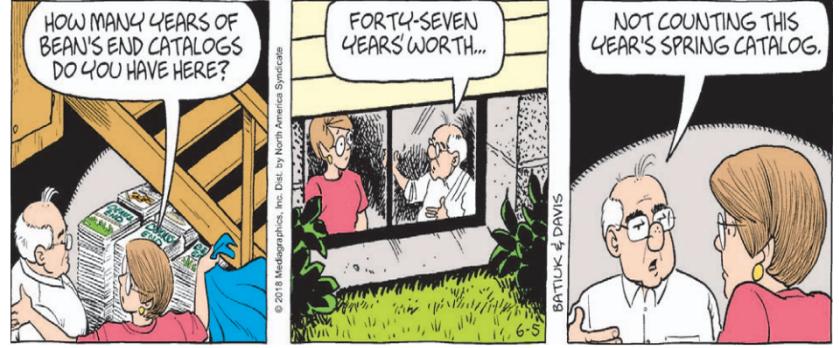
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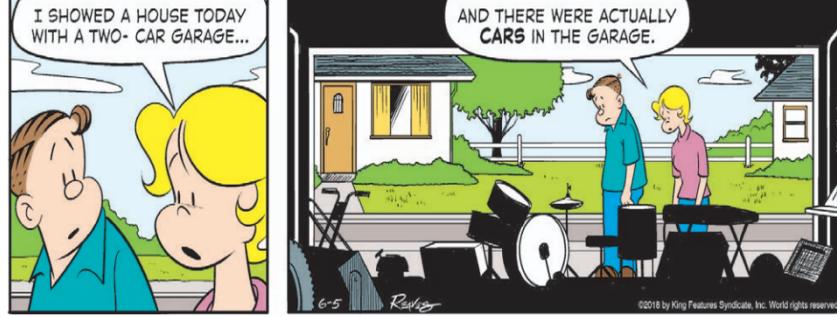
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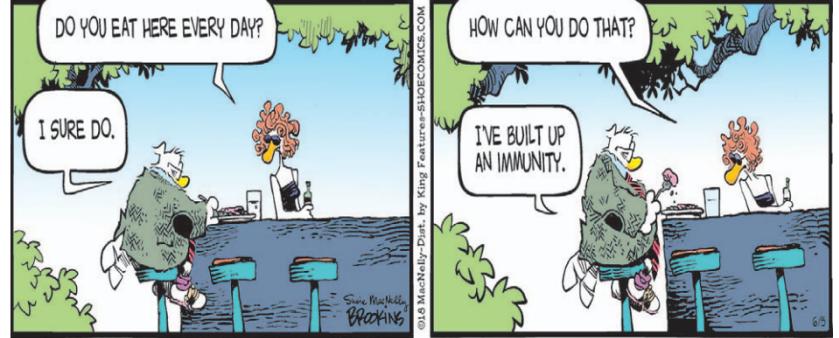
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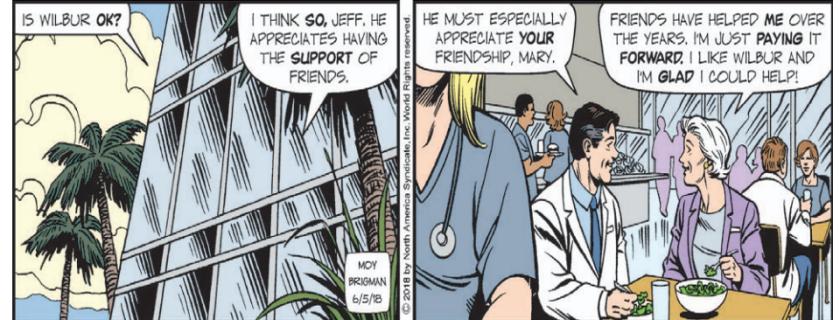
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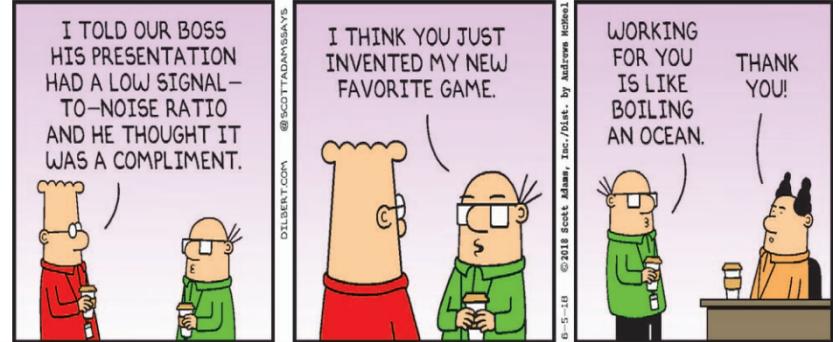
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CLINTON

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but that Trump's alleged exploits haven't "gotten anything like the coverage you would expect." Trump has been accused by more than a dozen women of sexual misconduct and was caught on tape bragging about grabbing women's crotches.

On any parallels between the

two presidents, Clinton said: "A lot of the facts have been conveniently omitted to make the story work, I think partly because (Trump's supporters) are frustrated that they got all these serious allegations against the current occupant in the Oval Office. And his donors don't seem to care."

On not resigning, Clinton said: "I think I did the right thing. I defended the Constitution."

Patterson joined Clinton for the NBC interview, and seemed

equally surprised that Clinton would be asked about the Lewinsky scandal on his book tour. At one point, Patterson noted that other presidents, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, also were suspected of having extramarital affairs and that it was in the past.

"It's 20 years ago. Come on. Let's talk about JFK. Let's talk about, you know, LBJ. Stop it already," Patterson said.

In March, Lewinsky wrote in

"Vanity Fair" of Clinton:

"He was my boss. He was the most powerful man on the planet. He was 27 years my senior, with enough life experience to know better. He was, at the time, at the pinnacle of his career, while I was in my first job out of college. (Note to the trolls, both Democratic and Republican: none of the above excuses me for my responsibility for what happened. I meet Regret every day.)"

RFK

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that a Sirhan Sirhan, 23, was traced through the .22 pistol used to wound Kennedy and five others, less seriously, and identification was made through a brother, Adel Sirhan, of Pasadena.

Even after the identification, Yorty said, the prisoner refused to identify himself. As the two city officials made their announcement, Kennedy lay in a hospital fighting for life. A doctor said he fears "the outcome may be extremely tragic," adding that a bullet evidently caused serious damage to the cerebellum, the part of the brain at the back of the head.

The New York senator was shot just after jubilantly proclaiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary election.

The man accused of the shooting was captured on the spot and later identified as being a Jordanian born in Jerusalem, according to Mayor Yorty. He said Sirhan, who earlier had been arraigned as "John Doe" on six counts of assault with intent to commit murder, had four \$100 bills with him and a newspaper story not favorable to Kennedy. He also, Yorty said, had a schedule of where Kennedy was speaking in June.

The slender, dark-haired young man sat stonily silent for hours under police questioning, giving only a lone "yes" to one question. Finally he opened up, they said, and become quite talkative — "very cool, very calm, very stable and quite lucid." But he declined to discuss himself

or the shooting.

A team of six surgeons removed all but a fragment of a bullet from Kennedy's brain. A second and less serious bullet remained lodged in the back of his neck.

Dr. Laurence Pool, a New York neurosurgeon, said after talking with a member of the surgery team that the head wound "is much more serious than initially had been expected." He added: "There was evidently serious damage to the cerebellum, the part of the brain on the extreme back of the head on the right side; also to part of the right cerebral hemisphere ... and also to the mid brain, which is the main cable connecting the brain itself with the rest of the body."

With stunning rapidity at 12:15 a.m., a man police described as a Caucasian, about 25, 5 feet 5 and 120 pounds, with dark hair and complexion, emptied the chamber of an eight-shot .22 pistol.

Kennedy fell, hit apparently three times. Five others near him were wounded, none as badly as the presidential candidate.

Kennedy lay for a time flat on his back in the kitchen, eyes open, a crowd milling around him. Some observers say they heard him say, as he was lifted into a police ambulance, "Oh, no. No. Don't."

Pandemonium broke loose. Roosevelt Grier, giant Negro tackle for the professional Los Angeles Rams, quickly grabbed the much smaller gunman, wrestled the gun from him and held him for police.

President Johnson and others around the nation, including Kennedy's rival on the campaign primary trail, Minnesota's Sen. McCarthy, expressed

shock and sorrow. Johnson ordered the full resources of the FBI thrown into the case and ordered secret service protection for major candidates.

Kennedy was brought first to Central Receiving Hospital where a doctor said he was "practically dead" upon arrival. Physicians there administered closed cardiac massage, oxygen and adrenalin. "At first he was pulseless," said a doctor who treated him, "then his pulse came back and we began to hear a heartbeat and he began to breathe a little erratically."

The doctor, Victor Baz, said Ethel Kennedy, who accompanied her husband in the ambulance, was frightened, "she didn't believe he was alive because she couldn't see that he was responding. I put the stethoscope to her ears so she could listen and she was tremendously relieved. She was "very distraught but superb ... very edgy, but my own wife wouldn't have done as well, I don't think. She was gracious at all times."

Kennedy was taken to Good Samaritan Hospital near downtown Los Angeles. There, a team of six surgeons began brain surgery at 3:12 a.m. that lasted about 3 hours and 40 minutes.

Doctors said one bullet struck near the right ear and entered the brain. Another hit in the shoulder. A third apparently grazed his forehead.

Kennedy was moved, unconscious, to the hospital's intensive care unit. The surgery was pronounced successful in that it accomplished what it set out to do, remove most of the bullet.

Clark told a news

conference, "It seems incredible that another such profound tragedy would strike the Kennedy family which has suffered so much from violence already." Clark was an assistant in the Justice Department when Kennedy was attorney general.

Kennedy aides said six of Kennedy's 10 children who accompanied him here are being returned to Washington on an Air Force plane arranged for by a campaign rival, Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Kennedy, in his address to the cheering supporters just before the shooting, was in good spirits with the long primary campaign trail behind him. He looked tired, however, and was looking forward to a few days of rest at the Malibu Beach home of a friend.

Then the shots rang out. One witness said the shots came so close together that he could hardly believe they had been fired by one gun. This reporter heard the shots from an adjoining room and they sounded almost like a brief burst of machine-gun fire.

The gunman appeared in the kitchen area behind the bandstand of the Embassy Room, where Kennedy backers, including movie stars and students, were listening to their candidate's light-hearted victory speech. The gunman carried papers, which he spread out on a stainless steel table. One waiter described them as sketches.

