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## Defending champ sets record with 74 hot dogs

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut extended his reign as champion eater at the Nathan's Famous July Fourth hot dog eating contest Wednesday, downing a record 74 wieners and buns in 10 minutes. *See inside, The News Wire*

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Anthony Caruso doing well during the race.

## Nearly 500 take on Firecracker 5K

By MANNY ALEXANDER  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

NORTH PORT — On a day of national pride, North Port runners came together locally Wednesday for the 12th annual Firecracker 5K Run at the Morgan Family Community Center.

Hosted by North Port Parks & Recreation, a total of 499 entrants took on a course weaving through the Morgan Center, a length of Price Boulevard and along Heron Creek Middle School.

The run included participants of all ages, with parents pushing some children in strollers and grandparents joining in the race.

With support from friends and family, runners worked for personal goals.

"(I am) training for cross country," Zane Davis a freshman cross country runner for Riverview High School, said. "I will be doing this run every year starting now."

"It's a great group of people, a great cause and a good challenge," said Claire Pedersen, of Fort Myers, another 5K participant.

Others came in celebration of Independence Day.

"I love to run on the Fourth of July," Rick McDaniel said. "I have been doing it forever; it's kind of a tradition."

The 3.1-mile course remained inviting to recurring entrants looking for the yearly buzz.

"This is my third year here

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# Home construction permits keep heating up in region

By BETSY CALVERT  
STAFF WRITER

The pace of residential construction is heating up in Charlotte County.

In May, there were 167 new building permits, an increase of 58 percent over May of 2017, said Charlotte County Zoning Official Shaun Cullinan.

New building permits are averaging 124 per month,

county commissioners learned at a recent planning and strategy session. Ten of the past 12 months the number of building permits eclipse those in the previous year.

"People are becoming aware that Charlotte County is the place to be," Charlotte County Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch told the Sun.

A jump in housing construction is good news and necessary, said Rosemary

Mahoney of the Punta Gorda-Port Charlotte-North Port Associations of Realtors.

"We continue to have a steady stream of new occupants here, and housing is still at a low inventory level," she said.

Busy as the construction rate may seem, it's not startling compared to rates just before the 2008 crash, Cullinan said. "These numbers aren't even close to what

we had in the boom."

Following the boom was a bust.

"We had some tough years, eight or 10 years ago," Deutsch recalled.

It's not just new planned subdivisions that are showing up in permits, Cullinan said. About half of new permits are so-called in fill, or permits for long empty lots that were

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## WHAT'S THAT IN THE WATER?



SUN PHOTOS BY JERRY BEARD

# Pure, grade-A freedom.

By LIZ HARDAWAY  
STAFF WRITER

There were flags everywhere. Hundreds of people paddled their kayaks from the shore, securing their precious beers in a cooler. Floaties, noodles, tubes, boats, dogs, superheroes, sunglasses and so many American flag knick knacks and fashion statements governed the murky waters of Charlotte Harbor to an electrifying cover of ACDC's "TNT."

How much more American

can it get?

Welcome to the Freedom Swim, an annual Fourth of July swim to Harpoon Harry's. "It's a non-regulated but superb day," Frederick Vleer, of Punta Gorda, said. "There's so much energy."

Wearing a matching American flag tank top and shorts, Michael Haymans, the unofficial organizer who spearheaded the event, gave a few words of encouragement to participants.

"This is a celebration of taking care of one another," Haymans said, saluting the

This was the view from the shore, as boats and swimmers prepared for the crossing, at the Freedom Swim, on July 4th, in Punta Gorda, Wednesday.



Swimmer Casey Keller made it across Charlotte Harbor to finish third, at the Freedom Swim.

crowd with his Bud Lite.

Among the commotion, the crowd subdued to a solemn hush of respect and celebration to the national anthem, which was sung by Category 5 from a boat in the middle of

the harbor. Some held their sun hats to their hearts and decided to break the silence with a cheer when lead singer Brian Stover sung of "the

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# This tool shows you how much of a tax break you may get in November

By HANNAH MORSE  
BRADENTON HERALD

Do you know if you will benefit from Amendment 1, the proposed third homestead exemption slated for the November ballot? Property appraisers have a tool for that.

Developed by Pinellas County Property Appraiser Mike Twitty, this tool lets residents in 60 of Florida's 67 counties see how much of a property tax break they might get if voters pass the amendment, which would go

into effect Jan. 1, 2019. Baker, Clay, Collier, Dixie, Highlands, Leon and Orange counties declined to participate.

Manatee County Property Appraiser Charles Hackney said the tool has been available on his website for about two months, but not many residents have been asking about the amendment.

Homeowners who are not already receiving a homestead exemption can apply through the property appraisers office each year by March 1, if the home has been owned and

occupied by Jan. 1 of that year.

The first \$25,000 in assessed value of a home is exempt of all millage rates. There is no exemption for assessed value from \$25,000 to \$50,000, or from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The second homestead exemption, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, applies to all millage rates except for school millage. The proposed third homestead exemption is for assessed values between \$100,000 and \$125,000, also does not include school millage.

In other words, if you rent

an apartment or your homesteaded property is not worth more than \$100,000, you will not benefit from this property tax exemption. Only residents with an assessed value of \$125,000 or more will receive the full benefit.

There are 86,673 total homesteaded properties in Manatee County. The second homestead exemption applies to 78,546 of these homes. About 73 percent of homesteaded properties, or

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# A buck makes you a Punta Gorda Elk

By RORY LANE  
SUN INTERN

Many organizations provide their members with great perks or an opportunity to positively impact their communities, but rarely both. The Elks Lodge of Punta Gorda is different.

The Punta Gorda Elks are the second-largest Elks chapter in the country and largest in Florida. During the month of July, prospective members can submit their applications for a fee of just \$1 — down from the regular \$100.

“We are pretty involved, with 4,000 members we have a lot of people who have been Elks up north and transferred here,” said Punta Gorda Elks Secretary Pete Vaphiades.

Involvement in the organization comes along with a litany of opportunities to make valuable contributions for the betterment of the community. The charitable work of the Elks benefits various groups across Southwest Florida.

“A good chunk of our dues go to the national and state Elks organizations. But we also awarded \$26,000 in local scholarships just from our own money raised at this lodge,” said Vaphiades.

The Elks holds programs for students such as fishing tournaments and drug-awareness picnics at their Punta Gorda Lodge. The lodge also supports the Elks longtime mission of supporting veterans.

“We just performed our Flag Day service at the Jacobson Veterans Home, and we have a group that goes there every month to do karaoke and entertain them,” Vaphiades said.

An Elks membership is usable at any lodge in the country, in addition to the waterfront Punta Gorda site. Members can enjoy meals, weekly events, and the two cocktail lounges on the property.

“We average 35 to 45 new members a month normally, but we added 206 new members last July. You have to realize with the amount of members we have 70 to 80 can pass away during a year,” explained Vaphiades.

The average age for Elks members in Punta Gorda is 71. But membership is open to all U.S. citizens over 21 who meet Elks core requirements.

To pick up your application, go to the lodge at 25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda, or call the lodge at 941-637-2606, ext. 404.

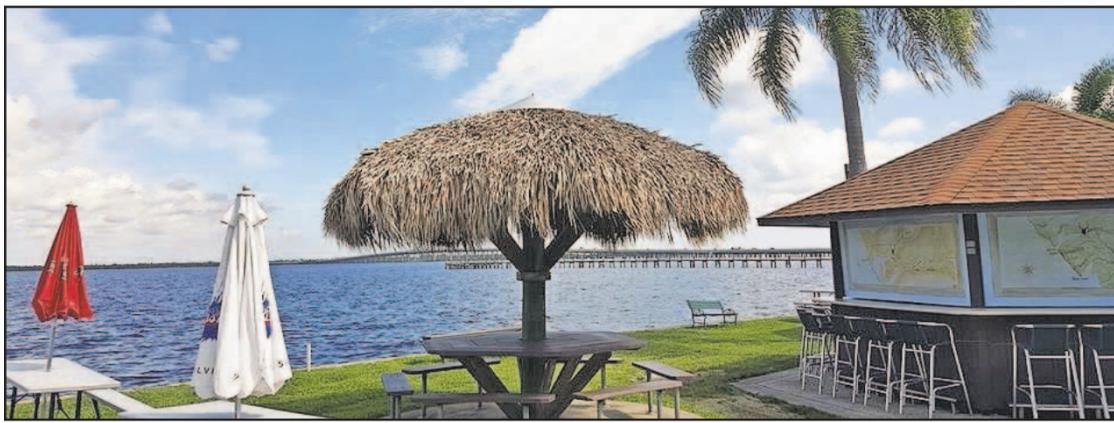


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A view from the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge 2606 is one reason why so many members are drawn to the entertainment, restaurant and other rewards of being part of the group.



PHOTO BY DONNELL BATES

Rudy Von Eysler enjoys a half-pound burger at the Elks Lodge in Punta Gorda over the past weekend.



HERALD PHOTO BY BETSY WILLIAMS

Nine-year-old Kennedy Karnes casts off from the pier at the Punta Gorda Elks Lodge 2606.

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rocket's red glare.”

Then, a few minutes later, the horn sounded.

Not typical to most swims, the Freedom Swim is not a race. No one rushed to the water, there wasn't that nervous panic that ensues

after the signal to start. Some, though, mostly in speedos, swim caps and goggles, did hurry to the finish line.

The first in and out of the water was Charlotte High School student Dylan Hacker, 17. Finishing in half an hour, this is his second year coming in first.

“It's just like an American tradition,” Hacker said about the swim, “you have to have some spirit sometimes.” This is Hacker's fifth year participating in the swim. Though this year did have the same laid-back celebratory atmosphere, there was one difference: location.

Due to construction, there were two official starting points. One, honoring the original starting location, could only be accessed by boat. However, most started at the ground location at Gilchrist Park. The swim was still roughly the same distance to Harpoon Harry's, but did make a difference in how people swam.



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Winner for the second year in a row, swimmer Dylan Hacker said the swim was fairly easy, but encountered a strong current along the way.

“The current kind of did (make it difficult),” Hacker said, “because it pushed you differently than if you started on the other side.”

Regardless of a different start, the celebration



Making a splash! Dylan Daniels jumped toward his mother Krista Daniels, at the Freedom Swim.



John Miranda recited the Pledge of Allegiance.



Swimmer Marlo Marcheco celebrated the day at the dock at Harpoon Harry's after Wednesday's Freedom Swim.



T-Dog stood watch as owner Dan Wardzala paddled across Charlotte Harbor at the Freedom Swim on July 4th in Punta Gorda Wednesday.



For the fifth 4th of July in a row, Tom Gardner (left), Jacqueline Mix and her son, Kaiden, prepare to take their kayak across Charlotte Harbor to Fishermans Village.

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subdivided decades ago. Lots that were left tangled with palm trees or scrub oak are now of greater interest to developers.

"This was all swamp that was sold to northerners," he said, adding that the swamp has long since been drained on the lots.

In fill affects the county differently, Cullinan said. These lots were set aside usually before zoning and environmental laws. New laws require subdivision developers not only to observe wetland regulations, but to often provide their own storm water management systems. They may be required to tie in to sewer systems and public water supplies.

Mahoney said she is seeing a slight preference for planned subdivisions over single lots in neighborhoods with diverse architecture. People are picking whatever they are familiar with, she said.

Duetsch said he believes the county is prepared for the new growth, due to its efforts to improve infrastructure, including sewers, roads and sidewalks.

"It's paramount to maintain and constantly improve the quality of life in Charlotte County," he said.

Duetsch's competitor in an upcoming election involving his commission seat, Joan Fischer, also said she sees most of the current growth as good.

"There are a lot of nice communities growing up," she said. "It's a good thing, as long as the people are involved and they know what's going on."

Increases in construction are lining up with increases in home sales and home prices. Single-family home sales were up 3.8 percent in May compared to May of 2017. Prices were up 3.9 percent.

Asked whether new construction would keep a lid on sale prices, Mahoney pointed out that new construction often costs more than buying a similarly sized existing home, at least initially. The market needs both types of sales, she said, to sustain healthy growth.

While appearances suggest population is growing in Charlotte County, county government officials are waiting for the results of a population study by Western Michigan University. The results of that study will help the county determine the rate of population growth, and whether the county should hire more people to process new building permits, Cullinan said.

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54,781, are eligible for the full \$25,000 third exemption. Fewer than 9,000 will partially benefit.

To see how much you could benefit, visit 3hkestimator.org, choose your county and enter your address.

Property owners should note that this tool is based on 2017 assessment roll data and millage rates, and recent homestead applications may reflect a benefit of \$0.

Many counties are concerned about how this amendment may affect their property tax revenue. Manatee County expects an \$11.1 million deficit in 2020, and have been preparing for that shortfall by putting aside funds.



SUN PHOTOS BY MONICA AMAYA

Ready, set, go! ... 500 runners crossed the finish line.



Diana Squires, Stephanie Aubrey and la Chuvila all dressed-up for the occasion.

# 5K

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and I always look forward to this," Venice resident James Hawkins said. "As a Navy vet this day, Veterans Day and Memorial are very important to me and also this is the first place I have ever done a race."

Immediately after the race the top three male and female finishers were announced.

Tyler Fisher, 21, finished the race first in a time of 15:43.3. Michael Balseca,

18, at 16:51 while Simon Devoss, 15, finished third 17:03.4. The fastest female finishers were Heather Butcher, 46, at 18:58.3, finishing 11th overall; Alexa Roughton, 16, at 21:31.1 and Danni Williams, 28, at 21:45.2.

"(The Firecracker 5K) is a good way to get together as a community and we gather to celebrate our country's independence in a healthy way," Gina Coke said after finishing her trek. "We hope to make the community stronger through this and we are releasing our energy through running."



Participants dancing before the race.



Jane Wyban and Linda Zick sing the National Anthem while Eileen Warn, left, interprets it in sign language.



Overall Male Winner Tyler Fisher, 21, first to cross the finish line with a time of 15:43.



Heather Butcher, first female to cross the finish line with a time of 18:58.



Kristen Waterhouse accompanies her daughter Makayla, 10, on her first 5k.



Katrina Machado, 12, shows the freedom spirit.



Jens and Joanne Johnson warm up before the race.

Sheila Smith, member of the AllState Group — Silver Sponsor of the 12th annual Firecracker 5K, happy to see the finish line.



Mark Moessner keeps the pace.



Mike Saxton leads the invocation.

# Report: Discarded fireworks cause house fire

By LIZ HARDAWAY  
STAFF WRITER

PUNTA GORDA — One minute, it's a celebration. The next, a house is up in smoke.

It's a story that doesn't get told often. Among all the glamour of fireworks, their vibrant lights painting the sky, they eventually fizzle out. Tired, the excitement over, the remnants of these explosives usually get thrown in the trash.

But, what happens when these fireworks aren't completely put out?

Around 2:40 p.m. on the Fourth of July, a family experienced this scenario first hand.

On the 12300 block of Paramount Drive, it took four fire engines, one tanker and the assistance of the Sheriff's Office and the Punta

Gorda Fire Department to put out a fire, Brian Gleason, the communications manager from the Charlotte County Board of County Commissioners, said. The fire was caused by firework debris smoldering in the garbage can.

No one was injured at this event. However, the house did experience some damage to the garage, and smoke and water damage inside the house. The Red Cross is working with the family to relocate them.

The event closed Paramount Drive until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Gleason advises the public to be careful with fireworks when shooting and discarding them.

"(People) should water down any debris after the fireworks are

set off," Gleason said. "Keep a water bucket handy."

The Fourth of July and New Years Eve are the busiest days for the fire department.

"We're all hands on deck for the Fourth of July," Gleason said.

"Discarded fireworks are an issue every year," he said. "Hand, head and neck injuries are typical from firework use. And we do get occasional structural fires and brush fires."

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Charlotte County Fire responded to a call on the 12300 block of Paramount Street in Punta Gorda on July 4. The house sustained damage from the fireworks-induced fire.



# Promotions, awards for Civil Air Patrol cadets

By DONNA JABLONSKI  
CIVIL AIR PATROL

The Civil Air Patrol's four core values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect continue to be exemplified by the Cadets of the Charlotte County Composite Squadron.

As the program continues to foster leadership and good citizenship among America's youth, several cadets from the Charlotte County Squadron moved up the career ladder at a recent meeting, receiving numerous promotions and awards.

In addition, two brothers, Jonathan Hemingway and

Justin Hemingway, earned the Wright Brothers Award for successfully completing Phase I, consisting of the Cadet Program's first three achievements. The award recognizes excellence in all areas of cadet life, including leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character. In addition, Wright Brothers Award recipients have passed a challenging, closed-book examination testing leadership knowledge, and proficiency in drill and ceremonies. This milestone accompanies promotion to the grade of Cadet Staff Sergeant.

A current cadet fundraiser is underway with newly minted coins

designed by the Charlotte County Squadron cadets, and all proceeds are used for cadet activities. The coin includes the Civil Air Patrol's four core values of Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect. Should anyone be interested in purchasing a Cadet Challenge coin, please contact 2nd Lt Donna Jablonski at 609-744-4664.

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Civil Air Patrol cadets pictured, from left, are Cadet Commander Capt. Samuel Greisiger, Technical Sgt. Elizabeth Gregory, Senior Airman Alexandria Mulvaney, Staff Sgt. Jonathan Hemingway, and Staff Sgt. Justin Hemingway.

# Cape Coral posts warning signs about toxic algae

By AMY BENNETT WILLIAMS  
NEWS-PRESS

As it nears the two-week mark, the toxic blue-green algae bloom in the Caloosahatchee River continues to sprawl westward, spurring the City of Cape Coral to warn its 180,000 residents not to swim or eat fish from its 400 miles of canals.

Temporary warning signs are now up at Rosen Park, Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve, Horton Park, Jaycee Park and the Yacht Club Beach.

"It's been inching closer, and now that it's kind of reached our shores, we just wanted to take that extra precaution, so we had a whole

bunch of advisory signs fabricated," said city spokeswoman Connie Barron. "Once it passes, we'll pluck them all out and put them in storage."

Elsewhere in Lee County, the cyanobacteria has left floating mats of scum, slime-coated shorelines and gagging residents in its wake.

"I almost threw up," said Calusa Waterkeeper John Cassani after a Tuesday morning visit to the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. "Where you walk down to the lock on the south side, and it's all blue, and the smell is ... man, I can't even."

To make matters worse, as he was standing on the bank trying not to vomit, Cassani watched two people

launching personal watercraft into the fouled river, never mind that there are sawhorses and signs warning visitors about the water.

That's progress. Last week at this time, there weren't yet any warnings and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection had yet to release the results of its water sampling.

Cassani's nonprofit did first. In some locations, sampling results verified by an independent lab returned levels approaching 500 times the recreational safety threshold set by the Environmental Protection Agency; the DEP's numbers a few days later showed things

were as bad or even worse in other parts of the river.

Confusion persists over what responsibility state agencies and municipalities bear in keeping residents safe, which is why Cassani wants to see Florida reconstitute its Harmful Algae Blooms Task force, which the state defunded in 2001.

It's needed to develop better, more consistent policies for dealing with harmful algae blooms, he said.

"We would like to see Florida adopt a modern response strategy like other states have adopted that utilize numeric thresholds that guide state agency action."

Money is also a barrier to a better understanding

of what happens to people when the toxins from this sort of algae bloom go airborne.

"There is a need for research looking at the risk associated with toxins from cyanobacteria (when they're) aerosolized by wind and wave action and boats moving through it," Cassani said.

University of Miami Professor Larry Brand is trying to do just that by launching a study of the effects of inhaled algae toxins, but "It's tough getting environmental funding these days given the political climate in this country, both at the state and national level," he said. But as far as he and Cassani are concerned, it's critically important research,

given what it already known about these organisms.

"(Cyanobacteria) are among the worst of all the different kinds of algae," Brand said. They produce a toxin called microcystin, which is what Cassani and the state found in such high concentrations in the Caloosahatchee.

"It causes gastrointestinal problems, it's known to be a tumor promoter and is associated with liver cancer," Brand said. "That's what we know is in the water, in the river. And we know that's a problem ... I would never swim in that water, eat anything out of it, and if possible don't even get near where you can smell it."

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

- Jaime Colon, 38, 5700 block of Swaying Palm Dr., Punta Gorda. Charge: failure to register as a sex offender. Bond: \$5,000.
- Michael Markovich, 34, 200 block of E. Ann St., Punta Gorda. Charge: trespassing in a structure or conveyance. Bond: \$2,000.
- Erika Jo Salerno, 59, 3700 block of Tripoli Blvd., Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft first degree. Bond: \$2,500.
- Jeffrey Joachim, 27, 2600 block of Charlene St., Punta Gorda. Charges: possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, possession or use of

## 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.

drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation or community control. Bond: \$4,000.

- Ryan Robert Smith, 28, 300 block of Sunflower St., Punta Gorda. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$2,500.
- Chester Duanne Miller, 48, 1100 block of Fleetwood Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery by intentional touch or strike. Bond: \$5,000.
- Paul Anthony Pinnock, 31, 1300

block of Aken St., Port Charlotte. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, municipal ordinance violation, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, and possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana. Bond: \$9,000.

- Brianne Nicole Jeffs, 22, 1000 block of Redbay Terrace, Port Charlotte. Charge: municipal ordinance violation. Bond: none.

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## OUR VIEW

### Learn, follow local fertilizer use regulations

**OUR POSITION:** *The connection between fertilizer and red tide is tenuous, but it's there. Don't make the problem worse.*

The God-awful bout of red tide growing in intensity in recent weeks along the shoreline of Southwest Florida reminded us of something found in our own back yards that may contribute to the problem.

Fertilizer.

In case you missed it, June 1 was the beginning of the annual "no-fertilizer" season here.

That means a black-out on the application of all fertilizer containing the nitrogen and phosphorus than can run off the landscape and into the canals, creeks, bays and, eventually, the Gulf.

The same nitrogen and phosphorus that makes your lawn grower quicker and your plants grow stronger other times of the year also feed aquatic plant life when it washes off during the rainy season.

That's a bad thing.

This form of pollution degrades our waterways. It throws the natural balance of the marine ecosystems out of whack.

It is not good, and it is not necessary.

Homeowners may believe their yards are being helped by artificial stimulants, but fertilizer isn't necessary this time of year. Local ordinances that regulate fertilizer are well-designed to provide all the nutrients that lawns and plants need this time of year.

They don't need an injection of nitrogen. They don't need a super-charge of phosphorus. They need water. Perhaps some iron. But that's about it.

In fact, too much fertilizer (in the form of nitrogen and phosphorus) only stimulates diseases and pests that can damage a fine patch of lawn.

And then, there's the fact that fertilizing from June 1 to Sept. 30 is equivalent to opening your bank account and dumping cash on the ground. It's a waste. And it is potentially harmful to the larger environment we all enjoy.

As for red tide, the science is inconclusive.

The authority, Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, states on its website, "In contrast to the many red tide species that are fueled by nutrient pollution associated with urban or agricultural runoff, there is no direct link between nutrient pollution and the frequency or severity of red tides caused by *Karenia brevis*."

"Florida red tides develop 10-40 miles offshore, away from man-made nutrient sources. Red tides occurred in Florida long before human settlement, and severe red tides were observed in the mid-1900s before the state's coastlines were heavily developed."

Sounds reassuring.

But the final sentence is a kicker:

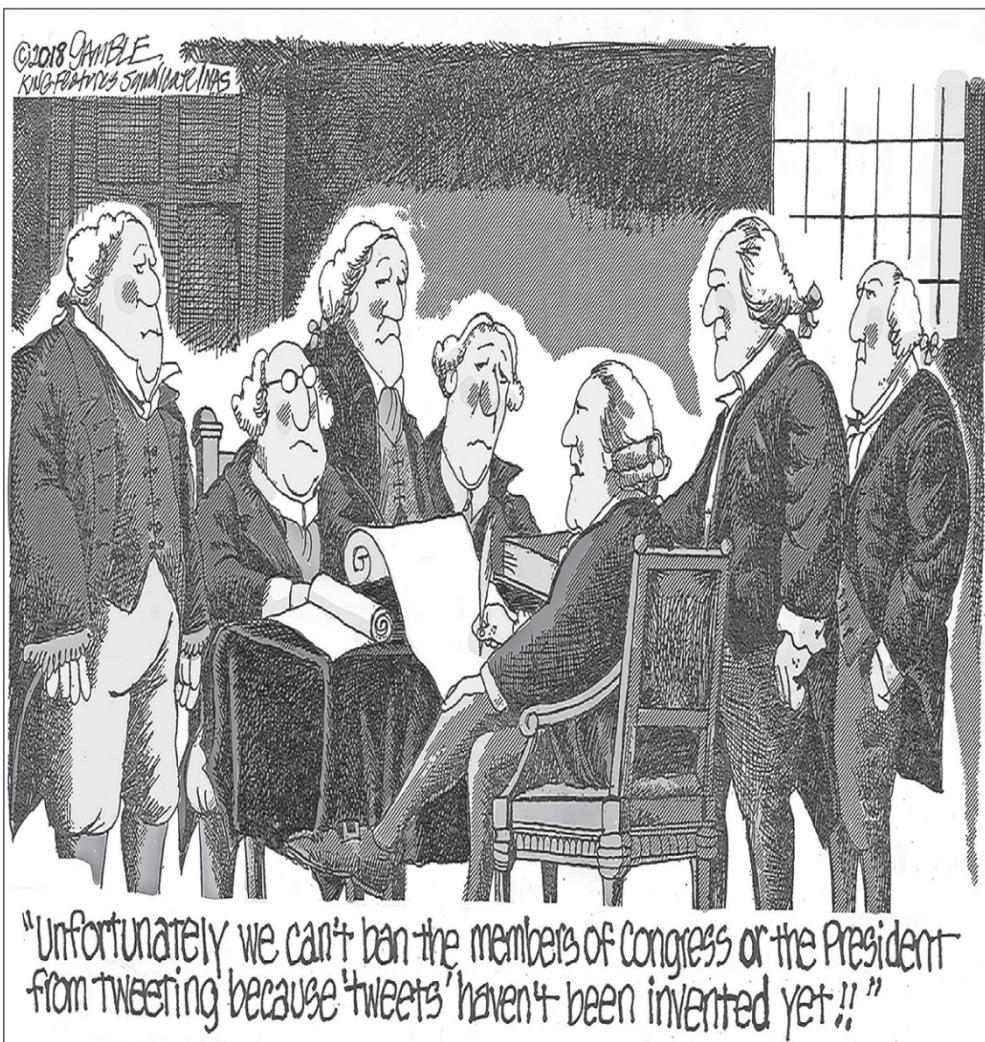
"However, once red tides are transported inshore, they are capable of using man-made nutrients for their growth."

And that's when the bloom really blooms. And that's when it most affects the humans living on or visiting the shore.

Be aware that all communities of Southwest Florida now have special fertilizer ordinances. They vary a little from place to place, but all are designed to limit (again) nitrogen and phosphorus.

For specifics, check out your local ordinance online. But recognize that all ordinances ban widespread landscape application of nitrogen and phosphorus. That applies to individuals and landscape companies.

Now, it is unlikely the Fertilizer Cops will come knocking at the doors of fertilizer scofflaws. Still, it's the law. Follow the law. Save yourself money. Help preserve the clean water we all appreciate so much. And don't feed the God-awful red tide algae that chokes



"Unfortunately we can't ban the members of Congress or the President from tweeting because 'tweets' haven't been invented yet!!"

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Everyone deserves a happy life

Editor:

Communism failed to make a better life for people, socialism has failed by non-proliferation and insufficient goals or range, and capitalism has failed by not protecting or providing for everyone, leaving too many poor, hungry, sick and homeless who resort to extremes and violence trying to survive.

What hasn't been tried is combining all three into a functioning, peaceful, safe, healthy prosperous society. It could work like this:

The young, the poor, the undereducated and those just starting out in life should be provided for without condition. Education, mental health and experience will help them to move up in life but some need more time and resources in the beginning.

All survival necessities like health care, basic food supplies, basic housing and home necessities, transportation and all other life necessities must be socialized for anyone but for the good of everyone.

Hard work, success and talent deserve to be rewarded accordingly, but there is a limit to how much any person or idea is worth, beyond which greed takes over and insanity begins and needs to be treated for the good of the inflicted.

The Earth and all its resources do not belong to anyone. All should share in its bounty regardless of where or to whom they were born or their talents or failings. Everyone by virtue of being born deserves a happy, safe, productive, healthy and rewarding life.

It's past time to try this. Let the sanity begin.

**Don Steiner**  
North Port

### Time to end lifetime appointments

Editor:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of

the United States."

Article II, Section 1 of our Constitution requires every person elected to the office of president of the United States to take this oath before entering office. It is through this oath to the Constitution the president should act regarding every duty performed as president.

The United States Supreme Court was created under Article II, Section 1 of our Constitution. The Supreme Court is given the weighty responsibility to first and foremost protect our Constitution so this great nation shall endure. Without our Constitution, our nation is nothing.

Justices should therefore be chosen and appointed based on their history of protecting our Constitution and for rendering decisions based on constitutionality, not ideology or membership to a political party. As protectors of our Constitution, appointments are for life so as not to be removed for political or ideological reasons.

In the wake of the announcement Justice Kennedy is retiring, it is being reported our president has "a list of 25 conservative justices" to choose from. "Conservative" should read, "constitutional." Recent history shows justices are now appointed along party lines. Our leaders have failed our Constitution.

It is therefore time to end the lifetime appointments of justices.

Or maybe it's time to elect those who protect our Constitution rather than their political party or ideology.

**Julie M. Moriarty**  
Punta Gorda

### Get this couple out of White House

Editor:

The president needs to be held to account.

Here we have a shoot-up at a newsroom. Who has for two straight years denounced the press, slandered the press, condemned the press?

Why don't we set the weapons on the table, Mr. President?

A person who settles things with a gun is more likely to be influenced by direction from others, especially the person occupying the place the buck is supposed to stop.

Donald Trump and his rhetoric is responsible for Charlottesville and for Annapolis.

Perhaps the first lady can again put on her coat ("I really don't care, do U?"), which she wore when visiting kenneled children in detention camps. I defended her until that time.

We need this couple out of our White House. I "really don't care" about anything more.

**Louise Raterman**  
Port Charlotte

### Had work permit for the US

Editor:

I refer to the many letters from U.S. citizens who came to this country as immigrants after World War II, and are now lamenting the border crossing dilemma. I wish to remind these people that they came to this country legally.

The current day problems at the border are only problems due to the fact that people are trying to come here illegally. I came to the U.S. from Canada in the 1970s — we had a temporary work permit which had to be renewed every six months — it took four years for permanent residency status to be granted.

Why do all opponents of the immigration laws and border control believe that people trying to enter this country illegally have special privileges?

What does this say to the thousands trying to come here through the system legally?

**Phyllis Robertson**  
Rotonda West

### Take the attitude with you back north

Editor:

An obviously angry female wrote a letter published in the *Sun* on June 29 excoriating conservatives and the

Republican Party in general.

She argued that President Trump is "either insane, deluded, incompetent or a raging misogynist." I suggest that this lady, as well as her idol, Crooked Hillary, are the ones who are "insane, deluded, incompetent and misanthropes" instead.

The lady intends to leave our southern paradise for northern climes, so I say to her, goodbye, take your liberal views with you and don't let the door hit you in your asset on the way out.

**Dick Murmo**  
Port Charlotte

### Some advice on your credit score

Editor:

Good article from David Morris about FICO scores.

Having invented the original FICO score at Fair, Isaac in 1982, I would like to suggest additional ways you can improve your score.

First avoid too many inquiries pulled on you and avoid too many credit applications from specialty stores like Bealls or Walmart. Too many reflects a higher risk group unable to get a MasterCard or Visa, or who tapped their limit. Also using 10 to 30 percent of your available credit limit gets you the most points in scoring formulas. But the highest determining factor of your score is if you had delinquency, how serious and how long ago it was.

So as David pointed out, first get a free copy of your credit report to insure that there are no erroneous delinquencies shown. Correct them by writing to the credit bureau and stating that the information is incorrect. They have to reflect that unless the financial institution provides proof. It is worth doing. Delinquent information remains on your credit report for seven years. My recommendation is that if you're about to miss a payment, or worse, a second payment on any credit account due to temporary hardship, you are better off borrowing from a friend or getting a cash advance from another credit card and make the payment hoping you can catch up in a few months. In other words do everything you can to avoid getting two or three months delinquent.

**Rawy Shediak**  
Englewood

### Hancik: No ties to back room boys

Editor:

A letter to the editor recently pointed out the huge disparity in funding available to Robert Hancik, airport commissioner in District 2, and his challenger, who has a six-to-one advantage in funding over Hancik.

Open Internet, go to Supervisor of Elections, scroll down to Candidates, click, go to Announced Candidates, click, go to Local. Scroll down to Airport Authority District 2 and the numbers are as plain as day.

There is something bigger than just this race that pays about \$7,500. It reeks of back-room deals.

The heavy hitters, the big money players are trying to buy the seat and screw the middle class once again. Don't let it happen. Vote for Rob Hancik, experienced, honest and without ties to boys in the back room.

**Bob Reichert**  
Punta Gorda

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# Pious wishes won't change modern US politics

When human beings cling to dogmas long after they're disproven. We tend to believe things that make us feel better or remind us of a past that we miss. This is certainly true of our assumptions about electoral politics.



E.J. Dionne

Among the myths that can steer us off course in the Trump era, three are particularly popular.

First, that political polarization is primarily a product of how elites behave and not the result of real divisions in our country.

Second, that a vast group of party-loathing independents can be mobilized by anti-partisan messages.

Third, that Republicans and Democrats are becoming increasingly and equally extreme, so they should be scolded equally.

All these pious wishes are false, as Alan Abramowitz's latest book, "The Great Alignment: Race, Party Transformation, and the Rise of Donald Trump,"

makes clear. He provides a wealth of data in a compact package.

A political scientist at Emory University, Abramowitz is perhaps best known for the idea of "negative partisanship." It explains a great deal about the fractious nature of our public sphere.

"Over the past two decades," he writes, "the proportion of party supporters ... who have strongly negative feelings toward the opposing party has risen sharply. A growing number of Americans have been voting against the opposing party rather than for their own."

People rate their own

side about the same as they used to. On a 100-degree "feeling thermometer," Americans gave their own party a moderately warm 71 degrees in 1978, and 70 degrees in 2012.

But over the same years, their sentiments toward the opposing party turned ice cold, plummeting from 47 degrees to 30 degrees. When politicians are nasty to the other side, they are mirroring the attitudes of their supporters.

Polarization, in other words, is not just an elite thing. It reflects deeply held opinions among voters themselves.

Democrats draw "their strongest support from groups with the most positive views of recent social and cultural changes." Conversely, the GOP is strongest with groups having "the most negative views" of those changes.

In another important new book, "Standoff: How America Became Ungovernable," the veteran political analyst Bill

Schneider notes that while polarization did not begin with President Trump (it "has been going on for at least 50 years"), Trump "uses every issue, every policy, every tweet to set one group of Americans against another." Divisions around issues related to immigration, race and culture serve the president's interests.

Ah, but since increasing numbers of Americans identify as independents, isn't there an eager non-partisan middle waiting to rescue us from all this?

Sorry, but no. As Abramowitz shows, most people who identify as independents lean toward one party or the other. When it comes to casting ballots, "leaning independents as well as strong and weak party identifiers are voting more along party lines than at any time in the past half century."

Factoring out independents who tilt toward a party, "only about 12 percent of Americans

have fallen into the 'pure independent' category, and these people are much less interested in politics and much less likely to vote than independent leaners." Independents are plainly not some magical force that will call into being that centrist third party that looms so large in the imaginations of many pundits and fundraisers.

And the centrist heavenly chorus is off-key in another respect: While it sings mournful songs about the major parties becoming "extreme," Abramowitz's data makes clear that the two sides are not equivalent. *Republicans have moved significantly further to the right than Democrats have moved to the left.*

Between 1972 and 2012, he notes, the proportion of Democrats who put themselves at the center of the ideological spectrum (or were unable to place themselves) fell from

52 percent to 41 percent, an 11-point drop. In the same period, the comparable

figures for Republicans were 44 percent and 22 percent, double the Democratic swing.

The upshot: The share of Democrats in the ideological middle is nearly twice that of Republicans.

Abramowitz doesn't polemicize; he simply lays out the facts. But the story he tells suggests the essential first step to getting past extremism and polarization is the defeat of today's intemperate brand of Republicanism, embodied by the most intemperate president in our history.

Those who long for moderate and harmonious politics find it both comforting and convenient to cling to myths that allow them to keep their distance from charges of grubby "partisanship." They're likelier to get what they want by accepting the unpleasant but also undeniable realities of our moment.

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# The moral implications of GOP's Trumpian turn

With President Trump's forthcoming nomination of a Supreme Court justice likely to rally and unify the Republican coalition, some commentators are (again) declaring the end of Never Trump conservatism.



Michael Gerson

"On issue after issue," says the Ethics and Public Policy Center's Henry Olsen, the Never Trumpers "are in the minority of their own party." According to Emerald Robinson, writing in the American Spectator, they are "preposterously out of touch."

Robinson points to the passing of columnist Charles Krauthammer as an indication that "the eclipse of the neocon intellectuals is complete." Nothing like dancing on the fresh soil of a giant's grave.

It is difficult to deny Trump's strength in the base of the Republican Party, evidenced by the degree of political intimidation felt by many elected Republicans. But the most

interesting and important questions remain: Is Trumpism a compelling ideological basis for the Republican Party going forward? Is it really the wave of the political future?

It should give the advocates of Trumpism — defined by some mix of protectionism, nativism and bitter resentment of elites — pause that the strongest advocates of the creed are some of the most frightening figures in American politics. I am not necessarily referring to the politicians Trump chooses to endorse in primaries — given that the president's favor is more based on loyalty than ideology. I am talking about that subset of

Republicans who take the ideals of Trumpism most seriously. People like West Virginia Senate candidate Don Blankenship, who, before losing the primary, ran ads highlighting the Taiwanese heritage of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's wife. Or Iowa Rep. Steven King, who argues, "We can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies." Or Arizona Senate candidate and former Sheriff Joseph Arpaio, known for extreme ethnic profiling, terror raids, and cruel and unusual punishment. Or Virginia Senate candidate Corey Stewart, who has associated with white supremacists and thrown his state party into turmoil.

The phenomenon of Republican extremism is hardly new. At the height of the tea-party movement, the GOP had candidate fitness crises in Nevada, Delaware, Colorado, Missouri and Indiana. But two things are now different. First, the GOP

establishment is weaker than at any time I can remember. Second, the rhetoric of Trumpism is more explicitly racial than at any time I can remember.

For a party at its height of influence, Republicans remain in a tenuous position at the national level because of Trump. They lost the popular vote count by nearly 3 million in the 2016 presidential election, and Trump has done almost nothing to expand his appeal. Long-term demographic trends are running against the GOP, with the non-Hispanic white population declining from 76 percent to 63 percent over the last two decades and the country on track to be majority minority by 2045.

Some Trumpites are brutally honest about the political challenge in this environment. "I believe that white voters will begin voting for Republicans in larger numbers than they do now," says Thomas

O'Malley in the American Thinker. The political challenge for the GOP, in the meantime, is to "seriously reduce immigration and encourage population growth within the country." Which clearly means population growth in that portion of the country with less melanin.

The problem? Trump already won the white vote by more than 20 percentage points in 2016. So how does the GOP rack up even greater white support? If Trump's political strategy is any indication, this will involve a relentless emphasis on race and immigration — on kneeling black athletes, on immigrants who "infest" our country, and on Muslims who are targeted for suspicion.

A strategy of feeding white backlash against a multicultural future worked for Trump — barely — in 2016. Will it work for Republicans in 2018 and 2020? Perhaps, if Democrats move precipitously to the left. But in the

longer run, will Trumpism appeal to millennials (who now consistently give Trump around a 25 percent approval rating)? Will it work with suburban women?

And what are the moral implications of a political strategy that employs racial and ethnic antagonism as a motivating factor? Is this really the set of values that Republican leaders want their children to absorb? Will conservatives so easily abandon conservatism for white identity politics? It is an approach to public life that will indelibly stain all who employ it — and all who excuse it.

"This is the question for Republicans going forward," Amy Walter of The Cook Political Report told me, "Will the GOP be defined not just as the party of Trump but as the party that's hostile to non-whites?" And what if there is no difference?

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# Some 242 years later, still parsing 'pursuit of happiness'

The beauty of all self-evident truths is that, by definition, we do not need to explain why they are true. Our annual celebrations of American independence fit neatly into this mental zone of confident presumptions. To the extent that we think about it at all, the Fourth of July is the time for summer vacation schedules to start, fireworks to appear at dusk and patriotic rhetoric to evaporate amid the airbursts.

It therefore might seem almost rude to suggest that we spend a few minutes asking ourselves what we are celebrating. The succinct answer is that we are honoring the 242nd anniversary of America's birth as the first nation-sized republic in the modern world.

The values on which our republic was founded were proclaimed in 36 words that, over the years, have achieved iconic status as the American Creed. Here they are:

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

Thomas Jefferson wrote these words sometime in mid-June 1776 in his Philadelphia apartment at

Joseph J. Ellis  
Los Angeles Times

7th and Market streets on a portable desk with a quill pen.

Historians have parsed their meaning in countless books over the ensuing two centuries: searching for their sources in the French Enlightenment or Scottish Enlightenment; questioning their utopian implications; criticizing their inherently elusive claims to visionary values that float above the world like verbal clouds; noticing that the portable desk on which they were composed was built by a former slave and that the author of those words was a dedicated racist.

But in the end, all

such critics have found themselves shouting into the wind. For Jefferson's words have levitated out of the historical context in which they were written to become the expansive mandate for the liberal tradition in modern America.

When the feminist movement was born at Seneca Falls in 1848, the manifesto began with the claim that "all men and women are created equal." When Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address in 1863, he cited Jefferson's words — "the proposition that all men are created equal," to make the Civil War a fight to end slavery. When Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963, he announced that he was collecting on a "promissory note" written

by Jefferson. Beyond our shores, the Vietnamese constitution, written by Ho Chi Minh, begins "We hold these truths to be self evident."

In the mid-summer of 2018, during the increasingly divisive presidency of Donald Trump, do we still believe these words? Do we believe any truths are self-evident? Instead of spending our holiday on the Fourth contemplating the likely destination of LeBron James or the latest Kardashian rumor, let me propose that we discuss those questions.

The conversation might begin with a more specific focus: What did that hallowed phrase "pursuit of happiness" mean to Jefferson, and what does it mean to us?

Jefferson borrowed the words from George

Mason, who had used the phrase in the preface to his draft of the Virginia Constitution a few weeks earlier. In the original trinity proclaimed by John Locke in his Second Treatise on Government, "life, liberty, and property" were the enshrined rights. By replacing "property" with Mason's "pursuit of happiness," Jefferson was making an implicit anti-slavery statement, depriving slave-owners of the claim that owning slaves — property — was a natural right protected in the founding document.

The Civil War removed slavery from the national agenda, leaving "pursuit of happiness" to float free and become a vague version of the American promise that meant pretty much what anyone wished it to mean.

Do we believe that Jefferson's felicitous phrase now, in 2018, has economic implications? Does the self-evident right to pursue happiness entail the right to a living wage? Or affordable health care? Does the decline of the middle class mean that our collective happiness as a people is at risk? Do Jefferson's magic words still possess the power to provoke some intellectual fireworks?

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# State looks to boost college-to-university pipeline

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NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — Last fall, more than one out of every four students enrolled at state universities came from the Florida college system.

But data, presented last week to the Florida Board of Governors, showed that more students from state and community colleges could be moving into universities, where they could earn bachelor's degrees that would likely correlate with higher earnings over their lifetimes.

In the 2016-2017 academic year, 61 percent of the 57,864 students who earned associate of arts degrees at the 28 schools in the college system applied for admission to state universities. More than 30,000 students, or 86 percent, were accepted, but only 25,000 of those students actually enrolled.

That data is being collected as part of an effort to improve Florida's "two plus two" articulation system. The system allows students to start their post-high-school careers at colleges and earn associate degrees in two years. They then move on to state universities, where after another two years, they can earn bachelor's degrees.

Wendy Link, a member of the university system's Board of Governors, said Florida's college-university articulation system is "the envy of the nation." But she said the university and college systems are looking to make it better.

"As with all things, there are ways to improve upon it," said Link, who leads the board's Two (Plus) Two Articulation Committee.

Among the issues state higher-education officials will be looking at in the next few months are:

- The 5,000 students who are accepted at state universities but never enroll.
- The 38.8 percent of college students who earn associate degrees but never apply to a state university, a percentage that has increased from 35.5 percent in 2013-2014.
- The 91 percent of college students who only apply to one state

university. Some 95 percent of the students denied university admission applied to only one school, although they are guaranteed admission to at least one of the 12 state universities once they earn their associate degrees.

• The 27 percent graduation rate, after two years, when college students transfer to state universities. That is much lower than the 49 percent graduation rate for students who enroll for four years at state universities. However, the six-year graduation rate for the college transfer students, at 68 percent, is similar to the 72 percent for the non-transfer university students.

Madeline Pumariega, chancellor of the college system, said Florida produces more associate degrees than any other state and that 63 percent of Florida high school students who move into post-secondary programs do so at state colleges.

Pumariega said there are opportunities for improvement in some areas like the 5,000 students accepted at universities who never enroll. But she also said there are other factors that influence the students' decisions, including being "place bound" because of financial, family or work obligations and not being able to attend schools distant from their hometowns.

She said financial aid and the ages of the students are other factors. The new data showed the average age of the enrolled college transfer student was 25.5 years in 2017, compared to a little over 20 years for the four-year university students.

Pumariega also said her review of her system's data showed that younger students who earn associate degrees are much more likely to transfer to state universities than older students. She said 84 percent of the students under the age of 25 enrolled at a university, while that percentage is reduced for older students who are "balancing work and life."

Board of Governors members also heard testimony about the University of Central

Florida's DirectConnect program, which is designed to help state college students transfer to UCF. The Orlando school leads the state university system by taking more than 30 percent of the college transfers.

A key member of that program is Valencia College, the third-largest school in the state college system.

Sandy Shugart, president of Valencia, said his school has worked closely with UCF to develop the transfer program that guarantees college students admission at the university once they earn their associate degrees. The program is enhanced by UCF placing counselors on the Valencia campus to advise students who are part of the program.

Shugart said the university system leaders should seek "a variety of solutions" to improving the transfer programs and "not a single, silver-bullet solution."

He also said while the statewide system should set broad policies, it should look to the schools on a regional basis to develop specific programs.

"The problem we have to solve in Central Florida is nothing like the problem they have to solve for access in the Panhandle," he said.

Although Florida has tried to bring uniformity to its state college and university courses, Shugart said "the number one inhibitor" for transfer students earning their bachelor's degrees is the loss of credits when they move to universities. He said there has been "an ever-creeping demand for specialization" in many of the upper-division majors that has impacted the transfer students.

He also warned against "simplistic policies" aimed at measuring performance. For instance, he said college transfer students are much more likely to be part-time students at the universities than the four-year students who are more likely to be full time.

Shugart said metrics seeking to measure the time it takes to earn a degree need to be "nuanced" enough to take that factor into account.

Sheriff's Office news release said. She told investigators that she fell out after leaning against a previously damaged door.

The woman had been riding with her boyfriend, his sister and the sister's 1-year-old son, the release said. They told police they had just left a nearby Walmart.

The Monday afternoon incident was captured on video at an intersection near the University of South Florida in Tampa. The woman appeared to be unconscious after the fall, which prompted the search for her.

The video was shared by the sheriff's office in hopes of getting the public's help in finding the woman. She was flat on her back on the road when the driver, later identified as the woman's boyfriend, got out, picked her up and carried her back to the SUV. He then drove away. Numerous cars were at the intersection, and there were several people walking and biking along the sidewalk at the time.

Detectives have categorized the case as an accidental injury. No charges are expected.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### 2 guilty in fatal drive-by that killed toddler

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Two Florida teens have been convicted in a drive-by shooting that left a toddler dead.

The Florida Times-Union reports that the 19-year-old men were both found guilty Tuesday of first-degree murder by separate juries.

Authorities say 22-month-old Aiden McClendon was fatally shot in Jacksonville in January 2016. Investigators say Aiden's teenage cousin was targeted by rival gang members.