The backstage area was crowded with waiters, press and others, and the man's presence caused little notice.

Kennedy finished his speech and began working his way off the platform

and into the kitchen, followed by close associates and members of his family. His wife, Ethel, had been at his side during the speech, but she became enveloped in the crowd. Kennedy gazed around as if searching for her.

At that moment the gunman pushed through the throng, reached his arm around others in front of him and shot the senator.

Roosevelt Grier, beefy tackle for the Los Angeles Rams, grabbed the man's arm. Joe LaHive, a local Kennedy campaigner, wrested the gun away. Grier and Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson lifted the assailant and spread him on a steel kitchen table. "Nobody hurt this man," one of the athletes shouted. "We want to take him alive."

Women were screaming, "Oh, no." "God, God, not again."

Kennedy was stretched on the floor, his face covered with blood. "Give him room. Step back." Someone yelled. Kennedy seemed to hear nothing. His face was blank, his eyes staring sightlessly.

Grier, Johnson and two or three others held the gunman on the table 10 feet away. Screams began to be heard in the ballroom as news of the shooting spread to the campaigners, who had been cheering their candidate two minutes before. "Let me explain" the gunman shouted. "I can explain."

A priest handed Kennedy a rosary, and he clutched it in his hand, but the priest was jostled aside. Kennedy was given emergency treatment by a doctor summoned from the ballroom. Then he was wheeled on a stretcher to the hotel service elevator and put into an ambulance.

ALMANAC

Today is Tuesday, June 5, the 156th day of 2018. There are 209 days left in the year.

Today in history

On June 5, 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded after claiming victory in California's Democratic presidential primary at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles; assassin Sirhan Bishara Sirhan was arrested at the scene.

On this date

In 1794, Congress passed the Neutrality Act, which prohibited Americans from taking part in any military action against a country that was at peace with the United States.

In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men between the ages of 21 and 31 began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1950, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Henderson v. United States*, struck down racially segregated railroad dining cars.

In 1967, war erupted in the Middle East as Israel, anticipating a possible attack by its Arab neighbors, launched a series of pre-emptive airfield strikes that destroyed nearly the entire Egyptian air force; Syria, Jordan and Iraq immediately entered the conflict.

In 1986, a federal jury in Baltimore convicted Ronald W. Pelton of selling secrets to the Soviet Union.

In 1993, country star Conway Twitty died in Springfield, Missouri, at age 59.

In 2004, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died in Los Angeles at age 93 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

Today's birthdays

Actor-singer Bill Hayes is 93. Broadcast journalist Bill Moyers is 84. Author Dame Margaret Drabble is 79. Country singer Don Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 73. Rock singer Laurie Anderson is 71. Country singer Gail Davies is 70. Actor Ken Follett is 69. Financial guru Suze Orman is 67. Rock musician Nicko McBrain (Iron Maiden) is 66. Actress Beth Hall is 60. Actor Jeff Garlin is 56. Singer Brian McKnight is 49. Actor Mark Wahlberg is 47. Actor Chad Allen is 44. Actress Navi Rawat is 41. Actress Liza Weil is 41. Rock musician Pete Wentz (Fall Out Boy) is 39.

Bible verse

"When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" — John 6:5.

Sometimes Jesus gives us a problem so that we can learn more about His ability to solve them. Your problem may really be an opportunity in disguise. Just as he fed the 5,000 He can meet your needs too.

ODD NEWS

Aw, shucks: Virginia man downs 480 oysters to claim crown

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Virginia man has slurped down 40 dozen oysters to claim victory at this year's World Oyster Eating Championship in New Orleans.

NOLA.com/The Times-Picayune reports Darron Breden ate 480 of the bivalves in eight minutes in Sunday's Oyster Festival event.

About 4,000 south Louisiana oysters were prepared and shuttled tray by tray to a table laden with hot sauce, beer and other drinks. The seven contestants ate over the checked tabletop as judges kept careful count, turning over a new number with each dozen consumed.

As time ran out, Breden stretched his stomach, which would soon be encircled by the oyster-festooned championship belt. Defending champion Michelle Lesco of Arizona won second place with 27 dozen oysters, while New Orleans native Adrian Morgan came in third with 26 dozen.



AP PHOTO

A firefighter carries the body of a child recovered near the Volcan de Fuego, or "Volcano of Fire," in Escuintla, Guatemala, Monday.

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powerful explosion.

Soon, searing flows of lava, ash and rock mixed with water and debris were gushing down the volcano's flanks, blocking roads and burning homes.

"It traveled much faster. It arrived in communities right when the evacuation alerts were being sent out," de Leon said.

Authorities scrambled to issue an evacuation order. Some communities emptied out safely. But in places like Los Lotes and the village of El Rodeo, about eight miles downslope from the crater, it was too late for many.

The fast-moving flows overtook people in homes and streets with temperatures reaching as high as 1,300 degrees Fahrenheit, and hot ash and volcanic gases that can cause rapid asphyxiation.

Rafael Letran, a resident of El Rodeo, criticized Conred for not evacuating communities earlier.

"When the lava was already here they passed by in their pickup trucks yelling at us to leave, but

the cars did not stop to pick up the people," Letran said. "The government is good at stealing, but when it comes to helping people they lack spark."

De Leon said the disaster agency followed protocol.

"As soon as we received the information around 6 a.m. that the volcano was in an eruptive phase, the protocol was initiated to verify with different sectors and also talk to the communities, to community leaders. ... We had the information from our scientific service, and they told us the trend was that the activity was diminishing," he said.

In El Rodeo on Monday, heavily armed soldiers wearing blue masks to avoid breathing in ash stood guard behind yellow tape cordoning off the disaster scene. Helmeted workers carried bodies away on stretchers, and smoke was still rising from some parts of the ashen landscape strewn with boulders and other debris.

President Jimmy Morales traveled to survey the disaster area.

Emergency crews in helicopters managed to pull at least 10 people alive from areas cut off by the flows. Conred said 3,265 people had been evacuated.

COURT

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had argued that forcing him to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple violated his rights to free speech and the free exercise of religion.

Instead, the court said Phillips was treated unfairly by the civil rights commission, and for this reason alone, he should win his case.

"The commission's hostility (to Phillips and his religious beliefs) was inconsistent with the 1st Amendment's guarantee that our laws be applied in a manner that is neutral toward religion," Kennedy wrote. "Phillips was entitled to a neutral decision-maker who would give full and fair consideration to his religious objection."

But he said this ruling would not apply to other similar disputes. "The outcome of cases like this in other circumstances must await further elaboration in the courts," he said. These "disputes must be resolved with tolerance, without undue disrespect to sincere religious beliefs, and without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek good and services in the open market."

Kennedy also spoke for the court in its 2015 ruling that upheld same-sex marriage as a constitutional right.

Speaking then for a 5-4 majority, he said marriage is a fundamental right, and "it demeans gays and lesbians for the state to lock them out" of having legal recognition of their marriages. "They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution

grants them that right," he wrote.

But he conceded that some people would strongly disagree based on their religious beliefs and said the 1st Amendment ensured they would have "proper protection" when expressing their contrary views.

In the wake of the marriage ruling, conservative religious-rights advocates led by the Alliance Defending Freedom sought to establish a right to refuse to help celebrate a same-sex marriage. The Arizona-based group brought suits on a behalf of a wedding photographer in New Mexico, a florist in Washington state and the Colorado baker whose case reached the Supreme Court.

Colorado is one of 22 states whose civil rights laws require businesses that are open to the public to serve all customers on an equal basis and without regard to their sexual orientation.

Charlie Craig and David Mullins, the two men who were turned away by Phillips, filed a complaint with the state, and its civil rights commission decided unanimously he had indeed violated the state's law. Phillips was told that he must make wedding cakes on an equal basis, but he chose to suspend this part of his business. His store remains in operation, but he no longer creates custom cakes.

He appealed the state's decision, but lost in the Colorado courts. He then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, arguing the state's action violated his rights to freedom of speech and the free exercise of religion protected by the 1st Amendment.



INTERNATIONAL RIGHTS DEAL

The PGA Tour broadened its international reach Monday in a \$2 billion agreement with Discovery Inc., to deliver golf content directly to consumers in 220 markets outside the United States over the next 12 years. **Page 3**

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COLLEGE: South Florida

USF names Scott Kull interim AD

Announces it will hire search firm

By **JOEY KNIGHT**
Times Staff Writer



Kull

Scott Kull, USF's deputy athletic director for external operations, has been named interim AD while the school continues its search for Mark Harlan's permanent successor.

Harlan stepped down

Friday to accept the same job at Utah.

A New England native and avid triathlete, Kull, 50, who is single, arrived in Tampa two years ago from TCU. Since then, he has overseen development, communications, ticket sales, corporate partnerships, broadcasting and digital strategy.

His resume, which spans roughly 25 years in college athletics administration, also includes prior stops at Florida and FSU, Ohio State and Georgia Tech.

"In a short period of time, Scott has made a great impact on our athletic department," USF president Dr. Judy Genshaft said in a statement released by the school. "He understands the trajectory of USF

Athletics and will ensure that we continue moving forward without interruption during the search process," Genshaft said.

The school also announced it will hire a national search firm to assist in the selection of a permanent AD. Leading the search will be Dr. Bill Sutton, professor in the Muma College of Business and director of the Vinik Sport &

Entertainment Management Program.

The Texas-based firm of Eastman & Beaudine charged USF \$100,000 during its eight-week search that led to Harlan's hiring in 2014.

"Our next director of athletics will be a transformative leader who is driven by professional integrity, possesses strong experience and is skilled in building relationships and connecting

with key stakeholders across the national collegiate athletic landscape," Genshaft said.

"(USF) is at a critical juncture in its history. Reaching new heights in academic achievements, research productivity, community collaboration and global influence, the university needs a leader who can similarly elevate USF Athletics and position the program for national excellence."

MLB: Draft

'TOP-END PROSPECT'



AP PHOTO

Mountain Ridge Mountain Lions starting pitcher Matthew Liberatore (32) delivers a pitch during a game against the Boulder Creek Jaguars at Mountain Ridge High School on February 28, 2018 in Glendale, Arizona.

Rays use top pick on 6-foot-6 LHP Matthew Liberatore

By **GREG AUMAN**
Times Staff Writer

Picking at No. 16 overall, the Rays tried to account for all the possible outcomes in Monday's MLB draft, but still didn't expect to be able to take Matthew Liberatore, a 6-foot-6 left-handed high school pitcher from Arizona.

"We try to imagine all opportunities, but this was a surprise for sure," said Rob Metzler, the Rays' director of amateur scouting. "We're very pleased with the outcome tonight. Matthew Liberatore, we saw him as the top high school left-handed pitcher in the draft ... He has the physical, mental ability and the character that we think

has a really good chance to develop into a top-end starting pitching prospect in our organization."

Liberatore is the highest the Rays have ever drafted a high-school left-handed pitcher in 23 years of drafting. The 18-year-old said he didn't worry about pre-draft projections that him as a likely top-10 pick.

"I didn't really go into it with any expectations, so it wasn't something that upset me or frustrated me," he said. "I just waited until I heard my name called, and when that happened, it was a lot of happy tears, a lot of laughs, all the different emotions."

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Tigers draft right-hander Casey Mize with No. 1 pick

Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Casey Mize went from undrafted three years ago all the way to No. 1.

The Detroit Tigers selected the Auburn right-hander with the first pick in the Major League Baseball draft Monday night. The announcement at MLB Network studios marked the second time the Tigers led off the draft, and first since they took Rice pitcher Matt Anderson in 1997.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Mize had long been linked to the Tigers, and he pitched his way this season to the top spot on the board. Mize wasn't chosen by any organization out of high school three years ago, but developed into a potential big league ace while in college.

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COMMENTARY: Auto Racing

Corvette shines after GM executive crashes pace car

By **JENNA FRYER**
Associated Press

Roger Penske, from his perch at the Belle Isle race track in Detroit, the governor of Michigan by his side, summed it up smartly after one of General Motors' top executives crashed a 2019 Corvette and delayed the start of the Detroit Grand Prix. "Come to the races," Penske said. "You'll see anything."

It was true on Sunday when GM's Mark Reuss wrecked the newest Corvette ZR1 as he led the IndyCar field to the green flag as the celebrity pace car driver. This was a spotlight moment for Chevrolet to show off a new product in its home city, fresh off a win in the Indianapolis 500. There was no better person to handle the honors than Reuss, the big dog of the motorsports program.

Reuss is the executive vice president of global product development, purchasing and supply chain. In simpler terms, he was the stone-faced

guy sitting over CEO Mary Barra's shoulder when GM was called before Congress four years ago over a recall. He ranks really high in the GM corporate ladder, and his gaffe on the track was an internet sensation.

One he probably wishes would go away.

Reuss hit a bump in the street course that caused the Corvette to spin and hit hard into a wall. Routine pace car driver Oriol Servia immediately said it was a troublesome spot in the track, even for professional race car drivers, and Indy 500 winner Will Power agreed.

"It's very easy to do as you go over that crest, and the traction control must have been turned off," Power said. "I felt (it) wasn't really his fault. It's just such a bad corner. Like, it's very easy to do."

Reuss was checked out at the medical center and left on a golf cart without commenting.

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AP PHOTO

Alexander Rossi leads the field at the start of the second race of the IndyCar Detroit Grand Prix doubleheader, Sunday, in Detroit.

TENNIS: French Open

Nadal: More than just making up the numbers

By **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS — Another French Open victory, and more career milestones for Rafael Nadal.

With a 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (4) win on Monday against up-and-coming German player Maximilian Marterer, Nadal moved into the quarter-finals and above Jimmy Connors on the all-time list of match-winners at majors.

Connors won 233. Nadal has 234.

Just Novak Djokovic,

with 244 Grand Slam wins, and Roger Federer, with 332, are ahead of him.

But in his chase for a record-extending 11th title at Roland Garros, the only numbers Nadal seems to be keeping close track of are those up on the scoreboard. It had, for example, seemingly escaped him that in beating Marterer, a 22-year-old with a promising game, Nadal also notched up his 900th career win on tour.

SEE NADAL, 3



AP PHOTO

Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates winning his fourth round match of the French Open against Germany's Maximilian Marterer in three sets, 6-3, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4), Monday at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France.

NBA: Finals

Familiarity breeds contempt, somewhat, at the NBA Finals

Associated Press

LeBron James is friends with Draymond Green, has worked out with Kevin Durant, speaks with great reverence for Stephen Curry and Steve Kerr.

They all do like each other.

And, to those watching the NBA Finals, that might be easy to forget at times.

Turns out, when the same franchises meet for the fourth consecutive year to decide the NBA championship, familiarity indeed does breed contempt. Tensions have been high at times in the first two games of this series, emotions have started to boil over on a couple of occasions, and that

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Florida Lottery

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PICK 2

June 4N	0-0
June 4D	1-0
June 3N	9-4
June 3D	4-0
June 2N	8-4
June 2D	6-8
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 3

June 4N	2-7-7
June 4D	9-9-6
June 3N	6-7-3
June 3D	0-2-3
June 2N	7-8-9
June 2D	1-2-8
8D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 4

June 4N	8-7-7-7
June 4D	1-6-4-1
June 3N	5-9-6-1
June 3D	5-2-8-9
June 2N	6-8-2-5
June 2D	3-5-3-8
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 5

June 4N	6-4-5-8-9
June 4D	9-0-7-7-3
June 3N	4-0-3-1-9
June 3D	5-1-9-3-7
June 2N	0-5-4-6-8
June 2D	1-2-2-0-6
D-Day, N-Night	

FANTASY 5

June 4	1-2-4-14-24
June 3	3-4-10-24-34
June 2	1-8-25-28-34

PAYOFF for June 3

1 5-digit winners	\$182,581.32
241.. 4-digit winners	\$122.00
8,288... 3-digit winners	\$9.50

CASH FOR LIFE

June 4	4-13-30-33-53
Cash Ball	3
May 31	1-28-42-47-55
Cash Ball	4

SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

8 p.m.
ESPN — NCAA World Series, Championship series (Best-of-3), Game 2, Washington vs. Florida St., at Oklahoma City

CYCLING

2 a.m. (Wednesday)
NBCSN — UCI World Tour: Critérium du Dauphiné, Stage 2, from Montbrison to Belleville, France (same-day tape)

DIVING

6 p.m.
NBCSN — FINA World Cup

PAYOFF FOR June 4

0	5-5 CB \$1,000/Day
0	5-5 \$1,000/Week
2	4-5 CB \$2,500
4	4-5 \$500
139	3-5 \$100

LUCKY MONEY

June 1	13-16-17-32
Lucky Ball	16
May 29	20-33-37-42
Lucky Ball	11
May 25	10-13-42-44
Lucky Ball	3

PAYOFF FOR May 29

0	4-of-4 LB \$600,000
3	4-of-4 \$1,568.00
35	3-of-4 LB \$294.50
446	3-of-4 \$68.00

LOTTO

June 2	15-20-21-23-28-52
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PAYOFF FOR May 30

0.. 6-digit winners	\$4 million
14. 5-digit winners	\$7,182.50
842.... 4-digit winners	\$90.00

POWERBALL

June 2	23, 25, 37, 44, 64
Powerball	7
0.....5-5 + PB	\$74 Million
0..... 5-5	\$1 Million
0..... 4-5 + PB	\$50,000
21.... 4-5	\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	\$87 Million

ESTIMATED JACKPOT

\$60 million

MEGA MILLIONS

June 1	5-24-52-62-66
Mega Ball	17x3
May 29	2-11-55-58-67
Mega Ball	2

PAYOFF FOR May 29

0	5 of 5 + MB \$40 Million
0	5 of 5 \$1 Million
0	4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
16	4 of 5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	\$97 million

GOLF

6 p.m.
GOLF — World Long Drive Tour, Atlantic City Boardwalk Bash, at Atlantic City, N.J.

MLB BASEBALL

7:05 p.m.
FOX SPORTS SUN — Rays at Nationals
8 p.m.
FS1 — Miami at St. Louis
10 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, Arizona at San Francisco OR Kansas City at L.A. Angels

MILB: Blue Jays 5, Stone Crabs 4

Sloppy play leads to Charlotte loss

By **BRYAN LEVINE**
Sports Writer

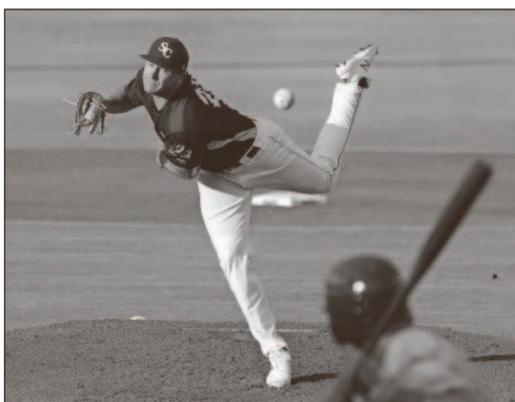
PORT CHARLOTTE — Brock Burke received plenty of run support, but not much defensive help in Monday's loss.

Burke was hit for five runs — just one earned — in a 5-4 loss against the Dunedin Blue Jays.

"I understand we're not going to win every night, but I want to see effort, and tonight, I didn't see the effort," said Stone Crabs manager Reinaldo Ruiz, who held a closed-doors meeting with his players following the loss.

Leading 4-0 entering the fourth inning, a pair of defensive miscues led to a three-run inning for the Blue Jays. All three runs were unearned off Burke, as Dunedin used just two hits to get those three runs.

That was just the beginning of the comeback, as the Blue Jays eventually took a 5-4 lead in the fifth inning. An error, once again, contributed to one of the runs, as did a home run half way up the batter's eye in centerfield by Bradley Jones.



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL
Charlotte Stone Crabs starting pitcher Brock Burke (23) faces the Dunedin Blue Jays Monday at Charlotte Sports Park.

"It's the lack of effort," Ruiz said. "The physical errors are going to be there, I get that. But when you're lazy, it's unacceptable."

Burke threw 92 pitches in his five-inning outing, allowing seven hits and two walks. He also had four strikeouts.

"Even though a pitcher should be able to overcome those mistakes, (the errors) definitely affected him and the whole game," Ruiz said. "That's why the result was in their favor."

Ivan Pelaez made his

fifth appearance of the season in relief with Charlotte. Pelaez tossed three scoreless frames, allowing just three hits with two strikeouts.

Spencer Jones also threw a scoreless inning.

The Stone Crabs cashed in early with the help of a two-out rally. After Blue Jays starter picked up two quick outs, Robbie Tenerowicz's double followed by a Nate Lowe single put a run on the board.