### Man loses 2 fingers in fireworks accident

MERRITT ISLAND, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man lost two fingers to a fireworks accident.

Florida Today reports the injury happened Tuesday night in Merritt Island.

Brevard County Fire Rescue officials said the man was airlifted to a hospital in Melbourne where doctors had to amputate two fingers.

No further details were immediately available.

### Deputy, another pedestrian struck by passing car

TAVARES, Fla. (AP) — A sheriff's deputy is in serious condition after a car struck him in central Florida.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports 27-year-old Lake County Deputy Austin Pringle and 22-year-old Cerontae Hodge were standing beside his patrol car on the shoulder of a road early Wednesday when a passing vehicle hit them. Hodge is also in serious condition.

The driver, 53-year-old Kim Johnson told troopers she saw the headlights of the vehicle and slowed down, but didn't know it was a patrol car.

### Woman found safe after video of fall from SUV

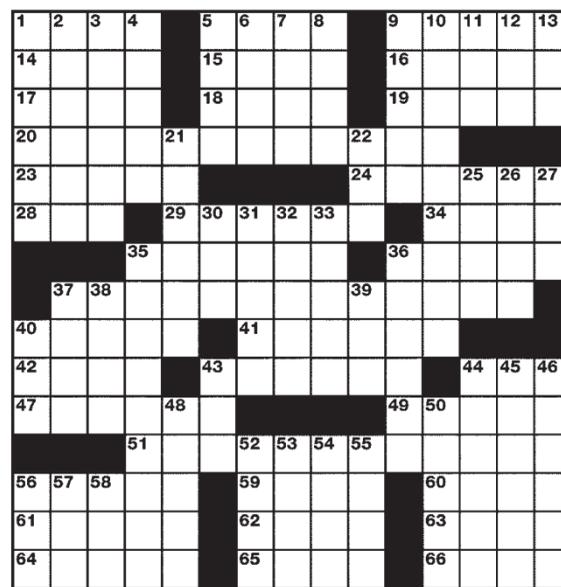
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Detectives in Florida have found a woman safe after she was seen on a surveillance video falling from a moving SUV, officials said Tuesday.

The 21-year-old woman had suffered road rash in the Monday afternoon fall but had not sought medical attention, a Hillsborough County

## Newsday Crossword

I SPY by David C.D. Dekker  
Edited by Stanley Newman  
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- ACROSS**  
1 Knucklehead  
5 Raw research  
9 Offhand, as a quip  
14 What 11 is made of  
15 Lemon-shaped  
16 Royal crown  
17 Bone ending at the elbow  
18 Where to plug in a flash drive  
19 Entertainment unit  
20 Rockabilly music precursor  
23 Make unpunctual  
24 Traversing  
28 GPS reading  
29 King's servant  
34 \_\_\_ butter (moisturizer)  
35 "Spill it!"  
36 IQ test developer  
37 Examined something thoroughly  
40 Talent show VIP  
41 *Sleepless in Seattle* director  
42 All over  
43 Turkey portion  
44 DVD-\_\_\_  
47 Sushi bar condiment  
49 This, this and that  
51 Really relaxed  
56 Nuthatch noses  
59 Something in the air  
60 Cover with bricks, perhaps  
61 Farm measures  
62 Extensive
- DOWN**  
63 Even a single time  
64 Ask about  
65 Don't move  
66 Man caves  
12 Infuriation  
13 Flying fox, for one  
21 Summon up  
22 Gadot who portrays Wonder Woman  
25 "Not this!"  
26 Try to track down  
27 Didn't get used  
30 \_\_\_ stroke (immediately)  
31 Bob in the Rock Hall of Fame  
32 Hill's gradient  
33 "Hi" or "bye"  
35 Listing at rover.com  
36 Having overindulged, informally  
37 Sushi bar fish  
38 Lofty verses  
39 HMO members  
40 Half of a vise  
43 Prefix for chemistry  
44 Back up again  
45 See 1 Down  
46 *Late Night* host  
48 Overbearing  
50 Had optimism (for)  
52 Gets a garden going  
53 Abridge, perhaps  
54 Guru of sci-fi filmdom  
55 Nobleman of tea fame  
56 Sauce style, for short  
57 Evian product, at its source  
58 Lager alternative



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

Answer to previous puzzle



7/5/18

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**  
1 Cristal maker  
4 Challenging  
8 English town worth its salt?  
13 "Queen of the South" TV network  
14 Moon of Uranus  
16 Goat sound?  
17 Got together  
18 Target, for one  
20 "Goodfellas" Oscar winner  
22 What a muff may protect  
23 Has debts  
24 Dairy producer  
28 "Cheers" spin-off  
29 Hungers  
33 Campus official  
34 Returning GI's diagnosis  
36 Crush a test  
37 A bit off  
38 Ad Council ad  
39 18-time MLB All-Star Carew  
41 Crime scene letters  
42 Bowen of "Modern Family"  
44 Bunny slope lift  
46 After that  
47 Act that warms up the crowd  
49 Baby bodysuits  
51 Instant Pot function  
53 Player on three FIFA World Cup champion teams  
56 Ballet shoe part  
57 "Molly's Game" actor Elba  
60 Typical annual meeting attendee ... or what 18-, 24- and 51-Across each can be, in a way  
64 Words of assent  
65 Nation  
66 Cluster of small stars?  
67 Fresh  
68 Aster family member  
69 Scalawags  
70 Pump output

**DOWN**  
2 "It's clear now"  
3 String game  
4 Patterns that repeat  
5 "Entourage" agent Gold  
6 Fix  
7 "A diamond is forever" sloganer  
8 Goller known as "The Big Easy"  
9 Fogggy Bottom river  
10 Winter coat  
11 Tyrant  
12 Springfield hangout  
15 Sit around  
19 Body image, perhaps  
21 Scott of "Hawaii Five-0"  
25 What waiters wait for  
26 Set on  
27 Audition (for)  
28 Out of patience  
30 Distracting literary device  
31 Best-dressed goal?  
32 "American Dad!" dad  
33 Karate studio

By Agnes Davidson and C.C. Burnikel 7/5/18

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 35 Pipe cleaner  
38 Rind  
40 Nabisco nibble  
43 About 80% of the world's species, according to the Smithsonian  
45 Italian tenor Andrea  
46 Like games needing extra innings  
48 Type of IRA  
50 Goes around  
52 Mahogany or oak  
53 Cover "Over here!"  
54 Vocalist James  
55 Balance sheet liability  
58 Creative thought  
59 Scatters, as seed  
62 Low-lit  
63 Paranormal claim

## CHARLOTTE CALENDAR

### TODAY

noon on Thursdays. 219-742-3287.

**Murdock Rotary**, Club meets Thurs 7:45am weekly at Perkins, 1700 Tamiami Trl. Friendliest club in SWFL. Call 941-456-1862 for info  
**Eagles**, Eagles 23111 Harborview Rd PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 music by Jersey Beat  
**Punta Gorda Elks**, 11-2 Lunch; 3pm Tiki Open; 5-8 Dinner; 5pm PER Social; 6:30-8:30 Charity Bar Bingo@25538ShorePG637-2606;members&guests  
**Free Kids Lunch**, free lunch for ages 18 & under. 11:30-12pm @ PC Library 2280 Aaron St. 941.764.5562. Sponsored by CCPS Champ's Cafe  
**Mahjong**, Cultural Center 2280 Aaron St. 11:30am-3:30pm, .50 cents an hour Cultural Center MembersPLUS free. 625-4175.  
**Punta Gorda Elkettes**, Elkettes Thrift Shop Open to the Public from 11:30am to 2:30pm @ 25538 Shore Dr., PG,637-2606, Ext. 451  
**Punta Gorda Rotary**, meets at noon at the Isles Yacht Club. The best place in PG to be at

### FRIDAY

**Outdoor Market**, American Legion 103 Fri, Sat, Sun 9-12 Variety of Vendors Year around, 2101 Taylor Rd Interested vendors call 626-2569  
**Project Linus**, crochet knit quilt blankets for Charlotte County kids FGCU, 117 Herald Court, Punta Gorda 9-11am Nancy. 627-4364  
**Eagles**, 23111 Harborview Rd PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 music by Boomers  
**Bingo**, Cultural Center 2280 Aaron St. 10:45am-3:30pm. Game packs start at \$13. Over 25 games w/ payouts up to \$250. 625-4175.  
**Punta Gorda Elks**, 11-2 Lunch; 3pm Tiki open; 5-8 Dinner; 6:30-9:30 Music by Escape @ 25538 Shore,PG,637-2606;members & guests  
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## ENGLEWOOD CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Badminton**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9-12p. \$2 to play! Open to all levels.  
**Crafty Ladies**, Handcrafted items every Thursday 9-11:30am (except holidays). Oaks Cove, Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-5533  
**Beg/Impvr Line Dance**, 9-30 to 11-30 American Legion Post 113 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda West. Phone Eve at 941-697-8733  
**Line Dance Club**, 9:30-11:30am, Christ Lutheran Church, 701 N. Indiana Ave. Impvr/intermed. line dances. Public welcome. Nancy 474-6027  
**Table Tennis**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-12:30p. \$2 to play!  
**Pickleball Open Play**, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 1-4p. \$2 to play.  
**Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Public Invited! Bar food available 5pm till close. Nice prizes Play 3 cards for \$1 Rotonda Elks  
**Male singers wanted**, 701 N Indiana Ave, Englewood on Thurs. 6:30 PM for an evening of a cappella singing in the Barbershop style. 941-307-9825

Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-12:30 p.m. \$2 to play!  
**Friday Dine & Dance**, Chef Choice: Coconut Shrimp & reg menu 5-7:30pm Music: MC Squared 7-10pm Members & guests Rotonda Elks

### SATURDAY

**FC Men's Breakfast**, FC Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 a.m. at Church campus, 140 Rotonda Blvd. W. Free & all men are invited. 475-7447  
**Closet of Hope**, Free clothing, ID required. 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to noon. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747  
**Corn Hole**, sign up 12:30 p.m. games start 1 p.m. \$2 fee per game. Come solo or bring a buddy. Rotonda Elks members & guests.  
**Bingo**, VFW 10178 Auxiliary 550 N. McCall Rd. Englewood 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Public Welcome. 941- 474- 7516 .

### SUNDAY

**Sunday Dinner**, Delicious Broasted Chicken Dinner \$8.50 served 2-4pm Dine in or take out. Rotonda Elks, members & guests  
**Sunday Blue Plate**, Country Fried Steak \$6. VFW Aux. 550 N. McCall Rd. 4:00 - 6:00 PM Dine In - Carry Out Public Welcome 941-747-7516

## NORTH PORT CALENDAR

### TODAY

**Conversation Group**, 10-11:30 am NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Bring a topic or a joke to share with the group.  
**North Port VFW**, Members & Guests, Euchre 12-4, Bingo 5PM, Bowling 6PM, Kitchen Open 5-7, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865  
**Mexican Dominos**, noon to 3 p.m. NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 The dominos have numbers not dots. Come have fun.  
**AMVETS 2000 Dinner**, LAUX Country Style Ribs 4:30-7pm QOH @ 7pm Karaoke by Bobby O @ 7pm 401 Ortiz Blvd NP 941-429-1999  
**AMVETS 312 Dinner**, Lunch 11:30-2:00 Dinner 5-7 Daily Specials Fun Bowling, Darts 7:00 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-429-5403  
**Youth Boxing**, USA Boxing coach. 6 p.m. Tues/Thurs. Morgan Center. Fundamentals. Work ethic. \$10. 239-292-9230. NPBOXCLUB@gmail.com

p.m. Join us for a cuppa' tea & discussion. Ques? 941-861-5000.  
**Pinocle**, \$2/person 12-3 pm, and 6-9 pm NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Come have a nice afternoon of cards.  
**AMVETS 312 Dinner**, Lunch 11:30-2:00 Dinner 5-7 Friday Fish Nite Music 6:30-9:30 Darts 7:00 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-429-5403.

### SATURDAY

**Closet of Hope**, Free clothing, ID required. 1st & 3rd Saturdays 9:30a-12p. Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC. 697-1747  
**North Port VFW**, Members & Guests, 10AM-10PM, Pool Table, Bowling, Golf, Jukebox. 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865  
**Adult Boxing**, USA Boxing. Self-defense, confidence, weight loss. Sat. 2-3 at Morgan Center. \$10. 239-292-9230. NPBOXCLUB@gmail.com

### SUNDAY

**AMVETS 312 Dinner**, 5-7 p.m. T-Bone Steak, Pot/sal/des \$12 Adv tics only by 07/04 Mus 6:30-9:30 Allegros 7050 Chancellor BI NP 941-429-5403  
**AMVETS 312 Breakfast**, 8:30-11:00 great selection only \$7.00 \$1 Bloody Marys 7050 Chancellor Blvd NP 941-429-5403  
**North Port VFW**, Members & Guests, 10AM-8PM \$0.25 off of drafts, domestic bottles & well drinks, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

### FRIDAY

**Holy Name Bingo**, 5-9pm San Pedro Activity Center Open to all Up to \$1300.00 in cash prizes Non-Smoking Refreshments 941-429-6602  
**Basic Exercise**, \$3/class 9-10 am NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Join Brenda for a good work out & feel better.  
**North Port VFW**, Members & Guests, Fish Fry/Rib Dinner 5-7, Music by DJ Scotty 6-10, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865  
**Life AFTER Downton**, Life After Downton, 7/6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30

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## NOTICES

### 3112 FICTITIOUS NAME

07/05/2018

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Guardian Angel Home Watch located at 123 Hunter Rd. in the County of Charlotte, in the City of Rotonda West, Florida 33947 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Rotonda West, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2018.  
 Dianne Terry  
 Publish 07/05/18  
 110833 3592398

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Pat Shine Paiting located at 22115 Voltair Ave in the County of Charlotte, in the City of Port Charlotte, Florida 33954 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Port Charlotte, Florida, this 2nd day of July, 2018.  
 Publish 07/05/18  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Seriously Sharp, LLC located at 4863 Batchelor Ave. in the County of Sarasota, in the City of North Port, Florida 34287 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Port Charlotte, Florida, this 29th day of June, 2018.  
 Seriously Sharp  
 Publish 07/05/18  
 110833 3592433

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Shear Paradise Salon & Spa located at 3983 Destination Dr., Ste. 101, in the County of Sarasota, in the City of Osprey, Florida 34229 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Venice, Florida, this 22nd day of June, 2018.  
 Shear Paradise Salon inc.  
 Publish 07/05/18  
 110833 3593094

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of Sunset Beach Rentals located at 5040 N. Beach Rd. in the County of Charlotte, in the City of Englewood, Florida 34223 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Englewood, Florida, this 2nd day of July, 2018.  
 Ko Ko Kai Condominium Association, Inc.  
 Publish 07/05/18  
 110833 3592820

**Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of The Resort Hair Studio located at 24710 Sandhill Blvd. in the County of Charlotte, in the City of Punta Gorda, Florida 33983 intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. Dated at Punta Gorda, Florida, this 28th day of June, 2018.  
 Bien Chilero Ventures LLC  
 Publish 07/05/18  
 110833 3593120

### 3114 INVITATION TO BID

**INVITATION FOR BID**  
 Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Punta Gorda, Procurement Office, 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL, 33950 until 3:00 P.M. ET on AUGUST 6, 2018 for Solicitation #F2017137/CONS-JL-F O R C E M A I N / 1 6 2 0 CONSTRUCTION OF THE JONES LOOP FORCEMAIN. Location for the opening is the City Hall Annex, Procurement Office, 2nd Floor, 126 Harvey Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. Solicitation information, including documents, is available on the City's website at www.pgorda.com or call (941) 575-3368. A Pre-Submittal Meeting is scheduled for JULY 10, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. ET in the City Hall Annex - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 126 Harvey St, Punta Gorda, FL. Bidders may attend this meeting via Internet Webinar. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statute 286.26, the location of meetings related to this solicitation is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you are a person with disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this meeting, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Interpreters for the hearing impaired (TTY 941-575-5013) or non-English speaking citizens and any other special accommodations can be requested by contacting the Human Resources Manager/Non-Discrimination Coordinator whose address is 326 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, whose telephone number is (941) 575-3308, and whose email address is humres@pgorda.us, at least two (2) calendars days prior to the meeting.  
 Marion Pace, CPP0, CPPB  
 Procurement Manager  
 Publish: 07/05/18  
 102469 3592092

### 3130 NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). The undersigned will sell at public sale Thursday, July 12th 2018 at 10:00 am EST on Lockerfox.com where said property is stored at: **iStorage Port Charlotte, 7001 Gasparilla Road, Port Charlotte, FL 33981, Charlotte County.**  
 The following:  
 Name: Unit #  
 Contents:  
 Steven Sloan 405  
 Furniture, Totes, Lamps, Electronics  
 Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
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 261196 3589168

### 3116 NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 18-000858 DR  
 DAVID COLGAN, PETITIONER, AND  
 MARY BARD, RESPONDENT.  
**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PETITION FOR DIESTABLISHMENT OF PATERNITY**  
 TO: MARY BARD  
 ADDRESS UNKNOWN  
 PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Disestablishment of Paternity has been filed that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the attorney for David Colgan, whose address is P.O. Box 51403, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240-1403, on or before the hearing scheduled in the matter for Wednesday, July 11, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 350 E. Marion Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter.  
**Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.**  
**You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.**  
 Dated: June 11, 2018  
 Roger D. Eaton  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: W. Dettman  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 Lisa A.DiFranza  
 Florida Bar No. 0087566  
 P.O. Box 51403  
 Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32240  
 Telephone (904) 394-2874  
 Fax: (904) 212-1994  
 E-mail:lisa@difranzalaw.com  
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 402962 3586685

### 3122 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No.: 18-000077CC  
 JAMAICA WAY ON CHARLOTTE HARBOR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
 a Florida not-for-profit corporation, Plaintiff,  
 v.  
 PARKWAY MOTOR INN, INC., Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure in this cause, in the County Court of Charlotte County, Florida, I will sell all the property situated in Charlotte County, Florida described as:  
 Unit 133, JAMAICA WAY CONDOMINIUM, a Condominium according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in Official Record Book 973, Page 499, et. seq., as amended and according to Condominium Book 7, Pages 84A through 84G, as amended,

### 3122 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

of the Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto.  
 Property Address:  
 1750 Jamaica Way, Unit #133  
 Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
 at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, July 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at www.charlotte.real-foreclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
 CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 By: R. Tillman  
 As Deputy Clerk 6-25-18  
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 259927 3590463

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 Furniture, Totes, Lamps, Electronics  
 Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Florida Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 83.801-83.809). The undersigned will sell at public sale July 12th starting at 10:00 am EST on Lockerfox.com where said property is stored at: **iStorage Gasparilla, 10500 Winborough Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33981, Charlotte County.**  
 The following:  
 Name: Unit #  
 Contents:  
**Elizabeth Sullivan ODD02**  
 Fan, Totes, Crates  
 Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANN STREET STORAGE at 209 E. ANN ST. PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950, will sell, or otherwise dispose of, the contents of the following unit(s) to satisfy delinquent amounts due and enforce a lien imposed under the FLORIDA SELF STORAGE ACT (section 83.801-83.809). Sale will be conducted at the above address on Friday, July 20, 2018 at 10AM. All property for cash only in "as is" condition and removed from the facility at the time of the sale. The following unit(s), containing personal property such as items used in and around the home, garage, and/or workplace, and other misc. items may not be available at the time of the sale:  
 Joni Manning 09, household, misc. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel sale in the event of settlement with the obligated party(ies).  
 Publish: July 05, 12, 2018  
 129334 3592974

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

On 07/19/2018, 8:00 am at 2021 TAMAMI TRAIL, PUNTA GORDA, FL 33950-5919, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. A-1 TOW SERVICE LLC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. The vehicles which will be:  
 1B3ES26C82D648700  
 2002 DODGE  
 1B7HC13281J541982  
 2001 DODGE  
 1YVHP84D855M24797  
 2005 MAZDA  
 3C4FY48B92T729258  
 2002 CHRYSLER  
 4T1BE46K27U146070  
 2007 TOYOTA  
 4TARN81A1RZZ282412  
 1994 TOYOTA  
 5LMFU28R13LJ42432  
 2003 LINCOLN  
 JM1BL1L35C1505882  
 2012 MAZDA  
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### 3130 NOTICE OF SALE

Notice of Sale/ Auction  
 Time of Sale: 10:00 am  
 Location of Sale: 11139 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33955  
 Date of Sale: JULY 17, 2018  
 4T1VK13E5NU015781  
 92 TOYT CAMRY SILVER  
 1G1JC5245W7332601  
 98 CHEV CAVAILER WHITE  
 1HGCM56333A116745  
 03 HOND ACCORD WHITE  
 KNDJD733945272305  
 04 KIA SORENTO SILVER  
 BL1A19CMF293  
 93 BAYL CLASSIC 2252 WHITE  
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- ✓Find a Car
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- ✓Find Garage Sales
- ✓Find A New Employee
- ✓Sell Your Home
- ✓Sell Your Unwanted Merchandise
- ✓Advertise Your Business or Service

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:

Darrells Wrecker Service gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/13/2018, 10:00 am at 663 S BREVARD AVE ARCADIA, FL 34266-4260, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. Darrells Wrecker Service reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
 1FAPP36383W245256  
 2003 FORD  
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## LIFE ON TWO WHEELS

### Rules every bike rider should know

Great week on the bike for me — how about you? I did get caught in a downpour for three miles, but it actually lowered the temperature by about 10 degrees and the rain felt pleasurable. Popped out of the rain and within a few minutes the clothes were as dry as they were going to get. There is an old bike saying that goes, “I’ll never start a ride in the rain, but I will finish one in the rain.”

**Court NEDERVELD**  
COLUMNIST

Just a note to the nascent cyclist: If you’re riding in the rain, be very attentive to the white markings on the pavement. These are a type of plastic thermo tape, and when they get wet they are like ice. Try not to touch them on a turn. Same warning about railroad tracks. When they are wet, they can be treacherous.

As with any endeavor cycling has its own sets of laws and rules. I won’t bore you with the laws. If you’re interested in bicycle laws, ask anybody that doesn’t ride a bike. They’ll not only tell you every law they can think of, but many times they’ll even make up a whole list of them in an effort to convince you that it would be easier to leave the bike at home.

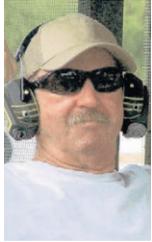
On the other hand, there are some very specific rules that govern how we should approach the art of riding our bicycles. These are actually codified in a list of 95 rules maintained by the Velominati, the Keepers of the Cog (<https://goo.gl/hLc1yK>). Here are a few of my favorite rules.

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## AT THE RANGE

### Clean up your act

I’ve had a lot of requests from new shooters lately to write about cleaning handguns. Like any other tools, guns get dirty and must be cleaned. But how often? Well, every time it’s used. A clean gun is a happy gun, and you can count on it to work properly when it has to.



**Billy CARL**  
COLUMNIST

Let’s be honest, though — very few people clean a gun every time they shoot it. If you go to the range and put 20 shots through it, it probably doesn’t really need a complete cleaning (although most knowledgeable sources would recommend it). It’s too easy to let it slide once and then say, “Well, it shot OK, so I’ll clean it next time.” Then next time becomes next time and a bad habit is born.

Clean your gun — it’s good policy and will show up in the long run. It also is one of the best methods to help clear up all that mystery about what part of the gun does what. The more

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## DAY TRIPPER

### The Floridian Summer road trip playlist

Jumping in the car to explore the Sunshine State this summer? Make the drive an experience with these 10 songs to add to your Florida summer road tripping playlist.



**Jennifer A. HUBER**  
COLUMNIST

“I Can’t Drive 55” by Sammy Hagar (Album: VOA, 1984) — Well, the Interstate speed limit is 70, and it’s important to obey the posted speed limit. If you are heading to Daytona,

Homestead or Sebring, this song is a must in your playlist.

“Runnin’ Down a Dream,” Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers (Album: Full Moon Fever, 1989) — Elvis Presley rolled through Ocala in 1961 and Tom Petty, born in Gainesville, shook the King’s hand. That moment inspired a young Petty to pursue a musical career. Vacations are about new experiences and living out dreams.

“The Tide Is High,” Blondie (Album: Autoamerican, 1980) — The Jamaican group The Paragons originally performed this reggae song in 1966, but it was the American band Blondie, fronted by Miami-born Angela Tremble (stage name Debbie Harry), who took

it to number one on the US Billboard Hot 100 in 1980.

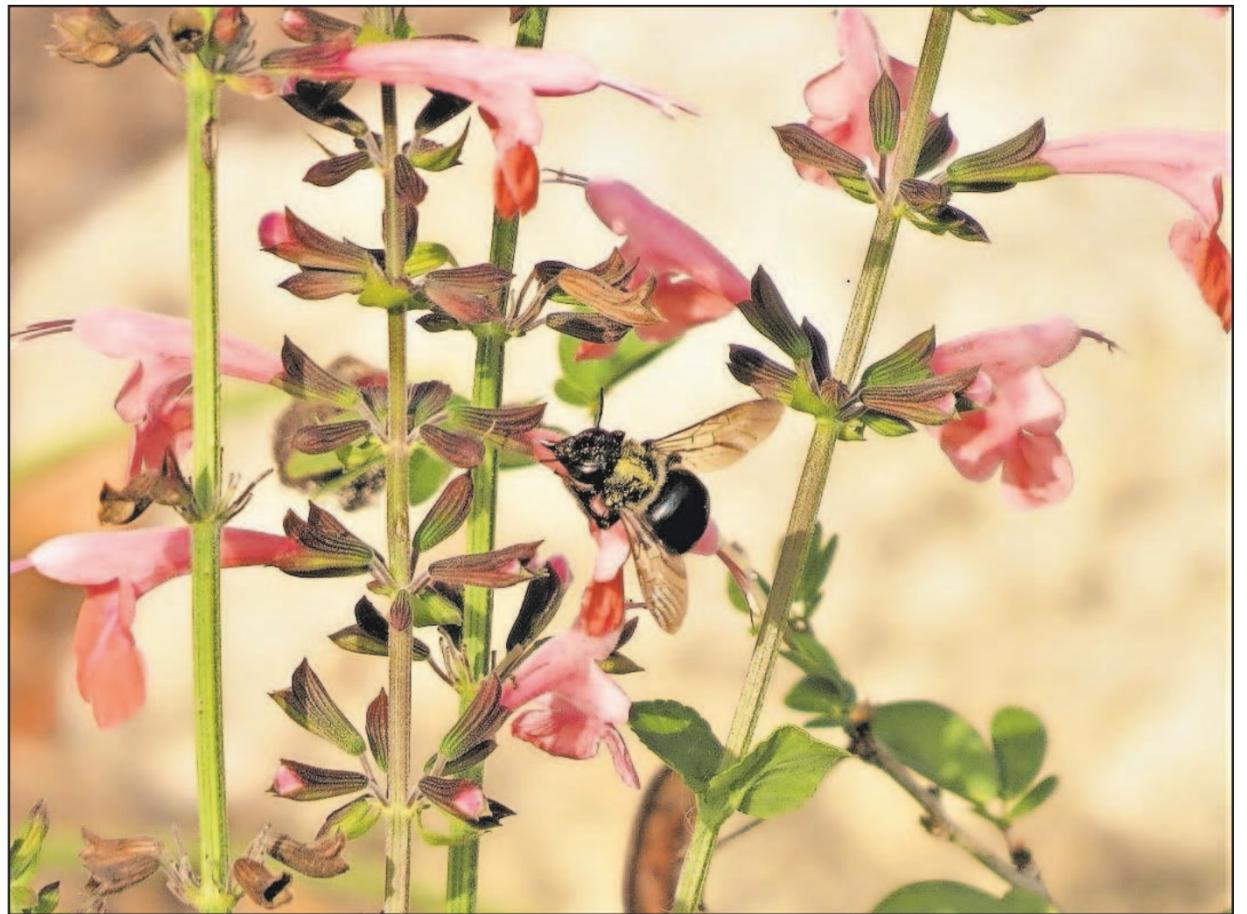
“The Ballad of Curtis Loew,” Lynyrd Skynyrd (Album: Second Helping, 1974) — Curtis Loew is not one specific person but a composite of people who lived in bandmember Ronnie Van Zant’s Jacksonville neighborhood. In the song, a country store referenced is based on what was called Claude’s Midway Grocery. Today, it’s called Sunrise Food (5406 Plymouth St., Jacksonville).

“Thunderstruck,” AC/DC (Album: The Razors Edge, 1990) — Let’s face it: If you’re out and about in Florida

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## WILD WORLD

### Life abounds at Wildflower



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Flowers and their pollinators are a major source of wonder both in the butterfly garden and elsewhere in the preserve. Some pink Salvia in the garden here attracted a large black native carpenter bee — but notice what it is doing. It has grasped the flower stalk and is biting at the base. This is a “back-door” means of extracting nectar when it cannot access the nutritious fluid via the “front door” down the narrow corolla tube. This stealing of nectar does not benefit the flower, but it illustrates that bees are no dummies!

Although Wildflower Preserve in Englewood has in the past been one of my favorite areas for nature study, it has been on an extended hiatus for visitors during ecological restoration, and is only now in the final stages of wetland restoration.



**Bill DUNSON**  
COLUMNIST

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The native prickly pear cactus has a gorgeous yellow flower that attracts many insects to nectar and pollen rewards. Here a marvelous green sweat bee is rolling in masses of pollen. This is one of numerous native bees (unlike the exotic honeybee from Europe and Africa) which can be very effective in pollinating plants. More photos inside.

## RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

### Moon Over Croom, the night owl marathon

This past weekend, I ran Moon Over Croom — a night trail race in the



**Betty STAUGLER**  
COLUMNIST

Croom Wildlife Management Area. Croom is located a couple hours north in Brooksville, and is part of the Withlacoochee National Forest. This was my first time running it. My girlfriend Debbie ran it last year and recommended it because she knows I’m always up for a good adventure.

The race offers three distances

— 7, 14 or 21 miles — and is run as close to the full moon as possible. We chose to run 14 miles. Other local runners Sally, Jessica, Melinda and Peter all did 21 miles. They’re all ultra-runners, so 21 miles is nothing!

Leading up to the race, I was super excited to hear the lightning bugs were out. I haven’t seen a lightning bug in a good 10 years, but I have fond childhood memories of catching lightning bugs during the summer months. We’d put them in mason jars with holes poked in the lid. And, of course we’d put sticks and leaves inside for “habitat.” Then in the morning we’d set our captives free. That is, the few that survived till morning.

As I packed on Saturday to head up, the weather forecast

looked like rain, rain, and more rain. But as luck would have it, the rain cleared out before the race. The race course is a 7-mile loop, so depending upon your selected distance, you run the loop once, twice or thrice. The race begins on the main road, but quickly turns off onto a hiking trail.

The portion of Croom that we ran was mostly comprised of oak trees. Some are majestic old live oaks that make wonderful canopies strung with ferns and moss, and others are tall spindly oaks with big leaves that don’t grow this far south. It was still light as we ran our first loop, and I could see beautiful white and purple wildflowers. My geeky biologist



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BETTY | 4 Betty and Debbie after running 14 miles in the dark.

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## PLACIDA PIER REPAIR WORK

Repairs to the Placida Fishing Pier (13120 Pier Road, Placida) are in progress and will be completed by approximately Aug. 8. The pier was closed earlier this year due to fire damage. In the interim, please visit Ainger Fishing Pier (1385 Beach Road, Englewood), El Jobean Fishing Pier (5001 El Jobean Road, El Jobean) or Boca Grande Fishing Pier (5810 Gasparilla Road, Placida).

## NEW APP FOR PARKING PAY STATIONS

Charlotte County Community Services beach and boat ramp parking can now be paid with your smartphone through ParkMobile. Mobile Now is no longer the service provider. The ParkMobile app is available for both Apple and Android. To learn more about ParkMobile, visit [ParkMobile.com](http://ParkMobile.com). For info, contact Community Services at 941-625-7529.

## LIVE OAK POINT CLOSED

Due to safety concerns at Live Oak Point from Hurricane Irma damage, as well as ongoing construction of Live Oak Point Phase 1B, the park is closed until further notice. Live Oak Point is located at 5100 Tamiami Trail, Charlotte Harbor.

## COMMUNITY NIGHTS AT KING FISHER FLEET

King Fisher Fleet, headquartered at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, offers half-price admission on sunset cruises to select groups and their families through Sept. 30. Tuesdays: Teachers, school administration, and school support staff. Wednesdays: State, county, and city government employees, including fire, police, and other first responders. Thursdays: Healthcare workers (doctor's offices, retirement communities, hospitals). All community members employed in each category are eligible for half-price admission for themselves and their family members on the sunset cruise with proof of employment. Proof of employment includes a name tag with the company logo, an employee ID, or other identifying document. Advance reservations are recommended. For more information about this special offer, call 941-639-0969.

## LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING WORKSHOPS

The FWC needs your input on future management of the shore-based shark fishery. Workshops will be held at 6 p.m. July 18 in Bradenton at the State College of Florida Library (5840 26th Street West, Bradenton) and July 19 in Fort Myers at the Joseph P D'Alessandro Office Complex, Room 165C (2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers). Share your input by attending a workshop in person or comment online at [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments).

## ONGOING EVENTS

**FISHING CLUB MEETINGS:** The Gulf Cove Fishing Club meets on the second Monday of the month from October through May at the Hope Lutheran Church in Gulf Cove (14200 Hopewell Ave., Port Charlotte) at 7 p.m. At each meeting, a speaker will talk on a timely topic. The public is invited to attend, but only Gulf Cove residents can be members. For more info, call 941-698-8607.

**NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETINGS:** The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month (Oct-May) at Lemon Bay Park (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood). Call 941-769-3633. The Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium (3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers). Call 239-275-3435. Meetings are free and the public is welcome.

**HANG OUT WITH SCRUB JAYS:** Spend the morning with the scrub jays at Oscar Scherer State Park (1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey) from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. This unique Central Florida experience includes a nature walk to see the park's diverse ecosystems, native flora and fauna. Call 941-483-5956 for info.

**WHAT'S THAT BIRD?:** Volunteer bird interpreters share their expertise on ID and behavior of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and other avian visitors at Myakka River State Park (13208 S.R. 72, Sarasota). Volunteers set up scopes and help people identify birds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day of the week.

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR DRAGONS:** Dragon boat club meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Learn the ancient art of dragon boat racing. We practice out of the Port Charlotte Beach Complex (4500 Harbor Blvd. Port Charlotte). For availability, contact Eddie Amara at 941-740-1286 or [eamara1@comcast.net](mailto:eamara1@comcast.net), or to learn more about the club visit [CharlotteHarborDragons.com](http://CharlotteHarborDragons.com). Paddles up!

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION:** Members of this club for multihull owners, sailors or those who are interested in the exchange of ideas about equipping and sailing boats, share information about anchorages and cruising destinations, hold informal races and have raft-ups. No dues. The club meets at a local restaurant the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. For more info, call 941-876-6667.

**COASTAL VENTURES CRUISE CLUB:** This club, designed for personal boat cruising, meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Waterfront Restaurant (2205 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis). Join them for dinner at 6 p.m. and/or the 7:30 p.m. meeting where they'll discuss upcoming cruises and activities. Enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded water rats. If interested, attend a meeting or call 941-493-0070 for more info.

**VOLUNTEER AT SHAMROCK PARK:** Shamrock Park Nature Center (3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice) holds its monthly volunteer work mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. on the third Friday of each month. For more info, call Jennifer Rogers at 941-861-5000 or email her at [jrogers@scgov.net](mailto:jrogers@scgov.net).

**GREATER CHARLOTTE HARBOR SIERRA CLUB:** Meetings are held from October to April at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte). Meetings include coffee, outdoor prizes, environmental speakers and more. For more info, call Allen at 941-423-2713. Visit [GCHGroup.org](http://GCHGroup.org) for a list of planned 2018 fall outings.

## ADULTS CAN LEARN TO SAIL

Come learn to sail or refresh your skills with Englewood Sailing Association's (ESA) Summer Adult Class for those 18 and over. This popular four-day class is ideal for working adults since it is held over two consecutive weekends, July 21-22 and July 28-29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. The only prerequisites are the ability to swim and the desire to sail. Class will be held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park in Englewood. Cost is \$175 per person and registration is now open at the Englewood SKY Family Y. ESA instructors are certified through U.S. Sailing and are trained in CPR and First Aid. For additional information, contact Craig Keller at 941-276-3115 or the Y at 941-474-1234 or visit [EnglewoodSailing.org](http://EnglewoodSailing.org). Class size is limited.

## SUMMER SAILING CAMP

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 (701 Medical Blvd, Englewood). 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. Camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The last session will be held July 9-13. Cost is \$135 per session, with a \$10 discount for Y or ESA members. Camps are held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park (210 Winslow Ave., Englewood) and are limited to 22 participants each. For more information, contact Laurie O'Gara at 908-310-7975 or the Englewood

SKY Family Y at 941-475-1234, or visit [EnglewoodSailing.org](http://EnglewoodSailing.org).

## PLANT SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society invites the public to join them July 28 for a short walk through Carlton Preserve (1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice). The society promotes the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Meetings, field trips and special events are free and open to the public. For more info, contact trail guide Al Squires at 941-769-3633 or [AHSquires1@comcast.net](mailto:AHSquires1@comcast.net).

## LBTD FISHING TOURNEY

The Lemon Bay Touchdown Club's seventh annual Fishing Tournament is set for Aug. 4 at Boca Grande Marina (220 Harbor Drive, Boca Grande). Offshore anglers will fish for red grouper, snapper and a mystery fish. The inshore division will fish for redfish, trout and a mystery fish. There will be a captains meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 at Ricaltini's (1997 Kentucky Ave., Englewood). Offshore boats will be released at 9 p.m. Aug. 3. Inshore boats will check in between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Aug. 4 and begin fishing at 7 a.m. Weigh-ins will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at Boca Grande Marina, with an after party at 5 p.m. Team entry is \$350, which includes four anglers, VIP bag and long-sleeve tournament shirt. More anglers may be added for \$50 per person. Registration after Aug. 1 will be \$400 per team. Proceeds benefit the LBHS Manta Rays football program. Organizers are also welcoming sponsors at all levels. For more info, contact Janine Vito at 941-441-7045, Ryan

Johnson at 941-586-8019, or Holly Haynes at 941-270-2479. Visit [lbtcd.weebly.com](http://lbtcd.weebly.com) or Facebook.com/LBTDClub for updated information.

## FISHIN' TALK RADIO SEMINAR

The next event in the Fishin' Talk Radio seminar series will be held Aug. 7 at Gasparilla Marina's Waterside Grill (15001 Gasparilla Road, Placida). Seminars are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month and are hosted by the boys from Fishin' Talk Radio. Topics vary depending on how the fishing is going, but you're guaranteed to learn something useful — and if you have any questions you want answered, bring 'em with you. Come out at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy dinner and drinks with Capt. Josh Olive and Capt. Mike Myers (you buy your own); the talk gets started at 6:30 p.m. For more info, call Capt. Mike at 941-416-8047 or Josh at 941-276-9657.

## SALTWATER FISHING 101

Do you like to fish? Would you like to learn the basics of shallow saltwater fishing from men who love God and love fishing Charlotte Harbor? Fishermen from Deep Creek Community Church invite young men between the ages of 11 and 15 who are interested in fishing to join us for a free saltwater fishing clinic conducted on two consecutive Saturday mornings. The first Saturday is classroom hands-on instruction in preparation for a half-day fishing trip on the following Saturday. For the safety and enjoyment of all involved, all participants must complete the classroom instruction prior to the fishing trip. For available class dates, go to [YF4C.org](http://YF4C.org).

## JENNIFER

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during the summer, you'll most likely encounter an afternoon thunderstorm. And although the band is from Australia, lead singer Brian Johnson takes up residence in Sarasota.

"Down in the

Everglades," Willie Nelson (Album: *Gone Fishin'* Soundtrack, 1997) — This is a playful tune about the River of Grass. The song is on the "Gone Fishin'" soundtrack, a comedy starring Joe Pesci and Danny Glover with Willie Nelson costarring. Pesci and Glover play fishermen who win a stay in the Florida Everglades and land in trouble.

"Summer Nights," John Travolta and Olivia Newton John (Album: *Grease: The Original Soundtrack* from the Motion Picture, 1978) — Travolta is an Ocala resident and "Grease" is one of my favorite movies. This playful tune, which is great for group karaoke, is a reminder there will always be fond memories of

summer nights.

"Big Yellow Taxi," Joni Mitchell (Album: *Ladies of the Canyon*, 1970) — As I drive through Florida, I'm pleasantly surprised by all the open land but as I approach new development, the line "paved paradise, put up a parking lot" plays in my head. Growth and development is inevitable, but let's be smart about it.

"Good Day Sunshine," The Beatles (Album: *Revolver*, 1966) — Driving through the Sunshine State should have at least one song with "sunshine" in the title and this

made the list because it was part of the final morning playlist for the space shuttle program. During each space shuttle mission as well as aboard the International Space Station, a morning song is played. On Flight Day 8, July 15, 2011, the crew aboard Atlantis welcomed the morning with "Good Day Sunshine," sung by Paul McCartney.

"When the Sun Goes Down in Charlotte Harbor," Jim Morris (Album: *Another Day at the Office*, 2007) — When you're returning home after your road tripping

through the Sunshine State, this song by the beloved and greatly missed Jim Morris should be playing.

Whether driving a little deuce coupe, little red Corvette or a brand-new Cadillac, happy and safe travels!

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# BILL

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Yet life there continues to astonish the senses at every turn. Here is a sampling of what you might see during a visit — although every visit is different and unexpected creatures are observed.

Even during the restoration process, Wildflower Preserve has continued to be an amazing place to observe nature. In the near future, when the restoration process has been finished, we may expect an improvement in habitat quality and in biodiversity. It will become a mecca for those interested in observing all aspects of plant and animal life.

*Bill Dunson is Professor Emeritus of Pennsylvania State University thanks to a career spent entirely at that institution, teaching and doing research on the physiological ecology and ecotoxicology of reptiles, amphibians and fish. Always curious about nature, Bill has dedicated his life to learning and sharing his knowledge with others. Contact him at wdunson@comcast.net.*



One of the most unusual crabs to be rarely seen in tidal areas of Lemon Creek is the mangrove root crab, a Caribbean resident that occasionally finds its way to our area. It feeds on mangrove leaves and I have seen it only in two locations locally: At Wildflower and in lower areas of Oyster Creek. Perhaps it is starting to get a foothold in our area due to climate warming or some other changes in habitat characteristics. But this illustrates how species can gradually expand their ranges.

PHOTOS PROVIDED



Another carpenter bee is seen in the flower of a wetland primrose willow or seed box, which has an open configuration which allows easy access to the center of the flower. The different strategies needed to extract food from different types of flowers illustrates the dynamic interaction between flowers and the rewards offered to potential pollinators. It also illustrates that this exotic plant provides considerable benefits to native pollinators, despite being invasive in nutrient enriched waters. It also serves as a larval food source for banded sphinx moths.



There are many dragonflies around the wetlands, but the male scarlet skimmer is one of the most spectacular. This is an exotic species only recently arrived in South Florida, but it seems to thrive in disturbed habitats and have minimal adverse impacts on native dragonflies.

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Regarding tan lines: **Rule #7** — Tan lines should be cultivated and kept razor sharp. Under no circumstances should one be rolling up their sleeves or shorts in an effort to somehow diminish one's tan lines.

Sleeveless jerseys are under no circumstances to be employed.

How many bicycles should you own? **Rule #12** — The correct number of bikes to own is n+1. While the minimum number of bikes one should own is three, the correct number is n+1, where n is the number of bikes currently owned. This

equation may also be re-written as s-1, where s is the number of bikes owned that would result in separation from your partner.

What to do when a group of riders passes you and it might be fun to join them? **Rule #19** — Introduce yourself. If you deem it appropriate to join a group of riders who are not part

of an open group ride and who are not your mates, it is customary and courteous to announce your presence. Introduce yourself and ask if you may join the group. If you have been passed by a group, wait for an invitation, introduce yourself, or let them go. The silent joiner is viewed as ill-mannered.

If you have agreed to meet friends for a ride at a certain time then **Rule #87** applies: The ride starts on time. No exceptions. The upside of always leaving on time is considerable. Others will be late exactly once. You demonstrate, not with words but with actions, your commitment.

An anonymous author stated, "You can't buy

happiness, but you can buy a bicycle and that's pretty close."

Did you ride your bike today? *Court Nederveld owns his own computer consulting and fixit service — Bits, Bytes & Chips Computer Service — and is an avid bicyclist. You can reach him adakeep@hotmail.com or 941-626-3285.*

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you handle your gun, the more you're going to understand what makes this machine tick — and that's a good thing.

Leading in the barrel can be a serious issue if you shooting unjacketed lead bullets — especially if the bullets are fired at speeds more than 800 feet per second or are cast of soft lead. Once that lead is in the barrel's rifling lands, you'll have fun getting it all back out. If you shoot lead, you probably need a Lewis lead remover. This tool, which comes as a kit from Brownell's, makes the removal of lead a whole lot easier. Just follow the instructions and use it with some Butch's bore paste. It will work wonders after you've already worn out several

bore brushes.

Another neat little tool that saves a lot of time cleaning and is great for those times when you've shot only a few rounds through the gun is called a bore snake. They're available for just about all calibers, and look just like the name implies. Take some solvent (like Hoppes No. 9) and wet the first part of the cloth ahead of the brushes with just enough solvent so you can feel it on your fingers. Now go to the end of the bore snake and add some gun oil to the cloth — again, just enough so you can feel it.

Open the gun's action and pull the bore snake through from the chamber end of the barrel. First the solvent enters the barrel and softens up the crud, then the three brushes past through giving it a good scrubbing, the cloth wipes it clean, and finally

the end part puts a fine coat of oil on the inside of the barrel. Presto — clean gun. Now this is definitely not the way to clean a gun that hasn't been cleaned in a long time, but a lot of times I'll use it at the range before I leave if I ran just a few rounds through a gun.

OK, what if you run 300 rounds through it? Or, worse, what if you haven't cleaned it for a long time? That takes a little longer to explain, and I'm almost out of space. So we'll come back to it next time. Until then, safe shooting.

*Billy Carl is an NRA-certified firearms instructor and is available for individual instruction in firearms safety and concealed carry classes. Contact him at 941-769-0767 or through J&J One Stop Gun Shop at 2324 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, or 941-979-5008.*

# BETTY

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side wanted to stop and take pictures, but it was a race so I resisted.

The race course was a good reminder of why it's important to run our bridges. There are hills in Brooksville. Not mountains, but long, gradual hills. On the trail, these hills come with fallen trees to jump over, and lots of roots to trip over. There was one particularly gorgeous spot where we ran between two vegetated ledges. I felt like I was running through a jungle. Actually, that

spot required climbing up rocks and roots, so we mostly walked it.

After 7 miles — really it was 7.3 miles but who's counting? — the end of the loop dumped into the race staging area. A couple sips of water and we were back on our way for loop two — this time in the dark. Everyone was required to have a headlamp or flashlight. Prior to this race, I bought an 800-lumen flashlight. Best investment ever! Runners with bright flashlights made lots of friends on the course, because let's not forget all those fallen trees to jump over and roots to trip over.

The course was well marked with glow sticks, so it would have been hard to get lost, but certainly not hard to face-plant. Which Debbie and I both did. Of course, we were in good company with all the other face-planters out there. I was disappointed the lightning bugs didn't make an appearance, but the frogs were certainly out

in force.

Although most of the trail was dry, there was one spot for about a tenth of a mile that was wet and muddy. This spot was about a half mile from the finish line, but Debbie and I missed noting its location. So, for about 4 miles, at every bend we'd say, "I think the mud is just around the corner."

We crossed the finish line in 2 hours and 45 minutes, and were promptly awarded a cup and moon pie for our efforts. Gotta love it!

Looks like I'll have to add Moon Over Croom to my annual race list. If nighttime running doesn't sound like your thing, there are many opportunities for daytime hiking, running and racing at Croom throughout the year.

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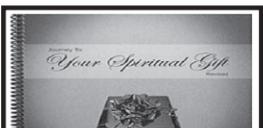
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By **BEN BAUGH**  
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PUNTA GORDA — It's an incredible force:

The power of the wind is more often than not the variable that gets people involved with sailing.

Imagine the quiet of being on the water, listening to the ripples as they move across the surface, finding yourself in a relaxed state, and then you're met with a formidable force. Students between the ages of 8-18 are getting an opportunity to learn about the sport that provides you with an adrenaline rush, said Mary Dorney, with Learn to Sail, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization based at the Bayfront Center at 750 West Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda.

The program is providing those who participate with a chance to embrace a discipline that will last them a lifetime.

"You can see it in the kids' faces and by their reaction," said Julie Jackson, Learn to Sail. "It's their first time out on the water, and they're exhilarated. When they came back into eat their lunch, they'd rather just skip their lunch and just go back out. They're focused and working together as a team. They're putting on sails, rigging the boats and they help one another."

However, the love of the sport will develop from its nascent stages, flourishing into something larger with time, said Dorney.

"It's not something that we can teach them, the joy of it," said Dorney.

However, there are variables and elements that make sailing appealing to youth who become involved with the sport, said Dorney.

"For many kids, that's the only thing that they have control over," said



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**Brajilda Bejte is a junior instructor with the Learn to Sail Inc., a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization based in Punta Gorda.**



**Seidon Spooner has the opportunity to become better acquainted with Charlotte Harbor as part of the Learn to Sail Program.**

Dorney. "Someone else is telling them when to eat, take a bath or get dressed. When they get on a sailboat by themselves, they're in charge. It teaches them self-confidence. They become leaders. You can see the ones that are helping other children. It's a big responsibility."

The instructors who are involved with the Learn to Sail program place an emphasis on safety, said Dorney. The first day of the series starts with a safety video. The participants are given instruction on life jacket fit, and later try them on. Before a boat is put in the water, the weather forecast and the direction of wind are taken into consideration.

"They want the kids to be safe out there and to respect the environment," said Dorney. "The classes

are limited to 12 students, with most of the students being between 8 and 12."

Learn to Sail would love to expand the program, by creating a platform, one that would allow them to teach adults on a routine basis. The class is held Monday through Friday's from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., through August 10.

"The kids always have 10 weeks of summer camp," said Dorney. "We don't have a camp for adults. That's something that we'll work on. We want to work on teaching kids to race. It's one thing to go out and day sail, but it's another to race from point-to-point."

The program has been beneficial to the area's youth, providing them with an outlet they can build a strong foundation on, after their initial experience and exposure to the sport.



**Claire Sunter rigs a sail as part of the Learn to Sail Inc. program at the Bayfront Center in Punta Gorda.**



**Brixton Nemec rinses water off the boat in preparation of going into Charlotte Harbor as part of the Learn to Sail program.**

Volunteers are a critical component in any organization, and Learn to Sail would like to get more adults involved in the program.

"There's a lot of sailors and sailboats in the community," said Jackson. "It would be nice to have more support and volunteers, turn them into instructors and get some younger blood into the organization. We reach 120 kids every summer and that ripples out to a lot of changes in a lot of peoples' lives. When they come and they teach, they're really doing a lot for the community and the kids' future. We would love to see more instructors and volunteers. They don't have to be proficient sailors to be part of the organization."

The program has had to limit their classes to 12 students because of

the lack of volunteers. An increase in numbers would provide depth and succor because of the physicality that's involved with removing the boats from the racks, moving the vessels down the ramps and into the water, and repeating the process at the end of the day, said Dorney.

"We don't have enough people to put 15 boats in and pull 15 boats out every afternoon," said Dorney.

Those participating in the Learn to Sail program leave with an indelible imprint, a memorable experience that they will carry with them throughout their lives.

"The kids get to see all of the effort it takes," said Jackson. "The boats aren't just sitting out there for them waiting to go sailing. They see the responsibility (it takes), making sure the

plugs are in, that everything is tied down and to rinse off the salt water. They see all of that. They're learning a lot from doing this. When they came in, we pulled their boats up, and they're taking the mast up, brushing the boats and they're pulling up the plugs. They knew exactly what to do, and that's as important of a lesson as some of the lessons on the water."

The evolution of the students taking part in the program, from their start on Monday to where they finish on Friday, is nothing short of amazing. The instructors marvel at how well the students adapt, said Dorney.

"They pick it up quick and they cheer for themselves," said Dorney. "They all work together and then they say they're great."

The week starts with the students having to pass a swim test and take part in a capsizing drill.

"It's amazing, to (see them) right the boat and some of them really struggled," said Dorney. "Some of the kids are really light, 60 pounds, and they're trying to get this boat right. They would get tired and another kid would jump in and help. By the end of the week, they capsized and the boats were right back up."

There are scholarships available for students wishing to participate, said Dorney.

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NO STOCKS

There are no stock listings in today's paper due to the July 4 holiday.



Jeannie Dominguez holds her Chihuahua, Diamond, next to her 14-year-old granddaughter Natalee Dominguez during the Odessa Jaycee's 69th Annual Independence Celebration Parade, Wednesday, in Odessa Texas.



Spectators cheer as confetti falls during rehearsal for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular in Boston, Tuesday. Left: Maddie Scaletta waits for the start of rehearsals for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular in Boston, Tuesday. Right: A woman dressed as the Statue of Liberty waves to the crowd while riding on a float in the Fourth of July parade in Marietta, Ga., Wednesday.



A woman waits for the start of rehearsals for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular in Boston, Tuesday. Top center: A young girl waves an American flag during rehearsal for the Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular in Boston, Tuesday.



AP PHOTO

Joey Chestnut eats two hot dogs at a time during the men's competition of the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest, Wednesday, in New York's Coney Island.

## 'Jaws' sets record with 74 hot dogs

By REBECCA GIBIAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Joey "Jaws" Chestnut extended his reign as champion eater at the Nathan's Famous July Fourth hot dog eating contest Wednesday, downing a record 74 wieners and buns in 10 minutes to take home the coveted Mustard Belt for an 11th time.

Miki Sudo held onto her title as the top women's competitor at the annual Brooklyn eat-off, chomping 37 franks and buns to take home the top prize for an unprecedented fifth consecutive year.

"I found a vicious rhythm," the 34-year-old Chestnut said after the stuffing session. "I was feeling good today."

But while Chestnut ate 10 more dogs and buns than second-place finisher Carmen Cincotti, a judging error cast initial doubt over their totals after jurists didn't see the eaters were taking the dogs and buns from two plates.

"Frankly, the judging was just off," George Shea, the longtime Coney Island announcer, told The Associated Press. "Joey said, 'look at my plates' and Carmen said 'look at my plates.' We counted the plates that they had eaten and it was 64 and 74."

Eric Gonzalez, the Brooklyn district attorney, certified the final tally and Chestnut's record of 74, two more than he consumed last year.

"At the end of the day, Joey Chestnut came in here and ate 74 hot dogs, broke a world record," said Cincotti, who celebrated his 26th birthday on Wednesday. "Apparently they were good dogs."

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## Americans celebrate July 4th with fireworks, parades, salutes

NEW YORK (AP) — With backyard barbecues and fireworks, Americans are celebrating Independence Day by participating in time-honored traditions that express pride in their country's 242nd birthday.

But this quintessential American holiday will also be marked with a sense of a United States divided for some — evidenced by competing televised events in the nation's capital.

From New York to California, July Fourth festivities will be at times lively and lighthearted, with Macy's July Fourth fireworks and Nathan's Famous hot dog eating contest.

The day's events will also be stately and traditional, with parades lining streets across the country and the world's oldest commissioned warship firing a 21-gun salute to mark the 242 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

For some Western states, however, the holiday will be a bit more muted as

high wildfire danger forces communities to cancel fireworks displays.

Here are some highlights of Wednesday's festivities:

### OLDEST WARSHIP

The USS Constitution has sailed in Boston Harbor and fired its guns again to mark Independence Day.

The world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat left its berth at the Charlestown Navy Yard on Wednesday morning. It glided through the harbor to mark 242 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The ship, nicknamed Old Ironsides, traveled to Fort Independence on Castle Island to fire a 21-gun salute. The ship's commander saluted the crowds gathered there.

A Navy sailor on board recited the Declaration of Independence during the cruise.

### A HISTORIC PARADE

Crowds lined the streets in a Rhode Island town to see what's billed as the nation's oldest continuous Fourth of July celebration. Begun in 1785, the Bristol parade typically attracts about 100,000 people to the seaside town.

This year's was a scorcher: Temperatures hovered near 90 degrees when the parade began late Wednesday morning, and some marchers were treated for heat exhaustion and taken off the route.

### DUELING CELEBRATIONS

The country's longest-running live national July Fourth television tradition is PBS' broadcast of music and fireworks from the U.S. Capitol's West Lawn. But it's facing new

## Protester scales Statue of Liberty's base, forces evacuation

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman protesting U.S. immigration policy climbed the Statue of Liberty's base and forced the monument's evacuation on the Fourth of July hours after several other demonstrators had hung a banner on the statue's pedestal and had been arrested.

About 100 feet aboveground, the climber engaged in a roughly four-hour standoff with police

before two New York Police Department officers climbed up to the base and went over to her. With the dramatic scene unfolding on live television, she and the officers edged carefully around the rim of the statue's robes toward a ladder, and she climbed down about 25 feet to the monument's observation point and was taken into custody.

The woman had participated earlier in displaying a banner calling for abolishing the federal government's chief immigration enforcement agency, said Jay W. Walker, a member of Rise and Resist, which organized the demonstration.

The group initially tweeted that the climber had "no connection" to the demonstration. Walker later said she

was involved but others had no idea she would make the climb, which wasn't part of the planned protest. He said he didn't know her name.

The climber ascended from the observation point, National Park Service spokesman Jerry Willis said. Visitors were forced to leave Liberty Island hours before its normal 6:15 p.m. closing time, he said.

Earlier and farther below, at least six people were taken into custody after unfurling a banner that read "Abolish I.C.E.," Willis said. The message referred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement, a part of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE officers arrest and deport immigrants who are in the United States illegally, among other duties.

## Scientists create hybrids in race to save rhino sub-species

By FRANK JORDANS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — Scientists say they're several steps closer to perfecting a method that could prevent the extinction of northern white rhinos, of which only two animals are known still to be alive.

According to a paper published Wednesday in the journal Nature Communications, researchers have succeeded in creating embryos using frozen northern white rhino sperm and eggs from a southern white rhino, a closely related sub-species.

It's the first time such hybrid embryos have been created and the scientists from Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic say it could provide a pathway to saving the critically endangered northern white rhino after the last male, called Sudan, died in March.

They plan to harvest the egg cells of the two surviving female

rhinos soon and use preserved sperm to produce "pure" northern white rhino embryos. Since the females, a mother and daughter called Najin and Fatu, are unable to bear offspring themselves, the embryos would be implanted in a southern white rhino surrogate.

In order to increase the supply of eggs and preserve the northern white rhino's genetic diversity, scientists are also working on a second method that would coax frozen skin cells from deceased animals into becoming egg cells, a procedure that has already succeeded in mice.

Thomas Hildebrandt, of the Leibniz Institute for Zoo and Wildlife Research in Berlin, said researchers hope the first northern white rhino calf will be born in about three years.

Saving the northern white rhino has become an international effort, with cooperation but also some rivalry

among scientists and institutions around the world, including zoos in San Diego and Cincinnati.

Some experts have criticized the effort however, saying it comes too late.

"I have no doubt that its purely scientific merit is laudable and it might have some application to endangered species conservation in the future," said Richard Kock, a conservationist at Britain's Royal Veterinary College who has worked extensively in Africa. "But I am afraid it is very much Nero fiddling after Rome is burning with respect to (northern) white rhino."

Kock and fellow conservationists warned against focusing only on the northern white rhino sub-species, noting that its southern cousin has come back from the brink of extinction and now numbers some 21,000 individuals.

Instead, they suggested, work should focus on saving other



AP PHOTO

In this March 2 photo, Keeper Zachariah Mutai attends to Fatu, one of only two female northern white rhinos left in the world, in the pen where she is kept for observation, at the Ol Pejeta Conservancy in Laikipia county in Kenya.

endangered rhino species that can still be found in the wild.

"Assisted reproductive technologies are very expensive and their success is far from guaranteed. Meanwhile, we don't have enough funding to conserve the other four rhino species, all of which are more threatened with extinction than the white rhino," said Bob Smith,

director of the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology at the University of Kent, England.

Hildebrandt insisted the effort is worthwhile. "The northern white rhino didn't fail in evolution," he said. "It failed because it's not bulletproof. It was slaughtered by criminals which went for the horn because the horn costs more than gold."

# Trapped Thai boys practice with diving masks, but it's too early to attempt evacuation

By SHASHANK BENGALI and GEORGE STYLLIS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MAE SAI, Thailand — Some smiling, some dozing in foil blankets, the 12 boys trapped in a cave in northern Thailand were captured on videos released Wednesday as navy medics tended to their wounds and divers continued to prepare them for a possible swim to safety.

The boys and their soccer coach were in good health, but officials said it was still too soon to attempt to extract them from more than a mile inside the cave.

The boys were practicing wearing scuba masks and breathing, the first step in what could be an extremely challenging underwater swim - accompanied by naval divers - through the dark, narrow and partially flooded passageways of the cave complex in Thailand's Chiang Rai province.

None of the boys has experience with diving equipment, and only some are believed to know how to swim. But Thai media reported that a rope was being installed along the route to guide the evacuation.

"We have to be 100 percent sure," said the provincial governor, Narongsak Osatanakorn. Rescue divers might not evacuate all 13 at the same time, he said.

One diver assisting in the rescue effort, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the boys would need to carry out a two-hour underwater dive to reach the cave's third chamber, where crews



AP PHOTOS

Rescuer carrying water pipe makes their way up at the entrance to a cave complex where 12 boys and their soccer coach were trapped inside when heavy rains flooded the cave, in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai province, in northern Thailand, Wednesday.

have established a command post stocked with food, oxygen and other equipment. From there it would be less difficult to make their way back out of the cave the way they entered, officials say.

The boys were trapped while exploring the cave after soccer practice on June 23 when rains filled the complex with water, blocking their exit. They were stuck for 10 days before rescuers found them Monday.

The rescue effort was further complicated by heavy monsoon rains forecast for this weekend.

Teams were using high-powered pumps to drain as much water as possible from the Tham Luang Nang Non cave, perhaps lowering the water levels to the point where the group could float to safety, but further rains would stymie that effort.

Authorities also said they had constructed a temporary dam to divert a stream that was flowing into the cave, raising the water level.

The boys were being



A Thai boy smiles as Thai Navy SEAL medic help injured children inside a cave in Mae Sai, northern Thailand.

looked after by a rotating team of Thai navy SEALs and medics who were staying with them on a dry outcropping above a partially flooded chamber of the six-mile-long cave.

A fiber-optic line was being established so the children could talk to their relatives, many of whom have been holding vigil near the mouth of the cave, although they had not spoken to them yet.

In a video shot Tuesday and released by the Royal Thai Navy on its Facebook page, a medic applies brown disinfectant to the wounded feet of one skinny boy, still wearing his soccer uniform.

The diver holding the video camera then points the lens at another boy, who holds up two fingers and smiles.

# Germany's Merkel says migration deal is no about-turn

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel is rejecting suggestions that an agreement to set up "transit centers" on the border with Austria, from which some asylum-seekers would be returned to other European countries, marks a turnaround in her migration policy.

The agreement among Merkel's conservative bloc hinges on other countries taking back migrants they've previously registered, as well on as the chancellor's center-left coalition partners. Merkel said people would be kept in the new centers for 48 hours at most.

Merkel refused to close Germany's borders as the

migrant influx peaked in 2015 but has since significantly toughened her stance. She backed a wider but later-aborted proposal for border facilities over two years ago.

Asked by ARD television Wednesday whether she has now become a "sealing-off chancellor," Merkel replied: "No. A clear no."

# Guatemala ups number of missing to 332 in volcano eruption

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUATEMALA CITY — Authorities in Guatemala have raised by more than 130 the number of people officially missing from last month's deadly eruption of the Volcano of Fire.

The country's disaster agency says in a statement that the new figure is 332, up from 197 previously.

It said Wednesday that the revision followed a review of nearly 200,000 records and verifying lists of people living in shelters.

The Volcano of Fire is one of the region's most active, located to the southwest of Guatemala City. Authorities have



AP PHOTO

Mamerto Vazquez searches for his family killed by the eruption of the Volcano of Fire at his home buried in volcanic ash in San Miguel Los Lotes, Guatemala.

confirmed at least 113 deaths from the June 3 eruption, which sent superheated flows

raging through small villages. Eighty-five of those bodies have been identified.

# Hurricane Fabio begins to weaken in the Pacific

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEXICO CITY — Hurricane Fabio began to weaken Wednesday far off Mexico's Pacific Coast as it moved farther out to sea, posing no threat to land.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said

the storm had sustained winds of 100 mph (155 kph). It was centered about 790 miles (1,275 kilometers) west-southwest of the southern tip of the Baja California Peninsula and was moving west-northwest at 15 mph (24 kph).

The forecasters said

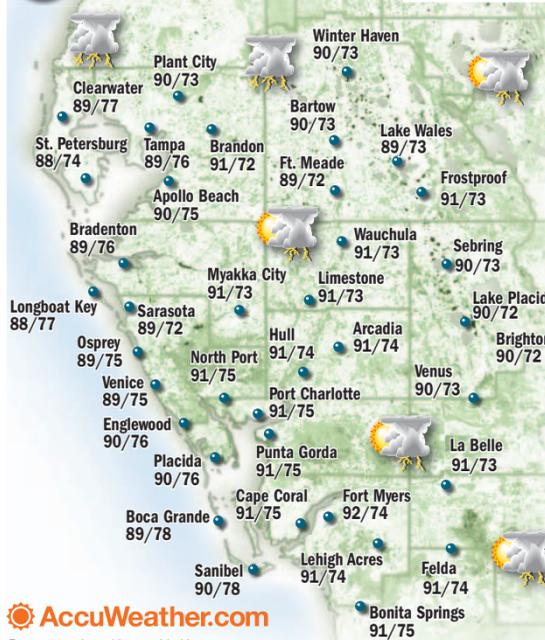
the storm was likely to weaken back to tropical storm force on Thursday and to become a remnant low-pressure system by the weekend.

At one point, forecasters had thought Fabio might become a major hurricane.

## TODAY / TONIGHT FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY

An afternoon thunderstorm	A stray evening t-storm	Sun and clouds, a t-storm in the afternoon	Clouds and sun with a thunderstorm; humid	Partly sunny and humid with a thunderstorm	A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon	Humid; a morning shower, then a t-storm
<b>HIGH 91°</b>	<b>LOW 75°</b>	<b>91° / 75°</b>	<b>91° / 74°</b>	<b>92° / 75°</b>	<b>93° / 76°</b>	<b>93° / 76°</b>
55% chance of rain	40% chance of rain	50% chance of rain	55% chance of rain	55% chance of rain	40% chance of rain	50% chance of rain

**86° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE**



### FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Apalachicola	87	75	pc	88	75	t
Bradenton	89	76	t	90	77	t
Clearwater	89	77	t	88	77	t
Coral Springs	91	79	c	91	75	sh
Daytona Beach	87	74	sh	87	73	pc
Fort Lauderdale	90	78	c	90	76	sh
Fort Myers	92	74	t	91	73	t
Gainesville	89	72	t	89	71	t
Jacksonville	87	73	sh	89	72	pc
Key Largo	89	81	c	89	77	pc
Key West	90	83	t	90	83	pc
Lakeland	89	73	t	89	72	t
Melbourne	90	77	c	88	76	pc
Miami	90	80	c	89	78	sh
Naples	91	75	t	91	75	t
Ocala	87	71	t	86	70	t
Okeechobee	89	73	t	88	71	t
Orlando	88	74	t	88	73	t
Panama City	86	74	t	88	75	pc
Pensacola	88	75	t	88	76	pc
Pompano Beach	91	78	c	91	77	sh
St. Augustine	85	74	sh	86	73	pc
St. Petersburg	88	74	t	88	75	t
Sarasota	89	72	t	90	76	t
Tallahassee	88	73	t	89	72	t
Tampa	89	76	t	89	78	t
Vero Beach	89	74	pc	89	72	sh
West Palm Beach	89	77	c	88	75	pc

### TIDES

	High	Low	High	Low
<b>Punta Gorda</b>	Today 9:22a	3:03a	8:36p	3:27p
	Fri. 10:00a	3:44a	10:02p	4:49p
<b>Englewood</b>	Today 7:59a	1:19a	7:13p	1:43p
	Fri. 8:37a	2:00a	8:39p	3:05p
<b>Boca Grande</b>	Today 7:40a	12:07a	5:06p	12:53p
	Fri. 8:08a	12:45a	8:24p	2:17p
<b>El Jobean</b>	Today 9:54a	3:32a	9:08p	3:56p
	Fri. 10:32a	4:13a	10:34p	5:18p
<b>Venice</b>	Today 6:14a	12:22p	5:28p	---
	Fri. 6:52a	12:39a	6:54p	1:44p

### MARINE

Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
direction	in knots	in feet	chop
<b>Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs</b>	SSE	4-8	0-1 Light
<b>Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola</b>	SE	6-12	1-2 Light

### SUN AND MOON

	Rise	Set
<b>The Sun</b>	Today 6:39 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
	Friday 6:40 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
<b>The Moon</b>	Today 12:51 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
	Friday 1:26 a.m.	1:55 p.m.

### SOLUNAR TABLE

	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	12:07p	5:56a	---	6:18p
Fri.	12:29a	6:41a	12:52p	7:04p
Sat.	1:14a	7:25a	1:37p	7:49p

The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

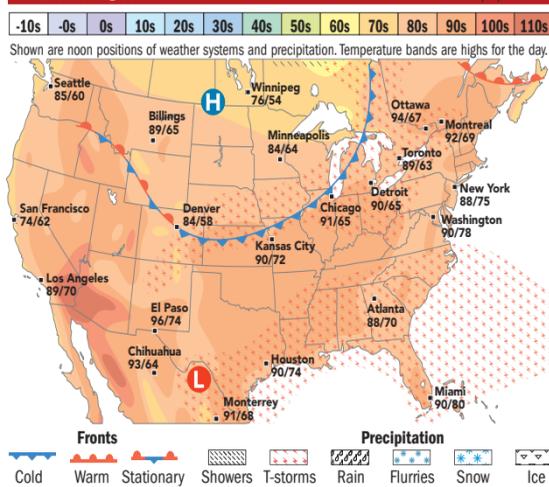
### WEATHER HISTORY

The temperature on July 5, 1937, soared to 117 degrees at Medicine Lake, Mont., the hottest reading ever for Montana.

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## THE NATION



### U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday) High ..... 100° at Needles, CA Low ..... 27° at West Yellowstone, MT

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	Hi	Lo	W					
Albuquerque	88	66	t	89	68	s	Jackson, MS	92	71	t	92	73	pc
Anchorage	70	56	c	73	57	pc	Kansas City	90	72	t	86	67	sh
Atlanta	88	70	t	88	70	t	Knoxville	91	72	pc	83	69	t
Baltimore	90	76	pc	84	65	t	Las Vegas	107	86	s	111	92	s
Billings	89	65	s	99	68	s	Los Angeles	89	70	pc	104	77	s
Birmingham	90	72	t	89	72	t	Louisville	95	76	pc	85	63	t
Boise	102	69	s	97	65	s	Memphis	95	76	t	92	73	t
Boston	91	75	pc	84	64	t	Milwaukee	86	61	t	75	58	s
Buffalo	86	65	t	76	57	s	Minneapolis	84	64	c	84	65	s
Burlington, VT	94	71	t	78	56	sh	Montgomery	93	73	t	93	73	pc
Charleston, WV	92	71	t	81	58	t	Nashville	96	76	pc	87	68	t
Charlotte	90	70	t	89	67	t	New Orleans	89	77	t	88	77	t
Chicago	91	65	t	79	58	s	New York City	88	75	pc	83	65	t
Cincinnati	93	71	t	81	58	t	Norfolk, VA	89	77	t	92	74	t
Cleveland	89	68	t	76	62	pc	Oklahoma City	90	71	s	92	71	t
Columbia, SC	91	71	t	93	71	t	Omaha	86	70	t	87	68	s
Columbus, OH	91	69	t	81	58	pc	Philadelphia	90	74	pc	83	67	t
Concord, NH	94	75	s	82	53	pc	Phoenix	114	94	s	113	93	s
Dallas	96	77	pc	96	77	pc	Pittsburgh	87	68	t	80	55	pc
Denver	84	58	t	92	61	s	Portland, ME	89	72	s	84	57	sh
Des Moines	84	67	t	85	64	s	Portland, OR	88	62	pc	80	60	pc
Detroit	90	65	t	80	58	pc	Providence	88	73	t	82	62	t
Duluth	77	57	pc	79	58	pc	Raleigh	89	72	t	90	67	t
Fairbanks	73	52	c	78	56	s	Salt Lake City	99	75	s	102	77	s
Fargo	80	57	s	84	69	s	St. Louis	96	77	pc	87	62	pc
Hartford	91	76	pc	82	58	t	San Antonio	91	75	t	93	74	t
Helena	92	61	s	96	64	s	San Diego	80	69	pc	88	75	pc
Honolulu	88	76	c	88	76	r	San Francisco	74	62	pc	76	59	pc
Houston	90	74	t	91	74	t	Seattle	85	60	pc	76	58	pc
Indianapolis	92	73	t	82	59	pc	Washington, DC	90	78	pc	87	69	t

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	Hi	Lo	W					
Amsterdam	73	59	pc	76	57	pc	Mexico City	73	52	t	72	53	t
Baghdad	117	86	s	117	87	s	Montreal	92	69	t	78	55	pc
Beijing	98	72	c	89	70	c	Ottawa	94	67	t	77	53	pc
Berlin	85	60	pc	78	55	pc	Paris	80	60	t	85	63	pc
Buenos Aires	54	46	c	56	49	r	Regina	77	59	s	90	68	s
Cairo	101	77	s	100	77	s	Rio de Janeiro	83	70	s	81	69	s
Calgary	77	56	pc	88	58	pc	Rome	82	68	s	84	64	pc
Cancun	88	79	t	88	76	t	St. John's	63	46	s	69	54	pc
Dublin	72	52	pc	73	55	pc	San Juan	88	79	pc	87	78	pc
Edmonton	78	53	c	84	54	s	Sydney	74	61	s	77	49	r
Halfax	78	61	c	71	56	c	Tokyo	83	77	pc	81	74	r
Kiev	78	61	pc	81	60	t	Toronto	89	63	t	78	57	pc
London	82	63	pc	86	63	pc	Vancouver	76	59	pc	72	56	sh
Madrid	86	62	s	91	65	s	Winnipeg	76	54	s	83	66	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-fog.

# Wildfires keep growing in West

By **KATHLEEN FOODY**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Large wildfires grew across the American West on Wednesday, keeping thousands of people out of their homes for the July 4 holiday and forcing some strict bans on fireworks to prevent new fires from igniting in the hot, dry region.

The National Interagency Fire Center on Wednesday reported more than 60 large, active blazes across the country, most in the drought-stricken West where holiday festivities could lead to increased fire danger.

One of the largest recorded fires in Colorado history kept expanding, chewing through 147 square miles near Fort Garland, about 205 miles southwest of Denver.

The Spring Fire has destroyed more than

100 homes, and officials said preventing the flames from spreading toward the small mountain town of Cuchara is a priority.

Nearly 1,000 firefighters were working to gain control of the fire in unpredictable winds, but it was only slightly contained since sparking June 27.

Some fireworks displays were scheduled to go on in Denver and other large cities, but several mountain communities called off their holiday festivities to avoid any risk of flames.

In the southwestern mountain town of Silverton, a fireworks display was canceled in favor of live music and a parade. Aspen officials planned a fire-proof display using drone lights in place of fireworks.

Parts of Colorado and other Western states have been grappling with severe drought that's made wildfires explosive so far



AP PHOTO

**Hot Shot crews from Mendocino use backfires to help contain the County Fire along Highway 129 near Lake Berryessa in Yolo County, California, on Tuesday.**

this season.

Utah authorities ordered more residents to evacuate as a blaze grew to about 62 square miles near a popular fishing reservoir amid high wind gusts, steep terrain and dry conditions.

It wasn't clear how many more people were told to flee, but several hundred homes and cabins have

been evacuated and the orders were extended to a 20-mile area dotted with trees and cabins.

The fire roughly two hours southeast of Salt Lake City has destroyed about 30 structures. Officials in Utah closed a portion of Strawberry Reservoir so planes could scoop water and drop it onto the flames,

but people could still boat and fish on other parts of the water Wednesday.

A nearby RV campground tucked among cliffs and canyons was closed, leaving those hoping to visit for July 4 to find another spot.

Darren Lewis and his extended family planned to spend the Fourth of July at a cabin built nearly 50 years ago by his father and uncle. Instead, Lewis and his family will spend the holiday nervously waiting to hear if a half-century of family memories go up in smoke.

Officials believe the fire was human-caused, but they are still investigating how it started Sunday.

In Northern California, officials reported some progress against a wildfire threatening hundreds of buildings but cautioned that wind and dry conditions could keep fueling the flames.

## Police: 2 more exposed to same nerve agent that sickened spy

By **MATT DUNHAM**  
and **JILL LAWLESS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMESBURY, England (AP) — For the second time in four months, two people lie critically ill in England's Salisbury District Hospital after being exposed to a military-grade nerve agent developed in the Soviet Union, British police confirmed late Wednesday.

The country's chief counterterrorism police officer said tests at Britain's defense laboratory had confirmed what many residents feared — a man and woman in their 40s had been poisoned with the same toxin that almost killed a former Russian spy

and his daughter.

"We can confirm that the man and woman have been exposed to the nerve agent Novichok, which has been identified as the same nerve agent that contaminated both Yulia and Sergei Skripal," said Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu of London's Metropolitan Police.

Local police declared the case a "major incident" Wednesday, four days after the man and woman were found collapsed at a residential building in Amesbury, eight miles from Salisbury, where the Skripals were poisoned.

Basu said it was not clear whether there was a link

between the two cases, and whether the nerve agent came from the same batch that left the Skripals fighting for their lives.

"The possibility that these two investigations might be linked is clearly a line of enquiry for us," he said, amid speculation that the victims could have been sickened by residue from the poison used on the Skripals.

Basu said it was unclear whether the two were targeted, but there was "nothing in their background to suggest that at all."

Residents of the area felt a grim sense of deja vu. Four months after their quiet corner of England

was plunged into a Cold War-style saga of spies, chemical weapons and international tensions, they wondered whether it was happening all over again. Britain accuses Russia of attacking the Skripals; Russia denies it.

"With the Russian attack happening not long ago, we just assumed the worst," said student Chloe Edwards, who said police and fire engines descended on a quiet street of newly built homes in Amesbury on Saturday evening.

Edwards said she saw people in green suits — like those worn by forensics officers — and her family was told to stay indoors for

several hours.

Police said officers were initially called Saturday morning about a collapsed woman, then were summoned back in the evening after a man fell ill at the same property. Police at first thought the two, identified by friends as 44-year-old Dawn Sturgess and 45-year-old Charlie Rowley, had taken a contaminated batch of heroin or crack.

Initially, the investigation was led by local police, but Basu said counterterrorism detectives were taking charge after the substance was identified as Novichok. He said 100 officers had been assigned to the case.

## JULY 4TH

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counterprogramming this year from the White House, which is hosting its own concert and view of the National Park Service's fireworks show.

PBS' "A Capitol Fourth" has the bigger stars, including The Beach Boys, Jimmy Buffett, Pentatonix, Chita Rivera, Luke Combs and The Temptations. It will be hosted by John Stamos.

The entertainers on the 90-minute White House event airing on the Hallmark Channel include singer-songwriter Sara Evans, pianist Lola Astanova and two former "American Idol" finalists. Both shows will include the fireworks display from the National Park Service.

First lady Melania Trump said the White House show would allow Americans to "tune in from their homes and be part of the festivities." PBS declined to comment.

### LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT SKIES

In New York, the Macy's fireworks show over the East River promises 25 minutes of sparkle and ahhh plus the West Point Band and entertainers including Kelly Clarkson, Ricky Martin and Keith Urban on NBC's broadcast.

But some places in the

American West have canceled their planned July Fourth fireworks because of high wildfire danger, and others are doing drone light displays instead of pyrotechnics.

In Colorado, the wildfire danger forced some communities to cancel their fireworks. However, other shows will still go as planned in Denver, Colorado Springs and Fort Collins.

The small mountain town of Silverton, in southwestern Colorado, called off the fireworks part of its annual Independence Day party, but the rest of Wednesday's celebration is still on, including live music a water fight with firefighters. Aspen will have a fire-proof drone light display above town.

### NEW AMERICANS

This was the first Fourth of July that many people were able to call themselves U.S. citizens after participating in naturalization ceremonies across the country.

In New Hampshire, more than 100 people from 48 countries became U.S. citizens during a ceremony at the Strawberry Banke museum in Portsmouth as part of the museum's annual American Celebration. A ceremony also was held aboard the USS New Jersey, where dozens of people from countries including Vietnam and Bangladesh were sworn in.



AP PHOTO

**Olivier Duverneau holds an American flag after becoming a citizen during a naturalization ceremony aboard the USS New Jersey, Wednesday, in Camden, N.J.**

The new citizens pledged allegiance to a country where some people lament that the ability to debate respectfully the toughest issues of the day seems hopelessly lost. Several people were arrested Wednesday after hanging a banner from the Statue of Liberty's pedestal that called for abolishing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

### LGBTQ PARADE

Utah LGBTQ groups marched for the first time in a prominent July Fourth festival in the conservative city of Provo after years of organizers blocking them from participating.

The groups were met by

cheers and rainbow flags as they marched Wednesday morning in the America's Freedom Festival parade.

Participants included a center for LGBTQ youth and an organization that works to bridge divides between the LGBTQ community and the Mormon church.

The groups' parade application was initially denied this year by festival organizers who said participants cannot focus on political or social issues but should instead focus on patriotism.

County officials threatened to pull \$100,000 in taxpayer money from the privately organized event until festival organizers struck a deal allowing the groups to participate.

## HOT DOGS

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A total of \$40,000 in prize money was up for grabs, with the first-place winners taking home \$10,000 each.

Sudo fell short of the 41 hot dogs she consumed last year, but easily beat out second-place finisher Michelle Lesco of Tuscon, Arizona, who chomped down 28 wieners and buns.

Thousands of attendees, many donning mustard-colored hot dog caps, braved 83-degree temperatures and a heat index of 91 degrees to witness the annual July Fourth competition on the Coney Island boardwalk. The outlandish tradition dates to 1972, though the company has long promoted what a former president acknowledged was a legendary start date of 1916.

Fan Martha Pleasant, 41, of Franklin, New Jersey, said she was attending the competitive eating competition to support her husband Dwight, who "loves wieners."



AP PHOTO

**Master of Ceremony George Shea, top center, announces that reigning champion Joey Chestnut, bottom center, is winning the men's competition of the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July hot dog eating contest in the final seconds of the competition, Wednesday.**

### ALMANAC

Today is **Thursday, July 5**, the 186th day of 2018. There are 179 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **July 5, 1947**, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League three months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League. In the game against the Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park, Doby, pinch-hitting for Bryan Stephens, struck out in his first at-bat during the seventh inning; Chicago won 6-5.

### On this date

In **1687**, Isaac Newton first published his Principia Mathematica, a three-volume work setting out his mathematical principles of natural philosophy.

In **1811**, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain.

In **1865**, the Secret Service Division of the U.S. Treasury Department was founded in Washington, D.C. with the mission of suppressing counterfeit currency.

In **1946**, the bikini, created by Louis Reard, was modeled by Micheline Bernardini during a poolside fashion show in Paris.

In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee; the song he recorded was "That's All Right."

In **2011**, a jury in Orlando, Florida, found Casey Anthony, 25, not guilty of murder, manslaughter and child abuse in the 2008 disappearance and death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee.

**Ten years ago:** Venus Williams won her fifth Wimbledon singles title, beating younger sister Serena 7-5, 6-4 in the final. Gas station owner Kent Couch flew a lawn chair rigged with helium-filled balloons more than 200 miles across the Oregon desert, landing in a field in Cambridge, Idaho.

**Five years ago:** Pope Francis cleared two of the 20th Century's most influential popes to become saints in the Roman Catholic church, approving a miracle needed to canonize Pope John Paul II and waiving Vatican rules to honor Pope John XXIII. Enraged Islamists pushed back against the toppling of President Mohammed Morsi, as tens of thousands of his supporters took to the streets vowing to win his reinstatement and clashed with their opponents in violence that killed some three dozen people.

**One year ago:** The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that two laws passed by Congress did not end the right to a bond hearing for unaccompanied immigrant children who are detained by federal authorities.

### Today's birthdays

Actress **Katherine Helmond** is 89. Actress **Shirley Knight** is 82. Singer-musician **Robbie Robertson** is 75. **Julie Nixon Eisenhower** is 70. Rock star **Huey Lewis** is 68. Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher **Rich "Goose" Gossage** is 67. Country musician **Charles Ventre** is 66. Singer-songwriter **Marc Cohn** is 59. Actor **John Marshall Jones** is 56. Actor **Dorien Wilson** is 56. Actress **Edie Falco** is 55. Actress **Jillian Armenante** is 54. Actress **Kathryn Erbe** is 53. Actor **Michael Stuhlbarg** is 50. Country musician **Brent Flynn** (Flynnville Train) is 49. Rapper **RZA** is 49. Rhythm and blues singer **Joe** is 45. Rock musician **Bengt Lagerberg** (The Cardigans) is 45. Actor **Dale Godboldo** is 43. Rapper **Bizarre** is 42. Rapper **Royce da 5'9"** is 41. Rock singer **Jason Wade** (Lifehouse) is 38. Actor **Ryan Hansen** is 37. Country musician **Dave Haywood** (Lady Antebellum) is 36. Rock musician **Nick O'Malley** (Arcade Monkeys) is 33. Actor **Jason Dolley** is 27.

### Bible verse

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." — 1 Corinthians 10:12.

It is true that our greatest enemy may be our own stubborn pride. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up."

# Drivers challenge license suspensions for unpaid court debt

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RICHMOND, Va. — It can start with a couple of traffic tickets.

Unable to pay the tickets right away, a driver becomes saddled with late fees, fines and court costs. Soon, the driver may be taken off the road indefinitely.

More than 40 states allow the suspension of driver's licenses for people with unpaid criminal or traffic court debt. But now, advocates across the country are pushing to change that, arguing that such laws are unconstitutional

because they unfairly punish poor people and violate due process by not giving drivers notice or an opportunity to show they cannot afford to pay the fees.

Lawsuits have been filed in at least five states over the past two years.

"It's not that I don't want to take care of what I owe. I really wish I could," said Brianna Morgan, a single mother from Petersburg, Virginia, who hasn't had a license in three years because she owes more than \$400 in traffic fines and court costs from traffic violations and a disorderly conduct citation.

"I really don't have

a way to pay it," said Morgan, who supports herself and her three children on a monthly disability check.

Advocates had a victory this week in Tennessee, where a federal judge ruled that a law that allows the state to revoke the licenses of low-income people with unpaid court debt from past criminal convictions is unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger called the law "powerfully counterproductive" and ordered Tennessee to stop revoking licenses and to reinstate the licenses of people who had theirs

revoked due solely to nonpayment of court fees.

"If a person has no resources to pay a debt, he cannot be threatened or cajoled into paying it; he may, however, become able to pay it in the future. But taking his driver's license away sabotages that prospect," Trauger wrote in her ruling Monday.

In Virginia, nearly a million people currently have suspended driver's licenses at least in part because of unpaid court debt, according to the Legal Aid Justice Center, a nonprofit that is challenging the practice in a federal lawsuit. A judge dismissed the case on

jurisdictional grounds, but in a ruling in May, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave the case new life, sending it back to the lower court to allow the plaintiffs to revise the lawsuit.

Millions of drivers nationwide have lost licenses because of such laws. In a study released in September, the justice center estimated that 4.2 million people then had suspended or revoked licenses for unpaid court debt in five states alone: Virginia, Tennessee, Michigan, North Carolina and Texas.

Lawsuits are pending in North Carolina, Montana

and Michigan, in addition to Virginia and Tennessee. In California, legislation enacted last year prohibits state courts from suspending driver's licenses simply because of unpaid traffic fines.

But supporters of the laws say people who violate traffic laws must be held accountable.

Virginia Republican state Sen. Bill Carrico said the threat of losing a license can provide incentive to pay fines.

"If we don't suspend driver's licenses, then people will say, 'I'm not going to pay the fine,'" Carrico said. "That's a slippery slope."

## Renewable energy push in sunny Arizona draws political fight

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona's largest utility is fiercely opposing a push to mandate increased use of renewable energy in the sun-drenched state, setting up a political fight over a measure funded by a California billionaire.

Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona aims to ask voters whether they want the state Constitution to require half of Arizona's electricity come from renewable sources like wind and solar by 2030. The group plans to file more than 225,000 signatures Thursday get the question on the November ballot.

Billionaire philanthropist Tom Steyer is financing the initiative through his

NextGen Climate Action group, which supported similar efforts in Nevada and Michigan. But only the Arizona measure spawned a political battle, with the Republican-controlled Legislature passing a rule to help insulate utilities and the parent company of the state's largest electricity provider bankrolling opposition messaging.

Steyer, known for climate advocacy as well as his push to impeach President Donald Trump, says he's backing the proposal because of the benefits it will bring to Arizona.

"It actually will lead to lower costs and save a lot of money for consumers,"

Steyer said. "It leads to clean air and a lot better health outcomes for Arizonans, and it should create literally tens of thousands of jobs in the state of Arizona. So it's hard to understand why these people are fighting it."

Supporters of the initiative say Arizona hasn't taken advantage of its role as the sunniest state in the nation to develop more solar energy, saying it derives just 6 percent of its energy from solar.

Arizona Public Service Co. says the proposed constitutional amendment will cause customers' utility rates to skyrocket and harm reliability.

Its parent company, Pinnacle West Capital Corp., funneled \$1.18 billion to Arizonans for Affordable Energy to oppose the initiative in the first three months of the year. Multiple chambers of commerce, Tucson Electric Power and Chicanos Por La Causa also oppose it.

"Everyone supports renewable energy," said Matthew Benson, spokesman for the utility-funded opposition initiative. "The question is whether we are going to have an Arizona plan that is created and implemented by Arizona leaders and officials, or whether we're going to have a plan crammed down our throats by a

political activist from California."

Campaign finance records show Steyer's group gave \$750,000 in cash and more than \$200,000 in goods and services to the renewable energy campaign.

Opponents have used the #StopSteyer hashtag in the run-up to Thursday's deadline for petition signatures. Legislative Republicans also cast him as an "out-of-state billionaire" when they passed a law that limits the cost of not complying with renewable energy mandates.

Steyer disagrees that he's dictating policy. The National Resources Defense Council, Mi

Familia Vota, and various in-state health and climate groups have endorsed the initiative as a way to bring more renewable energy to Arizona.

"When concentrated corporate interests put themselves and their bottom line ahead of the people, I don't like that," Steyer said. "And that's what I suspect is happening here. And I think the people of Arizona should be asked what they think, and that's what we're trying to enable."

Arizona is one of three states where the billionaire's NextGen Climate Action group pushed ballot initiatives for higher renewable energy standards.

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE



AP PHOTO

This aerial image provided by WSVN shows firefighters battling flames at Blake's Exotic Animal Ranch in Southwest Ranches, Fla., on Tuesday. The owner of the ranch says some 300 exotic animals have died from the fire. Blake Kaldrimoglu tells WSVN that some 200 turtle hatchlings died in the blaze that also killed fish and rare tortoises. Fire crews from Southwest Ranches and nearby Davie put out the fire.

#### 300 tortoises, hatchlings, fish killed in barn fire

SOUTHWEST RANCHES, Fla. (AP) — The owner of a South Florida ranch says some 300 exotic animals have died in a fire.

Blake Kaldrimoglu tells WSVN that some 200 turtle hatchlings died in the Tuesday afternoon blaze that also killed fish and rare tortoises.

Blake's Exotic Animal Ranch is in Southwest Ranches, which is west of Fort Lauderdale in Broward County.

Fire crews from Southwest Ranches and nearby Davie put out the fire.

Investigators said lightning may have struck the barn. They said the barn was completely made of wood.

The television station reports Kaldrimoglu runs a YouTube channel where he documented life at the barn.

#### SunPass starts getting back up to speed

(News Service of Florida) — SunPass toll transactions are starting to be processed, 22 days after a \$287 million upgrade to the system was expected to be completed. The Florida Department of Transportation on Tuesday thanked customers for their patience as the SunPass Centralized Customer Service System gradually

posts tens of millions of transactions in the order they were made since the upgrades began on June 6.

"Late fees and penalties will not be imposed until the system is operating fully and providing the benefits and ease of access that SunPass customers deserve and expect," Department of Transportation spokesman Ed Seifert said in a prepared statement. The work to consolidate electronic tolling authorities into a single billing system was expected to be completed on June 11. The state had warned the 6.5 million SunPass customers to ensure their pre-paid transponders had enough money on hand to cover collection once the upgrade was completed. But the conversion took longer than anticipated, with one state official last week pointing to "unexpected challenges."

The state agency said Tuesday that 4 million transactions had been processed. The system handles 4 million transactions a day, according to the state. Siefert reiterated Tuesday that the state intends to hold the vendor, Conduent, accountable for the delays. No penalties have been announced. As part of the conversion, SunPass Plus parking has been expanded from Orlando International Airport to include Miami International Airport, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Palm Beach International Airport and Tampa International Airport.

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

#### 2 dead after tree branch falls on crowd at fireworks show

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. (AP) — Authorities say two people have died after a tree branch fell on spectators during a fireworks display in western Illinois.

The Rock Island County Sheriff's Office says the branch fell from a large oak tree outside the county courthouse in Rock Island around 9:40 p.m. Tuesday.

Dozens were sitting near the tree watching the fireworks when the branch fell about 25 feet and crushed some of the spectators. Some of those who weren't hurt tried to lift the branch to free the people trapped beneath.

Five other people were injured.



AP PHOTO

Whiskey barrels are piled in a heap Wednesday, after the rest of the Barton 1792 Distillery, a whiskey storage warehouse, collapsed in Bardstown, Kentucky.

#### Rest of whiskey storage warehouse collapses in Kentucky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The rest of a whiskey storage warehouse has collapsed in Kentucky, nearly two weeks after part of the structure came crashing down.

Nelson County Emergency Management spokesman Milt Spalding said the remainder of the massive structure collapsed Wednesday afternoon at the Barton 1792 Distillery in Bardstown. He said no injuries were reported in either collapse.

Spalding said the scene looks like "a mountain of bourbon barrels."

He said state and federal officials are on the scene to determine if any whiskey spilled

into a nearby waterway.

Louisiana-based spirits company Sazerac, the distiller's owner, did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

After the initial collapse last month, the company said the damaged warehouse held about 18,000 barrels. It had said up to half the barrels inside were affected by the first collapse.

#### Florida man dies while kayaking in Utah river

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Authorities say a 50-year-old Florida man died in Utah's Provo River after getting caught in the current under a railroad bridge.

KUTV-TV reports the man was kayaking with family Tuesday afternoon on the river northeast of the city of Provo.

Wasatch County Chief Deputy Jared Rigby says the man was wearing a lifejacket, but the water's strength trapped him under a truss of the bridge.

Rescue teams from North Fork Fire and Wasatch County were in the water for about an hour before they were able to recover the body.

#### Bank restores stolen funds to oldest living WWII veteran

DALLAS (Dallas Morning News) — Bank of America has restored funds stolen from 112-year-old veteran Richard Overton's account, his family said.

Overton, a World War II veteran who lives in Austin, learned his bank account had been drained Friday, his third cousin Volma Overton said.

Volma Overton said the family was shocked when the bank called and asked them to come in and sign for the restored funds.

A Bank of America spokeswoman confirmed Wednesday that the bank was investigating the issue and had credited Overton's account. Austin police were also investigating, along with federal authorities.

Money wasn't the only thing stolen from Richard Overton, his cousin said. His identity was taken, too.

"Someone set up a bogus account, got his Social Security number and accessed his personal checking account," Volma Overton said.

His bank account wasn't tied to his GoFundMe account, which funds his in-home care. The campaign has raised more than \$430,000 since it launched in December 2016. Overton requires 24-hour care and four caretakers.