Jesus Sanchez added two more runs when he smoked his seventh home run of the season

to give the Stone Crabs a 3-0 lead.

Tenerowicz and Sanchez were the only two Stone Crabs to have two hits in the loss.

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BLUE JAYS 5, STONE CRABS 4

Dunedin	AB	R	H	BIBB	SO	Avg.
Pinto RF	5	0	1	0	0	.296
Smith SS	5	1	0	0	2	.200
Jones LF	5	2	3	2	0	.246
Knight 3B	5	0	0	0	1	.256
Clemens 1B	3	1	0	1	1	.213
Adams C	3	0	1	0	1	.221
Palacios CF	4	1	2	1	0	.262
Castillo DH	4	0	0	0	0	.267
La Prise 2B	4	0	2	1	0	.200

Charlotte	AB	R	H	BIBB	SO	Avg.
Fox SS	3	1	0	1	0	.293
McKay DH	3	0	1	0	1	.211
Tenerowicz LF	3	1	2	1	0	.297
N. Lowe 1B	4	1	1	0	1	.363
Sanchez CF	4	1	2	0	1	.333
Gray 2B	4	0	0	0	2	.240
Law C	4	0	1	0	0	.350
Padlo 3B	4	0	1	0	0	.204
Mastrobuoni RF	4	0	0	0	2	.307

Dunedin	000	320	000	-5	11	0
Charlotte	301	000	000	-4	9	3

2B: Tenerowicz (11), HR: Jones (5); Sanchez (7), RBI: Palacios (26), La Price (5), Jones 2 (22), N. Lowe (44), Sanchez 2 (35), Tenerowicz (26), LOB: Dunedin 8; Charlotte 5. RISP: Dunedin 2-for-8, Charlotte 2-for-5. SF: Tenerowicz. GDP: Knight, Jones; Tenerowicz. E: N. Lowe (3, fielding), Gray (3, fielding), Fox (3, fielding). CS: Pinto (5); Sanchez (2); Sanchez.

PITCHING	Dunedin	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HRA	ERA
Logue (W, 1-0)	6.1	7	5	0	5	1	3	27	1.327
Fishman (H, 3)	1.2	2	0	0	1	2	0	2.92	
McClelland (S, 3)	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.426	
Charlotte	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HRA	ERA	
Burke (L, 1-5)	5.0	7	5	1	2	4	1	4.56	
Pelaez	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	0	1.32	
Jones	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.380	
WP: Fishman, Burke. PB: Law (1), HBP: McKay (by Logue). Umpires: HP: Mark Stewart. 1B: Sam Burch. Time: 2:29. Att: 763.									

MLB: Rays

Rays draft USF left-handed ace McClanahan

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

The enigmatic season of USF left-handed ace Shane McClanahan didn't end with his final pitch Saturday in the NCAA regional.

Widely projected to be a first-round pick in the major league draft, McClanahan lasted until the 31st pick, when he was taken by the Rays with a Round 1 compensatory pick.

As a result, C Scott Hemond (12th overall, A's, 1986) remains the

highest-drafted player in USF history.

Once even considered a top-10 pick due to a fastball that can touch triple digits, McClanahan totaled 120 strikeouts in 76 ½ innings this season, but struggled with his command in conference and postseason play.

He lasted five or fewer innings in five of his 14 starts this season. In his final Bulls appearance — an 11-inning, 9-4 triumph Saturday against Hartford in the NCAA Tournament

— McClanahan threw 110 pitches in only five innings. He struck out three, walked four, hit two batters and tossed two wild pitches.

The inconsistency prompted some experts to suggest the red-shirt sophomore, who underwent Tommy John surgery in 2016, may be better suited as a reliever in the big leagues.

"Early on in the spring, this was a guy who was one of the better college pitchers in the country,"

MLB.com's Jonathan Mayo said. "That arm strength is legit. The good backup plan is, that stuff is gonna work out of the bullpen really, really well if the command doesn't come and he can't clean up the delivery."

THE 32nd PICK

After using their top two picks on left-handed pitchers, the Rays used the No. 32 pick in the MLB draft on Nick Schnell, a power-hitting high school outfielder from Indiana.

STANLEY CUP FINAL: Capitals 6, Golden Knights 2

Capitals on verge of Cup after blowout win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals are one win away from the first championship in their 43-year history after routing the Vegas Golden Knights 6-2 on Monday night to take a

commanding 3-1 lead in the Stanley Cup Final.

T.J. Oshie, Tom Wilson and Devante Smith-Pelly all scored in the first period to get the Capitals rolling against a determined Vegas team that had no answers early against Braden Holtby,

who stopped 28 shots. The desperate Golden Knights outchanced the Capitals by a wide margin but fell apart after James Neal clanked a shot off the post instead of hitting a wide-open net early, and the expansion team's Cinderella run could be

over in a matter of days.

Evgeny Kuznetsov dished out four assists and John Carlson, Michal Kempny and Brett Connolly also scored as thunderous chants of "We want the Cup! We want the Cup!" rang out from the crowd.

NFL: White House Visit

Trump calls off Eagles visit over anthem dispute

By **JILL COLVIN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Digging deeper into a culture war that he's repeatedly stoked, President Donald Trump on Monday called off a visit by the Philadelphia Eagles to the White House Tuesday, citing the dispute over whether NFL players must stand during the playing of the national anthem.

Trump said in a

statement that some members of the Super Bowl championship team "disagree with their President because he insists that they proudly stand for the National Anthem, hand on heart, in honor of the great men and women of our military and the people of our country."

He said the team wanted to send a smaller delegation, but "the 1,000 fans planning to attend the event deserve better."

Thompson was angered by the Warriors' Shaun Livingston trying a jumper with the outcome already decided. There was Klay Thompson angered by the recklessness of J.R. Smith crashing into his leg early in the series opener. There was Kendrick Perkins jawing at Stephen Curry after the third quarter of Game 2.

The Warriors and the Cavaliers are certainly not lacking for intensity in these finals.

"Much ado about nothing," Curry said Sunday night, likely not the most completely honest statement of his career since it couldn't have been just a coincidence that he made all five of his 3-pointers in the next 8:33 to turn the game into a blowout.

NBA

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trend will likely be continuing until someone hoists the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

"Even with turnover from players, you have a continuity of management, continuity of culture in organizations," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. "There's the institutional memory there of the wins and the losses. And so, I think it is very meaningful and when you have the same teams that are meeting for the fourth time, it's part of a larger storyline. It's not just a one-off game or a one-off series."

There was the dustup at the end of Game 1 when Cleveland's Tristan

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"It means a ton," he said in an interview on MLB Network's broadcast. "I'm very thankful that the Tigers thought of me enough to take me with their first selection. I can't describe this feeling right now."

Mize is 10-5 with a 2.95 ERA and 151 strikeouts with just 12 walks in 109 ⅔ innings while helping the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament super regionals. He has solid command of four pitches, including

a fastball that hovers in the mid-90s (mph). His outstanding command and wicked split changeup whip up lots of swings and misses.

Mize became the seventh player to go from undrafted in high school to the No. 1 pick, and first since Stephen Strasburg went to the Washington Nationals in 2009.

In a statement, Tigers general manager Al Avila said the club is confident Mize "will become a pillar in our player development system that's going to bring winning baseball to Detroit for seasons to

come."

"Being a college pitcher — especially coming from the Southeastern Conference — we know Casey has seen elite competition before," he added.

With the second selection, San Francisco took slugging Georgia Tech catcher Joey Bart, the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year.

Oakland created a major buzz at No. 9 and shook up some draft boards by tabbing speedy Oklahoma outfielder — and quarterback — Tyler Murray, the favorite to replace Heisman Trophy winner

Baker Mayfield this season as the Sooners' starter on the football field.

Florida high school righty Carter Stewart was the second player in attendance to be selected, going eighth overall to Atlanta. It also made for a heartwarming moment as 16-year-old Luke Terry, a one-armed high school catcher from Tennessee and a lifelong Braves fan, announced Stewart's name at the podium.

Florida right-hander Brady Singer, considered a potential top-3 selection, fell all the way to Kansas City at No. 18.

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Liberatore dominated as a high school senior, going 8-1 with a 0.93 ERA and 104 strikeouts in 60 ½ innings. He was projected to go much higher than the Rays — mock drafts at MLB.com had him as high as No. 7.

Tampa Bay's scouting department knew Liberatore well, as R.J. Harrison, the team's senior advisor, lives in

Phoenix and has followed him for years.

"We don't speak in the room as (No.) 1 starter, 2 starter," Metzler said. "He's somebody who's a traditional starting pitching prospect with a chance to pitch a significant role in the rotation, somebody who has a chance to log significant innings and the stuff to get the best hitters in the league out."

Metzler said the Rays are confident they'll be able to sign him and

convince him not to honor a commitment to the University of Arizona. Liberatore said he expects to be able to sign and begin his pro career quickly.

"I'm super excited to be a Ray and get started with the organization," he said.

Liberatore said he has full confidence in all his pitches, and while he wouldn't compare himself mechanically to any current major-leaguers, he likes to emulate the

confidence and approach of some of today's aces.

"Mentally, I try to emulate Aroldis Chapman or Max Scherzer or even Marcus Stroman, just the passion and intensity they bring to the game," he said. "The kind of presence they have on the mound, the way they intimidate guys before they even step in the box. It makes it that much easier to get them out physically, and I want to try to bring that to my game."

TENNIS: French Open

Serena out of French Open before Sharapova match

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
Associated Press

PARIS — Serena Williams tried to play through the pain of an injured chest muscle. Eventually, barely able to serve, she knew she had to call off her Grand Slam comeback.

Williams pulled out of the French Open less than an hour before she was supposed to face Maria Sharapova in a fourth-round showdown Monday, the most-anticipated match of the tournament so far. The announcement came two days after the 36-year-old American initially felt something was wrong during a singles victory. But she hid that bit of information — even from her coach — and a day after Williams struggled through a doubles loss with her sister, Venus.

This was Williams' first major tournament in 16 months, and her first as a mother. She was pregnant when she won the Australian Open in January 2017 for her 23rd Grand Slam singles championship, the most for anyone during tennis' 50-year professional era. Her baby was born last September.

"I have given up so much to be here. There is times where I'm on the court and I'm practicing, and I look on the monitor, and I see my daughter and she's playing, and I want to be there," Williams said. "But I know that these are the sacrifices you have to make to live out your dream. And I have made every sacrifice that I could. So it's extremely disappointing."

Her voice trembled a bit during a brief news conference, where she explained she will get an MRI on Tuesday and consult with doctors before figuring out what comes next. Her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, said in an interview that an ultrasound revealed the injury



Serena Williams, of the U.S., answers journalists at the Roland Garros stadium Monday in Paris.

to the muscle, but the extent wasn't clear.

"The fact that I physically can't serve at all is a good indication that maybe I should just go back to the drawing board and stay positive," Williams said, "and try to get better and not get it to a point where it could be a lot worse."

In a statement released by the tournament, Sharapova wished Williams "a speedy recovery." This would have been their 22nd career meeting; Williams has won 19, including the past 18. Because of the withdrawal, this does not count as a victory for Sharapova, who will play 2016 French Open champion Garbine Muguruza on Wednesday.

Oddly enough, Muguruza didn't have to put forth much effort in the fourth round, either. Her opponent, Lesia Tsurenko, stopped because of an injury after only two games.

No. 1 Simona Halep, a two-time runner-up at Roland Garros, will play former No. 1 Angelique Kerber, a two-time major champion elsewhere, in Wednesday's other quarterfinal after both picked up easy straight-set wins in the fourth round.

The quarterfinals Tuesday are Sloane

Stephens vs. Daria Kasatkina, and Madison Keys vs. Yulia Putintseva. Kasatkina eliminated Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki 7-6 (5), 6-3 in a match that resumed Monday after being suspended a night earlier because of darkness at 3-1 in the second set.

The day's biggest buzz was about a match that never took place.

Williams said she first was troubled by her pectoral muscle during the best performance of her return, a 6-3, 6-4 win in the third round against 11th-seeded Julia Goerges on Saturday. But Mouratoglou had no idea there was an issue.

She didn't tell him she was hurting?

"No, because she knew I would tell her not to play the doubles," he told the AP. "I would have made her cancel the doubles, believe me."

During Sunday's doubles, though, Williams showed signs of trouble. By the third set, she hit first serves at about 80 mph (130 kph), about 40 mph (70 kph) slower than she can. Between points, she repeatedly jabbed a thumb into her chest to massage the muscle.

"At the end, she was just pushing the ball. ... That's when I knew she

had a problem. I didn't know what kind of problem, but I knew there was something really wrong," Mouratoglou said. "Basically, she couldn't play."

Williams tried taping up the muscle for doubles, but that didn't help. And while she's "pretty much had every injury in the book," this was the first time dealing with this particular malady.

Mouratoglou said they held a practice session Monday morning, holding out hope that maybe rain in the forecast would postpone the match against Sharapova.

"We might gain one more day, and you never know how it feels tomorrow. So we had to wait," he said. "But we saw the sky was still blue ... and we thought, 'No chance.'"

Sharapova's coach, Thomas Hogstedt, said that word of Williams' withdrawal arrived while his player was doing warmup exercises outside the locker room at Court Philippe Chatrier, waiting for the match ahead of theirs to finish.

"She was keen on playing Serena. It's a little bit sad, I think, for everyone. Everybody looked forward to this match," Hogstedt said. "This match has had so much build-up."

On Court Philippe Chatrier where Nadal has triumphed so often, he broke the defending champion in the first game, with Nadal looking more like the nery debutant, serving a double fault at 15-40.

But Rafa's Law — the unwritten logic that he is practically unbeatable on the red clay in Paris — quickly prevailed.

Like so many other players down the years since Nadal's first title in 2005, Marterer soon found himself back in the press center, explaining to reporters what it's like to be on the receiving end.

"You know, if he hits a forehand like, yeah, really heavy, it's of course something different compared to any other opponent you have during the year," he said. "The better guy won in the end."

points decided it."

Del Potro, Cilic's next opponent, had a more straightforward 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 win against big-serving John Isner, who served 12 aces but fell short of becoming the first American man to reach the quarterfinals since Andre Agassi in 2003, despite hopeful chants of "U-S-A!, U-S-A!" from the crowd.

"I was outplayed by a large margin," Isner said. "I would have liked to maybe put up a better fight."

Marterer fought, for all the good it did him against Nadal. A left-hander like the Spaniard but ranked 69 spots below the No. 1, the German's first French Open, and only his third major, has shown he has the tennis to play many more.

There's a reason he pays pros to drive the Chevrolets. It's not easy, and, yes, many factors come into play, including weather and track conditions. It was a beautiful, sunny day in Detroit when Reuss wrecked, but it had rained earlier and the track had been washed away of any tire buildup from two previous days of racing. It likely made for a slick and fast track, and Reuss was in a powerful car when he hit a bump in a

professional era is Djokovic, who plays his 12th quarterfinal against Marco Cecchinato of Italy.

Juan Martin del Potro and Marin Cilic, both former U.S. Open champions, completed the quarterfinal lineup with wins.

Cilic, runner-up at the Australian Open in January, was up two sets and seemingly cruising against Fabio Fognini before the hard-to-dislodge Italian took the next two sets, saving a match point along the way. The third-seeded Cilic ultimately prevailed 6-4, 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-3.

"Just a crazy match," said the Croatian, a quarterfinalist last year, too.

"It was just hanging by a thread. A couple of

that Reuss wrote: "I have driven this course many many many times. I have paced this race in the wet, cold, hot and calm.

"It is never a casual thing for me, but an honor to be asked. Today I let down my friends, my family, IndyCar, our city, and my company. Sorry does not describe it. I want to thank our engineers for providing me the safety I know is the best in the world."

Perhaps Reuss is being a bit too hard on himself.

NADAL

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Although such numbers might not be foremost in Nadal's mind, they are gauges to the impressive longevity and winning consistency of the Spaniard who turned 32 on Sunday.

"I don't feel myself old. But I am 32, and I am here around since 2003, so it's a long way, a lot of years. I started very young," he said. "Being honest, I am enjoying the day by day on the tour and I hope to keep doing this for a while."

Nadal's next opponent, Diego Schwartzman of Argentina, will be playing his first Roland Garros quarterfinal. It will be Nadal's 12th.

The only other player with that many in the

AUTO

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Chevy issued a tightly worded statement about the "incident" that did not identify Reuss and said "many factors contributed, including weather and track conditions. The car's safety systems performed as expected."

On Facebook, Reuss seemed devastated. His settings are private, but Forbes reported Monday

GOLF: PGA



AP FILE PHOTO

This 2017 file photo shows The Discovery Communications logo atop its headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

Discovery and PGA agree to \$2 billion international rights deal

By **TERRIN WAACK**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The PGA Tour broadened its international reach Monday in a \$2 billion agreement with Discovery Inc., to deliver golf content directly to consumers in 220 markets outside the United States over the next 12 years.

Nine months after the PGA Tour chose not to opt out early of its U.S. network deals, it formed an alliance to turn over its content outside of the U.S. to Discovery, a company that already is reaching audiences around the world through its Euro-sport network and other channels.

The tour had been exploring its own network.

"Discovery is the largest international media company," Commissioner Jay Monahan said from the tour's New York office. "They have content experience, distribution experience, direct-to-consumer experience that, candidly, nobody else has. So they can do for the PGA Tour, and they can do for the game of golf, what no one else can do internationally."

"This puts us in a place that we could never get to on our own," he said. "And it allows us to accomplish some things that we think a decade from now will be exceptional."

Discovery has networks such as Animal Planet and Discovery, and through its acquisition of Scripps Networks Interactive added the Food Network, HGTV and Travel Channel. Discovery's Euro-sport reaches 700 million people and holds Olympic rights through 2024.

"There is no sport that's more global than the PGA Tour," said David Zaslav, the president and CEO of Discovery. "There's no sport that's more local than the PGA Tour, and there's no sport that has a demographic that's voraciously hungry to consume content."

The PGA Tour has 85 players from 25 countries who are full members, including two from China this year. Zaslav said the alliance allows Discovery to build a global platform,

"an ecosystem around golf that will nourish and excite every golf fan everywhere in the world."

The requirement includes a PGA Tour-branded streaming service to reach fans around the world on every mobile screen and device. That includes some 2,000 hours of content from more than 40 PGA Tour events, along with events from five other tours it runs. The PGA Tour has development circuits in China, Canada and Latin America.

Zaslav said content created in the U.S. can be tailored to meet needs in Asia or other markets.

"Local matters," he said. "What we found with sport throughout Europe is local is everything. So the fact that 50 percent of the top players on the tour are from outside the U.S. is huge."

Sergio Garcia is one example. Facts about the former Masters champion don't reveal much. He checks in at 5-foot-10 and 180 pounds. He turned pro in 1999. But what's going on in his game and fun activities away from golf are rarely mentioned unless Garcia is near the lead. For so many players, there is a lack of personal information.

That's where Discovery comes in.

"We want our players from those home countries to have a greater voice and to be able to tell their story," Monahan said, "and for them to be able to share to their fans in their home country how they're progressing through the year, and what they're eating, how they're training, the ups, the downs, the life cycle of a season, which has incredible highs and lows, but really to be able to follow that player more intimately than we currently can today."

The PGA Tour and Discovery are going to work together to see what works best for golf. They're looking at live coverage and beyond. The platform they plan to develop could ultimately be somewhere fans shop, talk to each other, consume news content or watch instructional videos.

race control, Reuss was just a corporate executive in his work clothes doing his Sunday job. And he got in a car accident while doing his job.

He was not injured, though like many pace car drivers in a street vehicle, Reuss was not wearing any safety equipment.

It would be unusual for anyone to be talking about Chevrolet or its new Corvette if not for Reuss' "incident" with the pace car. It might not

be a marketing jackpot, but GM is getting extensive attention for its car and now can spin the incident by highlighting the safety performance.