#### Rand Paul says he still has trouble breathing since attack

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Rand Paul says he still has trouble breathing since he was tackled in his yard eight months ago by a neighbor. His attacker was given a 30-day sentence, a punishment the Republican lawmaker thinks should have been harsher.

Paul told his hometown newspaper, the Bowling Green Daily News, that too often people "seem to think violence is the answer," and one way to stop the trend is with punishments that fit the crimes.

His neighbor, Rene Boucher, pleaded guilty to assaulting a member of Congress and was sentenced last month.

Federal prosecutors who sought a 21-month prison sentence are appealing the 30-day sentence.

Paul has filed a civil lawsuit against Boucher asking for medical costs and attorney fees relating to the incident.

#### 3 officers injured, gunman fatally shot in Illinois standoff

SOUTH ELGIN, Ill. (AP) — Police fatally shot a suburban Chicago man early Wednesday after he opened fire on officers, wounding three, during an overnight standoff.

South Elgin Police Sgt. Mike Doty says 52-year-old Frank Dripps immediately fired a shotgun at officers as they responded to a call of shots fired at the condominium building about 40 miles northwest of Chicago late Tuesday. Doty says three officers were hit by gunfire and described their injuries as not life threatening. He said officers didn't return fire.

About a dozen area police departments and two SWAT teams responded to the scene and set up a perimeter around the building, while nearby residents were evacuated from their homes, Doty said.

He said Dripps barricaded himself inside a stairwell and was yelling vulgarities at police, saying "he would shoot officers if they came at him."

Dripps had a rifle with a scope in addition to the shotgun, and raised the weapons to his shoulder "off and on" during the four-hour standoff. He fired again around 2:30 a.m. and was shot by an officer, Doty said. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Dripps and his wife began renting the condo in the building a few months ago, the son of the condo's owner said. Matthew Horne told The (Elgin) Courier that Dripps asked residents of the building to take care of his wife before the standoff began.



### HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You'll be asked to work on a job that you don't know the first thing about. Maybe you'll have to bluff a little just to get things rolling, but don't pretend to know everything. Stay receptive. Ask questions.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). If productivity is your only goal, you might miss out on the real pleasures of this day. The goal of being present without requiring any particular product of the moment will result in beautiful times.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Don't think you can do it? Then you must try. No... do better than try. Make a mission of it. Taking on extraordinary challenges will make you brave, strong and better in all the ways that count.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Tell them too much and they'll recoil. But tell them a little less than they really want to know and you'll have them leaning forward in their attempt to sate the appetite you've whetted.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A situation will heat up, causing you to go into hyper-

observant mode. The more details you can notice, the better you'll be able to take advantage of the opportunities here.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Worrying does have a benefit. It causes you to be aware of possibilities and choose your course carefully. But don't agonize over heavy stuff. You're supposed to climb the mountain, not carry it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Heartache isn't a problem to solve; it's a healing process. Relax and accept the feelings you've been running from. When your heart is peaceful, you move better, feel healthier and have more vitality to work with.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People decide one another's value based on how much benefit the other person brings or could bring to them, which is totally subjective. Decide your own value, because any assessment others make will be wrong.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). On days like today, you're better off not calling it a success, a failure, or even a wash. All that matters is having the courage to continue, and you have that abundantly.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As serious as you are about work, you may choose to

socialize instead of hunker down. There's much to learn from others, and you won't be sorry if you put companionship over business, but that's just for today.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Time and attention are not renewable resources. The moments and focus you give to other people matter, maybe more than anything else. You value what you give, and appreciate the value of what others give.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Just because you're an old soul doesn't mean you can't be naive, silly and surprised by fresh life. Today you'll be wise and awoken. You've seen it before and yet experience it as brand new.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 5). You'll love the swirling dance of this solar return, but this is more than a whirlwind of activity. There's a real purpose to accomplish here. It used to be about getting your goal, but now it's so much more. There are many who will work and live better when you get what you want. You can't let them down, and you won't. Taurus and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 25, 8 and 39.

Thursday, July 5, 2018

## GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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### THEY KEEP GETTING BETTER

North-South vulnerable, South deals

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♦ Q 9		♦ A J 6 5 3	
♣ 10 9 8 6		♣ 5 2	

The bidding:  
**SOUTH** WEST NORTH EAST  
**INT** Pass 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

China's rise as a power in world bridge has been steady over the last 20 years or so. Today, they can boast a number of world champions. Today's deal is from a match in the recent Vanderbilt Knockout Teams. A Chinese team was playing one of the best teams in the world.

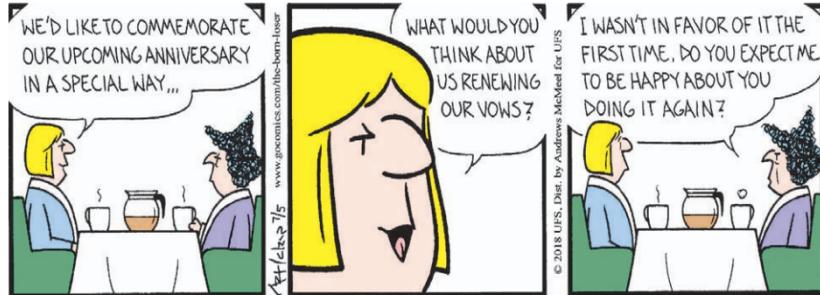
The auction and opening lead were the same at both tables. Both South players evaluated their hand as worth 15 points due to the five-card suit. At

one table, where Lidang Dong was East, he won the opening heart lead with the ace and returned the suit. Declarer played the 10, so West won with the jack and played a third round of hearts. Dong brilliantly discarded the king of diamonds on this trick, creating a diamond entry for his partner. The contract could no longer be made.

At the other table, Dong's teammate, Hou Xu, was South. He went up with his king on the second round of hearts, preventing his opponent from making the same great discard. He handled the diamonds carefully in order to prevent West from gaining the lead in that suit. He crossed to dummy with a high club and led a low diamond, playing his ace when East played low. A low diamond to the king set up the suit and the rest was easy. Had East risen with his king of diamonds on the first round of the suit, declarer would have ducked and let East hold the trick. West would again have been kept off lead. Excellent play by both Chinese players!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

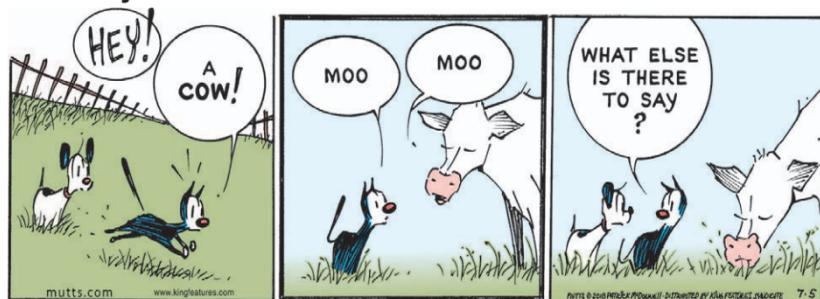
### BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



### BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



### MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



### BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



### DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Leaf of grass
- 6 Nature's bandage
- 10 Lunch or brunch
- 14 Olfactory stimulus
- 15 Cincinnati river
- 16 Lanchester of "Bride of Frankenstein"
- 17 Reading aids
- 18 Airport vehicle
- 19 Pixels
- 20 Basin
- 21 Yankee uniform features
- 23 Pried
- 25 Roman statesman
- 26 Make faces
- 27 October's stone
- 29 Entice
- 32 Trojan War leader
- 37 Establish
- 38 Spring bulb
- 39 Import vehicle
- 40 Hatched
- 42 Ell
- 43 Biblical prophet
- 44 Hippie's digs
- 45 Stick fast
- 49 Minds
- 53 Deterrence
- 56 Painted tinware

### DOWN

- 1 Red-tag events
- 2 Shrimp
- 3 Lover in a play
- 4 Unrehearsed features
- 5 Helium or nitrogen
- 6 Not hallowed out
- 7 Do pull-ups
- 8 Draws a bead on
- 9 Marine's training site (2 wds.)
- 10 Army doc
- 11 Avoid a big wedding
- 12 Late bloomer
- 13 Cowboy gear
- 21 Cribbage counter
- 22 Annoy
- 24 Lay down
- 27 Gawks at

### PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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- 48 Smooths out
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### JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

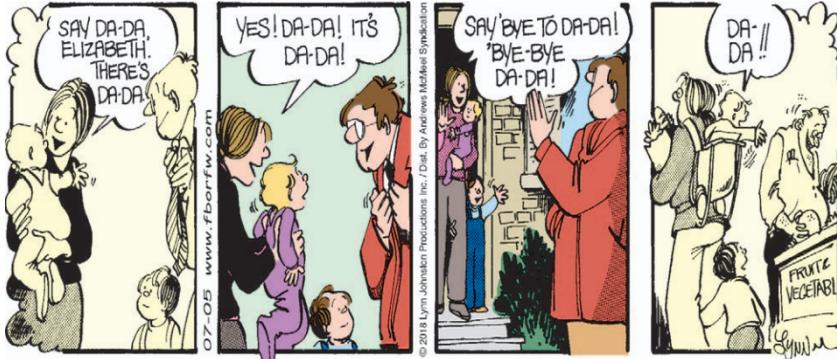
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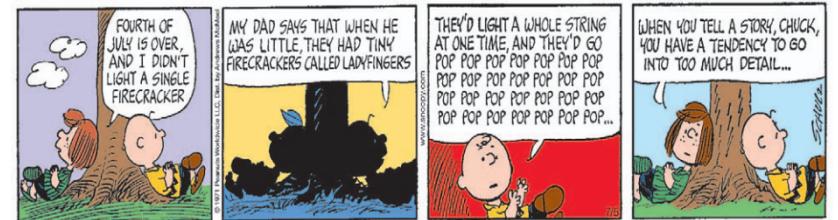
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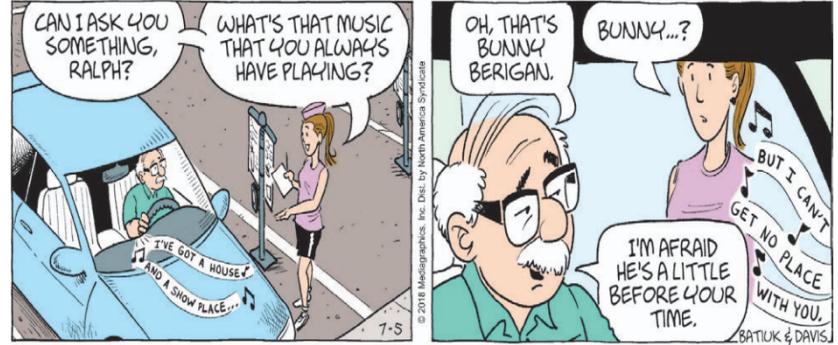
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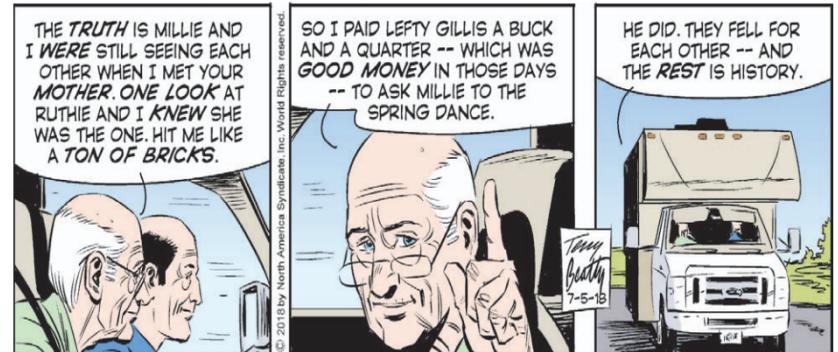
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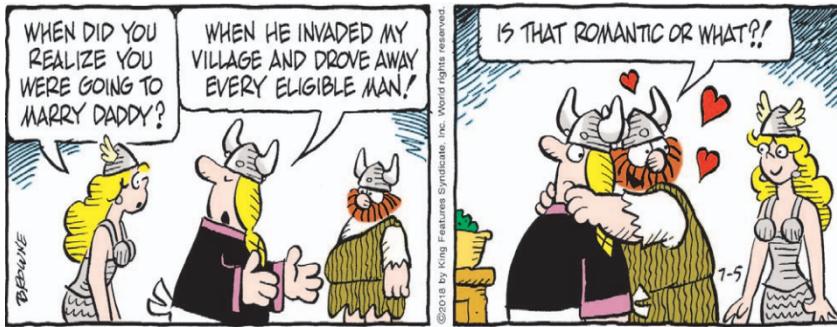
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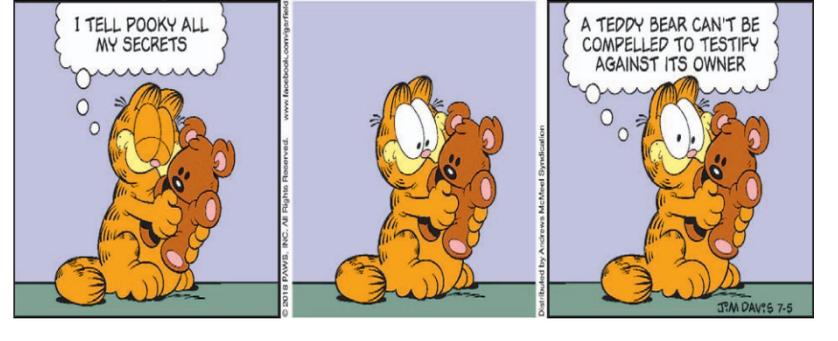
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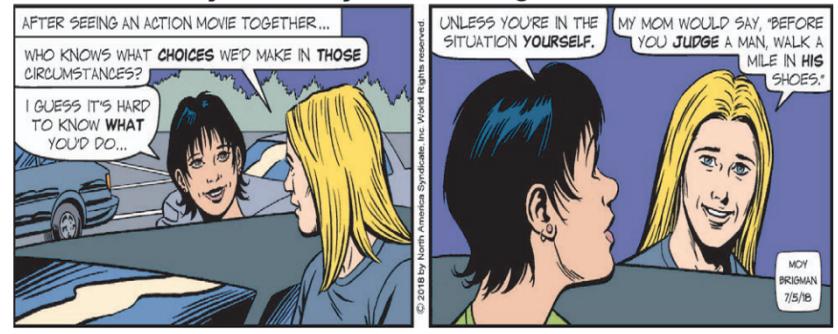
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# Islamic State says leader's son killed in Syria

By SARAH EL DEEB  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT — The Islamic State group says the son of its top leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi has been killed fighting Syrian government forces. The announcement of the death of the

al-Baghdadi's young son appeared on the group's social media accounts late Tuesday. It included a picture of a young boy carrying a rifle and identified him as Huthaifa al-Badri.

The statement, dated this month, said he was an elite fighter, known

as an "inghimasi," who was killed while fighting Syrian and Russian troops at a power station in the central Homs province. It did not specify when he was killed.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a war monitoring group, said the most recent IS operations

in the area were in the first two weeks of June.

Al-Baghdadi has been reported killed or wounded on a number of occasions but is widely believed to still be alive. Little is known about al-Baghdadi's family, but a woman and a child who were said to be his

wife and daughter were detained in Lebanon in 2014.

IS has been driven from nearly all the territory it once controlled in Syria and Iraq, though it still maintains a presence in the Syrian desert and remote areas along the Syria-Iraq border.



AP PHOTO

This undated image posted by media outlets of the Islamic State militant group, shows Huthaifa al-Badri, son of the leader of the Islamic State group Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

## Activists protest planned West Bank demolition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli police scuffled with activists protesting the planned demolition of a Bedouin hamlet in the West Bank on Wednesday amid international opposition to the razing of the site.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said 11 people were arrested in the "disturbance" including several for throwing stones at officers in Khan al-Ahmar. He said three officers were injured, including one evacuated to a hospital for treatment.

Mustafa Barghouti, a Palestinian legislator, said four protesters were injured.

"This is a vicious, barbaric attack on peaceful demonstrators and they are trying to demolish Khan Al-Ahmar," he said.

Israel says the structures that make up the



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Khan al-Ahmar encampment of corrugated shacks and tents were illegally built and pose a threat to residents because of their proximity to a highway.

Police could be seen dragging a handcuffed woman and pushing a Bedouin man. A construction vehicle flattened earth near the site.

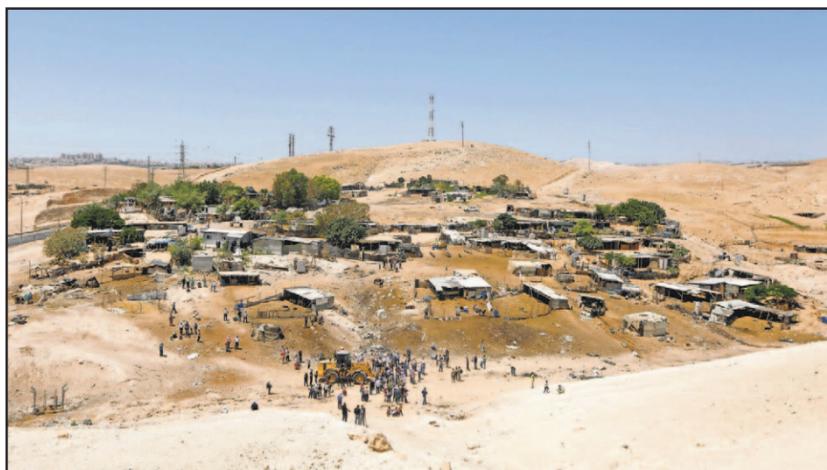
The Bedouin village outside the Kfar Adumim

settlement, is set to be demolished at an unknown date after Israel's Supreme Court approved the move in May.

Israel agreed to resettle the residents in an area some 7 miles away.

Israel captured the territory in the 1967 Mideast war.

Critics say it is nearly impossible to get a building permit from Israel and that the village's



AP PHOTOS

Palestinians surround a bulldozer in Khan al-Ahmar. Critics say it is nearly impossible to get building permits, and that the residents are being removed to clear the way for Jewish settlements.

demolition and the removal of its 180 or so residents is a ploy to clear the way for new Israeli settlements.

The village is located in the 60 percent of the West Bank known as Area C, which remains under exclusive Israeli control and is home to dozens of Israeli settlements. Israel places severe restrictions on Palestinian development there and home

demolitions are not unusual.

As part of interim peace deals in the 1990s, the West Bank was carved up into autonomous and semi-autonomous Palestinian areas, known as Areas A and B, and Area C, which is home to some 400,000 Israeli settlers.

The Palestinians say that Area C, home to an estimated 150,000 to

200,000 Palestinians, is crucial to the economic development of their future state.

The U.N.'s main human rights body on Tuesday called on Israel to abandon the demolition plans.

The French Foreign Ministry condemned the looming demolition saying it undermines "the viability of a two state solution" to the conflict.

## Archaeologists urge Albania to protect underwater heritage

By LLAZAR SEMINI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TIRANA, Albania — Hundreds of Roman and Greek artifacts and ancient shipwrecks sitting under Albania's barely explored coastline are in danger of falling prey to looters or treasure hunters if not properly protected, researchers and archaeologists warn.

James Goold, chairman of the Florida-based RPM Nautical Foundation, said the objects — dating from the 8th century B.C. through to World War II — would be a great tourist attraction if properly displayed in a museum.

Goold's RPM has mapped out the Ionian seabed from the Greek border all along to the Vlorë Bay, finding at least 22 shipwrecks from the ancient times to World War II and hundreds of ancient amphorae. Those long, narrow terracotta vessels carried olive oil and wine along trade routes



AP FILE PHOTOS

Marine life grows on ancient North African amphorae at the site of a 4th century A.D. shipwreck off the coast of Albania. On the seabed off the rugged shores of Albania, one of the world's least explored underwater coastlines, lies a wealth of treasures, and researchers are urging Albanian authorities to build a museum to display the artefacts.

between North Africa and the Roman Empire, where Albania, then Illyria, was a crossroad.

"The time has come to build a museum for Albanian and foreign tourists," said Albanian

archaeologist Neritan Ceka.

Some amphorae may have already been looted — they are not infrequently seen decorating restaurants along the Albanian coastline.

Albania is trying to protect and capitalize on its rich underwater heritage, long neglected by its former communist regime, but preservation still receives scarce funding from the government in one of Europe's poorest nations.

The arrival of RPM's Hercules research vessel 11 years ago was "a real revolution," Ceka said, praising its professional divers, high-tech sonar and remotely operated underwater vehicle.

RPM and a joint Albanian-Italian expedition are the only scientific underwater efforts in Albania so far, both with the government's approval.

Now RPM believes

it's time for the not-for-profit Institute of Nautical Archaeology research organization, which is based in Texas, U.S., to explore the possibilities of excavating shipwrecks, a financially expensive and scientifically delicate process.

"There's a special environment in Albania, because the coast has been so protected for so many years," said INA's David Ruff, a former commander of a nuclear-powered submarine.

Ruff said "one of the real gems of Albania is the Butrint site" — a UNESCO-protected ancient Greek and Roman site in southernmost Albania close to the Greek border.

He said INA's Virazon II research vessel will stay for a month in Albanian waters "to understand the coast of Albania and if we can run a large-scale excavation here."

## US diplomat visits Pakistan to discuss peace in Afghanistan

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD — A top diplomat from President Donald Trump's administration met with the Pakistani army chief to discuss how to ensure peace in Afghanistan following a recent cease-fire between the Taliban and Kabul, officials said Wednesday.

Alice Wells, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state, met with Pakistani army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa.

Pakistan is believed to have played a role in ensuring the first truce in Afghanistan's brutal 17-year war when Kabul and insurgents separately but peacefully celebrated the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr that follows the holy month of Ramadan. However, violence later resumed.

Wells' visit, which took place Tuesday, came after Afghanistan stepped up efforts at finding a peaceful settlement, weeks after a U.S. drone missile killed Pakistani Taliban leader Mullah Fazlullah in Afghanistan. Bajwa recently

visited Kabul, where he met with the Afghan president Ashraf Ghani and his counterpart to assure them of Islamabad's full support in reviving peace process between Kabul and the Taliban.

Kabul's envoy to Islamabad, Ambassador Omar Zakhilwal, also met with Bajwa at his office in the garrison city of Rawalpindi and discussed the security situation in Afghanistan and other "matters of mutual interest," according to a military statement Wednesday.

Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have witnessed ups and downs in recent years, with both sides accusing each other of not taking action against Islamic militants linked to violence in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

But frequent meetings in recent weeks between high officials on both sides indicate significant improvement in relations between the two neighbors that are key allies of the United States in the war on terror.



AP PHOTO

U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state, Alice Wells, meets with Pakistani army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa to discuss how to ensure peace in Afghanistan following a recent cease-fire between the Taliban and Kabul, in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.



Maritime ecologist Derek Smith of the RPM Nautical Foundation, back left, takes measurements on sedimentation at the site of a 4th century A.D. shipwreck off the coast of Albania.



**EYEING A REPEAT**  
Xander Schauffele looks for repeat victory in West Virginia. **Page 3**

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Head Coaching**

## NCAA preparing minority candidates

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**  
Associated Press

OXON HILL, Md. — Camera lighting made beads of sweat emerge from Tony Elliott's forehead as he fielded questions ranging from football philosophy to something he could share about his private life. The Clemson co-offensive coordinator paused, smiled and couldn't hide his joy about riding an all-terrain vehicle through the woods. The walls broke

down as Elliott made a human connection with mock interviewer Jon Oliver in the best possible preparation he can get for a head coaching job. Despite helping the Tigers win a national title, Elliott has never interviewed for a head coaching job. "Two phone calls," Elliott said. College football as a public entity can't institute a Rooney Rule like the NFL, which compels teams to interview minority candidates for

head coaching jobs. So instead of focusing all its efforts on the schools, the NCAA is putting some of its rising coaching candidates through its Champion Forum to better prepare them for the interview process. It is an effort to increase the diversity in the Power Five conferences and across the country. "You can't shame people into hiring people," said Oliver, a former University of Virginia athletics

administrator who now works with the Champion Forum. "You can't tell (schools) what they need to be doing. But what we can do is make sure (the candidates) are ready." Minorities make up only 19 percent of Division I head football coaches and less across the Power Five conferences: the ACC, SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac 12. In contrast, 61 percent of Division I players are minorities.

SEE NCAA, 3



AP FILE PHOTO  
**Clemson co-offensive coordinators Tony Elliott, left, and Jeff Scott speak to the media at a news conference in Fort Lauderdale.**

**MLB: Rays**

## Breaking through



AP PHOTO  
**The Rays ended up with a lot to celebrate in 16-inning win over Marlins.**

### The secret to Rays' 16-inning success vs. Marlins

By **MARC TOPKIN**  
Tampa Bay Times

MIAMI — The inspiring force, and somewhat of the secret weapon, in the Rays' wild, weird and wacky 9-6, 16-inning win over the Marlins was a 30-year-stocky journeyman lefthander who ended the night limping off the field and headed to the DL. It wasn't just that Vidal Nuno pitched the 14th and 15th innings, and it wasn't just that he rapped two hits, trying to stretch one into a double and knocking in a run during the Rays' five-run

16th with the other, but the all-out vigor and verve with which he played. "It was fun," Nuno said. "It was exciting. That was a long game. It was my turn to pitch, and come up to bat, too. Pretty much did my job." Actually, he did much more than that. Just ask Jake Bauers, the 22-year-old rookie first base whose two-out double in the 16th broke the hours-long 2-2 tie. "I was lucky to swing; my last two at-bats I was just mentally exhausted," Bauers said. "I have

to thank Nuno. Watching him give it everything that he had kind of kicked me in the ass a little bit. Kind of made me say all right, this guy is out there selling out, let's end this game for him." The Rays had seen Nuno pitch effectively before, his contributions a pleasant surprise since his late May promotion from Triple-A, so the two zeroes, even after allowing a leadoff double in the 15th, were somewhat expected. But they've never seen anything like what he did with the bat in his hands.

SEE RAYS, 3

**MLB: Rays**

## Hechavarria waits, wonders about status with Rays

By **MARC TOPKIN**  
Tampa Bay Times

MIAMI — Adeiny Hechavarria truly doesn't know where he could be playing tomorrow. Or any day going forward. In bringing up Willy Adames a couple weeks ago to transition from the shortstop of the future to the present, the Rays made clear Hechavarria's time was in the past. But it's not that simple, as few things with the Rays are, as they also seem determined to only ship Hechavarria out if they can get something of value in return, and not eat the close to \$3 million remaining on his deal. So for now, Hechavarria splits time at short with Adames, showcasing his extraordinary defensive skills that the other 29 teams are already well aware of, and wondering what will be next.

"It's different," Hechavarria said. "Sometimes I'm thinking a lot (about it)," he said. "I'm feeling a little sad sometimes. It's like that. Maybe tomorrow I'm playing for another team. You never know." The Rays' urgency to trade Hechavarria is likely to increase, and their demands to decrease, in the next few weeks leading up to the July 31 deadline for non-waiver deals. He is a free agent after the season, so getting something, even salary relief, would seem to make more sense than nothing if he walks away. Plus there could be clarity once Baltimore moves Manny Machado, as teams looking for shortstop help can be more realistic about their other options.

SEE HECHAVARRIA, 3



MIAMI HERALD  
**Adeiny Hechavarria hits an RBI double during the first inning against his former team, the Marlins, on Tuesday night.**

**NFL: Bucs**

## Pierre-Paul: 'Be safe' in celebrating 4th of July

By **GREG AUMAN**  
Tampa Bay Times

Jason Pierre-Paul, preparing for his first season with the Bucs, had a graphic reminder for his fans on Tuesday night of how important it is to be careful with fireworks while celebrating the 4th of July tonight. The Pro Bowl defensive end from USF posted a photo to Instagram showing the significant damage his right hand (you can see it here, though we warn that it is graphic) sustained when fireworks went off in his hand on July 4 three years ago.

"It's been 3 yrs since my accident and I can truly say I'm very blessed and fortunate to be where I am in life," Pierre-Paul wrote. "Looking at these pictures seems unreal and crazy. How your life can change in the blink of an eye." Pierre-Paul has been able to return to playing at a high level despite the injury to his hand — he detailed the accident to Sports Illustrated in 2016. After missing much of the 2015 season recovering from his injury, he had seven sacks in 2016;

SEE BUCS, 3



MONICA HERNDON | TIMES  
**New Bucs defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul, shown practicing this summer, reminded fans Tuesday to be careful when celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks.**

**TENNIS: Wimbledon**

## Bugs, 'lucky' foe send No. 2 seed Wozniacki out of Wimbledon

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
Associated Press

LONDON — Caroline Wozniacki complained about the flying insects at Wimbledon, demanding that bug spray be brought to the court. She wondered aloud whether play should be halted because of a brief drizzle. And the No. 2-seeded Wozniacki was not exactly gracious in defeat after staving off

five match points, but not the sixth, in what became a 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 loss to 35th-ranked Ekaterina Makarova of Russia in the second round at the All England Club on Wednesday. The reigning Australian Open champion's latest lackluster showing at Wimbledon made her the fifth top-eight seeded woman to exit by the end of Day 3.

SEE TENNIS, 3

**Florida Lottery**

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**PICK 2**

July 4N .....	9-7
July 4D .....	3-1
July 3N .....	9-8
July 3D .....	3-0
July 2N .....	3-9
July 2D .....	0-2

**PICK 3**

July 4N .....	1-1-7
July 4D .....	9-5-9
July 3N .....	1-0-6
July 3D .....	3-1-5
July 2N .....	2-9-5
July 2D .....	7-8-4

**PICK 4**

July 4N .....	9-8-4-5
July 4D .....	4-5-5-3
July 3N .....	0-7-2-7
July 3D .....	5-2-5-9
July 2N .....	5-3-0-7
July 2D .....	3-0-0-8

**PICK 5**

July 4N .....	8-5-2-0-1
July 4D .....	1-0-9-9-3
July 3N .....	7-7-9-3-7
July 3D .....	0-4-9-4-6
July 2N .....	8-3-9-0-5
July 2D .....	8-9-9-8-5

D-Day, N-Night

**FANTASY 5**

July 3 .....	12-27-28-29-36
July 2 .....	2-11-33-35-36
July 1 .....	5-12-16-22-27

PAYOFF for July 2

0.....	5-digit winners.....	\$0
274.	4-digit winners	\$555.00
8,753..	3-digit winners	20.00

**CASH FOR LIFE**

June 28.....	4-13-24-53-59
Cash Ball .....	1

**SPORTS ON TV****AUTO RACING**

1 p.m.  
NBCSN — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Coca-Cola Firecracker 250, practice, at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
2 p.m.  
NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Coke Zero Sugar 400, practice, at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
3 p.m.  
NBCSN — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Coca-Cola Firecracker 250, final practice, at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
4 p.m.  
NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Coke Zero Sugar 400, final practice, at Daytona Beach, Fla.  
4:55 a.m. (Friday)  
ESPN2 — Formula One, British Grand Prix, practice, at Silverstone, England

**GOLF**

5:30 a.m.  
GOLF — European PGA Tour, Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, first round, at Donegal, Ireland  
1:30 p.m.  
GOLF — Web.com Tour, LECOM Health Challenge, first round, at Clymer, N.Y.  
3:30 p.m.  
GOLF — PGA Tour, A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier Classic, first round, at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.  
6:30 p.m.  
GOLF — LPGA Tour, Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic, first round, at Oneida, Wis.

**MLB BASEBALL**

8 p.m.  
MLB — Regional coverage, Atlanta at Milwaukee OR Chicago White Sox at Houston

PAYOFF FOR July 2

0.....	5-5 CB.....	\$1,000/Day
0.....	5-5..	\$1,000/Week
2.....	4-5 CB.....	\$2,500
15.....	4-5 .....	\$500

**LUCKY MONEY**

July 3.....	11-14-24-30
Lucky Ball.....	5

**LOTTO**

PAYOFF FOR July 3

0.....	4-of-4 LB ..	\$1.5 Million
6.....	4-of-4 .....	\$969.50
53	3-of-4 LB .....	\$240.50
819...	3-of-4.....	\$45.50

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$1.8 Million

**POWERBALL**

June 30 13-24-28-32-37-47

PAYOFF FOR June 27

0	6-digit winners	\$2.5 million
13	5-digit winners	\$4,713.00
756...	4-digit winners	\$75.00

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$3 million

**MEGA MILLIONS**

June 30..... 3-9-20-42-61

Powerball ..... 24 |

PAYOFF FOR June 27

0.....	5-5 + PB .....	\$50 Million
0.....	5-5 .....	\$1 Million
1....	4-5 + PB .....	\$50,000
19...	4-5 .....	\$100

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$60 Million

July 3..... 13-35-45-49-68

Mega Ball ..... 23 |

11 p.m.  
MLB — Regional coverage, St. Louis at San Francisco OR L.A. Angels at Seattle (games joined in progress)

**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS**  
9 p.m.  
NBCSN — Professional Fighters League, at Washington

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
3 p.m.  
NBA — Summer League, L.A. Lakers vs. Golden State, at Sacramento, Calif.

5 p.m.  
NBA — Summer League, Miami vs. Sacramento, at Sacramento, Calif.

7 p.m.  
NBA — Summer League, Memphis vs. San Antonio, at Salt Lake City

9 p.m.  
NBA — Summer League, Atlanta vs. Utah, at Salt Lake City

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS**  
6 p.m.  
ESPN2 — 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, at Seattle

**SPECIALS**  
8 p.m.  
ESPN — 2018 World Series of Poker, Main Event, at Las Vegas

**TENNIS**  
7 a.m.  
ESPN — Wimbledon Championships, second round, at London

**TRACK & FIELD**  
8 p.m.  
NBCSN — IAAF Diamond League, Athletissima meet, at Lausanne, Switzerland

**WNBA BASKETBALL**  
8 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Los Angeles at Minnesota

**MLB: Marlins 3, Rays 0**

# Marlins bounce back from 16-inning loss to beat Rays

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

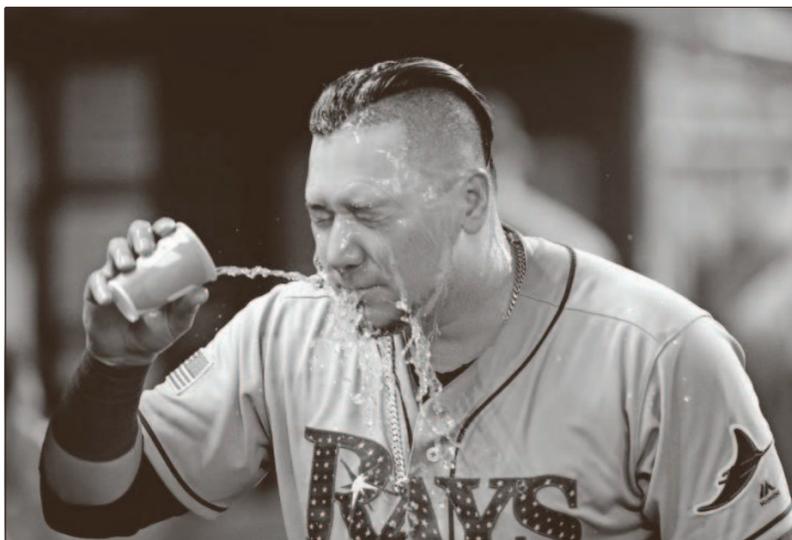
MIAMI — Needing a good night's sleep, Jose Urena left the ballpark shortly after midnight Wednesday before the end of the Miami Marlins' 16-inning loss to Tampa Bay, monitoring the game on his phone as he drove home.

That made him perhaps the best-rested player when the teams returned to the field barely 12 hours later. And it showed.

Urena and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and the Marlins bounced back from their marathon loss to beat Tampa Bay 3-0.

J.T. Riddle singled, tripled and homered. "There is a little bit of a hangover. I'm not going to lie," Riddle said. "You play 16 innings like that, and you come in eight hours later and have to play again, the body doesn't feel the greatest. But it's part of your job."

While both teams were dragging, Urena looked fresh in his first outing since June 20, when he was sidelined by right



Tampa Bay Rays' Jesus Sucre pours water on his face as he stands in the dugout during the fifth inning Wednesday in Miami. AP PHOTO

shoulder impingement. He pitched five scoreless innings and struck out six before departing for a pinch hitter after throwing 78 pitches.

"Everything was good," Urena said. "I felt I could go longer, but I haven't thrown that much the past 12 or 13 days."

Drew Rucinski (4-1) pitched two scoreless innings for his second win in the series. Brad

Ziegler pitched around a walk in the ninth to earn his 10th save.

The Marlins took the series and went 5-5 on their longest homestand of the year. The Rays lost for only the third time in the past 12 games.

Riddle's RBI triple in the sixth put the Marlins ahead. The ball appeared catchable, but sailed over the head of center fielder Kevin Kiermaier near the wall.

Riddle added his fifth homer in the eighth.

Three Rays — Kiermaier, Daniel Robertson and Jake Bauers — started after playing all 16 innings Tuesday. They went a combined 0 for 11.

"Urena pitched well," manager Kevin Cash said. "He kind of changed his approach, started throwing fastballs in to the lefties and away to the righties. That has generally not been his M.O."

**BASEBALL: Rhode Island**

## July Fourth baseball game pays tribute to WWI baseball game

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The ceremonial first pitch at a July Fourth baseball game in Rhode Island will be reminiscent of the same ritual at a game played during World War I a century ago.

U.S. Navy Adm. William S. Sims organized a baseball league in Europe in 1917.

King George V watched the Navy triumph in the Army versus Navy World Series on Independence

Day in 1918 in London.

The Newport Gulls game Wednesday night in Newport, Rhode Island, will begin with Sims' grandson throwing the first pitch to great grandchildren of men who played for the Navy in the championship.

Artifacts will be displayed, including a baseball the king signed, commemorative watch presented to the winning players and the 1918 scorecard. The U.S. Naval War College and the Naval History

and Heritage Command organized it to teach people about history in a different way.

"You know how important this history is, but sometimes people don't have a point of relevance to understand," said David Kohnen, who oversees the college's John B. Hattendorf Center for Maritime Historical Research and the Naval War College Museum. "This is one way for us to bring the past to a contemporary relevance for a wider

audience."

Kohnen said it's notable that on July Fourth, as America was celebrating its independence from England, the British monarch celebrated American culture with troops at the 1918 game.

Michael Falcone, director of baseball operations for the Newport Gulls, said the theme seemed like a perfect fit since the team was playing on the holiday. The Newport Gulls is a summer collegiate baseball team.

**NBA: Playoffs**

## NBA estimates 40,000 more travel miles in a top-16 postseason format

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NBA estimates an increase of 40,000 miles of travel in the post-season if it scrapped its current conference format and took the top 16 teams.

Calls to change the system were renewed this week when LeBron James left Cleveland for the Los Angeles Lakers,

which could create another strong Western Conference team, where both Houston and Golden State finished above .700. The only team in the Eastern Conference with a similar record was Toronto. Houston and Golden State met in a thrilling West final before the Warriors swept the Cavaliers in the NBA Finals.

Commissioner Adam Silver has said ideally

there would be a format allowing the two best teams to meet for the title, but he has repeatedly expressed concern about the additional travel that would be created if teams were seeded 1 to 16 in the postseason, instead of the current format in which it's the top eight teams in each conference.

"I think, as I've said in the past, the obstacle is travel, and it's not

tradition in my mind, at least," Silver said at the All-Star break. "It's that as we've added an extra week to the regular season, as we've tried to reduce the number of back-to-backs, that we are concerned about teams crisscrossing the country in the first round, for example. We are just concerned about the overall travel that we would have in the top 16 teams."

**CYCLING: Tour de France**

## Froome calls on skeptical fans to let him ride Tour in peace

By JOSEPH WILSON  
Associated Press

SAINT-MARS-LA-REORTHE, France — Chris Froome has asked Tour de France fans to let him ride in peace, even if they doubt the recent ruling that cleared him of doping allegations.

The British cyclist has been targeted by spectators in the past. During the 2015 Tour, he said a man threw a cup of urine at him while yelling "doper".

With the latest edition beginning on Saturday, five days after the International Cycling Union finally ruled Froome had won last year's Spanish Vuelta cleanly, the four-time Tour winner offered an alternative way for skeptical fans to show their distrust.

"Support the race in a positive way, don't bring negativity," he said on Wednesday in western France. "In terms of safety I obviously would encourage fans of the

sport to come watch the race, and if you are not necessarily a Chris Froome fan or a Sky fan, come to the race and put a jersey on of another team you do support. That would be my advice."

A cloud hung over Froome after a urine sample taken during the Vuelta in September showed a concentration of the asthma drug salbutamol that was twice the permitted level.

After months of silence, the UCI said Froome's

result did not represent an adverse finding, which could have led him to be stripped of his Vuelta victory, and a suspension.

The UCI's ruling ensured he could compete at the Tour after race organizer ASO had informed Team Sky it would forbid Froome from entering until the doping case was decided.

His use of asthma medication has been well documented and he often uses inhalers during races.

Froome said he understands it may take time for fans to believe he is not a cheat.

"But that data is available, and I would like to think that as people understand that more, they will understand my decision to keep on racing knowing I have certainly done nothing wrong," Froome said. "Of course it has been damaging. As it is right now I'm just happy to draw a line in the sand and move on and focus on bike racing."

UCI president David Lappartient has also issued a call for calm.

"(Froome) has the right to operate in a safe environment. I have heard calls, sometimes completely irrational, to violence on the Tour de France," Lappartient said. "I cannot accept that and I call on all spectators to protect all the athletes and to respect the judicial decision so that Chris Froome can compete in a safe and serene environment."

## GOLF: A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier

## Schauffele looks for repeat win in West Virginia

By JOHN RABY  
Associated Press

Decisions by most of the world's elite golfers to skip the PGA Tour's stop in West Virginia have been a boost for younger players like Xander Schauffele.

Schauffele had a one-stroke victory over Robert Streb at The Greenbrier resort last season, which ended with the 24-year-old from San Diego winning the Tour Championship and earning Rookie of the Year honors.

This year, nearly all of the two dozen rookies on the tour are in the field at A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier, which starts Thursday on the Old White TPC in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.



AP FILE PHOTO

Xander Schauffele plays his shot from the fourth tee during the final round of the U.S. Open in Southampton, N.Y.

Chances are good that one or more of them could be near the top of the leaderboard. Four of the tournament's seven champions have been first-time winners, including three rookies.

Schauffele likes his chances, too.

He is part of the

successful high school class of 2011 that includes Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas and Daniel Berger. Schauffele pointed out that Spieth won the John Deere Classic in 2013 and 2015, Thomas won in Malaysia in 2015 and 2016, and Berger at the St. Jude

Classic in 2016 and 2017.

"I feel like I want to join that group," Schauffele said Wednesday.

But Schauffele has missed the cut in three of his last four tournaments after finishing tied for second at The Players Championship.

At No. 24 in the world, he's among five players ranked in the top 30 at The Greenbrier. The others are Bubba Watson (No. 13), Phil Mickelson (No. 20), Webb Simpson (No. 21) and Brian Harman (No. 26). Five from the top 15 in the FedEx Cup are competing.

Watson, a three-time winner this season, and Mickelson own vacation homes at The Greenbrier Sporting Club. The Greenbrier

Classic, typically held around Independence Day, was renamed last month in honor of the nation's active and past members of the military, who are being given free admission.

"It would be a huge accomplishment to win here in front of my home crowd," Watson said. "What a dream that would be, my dad was in the military so now we've got the name of the tournament. It just would mean a lot for my family to honor my late dad."

It's the first tournament for Mickelson since the U.S. Open, when he intentionally violated golf rules by hitting a moving ball on the 13th green in the third round. He later apologized, saying his anger and

frustration got the best of him.

The West Virginia stop could see a change when the PGA Tour reveals its full schedule this month for the next FedEx Cup season. The tournament at Sam Snead's former playground in White Sulphur Springs is under contract through 2021.

Watson, for one, wouldn't mind seeing a schedule change. From a business standpoint, he said the Fourth of July holiday always is a hectic time at The Greenbrier, so moving the tournament to later in the year, especially with the area's spectacular fall foliage on display, would give the resort yet another busy week.

"I've always thought that the fall would be great," he said.

## TENNIS

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Wozniacki said Makarova "got a little lucky" and added, "I would be very surprised if you saw her go far."

Asked what she thought of those remarks, Makarova laughed and replied: "Well, I don't know what to say. Yeah, maybe I was lucky today. Good for me. Thanks, God."

While both Williams sisters moved into the third round, as did past U.S. Open runners-up Madison Keys and Karolina Pliskova, among the women, and Roger Federer won 35 consecutive points on his serve while extending his Wimbledon set streak to 26 in a row, it was Wozniacki's departure that counted as the closest thing to big news on Wednesday.

She is a former No. 1 who recently claimed her first Grand Slam title. She won a grass-court tuneup tournament last weekend.

She had managed to convince herself this was going to be her year to



AP PHOTO

Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark shakes her head to avoid the flying insects on court Wednesday in London.

shine at the All England Club, the only major where she's never been past the fourth round. In addition to her title on the hard courts in Australia, she's twice been the runner-up on that surface at the U.S. Open, and she's been a quarterfinalist twice on the French Open's red clay.

But a game that is principally predicated on defense can be harder to make work on the speedy grass, where Makarova produced twice as many winners Wednesday, 46-23.

"It's frustrating," Wozniacki said, "because I feel like I could have gone and

done something really great here."

Instead, it's the fourth time in the past seven years that she's out in the first or second round.

She almost put together quite a comeback, though.

After trailing 5-1 in the third set, Wozniacki broke twice when Makarova served for the match. The second time, at 5-3, Makarova was within a point of victory four times, but was unable to convert, wasting one of those opportunities with a double-fault. Once Wozniacki pulled even in the last set by holding

at love, Makarova gave herself a bit of a talking-to.

"At 5-all, I said to myself: 'OK, calm down. Start over,'" recounted Makarova, a former top-10 player who twice has been a major semifinalist and got to the Wimbledon quarterfinals in 2014.

From deuce in that game, she picked up six of the last seven points.

Earlier in the match, Wozniacki was bugging out about the bugs that also showed up last year at the tournament. She insisted that something needed to be done about them.

Makarova, too, called the scene "a little bit strange and different" and "a little bit uncomfortable."

That word also described how Makarova's left-handed game made Wozniacki feel.

"I had a chance today. I fought all I had. I'm out. That's it," said Wozniacki, who actually won more total points, 94-91. "It's life sometimes. You just have to keep working and come back. And hopefully next time, luck will be on my side."

## NCAA

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The Champion Forum has helped Penn State's James Franklin, Vanderbilt's Derek Mason, Stanford's David Shaw, Arizona's Kevin Sumlin and others get head jobs, with the aim of pushing along the next generation.

Elliott, Michigan assistant head coach Pep Hamilton, LSU defensive coordinator Dave Aranda, Florida State defensive coordinator Harlon Barnett, South Carolina offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon and Navy offensive coordinator Ivin Jasper are all part of the latest class. Picked by their conferences and schools to go through the program, they're all in Phase 2, which includes one-on-one mock interviews, conversations with search firms and information about contracts and what to expect from being a head coach.

"It's just the knowledge of what goes into becoming a head coach, what (athletic directors) look for, what search firms look for," said Jasper, who has been a candidate for jobs at Georgia Southern, Yale and Rice during his time at Navy. "Having those tools in our toolbox now and know what people look for, now we can address those issues and work on getting better at it."

Jasper and Elliott had back-to-back mock interviews with their wives seated a few feet away. Oliver played the role of the interviewer for a job at a fictional Atlantic University in Florida, firing questions at each coach about a head job and asking if they had any questions of their own.

Afterward, Oliver critiqued them on everything from how fast they were talking to what they shouldn't have said. Oliver has seen coaches go from not being able to finish answers to having

a better idea of what to expect the next time the phone rings about an opening.

"Had I not gone through this process, I wouldn't know what I was getting into," Elliott said. "I wouldn't have been encouraged to go prepare in the areas where I needed to prepare to ultimately be successful. Because at the end of the day, it's not just becoming a head coach. It's being a successful head coach and building a successful program."

The success of coaches like Franklin helps because Oliver is well aware that minority coaches who don't succeed are less likely to get a second chance. In his eight years running the Champion Forum, director of NCAA leadership development Curtis Hollomon has seen progress with more minority coaches being in the mix for openings.