Reuss should pick himself up and put this tale behind him. He can turn into a dinner party yarn about the highs and lows of racing. You know, like the time Chevy won the Indy 500, only to wreck the pace car a week later in Detroit, in front of the governor, on live TV.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	41	19	.683	—	—	7-3	W-2	20-8	21-11
New York	38	18	.679	1	—	7-3	L-1	22-9	16-9
Tampa Bay	28	30	.483	12	7½	5-5	L-4	11-13	17-17
Toronto	26	33	.441	14½	10	3-7	W-1	12-17	14-16
Baltimore	17	41	.293	23	18½	2-8	L-7	10-18	7-23

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	30	28	.517	—	—	6-4	L-3	18-11	12-17
Detroit	29	32	.475	2½	8	7-3	W-1	20-14	9-18
Minnesota	25	30	.455	3½	9	4-6	W-3	14-13	11-17
Kansas City	21	38	.356	9½	15	5-5	L-1	10-21	11-17
Chicago	18	38	.321	11	16½	3-7	W-1	10-19	8-19

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Seattle	37	22	.627	—	—	8-2	L-2	18-13	19-11
Houston	37	24	.607	1	—	4-6	L-2	18-13	19-11
Los Angeles	32	28	.533	5½	4½	4-6	W-1	14-18	18-10
Oakland	31	29	.517	6½	5½	5-5	W-1	15-15	16-14
Texas	25	37	.403	13½	12½	5-5	L-1	11-19	14-18

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	35	24	.593	—	—	6-4	W-1	16-12	19-12
Washington	33	25	.569	1½	—	7-3	L-1	12-14	21-11
Philadelphia	31	26	.544	3	1½	3-7	L-3	19-9	12-17
New York	27	30	.474	7	5½	2-8	L-4	12-17	15-13
Miami	20	39	.339	15	13½	1-9	L-6	10-18	10-21

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	37	23	.617	—	—	6-4	L-1	18-11	19-12
Chicago	33	23	.589	2	—	8-2	W-4	15-11	18-12
St. Louis	32	25	.561	3½	½	6-4	W-2	18-12	14-13
Pittsburgh	30	29	.508	6½	3½	3-7	L-2	17-13	13-16
Cincinnati	21	39	.350	16	13	4-6	L-2	9-19	12-20

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	31	27	.534	—	—	6-4	W-3	19-13	12-14
Colorado	30	29	.508	1½	3½	4-6	L-4	11-16	19-13
Los Angeles	29	30	.492	2½	4½	7-3	W-3	14-17	15-13
San Francisco	29	30	.492	2½	4½	5-5	W-4	17-10	12-20
San Diego	27	34	.443	5½	7½	6-4	W-2	16-20	11-14

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Yankees 7, Tigers 4, 1st game: Luis Severino struck out 10 over eight innings to win his seventh straight decision, Austin Romine hit a three-run homer in a six-run fourth inning and New York beat Detroit in the first game of a doubleheader to extend its winning streak to five. Gleyber Torres and Greg Bird also homered for the AL East-leading Yankees, who improved to a big league-best 38-17. New York is 21 games over .500 for just the second time since ending the 2012 season at 95-67; the Yankees were 91-70 last year before losing their regular-season finale. Severino (9-1) allowed two runs — one earned — and four hits while walking none. He is 7-0 in 10 starts since losing at Boston on April 10.

Tigers 4, Yankees 2, 2nd game: Yankees slugger Aaron Judge became the first player since at least 1920 with eight strikeouts in a doubleheader, including five punchouts in the nightcap. Leonys Martin had two hits and scored twice for Detroit in the second game. Judge struck out eight times in nine at-bats, a record for a doubleheader during the liveball era, according to STATS. Judge struck out in each of his five at-bats in the late game, including with a runner aboard in the bottom of the ninth. The five strikeouts were a career high for Judge, who led the majors with 208 strikeouts while winning AL Rookie of the Year last season.

LATE
 Kansas City at L.A. Angels
 Arizona at San Francisco
 Atlanta at San Diego



Chevy chase

Yankees right fielder Giancarlo Stanton catches a fly-out hit by the Tigers' Jose Iglesias during the seventh inning of the first game of a doubleheader Monday in Detroit. [CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

BOX SCORES

YANKEES 7, TIGERS 4, 1ST GAME

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
A.Hicks cf	4	0	0	1	0	247	
Judge dh	4	0	0	1	3	282	
Bird 1b	3	1	1	1	0	241	
Stanton rf	5	1	1	0	1	247	
Gregorius ss	4	1	1	0	1	245	
Andujar 3b	4	1	1	0	0	293	
Frazier lf	4	1	1	0	2	333	
Romine c	3	1	1	3	1	373	
Torres 2b	3	1	1	1	0	317	
TOTALS	34	7	7	7	6	7	

DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Martin cf	4	1	0	0	2	251	
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	1	0	339	
Cabrera dh	4	0	1	0	2	318	
Candelario 3b	4	1	0	0	2	270	
Goodrum 1b	3	1	1	0	0	248	
J.Hicks c	4	0	1	0	0	271	
Jones lf	4	0	0	0	2	221	
Iglesias ss	4	0	1	0	0	260	
Machado 2b	3	0	0	0	1	212	
a-Martinez ph	1	0	0	0	1	250	
TOTALS	35	4	6	4	0	11	

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 a-struck out for Machado in the 9th.
 E—Romine (2), Torres (8), Machado (5).
 LOB—New York 7, Detroit 5, 2B—Cabrera (10), Goodrum (10), Iglesias (16). HR—Torres (10), off VerHagen; Bird (2), off VerHagen; Romine (4), off VerHagen. RBIs—Bird (4), Andujar (2), Frazier (1), Romine 3 (19), Torres (28), Castellanos (33), Cabrera (22), Goodrum (17), Iglesias (20). SB—Gregorius (7).
 DP—Detroit 1 (Machado, Goodrum).
NEW YORK IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
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 Holder 2 2 2 0 0 0 17 2.75
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DETROIT IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 VrHgn, L, 0-2 3 2 7 7 2 2 91 9.22
 Baez 4 1 0 0 0 3 4 69 0.00
 Reiningier 1 0 0 0 1 1 16 9.64
 Inherited runners-scored—Chapman 1-0, Baez 1-0. HBP—Baez (Bird). Severino (Goodrum). WP—Baez.
 T—2:46. A—28,016 (41,297).

TIGERS 4, YANKEES 2, 2ND GAME

NEW YORK	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Gardner cf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.262

STATISTICAL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RBI: Martinez, Boston, 50; Machado, Baltimore, 47; Haniger, Seattle, 42; Lowrie, Oakland, 42; Benintendi, Boston, 41; Judge, New York, 41; Ramirez, Cleveland, 41; Davis, Oakland, 40; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 40; Rosario, Minnesota, 40.

HITS: Altuve, Houston, 82; Castellanos, Detroit, 78; Segura, Seattle, 78; Machado, Baltimore, 74; Lindor, Cleveland, 73; Simmons, Los Angeles, 71; Jay, Kansas City, 70; 4 tied at 69.

HOME RUNS: Martinez, Boston, 19; Trout, Los Angeles, 19; Machado, Baltimore, 18; Ramirez, Cleveland, 18; Betts, Boston, 17; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 16; Judge, New York, 16; Gallo, Texas, 15; Lindor, Cleveland, 14; Mazara, Texas, 14.

ERA: Verlander, Houston, 1.24; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.02; Severino, New York, 2.20; Cole, Houston, 2.20; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.36; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.77.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

RBI: Baez, Chicago, 45; Suarez, Cincinnati, 44; Gennett, Cincinnati, 41; Story, Colorado, 41; Freeman, Atlanta, 40; Harper, Washington, 40; Markakis, Atlanta, 39; Rizzo, Chicago, 38; Arenado, Colorado, 36; Shaw, Milwaukee, 36.

HITS: Markakis, Atlanta, 77; Freeman, Atlanta, 75; Gennett, Cincinnati, 75; Albies, Atlanta, 67; Arenado, Colorado, 66; Castro, Miami, 65; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 65; 4 tied at 64.

HOME RUNS: Harper, Washington, 18; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Albies, Atlanta, 14; Baez, Chicago, 14; Shaw, Milwaukee, 13; Adams, Washington, 12; Arenado, Colorado, 12; Blackmon, Colorado, 12; Gennett, Cincinnati, 12; 5 tied at 11.

ERA: deGrom, New York, 1.49; Scherzer, Washington, 1.92; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.18; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 2.22; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.27; Wacha, St. Louis, 2.41.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

JUNE 5
1911: Boston's Smoky Joe Wood struck out three Chicago White Sox pinch hitters in the ninth to preserve a 5-4 win.
1915: Philadelphia's Grover Cleveland Alexander lost his no-hitter when Artie Butler punched a single with two outs in the ninth. Alexander struck out Bob Bescher for the final out to beat St. Louis 3-0. Alexander went on to pitch three more one-hitters during the season.
1929: The Cincinnati Reds scored nine runs in the sixth inning, en route to a 21-4 win over the Chicago Cubs.
1935: Chicago White Sox rookie pitcher John Whitehead loses to St. Louis 2-0. It was his first loss after winning his first eight starts, an AL record for the start of a career.
1943: New York's Carl Hubbell snaps the Giants losing streak of seven games by pitching a one-hitter against the Pittsburgh for a 5-1 win. The only hit for Pittsburgh was a solo homer by first baseman Elbie Fletcher.
1949: Commissioner Happy Chandler lifted the ban on all players who jumped to Mexico, starting in 1946.
1955: New York's Mickey Mantle hit a home run off Chicago's Billy Pierce that traveled an estimated 550 feet. The ball cleared the left-field upper deck at Comiskey Park.
1959: Pittsburgh's Dick Stuart hit the longest home run at Forbes Field. Stuart hit a shot over the center-field wall off Chicago pitcher Glenn Hobbie.
1966: Leo Cardenas of the Reds hit four home runs in a doubleheader against the Chicago Cubs. Cardenas hit two home runs in each game as Cincinnati won the opener 8-3 but dropped the second game 9-5.

TOP TEN

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Betts Bos	48	184	52	66	.359
Castellanos Det	57	230	31	78	.339
Simmons LAA	57	211	32	71	.336
Segura Sea	56	236	43	78	.331
Altuve Hou	61	249	34	82	.329
MMachado Bal	58	226	32	74	.327
Brantley Cle	48	195	32	63	.323
Rosario Min	55	218	36	69	.317
JMartinez Bos	57	219	37	69	.315
MDuffy TB	43	172	11	53	.308

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Kemp LAD	57	180	23	62	.344
Gennett Cin	58	219	31	75	.342
FFreeman Atl	59	224	35	75	.335
Markakis Atl	59	235	36	77	.328
Arenado Col	54	202	37	66	.327
Almora ChC	51	164	33	52	.317
BCrawford SF	57	204	24	64	.314
Dickerson Pit	54	208	26	65	.312
Belt SF	53	192	32	59	.307
OHerrera Phi	56	210	25	64	.305

BASEBALL CALENDAR

JUNE 15: International amateur signing period closes.
JULY 2: International amateur signing period opens.
JULY 6: Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline.
JULY 17: All-Star Game, Washington.
JULY 29: Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.
JULY 31: Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
OCT. 2-3: Wild-card games.
DEC. 10-13: Winter meetings, Las Vegas.