"What we've seen is the awareness of these coaches," Hollomon

said. "That's one of the main things that we're trying to do: let them know that these coaches are out there, they're in these positions and they're ready when the opportunities present themselves."

The program includes two steps of interview training, video clips to show strengths and weaknesses, and an in-person follow-up by former Washington Redskins general manager Charley Casserly and other officials. This year, the NCAA invited the coordinators' wives to sit in on the program and welcomed their input.

"It made me realize how much he has grown," said Elliott's wife, Tameka. "Just watching him grow and seeing his transition and seeing how he has to interact with more people than he was used to interacting with — not just the player and the family. Now you've got the AD and fundraisers, stuff like that."

## BUCS

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last year, he had 8.5 sacks, with 68 tackles in more than 1,000 defensive snaps.

"One of the greatest American traditions in celebrating 4th of July is with fireworks," he wrote Tuesday night. "Unfortunately,

tomorrow someone will be injured playing with fireworks. We are celebrating the birthday of our great nation. I'm glad to still be alive to show you the outcome of what happened to me. Please don't feel sorry for me, trust me your boy fine even with missing fingers lol. Be safe out there otherwise, this can be you."

Pierre-Paul has made fireworks safety a priority since his accident. Here's a public service announcement video he made two years ago, also showing the damage to his hand as a reminder for fans to be careful.

The Bucs are hoping Pierre-Paul is part of a major upgrade on the defensive line, as

they sent the Giants a third-round pick to acquire him and will pay him \$12.5 million this season. Tampa Bay also used its first-round pick on DT Vita Vea and signed DE Vinny Curry, DT Beau Allen and DT Mitch Unrein in free agency, adding a new defensive line coach in Brentson Buckner as well.

## RAYS

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In the 15th, batting with one out, he laced a single to left, then decided to go for more, racing toward second and then sliding in head first, only to be tagged out. In the 16th, after Bauers knocked in the first two, Nuno followed with a single to right, the hamstring grabbing as he ran to first.

"What a performance on his part; that was amazing," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "When he got thrown out at second base, I said just watching that was worth the out. It was entertaining."

There were plenty of interesting moments as the game unfolded over 5 hours, 31 minutes, ending around 12:45 a.m., and ranking as the longest road game in Tampa Bay franchise history by innings and matching the second longest overall.

The Rays used 22 players total (all but Matt Andriese, who now starts Wednesday, plus Diego Castillo and Blake Snell), having reliever Sergio Romo hit, starter Nathan Eovaldi pinch-run and catcher Jesus Sucre pitch (for the third time in his career), trying to get the final three outs, but needing to summon Jose Alvarado to help finish it off as they improved to 43-42.

"There were a lot of people doing things they were not used to doing," Bauers said. "To keep it scoreless for that long until we could break through. ... overall,

just an incredible team effort."

And not all good. Starter Ryan Yarbrough allowed a two-run single to opposing starter Trevor Richards and got lifted for a pinch-hitter in the fourth. Outfielder Malle Smith got benched for missing a red-light sign and running into a double play in the fourth. Carlos Gomez pushed a safety squeeze bunt into the air and Daniel Robertson got doubled off third to end the 13th. Kiermaier came up with two on in the 16th and ripped a ball at shortstop J.T. Riddle that got turned into an odd 6-4-5 double play.

"Typically in a 16-inning game there are going to be some ugly things," third baseman Matt Duffy said, "and there was today."

"The guys kept grinding through," Cash said. "Both teams grinded a long time, some odd matchups, some unique situations that came about, presented themselves. But ultimately we found a way to win."

Nuno, who became the first AL reliever to have two hits and get the win in a game since advent of the DH, was asked what did he enjoy more, getting the third and fourth hits of his major-league career, or his eighth win?

"Both, actually," he said. "When the runner was in scoring position, I had to crunch down and not five up the run. ... (The ball I hit) was a little flare right there, I got out of the box pretty good, and just took a chance right there. It was close."

"In the end I just had a great time out there."

## HECHAVARRIA

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While having him in the lineup may give the Rays a better chance to win that game, every time he starts is one less opportunity for Adames, who has gotten some playing time at second, to get the experience he needs.

Manager Kevin Cash praised Hechavarria for how he has handled the matter.

"Hech is a guy used to playing every single day for good reason," he said. "He deserves to play every single day. We tried to do everything we could, myself and Charlie (Montoyo, the Spanish-speaking bench/infield coach) talking to him, being honest about the situation. I know our front office has spoken with his agent, trying to be honest. I think that's all you can do."

"I think it's up to the player, how they want to decide. I know Hech wants to play every day. It's probably not going to happen. But we're going to do, I'm going to do everything I can to keep him consistently in the lineup and on a good routine."

Hechavarria has been enjoying the series with the Marlins, as he played the previous 4 1/2 seasons in Miami, and has an offseason home and relatives, including his parents, in the area. And he has played well, with several dazzling defensive plays and RBIs in each of the first two games.

"I feel great," he said. "This is awesome. My first time this happened to me."

As for the best part of his return?

"A lot of favorite memories," he said. "My teammates. The Cuban people that are here. And the food — a lot of food."

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	59	29	.670	—	—	8-2	W-3	28-12	31-17
New York	56	28	.667	1	—	6-4	W-2	33-13	23-15
Tampa Bay	43	43	.500	15	1½	7-3	L-1	23-17	20-26
Toronto	40	46	.465	18	14½	5-5	L-1	23-23	17-23
Baltimore	24	61	.282	33½	30	1-9	L-2	12-29	12-32

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	47	37	.560	—	—	6-4	W-3	27-13	20-24
Detroit	38	50	.432	11	17½	2-8	L-2	23-21	15-29
Minnesota	35	48	.422	11½	18	2-8	L-6	20-20	15-28
Chicago	30	56	.349	18	24½	2-5	L-1	16-27	14-29
Kansas City	25	60	.294	22½	29	5-8	L-5	11-31	14-29

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	57	31	.648	—	—	6-4	W-2	25-17	32-14
Seattle	55	32	.632	1½	—	8-2	L-1	29-15	26-17
Oakland	48	39	.552	8½	7	8-2	W-2	24-21	24-18
Los Angeles	44	43	.506	12½	11	3-7	W-1	20-21	24-22
Texas	38	49	.437	18½	17	5-5	L-3	19-28	19-21

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	49	36	.576	—	—	6-4	L-2	23-17	26-19
Philadelphia	47	37	.560	1½	—	6-4	W-4	30-16	17-21
Washington	42	43	.494	7	5½	2-8	L-5	19-23	23-20
New York	34	49	.410	14	12½	3-7	W-1	14-26	20-23
Miami	36	52	.409	14½	13	5-5	W-1	19-26	17-26

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	51	35	.593	—	—	6-4	W-3	27-17	24-18
Chicago	49	35	.583	1	—	7-3	W-6	26-14	23-21
St. Louis	43	41	.512	7	4	5-5	L-1	23-22	20-19
Pittsburgh	40	45	.471	10½	7½	4-6	L-2	21-21	19-24
Cincinnati	38	49	.437	13½	10½	6-4	W-1	21-26	17-23

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	48	38	.558	—	—	5-5	W-1	24-20	24-18
Los Angeles	46	39	.541	1½	1½	6-4	W-3	25-23	21-16
San Francisco	45	43	.511	4	4	6-4	L-3	26-14	19-29
Colorado	44	43	.506	4½	4½	6-4	W-3	18-22	26-21
San Diego	37	51	.420	12	12	2-8	L-3	19-25	18-26

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**Red Sox 3, Nationals 0:** Struggling outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. drove in two runs, Eduardo Rodriguez struck out six in six scoreless innings. **Yankees 6, Braves 2:** Giancarlo Stanton hit a three-run homer, and CC Sabathia pitched six effective innings. **Marlins 3, Rays 0:** Jose Urena and three relievers combined on a four-hitter, and Miami shook off the hangover from a 16-inning loss. **Cubs 5, Tigers 2:** Javier Baez stole home and Willson Contreras hit a tie-breaking homer to lead Chicago past Detroit for its sixth straight victory. **Phillies 4, Orioles 1:** Aaron Nola struck out nine in seven splendid innings. **Athletics 4, Padres 2:** Stephen Piscotty doubled three times and had three RBI for Oakland. **Brewers 3, Twins 2:** Nate Orr hit a solo homer in Milwaukee's two-run

seven after going hitless in his first seven major league at-bats. **Angels 7, Mariners 4:** Kole Calhoun homered and drove in three runs as the Angels snapped the Mariners' eight-game winning streak. **Mets 6, Blue Jays 3:** Todd Frazier homered during a five-run fifth for the Mets. **Rockies 1, Giants 0:** Tyler Anderson pitched eight stellar innings for Colorado. **Reds 7, White Sox 4:** Sal Romano dropped down a key suicide squeeze during a six-run fourth inning. **Astros 5, Rangers 4, 10 Innings:** Evan Gattis hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning to lift Houston. **LATE**  
Cleveland at Kansas City  
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers  
St. Louis at Arizona

## BOX SCORES

**RED SOX 3, NATIONALS 0**

BOSTON	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Betts rf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.338
Holt ss	5	0	0	0	0	1	.294
Martinez lf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.327
Pearce 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Devers 3b	4	1	2	0	0	1	.245
Nunez 2b	4	2	2	0	0	1	.257
Bradley Jr. cf	3	0	1	2	0	0	.202
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.212
Rodriguez p	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
b-Benintendi ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.279
Barnes p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Kelly p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
e-Svihart ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	.165
Kimbrel p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	

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**TAMPA BAY** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 2 1 0 0 2 3 36 3.71  
 5 4 2 2 1 1 58 5.06  
 1 1 1 0 0 2 22 8.84

**MIAMI** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 5 3 0 0 2 6 78 4.18  
 4 1 2 1 0 0 2 24 3.24  
 1 1 0 0 0 1 10 4.66  
 1 1 0 0 0 1 19 4.83

HBP—Weber (Anderson).  
 T—2:28. A—7,572 (36,742).

2.2B—Jones (20), Schoop (12), Kingery (16).  
 HR—Williams (10), off Hess. RBIs—Jones (33), Williams 2 (28), Alfaro (17), SB—Machado (7). CS—Beckham (1), Santana (1).

**SAN DIEGO** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 5 1 2 1 2 4 65 2.51  
 2 2 2 2 1 3 45 6.06  
 1 0 0 0 0 1 8 5.59

**PHILADELPHIA** IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA  
 Nola, W, 11-2 7 7 1 1 2 9 103 2.41  
 Arano, S, 1-1 2 0 0 0 1 3 36 2.32  
 HBP—Nola (Sisco).  
 T—2:55. A—30,943 (43,647).

LOB—New York 5, Toronto 7. 2B—Flores (13), Plawecki (9), Solarte (18), Morales (11).  
 HR—Frazier (10), off Stroman Morales (9), off Oswalt. RBIs—Nimmo (26), Bautista (32), Cabrera (48), Conforto (26), Frazier 2 (19), Morales (27), Gurriel Jr. 2 (13). CS—Frazier (1).  
 Runners left in scoring position—New York 3 (Conforto, Flores, Plawecki) Toronto 3 (Smoak, Gurriel Jr., Diaz). RISP—New York 4 for 10 Toronto 1 for 7.  
 Runners moved up—Reyes. GDP—Cabrera, Frazier.  
 DP—Toronto 2 (Gurriel Jr., Diaz, Smoak), (Gurriel Jr., Diaz, Smoak).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Miami	Lopez (R)	7:05p	1-0	3.00	1-0	1-0	6.0	3.00
Washington	Hellickson (R)	7:05p	2-1	2.63	6-4	1-1	10.0	4.50
Atlanta	Fried (L)	8:10p	1-2	2.55	2-0	1-0	11.2	0.77
Milwaukee	Chacin (R)	8:10p	6-3	3.71	12-6	0-2	15.2	5.74
San Diego	Lauer (L)	9:40p	3-5	5.08	3-10	0-1	17.0	2.12
Arizona	Miller (R)	9:40p	0-2	11.42	0-2	0-2	8.2	11.42
St. Louis	Weaver (R)	10:15p	4-7	5.36	8-9	1-1	15.1	8.22
San Fran.	Cueto (R)	10:15p	3-0	4.84	4-1	2-0	19.0	0.95

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Texas	Gallardo (R)	7:10p	2-0	9.00	3-0	2-0	17.2	6.11
Detroit	Boyd (L)	7:10p	4-6	4.18	8-8	0-2	13.0	9.69
Baltimore	Cashner (R)	8:10p	2-8	4.48	4-12	0-0	16.0	2.25
Minnesota	Slegers (R)	8:10p	0-0	3.38	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Chicago	Rodon (L)	8:10p	1-3	4.55	1-4	1-2	19.2	5.03
Houston	Verlander (R)	8:10p	9-4	2.12	10-8	0-2	18.1	4.91
Los Angeles	Barria (R)	10:10p	5-4	3.40	5-6	0-2	14.1	5.65
Seattle	Gonzales (L)	10:10p	8-5	3.77	11-6	1-2	21.1	5.06

## TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
2018 TEAM	1-0	3.00	1-0	1-0	6.0	3.00
2018 TEAM	2-1	2.63	6-4	1-1	10.0	4.50
2018 TEAM	1-2	2.55	2-0	1-0	11.2	0.77
2018 TEAM	6-3	3.71	12-6	0-2	15.2	5.74
2018 TEAM	3-5	5.08	3-10	0-1	17.0	2.12
2018 TEAM	0-2	11.42	0-2	0-2	8.2	11.42
2018 TEAM	4-7	5.36	8-9	1-1	15.1	8.22
2018 TEAM	3-0	4.84	4-1	2-0	19.0	0.95

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

2018 TEAM	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
2018 TEAM	2-0	9.00	3-0	2-0	17.2	6.11
2018 TEAM	4-6	4.18	8-8	0-2	13.0	9.69
2018 TEAM	2-8	4.48	4-12	0-0	16.0	2.25
2018 TEAM	0-0	3.38	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
2018 TEAM	1-3	4.55	1-4	1-2	19.2	5.03
2018 TEAM	9-4	2.12	10-8	0-2	18.1	4.91
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**KEY:** TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher. VS OPP-Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
**American League**  
 Houston 5, Texas 3  
 Cleveland 6, Kansas City 4  
 Seattle 4, L.A. Angels 1  
**National League**  
 Colorado 8, San Francisco 1  
 Arizona 4, St. Louis 2  
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 3  
**Interleague**  
 Chicago Cubs 5, Detroit 3  
 Milwaukee 2, Minnesota 0  
 Boston 11, Washington 4  
 N.Y. Yankees 8, Atlanta 5  
 Philadelphia 3, Baltimore 2  
 Toronto 8, N.Y. Mets 6  
 Chi. White Sox 12, Cincinnati 8, 12 inn.  
 Tampa Bay 9, Miami 6, 16 inn.  
 Oakland 6, San Diego 2

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
**American League**  
 N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 Oakland at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 Texas at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.  
**National League**  
 Colorado 8, San Francisco 1  
 Arizona 4, St. Louis 2  
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Pittsburgh 3  
**Interleague**  
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.  
 Miami at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.  
**Interleague**  
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.  
 Colorado at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

**WASHINGTON** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
 Eaton lf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .296  
 Herrera p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Miller p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Turner ss 4 0 2 0 0 1 .275  
 Rendon 3b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .289  
 Harper rf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .215  
 Reynolds 1b 2 0 0 0 0 2 .250  
 c-Murphy ph-1b 2 0 1 0 0 0 .200  
 Taylor cf 4 0 1 0 0 2 .242  
 Difo 2b 3 0 0 0 1 2 .246  
 Severino c 3 0 1 0 0 0 .172  
 Fedde p 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 Grace p 1 0 0 0 0 .000  
 a-Goodwin ph 1 0 0 0 0 .182  
 Kintzler p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Madison p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Kelley p 0 0 0 0 0 .000  
 d-Soto ph-1f 1 0 0 0 0 .306  
**TOTALS** **33 0 6 0 1 11**

**BOSTON** 000 000 201-3 9 1  
**WASHINGTON** 000 000 00-0 0 6  
 a-lined out for Grace in the 5th. b-walked for Rodriguez in the 7th. c-grounded out for Reynolds in the 7th. d-lined out for Kelley in the 8th. e-walked for Kelly in the 9th. E—Devers (17), Eaton (1). LOB—Boston 8, Washington 7. 2B—Martinez (20), Devers (20), Bradley Jr. (12). RBIs—Bradley Jr. 2 (25). SF—Bradley Jr.

**DETROIT** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
 Mahtook lf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .210  
 Castellanos rf 3 1 1 1 2 1 .309  
 Candelario 3b 4 0 0 0 0 1 .235  
 Hicks 1b 3 1 1 1 1 0 .280  
 Goodrum 2b 4 0 2 0 0 2 .242  
 Jones cf 4 0 1 0 0 1 .221  
 Villanueva 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .223  
 Pirela 2b 4 0 3 0 0 0 .273  
 Liriano p 1 0 0 0 0 .000  
 b-Martinez ph 1 0 1 0 0 0 .241  
 1-Reyes pr 0 0 0 0 0 0 .211  
 Coleman p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 Lewicki p 0 0 0 0 0 0  
 a-Adduci ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .200  
**TOTALS** **33 2 9 2 4 8**

**CHICAGO** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
 Almora cf 3 1 1 0 1 1 .329  
 Zobrist rf-1f 4 1 2 0 0 0 .296  
 Baez 2b 4 1 1 0 0 1 .286  
 Lowrie 2b 3 0 0 0 1 0 .282  
 Davis dh 4 1 2 1 0 0 .239  
 Olson 1b 2 1 0 0 2 1 .236  
 Piscotty rf 4 0 3 3 0 0 .257  
 Chapman 3b 3 0 0 0 0 .244  
 Semien ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .249  
 Phegley c 2 1 0 0 1 1 .241  
**TOTALS** **28 4 6 4 6 5**

**OAKLAND** AB R H BI BB SO AVG.  
 Fowler cf 2 0 1 0 1 0 .250  
 a-Canha ph-cf 1 0 0 0 0 1 .255  
 Joyce lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .203  
 b-Pinder ph-1f 1 0 0 0 0 .249  
 Lowrie 2b 2 1 0 0 2 1 .291  
 Davis dh 4 1 2 1 0 0 .239  
 Olson 1b 2 1 0 0 2 1 .236  
 Piscotty rf 4 0 3 3 0 0 .257  
 Chapman 3b 3 0 0 0 0 .244  
 Semien ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .249  
 Phegley c 2 1 0 0 1 1 .241  
**TOTALS** **28 4 6 4 6 5**

**SAN DIEGO** 020 000 00-2 7 0  
**OAKLAND** 011 000 02X-4 6 0  
 a-struck out for Fowler in the 7th. b-flied out for Joyce in the 7th. c-singled for Pirela in the 9th. d-struck out for Ellis in the 9th. LOB—San Diego 7, Oakland 7. 2B—Galvis (15), Davis (16), Piscotty 3

## SCOREBOARD

## PRO BASEBALL

## FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

All Times EDT

## North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Clearwater (Phillies)	9	3	.750	—
Lakeland (Tigers)	8	3	.727	½
Dunedin (Blue Jays)	6	6	.500	3
Daytona (Reds)	6	6	.500	3
Tampa (Yankees)	6	6	.500	3
Florida (Braves)	3	8	.273	5½

## South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Fort Myers (Twins)	7	5	.583	—
Palm Beach (Cardinals)	7	6	.538	½
St. Lucie (Mets)	6	6	.500	1
Jupiter (Marlins)	5	7	.417	2
Charlotte (Pirates)	5	7	.417	2
Bradenton (Rays)	4	9	.308	3½

## Wednesday's Games

Jupiter at Lakeland, 5 p.m.  
Palm Beach 11, Daytona 1  
St. Lucie 3, Bradenton 2  
Clearwater at Tampa, late  
Charlotte at Florida, p.pd.  
Dunedin at Fort Myers, p.pd.  
**Thursday's Games**  
Daytona at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.  
Jupiter at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.  
Bradenton at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.  
Clearwater at Tampa, 6:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Florida, 6:31 p.m.  
Dunedin at Fort Myers, 7 p.m.  
**Friday's Games**  
Charlotte at Clearwater, 6:15 p.m.  
Florida at Palm Beach, 6:30 p.m.  
Tampa at Lakeland, 6:30 p.m.  
Dunedin at St. Lucie, 6:30 p.m.  
Fort Myers at Bradenton, 6:30 p.m.  
Jupiter at Daytona, 7:05 p.m.

**Note:** Wednesday's game between Charlotte and Florida was suspended due to rain with the Stone Crabs leading 4-2 in the 5th. It will be completed as part of a doubleheader beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday.

## ODDS

## PREGAME.COM LINE

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Today	National League	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	+LINES
at Washington	-180	Miami	+165		
at Milwaukee	Off	Atlanta	+140		
at Arizona	-150	San Diego	+140		
at San Francisco	-129	St. Louis	+119		
<b>American League</b>					
at Houston	-265	Chicago	+235		
at Detroit	-105	Texas	-105		
at Minnesota	Off	Baltimore	Off		
at Seattle	-108	Los Angeles	-102		

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## TRANSACTIONS

## BASEBALL

**American League**  
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed SS Cadyn Grenier to a minor league contract.  
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP William Cuevas to Pawtucket (IL). Reinstated RHP Tyler Thornburg from the 10-day DL.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Signed OFs Steven Kwan and Corey Holland to minor league contracts.  
DETROIT TIGERS — Recalled OF Jim Adduci from Toledo (IL).  
HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned 1B AJ Reed to Fresno (PCL).  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned UT Kaleb Cowart to Salt Lake (PCL). Placed LHP Tyler Skaggs and OF Chris Young on the 10-day DL. Skaggs retroactive to July 1. Recalled OF Jabari Blush and RHP Deck McGuire from Salt Lake. Reinstated RHP Garrett Richards from the 10-day DL.  
NEW YORK YANKEES — Placed INF Gleyber Torres on the 10-day DL, effective July 5.  
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Sent RHP Chris Archer to Charlotte (FSL) for a rehab assignment.  
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Chris Martin from Round Rock (PCL). Placed RHP Tony Barnett on the 10-day DL.  
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned 3B Gio Urshela outright to Buffalo (IL).

**National League**  
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned OF Michael Reed and RHP Evan Phillips to Gwinnett (IL). Recalled LHP Luiz Gohara from Gwinnett.  
CHICAGO CUBS — Designated C Chris Gimenez for assignment. Recalled C Victor Caratini from Iowa (PCL).  
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF-INF Brandon Dixon to Louisville (IL). Recalled RHP Tanner Rainey and LHP Cody Reed from Louisville. Traded RHPs Dylan Floro and Zach Neal and international signing bonus pool space to the Los Angeles Dodgers for RHPs James Marinaro and Aneruyis Zabala. Assigned Marinaro to Billings (Pioneer) and Zabala to Dayton (MWL).  
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed OF Lewis Brinson and RHP Sandy Alcantara on the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Dillon Peters from New Orleans (PCL).  
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Signed 2B Ryan Goins to a minor league contract.  
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Joe Musgrove on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 30. Recalled LHP Josh Smoker from Indianapolis (IL).  
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed 3B Malcom Nunez and RHP Victor Villanueva to minor league contracts.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed RHP Kirby Yates on paternity leave. Optioned RHP Colten Brewer to El Paso (PCL). Recalled RHP Luis Perdomo from El Paso.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Pierce Johnson to Sacramento (PCL). Recalled INF Kelly Tomlinson from Sacramento.  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Designated LHP Tim Collins for assignment. Reinstated 1B Matt Adams from the 10-day DL.

**American Association**  
CLEBURNE RAILROADERS — Released C Derek Shomon and C Shelby Ford. Signed RHP RHP Deshaizer.  
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed RHP Brandon Barker.  
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded OF John Price Jr. to Gateway (Frontier) for future considerations.  
KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Sold the contract of LHP James Buckelew to the Chicago Cubs. Signed RHP Marcus Crescentini.  
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Released OF Chad Hinshaw. Signed UT T.J. Bennett and RHP Dillon Sumnfrank.  
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released LHP Jeff Malm.  
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Jake Esch.  
WICHITA WINNUTS — Announced INF Fernando Perez signed with Toros de Tijuana (Mexico). Signed INF Graylin Derke.

**Can-Am League**  
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released INF Gerald Bautista.  
ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Released RHP Kagen Hopkins.

## BASKETBALL

## National Basketball Association

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Signed G Collin Sexton.

## FOOTBALL

## Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DL Mark Mackie and DB Brian Walker.

## HOCKEY

## American Hockey League

STOCKTON HEAT — Named Joe Cirella assistant coach.

## SOCCER

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

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## EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	11	4	4	37	40	23
New York Red Bulls	10	4	2	32	34	16
New York City FC	9	4	4	31	24	9
Columbus	8	5	3	30	19	24
New England	7	4	2	27	35	21
Chicago	6	7	5	23	27	31
Montreal	7	11	0	21	22	31
Philadelphia	6	8	3	21	21	25
Orlando City	6	10	1	19	24	37
Toronto FC	4	10	3	15	27	34
D.C. United	2	7	4	10	21	27

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
FC Dallas	10	2	5	35	28	19
Sporting Kansas City	9	3	5	32	31	18
Los Angeles FC	9	4	4	31	37	27
Portland	7	3	5	26	24	21
Real Salt Lake	7	8	2	23	32	32
Vancouver	6	7	5	23	26	35
Houston	6	6	4	22	33	26
LA Galaxy	6	7	3	21	25	26
Minnesota United	6	10	1	19	23	33
Colorado	4	9	3	15	20	28
Seattle	3	9	3	12	13	21
San Jose	2	9	6	12	28	35

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

## June 29

FC Dallas 1, Minnesota United 0

## June 30

Portland 3, Seattle 2

Atlanta United FC 4, Orlando City 0

Montreal 2, Sporting Kansas City 0

Columbus 2, Real Salt Lake 1

New England 3, D.C. United 2

Chicago 3, New York City FC 2

Los Angeles FC 4, Philadelphia 1

Los Angeles Galaxy 3, San Jose 3, tie

July 1

New York Red Bulls 1, Toronto FC 0

Colorado 1, Vancouver 0

## Tuesday's Game

Los Angeles FC 2, Houston 2, tie

## Wednesday's Games

Minnesota United 4, Toronto FC 3

FC Dallas 3, Atlanta United FC 2

Seattle at Colorado, late

Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, late

D.C. United at Los Angeles Galaxy, late

## Saturday's Games

Orlando City at Los Angeles FC, 4:30 p.m.

Colorado at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta United FC at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota United at Houston, 9 p.m.

FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

Chicago at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Columbus at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

San Jose at Portland, 11 p.m.

## Sunday's Game

New York at New York City FC, 7 p.m.

## TENNIS

## ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR

## WIMBLEDON

Wednesday results from Wimbledon, at The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, London (seedings in parentheses):  
**Men's Singles**

**Second Round**  
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.  
Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 13-11.

Adrian Mannarino (22), France, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (4).  
Daniil Medvedev, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.  
Sam Querrey (11), United States, def. Sergiy Stakhovsk, Ukraine, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3.  
Gael Monfils, France, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

Mackenzie McDonald, United States, def. Nickolas Pietrangeli, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 11-9.  
Dennis Novak, Austria, def. Lucas Pouille (17), France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 3-6, 6-2.  
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. John Millman, Australia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).  
Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-3.

## Women's Singles

## Second Round

Karolina Pliskova (7), Czech Republic, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-3.  
Mihaela Buzarnescu (29), Romania, def. Katie Swan, Britain, 6-0, 6-3.

Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-0.  
Venus Williams (9), United States, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.  
Julia Goerges (13), Germany, def. Vera Lapko, Belarus, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.  
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, 7-5, 6-4.  
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Serena Williams (25), United States, def. Viktoriya Tomova, Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-4.  
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
Madison Keys (10), United States, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-4, 6-3.

Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-4, 6-4.  
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (32), Poland, 7-5, 6-4.  
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.

## Men's Doubles

## First Round

Ken Skupski, Britain and Neal Skupski, Britain, def. Ilija Bozljac, Serbia and Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.  
Matthew Ebden, Australia and Taylor Fritz, United States, def. Peter Gojowczyk, Germany and Benoit Paire, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Nicolas Mahut, France and Pierre-Hugues Herbert (4), France, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy and Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.  
Roman Jebavy, Czech Republic and Andres Molteni, Argentina, def. Maximilian Marterer, Germany and Matteo Berrettini, Italy, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Mirza Basic, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Fabrice Martin, France and Purav Raja, India, 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 4-6, 11-9.

Antonio Sancic, Croatia and Andrei Vasilevski, Belarus, def. Taro Daniel, Japan and Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.  
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Rajeev Ram, United States and Ivan Dodig (10), Croatia, 7-6 (4), 7-5, 6-3.

Franko Skugor, Croatia and Dominic Inglot (15), Britain, def. Michal Zverev, Germany and Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.  
Liam Broady, Britain and Scott Clayton, Britain, def. Frances Tiafoe, United States and Jackson Withrow, United States, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.

Marcel Granollers, Spain and Pablo Cuevas (11), Uruguay, def. Andre Begemann, Germany and Yasutaka Uchiyama, Japan, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7).

Jonathan Erlich, Israel and Marcin Matkowski, Poland, def. Jonathan Essyercer, France and Hugo Nys, France, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (8).

## Women's Doubles

## First Round

Anastasiya Rodionova, Australia and Nadia Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Samantha Stosur, Australia and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.  
Sachia Vickery, United States and Sofia Kenin, United States, def. Nicola Geuer, Germany and Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium and Monica Niculescu (13), Romania, def. Ajia Tomljanovic, Australia and Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 7-5.  
Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan and Lucie Hradecka (14), Czech Republic, def. Katie Boulter, Britain and Katie Swan, Britain, 6-3, 6-2.

Christina McHale, United States and Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, def. Asia Muhammad, United States and Naomi Broady, Britain, 7-5, 7-6 (3).  
Kveta Peschke, Czech Republic and Nicole Melichar (12), United States, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico and Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-4, 6-2.

Ana Bogdan, Romania and Kaitlyn Christian, United States, def. Aleksandra Sasnovich, Belarus and Ying-Ying Duan, China, 6-3, 6-4.  
Shuko Aoyama, Japan and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia and Qiang Wang, China, 6-2, 6-3.

Xinyun Han, China and Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia and Maria Sakkari, Greece, 6-0, 6-0.  
Kaia Kanepi, Estonia and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Maria Irigoyen, Argentina and Carina Witthoef, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.

## GOLF

## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

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## PGA TOUR

**A MILITARY TRIBUTE AT THE GREENBRIER**  
Site: White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.  
Course: The Greenbrier (The Old White TPC).  
Yardage: 7,286. Par: 70.  
Purse: \$7.3 million. Winner's share: \$1,314,000.

**Television:** Today-Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 1-2:45 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-6 p.m. (CBS Sports).  
**Defending champion:** Xander Schauffele.  
**Last week:** Francesco Molinari won the Quicken Loans National.

**FedEx Cup leader:** Dustin Johnson.  
**Notes:** The tournament changed its name to reflect a military theme. ... This will be the last time the tournament is held in the summer. It originally was scheduled to move to the fall, assuming it continues. ... This is only the eighth time the tournament is being held. It was canceled in 2016 because of record flooding. ... Phil Mickelson, who is an ambassador and makes TV commercials pitching the resort as a place for families, is in the field. This starts three straight tournaments for Mickelson through the British Open. ... Bubba Watson, who already has three victories this year on the PGA Tour, has a summer home at the Greenbrier and is playing the tournament. ... Webb Simpson originally planned to have his wife, Dowd, caddy for him this week. That's no longer the case because she is pregnant with their fifth child. ... The leading four players from the top 12 not already eligible for the British Open will get a spot at Carnoustie. ... Stuart Appleby will be the inaugural tournament in 2010 by closing with a 59. Appleby and David Duval are the only players with sub-60 scores in the final round to win on the PGA Tour.

**Next week:** John Deere Classic.  
**Online:** www.pgatour.com

## EUROPEAN TOUR

## DUBAI DUTY FREE IRISH OPEN

Site: Donegal, Ireland.

Course: Ballyliffin GC. Yardage: 7,466. Par: 72.

Purse: \$7 million. Winner's share: \$1,665,667.

**Television:** Today-Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Sunday, 7 a.m. to noon (Golf Channel).  
**Defending champion:** Jon Rahm.  
**Last week:** Alex Noren won the French Open. **Race to Dubai leader:** Patrick Reed.

Notes: Rory McIlroy's foundation is the host

of the tournament, and the field has strengthened in recent years, though it features only two from the top 10 in the world in McIlroy and Rahm. ... Rahm won the first of his three European Tour events last year. ... This is the first time the Irish Open has been held at Ballyliffin since 2000, when Patrick Sjolund won. ... Ben Crenshaw is the only American London (seedings in parentheses):

## Men's Singles

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Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-7 (5), 3-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 13-11.

Adrian Mannarino (22), France, def. Ryan Harrison, United States, 7-5, 7-5, 7-6 (4).  
Daniil Medvedev, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.  
Sam Querrey (11), United States, def. Sergiy Stakhovsk, Ukraine, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3.  
Gael Monfils, France, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

Mackenzie McDonald, United States, def. Nickolas Pietrangeli, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 11-9.  
Dennis Novak, Austria, def. Lucas Pouille (17), France, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 3-6, 6-2.  
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. John Millman, Australia, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4).  
Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (3), 5-7, 6-3.

## Women's Singles

## Second Round

Karolina Pliskova (7), Czech Republic, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-3.  
Mihaela Buzarnescu (29), Romania, def. Katie Swan, Britain, 6-0, 6-3.

Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-0.  
Venus Williams (9), United States, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1.  
Julia Goerges (13), Germany, def. Vera Lapko, Belarus, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 6-4, 6-3.  
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Rebecca Peterson, Sweden, 7-5, 6-4.  
Kristina Mladenovic, France, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.

Serena Williams (25), United States, def. Viktoriya Tomova, Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-4.  
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Sorana Cirstea, Romania, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.  
Madison Keys (10), United States, def. Luksika Kumkhum, Thailand, 6-4, 6-3.

Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Madison Brengle, United States, 6-4, 6-4.  
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (32), Poland

## WORLD CUP: Uruguay

# After the hand and the bite, Suarez gets his head right

By GERALD IMRAY  
Associated Press

NIZHNY NOVGOROD, Russia — First, it was his hand. Then, his teeth. Luis Suarez's feet and football ability are yet to take center stage for Uruguay at a World Cup.

Maybe this time, now that his head is right.

Like Barcelona team-mate and close friend Lionel Messi, Suarez could be playing for his World Cup legacy in Russia. At best he has three games left, starting with Friday's quarterfinal against France.

Messi's failures at the World Cup have been well documented. Suarez's experiences have been far rarer.

At both his previous tournaments, the Uruguay striker hasn't just left disappointed, he's left in disgrace, labeled a cheat in one and the world's dirtiest player in the other.

"You mature, you learn things and you live in the present," Suarez said at Uruguay's team base in Russia in the buildup to the France game.

In South Africa in 2010, Suarez's defining act was to block a goal-bound header from Ghana with his hand in the dying seconds of extra time in their quarterfinal. Suarez was sent off for the intentional handball but Ghana missed the resulting penalty.

Suarez's clear cheating and wild celebrations on the side of the field incensed a continent as it helped Uruguay reach the semifinals at the expense of Africa's last hope.



Uruguay's Luis Suarez celebrates after the round of 16 match between Uruguay and Portugal on Saturday in Sochi, Russia.

Four years ago in Brazil, there was an even more shocking exit: Suarez bit Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini in a group game — leaving visible teeth marks in Chiellini's left shoulder — and FIFA banned him for nine matches and four months, ending his tournament. It was the third time Suarez had been banned for biting an opponent.

Suarez, now 31, is back for another go at the World Cup, maybe his last.

At Uruguay's base he appeared unaffected by his ignominious history at the tournament, answering questions from journalists about previous disciplinary breakdowns with no outward signs of discomfort. There seemed to be no attempts to hide anything, either.

Suarez has taken steps to address his on-field behavior for Uruguay, he said, with the help of Oscar Tabarez, the coach

and former teacher who has been in charge for Suarez's entire international career.

"Tabarez helps a lot. He's one of the best coaches in the world because of his personality, the way he helps players," Suarez said. "Personally, he has helped me a lot. Before games, he always talks to me about what goes on in my head. That's important to me. That talk I have with him is important."

For over a decade, Tabarez has worked to develop a specific team mantra in the Uruguay squad, putting emphasis on humility, work ethic and respect for others.

That has manifested itself at the team's World Cup base in Russia, a sports center on the outskirts of Nizhny Novgorod where the players' accommodation is more like school dormitories than five-star luxury.

From the camp, stories emerge of Uruguay's best players and biggest stars being asked to clear away their own plates and cutlery after meals, wash their own boots, carry training equipment to and from the field, and, in a nod to plain good manners, start press conferences by greeting journalists with a "good morning" or "good afternoon."

Suarez also spoke about the "serenity" Tabarez brought to the squad and referred to himself, once the troublemaker, as now a veteran and a role model.

"Now I'm one of the oldest, an example ... the younger ones look up to us," Suarez said. "You get nervous (in games), but at the same time you are one of the ones who has to remain calm. You have to set a good example to the younger ones. You have learned how to handle these situations."

## WORLD CUP: Belgium vs. Brazil



Belgium's Nacer Chadli, second right, celebrates after scoring during the round of 16 match between Belgium and Japan Monday in Rostov-on-Don, Russia.

## Belgium's scorers take on Brazil's greedy defense

By PAN PYLAS  
Associated Press

KAZAN, Russia — To get past Belgium in the quarterfinals at the World Cup, Brazil has to do something it has not been able to do since it last won the tournament in 2002: overcome European opposition in the knockout stages.

Since beating Germany 2-0 in the 2002 World Cup final, the five-time winner has been eliminated by European sides in the three subsequent competitions. Brazil lost to France and the Netherlands in the quarterfinals of the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and was humiliated 7-1 by Germany in the semifinals four years ago at home.

Fortunately for the Selecao, Belgium has a poor record against South American sides at the World Cup. Not only has Belgium not won any of its games against South American teams in the knockout stages, it hasn't even managed to score a goal. Most recently, Belgium lost 1-0 to Argentina in the 2014 quarterfinals.

The core of that side remains in place in Russia, where Belgium

has won all four of its matches, including coming back from 2-0 down to beat Japan in the round of 16 with a thrilling counterattack in the final seconds of injury time.

Everyone knew about the array of talent running through the Belgium side, from Thibaut Courtois in goal to Kevin De Bruyne in midfield and Eden Hazard and Romelu Lukaku up front. The main questions following disappointing defeats in the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 European Championship centered on the team's character.

That 3-2 victory over Japan was the first time a team has overcome a two-goal deficit to win outright since West Germany beat England in 1970, and the first to do it in regulation since Portugal came from three down to beat North Korea in 1966. It has fueled confidence inside the Belgium camp that it can deal with adversity and make the World Cup semifinals for the first time since 1986.

"Maybe it's this sort of match that we needed for the future," said Hazard, the captain.

## WORLD CUP: Best Player

# Neymar urged to stop acting, win titles to get FIFA award

By GRAHAM DUNBAR  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — After a decade of duopoly, the FIFA-run vote to crown soccer's best player finally seems open to third parties after Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo left the World Cup early.

Neymar must help Brazil lift the trophy next week if he wants to join the greats, according to the World Cup winner who first took home FIFA's top individual award.

Cutting out the play-acting would also help Neymar win votes, 1990 World Cup winner Lothar Matthaeus said Wednesday.

"We need players like Neymar," said the former West Germany captain, who won the inaugural FIFA world player award in 1991. "But not with this acting what he was doing now in each game."

A debate about Neymar faking injury and overreacting to tackles is polarizing opinion between European outrage and Brazilian defense.

Former England forward Alan Shearer called Neymar's behavior "absolutely pathetic" in a British broadcast Monday. Neymar's theatrics distracted from Brazil's 2-0 win over Mexico that took the five-time champion into the quarterfinals.



Brazil's Neymar, top, celebrates with team mate Paulinho after scoring Monday in Samara, Russia.



France's Kylian Mbappe celebrates after scoring Saturday in Kazan, Russia.

"The criticism is nonsense," Brazil great Ronaldo told reporters Wednesday. "I am against all these opinions you mentioned. I don't think referees have been protecting him enough."

Ronaldo, a three-time winner of FIFA's Best Player award, and Matthaeus spoke at a briefing about the individual accolade that Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo have won five times each in the past decade.

With Portugal and Argentina both leaving Russia in the round of 16, the award seems open for a new winner to emerge.

"Sure, Neymar — when he will win the World Cup," said Matthaeus. "You have to win titles with your team."

Ronaldo arrived in Russia after Real Madrid won a third straight Champions League title and Barcelona won La Liga. Neymar's absence since February

with a foot injury was barely a blip for Paris Saint-Germain's procession to win the French league.

"It's easy to win the title in France," Matthaeus said. "For me, Neymar this season, he did not show until now he can be the best."

The German great picked out another PSG star, Kylian Mbappe of France, England captain Harry Kane and Croatia captain Luka Modric as potential candidates for the FIFA award when voting opens July 23.

The winner announced in London on Sept. 24 is judged by a vote by national team coaches and captains, plus media from FIFA's 211 member countries, and fans voting online. It is separate from the Golden Ball given to the World Cup's best player.

Ronaldo singled out Neymar as a potential winner — noting that he himself won the FIFA award after an injury-hit season that peaked with Brazil's World Cup title. Ronaldo's eight goals in Japan and South Korea included both in the final, a 2-0 win over Germany.

"The results for Neymar with the national team are incredible and he's still not at his best," Ronaldo said.

Matthaeus suggested an 11th year of Messi-Ronaldo dominance is likely.

"I give them maybe one or two years more," he said, "then there will come a change for this award."

## WORLD CUP: Brazil

## 'O Monstro' Thiago Silva back to his best in World Cup

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN  
Associated Press

KAZAN, Russia — Four years after Brazil's humiliation at its home World Cup, Thiago Silva is back to his best in Russia, a country where his then-burgeoning career was almost tragically cut short years ago.

The 33-year-old Brazil center back — who is nicknamed "O Monstro" for his exceptional physical abilities — is probably playing in his final World Cup, and he has been enjoying a perfect tournament so far.

While forward Neymar attracted negative comments for his antics on the field, Silva has been impeccable. The captain arguably has been the best center back of the tournament, alongside Uruguay captain Diego Godin.

Like Uruguay, Brazil has conceded only one goal in Russia so far, from a set piece in its opening 1-1 draw with Switzerland. And the Selecao's rivals have managed only five shots on target in their four matches against the five-time champions.

Silva has been playing

a key role in helping Brazil achieve those impressive statistics, anchoring the defense with authority and class. During the 2-0 win against Mexico that guaranteed Brazil advanced to the quarterfinals for the seventh consecutive time, Silva was decisive both in the air and on the ground, blocked several shots and made two clearances.

"It's a huge joy to be doing an excellent cup and to be growing with every game," Silva said. "I'm happy about my performance, and the performance of the team."

Happiness and joy have been hard to come by during some stretches of Silva's career.

The native of Rio de Janeiro went through hard times after Brazil's 7-1 loss to Germany at the last World Cup. Silva did not play in that game because he was suspended, but he was harshly criticized and branded a cry baby for his emotional outbursts as he was pictured in tears before a penalty shootout against Chile in the round of 16.

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**Kurtis Bowersox caught and released this huge snook on Venice Beach using a free-lined mullet.**



# A falling sky

Human nature is to overreact or underreact. Rarely do we take a properly measured approach to anything. And so it is with the red tide bloom killing fish in Southwest Florida.

The overreaction is predictable and expected. Everything in the Harbor is dead! Our fishing is ruined for a generation, or maybe forever! Gnashing or teeth, rending of garments!

In a few weeks or months, when the red tide bloom subsides, almost everyone will forget. How can that be? Well, most people have already forgotten the huge mullet kill in Punta Gorda in December of 2016. The only folks who seem to remember are the ones whose backyards reeked of death for a couple weeks. What about the repeated October blooms that hammered spawning redfish? Mostly forgotten — though everyone complains about a lack of reds.

Unless it's an active crisis, we tend to just ignore the problem. But it never goes away. Red tide is always there, waiting for the right conditions to explode. We're always here, creating huge amounts of nutrients from residential and agricultural fertilizer runoff and waste products produced by ourselves and our pets and livestock. When the problem can be ignored, we ignore it.

That's the real problems here. We pay no attention to the glowing coals until something dumps a gallon of gas on them. When the fire flares, we get upset and demand something be done. Then the gas burns itself out and we settle back into our easy chairs. But as long as the coals stay hot, there's going to be flames again. It's guaranteed.

And so is the inevitable overreaction.

What we need to do is carry this feeling with us. Remember what it felt like when you first heard about thousands of dead snook on the beaches just as they were getting ready to spawn. Don't forget that hollow feeling deep in the pit of your stomach. Keep it, and cultivate it — don't let that fire in your belly go out. It's what will motivate you to do the things that need to be done.

Which are . . . what, exactly, besides crying into our beers? This problem is of our own creation. Yes, red tide has always happened. Yes, red tide will always happen, no matter what we do. It's supposed to happen. But like most other natural disasters, it's supposed to be rare.

The part we've played has been to add things to the water that aren't supposed to be there. And we're really good at it. We dump phosphorus (from fertilizer and mining operations) and nitrogen (mostly from partially treated sewage) into our ground and surface waters. That's bad.

Then, to make things much worse, we concentrate that water and direct it into the estuary and sea. What do you think stormwater drainage means? It means we dump water into the Harbor and the Gulf. When you see water flowing by in a drainage ditch, does it look like something you'd like to drink? If I dip up a cupful and filter out all the mud and silt, would you drink the cup then? Of course not. But it's somehow OK to put it and whatever pollutants are in it into the Harbor.

When we were few, it was no big deal. The solution to pollution is dilution. Nature is resilient.

There are systems for waste management. Bacteria break nutrients down. Plants use them to grow. Animals eat the plants. It works really well.

Until we monkey with it. Adding nutrients at levels 10 times or more what would be naturally found can't hurt, can it? Of course it does. Dumping raw stormwater straight into a fish nursery is OK, right? Of course it isn't.

Since we broke it, the only way it gets fixed is by us. And we can. Drive down Kings Highway for an example. The stormwater retention ponds on both sides of the road are full of aquatic vegetation. They use nutrients that would otherwise feed algae in Charlotte Harbor.

Smart solutions like this are the way of the future, because no matter how much Capt. Van rails about it, development isn't stopping — it's going faster.

That's why we need to plan the fixes while we can. Plan now to avoid future failure. Septic tanks? They have to go. Too much nitrogen going into the groundwater. Lawn fertilizer? Gonna have to do without. Too much of it escapes and feeds algae (and red tide). Okeechobee? That water has to go south into the Everglades — basically, the same setup as the Kings Highway ponds. Polluted water in, filtered water out.

But none of this happens if we stop caring as soon as the red tide bloom is over. It takes a lot of people pushing, writing letters to the editor, to politicians, to get the deciders to decide to do the right things instead of the easy things. Are you in, or are you going back to sleep?

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**If you have a comment or question for WaterLine, email it to Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com.**

**CAPT. JOSH:** Love the publication. Keep up the good and interesting effort. I have a question. I live in the Southwind condos on the corner of Bal Harbor and West Marion in PGI. We have something of a bay between us and Fisherman's Village. We have lots of aquatic activity in the area. Lately I have noticed that we are getting huge amounts of fish roiling around just under the surface in short blasts of activity. Any idea what's going on? Each eruption looks like a pot of wildly boiling water and lasts for a few seconds up to 15 to 20 seconds. The fish are just under the surface, however, because of the current water conditions, we cannot see what kind of fish they are or what they are doing.

— Ames Seefeld

**AMES:**

There are a lot of different fish that could be making that ruckus, but there's one that I think is most likely. With red tide present in the lower parts of the Harbor and along the ICW, a lot of fish have moved into the upper Harbor where it's too fresh for red tide right now (to survive, the red tide organism needs salty water). Because of that, we've been seeing reports of many species caught farther up the river mouth than they usually are in the summer. What you're seeing is predatory fish attacking smaller fish, sometimes referred to as blitzing or busting bait. Almost any schooling predator could be responsible: Spanish mackerel, ladyfish, bluefish and tarpon would all be reasonable guesses. However, I'll put my money on jack crevalle, which are the fish best known for such attacks in the mouth of the river. The school of baitfish might be bay anchovies (commonly called glass minnows), scaled sardines (commonly called white-bait, greenbacks or pilchards), Atlantic thread herring (threadfins) or even menhaden. What happens below the dark water's surface is the jacks dart beneath the school, causing the little fish to contract tightly together

near the surface. This is called a bait ball, and it provides a form of protection by making it difficult for a hungry fish to separate out any single baitfish. To counteract this defense, the predators charge en masse right into the bait ball, causing the little fish to scatter in fear. Each hunter grabs as many as possible before they group up again. If fish could scream, you'd probably be horrified by the carnage that's happening in front of you. Since they can't, we toss baits right into the melee and hope to get hooked up on a big one. It's a lot of fun — as long as you don't think about it from a baitfish's point of view.

— Capt. Josh Olive, WaterLine Publisher

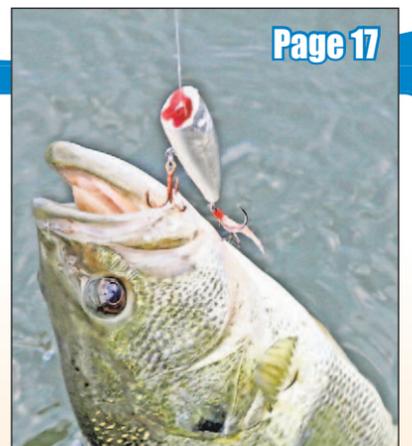
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Repairs to the Placida Fishing Pier (13120 Pier Road, Placida) are in progress and will be completed by approximately Aug. 8. The pier was closed earlier this year due to fire damage. In the interim, please visit Ainger Fishing Pier (1385 Beach Road, Englewood), El Jobean Fishing Pier (5001 El Jobean Road, El Jobean) or Boca Grande Fishing Pier (5810 Gasparilla Road, Placida).

## NEW APP FOR PARKING PAY STATIONS

Charlotte County Community Services beach and boat ramp parking can now be paid with your smartphone through ParkMobile. Mobile Now is no longer the service provider. The ParkMobile app is available for both Apple and Android. To learn more about ParkMobile, visit [ParkMobile.com](http://ParkMobile.com). For info, contact Community Services at 941-625-7529.

## LIVE OAK POINT CLOSED

Due to safety concerns at Live Oak Point from Hurricane Irma damage, as well as ongoing construction of Live Oak Point Phase 1B, the park is closed until further notice. Live Oak Point is located at 5100 Tamiami Trail, Charlotte Harbor.

## COMMUNITY NIGHTS AT KING FISHER FLEET

King Fisher Fleet, headquartered at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, offers half-price admission on sunset cruises to select groups and their families through Sept. 30. Tuesdays: Teachers, school administration, and school support staff. Wednesdays: State, county, and city government employees, including fire, police, and other first responders. Thursdays: Healthcare workers (doctor's offices, retirement communities, hospitals). All community members employed in each category are eligible for half-price admission for themselves and their family members on the sunset cruise with proof of employment. Proof of employment includes a name tag with the company logo, an employee ID, or other identifying document. Advance reservations are recommended. For more information about this special offer, call 941-639-0969.

## LAND-BASED SHARK FISHING WORKSHOPS

The FWC needs your input on future management of the shore-based shark fishery. Workshops will be held at 6 p.m. July 18 in Bradenton at the State College of Florida Library (5840 26th Street West, Bradenton) and July 19 in Fort Myers at the Joseph P D'Alessandro Office Complex, Room 165C (2295 Victoria Ave., Fort Myers). Share your input by attending a workshop in person or comment online at [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments).

## ONGOING EVENTS

**FISHING CLUB MEETINGS:** The Gulf Cove Fishing Club meets on the second Monday of the month from October through May at the Hope Lutheran Church in Gulf Cove (14200 Hopewell Ave., Port Charlotte) at 7 p.m. At each meeting, a speaker will talk on a timely topic. The public is invited to attend, but only Gulf Cove residents can be members. For more info, call 941-698-8607.

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**HANG OUT WITH SCRUB JAYS:** Spend the morning with the scrub jays at Oscar Scherer State Park (1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey) from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. This unique Central Florida experience includes a nature walk to see the park's diverse ecosystems, native flora and fauna. Call 941-483-5956 for info.

## ADULTS CAN LEARN TO SAIL

Come learn to sail or refresh your skills with Englewood Sailing Association's (ESA) Summer Adult Class for those 18 and over. This popular four-day class is ideal for working adults since it is held over two consecutive weekends, July 21-22 and July 28-29, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. The only prerequisites are the ability to swim and the desire to sail. Class will be held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park in Englewood. Cost is \$175 per person and registration is now open at the Englewood SKY Family Y. ESA instructors are certified through U.S. Sailing and are trained in CPR and First Aid. For additional information, contact Craig Keller at 941-276-3115 or the Y at 941-474-1234 or visit [EnglewoodSailing.org](http://EnglewoodSailing.org). Class size is limited.

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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 (701 Medical Blvd, Englewood). 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. Camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. The last session will be held July 9-13. Cost is \$135 per session, with a \$10 discount for Y or ESA members. Camps are held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park (210 Winslow Ave., Englewood) and are limited to 22 participants each. For more information, contact

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**CHARLOTTE HARBOR DRAGONS:** Dragon boat club meets every Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. Learn the ancient art of dragon boat racing. We practice out of the Port Charlotte Beach Complex (4500 Harbor Blvd. Port Charlotte). For availability, contact Eddie Amara at 941-740-1286 or [eamara1@comcast.net](mailto:eamara1@comcast.net), or to learn more about the club visit [CharlotteHarborDragons.com](http://CharlotteHarborDragons.com). Paddles up!

**CHARLOTTE HARBOR MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION:** Members of this club for multihull owners, sailors or those who are interested in the exchange of ideas about equipping and sailing boats, share information about anchorages and cruising destinations, hold informal races and have raft-ups. No dues. The club meets at a local restaurant the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. For more info, call 941-876-6667.

Laurie O'Gara at 908-310-7975 or the Englewood SKY Family Y at 941-475-1234, or visit [EnglewoodSailing.org](http://EnglewoodSailing.org).

## PLANT SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society invites the public to join them July 28 for a short walk through Carlton Preserve (1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice). The society promotes the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Meetings, field trips and special events are free and open to the public. For more info, contact trail guide Al Squires at 941-769-3633 or [AHSquires1@comcast.net](mailto:AHSquires1@comcast.net).

## LBTD FISHING TOURNEY

The Lemon Bay Touchdown Club's seventh annual Fishing Tournament is set for Aug. 4 at Boca Grande Marina (220 Harbor Drive, Boca Grande). Offshore anglers will fish for red grouper, snapper and a mystery fish. The inshore division will fish for redfish, trout and a mystery fish. There will be a captains meeting at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 at Ricaltini's (1997 Kentucky Ave., Englewood). Offshore boats will be released at 9 p.m. Aug. 3. Inshore boats will check in between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. Aug. 4 and begin fishing at 7 a.m. Weigh-ins will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at Boca Grande Marina, with an after party at 5 p.m. Team entry is \$350, which includes four anglers, VIP bag and long-sleeve tournament shirt. More anglers may be added for \$50 per person. Registration after Aug. 1 will be \$400 per team. Proceeds benefit the LBHS Manta Rays football program. Organizers are also welcoming sponsors at all levels. For

**COASTAL VENTURES CRUISE CLUB:** This club, designed for personal boat cruising, meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Waterfront Restaurant (2205 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis). Join them for dinner at 6 p.m. and/or the 7:30 p.m. meeting where they'll discuss upcoming cruises and activities. Enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded water rats. If interested, attend a meeting or call 941-493-0070 for more info.

**VOLUNTEER AT SHAMROCK PARK:** Shamrock Park Nature Center (3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice) holds its monthly volunteer work mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. on the third Friday of each month. For more info, call Jennifer Rogers at 941-861-5000 or email her at [jrogers@scgov.net](mailto:jrogers@scgov.net).

**GREATER CHARLOTTE HARBOR SIERRA CLUB:** Meetings are held from October to April at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church (1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte). Meetings include coffee, outdoor prizes, environmental speakers and more. For more info, call Allen at 941-423-2713. Visit [GCHGroup.org](http://GCHGroup.org) for a list of planned 2018 fall outings.

more info, contact Janine Vito at 941-441-7045, Ryan Johnson at 941-586-8019, or Holly Haynes at 941-270-2479. Visit [lbtcd.weebly.com](http://lbtcd.weebly.com) or [Facebook.com/LBTDClub](http://Facebook.com/LBTDClub) for updated information.

## FISHIN' TALK RADIO SEMINAR

The next event in the Fishin' Talk Radio seminar series will be held Aug. 7 at Gasparilla Marina's Waterside Grill (15001 Gasparilla Road, Placida). Seminars are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month and are hosted by the boys from Fishin' Talk Radio. Topics vary depending on how the fishing is going, but you're guaranteed to learn something useful — and if you have any questions you want answered, bring 'em with you. Come out at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy dinner and drinks with Capt. Josh Olive and Capt. Mike Myers (you buy your own); the talk gets started at 6:30 p.m. For more info, call Capt. Mike at 941-416-8047 or Josh at 941-276-9657.

## SALTWATER FISHING 101

Do you like to fish? Would you like to learn the basics of shallow saltwater fishing from men who love God and love fishing Charlotte Harbor? Fishermen from Deep Creek Community Church invite young men between the ages of 11 and 15 who are interested in fishing to join us for a free saltwater fishing clinic conducted on two consecutive Saturday mornings. The first Saturday is classroom hands-on instruction in preparation for a half-day fishing trip on the following Saturday. For the safety and enjoyment of all involved, all participants must complete the classroom instruction prior to the fishing trip. For available class dates, go to [YF4C.org](http://YF4C.org).

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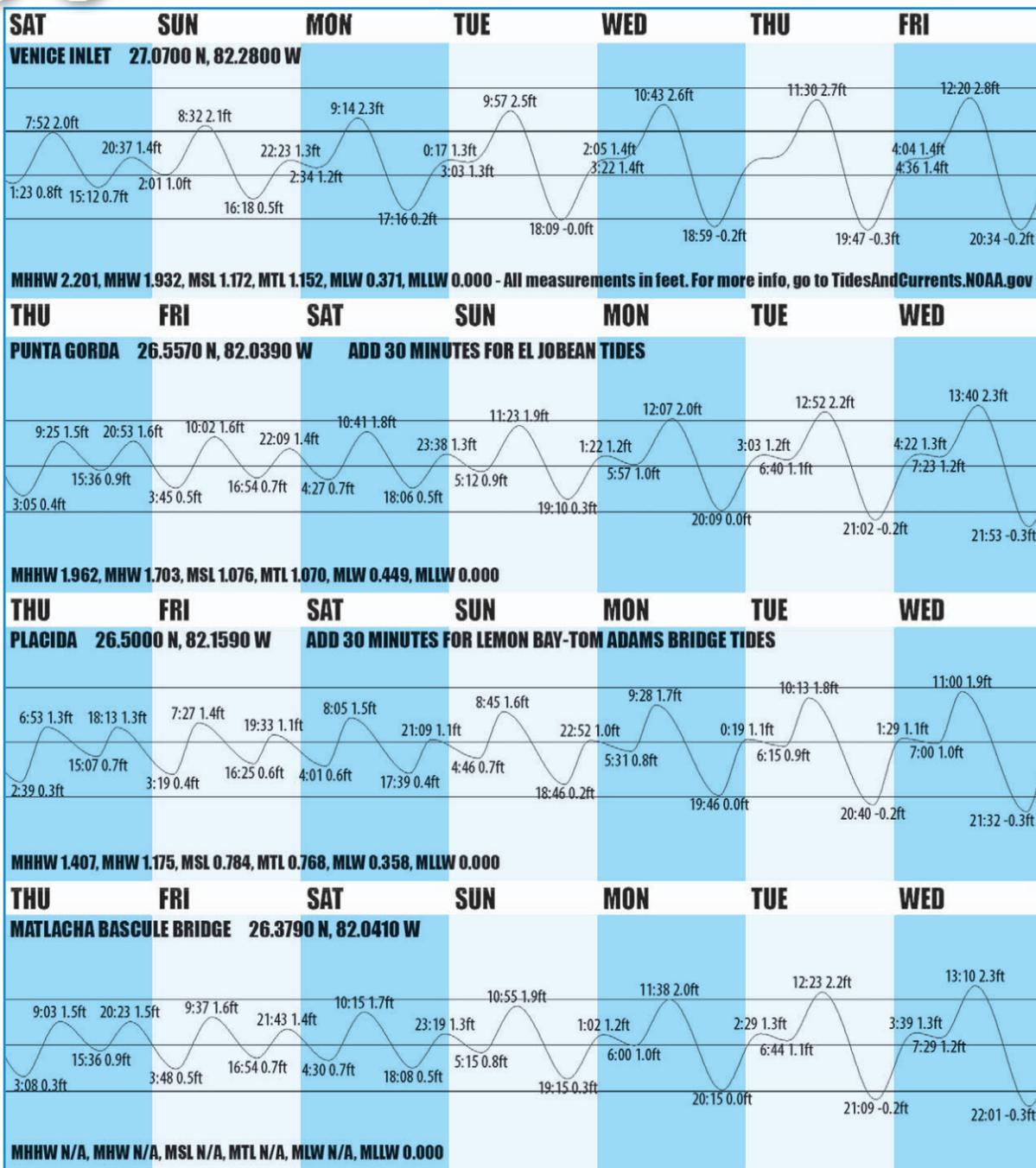
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# WaterLine FISHING RULES

State and federal regulations for Southwest Florida waters as of July 1, 2018. All bag limits are per harvester per day. Other limits may apply. For full rules, visit [MyFWC.com/fishing](http://MyFWC.com/fishing) and [GulfCouncil.org/fishing\\_regulations](http://GulfCouncil.org/fishing_regulations).

## LICENSES

**Resident saltwater or freshwater:** Annual \$17, 5-year \$79. **If you fish from shore in salt water only, a license is required but it is free.** A combo license for both freshwater and saltwater fishing is \$32.50 annually.

**Resident senior:** If you are a Fla. resident age 65 or older, your driver's license or ID card replaces your fishing license. Gulf Reef Fish Survey (see below) and tarpon tags are still required.

**Nonresident saltwater or freshwater:** 3 days \$17, 7 days \$30, annual \$47. **Free shore fishing license not available for nonresidents.**

**Gulf Reef Fish Survey (required to harvest red snapper, vermilion snapper, gag, red grouper, black grouper, amberjack, almaco jack or triggerfish):** No charge

**Annual permits (required only when a license is required):** Snook \$10, lobster \$5

## SALTWATER FISH

### Almaco Jack

Limit 100 pounds in state waters, limit 20 in federal waters; notes: 9,11,14

### Amberjack, Greater

34" min.; limit 1; **open May 1 - 31 and Aug. 1 - Oct. 31**; notes: 1,3,4,5,7,9,14

### Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish

Slot 14" to 22"; aggregate limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,7,9,14

### Barracuda

Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties only: Slot 15" to 36"; limit 2 (max. 6 per vessel; may possess one per vessel over 36"); notes: 1,5

### Black Drum

Slot 14" to 24" (may possess 1 over 24"); limit 5; notes: 5,7,8

### Black Sea Bass

10" min.; limit 100 pounds; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,15

### Bluefish

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 1,5

### Blue runner

Limit 100

### Cobia

33" min.; limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel); limit 2 in federal waters; notes: 1,5

### Dolphin (Mahi mahi)

Limit 10 (max. 60 per vessel) in state waters only; notes: 5,15

### Flounder, all species

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,5,7,8,15

### Grouper, Black

24" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,14

### Grouper, Gag

24" min.; limit 2; season open June 1-Dec. 31; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,14

### Grouper, Goliath (Jewfish)

Harvest prohibited; legal to target for catch and release in state but not federal waters

### Grouper, Red

20" min.; bag limit 2; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,14

### Grouper, Scamp

16" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

### Grouper, Snowy & Yellowedge

No min. size; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

### Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind

No min. size; limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10

### Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth

20" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12

### Grouper, Coney, Graysby, Rock Hind, Red Hind (Strawberry) & Tiger

No min. size; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,15

### Hogfish

14" min.; limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,7,9

### Mackerel, King (kingfish)

24" min.; **limit 3**; notes: 1,5

### Mackerel, Spanish

12" min.; limit 15; transfer of Spanish mackerel

to other vessels at sea prohibited; notes: 1,5

### Mullet, Striped & Silver

Limit, Feb. 1-Aug. 31, aggregate 50 (max. 100 per vessel); Sept. 1-Jan. 31, aggregate 50 (max. 50 per vessel); bag limit also applies to bait mullet; possession of striped mullet prohibited in Punta Gorda 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (see <http://bit.ly/urExej>); notes: 15

### Permit

Slot 11" to 22"; limit 2 (over 22" — limit 1; max. 2 per vessel); hook and line gear only in state waters; spearing legal in federal waters; see <http://goo.gl/pU5Wug> for rules in Special Permit Zone south of Cape Sable; notes: 1,5,6,7

### Pompano, Florida

11" min.; limit 6; notes: 1,5,6,7

### Pompano, African

24" min.; limit 2 (max. 2 per vessel); notes: 1,5,6,7

### Porgy, Red (Champagne)

Limit 100 pounds; notes: 4,5,7,9,15

### Redfish (Red Drum)

Slot 18" to 27"; limit 1 (max. 8 per vessel); off-the-water transport limit 6 per person; illegal to harvest **or possess** in federal water; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

### Sailfish

63" min. from tip of lower jaw to center of fork; limit 1; notes: 5,6,16

### Sea Trout, Spotted

Slot 15" to 20"; limit 4 (over 20" — limit 1); notes: 2,5,6,7

### Sharks

State waters, no size limit on sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth & smooth dogfish; 54" min. on bull, nurse, spinner, common thresher, blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle & shortfin mako; **species not listed are prohibited.** Federal waters, 54" min all species except sharpnose and bonnethead; **for federally prohibited species see <https://goo.gl/envCwD>**; limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel; limit in federal waters 1 per vessel; **inline circle hooks required when fishing for sharks in federal waters**; notes: 1,5,6,7,8,16

### Sheepshead

12" min.; **limit 8 (max. 50 per vessel in March & April)**; notes: 2,5,7

### Snapper, Cubera

Slot 12" to 30"; limit 10 if under 30" (over 30" — limit 2, max. 2 per vessel); **fish over 30" not included in aggregate snapper limit**; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

### Snapper, Mangrove (Gray)

10" min. in state waters; 12" min. in federal waters; limit 5 in state waters, 10 in federal waters; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

### Snapper, Lane

8" min.; limit 20 in federal waters or 100 pounds in state waters; **not included in aggregate snapper limit**; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11

### Snapper, Mutton

**18" min.; limit 5**; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

### Snapper, Red (American)

16" min.; limit 2; **recreational season open June 11-July 21 for state and federal waters; federal charter season open June 1-July 22**; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,13,14

### Snapper, Schoolmaster

10" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

### Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)

10" min.; limit 10; **not included in aggregate snapper limit**; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11,14

### Snapper, Blackfin, Dog, Queen, Mahogany, Silk & Yellowtail

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

### Snook

Slot 28" to 33"; limit 1; season closed Dec., Jan., Feb., May, June, July, and Aug.; \$10 snook permit required to harvest when license is required; state regulations apply in federal waters; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

### Tarpon

Limit 1 per harvester per year; \$51.50 tag required to harvest or possess, which is legal only in pursuit of an IGFA record; for seasonal Boca Grande Pass rules, see <http://bit.ly/l6zrDj>; notes: 6,7,8

### Triggerfish, Gray

**15" min.; limit 1; open March 1-May 31**

**and Aug. 1-Dec. 31**; notes: 1,4,5,7,11,14

### Tripletail

**18" min.**; limit 2; may be harvested by hook and line only; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

### Wahoo

No min. size; limit 2; notes: 1,5,15

### Lionfish

Kill on sight; no limits

### UNREGULATED SPECIES

In state waters, limit 100 pounds or two fish, whichever is more: Blackfin tuna, catfish, cero mackerel, croaker, grunts, ladyfish, little tunny, jack crevalle, pinfish, porgies, rays, sand trout, silver trout, spadefish, whiting, etc. See <http://bit.ly/1aLP4f>.

### NO-HARVEST SPECIES

In addition to the species previously listed, harvest of bonefish, Nassau grouper, spotted eagle rays, manta rays and sawfish is prohibited.

Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYDlz> for full rules, including more no-harvest species.

### NOTES

1. Measured fork length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with mouth closed to the center of the tail).

2. Measured total length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side).

3. Bag limit zero for captain and crew of for-hire vessels on a paid trip.

4. Reef fish gear rules apply. Anglers must use inline circle hooks when using natural baits, and must possess a dehooking device. Venting tool not required. Also, cannot be taken by powerhead in the reef fish stressed area (see <https://goo.gl/KqP2Ab>).

5. Must remain in whole condition (head and tail intact) until landed ashore. Removal of gills and internal organs OK. **Cannot be used as cut bait.**

6. Harvest by spear, gig or bow prohibited.

7. Use of multiple hooks (more than one point on a common shank, like a treble hook) in conjunction with natural bait prohibited.

8. Harvest by snatching prohibited.

9. Reef fish; illegal to use as bait in federal waters. In state waters, legal-size reef fish may be used as bait but must remain in whole condition and count against bag limit.

10. Included in aggregate 4 grouper bag limit.

11. Included in 20-fish reef fish aggregate bag limit in federal waters (includes vermilion snapper, lane snapper, almaco jack, gray triggerfish and all tilefish species).

12. Closed Feb. 1-March 31 in federal waters outside 20-fathom break ONLY.

13. Included in aggregate snapper bag limit of 10 fish.

14. Participation in Gulf Reef Fish Survey required to harvest. See <http://bit.ly/15D6Hip>

15. No bag limit in federal waters.

16. HMS permit required to target or harvest in federal waters; see <https://goo.gl/bbmlXL>

## FRESHWATER FISH\*

**Largemouth Bass:** No min. size; limit 5. Only one fish can be longer than 16" (tournaments may apply for a permit allowing participants to weigh more than one over 16")

**Sunfish** (all species excluding crappie): Aggregate limit 50

**Crappie:** Aggregate white/black limit 25

**American Eel:** Min. 9"; limit 25

**Butterfly peacock bass:** Max. 17", limit 2 (may possess 1 over 17")

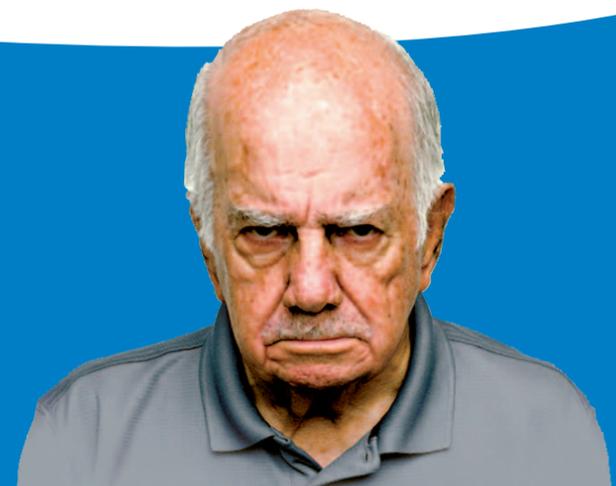
**Grass carp:** Must be released immediately.

**Other exotic fishes:** Keep and eat or otherwise destroy; may not be used as live bait.

**Unregulated species:** No limits on bowfin, pickerel, catfish and gar (see below).

**Prohibited species:** Alligator gar, sturgeon.

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#### ERIC

COOKS SPORTLAND  
Venice  
941-493-0025

There are still some dead fish around. Red tide reports at the jetties have shut the fishing down there for a bit, but the Midnight Pass area of Little Sarasota Bay has been productive, with **bluefish**, **trout** and **snook** all feeding well. The freshwater bite has been slow during the day but pretty good before 9 a.m. or after 6 p.m. **Bass**, **cichlids** and **bluegills** are all available on artificials.

Lots of **bonita** are attacking bait in 60 feet. At 100 feet, **wahoo** and **sailfish** have been spotted going after large numbers of flying fish. The **red snapper** bite is still great 70 miles out. **Porgies**, **mangrove**, **lane** and **yellowtail snapper**, and **red grouper** are also coming in; the best bite is in deeper water at 40 to 60 miles. Leave early or deal with storms.

Make a friend with an offshore boat offer to and split fuel costs.

#### JIM

FISHERMAN'S EDGE  
Grove City  
941-697-7595

(6/28 report) Reports this week have been sparse due to red tide fish kills. Everyone seems to be going offshore.

(6/21 report) Seems everybody is going offshore. **Sailfish** and big **mahi** up to nearly 50 pounds have been caught. **Scamp**, **Kitty Mitchells**, **African pompano** and big **yellowtail snapper** are also coming in. Most fishermen are going to at least 90 or 100 feet, with some out to nearly 300.

**Red snapper** have been highly abundant in water at least 130 feet deep and limits come quick. Better take venting tools or descending gear — you'll be releasing a lot.

#### JEFF

CAPT. TED'S TACKLE  
Port Charlotte  
941-627-6800

There's still some red tide around and dead fish on Boca Grande, but Charlotte Harbor is full of life. Schools of big **jacks**, **bluefish** and **Spanish mackerel** are ripping pods of bait from the river mouths to the middle of the Harbor. The deep holes have had some **tarpon**, which are being caught on trolled DOA Bait Busters. A few **cobia** are around also. Sharks are eating chunks of fresh cut fish. **Trout** are hungry, but most are pretty small.

Once you clear the stinky stuff (5 to 15 miles), the bite is good. Reports from 100 miles have been nonstop fast action with **mahi**, **wahoo**, big **snowy** and **yellowedge grouper**, **tilefish** and a mixed bag of **snapper** including monster **reds**.

Stick to the Harbor north of Cape Haze and enjoy the mixed bag without red tide or dead fish around.

#### ROBERT

FISHIN' FRANK'S  
Charlotte Harbor  
941-625-3888

**Spanish mackerel** and small **sharks** are in the holes, especially off Burnt Store and Pirate Harbor. **Redfish** and **snook** are under the mangroves on the east and west walls. Red tide is thinning out along the ICW, but there's still enough at the surface to kill bait.

From 3 to 20 miles, bait is abundant and there are **Spanish macks** on them. From 5 to 30 miles, we're seeing good numbers of **bonito**. **Grunts** and **porgies** are moving back to the nearshore reefs. In 140 to 180 feet, **red snapper** have been caught and **sailfish** sighted.

Lots of **tarpon** are in the 20-foot holes, the mouth of the Myakka and the U.S. 41 bridges. Try Bait Busters or Storm swimbaits. They may eat ladyfish, but threadfins are choice.

#### CHUCK

LAISHLEY MARINE  
Punta Gorda  
941-639-3949

Juvenile **tarpon** are eating whitebait, rootbeer paddletails and early morning topwaters in the canals. Small **snook** are also hitting topwaters. **Trout** are on the flats. **Pompano** are decent outside the bars. Fish cutbait in 3 to 5 feet around creek mouths for **redfish**. A few **cobia**, **sharks** and some **tarpon** are in the deep holes, or try the El Jobean area for tarpon. Avoid the Boca Grande area due to red tide.

**Red snapper** are good in 150 feet over hard bottom or rocks. Squid is the hot bait. We're also seeing **lane**, **vermillion** and **mangrove snapper** in 70 to 140 feet. **Porgies** and **grunts** have also been solid. **Red grouper** are good; go to at least 100 feet for keepers. Watch for **mahi** wherever you are.

Avoid the afternoon storms by fishing in the mornings.

#### CAMERON

RIO VILLA  
BAIT & TACKLE  
Punta Gorda  
941-639-7166

Small **jacks** and **Spanish mackerel** are coming from the 20-foot holes. Troll spoons for both. There are also **tarpon** from 40 to 120 pounds in the holes; try small ladyfish or silver trout free-lined or trolled. If you're trolling, please use your trolling motor, not your big engine! **Snook** are feeding in the mouths of the feeder creeks on the end of the outgoing or beginning of the incoming. Feed them pinfish, whitebait or cut ladyfish.

No reports this week.

Fish the spillways and mouths of the culvert pipes for **bass**. Early mornings and evenings are best. Shiners, 3- to 40-inch gold swimbaits, small streamers and popping flies are all catching.

#### JESSE

OLD PINE ISLAND  
MARINA & TACKLE  
St. James City  
239-283-2548

Red tide is still absent in the south end of Pine Island Sound, but there have been some dead fish in Redfish Pass. **Trout** action is still good, with white or chartreuse paddletails the hot ticket. **Redfish** are good in Matlacha; fish cutbait or frozen shrimp around the oyster bars. **Snook** and tarpon reports have been few, but **ladyfish** are fun and plentiful around channel dropoffs. Some **pompano** have been caught this week from undisclosed spots.

**Red grouper** are all over, with keeper fish coming from as shallow as 45 feet and as far as 90 miles. Fat **lane snapper** are on hard bottom eating shrimp in 40 to 60 feet. Expects some **porgies** and **grunts** as bycatch. Decent **yellowtail snapper** are coming from 35 miles. **Red snapper** are still good at 150 to 200 feet.

There are baby **sharks** all over the grassflats and around the markers. Fresh cut fish is all you need.

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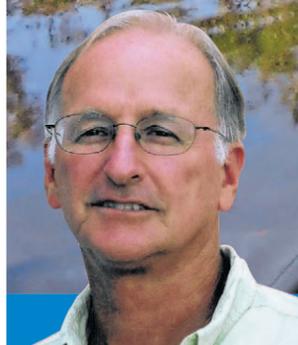
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# Salty thoughts

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This snook was caught far up river —so far up there are no tides, never-mind salt in the water.



**AROUND CHARLOTTE HARBOR • CAPT. RALPH ALLEN**

Most of the fish which live in Charlotte Harbor are euryhaline. Euryhaline fish can survive in wide a range of salinities or saltiness. The fish in our estuaries need to be euryhaline because the water in Charlotte Harbor can vary from really salty — almost as salty as ocean water — to nearly fresh water which contains hardly any salt at all.

For example, the water near Boca Grande Pass at the mouth of the Harbor is very salty during the winter dry season, especially at high tide when Gulf water has pushed inside the Pass. But the water at Punta Gorda can become completely fresh during the summer rainy season when the Peace River is running hard. Snook live successfully in both places under those extremely divergent conditions, which means that they are euryhaline.

There are snook living in Lake Okeechobee, having managed to work their way upstream from either the east coast via the St. Lucie River or from the west coast via the Caloosahatchee. There have been tagging studies which indicate that some snook have even managed to travel completely through the Okeechobee Waterway from the east coast of Florida to the Gulf Coast. To complete this journey those snook would have to negotiate multiple navigational locks by passing into a lock when the gates open to allow boats in, then following the boats out the other end to continue their travels. By the way, manatees do the same thing.

So how do we know that the snook in Lake Okeechobee weren't born there? It's because

snook can survive indefinitely once they enter fresh water, but they can't reproduce in fresh water. Snook reproduction requires very salty water, which is why we find spawning schools of snook in the Gulf passes in the spring and early summer, since that's where the saltiest water is found.

For years, it was sort of an open secret that there were large snook in Pond #2 at the Babcock/Webb WMA just south of Punta Gorda. This is the freshwater pond that's located on the left side of Tucker's Grade just at the entry pay station. Those snook were placed in Pond #2 by the FWC, but not so fishermen could catch snook. They were put in that pond so fishermen could catch big bluegill. Say what?

Bluegill are prolific reproducers which can quickly become so numerous that they eat all the available food. Nature controls this situation by stunting the growth of individual bluegill in bodies of water which contain lots of them. But if you thin out the bluegill by removing a bunch of the little guys, the remaining fish tend to grow much larger. Pond #2 was being managed to produce trophy bluegill and part of the strategy used by the FWC was to stock snook to eat the little bluegill, since snook really like little bluegill and eat them like crazy.

Those snook were in that pond for years, and some got pretty big. There were more than a few bluegill fishermen who were shocked to have bluegill snatched off their lines by big hungry snook. And there were a

few anglers who knew about those snook and fished for them in that pond. Sadly, I think the 2010 freeze killed them off, and they have not been re-stocked because the FWC is no longer running that trophy bluegill program.

But there are limits to this euryhaline business. For snook or other euryhaline fish to survive the change from very salty water to very fresh water, or vice versa, the change in salinity has to be gradual enough that the fish has time to adjust.

If you plucked a snook off the beach at Cayo Costa today and carried him in a bucket of salty Gulf water up to the mouth of the Peace River and dropped him overboard in the dark, fresh river water, it's likely that the abrupt change in salinity would kill him. But if that fish spent a few days making the swim up the Harbor, he'd do just fine.

And there are fish (and other creatures) which can survive some varying salinity, but not as wide a range as some other creatures. And there are creatures and plants which can survive salinity extremes for a while, but which will eventually die if those extreme conditions continue long enough. Fish have some ability to swim away from unsuitable water conditions, but things like shellfish and seagrass are fixed in position and have to deal with whatever water quality comes their way. This is what sometimes kills these organisms in the lower sections of the Caloosahatchee River when freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee continue for long periods of time.

For some reason, there are more saltwater fish that can handle fresh water than there are freshwater fish that can handle salt water. Snook, tarpon, bull sharks and many other coastal fish can go way inland into fresh water — but largemouth bass can't do the reverse. However, there are a few freshwater fish which do come down into the harbor during the summer rainy season. A good example of this is the longnose gar we see in the Harbor all summer. When the rainy season ends, most of those prehistoric-looking fish will retreat back inland.

Another unfortunate example is the non-native Mayan cichlid. These freshwater fish can survive and thrive in salt water. Think of a snook's situation, but reversed — they can live in salt or fresh water, but need fresh water to reproduce. It's thought that this is one reason why these fish have been able to spread so rapidly around the state. They can leave a creek or ditch by swimming downstream, head out to the salty water, travel along the coast, then duck into another stream and work their way inland again.

Let's go fishing!

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Smaller fish are a lot more fun if you catch them on lighter tackle.

# Saltwater panfish

Fishermen have a strong tendency to brag about the size of their catches. Often, it seems to be a competition, with every man trying to convince the other boys on the boat — and the girls back at the dock — that his is the biggest. (I wonder what Freud would say about that.)

While it's certainly true that big ones can be a lot of fun (we're still talking fish here, OK?), the truth is that most of our catches are on the smaller side. Even in the deep waters of the Gulf, we usually send more shorts back to the bottom than the number of keepers we put on ice. In both salt and fresh waters, panfish are all around.

Since that's our reality, why not make the most of it? Smaller fish can be lots of fun. You just have to scale back two things: First, your tackle; second, your expectations.

Truthfully, it's not mandatory to lighten up on your rod and reel. I do, though, because the main reason I fish is for enjoyment. If your gear overpowers the fish, where's the sport? Most of us have reeled in pinfish or baby snapper while fishing for larger gamefish. How much of a fight did you get? Right. If you go trout fishing with tarpon tackle, you'll get about the same result. You can still catch fish — it's just not much fun.

But catch those same pinfish and snapper on an ultralight setup, and suddenly these little guys are showing some spirit and actually pulling back. For saltwater purposes, I'm going to define "ultralight" as a rod rated for 4-10 pound line, a 1000 or 2000 size spinning reel, and braid of 4- to 8-pound strength. You can get lighter rods, but I want one 7 feet long to keep a reasonable casting ability. Most "true" ultralight rods (usually rated for 2-6 pound line) are stubby little things less than 6 feet.

One thing I don't scale back, or at least not much, is my leader. It looks a little funny to tie 25-pound fluorocarbon to 4-pound braid, but even with small fish it's still advantageous to have a heavier leader that will fend off oysters, barnacles and other sharp bits in the environment. Also, you will occasionally hook into something bigger. As I've said before, elephants eat peanuts. I've had over-slot redfish grab a tiny schnibble of bait meant for something the size of my hand. That's fun. It usually doesn't last long, but sometimes you get lucky.

Natural baits work well. Again, size them down. You might get funny looks at the bait shop asking for the smallest shrimp in the tank, but so what? Pieces of cut frozen

shrimp are another fine choice. Artificial lures can be good too, at least for some species. Beetle Spins, inline spinners and even tiny jerkbaits will catch fish, just like when you're after freshwater panfish.

Bait choice can help you narrow down your target species. For example, let's look at the Myakka Cutoff. With strong river flow, the water up that way is only sort of salty, which means there are fair numbers of Mayan cichlids hanging out under the mangroves. But there are also clouds of mangrove snapper from 3 to 10 inches. The cichlids will happily eat shrimp live or cut, but there are so many snapper that you'll hook 30 of them for every Mayan.

Now try fishing the same area with that Beetle Spin. Mangrove snapper are lure-shy even when they're babies, but the cichlids are aggressive and will readily attack artificials. Even accounting for the occasional dumb snapper and juvenile snook that will jump on your lure, you're putting a lot more cichlids in the cooler.

On the other hand, lures can prevent you from catching one of the tastiest saltwater panfish: The sand bream. These fish show a strong preference for brackish water and spend most of the winter in the river mouths. In the summer, they invade canal systems in Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte. They don't like lures at all, since they feed on things that crawl in the bottom mud. For them, peeled chunks of shrimp meat are the way to go.

Don't forget to shrink your hooks. When I'm panfishing, I like a live bait style hook, which has a short shank and is made of relatively stout wire. I prefer this variety because I can partly hide it inside even a small bait and because the heavier wire gauge gives me a measure of comfort when a bigger fish takes that little bait. Usually, I'm using a No. 4 or No. 6 hook.

Now, as for the expectations: You're going to have a lot of fun. However, it's going to be difficult to make other people understand that. If you're the type who needs people to ooh and ahh over your outdoor exploits, saltwater panfishing isn't for you. If you need the adulation that comes from posting photos of big fish on social media, you're not going to get that here.

But if you enjoy fishing for its own sake, and if you like eating fish that have been scaled, gutted and tossed into a hot greased skillet, you're going to love the fast action and the delicious dinner that follows.

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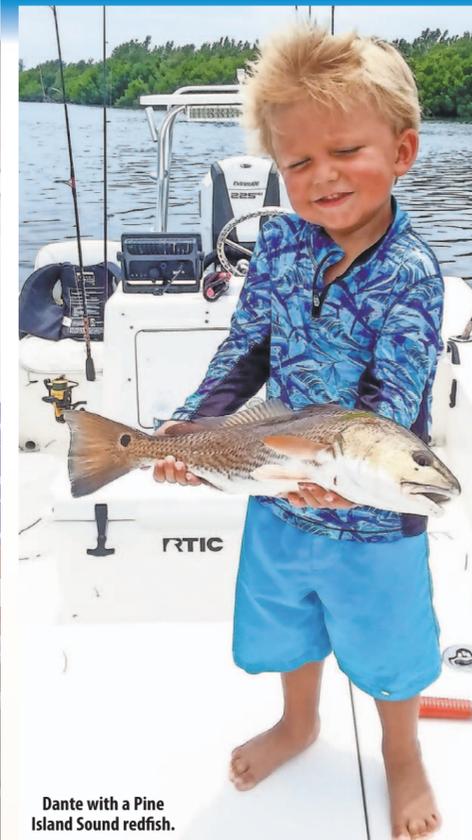
# Reader Photos



Frank Misasi came all the way from Kingston, N.Y., to catch and release this slot Charlotte Harbor snook.



Dustin Smith went red snapper fishing 70 miles out and got hammered by this big red grouper on the first drop.



Dante with a Pine Island Sound redfish.



Joe Wilson with a Fathers Day snook, caught a year to the date he sent another beach snook picture that made the Water-Line cover.



Shannon S. with her first fish ever! Caught and released in a Port Charlotte canal.



Kevin McDougal of englewood with a 36-pound blackfin tuna caught 68 miles out of Venice Inlet.



George Duchene with a 23-pound red grouper caught 45 miles out of Venice Inlet.



Bob Mercier with a 29-inch gag that ate a squirrelfish in 65 feet. Reportedly it had to be wrestled away from a Goliath that wanted to eat it.



Melissa Aniskewicz with a 30-inch catch-and-release redfish.



Sam Peterson of Englewood caught a goliath grouper in Fort Myers.



Lisa Kress with her first triggerfish — keeper size, but out of season, so back it went.

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# Stay out of my spot



ANGLING 101 • ROBERT LUGIEWICZ

If you fish, you probably have favorite spots. And, human nature being what it is, you probably feel some degree of territoriality about those favorite fishing spots. Maybe you even think of them as your secret fishing spots. It's totally understandable and absolutely normal.

Also, you're completely wrong. There's no such thing as a secret spot in the Charlotte Harbor area. Thirty years ago, there were a few. Not anymore. There are just too many people here on the water and fishing. Those people take photos and share them. Even if the location isn't specified, there are only so many places out there — sometimes you can tell by the trees or docks where the pic was taken. Those people have fishing or drinking buddies they talk to and share with. Keeping secrets is a lost cause.

Why do we get so upset when we find someone fishing "our" spots? I don't think it's a serious concern that they'll take all the fish. It's more a matter of personal space. When I'm in line at the grocery store, I don't want the guy in line behind me breathing down my neck. It's the same out on the water — I don't want to be fishing a short cast away from the next guy over. I think 100 yards is about right. That's about four good casts for most of us. If you can visualize that distance, try to keep that far away.

Another thing about secret spots: They're still there when you're not. You may have a location where you catch the heck out of redfish on the outgoing tide. Maybe you've tried it on the incoming tide and come up empty a couple times, so you're only there when the tide's going out. But there might be another guy who catches the heck out of big trout in the exact same spot, but only when the tide is flooding in. You might drive past on your way to someplace else, see that guy anchored at your spot, and laugh under your breath about him wasting his casts. Shows what you know.

Mother Nature has a clock. If you've spent any amount of time on Charlotte Harbor, you've probably started to figure out her time frames. For example, every fall a school of redfish shows up around Whorehouse Point. Sometimes it's 200 fish, sometimes it's 2,000. If you're the first one who stumbles upon them in a particular year, you might think of them as "your" fish. The guys who used to gillnet them 50 years ago also thought of them as "their" fish. Hopefully, 50 years from now, they'll still be there for

someone to think of them as "their" fish.

For offshore fishing, it's a whole other game. In the open Gulf of Mexico, there actually are some secret spots. Most of the sea is basically a desert. Like a desert, there are oases. The oases are reefs, rockpiles, ledges and other structure.

Most of the bigger oases are pretty easy to find — the locations are published and not hard to look up online. They also appear on many charts. When you're fishing one of these larger reefs, you expect to share the area with other anglers. Unless they drive across your anchor line or troll right in front of you, it's not worth getting irritated about.

The secret spots are the little ones: A limestone ledge that only runs for 50 feet, an "unofficial" artificial reef where someone dumped a couple old refrigerators, a pile of rock the size of your living room. Those locations are hard to come by. You can troll for gag grouper and then mark the spot where you get a hit. You can look for small anomalies on your bottom machine. You can get numbers from a (really, really) good friend.

Or you can do what too many people already do and poach the numbers: Just wait until you see an anchored boat and then buzz by, marking the spot to check out later. Of course, poaching numbers puts you at risk of being used for target practice, because it's pretty much a dirtbag thing to do, but it's an unfortunately common practice.

It's easy to think we have spots that are all ours, but the fact is that even the most remote creeks or backwaters are targeted by other anglers. It's a hard fact of life, but we all just have to get used to the idea of other people fishing where we fish. Fishing spots are not girlfriends or wives — learn to share.

But that doesn't mean you can't be the best at fishing a particular honeyhole. Take the time to learn your area. Be observant of the little things: Bird activity, water temperature, baitfish schools. If you pay attention, you'll come to learn what's normal and what's out of character or different. Once you get in tune with things, you'll find yourself being more successful.

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ANGLING 201 • CAPT. CAYLE WILLS

# Let's talk clean water

This month I'm going to do something a little different. Our red tide situation, combined with the Lake Okeechobee water releases, has been in the forefront of social media and local news. So I decided to interview someone on the front lines of fighting for a solution to this problem. At the very least, this might help educate those who just don't know. At best, it will help motivate others to help.

I decided to interview Capt. Josh Greer. Josh is a fourth-generation Floridian, born and raised in Homestead. He came from a farming background in south Dade County. He moved to Port Charlotte in 2004 and started guiding full time in 2008. Many of you have probably chartered with Josh with XXL Charters, and more of you might remember his WaterLine columns from 2012 to 2016.

In 2015, he started West Wall Outfitters, a full-service fly fishing shop in Port Charlotte. He uses his reach in the fishing community to try and tackle conservation issues such as water quality and habitat loss. He does so as an active member of Captain for Clean Water.

**Cayle:** Josh, tell me about Captains for Clean Water.

**Josh:** CFCW is grassroots non-profit that was started by some friends of mine in Fort Myers after the horrific Lake Okeechobee discharges in the winter of 2016. We had a very rainy winter in 2016 and water managers started discharges from Lake O right in the middle of our tourist season. This greatly impacted the business of fishing guides and tourism-based businesses in the Fort Myers and Sanibel areas. Not to mention it caused long-term damage to the local estuaries. Capt. Daniel Andrews and Capt. Chris Wittman founded CFCW to unite the fishing and tourism industries and stand up for the local estuaries that were being destroyed by the Lake O discharges.

**C:** You call it Captains for Clean Water. Is it only for charter captains or can anyone join?

**J:** Yes, it's called Captains for Clean Water, but you do not have to be a captain to join. CFCW has members from all walks of life, from guides to real estate agents to everyday concerned citizens.

**C:** CFCW recently visited Washington, D.C., correct?

**J:** Yes, and I joined them for the trip. We were there to help lobby the feds to do their part in Everglades restoration to help stop the discharges and send clean water south where it is desperately needed. I'd say we were very successful in doing so. We made very good headway and really got our message across to people that are making decisions.

**C:** What are your forward goals for Captains for Clean Water?

**J:** The goal moving forward with CFCW is to see this issue to the end. To stop the discharges out of the lake and get the clean fresh water to Florida Bay that it so badly needs. This is not a short-term fight and CFCW is in it for the long haul.

**C:** We've had a lot of fish kills recently. What do you think is causing them?

**J:** Yes, we've had ridiculous fish kills lately. The cause of those kills is red tide. Red tide is a natural occurring alga. When it blooms, it suffocates fish it also bothers mammals by attacking the respiratory system. We've always had red tide. We see blooms about once a year, but they seem to be getting worse.

**C:** What are your thoughts on the freshwater releases from Lake Okeechobee?

**J:** The discharges from Lake O are horrible. They bring massive amounts of nutrient rich water to the estuary. They devastate everything in its path. The grass flats and oyster bars in the southern Pine Island Sound and the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River have been wiped out by the discharges. Not to mention that the Caloosahatchee River was never naturally connected to Lake Okeechobee so these



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Nutrients from Lake Okeechobee have turned the upper Caloosahatchee River into pea soup.

discharges are a manmade disaster.

**C:** A lot of people think because our near shore currents swing south that the releases from Lake O don't affect us north of the Caloosahatchee River. Is that true?

**J:** Not exactly. Most of the water does flow south out of the Caloosahatchee River, but we are still directly impacted. As soon as the discharges start, most of the guides and fishermen from down south come up to fish Charlotte Harbor. We already have a lot of fishing pressure, so having all those extra boats up here makes fishing tough. When they are discharging a lot of water, we've seen it coming out of Matlacha Pass into the Harbor.

**C:** Lake Okeechobee itself is relatively healthy. Where do all the algae and contaminants come from if the lake is healthy?

**J:** Even if Lake O was healthy, the freshwater discharges would still kill sea grass and oysters in Pine Island Sound and Matlacha and ruin the fishing. Right now, most of the lake is covered with green algae. Not to mention the bottom of the lake is covered in muck that contains all the nasty stuff that they back-pumped off the sugar cane fields for decades until they were banned from doing it. Every time we have a big storm, that sediment gets stirred up and dumped out the rivers.

**C:** Blue-green algae is another thing people are complaining about. Why is it such a big deal if it is a freshwater algae? Won't it just die in salt water like red tide dies in fresh water?

**J:** The algae is another part of the problem. It's not going to end up in salt water, but it's caused a lot more problems in Stuart on the east coast of Florida.