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT

North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Daytona (Reds)	30	21	.588	—
Lakeland (Tigers)	32	27	.542	2
Tampa (Yankees)	31	33	.484	5½
Clearwater (Phillies)	24	30	.444	7½
Florida (Braves)	22	31	.415	9
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	22	32	.407	9½

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Jupiter (Marlins)	34	22	.607	—
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	31	21	.596	3
Bradenton (Pirates)	29	23	.558	3
Charlotte (Rays)	25	28	.472	7½
St. Lucie (Twins)	25	28	.472	7½
Fort Myers (Mets)	24	33	.421	10½

Monday's Games

Lakeland 10, Jupiter 5
 St. Lucie 6, Tampa 2, 10 innings
 Bradenton 5, Florida 2
 Dunedin 5, Charlotte 4
 Palm Beach 4, Fort Myers 3
 Clearwater at Daytona, late

Tuesday's Games

St. Lucie at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.
 Lakeland at Jupiter, 6:30 p.m.
 Florida at Bradenton, 6:30 p.m.
 Dunedin at Charlotte, 6:35 p.m.
 Palm Beach at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.
 Clearwater at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

GOLDEN STATE 2, CLEVELAND 0

May 31: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114, OT
 Sunday: Golden State 122, Cleveland 103

Wednesday: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
 Friday: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.

x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.

x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.

x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

LATE SUNDAY

WARRIORS 122, CAVALIERS 103

CLEVELAND (103)

James 10-21 7-9 29, Love 7-18 5-5 22,
 T.Thompson 5-8 1-2 11, Hill 5-11 2-12 15, Smith
 2-9 0-1 5, J.Green 2-7 2-2 3, K.Thompson 3-8
 1-2 2-0, O.Sman 1-2 0-2, Zizic 1-1 0-0 2, Calderon
 2-3 0-4, Clarkson 1-4 0-0 2, Korver 0-3 1-1 1,
 Hood 1-2 0-2, Totals 37-90 20-26 103

GOLDEN STATE (122)

Durant 10-14 4-4 26, D.Green 2-4 1-2 5, McGee
 6-6 0-1 12, Curry 11-26 2-2 33, K.Thompson
 8-13 1-2 20, West 1-1 0-0 3, Looney 0-0 0-0 4,
 Bell 2-3 1-5, Pachaulla 1-2 4-6, Livingston
 5-5 0-1 0, Cook 1-3 0-0 2, Young 0-5 0-0 0,
 McCaw 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 47-87 13-21 122

CLEVELAND 28 34 23—103

GOLDEN STATE 32 37 33—122

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 9-27 (Hill 3-6, Love
 3-8, James 2-4, Smith 1-4, Korver 0-1, Hood
 0-1, O.Sman 0-1, J.Green 0-2), Golden State
 15-36 (Curry 9-17, K.Thompson 3-8, Durant
 2-3, West 1-1, Cook 0-1, D.Green 0-2, Young
 0-4), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland
 41 (Love 10), Golden State 41 (Durant 9)

Assists—Cleveland 25 (James 13), Golden
 State 29 (Curry 9). Total Fouls—Cleveland 15,
 Golden State 25. Technicals—Cleveland coach
 Tyrone Lue. A—19,596 (19,596).

INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

Through June 3:

	G	FG	FT	PTS.	AVG.
James, CLE	20	255	144	692	34.6
Davis, NOR	9	106	53	271	30.1
Westbrook, OKC	6	64	33	176	29.3
Durant, GOL	19	190	124	545	28.7
Harden, HOU	17	158	118	486	28.6
Wall, WAS	6	56	40	156	26.0
Antetokounmpo, MIL	7	69	38	180	25.7
McCollum, POR	4	40	10	101	25.2
Middleton, MIL	7	67	14	173	24.7
George, OKC	6	49	31	148	24.7
Mitchell, UTA	11	102	39	268	24.4
Holiday, NOR	9	88	21	213	23.7
Aldridge, SAN	5	37	41	118	23.6
Beal, WAS	6	49	20	139	23.2
Oladipo, IND	7	53	30	159	22.7
DeRozan, TOR	10	87	43	227	22.7
Embiid, PHL	8	60	43	171	21.4
Paul, HOU	15	118	44	317	21.1
Thompson, GOL	19	151	27	392	20.6
Dragic, MIA	5	35	15	93	18.6

FG PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT.
Capela, HOU	95	144	.660
Gobert, UTA	55	84	.655
Scott, WAS	26	41	.634
Favors, UTA	42	68	.618
Turner, IND	33	54	.611
Young, IND	36	60	.600
Middleton, MIL	67	112	.598
Adams, OKC	27	46	.587
Sabonis, IND	36	62	.581
Antetokounmpo, MIL	69	121	.570

REBOUNDS

	G	OFF	DEF	TOTL	AVG.
Davis, NOR	9	24	97	121	13.3
Towns, MIN	5	15	57	72	14.4
Embiid, PHL	8	23	78	101	12.6
Westbrook, OKC	6	11	61	72	12.0
Capela, HOU	17	61	136	197	11.6
Green, GOL	19	41	176	217	11.4
Gobert, UTA	11	43	75	118	10.7
Valanciunas, TOR	10	30	75	105	10.5
Love, CLE	19	41	152	193	10.2
Antetokounmpo, MIL	7	8	59	67	9.6

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG.
Rondo, NOR	9	110	12.2
Wall, WAS	6	69	11.5
James, CLE	20	179	9.0
Lowry, TOR	10	85	8.5
Green, GOL	19	153	8.1
Simmons, PHL	10	77	7.7
Westbrook, OKC	6	45	7.5
Harden, HOU	17	116	6.8
Holiday, NOR	9	57	6.3
Antetokounmpo, MIL	7	44	6.3

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Connecticut	5	0	1.000	—
Washington	3	5	.625	1½
Chicago	3	3	.500	2½
New York	2	2	.500	2½
Atlanta	2	3	.400	3
Indiana	0	6	.000	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	PCT	GB
Los Angeles	4	1	.800	—
Seattle	5	2	.714	—
Phoenix	4	3	.571	1
Dallas	3	3	.500	1½
Minnesota	2	5	.286	3
Las Vegas	1	5	.167	3½

Saturday's Games

New York 87, Indiana 81, OT
 Dallas 94, Seattle 90

Sunday's Games

Connecticut 88, Washington 64
 Phoenix 78, Atlanta 71

Los Angeles 77, Minnesota 69
 Chicago 95, Las Vegas 90

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Phoenix at New York, 11 a.m.
 Connecticut at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

WNBA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through June 3:

	G	FG	FT	PTS.	AVG.
Charles, NYL	4	38	13	94	23.5
Stewart, SEA	7	59	29	156	22.3
Loyd, SEA	7	48	36	151	21.6
Diggins-Smith, DAL	6	39	33	126	21.0
Wilson, LVA	6	41	44	126	21.0
Griner, PHO	7	56	30	142	20.3
Cambage, DAL	6	44	31	120	20.0
Nurse, NYL	4	21	25	93	19.0
Ogumwike, LAS	5	37	15	76	18.6
Taurasi, PHO	7	41	27	130	18.6
Mitchell, IND	6	35	20	110	18.3

Gray, LAS	5	31	22	89	17.8
Moore, MIN	7	45	18	122	17.4
Sims, LAS	5	30	20	84	16.8
Bonner, PHO	7	43	23	117	16.7
Hayes, ATL	5	22	31	82	16.4
McCoughtry, ATL	5	33	11	81	16.2
Fowles, MIN	7	44	25	113	16.1
DeShields, CHI	6	28	32	92	15.3
Toliver, WAS	8	37	23	115	14.4

FG PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT.
Quigley, CHI	28	46	.609
Howard, ATL	37	61	.607
Ogumwike, LAS	37	61	.607
Lyttle, PHO	25	42	.595
Fowles, MIN	44	74	.595
Thomas, CON	27	47	.574
Griner, PHO	56	100	.560

REBOUNDS

	G	OFF	DEF	TOTL	AVG.
Fowles, MIN	7	24	59	83	11.9
Cambage, DAL	6	12	55	67	11.2
Thomas, CON	5	11	38	49	9.8
Charles, NYL	4	10	26	36	9.0
Breland, ATL	5	13	30	43	8.6
Stewart, SEA	7	8	52	60	8.6
Dupree, IND	6	4	42	46	7.7
Wilson, LVA	6	10	36	46	7.7
Brunson, MIN	7	4	48	52	7.4
Parker, CHI	6	12	32	44	7.3

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG.
Gray, LAS	5	35	7.0
Bird, SEA	6	38	6.3
Diggins-Smith, DAL	6	36	6.0
Thomas, CON	5	26	5.2
Wheeler, IND	6	29	4.8
Hartley, NYL	4	19	4.8
Thomas, CON	5	21	4.2
Allen, LVA	6	25	4.2
Faulkner, CHI	6	25	4.2
January, PHO	7	29	4.1

ODDS

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Today

National League

FAVORITE LINE UNDERDOG LINE

Los Angeles -120 at Pittsburgh +110
 Colorado -112 at Cincinnati +102
 Chicago -193 Philadelphia +178
 at St. Louis -220 Miami +200
 Atlanta -135 at San Diego +125
 at San Francisco -125 Arizona +115

American League

New York -155 at Toronto +145
 at Boston -210 Detroit +190
 Oakland -140 at Texas +130
 at Houston -130 Seattle +120
 at Minnesota (G1) Off Chicago Off
 at Minnesota (G2) Off Chicago Off
 at Los Angeles -193 Kansas City +178

Interleague

at Washington -240 Tampa Bay +220
 at NY Mets -125 Baltimore +115
 at Cleveland -210 Milwaukee +190

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

NBA Finals

Wednesday

FAVORITE LINE O/U UNDERDOG
 Golden state 4½ 217 at Cleveland

Updated odds available at Prgame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

MLB — Extended the administrative leave of Toronto RHP Roberto Osuna by seven days through June 11.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Claimed LHP D.J. Snelten off waivers from San Francisco and optioned him to Norfolk (IL).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated INF Matt Davidson from the 10-day DL. Optioned C Alfredo Gonzalez and INF Matt Skole to Charlotte (IL).

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Johnny Barbato to Toledo (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Drew VerHagen from Toledo. Recalled RHP Sandy Baez from Erie (EL).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled OF Clint Frazier from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) as 26th man

MLB: Rays Journal

Wilson Ramos has reasons to be excited about return to Washington

By **MARC TOPKIN**
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — C Wilson Ramos is eager to return to the scene of his prime.