**C:** I think water quality is a big issue here in the Harbor. I think it is the big player in the reduction of our redfish population. I believe it is killing our redfish fry given what I have seen dragging purse seine nets with the Don Ball School of fishing. We haven't caught redfish fingerling in the nets in the past 4 years. You also don't see the amount of finger mullet you used to either. Do you think that water quality is to blame for our lack of redfish or do you feel other factors are more to blame?

**J:** Water quality, in my opinion, is one of the major factors that we have seen a huge decline in redfish. The biggest problem is the red tide killing the big breeding fish off the beach. These issues, along with devastating habitat loss and ridiculous fishing and boating pressure, are huge threats to the future of redfish in Charlotte Harbor.

**C:** Everyone wants that beautiful green lawn. Well, except for me because then I have to mow the darn thing. I don't think many people, especially those that live on canals, realize what fertilizer does to our estuary. Here is a chance to educate. What are your feelings on local fertilization?

**J:** You're not the only one that doesn't want to mow the crap. I hate it. Absolutely this is a problem. Those same nutrients coming out of

Lake O are in the fertilizer people put on their lawns, and they end up running off in to the Harbor and feeding red tide and other algae.

**C:** Mosaic wants to build a phosphate mine in Arcadia, and is also asking permission to send all waste phosphate down Horse Creek, which feeds into the Peace River and eventually into our Harbor. Personally I think this may be the stupidest thing I've ever heard. What are your thoughts on this?

**J:** Mosaic and the water they let out is a major contributor to the problems in Charlotte Harbor. I think they are the sleeping giant that no one seems to be talking about. If they start mining DeSoto and letting that crap down Horse Creek, we are doomed. If you think the red tide is bad now, you haven't seen anything. That might be the worst thing to happen to Charlotte Harbor since we settled here. People

need to get involved and stop this. If we don't, we very well may be doomed.

Josh, thank you for your information and your dedication to keeping our water clean. I hope people take your words to heart. I firmly believe we are at the tipping point. Hopefully we can weight down the back of this bus that's hanging off the edge of the cliff and rescue our waters. If you are interested in a charter, fly fishing equipment, or joining up and helping the cause, Capt. Josh Greer can be reached at WestWallFlyShop@gmail.com, 941-875-9630 (shop), or 863-781-1373 (cell).

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Okeechobee water flowing down the Caloosahatchee is a problem. But so is rampant development across Florida.



# Blame or solution?

What's more important to you: Blame or solutions? Let's stop placing blame for our water quality problems. It's counterproductive. We need to identify the factual problems; then acknowledge them so we can address the issues. It's way past time to start fixing the sources of our red tide and water quality challenges.

Red tide and water discharges are nothing new. We have endured them forever. Yes, forever. Our water quality problems have grown as our population expands. More growth and development, more problems.

Things exploded as we dredged and filled projects all over Florida in the 1950s and '60s. We have had numerous problems since they dredged the Intracoastal Waterway more than 50 years ago. We altered natural flows and flushing all over Florida, and now we pay the price for messing with Mother Nature. We enjoyed a paradise until it was altered by human hands.

This is a problem that isn't going away without sacrifices and a lot of money. If you think preventing more damage is expensive, just try to replace our ecosystems and economy after it's destroyed. It can't be done — not at any price.

The Army Corps must release water from Lake Okeechobee or endanger lives from breaching the dikes. Just look at the loss of life in 28 hurricanes. Blame sugar and agriculture if you want, but if they disappeared tomorrow we still have bigger problems.

Is it possible that political manipulation could be behind much of this to hurt Commissioner Putnam and other Republican candidates? You are being led away from actual problems. Many of us are distracted for someone else's political gains.

We continue to cram more new folks into our coastal and watershed areas. More people creates more runoff and increased pollutants in our waters. Ignore reality or acknowledge real issues and accurately, scientifically identify the sources.

Which is more important to us? Green yards and lush high maintenance landscaping or our water quality? Look at our developed lands and how they follow our coastlines and watersheds. These population concentrations contribute nutrients which feed and stimulate red tide blooms and algae growth.

In many areas right now, the awful stench from decaying green algae is as bad as the dead fish. Algae thrives in cooler water but dies in summer heat. Yes, old dead fish are also problems in many areas. When they combine, it's a disaster.

I watched a program on Charlotte County's channel last week about water quality issues in Florida's springs and estuaries. It was a board meeting of Swiftmud's last meeting on these issues (April, I believe). They have addressed the agriculture issues and believe these are minimized. Look at evidence and make your own conclusions. Agriculture businesses can't

afford to waste money with today's tight profit margins. Fertilizers are only productive if kept in the root zone layers. Golf courses are smarter and have minimized their runoff losses too.

Both Swiftmud and Dr. Brian LaPoint have studied our issues and deduced from their works that septic leaching and yard runoff are our largest contributors to nitrogen. Many educated leaders and scientist believe that the Kissimmee River and Caloosahatchee Rivers are polluted and major problems requiring our immediate attention. The Kissimmee watershed has about two million people living upstream with about 600,000 septic tanks. Septic systems cannot function properly if the water table is too close. They require dirt to function properly.

This red tide eruption occurring now has trashed our local economy for the last big weekend opportunity of summer. We are now facing the slow season without that extra week's income. We were actually lucky this backed down for Easter because it was looming then.

Note that this red tide bloom occurred before any Lake O discharges could have reached our area. This outbreak, like all the others, came right after a heavy rain event. We have local problems that require our attention if you want to solve our pollution problems. Watch that Swiftmud meeting to understand the problems better.

I'm not impressed with the exposure-seeking captains complaining but not

addressing the actual problems or offering any thought out potential solutions. I brought this issue up at every Charlotte Harbor meeting that UF sponsored and Sea Grant helped with. We are dying if we continue to ignore our problems!

The press has picked up this issue and is warning folks to stay away from our coast and beaches, just before the Fourth of July. This hurts the local economy significantly. But can you blame them? Who wants to spend the holiday on a stinky beach?

I'll close with some good news: We do have good fishing farther out in to the Gulf — no red tide problems offshore yet. Grouper and snapper are all open, and if you can safely go deeper we do have fish. Things begin to clear up at about 40 feet. There are a few Spanish mackerel and even kings scattered around. You can carry live shrimp but not pinfish or minnows through red tide blooms. Minnows are available in about 50 feet. Try Sabiki rigs and carry extras. The fishing has been good in the upper Harbor area also. If you don't see live fish, just keep looking. Remember, you can't catch fish if you don't go fishin', so let's go fishin' soon.

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Armadillos might be traditionally cute like a puppy, but there's a certain appeal to Bodhi's long-snouted little face.



# Meet Bodhi

PEACE RIVER WILDLIFE CENTER • ROBIN JENKINS, DVM

Peace River Wildlife Center has a new education animal — a nine-banded armadillo. Our new resident's name is Bodhi (pronounced BOH-dee), short for Bodhisattva. Bodhisattva is a Sanskrit term for someone who delays personal nirvana for the enlightenment of others.

Although often misunderstood and surrounded by myths and falsehoods, armadillos make good neighbors. Bodhi is going to delay his return to the wild to help people come to a better understanding about the "little armored ones."

While armadillos are native to South America and the southwestern United States, they have been in Florida since the early 1900s, either having made their own way across the panhandle or via intentional introduction. They were used as a food source during the Great Depression. They are considered naturalized at this time in Florida — not invasive, since they don't harm any of our native species.

Let's talk about the elephant in the room first and get that over with: Leprosy. Most people have heard of it, but honestly have no idea, other than the reference as a biblical plague, what it really means. Leprosy, or Hansen's disease, is a slow growing bacterial infection (*Mycobacterium leprae*) of the nerves, skin, eyes, or respiratory tract that can go undetected for up to 20 years. In the past, it could result in the inability to feel pain and lead to loss of body parts due to repeated injuries or undetected wounds.

As an old testament scourge, it was pretty heady stuff. Now there are tests and treatments for it in modern societies. And whom can we thank for that? A scientist named Hansen (wouldn't you love to have a hideously disfiguring disease named after you?!) and his lab "rats," the armadillos. With their low body temperature, they are the only other organism known to contract leprosy and were intentionally infected to be used as a model for treatment and cure.

Rough estimates of up to 20 percent of armadillos may be naturally infected, but few of those animals live long enough to become symptomatic or infective. Luckily, 95 percent of the human population is not even susceptible to the disease. And

the only known cases of transmission from armadillos to humans is from eating improperly cooked meat. So, if you're serving up "possum on the half shell," be sure to cook it thoroughly. (Editor's note: During the Depression, they were often referred to as "Hoover hogs" — a dis to the president seen as responsible for the lousy economy and a reference to the porklike flavor of the meat.)

Aside from stocking your pantry, what can armadillos do for you? They are fascinating creatures. As omnivores, they eat just about anything available, including carrion, but 90 percent of their diet is composed of insects. As they dig through a healthy lawn, they aerate the soil and remove plant-damaging insects. They are one of very few species that can eat fire ants without sustaining injury from the insect's venom.

Armadillos are susceptible to cold and heat. They don't hibernate and have a low metabolic rate, so are not found outside of the temperate zone. They also can't handle the heat, and here in Florida are usually active only at night — especially during the summer. They sleep up to 16 hours a day in one of the many burrows they may have in a given territory and spend most of their waking hours in search of food.

As with most burrowing animals, they have poor eyesight. They do have an acute sense of smell, however, and can detect insects up to 9 inches underground. They use their long, sticky tongues to gather up ants and termites, much like their relatives the anteaters. They have a few peg-like molars, but those teeth have no enamel and so are quite soft.

An armadillo can cross a narrow body of water by holding its breath for up to six minutes and walking across the bottom. Or it can "swallow air," inflating its stomach and intestines for buoyancy to swim across a wider body of water.

It has dermal plates on its back for protection. While this thick leathery covering is not firm enough to deter predators like coyotes or dogs, it does protect the armadillo from thorns and briars as it dives under cover. It can also use its strong legs and claws to quickly dig underground. The soft belly has a few

fine hairs that are used for sensory input, much like a cat's whiskers.

The armadillo's only real defense mechanism is its ability to jump. Being nearly deaf and blind, it often finds itself quite close to a predator before it realizes the danger. It will then leap three feet in the air to startle the predator, giving the armadillo time to run away. This works fairly well against a dog. Not so much against a pick-up trying to straddle one in the middle of a road on a dark night.

Adult armadillos are solitary animals about the size of a cat, 15 to 17 inches long, plus another 15 inches for the tail, and weigh 8 to 17 pounds. They usually live 5 to 7 years in the wild and up to 15 years in captivity. They mate in late July in Florida, with the young normally born in February or March. The five-month gestation can be delayed up to four months while mom waits for the appropriate conditions. Once the fertilized egg has finally implanted, it splits into four identical quadruplets.

Our buddy Bodhi was found lying on a lawn in the direct sun. We don't know how he got separated from his mother and brothers. He was overheated, dehydrated and close to death. He has since recovered nicely and is ready to begin his career as one of PRWC's education outreach animals.

Watch for him at an event near you and see how much you have in common with this fascinating creature. He enjoys earthworms, grubs and long, snuffling walks in anthills. OK, so maybe not too much in common with him, but you can still have an appreciation for all that he and his kin can do for us. Or at least allay some of the fears and misunderstandings that plague this prehistoric-looking mammal.

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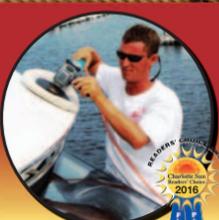
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The Coriolis effect moves hurricanes and the oceans themselves, so why not a flushing toilet?



# The Coriolis effect

ASK YOUR SEA GRANT AGENT • BETTY STAUGLER

Fact or fiction: Toilet bowl water spins clockwise in the northern hemisphere and counterclockwise in the southern hemisphere as a result of Coriolis effect. Before I give you the answer, let's explore Coriolis a bit.

The Coriolis effect was described by French scientist Gustave de Coriolis in 1835. It is the perceived change in position of an intended target on the Earth's surface due to the Earth's rotation. An object that moves in a north-south or longitudinal direction will undergo apparent deflection to the right in the Northern Hemisphere and to the left in the Southern Hemisphere.

There are two reasons: First, our planet rotates eastward. Second, the linear velocity of a point on the Earth relative to its target is a function of latitude. Explained simply, the Earth's surface is rotating faster at the equator (which is wide) than at either pole (which is narrow compared to the equator). An object moving northward from the equator towards an intended target will be deflected eastward faster than the rotation of its target farther north.

The Coriolis deflection is therefore related to the motion of the object, the motion of the Earth, and the latitude. Coriolis effect results in winds deflected to the right in the Northern Hemisphere and to the left in the Southern Hemisphere, thus creating our trade winds. Global winds drag on the water's surface, causing it to move and build up in the direction that the wind is blowing.

This also results in the deflection of major surface ocean currents to the right in the Northern Hemisphere (in a clockwise spiral) and to the left in the Southern Hemisphere (in a counter-clockwise spiral). These major spirals of ocean-circling currents are called "gyres" and occur north and south of the equator. They cannot exist at the equator, where the Coriolis effect is not present.

The Ekman spiral, named after Swedish scientist Vagn Walfrid Ekman who first theorized it in 1902, is a consequence of the Coriolis effect. When driven by wind, the topmost layer of surface water in the Northern Hemisphere flows at about 45 degrees to the right of the wind direction. Deeper layers of water respond

to the friction of the layer above and also deflect to the right, but at a slower speed.

Each subsequent deeper layer slides horizontally over the one above it like a deck of cards creating a spiral effect, until the movement ceases at a depth of about 330 feet. Because the deeper layers of water move more slowly than the shallower layers, they tend to "twist around" and flow opposite to the surface current. The average direction of all this turning water from the wind direction is known as Ekman transport.

To explain Ekman spirals and transport, Ekman used the observations of Fridtjof Nansen. Nansen, an explorer from Norway, purposely froze his ship into the Arctic sea ice in 1893. Nansen thought the ice, which moves with the currents, would eventually take him to the North Pole.

He never made it to the North Pole, but for three years he was adrift, and during that time he made a lot of observations. Of those, Nansen observed that the ice was not moving in the same direction as the wind — rather, it was moving to the right of the wind

direction. Ekman later made a mathematical model of these movements to explain the phenomenon.

Back to my fact or fiction question about Coriolis and the flushing toilet: It's fiction. The rotation of the Earth is very small; only one rotation per day. The water in a toilet might make a several rotations a second, so its rotation rate is many thousand times greater than that of the Earth. As a result, the Coriolis force is orders of magnitude smaller than any of the forces involved in a flushing toilet. The Coriolis force is so small, that it plays no role in determining the direction of rotation of a draining toilet.

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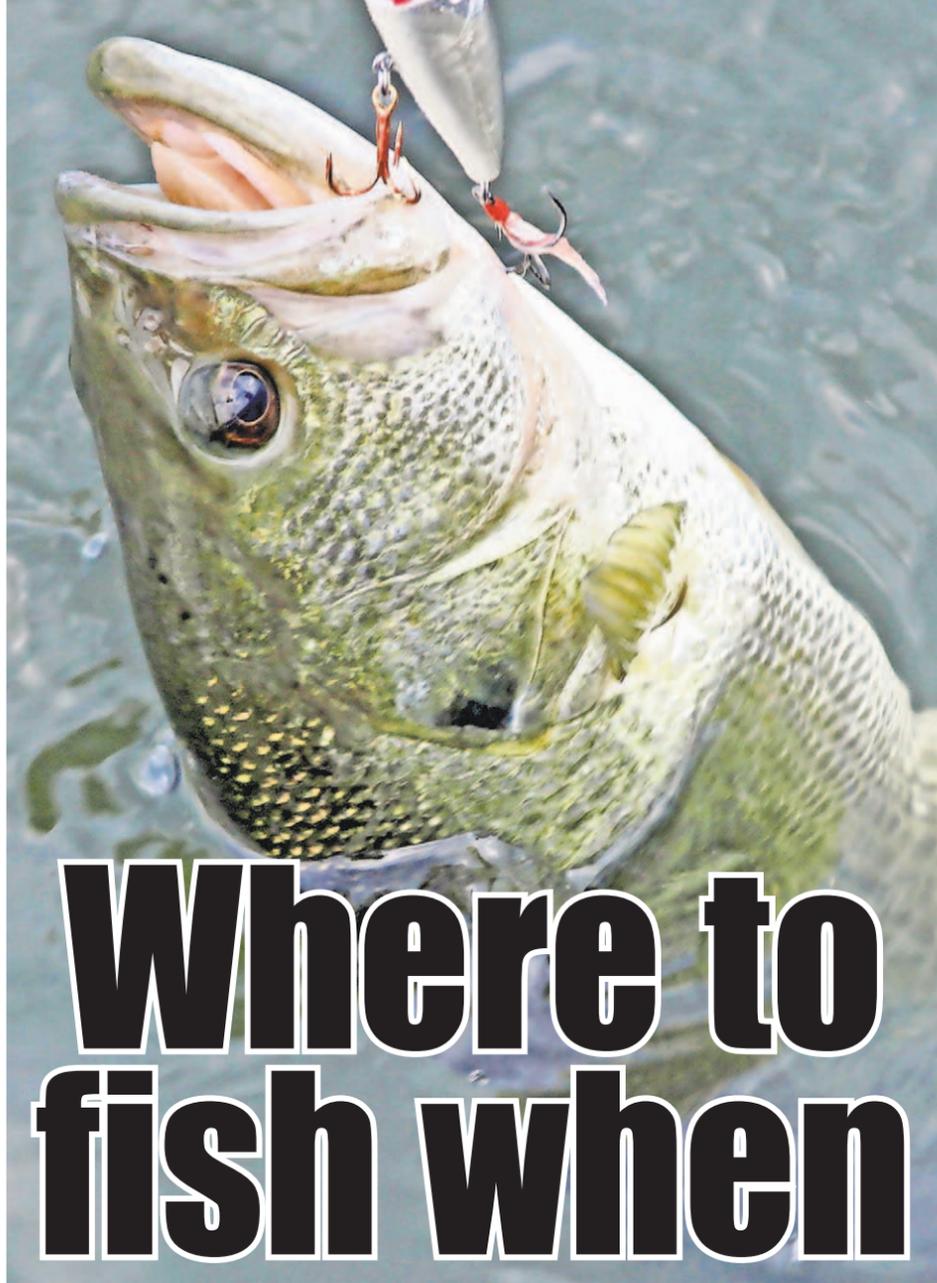
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## TOURNAMENT BASSIN' • GREG BARTZ

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If you want to catch bass in shallow water, you'd better start early. Fish smart and you can catch all day.



# Where to fish when

Water temperature plays a huge role in summertime bass fishing. If you have a thermometer on your boat, you will see the water temperature move as much as 10 degrees from sunrise to the middle of the afternoon. How you decide to target bass during these time frames can play a big role in the success of your day.

As long as I have been bass fishing in Florida, one fact stands out above all others: Bass are more active when the water is cooler. Whether they get more active due to the water cooling overnight, or the bait simply moves around more early in the day, I can't really say — but it's true. It's also true that shallow water warms faster than deeper water.

Because of that, bass are better targeted in shallower water early as opposed to later in the day. Mind you, they won't stray far from cover or deeper water where they return as the water temperature starts to rise, but early on you can find them in that cooler shallow water.

On the flip side of that coin, bass will do one of two things as the water temperature starts to rise. They will either head to deeper water — which we all know simply is not there in most Florida lakes — or they will seek out the shadiest cover they can find and hole up there. The slight break that bass get from the deeper or shadier water being cooler is something they will always be drawn to.

One of the toughest things to do is gauge when you should move from shallow early spots to deeper or thicker later spots. In my last tournament, I stuck in the shallow spots too long. I caught two quick bass and never found another one the rest of the day — mainly because I stayed shallow and never moved out to deeper water with scattered hydrilla just 100 yards away.

I watched the temperature of the water go up but didn't get off my shallow pattern until it was too late. After a pass or two without a bite, I should have turned the boat and headed out to the deeper water with good thick cover. My point here is that timing is everything. You may get a few good fish early, but don't expect them to hang out there all day. They won't. They will move to where they are comfortable.

When you decide it's time to move out, don't be afraid to go with heavier gear when searching for bass in the thicker cover. Use a larger bullet weight to work that soft plastic bait through the vegetation. You want to bang that bait off of everything you possibly can trying to entice those bass to bite. If you are moving to deeper water with less vegetation, I would suggest a Carolina rig fished really slow. Make sure your bait stays in contact with the bottom and stays in the strike zone as long as possible.

My next tournament is on the Winter Haven chain of lakes. I know these waters well. There are lakes with very clean water and some significant depth ranges. At the same time, you can fish shallow and see it a little murky. There is vegetation on every lake, but not all of it is productive. You can bet that I will once again be facing a decision to make on when to move from the shallow spots out to the deeper water with cover. The bad part is that not all of the lakes have the good cover I want both shallow and deep. There are a couple, but those areas are generally hammered pretty hard this time of year.

Now that I finally got the boat back, and I have days off after the 4th of July, I plan on paying very close attention to the water temperature. I'll watch when it starts to rise and at what temperature that early shallow bite stops. Once I see those things happen, I'll know it's time to abandon the shallows and move to cover or depth. For Missy and me, this is probably our best chance to take home a win before the season is out, and the things I've outlined here are going to be followed to the letter.

Time on the water will be put in to prove this out, so I'm hoping that over the course of the five days I get to practice for this tournament I can use this logic and boat some really nice bass. I know I will — I just have to follow the process and not talk myself out of it.

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1 tsp salt  
3/4 tsp ground thyme  
Hot sauce or cayenne pepper, to taste

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Heat oil in a large, high-walled skillet over low heat. Simmer okra, onions, tomatoes, and garlic together 1-1/2 to 2 hours, or until the okra cooks apart and the other vegetables come together. Stir often to avoid burning. Add salt, thyme, hot sauce, and shrimp. Cook until shrimp turn pink (only a few minutes). Serves 4.

— Recipe from All-Fish-Seafood-Recipes.com



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# Sleuthing leads to new opah species

SEATTLE (AP) — The fish buyer noticed something different about the large, colorful disc-shaped opah waiting to be sold at the auction house in Honolulu. Among the differences: one fish had a bigger eye than the other.

His curiosity set in motion DNA testing and more sleuthing that led to the identification of three new species of opah — a peculiar deep-diving fish recently found to be the first fully warm-blooded fish.

“The more we looked, the more differences we could pull out,” said Karen Underkoffler, lead author of a recently published paper in the peer-reviewed journal *Zootaxa* that describes the anatomical characteristics of the different species of opah, including one marked by its big eyes and a purple tongue.

In all, the team of scientists with NOAA Fisheries identified five distinct species of opah, revealing that there isn't a single global species. Three are newly identified, one was already named and researchers better identified another that had been previously described.

“We have known for quite some time that opahs in different parts of the world look different,” Misty Paig-Tran, assistant professor of marine biology and biomechanics at Cal State Fullerton who was not involved in the paper, said in an email.

People were calling them all the same thing, and the paper clearly shows their differences, she wrote, adding that it's great to finally have anatomical descriptions and DNA to back those descriptions.

The researchers say knowing the population of opah — which has a silvery gray body, red fins and mouths, and white spots — is important to make sure they don't get over-fished.

While opah isn't harvested by commercial fisheries, the fish is often caught incidentally in commercial fishing for high-value tuna

or swordfish off the coasts of Hawaii and California.

Sport anglers also frequently catch the colorful fish, which on average weighs about 100 pounds and can be bigger than an automobile tire.

Opah is becoming popular at restaurants in Hawaii and elsewhere. The value of U.S. commercial landings of opah has increased from just a few thousand dollars before 2000 to nearly \$3.2 million in 2016. The Hawaii-based longline fishing industry reported the catching of nearly 30,000 opahs by vessels targeting tuna and swordfish in 2015.

Most opah landed by those vessels arrive at the United Fishing Agency auction in Honolulu, where Underkoffler was working several years ago when Garrett Kitazaki flagged the big-eyed opah for her and her colleague Meagan Luers, another study co-author.

They took measurements, clipped fins and sent tissue samples to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center in San Diego. From the samples collected at the auction, the team quickly determined the fish were distinct from each other.

“In that effort to find more, we stumbled across more very distinct opah species,” said John Hyde, program leader of genetics fisheries at the Southwest Fisheries Science Center who did the DNA tests.

They put out a call to museums, ports and commercial fisheries to get samples of opah. They thumbed through literature dating back to the 1700s to find references and descriptions of the fish. Underkoffler even traveled to Monaco to check out a specimen.

“It kept building and building,” said Underkoffler, who now works for NOAA's seafood inspection program in Seattle.

Hyde said that “when you realize there are five species instead of one, it tells us there's a lot to still discover out there.”

## FISH PROFILE • SNOWY-GROUPER

**SIZE LIMIT:** n/a

**BAG LIMIT** (per harvester per day): 4 within the aggregate bag of 4 groupers in state waters

**SEASON:** No closure.

**LOCAL AVERAGE SIZE:** 5 to 10 lb

**WORLD RECORD:** 70 lb, 7 oz

**FOOD VALUE:** Very good; lean and flaky meat. Distinctive flavor with a hint of iodine but not at all fishy.

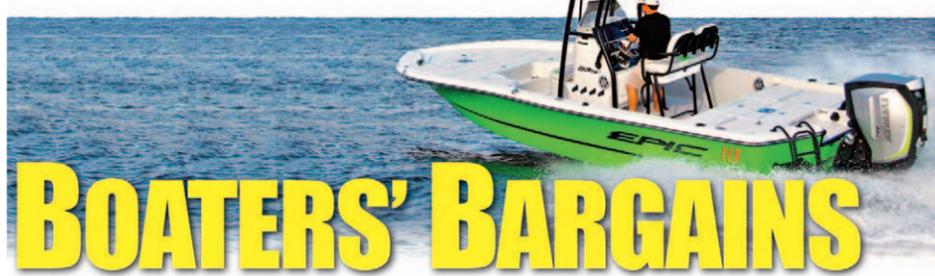
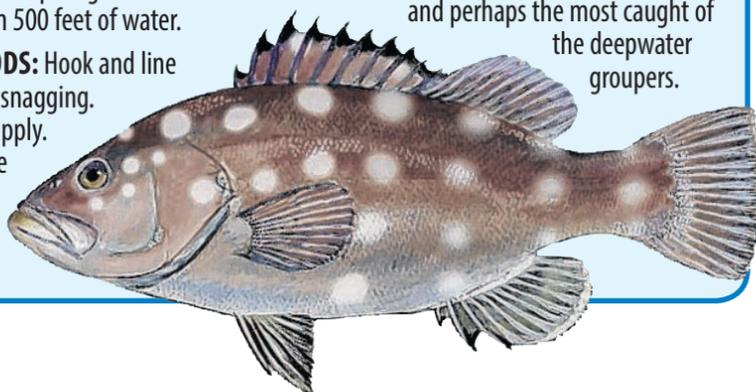
**HABITAT:** Very deep ledges and wrecks. Rare in less than 500 feet of water.

**LEGAL METHODS:** Hook and line or spearing. No snagging. Reef fish rules apply. Non-offset circle hooks are required when using

natural baits and a dehooking device must be available and used when needed.

**FISHING TIPS:** As with other deepwater groupers, drift over suitable structure with cut fish or squid fished at the bottom. Most often, fishermen use rigs with several hooks, the better to catch multiple fish on a single drop. Power reels are not required, but if you aren't using one you'll wish you were after the first drop.

**NOTES:** Relatively common throughout the Gulf of Mexico in its preferred habitat, and perhaps the most caught of the deepwater groupers.



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- 1/2 cup **green pepper**, finely chopped
- 1 tbsp **fresh parsley**, chopped
- 1/4 cup **lemon juice**
- 3/4 cup **fine dry breadcrumbs**
- 2 **eggs**, beaten
- 1/2 cup **milk**
- 2 tsp **spicy brown mustard**
- Salt and black pepper** to taste
- Vegetable oil**

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Combine first 10 ingredients in a large mixing bowl; mix well. Shape into 1-inch balls. (At this point, croquettes may be frozen. When ready to use, partially thaw and fry as directed below.) Fry croquettes in 2-inch deep hot oil (370°F) until golden brown. Drain on paper towels. Serve immediately with cocktail or tartar sauce. Serves 8.

# SOLUNAR TABLES

## What is a solunar table?

The sun and moon, even when they are out of sight, exert forces wild creatures can feel. These forces affect when fish and other animals feed. Weather and tide also play a role, but expect fish to be more active during the major and minor solunar times.

### THURSDAY

Sunrise: 06:39  
Sunset: 20:26  
Moonrise: 00:51  
Moonset: 13:00  
**Moon Phase**  
54% waning  
**Major Times**  
05:37 - 07:57  
18:15 - 21:27  
**Minor Times**  
00:04 - 01:04  
12:32 - 13:36  
**Prediction: Poor**

### FRIDAY

Sunrise: 06:39  
Sunset: 20:26  
Moonrise: 01:26  
Moonset: 13:56  
**Moon Phase**  
44% waning  
**Major Times**  
05:37 - 08:42  
19:01 - 21:27  
**Minor Times**  
00:50 - 01:50  
13:18 - 14:22  
**Prediction: Average**

### SATURDAY

Sunrise: 06:40  
Sunset: 20:26  
Moonrise: 02:02  
Moonset: 14:53  
**Moon Phase**  
33% waning  
**Major Times**  
07:22 - 09:28  
19:26 - 21:51  
**Minor Times**  
01:37 - 02:37  
14:05 - 15:09  
**Prediction: Average**

### SUNDAY

Sunrise: 06:40  
Sunset: 20:26  
Moonrise: 02:41  
Moonset: 15:53  
**Moon Phase**  
23% waning  
**Major Times**  
08:12 - 10:18  
19:26 - 22:42  
**Minor Times**  
02:28 - 03:28  
14:56 - 16:00  
**Prediction: Average**

### MONDAY

Sunrise: 06:41  
Sunset: 20:26  
Moonrise: 03:24  
Moonset: 16:56  
**Moon Phase**  
13% waning  
**Major Times**  
09:05 - 11:11  
21:35 - 23:37  
**Minor Times**  
03:22 - 04:22  
15:50 - 16:54  
**Prediction: Poor**

### TUESDAY

Sunrise: 06:41  
Sunset: 20:25  
Moonrise: 04:12  
Moonset: 18:01  
**Moon Phase**  
6% waning  
**Major Times**  
10:02 - 12:08  
22:34 - 00:36  
**Minor Times**  
04:20 - 05:21  
16:48 - 17:52  
**Prediction: Good**

### WEDNESDAY

Sunrise: 06:42  
Sunset: 20:25  
Moonrise: 05:06  
Moonset: 19:06  
**Moon Phase**  
2% waning  
**Major Times**  
10:53 - 12:59  
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**Minor Times**  
05:13 - 06:17  
16:45 - 17:45  
**Prediction: Very good**

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## SLACK TIDES NEWS OF NOTE FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

### IT'S JUST SARGASSUM



If you live in South Florida, you may have noticed your regular feet-in-the-sand beach walks feeling more like obstacle courses for avoiding masses of seaweed. Since 2011, scientists have been observing an unexplained influx of brown blooms floating in the Caribbean and Atlantic and inevitably finding their way to the tropical shorelines of some of our favorite vacation spots. This year has been particularly slimy, with record-high blooms observed via satellite imagery, and predictions that the seaweed may continue beaching through August. But what is this stuff, other than a nuisance on beach days? It's Sargassum seaweed. Some research suggests that the masses of seaweed drift down from the Sargasso Sea (a patch of the North Atlantic), while others suggest the seaweed pileup is the result of accumulation in the equatorial Atlantic. No one knows the reason for the sudden influx, though some point to changing wind patterns and climate change. Regardless of why, the seaweed brings both benefits and drawbacks to beaches. For marine life, huge mats of seaweed block essential UV light from corals and other organisms that need it. It can also trap small animals like crabs and sea turtles. On the other hand, some fish and sealife can use the seaweed for food and shelter. On land, it can protect beaches from wind and wave erosion. Sargassum seaweed poses no harm to humans, other than a slight irritation of the olfactory senses. Some tourism-dependent islands in the Caribbean, however, are feeling the brunt of the blow, with problematic seaweed pileups prompting Barbados to declare a state of emergency, and a hotel in Antigua to close its doors through September. In response, governments are thinking fast for ways to either remove the seaweed or mix it with beach sand.

### CRUISE WORKER LOST, FOUND

Call him the luckiest cruise ship worker on the high seas. A crew member who plunged off a Norwegian Cruise Line ship June 30 and was feared lost was rescued the next day by another cruise ship sailing the same route. Carnival says the crew of its 2,980-passenger Carnival Glory found and rescued the unnamed, 33-year-old Norwegian Getaway staffer on Sunday afternoon about 21 miles north of Cuba. He had been in the water for nearly 24 hours. The crew member is being treated by Glory's shipboard medical team, Carnival said. A statement from the U.S. Coast Guard said he was in stable condition. Glory departed Miami on June 30 and was at sea en route to Cozumel, Mexico on Sunday afternoon when a hotel steward on the ship spotted the Norwegian crew member floating in the water, Carnival says. The hotel steward notified bridge officers who initiated rescue operations, including reducing speed, reversing course and lowering a lifeboat to retrieve the man. "This is nothing short of miraculous," Carnival president Christine Duffy said in a statement. "Kudos to the Carnival Glory team for this amazing effort to rescue a fellow seafarer." The incident is currently under investigation, the Coast Guard said.

### FROM THE FWC CASE FILES

Officer Winton and Lieutenants Spoede and Ruggiero were patrolling offshore at Fort

Myers Beach when they stopped a vessel for a safety inspection. During the inspection it was determined that the vessel was a rental and the livery had rented to someone born after Jan. 1, 1988, without a boater safety identification. The officers went to the livery and discovered that the employee giving pre-ride instructions did not have boater safety training, nor was there boater safety information posted on the premises as required by law. The manager was issued three notices to appear for the violations.

### MANATEE VISITS CAROLINAS

A sea cow decided to take a vacation at the Outer Banks last weekend. A manatee was spotted in the Oregon Inlet Marina on Saturday, the Cape Hatteras National Seashore said on social media Tuesday. The sea cow was a West Indian manatee, according to the park. West Indian manatees were reclassified from endangered to threatened last year. A few manatees are seen each year along the North Carolina coast, usually along the southern third of the coast — from about Carteret County south, according to the North Carolina park system, but have been spotted as far as New Bern. Manatees are almost always seen in the warmer months, visiting North Carolina from Florida and other tropical waters. In North Carolina, manatees favor brackish waters of estuaries, bays, and large river mouths and likely migrate up and down the Intracoastal Waterway.

### ANOTHER WHITE WHALE



A white humpback whale sighted off the coast of the North Island is a significant find, according to whale biologist and expert Dr. Ingrid Visser. It is likely the whale is Migaloo, a famous white humpback found in Australian waters, or the first sighting of a new white whale, both extremely rare finds. Commercial crayfisher Joshua Whitley was out casting pots about 10 miles off the coast of Gisborne when he noticed something strange near the boat. "I just happened to look up and see a whale spout. We decided to go over and have a look." Upon approach Whitley noticed something wasn't quite right with one of the whales: "It was completely white." Whitley and his crew were "completely buzzing" at the "once in a lifetime" sighting. "When we left, we thought it was Migaloo, he was right underneath the stern, it was crazy. At first, they were pretty spooked, they were cruising at 5 knots. Once they got used to the boat and knew we weren't going to hurt them they came closer." Visser said just from the footage it was difficult to identify the whale which was probably Migaloo. However, there was a possibility it was the first documented sighting of the third recorded white humpback whale. The second recorded white humpback is located in the Atlantic Ocean and Visser was 99 percent sure it would not be that whale. It was also possible the whale was the offspring of Migaloo, she said.

### HOW GOLDFISH KILL CARP

Ornamental goldfish that escaped or were released into a lake just south of the Twin Cities

likely infected and killed off large numbers of carp, according to state conservation officials. A virus from the koi goldfish also has been found in at least eight other southern Minnesota lakes in the past year, the state Department of Natural Resources said June 29. Staff from the DNR's Lake City fisheries office went to Lake Byllesby near Cannon Falls after dead fish washed up on shore. They collected samples and brought them to the agency's pathology lab and to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Research Center at the University of Minnesota. The labs confirmed that the fish died from infection with the koi herpes virus, which only afflicts common carp and koi, an ornamental member of the carp family raised in East Asia for centuries and kept by some people in aquariums and outdoor ponds. The virus kills carp by damaging their gills and skin. It cannot be transferred to humans or to other animals. The virus "likely found its way into Minnesota waters by the release or escape of ornamental koi," a statement from the DNR read. "Releasing ornamental fish into the wild is illegal and can upset the balance of natural systems."

### DON'T FEED THE SHARKS

An Australian woman has escaped serious harm despite being dragged into water by a shark who had bitten down on her finger. Melissa Brunning, of Perth, was vacationing in Dugong Bay — in the far northwest of Australia — and feeding a group of nurse sharks. According to Australian TV station 7, Brunning was convinced she had lost her finger. "It happened so quickly," Brunning told 7 News. "All I could really focus on was the fact that my finger is gone. It clamped on it and it felt like it was shredding off the bone. I came up and I was like, 'I've lost my finger.' I couldn't even look at the finger because I thought if I looked at it and saw it again, I'd probably go into shock." Brunning did not lose her finger, but did suffer a torn ligament, several cuts and a fracture. It also became so severely infected that she required an operation upon her return to Perth (the state's capital city.) Speaking to the West Australian, 34-year-old Brunning said the fault was entirely hers, not the shark's. "It's not the shark's fault at all, but it could have been a lot worse," she said. "I'm not a shark victim... I have full respect for sharks, I think they're incredible." "I've always had the opinion that when you're in the water, they're top of the food chain — it's their domain."



### HOW TO GET THINGS DONE

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## Swimming with whale sharks

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Christopher Schillinger swims out to a roughly 20-foot-long whale shark that he initially thought was a school of fish. He was off the coast of Venice last year during this encounter.

## Ocean's gentle giants found off Southwest Florida coast



PHOTO COURTESY CONOR GOULDING/MOTE MARINE LABORATORY

Here, a whale shark off the coast of Southwest Florida can be seen swimming with its mouth wide open to suck in as many tiny bits of food as possible. This photo was taken with Jack Morris leading a successful whale shark tagging expedition June 14.

By VIVIAN BRIDGES  
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Capable of growing to more than 50 feet in length and 20 tons in weight, whale sharks truly are the gentle giants of the ocean, and can increasingly be found off the Southwest Florida coast.

One of only three types of sharks that filter feed, whale sharks mainly subsist off plankton and fish eggs. Although the process of filter feeding includes sucking in water like a vacuum, these sharks still have more than 300 tiny teeth in their 5-foot-wide mouths.

Whale sharks can live to be 70 years old in the wild, and they can also swim thousands of miles in a single year. They almost always swim those miles alone, as scientists have found that

they lack the kind of social behavior needed to travel in packs.

These sharks have become somewhat of a tourist attraction as boaters in the area flood social media with photos of these gentle giants when they are in the area. Oftentimes, people will jump into the water and swim alongside them while others take photos.

There is still much to learn about these creatures, scientists said.

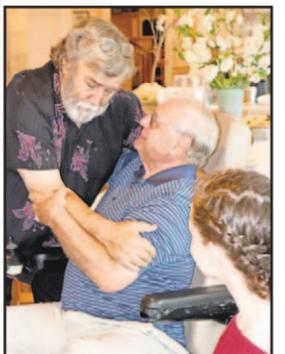
It's a bit unclear what's drawing them to Southwest Florida in bigger numbers and, in fact, scientists wonder why there actually aren't even more coming here. But Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium has taken steps to discover more about them by

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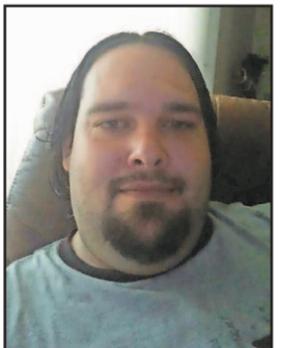
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## Venice is high among best beach towns

By BOB MUDGE  
STAFF WRITER

VENICE — Finishing No. 15 on a "Best of" list might not sound particularly impressive, but it's more than respectable in a comparison of the 161 best oceanfront beach towns to live in.

That's where the city of Venice finds itself in a report issued by online financial services company WalletHub on Wednesday.

The study included all cities with a population between 10,000 and 150,000 and at least one beach listed on TripAdvisor, it states. The results were then broken down into oceanfront and lakefront towns.

Florida is heavily represented throughout the list of oceanfront towns, with six cities — Naples (2nd), Sarasota (3rd),



FILE PHOTO

Warm weather, lots of sand and beautiful sunsets contributed to Venice's high ranking among best beachfront towns in which to live.

St. Augustine (5th), Boca Raton (7th), Key West (10th) and Jupiter (11th) — ranking ahead of Venice. Vero Beach (17th)

and Key Biscayne (18th) made the top 20.

Altogether, 50 Florida cities made the list. Two more were

included on the companion list of the 44 best lakefront beach towns to live in: St. Cloud (23rd) and Sebring (34th).

Lahaina, Hawaii, was the top oceanfront town, while Traverse City, Michigan, was the No. 1 lakefront locale.

Shirley, New York, was at the bottom of the oceanfront list, with Morgan City, Louisiana, last among lakefront towns.

All the towns were evaluated in six broad categories: affordability (Venice was 52nd); weather (10th); safety (71st); economy (38th); education and health (23rd); and quality of life (55th).

Affordability measures included housing costs (Venice was 78th), income (79th) and property taxes.

Besides the obvious, weather measures included flood risk

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# The flags of West Villages Florida

As the daughter of Betsy Ross (yes, that really is my mom's name!), I grew up with a great love of the flag.

What a beautiful sight this week to drive through the streets of our West Villages Florida neighborhoods and see many American flags waving proudly.

This week, our thoughts are on the sacrifices made by our country's brave men and women in service, and the amazing gift we call freedom. I have had the privilege of meeting many proud veterans among the West Villages residents, so it's fitting that West Villages waves its red, white and blue on holidays such as Independence Day.

IslandWalk, for example, boasts a beautiful flag pole dedicated to our

Sondra Guffey  
W.V. Marketing Manager

veterans.

In order to help those West Villages residents who may be less familiar with residential flag etiquette, we've put together a few answers to some commonly asked questions.

## Am I flying the flag correctly at my home?

First, flags should be hung on flagpoles with the blue field (union) on the top, and when a flag is hung on the wall, the union should always be on the top left regardless of whether the flag is vertical or horizontal. It

may look funny at first when hung vertically, but the blue field should



always be on the top left.

Additionally, the flag should only fly during daylight hours or accompanied with a light. The U.S. Flag Code also suggests that a flag should not be displayed in times of inclement weather unless it is an "all-weather"

flag or synthetic fiber flag. This is obviously tricky in Florida since weather becomes inclement very quickly here, but we recommend bringing your flag inside when a big storm is headed this way, as well as keeping a

the homeowner, but the guidelines say that the time to retire a flag is as soon as it is "no longer a fitting emblem" — that means substantial fraying or any discoloration. Florida sunshine will take as much color out of the flag over the years as the wind will tatter it, so use your judgment here.

You can buy an American flag online, at any local hardware store, and in most big box stores, but there are a few flag specialty stores nearby who would be glad to help.

## What do I do with my old flag?

We're glad you asked, because this is important. The American Legion

posts in both North Port and Venice will properly dispose of any old or damaged American flag. Funeral homes often will take them for you as well.

## Can I wear a flag?

Technically, as long as your article of clothing is not made from an actual flag, you're in the clear, but please use discretion. You also can wear a great American flag lapel pin as long as it is fastened over your heart.

Following these simple guidelines will help us all show our love of this country with respect and reverence. From all of us at West Villages, we hope you had a wonderful Independence Day this week.

light on it if it's going to be left up at all times.

## When is it time to get a new flag?

It's technically up to

## 'Stolen' tree, ashes, were just next door

By ALEXANDRA HERRERA  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — After several days of worry, it turned out that a tree containing ashes of Robert Marth was never really missing.

The magnolia tree, which contained the ashes of Jessica Palmer's late husband, was believed by neighbors to be stolen from the 5900 block of Tallbrook Road over the weekend.

Palmer has moved to Tennessee, but could not fit the tree in the moving truck and left the tree in the care of neighbors until it could be picked up, according to neighbor Michelle Cook.

Marth and his wife married earlier this year after he became ill. The couple,

Cook said, initially planted the young tree together.

Cook, along with a second neighbor were watching over the house and the tree, when it went missing over the weekend.

"The next door neighbor didn't take care of it, another neighbor took it and cared for it," she said.

According to Cook, that neighbor regularly walked their dog by the house and would stop to check on the tree, after noticing the soil was dry and the leaves were wilting took the tree home to care for it.

"He meant no harm," Cook said.

Cook spent Monday putting up posts across social media in regards to the tree, one post on the "North Port Neighbors" Facebook page had dozens of shares comments.

She has since taken those post down and put up posts saying the tree was returned.

Cook had called North Port Police on Sunday and the police department was investigating the tree as stolen.

Cook later called Palmer on Monday after finding out the tree was with a neighbor, and was instructed to move the tree back.

The tree is now back at the home and being cared for by the original neighbor — Cook added that some people get involved that shouldn't.

"A neighbor did a loving act of kindness," Cook said.

As for Cook, she wants Palmer and her family to have peace.

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## Gulf Coast Community Foundation awards grants to area agencies

By ALEXANDRA HERRERA  
STAFF WRITER

NORTH PORT — Several community organizations have received a helping hand thanks to the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

The foundation recently approved \$3.8 million in grants and another \$508,000 in scholarships. Grants are dispersed at the end of the foundation's fiscal year in June.

The foundation invested more than \$35 million in the community over the past year, according to Mark Pritchett, president and CEO of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation.

The fiscal year for the foundation ends June 30, and the new one begins July 1 with donations pouring in throughout the year.

"We donate throughout the year," Pritchett said. "This is the last big (donation)."

Donations for the foundation come from across the region — from

Boca Grande all the way to Bradenton, Pritchett said. One grant given during this fiscal year was \$10,000 to the North Port YMCA child care facility.

He said the grant came from a North Port resident who wanted the money given back to the city. The grant is help the child care facility, which is in need of repairs.

According to a release by the foundation, the grants approved included one for \$100,000 to support the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation for its First 1,000 Days Sarasota County Initiative. The funding for the initiative helps low-income expectant mothers and families access prenatal, newborn and early childhood development care.

The foundation also donated another \$27,500 to the Gulf Coast Partnership, which is the lead agency in addressing homelessness in Charlotte County. Another \$40,000 was

donated to the United Way of Charlotte County to support the new position of collective impact manager.

According to the release, the collective impact manager will oversee collaborative initiatives that serve vulnerable women, specifically mothers of substance-exposed children, underemployed women and homeless women.

About \$97,000 went to Ringling College of Art and Design and Sarasota County Schools. According to the release, \$60,000 went to Ringling for classroom design and \$37,000 went to the school district for professional development and support of teachers.

The last grant went to the Van Wezel Foundation, for \$25,000 to support the planning phases of the organizations capital campaign to create a world class performing arts center.

The release also stated that a \$20,000 grant was awarded The SKY Family YMCA in Venice to sustain scholarships for low-income families to participate in the variety of children's programs.

Several grants were also awarded to the North Port Community Scholarship, All Faiths Food Bank, Boys & Girls Club of Sarasota County and North Port Meals on Wheels.

To learn more about the Gulf Coast Community Foundation or to donate visit [www.gulfcoastcf.org](http://www.gulfcoastcf.org).

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# Referendums worth millions on Sarasota County ballot in November

By **WARREN RICHARDSON**  
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SARASOTA — If Sarasota County voters can make it through what is expected to be a lengthy ballot this November, they will find some issues of local interest.

Leading the way, is a referendum placed on the ballot in March by the Sarasota County commissioners.

That referendum asks voters to approve the county borrowing up to \$65 million to complete the purchase of the last segment of the Legacy

Trail and construct the entire 9-mile extension from Culverhouse Nature Park to near Payne Park in downtown Sarasota.

A referendum is necessary since the purchase price exceeds the \$22.6 million limitation in the county charter on the county's borrowing power without voter approval.

Besides the Legacy Trail issues, petitions with the required 15,000 signatures have been submitted to Supervisor of Elections Ron Turner for inclusion on the ballot.