Ramos played parts of seven seasons with the Nationals, picking up the Buffalo nickname and sing-song Phish walk-up tune, culminating with a 2016 All-Star season that had him in line for a mega-bucks contract if not for a final week knee injury.

That's what led him to sign, at a reduced two-year rate, with the Rays. And as Ramos, 30 completes his return to form, hitting .299 with seven homers and an .819 OPS, headed toward another shot at free agency, he is eager for the quick two-game visit to Nationals Park.

"I'm very excited to go back and play there," Ramos said. "I've got good memories. The fans love me in that city. It's going to be very special for me."

Ramos ticked off a series of highlights, from his first walkoff home run to catching three no-hitters, including two by Tuesday night starter Max Scherzer, as well as his 20-strikeout game.

"Those are great moments in my career with that team," Ramos said.



GETTY IMAGES

Wilson Ramos has been a hit for the Rays this season.

Medical matters

The Rays were collecting information Monday on several medical situations that could have short- and long-term implications:

- RHP Chris Archer went to see core muscle specialist Dr. William Meyers in Philadelphia, with the possibility of missing at least one start with a DL stint.

- Triple-A LHP Anthony Banda, the prime return in the February trade of OF Steven Souza Jr. to Arizona, was seeing Dr. Koco Eaton in St. Petersburg to determine the extent of what is at least a forearm strain. If he were to have a torn ligament that required Tommy John surgery he would be the third advanced prospect to be sidelined, joining Jose De Leon and Brent

Honeywell.

- 1B/DH C.J. Cron was recovering from a bruised right forearm sustained when he was hit by a Felix Hernandez pitch and forced out of the game, with manager Kevin Cash expecting him in the lineup Tuesday.

- There was no update on the status of pitching coach Kyle Snyder, who was hospitalized over the weekend in Seattle for what the team called a "personal medical issue."

Davey in the dugout

Davey Martinez spent 2 1/2 seasons playing for the Devil Rays, two years as a part-time instructor and then seven years as bench coach during Rays heydays. Having been passed over by the Rays to succeed Joe Maddon in 2015, he went with him to the Cubs as bench coach,

then finally got his chance to manage this year, taking over a contenting Washington squad. As for facing his old team? "It'll be fun," Martinez said in Atlanta Sunday.

"It'll be fun to see some familiar faces and guys I was around for many, many years. So I'm looking forward to playing them."

Miscellany

- Rays rookie OF Johnny Field and Nats five-time All-Star OF Bryce Harper played against each other once in high school in Las Vegas, and took part in some workouts together. Field is 8 months older at 26, and said he knows Bryce's older brother, Bryan, and their dad better from working out at the same gym.

- RHP Nathan Eovaldi will have a different look than when he last faced the Nats pre-Tommy John surgery, having added an occasional pause to his delivery and a quick pitch to his repertoire.

- Nats SS Trea Turner was briefly property of the Rays after being acquired in the December 2014 Wil Myers deal, but was passed on to Washington in return for Souza. Ex-Rays RHP Jeremy Hellickson is also with the Nats, leaving Sunday's game with a hamstring strain.

HORSE RACING: Triple Crown



AP PHOTO

Jockey Martin Garcia works Triple Crown hopeful Justify at Churchill Downs Tuesday in Louisville, Ky.

Baffert sees parallels between Justify and American Pharoah

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
Associated Press

Bob Baffert misses the simple pleasure of watching American Pharoah breeze.

On the verge of his second Triple Crown with Justify, the Hall of Fame trainer is quick to recall his admiration for his first history-making superhorse.

"I've never had a horse work like him," Baffert said. "His mechanics, his motion, just the way he did it. ... This horse is starting to act like Pharoah."

Justify isn't American Pharoah. He wasn't a 2-year-old champion and never seemed destined to win the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont. American Pharoah looked bred and built for that.

Though Justify's path to this point has differed wildly from American Pharoah's run to the 2015 Triple Crown, Baffert sees similarities in his stride, his growth and his potential. That's why he thinks Justify could be just the second Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

"They're two different type of horses,

Pharoah and this guy,"

Baffert said after Justify won the Preakness. "I think I see a lot of resemblance in these two, the way they move. ... When I worked him after the Preakness, American Pharoah, when he would breathe, he was like he was a machine. And this horse is getting there."

Justify's recent works have brought some similarities into focus. American Pharoah didn't have his best in the Kentucky Derby before rolling in the pouring rain in the Preakness. Three years later, Justify has rebounded from an imperfect Preakness to appear on top of his game with the mile-and-a-half Belmont coming up Saturday.

"He just keeps doing more than we keep expecting," Justify jockey Mike Smith told The Associated Press after the Preakness. "There's always going to be that race where he's going to have to fight one out. I believe that was the one, so hopefully he'll come back and run even better next time."

NFL: Bills

Jim Kelly to receive Jimmy V Award

By **JOHN WAWROW**
Associated Press

BATAVIA, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly will receive ESPN's Jimmy V Award for the toughness and perseverance he's displayed during his ongoing battle with oral cancer.

ESPN officially announced the honor Monday, a few hours after Kelly first revealed the news while attending his charitable foundation's 32nd golf tournament outside of Buffalo. Kelly will be honored during the network's ESPY Awards on July 18.

The award is named for late North Carolina State men's basketball coach Jimmy Valvano, who gave an inspirational speech at the ESPYs in 1993 less than



AP FILE PHOTO

Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly is shown at the Buffalo Bills rookie minicamp, in Orchard Park, N.Y.

two months before he died of cancer. Valvano most notably led the Wolfpack on an improbable run to win the 1983 NCAA Tournament championship.

Kelly had surgery to have cancer removed from his jaw in March

after tests revealed a recurrence. The 58-year-old Kelly was initially diagnosed five years ago with skin cancer and had been cancer free since September 2014.

Kelly is still unable to eat solid foods. He is scheduled to have an

operation on June 21, when doctors plan to add tissue to the upper portion of his mouth. He is then scheduled to have permanent dentures inserted during another procedure in September.

Kelly said he's honored to receive the award, before joking that "the only bad thing about it is you have to go through a lot to get it."

Difficult as it has been for him, Kelly leans on his faith and says he continues to battle to help inspire others who have cancer.

"The good Lord has put me in this situation to help not only the people out there who are suffering from cancer, but little kids, too, who are going through tough times to never give up, to keep fighting, because you never know," Kelly said.

SPORT BETTING: Supreme Court Ruling

Lawmakers facing key decisions on sports betting rules

By **WAYNE PARRY**
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Professional sports leagues came out swinging Monday against New Jersey's sports betting law, largely because it doesn't compensate them for keeping watch for corruption.

State lawmakers brushed back those concerns, telling the leagues that such payments aren't going to happen.

New Jersey lawmakers are facing some key decisions Monday as they race to legalize sports betting after winning a case in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Members of the state Senate and Assembly are taking up a bill that would authorize sports betting.

Officials from Major League Baseball, the NBA, and the PGA Tour testified against the bill. They say the leagues need the integrity fee payments, as well as additional tools like information sharing and real-time data controls to make sure betting is conducted honestly.

But they stopped short of threatening to sue to block the law,

saying they hope to negotiate the desired changes.

The integrity fee does not exist in Nevada. Bryan Seeley, a former federal prosecutor who now serves as senior vice president and deputy general counsel for MLB, said his office was created due to a sports betting scandal: the 1919 World Series that was intentionally lost by the Chicago Black Sox in league with gamblers.

"Any law to authorize and regulate sports betting must put consumer safety and sports integrity first," he said in prepared testimony. "It must recognize that without our games and without a product that fans can trust, sports betting cannot exist."

Dan Spillane, senior vice president and assistant general counsel for the NBA, said sports betting is a unique industry, "which builds its product entirely on another business (i.e., a sports league), imposes substantial risks on the other business, and requires the other business to spend more to protect itself, all without providing compensation or a voice in how the underlying product is used."

MLB: Leading Off

Bumgarner makes season debut, are Phils shifty?

Associated Press

A look at what's happening around the majors Tuesday:

WELCOME BACK

Giants lefty Madison Bumgarner makes his season debut, more than two months after a line drive broke the pinkie on his pitching hand in a spring training game. The ace rejoins a San Francisco team that has hovered around .500, but has won four in a row and is right in the middle of an NL West race where no one has seized control. Bumgarner struck out 15 in 8 1/2 innings of two minor league outings. Manager Bruce Bochy says the 2014 World Series MVP can throw "90 or so" pitches for this home start against the division-leading Diamondbacks.

WHO'S WHERE?

We'll see if Jake Arrieta's critical comments about Philadelphia's defensive positioning have any effect. The star pitcher called his team "the worst in the league with shifts" after Sunday's loss at San Francisco. Now 2-5 on a 10-game road trip, the Phillies open a series at Wrigley Field against the Cubs.

HITLESS WONDER

Rays right-hander Nathan Eovaldi tries to duplicate what he did last week in his season debut. Pitching in the big leagues for the first time since recovering from his second Tommy John surgery, Eovaldi threw six no-hit innings against the A's before being pulled. He starts in Washington against two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Max

Scherzer, who's 9-1 and leads the majors with 120 strikeouts.

HE MAY CONTINUE

Mariners lefty James Paxton was 4-0 with a 1.67 ERA in May, including a no-hitter at Toronto. He makes his first start in June, facing Astros lefty Dallas Keuchel (3-7, 3.65) at Minute Maid Park.

ON DECK

All-Star catcher Yadier Molina is expected to return to the lineup when St. Louis hosts Miami. He's been out since being hit in the groin by a foul tip on May 5, an injury that required surgery.

SMOOTH

Cleveland ace Corey Kluber (8-2, 2.02 ERA) has opened the season with 12 consecutive quality starts, the longest

such streak for an Indians pitcher in 100 years. He'll try to extend the string at home against Milwaukee.

SOUND FAMILIAR?

Mets third baseman Todd Frazier is expected to come off the disabled list to face Baltimore, which has lost seven straight. He's has been out since early May with a hamstring injury. The Mets have since hired Colin Cosell — grandson of famed sportscaster Howard Cosell — as one of their two new PA announcers at Citi Field. The late Cosell was known for his boxing call of "Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier! Down goes Frazier!" Colin plans to honor his grandpop by pronouncing Todd Frazier's last name exactly the same punched-up way — with Todd's OK.