The first of these additional three measures,

filed by Sarasota Alliance for Fair Elections, asks voters to change the county charter to require the election of commissioners by a single district.

At present, while commissioners represent a specific district they live in, they are elected at large by all county residents.

The change, if approved by county voters, would mean only the voters in a specific commission district would vote on a candidate to represent the district on the commission.

The county had

single-member districts in the early 1990s, but the charter was amended in 1994, making the change to at-large elections.

The final two issues come from a single organization, Reopen Beach Road Inc., and deal with an ongoing controversy regarding a May 2016 decision by the county commission over Beach Road on Siesta Key.

That decision, which came through a rezoning petition, vacated a portion of the public road, and now-commission candidate Mike Consentino has advocated

continuously for the commission to reopen and reverse their decision.

The first question posed by the group's petition asks county voters to add a new section to the county charter to require the county to retain and not sell county-owned park, preserves, beach and water access and waterfront vistas, according to the ballot title.

The second measure proposed by the group, also a charter amendment, would explicitly require the county to rescind the vacation of Beach Road

and reacquire ownership as the road existed on Jan. 1, 2016.

Through email, Turner wrote he would notify both the County Commission and the county attorney that the petition organizers had met their threshold. It will now be up to the county commissioners to call for the election and place the three questions on the ballot.

That will likely occur in August after commissioners return from their annual break.

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## Florida Wildlife Commission: Gators kill dogs

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SOUTH VENICE — The Florida Wildlife Commission is working with Sarasota County officials and animal trappers to find and remove the alligator that attacked two pets in

Shamrock Park on Friday evening.

The German shepherds, named Rio, 6, and Lucy, 5, were reportedly loose in a swampy area of the park near the basketball courts when dog owners Susan Kosterman and Alan Knapp, who live nearby, heard a loud yelp

from one of the dogs.

By now the animals were both out of sight, Knapp told authorities. He then heard a splashing, and saw Rio take off into the water. Knapp said he heard more yelps and saw Rio come out of the water bleeding heavily from his neck

and head area.

The couple called for Lucy but she never came out of the water. They rushed Rio to the Emergency Vet Clinic in Port Charlotte where the animal was euthanized due to severe head injuries. The veterinarian said wounds were

consistent with an alligator attack.

The alligator and missing dog have yet to be located.

Parkgoers are being warned to be extra careful, and are strongly urged to keep their dogs on a leash at all times.

Venice resident Kaitlyn

Plows was at the playground at Shamrock Park with her son over the weekend. She was shocked to hear what transpired.

"It's very scary," Plows said. Rick Adams of ABC 7 WWSB contributed to this story.

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# Officials: River Road plans flowing on course

By WARREN RICHARDSON  
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NORTH PORT — Ears perked up when Sarasota County Commissioner Alan Maio made a comment about River Road at a recent meeting.

Near the beginning of the Sarasota County Commission budget workshop, Maio reported about a May meeting of the Sarasota-Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization in which River Road came up along with the timeline regarding the road swap.

During that meeting, North Port Vice Mayor Linda Yates asked the Florida Department of Transportation representative about the status of River Road.



Linda Yates

Saying there was a lot of paperwork and agency reviews involved with the road swap between the county and state, the representative said the formal paperwork wouldn't be completed until the beginning of 2019.

That came as a



Alan Maio, District 4

surprise to Maio's fellow commissioners and County Administrator Jonathan Lewis.

"That's not my expectation," Lewis responded. "I would like to see it done by November."

By email Friday, Sarasota County Public Works director Spencer



Jonathan Lewis

Anderson confirmed that the original time line outlined in the verbal agreement between the county and state which called for completion of the formal documents by the end of 2018 was still in place.

"I have confirmed

with the FDOT that there is shared understanding that the desired time line for completing formal agreements for the road transfer is before the end of the 2018 calendar year. This is consistent with previous discussions we've had with the FDOT on this time line," Anderson wrote in his email.

In May, commissioners formally accepted a deal with the state, under which the state will take over River Road from U.S. 41 to Interstate 75, and the county will accept responsibility for portions of Midnight Pass Road and Stickney Point Road, excluding two moveable bridges on those roads.

Once the formal

documents are completed and North River Road is in state ownership, the state can allocate funding for the project and place it in FDOT's five-year work program.

The time line for that portion of the project from West Villages Parkway to I-75 to begin, as negotiated by the county and state, is in 2024, the fifth year of the work program.

Any slippage in drafting the formal agreements, would then push the project further back.

The negotiated agreement between the county and state also calls for the county to construct that portion of North River Road from West Villages Parkway to U.S. 41 in 2021.

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# Body found in Myakka River identified

By LIZ HARDAWAY  
STAFF WRITER

A body found in the Myakka River near North Port has been identified as David Wayne O'Ree, 50, of Venice.

O'Ree was reported missing by his girlfriend on Friday at 12:30 p.m., according to officials at the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.

At 3:22 p.m., a boater found O'Ree deceased, floating in the Myakka River, north of a bridge along U.S. 41 between Warm Mineral Springs and River Road, the SCSO report released stated.

O'Ree lived about a half a mile from where he was found, according to authorities.

"I just don't understand why this happened," Ron Hampson, a friend and neighbor of O'Ree, told

Suncoast News Network. "I mean, he's always out there. Something must've happened."

O'Ree would have turned 51 next Sunday.

SCSO is currently working on an investigation with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to rule out a vessel crash. SCSO Criminal Investigation detectives are working with the Medical Examiner's Office to determine a cause of death.

The investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Criminal Investigations Section at 941-861-4900, or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers by calling 941-366-TIPS (8477), or online at [www.sarasotacrimestoppers.com](http://www.sarasotacrimestoppers.com).

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Sarasota County Fire Department along Playmore Drive on Friday afternoon responded to the call of a body found in the area.



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# 'Homemade' face tats help ID suspect

By **LAUREN COFFEY**  
STAFF WRITER

**NORTH PORT** — A distinctly identifiable man was arrested after the attempted killing in 2017 of a North Port man, according to North Port Police Department reports.

Keidrick Johnson, 30, of Miami, was arrested June 26 on charges including attempted murder, burglary and battery.

On Nov. 16, 2017, one victim was held on the ground at gunpoint and three men searched the house on the 8300 block of Herbison Avenue.

The second victim was shot in the stomach. The shooting victim told authorities he had awakened and saw a black woman come to the door

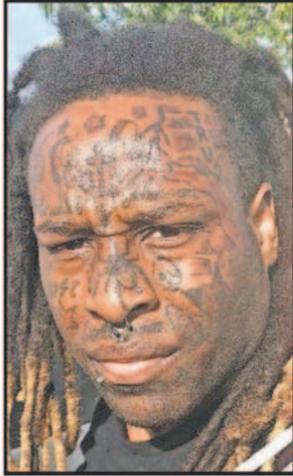


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**Keidrick Johnson**

of the house. She was on the phone and appeared to be confused. When the victim began to tell the woman she was at the wrong house, a black man came charging at him with



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**The scene of a 2017 shooting in North Port**

a revolver and stated not to move though he ran toward the back of the house, the victim told officials.

He stated he was shot in the stomach before exiting the bedroom window. He

laid on the ground briefly before getting up and running to a sidewalk on Biscayne Drive. At one point the victim allegedly heard "Come on Kiki," according to police reports.

One of the victims described one of the perpetrators as more stocky than skinny, with a bar-style nose ring, twists in his hair and tattoos on his face that appeared "homemade,"

he told investigators. He added the tattoos seemed to look like veins, rivers on a map or broken glass.

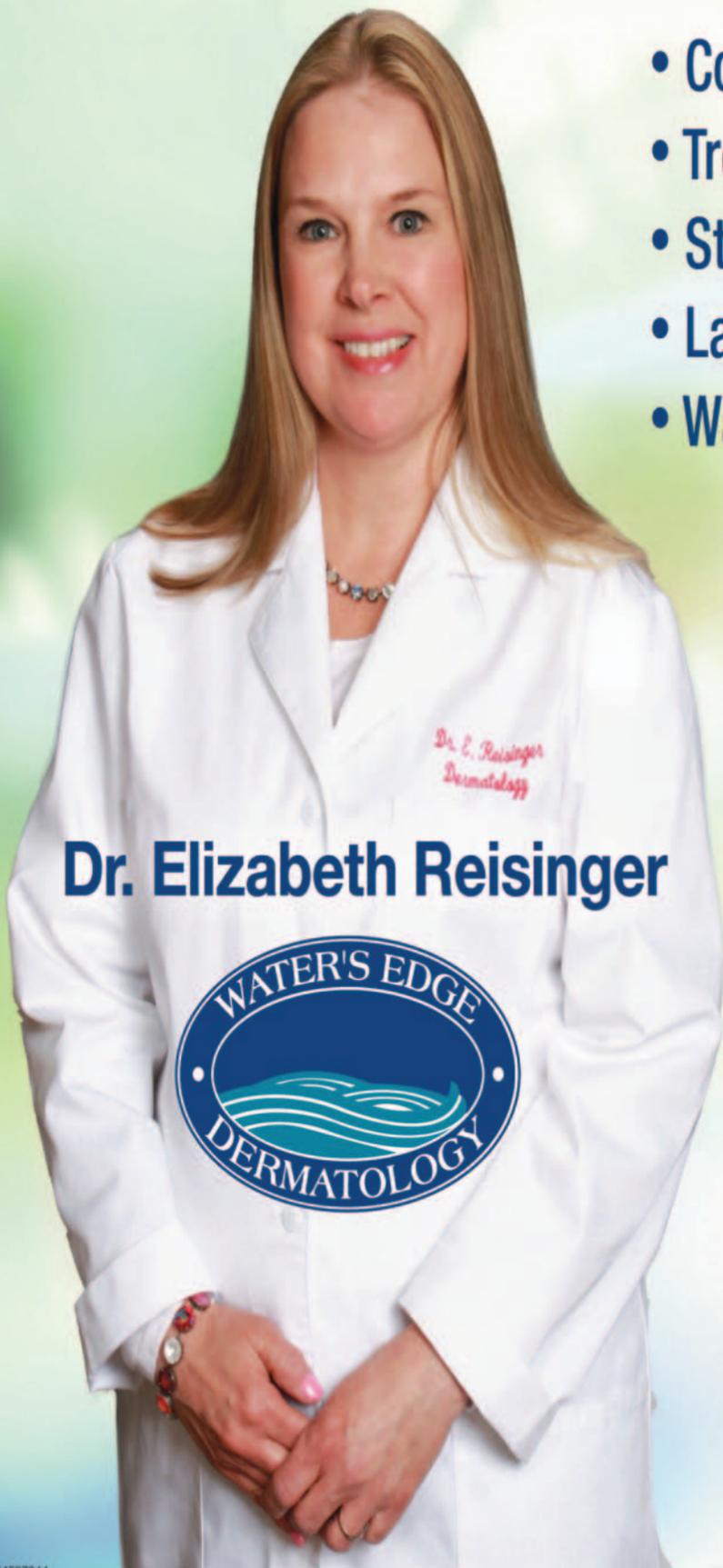
U.S. Marshals Florida regional fugitive task force in conjunction with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Unit arrested Johnson aka "Kee Kee," on charges of premeditated attempted murder, burglary of a dwelling with battery and committing a felony with a weapon.

Johnson's recent photograph shows numerous facial tattoos and twisted hair. He is 5 feet, 7 inches tall and 200 pounds, consistent with being "more stocky than skinny," according to investigators.

Johnson was held without no bond.  
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Music teacher Christina Panin directs Taylor Ranch Elementary School children in singing the National Anthem at the groundbreaking ceremonies.



# Local school district grades unchanged

By KAYLA GLEASON  
STAFF WRITER

For the 15th year in a row, Sarasota County Schools maintained an A rating for the 15th year, according to the Florida Department of Education.

For the fourth year in a row, the Charlotte County school district has earned a B grade.

The FDOE uses data — including student achievement in subjects from language arts to mathematics, graduation rates and college or career acceleration — to determine overall school and district grades each year.

“I am elated,” said Sarasota County Schools Superintendent Todd Bowden in a news release. “In a year filled with incredible distractions in our schools, including Hurricane

Irma and school safety concerns, our teachers, students, administrators and staff did an amazing job of staying focused and inspiring learning. Our teachers should feel especially proud of these outcomes, and the incredible work they do every day to help our students succeed.”

Compared to neighboring counties, Charlotte falls somewhere in the middle. DeSoto received a C again; since its inception, Sarasota has been an A district.

“I want to personally thank our students, teachers and staff for their dedication, and our parents and community members for their continued support helping to move our district in the right direction,” Charlotte County Public Schools Superintendent Steve Dionisio said. “We are celebrating our

successes today, knowing well that there is much work to be done.”

According to Sarasota School Board member Shirley Brown, that county is only 2 points away from being No. 1 in the state.

Sarasota County Schools have had a referendum passed again this year to help in funding of the school district.

Many schools in the area retained their grades from last year. Charlotte High School, for instance, has held a B grade since 2014.

This year, Charlotte earned 648 total points, 25 more than last year and 59 percent of points possible. Sarasota had nearly 100 more points at 734.

“Charlotte County Public Schools students, teachers and staff continued to stay focused and worked hard each and every school day to improve both our school grades and ranking in the state of Florida,” Dionisio said.

This year, the extra points have moved Charlotte up to 28th place out of 67 districts, an improvement from 30th place last year. In 2014, the county only earned a C and was ranked at 48th place.

CCPS has not been an A district since 2011, but school leaders hope to make the improvements necessary to return to that distinction. School officials hope voters in November will approve a referendum to boost teacher pay and instructional time, among other improvements.

“There is no doubt in my mind that the commitment and talent of our teachers and students has been and will continue to be that which unlocks the potential for continued growth,” said CCPS Executive Director of Learning Cheryl LaPorta Edwards.

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# WHALE

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tagging two whale sharks off Sarasota County last month.

The two tagged whale sharks, a 16-foot-long male nicknamed "Colt," and a 22- to 25-foot female nicknamed "Minnie," will grant researchers advanced insight into the lives of these fish.

Mote will be able to record the whale sharks' location and depth, as well as the temperature of the waters in which they swim.

"We're trying to piece together the entire life cycle of these sharks, their migratory routes, and preferred habitats to understand them and then be able to protect them," said Dr. Bob Hueter, senior scientist and director of the Center for Shark Research at Mote.

Protecting these creatures has become an increasingly important objective for wildlife conservationists and marine biologists everywhere since the International Union for Conservation of Nature placed whale sharks on their vulnerable list.

Diminishing population size does not pose as much of a threat in the Gulf, but it is an issue in the Maldives



AP PHOTO

**In this 2017 photo provided by Simon Pierce, Jonathan Green checks on a fin-mounted satellite tag on a whale shark in the Galapagos Islands area of Ecuador. Despite typically being bigger than a double-decker bus, the elusive whale shark has only tiny, almost useless, teeth. It's also one of the least understood animals in the ocean.**

and Philippines, where fishermen are hunting whale sharks at an alarming rate, despite legislation prohibiting them from doing so.

Whale sharks can also be found by the Yucatan Peninsula, which is where Hueter says many of the ones spotted in Gulf go after leaving here.

According to Hueter, these animals come to the coast of Southwest Florida because of the abundant food resources here. These resources are so abundant that he questions why more whale sharks do not

frequent the area.

"This is speculative," he said, "but they may have adapted to not come here that often ... a filter feeder is not compatible with red tide." Red tide, a harmful algal bloom, negatively affects the kind of marine life that whale sharks ingest when filter feeding. Since red tide is most prevalent in the eastern part of the Gulf of Mexico, it is possible that these creatures have adapted to stay away.

This year, however, the sharks are staying in the region longer than usual. Hueter attributes this

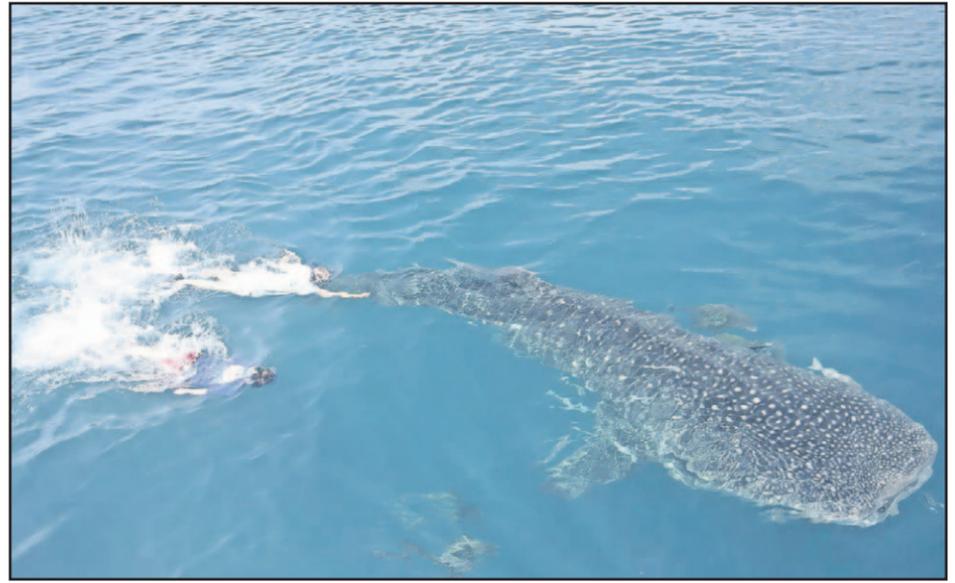


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**In this file photo, a Mote Marine scientist swims out to a whale shark that has been tagged with a device that satellites can use to track the shark.**

to the stability of the weather conditions in the area recently. These weather conditions have also made identifying the distinct spotted pattern of whale sharks through the ocean waves easier, leading to an increase in the number of sightings.

Local Captain Mark Kaufman spotted one about 30 miles off the coast at the beginning of the month.

"When you're not expecting it and you've never seen one, it was exciting to see," he said. "It didn't seem like it was worried about us, just

seemed kind of like it was curious about us."

His response is typical of those who encounter whale sharks; they are known for their peaceful nature.

Their reputation as harmless has led many boaters to jump in the ocean with them.

Some brave swimmers have even been known to grab a fin and hitch a quick ride on a whale shark. Although Hueter does not support this particular fad, or touching this animal at all, he does encourage eager boaters to get in

the water with them.

"They are the largest animal on the planet you can get that close to and not be in danger," he said. "You'll never experience anything like it for the rest of your life, so go for it."

Whatever the reason, there has been a definitive spike in whale shark sightings in the area recently. Those going out far into the Gulf should look down every once in a while.

They might be surprised to see a gentle giant accompanying their journey.

# BEACH

FROM PAGE 1

and hurricane storm surge risk as well as water temperature.

Safety measures included both the violent crime rate (23rd) and the property crime rate.

Economic measures included the unemployment rate, population

and income growth and the foreclosure rate (59th).

Education and health measures included the school system, the public hospital system and air, drinking water and beach water quality (20th).

Quality of life, the most heavily weighted category, included measures ranging from the average commute time to work to the number of nightlife

establishments per capita (42nd).

Venice didn't make the top 5 — or bottom 5 — in any individual measure in the study, but Sarasota did. The city tied for first in nightlife establishments per capita, restaurants per capita and coffee shops per capita.

See the study at [WalletHub.com](http://WalletHub.com).

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#### COUNTY CALENDAR

**Sarasota Soil & Water Conservation District Board – July 5, 9 a.m.**, Conference Room, Twin Lakes, UF/IFAS Extension, 6700 Clark Road, Sarasota. Call 941-861-9900

**Seniors Advisory Council – July 5, 3 p.m.**, Room 226, William L. Little Health & Human Services Center, 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota. Call 941-861-2882

**Keep light out of sight during sea turtle nesting season**  
As summer approaches and trips to the beach become more frequent, Sarasota County is reminding all visitors and residents to keep light out of sight during sea turtle nesting season. The biggest threats to sea turtle survival are often man-made: artificial lighting, beach furniture, coastal structures and indigestible plastic.

Only one out of every 1,000 hatchlings will survive to adulthood, as each year thousands of hatchlings die from predation, exhaustion and starvation due to the disorientation caused by bright, artificial lights. Activities disruptive to sea turtles are prohibited during nesting season, from May 1 through Oct. 31. Here are some ways you can help

sea turtles beat the odds:  
• Each night, remove all furniture and recreational items from the beach.  
• Properly dispose of trash.  
• Knock down sand sculptures and fill in holes before you leave the beach so turtles have direct access into and out of the water.

• Reduce use of flashlights on the beach at night.  
• Recreate in locations away from marked nesting areas.  
• Property owners must either extinguish or shield lights visible from the beach, or replace white incandescent, fluorescent and high-intensity lighting with amber or red light-emitting diodes (LED) or low-pressure sodium vapor (LPS) fixtures.  
For more information call 941-861-5000 or visit [scgov.net](http://scgov.net).

#### Most government services, offices closed in observance of Independence Day

Most Sarasota County Government offices, including libraries and the Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County, will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) bus service on Independence Day. However, the Siesta Key Breeze trolley will be operating from 10 a.m. to midnight. Most of Sarasota County Parks, Recreations and Natural Resources' recreation centers will be closed, but Arlington Park will be open noon to 5 p.m., and the Payne Park Tennis Center will

be open 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. All solid waste facilities, including the Central County Landfill, the Citizen's Convenience Center and Chemical Collection Centers will be closed for the holiday.

#### Curbside collection services for trash, recycling and yard waste will run as follows:

- Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3 - no changes.
  - Wednesday, July 4 - no collection services.
  - All remaining collections delayed by one day due to the holiday.
  - Thursday, July 5 - collection for Wednesday customers.
  - Thursday, July 5 - collection for Wednesday customers.
  - Friday, July 6 - collection for Thursday customers.
  - Saturday, July 7 - collection for Friday customers.
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#### Fertilizer restricted season is underway

Sarasota County is reminding the community to skip using nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizer on your lawn and landscape from now through Sept. 30, as part of an effort to keep the community's waterways healthy. Enacted in 2007, the restriction protects water quality and natural habitats in creeks, lakes, and marine waters that receive runoff from our stormwater system by reducing the nutrients in stormwater. The runoff of nutrients, primarily nitrogen and phosphorus, contribute to poor water quality. For more information call 941-861-5000 or visit [scgov.net](http://scgov.net).

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# Summer fun at the Art Market

By **CHRIS KOURAPIS**  
SUN CORRESPONDENT



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**Kids will learn how to create citrus prints using oranges, lemons and grapefruit during the Englewood Art Center's summer art market on July 6 and 7.**

ENGLEWOOD — On Friday and Saturday, the Englewood Art Center, a division of Ringling College of Art & Design, will feature artisan vendors, kids' activities, art demonstrations and music in its galleries and classrooms.

As a treat, Southern soul food prepared by Baylor's Food Truck will be offered for sale in the center's parking area.

"MadeBy Gallery will feature artwork, jewelry, books and other products designed or created by the Ringling College of Art & Design alumni and current students," Art Center Director Samantha Parkinson said. "Sandy Stanley and Maren Thompson, who work in our ceramics studio, will

feature artwork as well. Rock painting and citrus printing activities for children will be led by Nichole Moranda, one of our EAC children's instructors, and Erica Groff, our program coordinator. Kids' projects will take place in the Burke Studio during both days of our art market."

During the two-day EAC event, attendees will be treated to live musical entertainment by The Neptunes and a variety of artist demonstrations being held in adjacent classrooms.

The list of returning and new art vendors includes: Chuck Tyger, acrylic paintings primarily on canvas; Ellen Long, watercolor and mixed media artwork and handmade paper bead jewelry; Mary Gaines, stained glass; Nancy McCune,

unique metal and clay jewelry; Tricia Beuler; custom jewelry and paintings; Jill Lindsey, alcohol inks, mixed media artwork; Raquel Paladino, abstract painting; Gloria Rees Hansen, paintings, books, sculptures; and Stephanie Flees, jewelry, note cards and T-shirts.

"Inviting the general public and local artists to attend this second annual early summer art market is an ideal way for locals to learn about the Englewood Art Center and the classes and exhibitions that we offer during the year," Parkinson said.

The center is at 350 S. McCall Road, Englewood. Go to [www.ringling.edu/eac](http://www.ringling.edu/eac) to view fall schedules and exhibit information. Call 941-474-5548 or visit them at [www.facebook.com/Englewood/ArtCenter](http://www.facebook.com/Englewood/ArtCenter).

## IF YOU GO

On Friday, July 6, and Saturday, July 7, the Englewood Art Center, a division of Ringling College of Art & Design, will be featuring artisan vendors, kids' activities, art demonstrations, and music. The EAC Summer Fun Art Market is scheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Englewood Art Center, 350 S. McCall Road, Englewood. Go to [www.ringling.edu/eac](http://www.ringling.edu/eac) to view fall schedules and exhibit information. Call 941-474-5548 or visit [www.facebook.com/Englewood/ArtCenter](http://www.facebook.com/Englewood/ArtCenter).

# 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 seeping (6)
- 2 Andean roamer (5)
- 3 energy (5)
- 4 infamous duelist Burr (5)
- 5 ribbon-like marine plant (8)
- 6 nocturnal insect eaters (9)
- 7 most hair-raising (7)

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Today's Answers: 1. OOZING 2. LLAMA 3. OOMPH 4. AARON 5. EELGRASS 6. AARDVARKS 7. EERIEST

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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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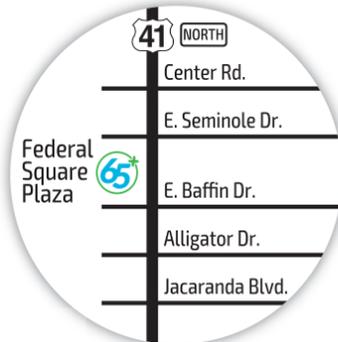
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# Could tiny creatures help kill red tide?

By **HANNAH MORSE**  
BRADENTON HERALD

SARASOTA — What if organisms in Sarasota Bay could help tame the effects of red tide? That's what researchers at Mote Marine Laboratory are hoping to find out.

This week, Mote is starting a lab study on whether certain organisms have any effect on *Karenia brevis*, the organism responsible for toxic algal blooms called red tide. When the naturally occurring organism gathers in dangerous amounts, it can lead to respiratory irritation in humans and often causes fish kills.

The study will use six ladder-like structures that have had time to accumulate filamentous green algae — the stringy, matted plant that typically is the first to attach to underwater structures — and filter feeders like barnacles, tunicates and oysters in Sarasota Bay.

Vince Lovko, a Mote staff scientist who manages the phytoplankton ecology program, said three of the structures were scraped

clean of any organisms, acting as the control of the experiment, and the structures will sit in six separate tanks full of red tide-tainted water. They'll know if they're successful by sampling the water and counting the *K. brevis* cells.

"It's a small kind of pilot, quick-and-dirty study," said Lovko, who will lead the project along with Tracy Fanara, who heads Mote's environmental health program.

If it works like Lovko expects, Mote researchers plan to expand their study to use a larger living dock, which consists of artificial reefs that float under docks. In preparation, a living dock is currently amassing these organisms in the bay.

This, too, depends on further funding. The Boca Grande Red Tide Initiative provides funding to Mote for researchers to "think outside the box" when it comes to researching ways to reduce red tide's effects, said Mote senior scientist

Rich Pierce. Right now, monies from the group are currently being used in a lab study on how well ozone can remove red tide in water.

"To my knowledge, a study on using artificial reefs to impede the effects of red tide has not been done," Fanara said in a press release.

This project was partially inspired by a conversation with Florida Keys Community College's Dean of Marine Science Patrick Rice, Fanara said. He used living docks to improve water clarity and restore canal habitats in Marco Island.

"Our study is applying an old concept — that filter feeding organisms can improve water quality — in a new way," Fanara continued.

The project could lead to real-life solutions, but don't expect it to be a cure for red tide ruining a good beach day. To stave off a bloom like the one thought to have persisted since

November, that would likely take thousands of living docks, Lovko predicted. It just wouldn't be feasible.

Rather, if in turn the second study gets expected results, these living docks could be used for community outreach for residents in smaller-scale canal communities like Boca Grande. Mote researchers hope that residents would buy or build their own so they can then study how they improve the health of the canals and address red tide's effects.

"It's a good start," Lovko said.

Scientists hope this study



BRADENTON HERALD PHOTO BY HANNAH MORSE

**Valeriy Palubok, senior biologist at Mote Marine Laboratory, looks for cells of *Karenia brevis*, the red tide phytoplankton, in a sample of water from Sarasota County on Oct. 4, 2016.**

is successful, not only because it would suggest that these organisms can tame the effects of red tide, but it can also lead to more research questions in this genre. Researchers know that filter feeders are

capable of improving water quality, but not a whole lot is known about if they can be used to filter *K. brevis* cells, what species are most effective at doing so and how red tide's toxins may impact these organisms.

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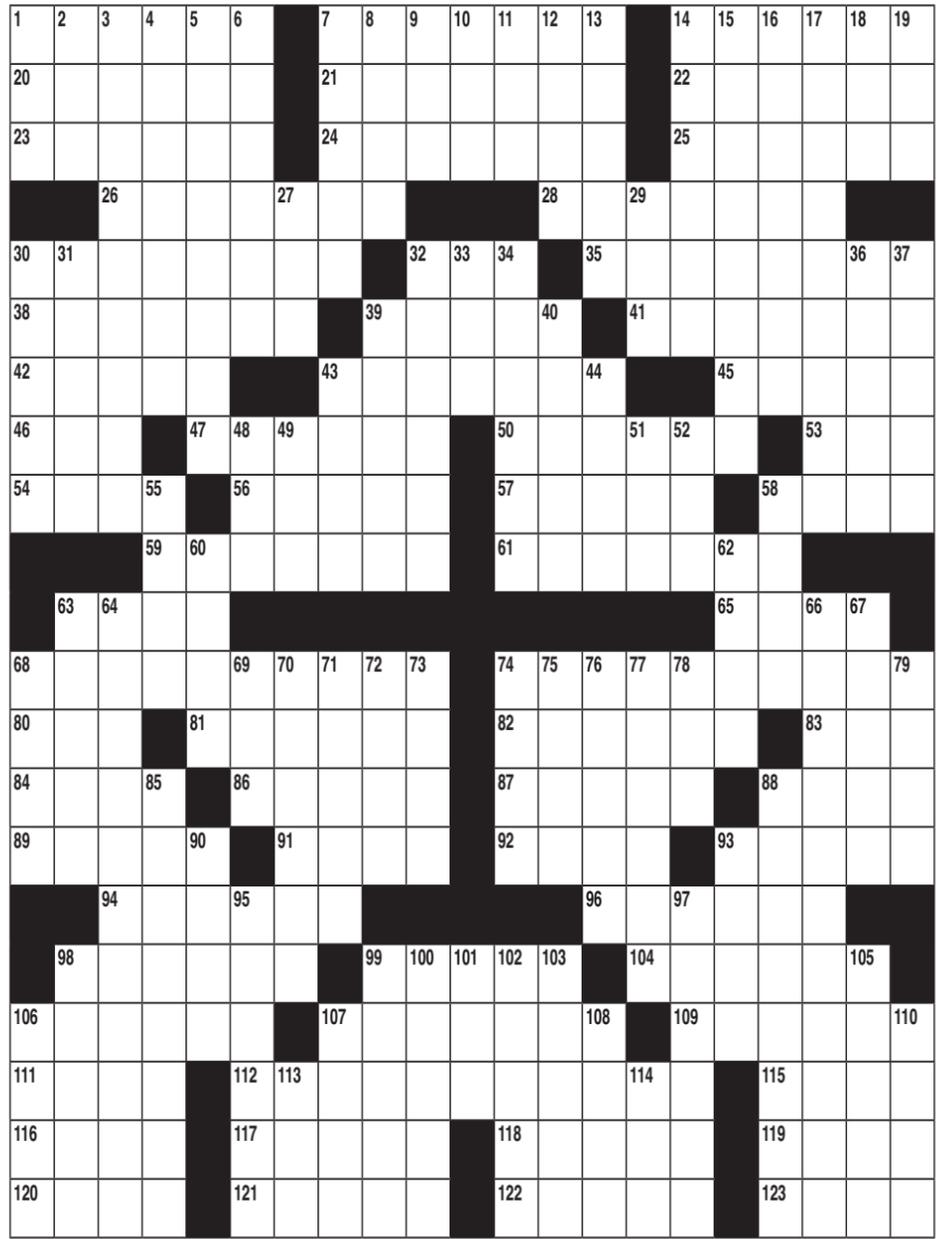
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## CREATURE FEATURE BY TIMOTHY POLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

After completing this puzzle, draw a line starting at the middle square of 59-Across and connect five appropriate squares in roughly clockwise order to reveal an image suggested by this puzzle's theme.

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Friendly" cartoon character
  - 7 Pro
  - 14 Symbols in calculus
  - 20 Simple kind of antenna
  - 21 Expenditures' counterpart
  - 22 Lacking a break
  - 23 Add surreptitiously
  - 24 Worrisome sight for a swimmer
  - 25 With spite
  - 26 Some Houdini feats
  - 28 John of spy fiction
  - 30 Something extraordinary that won't soon be forgotten
  - 32 Some northern Europeans
  - 35 Bit of hydrotherapy
  - 38 Caffeinated drink with tapioca balls
  - 39 Doled (out)
  - 41 Opposite of colorblindness?
  - 42 "\_\_\_ Jacques"
  - 43 Ones eligible for marathon prizes
  - 45 "Don't bite the hand that feeds you," e.g.
  - 46 Flight-board abbr.
  - 47 Sinking feelings
  - 50 Mistrusts
  - 53 Mother or sister
- DOWN**
- 19 Locale for a trough
  - 27 Fairy-tale "lump"
  - 29 Hack
  - 30 Hit BBC comedy, briefly
  - 31 Peter of "The Maltese Falcon"
  - 32 Handles deftly
  - 33 Utmost degree
  - 34 Farm machine
  - 36 Something to angle for
  - 37 "In Dulci Jubilo" and others
  - 39 Modest skirts
  - 40 Modern subject of F.A.A. regulation
  - 43 TV show with the season's highest rating, often
  - 44 "\_\_\_ U.S.A." (1963 hit)
  - 48 Sports arbiter
  - 49 Pixielike
  - 51 Cabaret accessory
  - 52 Country-music channel, once
  - 55 Decorative pillowcase
  - 58 Adjudicate, as a case
  - 69 Seasonal quaff
  - 70 Small herrings
  - 71 Is a crowd
  - 72 Actor Morales
  - 73 Deteriorates
  - 74 Beginning
  - 75 Precollege, for short
  - 76 Text tweaks
  - 77 Midcrisis hire, perhaps
  - 78 Word with black or blood
  - 79 Frozen-dessert chain
  - 85 Leaves nervously exhausted
  - 88 Thugs
  - 90 Aromatic yellow citrus
  - 93 Preppy wear
  - 95 Himalayan native
  - 97 Cheap and gaudy
  - 98 Charged
  - 99 Scrap
  - 100 Actress Salma
  - 101 Movie org. whose "100 Years ... 100 Thrills" list has 106-Down at No. 2
  - 102 Takes a load off
  - 103 Superman, by birth
  - 105 "Coo-oo-ool!"
  - 106 1975 summer blockbuster
  - 107 Morse clicks
  - 108 Indian blueblood
  - 110 Teensy amount
  - 113 Yogi's accessory
  - 114 Oscar \_\_\_ (Hollywood honor, informally)
- ACROSS**
- 54 Does more than ask
  - 56 Dr. \_\_\_ Sattler, "Jurassic Park" paleobotanist
  - 57 Energy giant that fell into ignominy in 2002
  - 58 Elevs.
  - 59 Peevish quality
  - 61 Get a new mortgage
  - 63 [Kiss]
  - 65 Powerful D.C. lobby
  - 68 Scylla or Charybdis
  - 74 Speedy wide receiver, perhaps
  - 80 Skill
  - 81 [Fingers crossed]
  - 82 Buzz out in space
  - 83 And so on: Abbr.
  - 84 Staff leader?
  - 86 & 87 What might cost you an arm and a leg?
  - 88 Silver-tongued
  - 89 2004 also-ran
  - 91 Martin who wrote "The Pregnant Widow"
  - 92 Evening, in ads
  - 93 Southern sandwich
  - 94 Is there in spirit?
  - 96 Zen Buddhist goal
  - 98 Makes fun of
  - 99 Menace in 106-Down
  - 104 Bad-mouth
  - 106 Add spice to
  - 107 Metaphor for deliberate ignorance
- DOWN**
- 109 Gobbled (down)
  - 111 Seriously uptight
  - 112 Fictional setting for 106-Down
  - 115 "A \_\_\_ believes no one" (old saying)
  - 116 Pottery
  - 117 Caffè \_\_\_
  - 118 Justin Bieber or Justin Timberlake
  - 119 Concerning
  - 120 Conventions: Abbr.
  - 121 "There, there"
  - 122 Disgustingly obsequious
  - 123 Class with drills



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# 'Sgt. Friendly' is newest Smoked Mullet

By **STEVE REILLY**  
STAFF WRITER

ENGLEWOOD — After serving as a law enforcement officer in Detroit, Englewood was a paradise to Gary Schroeder 48 years ago.

Englewood is still a paradise to him.

And for his commitment to the Englewood community, the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce inducted Schroeder into its Secret Society of Smoked Mullets.

"He is a fixture in our community and always is happy to see anyone he meets with his grin from ear to ear," emcee Keith Rowley said.

Rowley's father, Rex, was last year's Smoked Mullet inductee, but he couldn't attend the annual luncheon June 29 at the Waverly restaurant on Manasota Key.

"The stories he has told



Members of the Secret Society of Smoked Mullets include, from left, (standing) Larry Nicol, Charlie Hicks, Fred Beck, David Dignam and Esther Horton, (seated) Tom Dignam, Eunice Albritton, Gary Schroeder, Dr. John Flower, Bill Stiver Sr. and Mac Horton.

many of us of his early days as the town sheriff's deputy would make a great book — but many of the names would have to be changed," Rowley quipped.

Surrounded by his wife, Pam, their children and grandchildren, Schroeder was surprised and humbled when his name was announced as this year's winner.

"All of you who are (named as Smoked Mullets) have really contributed to the community," Schroeder said.

Since the beginning of the Secret Society of Smoked Mullets in 1996, when it was first created by then-chamber president Nita Cole, the goal was to create a fun way to honor those whose contributions helped to shape the character of Englewood.

The first mullet recipient was Dr. John Flower, Englewood's first dentist

and a noted amateur wildlife photographer.

Schroeder was more than a police officer to Englewood. He's remembered for mowing a field — where the Palm Plaza shopping center is now located — so young people could play sports. He was known to take breaks and shoot a few hoops with Englewood teens.

Schroeder was known as "Sergeant Friendly" to Englewood Elementary School students before school resource officers were assigned to schools. He participated in this year's Project Graduation for Lemon Bay High seniors.

Schroeder remains active in Englewood's Masonic lodge. He's no stranger to the Englewood Expo and other civic events.

After the Detroit riots in 1969 and 1970, city police officers and other civil servants were required to

move into the city. Gary and Pam Schroeder decided to move to Englewood and join Pam's grandparents, Leola and Robert Plumb. The Schroeders, then a family of four, lived in an efficiency.

"It was kind of cramped," he said.

He applied to local law enforcement agencies immediately and had to work for General Development Corp. before he got the call from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office.

In 1977, Schroeder answered a call that a "big" intoxicated man was threatening a woman bartender with a knife. When he arrived on scene, Schroeder couldn't wait for backup since bar patrons told him the man was holding the woman down, ready to kill her.

"If it was your wife or daughter, would you want



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John Bass, left, embraces Gary Schroeder after announcing the longtime Englewood resident was chosen as the 2018 Smoked Mullet award winner.

me to wait (for backup)?" Schroeder asked. "Guess what, I went in."

The woman got loose and the man put down the knife, but he violently resisted arrest. During the struggle, the man kned Schroeder in his lower back, breaking his spine in four places.

The injury left Schroeder

wheelchair-bound, but he remained a sheriff's deputy until he retired in 1985.

The life-altering injury also didn't dissuade his love of Englewood.

To learn more about the Secret Society of Smoked Mullets and to see its roll of honorees, visit: [www.englewoodchamber.com](http://www.englewoodchamber.com).

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## MANASOTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND UNIQUE

While the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce honored old Englewood with its annual Secret Society of Smoked Mullets luncheon Friday, John McCarthy, historic Spanish Point executive director, talked about "old, old" Englewood — actually paleo-Manasota Key. State archaeologists are diving offshore in 20 feet of water and continuing their ongoing investigation of a 7,000-year-old burial site.

Sea level at the time of the burial was 33 feet lower than it is today. Florida's shoreline extended far out into what's now Gulf waters, and the burial site remained preserved under a layer of peat on the sea floor. "It is a globally significant site," McCarthy said.

The site is the only burial site in the Americas discovered underwater and one of the three "marine" burial sites globally. But what's as important, is that this site should be shown the "reverence and respect" any burial site deserves, McCarthy said. Florida's Seminole and Miccosukee tribes view the site as a burial ground of their ancestors and expect it to be respected.

The exact location is secret. Anyone disturbing the burial site can be charged with a felony. McCarthy cautioned the audience how volunteers have the site under surveillance, and will report any boaters or divers who potentially disturb it. He encouraged people to call state law enforcement at 1-888-404-3922, if they learn of anyone disturbing the site.

But researchers are hoping if anyone discovers arrow heads or other artifacts offshore, or along Manasota Key to let them know. They believe more archaeological sites are buried in sand off the Key.

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Okeechobee water flowing down the Caloosahatchee is a problem. But so is rampant development across Florida.



# Blame or solution?

What's more important to you: Blame or solutions? Let's stop placing blame for our water quality problems. It's counterproductive. We need to identify the factual problems; then acknowledge them so we can address the issues. It's way past time to start fixing the sources of our red tide and water quality challenges.

Red tide and water discharges are nothing new. We have endured them forever. Yes, forever. Our water quality problems have grown as our population expands. More growth and development, more problems.

Things exploded as we dredged and filled projects all over Florida in the 1950s and '60s. We have had numerous problems since they dredged the Intracoastal Waterway more than 50 years ago. We altered natural flows and flushing all over Florida, and now we pay the price for messing with Mother Nature. We enjoyed a paradise until it was altered by human hands.

This is a problem that isn't going away without sacrifices and a lot of money. If you think preventing more damage is expensive, just try to replace our ecosystems and economy after it's destroyed. It can't be done — not at any price.

The Army Corps must release water from Lake Okeechobee or endanger lives from breaching the dikes. Just look at the loss of life in 28 hurricanes. Blame sugar and agriculture if you want, but if they disappeared tomorrow we still have bigger problems.

Is it possible that political manipulation could be behind much of this to hurt Commissioner Putnam and other Republican candidates? You are being led away from actual problems. Many of us are distracted for someone else's political gains.

We continue to cram more new folks into our coastal and watershed areas. More people creates more runoff and increased pollutants in our waters. Ignore reality or acknowledge real issues and accurately, scientifically identify the sources.

Which is more important to us? Green yards and lush high maintenance landscaping or our water quality? Look at our developed lands and how they follow our coastlines and watersheds. These population concentrations contribute nutrients which feed and stimulate red tide blooms and algae growth.

In many areas right now, the awful stench from decaying green algae is as bad as the dead fish. Algae thrives in cooler water but dies in summer heat. Yes, old dead fish are also problems in many areas. When they combine, it's a disaster.

I watched a program on Charlotte County's channel last week about water quality issues in Florida's springs and estuaries. It was a board meeting of Swiftmud's last meeting on these issues (April, I believe). They have addressed the agriculture issues and believe these are minimized. Look at evidence and

make your own conclusions. Agriculture businesses can't afford to waste money with today's tight profit margins. Fertilizers are only productive if kept in the root zone layers. Golf courses are smarter and have minimized their runoff losses too.

Both Swiftmud and Dr. Brian LaPoint have studied our issues and deduced from their works that septic leaching and yard runoff are our largest contributors to nitrogen. Many educated leaders and scientist believe that the Kissimmee River and Caloosahatchee Rivers are polluted and major problems requiring our immediate attention. The Kissimmee watershed has about two million people living upstream with about 600,000 septic tanks. Septic systems cannot function properly if the water table is too close. They require dirt to function properly.

This red tide eruption occurring now has trashed our local economy for the last big weekend opportunity of summer. We are now facing the slow season without that extra week's income. We were actually lucky this backed down for Easter because it was looming then.

Note that this red tide bloom occurred before any Lake O discharges could have reached our area. This outbreak, like all the others, came right after a heavy rain event. We have local problems that require our attention if you want to solve our pollution problems. Watch that Swiftmud meeting to understand the problems better.

I'm not impressed with the exposure-seeking captains complaining but not addressing the actual problems or offering any thought out potential solutions. I brought this issue up at every Charlotte Harbor meeting that UF sponsored and Sea Grant helped with. We are dying if we continue to ignore our problems!

The press has picked up this issue and is warning folks to stay away from our coast and beaches, just before the Fourth of July. This hurts the local economy significantly. But can you blame them? Who wants to spend the holiday on a stinky beach?

I'll close with some good news: We do have good fishing farther out in to the Gulf — no red tide problems offshore yet. Grouper and snapper are all open, and if you can safely go deeper we do have fish. Things begin to clear up at about 40 feet. There are a few Spanish mackerel and even kings scattered around. You can carry live shrimp but not pinfish or minnows through red tide blooms. Minnows are available in about 50 feet. Try Sabiki rigs and carry extras. The fishing has been good in the upper Harbor area also. If you don't see live fish, just keep looking. Remember, you can't catch fish if you don't go fishin', so let's go fishin' soon.

*Capt. Van Hubbard is a highly respected outdoor writer and fishing guide. He has been a professional USCG-licensed year-round guide since 1976, and has been fishing the Southwest Florida coast since 1981. Contact him at 941-468-4017 or VanHubbard@CaptVan.com.*

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# North Port groundbreaking makes a splash for project

By **LAUREN COFFEY**  
STAFF WRITER

**NORTH PORT** — After 38 city commissioners, at least 73 commission meetings and 40 years, the North Port aquatic center broke ground.

A ground breaking for the center was held June 30 at Butler Park, behind the Morgan Family Community Center, 6205 W Price Blvd.

Joan Morgan, whose family the Morgan Center is named after, remained cautiously optimistic about the project in the backyard of her namesake.

“I’m remaining cautious) until I can jump in the pool,” she said. “I’m trying to feel a little more confident ... we had a 5-0 vote to build in 2010 but we’re in uncharted territory now.”

Morgan, along with various city commissioners and staff over the years, have fought to bring a pool to North Port and replace the aging YMCA pool in the city.

The new pool construction contract was approved on June 12 with Recreation Design and Construction Inc. There is also a design contract with Kimley Horn and Associates, who were originally tapped for the project in 2009.

The pool is slated to be completed in July 2019 and cost roughly \$10,832,069.79. It will include a 25-meter stretch pool which can be used for 25-yard or 25-meter swim competitions, two slides, a bowl slide, a children’s splash area, a lazy river, shading, bathrooms, locker rooms and a concession stand.

Multiple people at the event echoed the same sentiment: this new pool has been a long time coming. “I sure wish this pool was here now since it’s 110 degrees out,” Mayor Vanessa Carusone said. “We’re very well aware things take a long time to get accomplished but now we stand before you with something we started almost 10 years ago. This is truly a great achievement in a city where you can achieve anything.”

Community members are excited for the opportunities it can bring specifically the children of North Port.

“Over the past five years or so we’ve starting moving forward and it’s refreshing to see,” said Gene Matthews, namesake of the Gene Matthews Boys & Girls Club, said. “Of course we



**Tricia Wisner, City of North Port Parks and Recreation Manager**

have the Boys and Girls Club but (additional) events and activities for the kids is very important.”

And others believe the pool will help add a layer of water safety the city does not currently have.

“The North Port swim team will have meets and it will be great,” said Mary Jane Hayes, a North Port resident since 1977. “And when you live so close to such a big body of water kids really need to learn how to swim by just wading in.”

As for the kids, they are just as excited to



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**Quentin Willis, 4, was ready Saturday for the Aquatic Center to open in North Port.**

eventually splash in to the latest North Port amenity.

“I’m excited because it’s a new pool and has lots of other things,” said Ava Muehlmeier, 8. “The (YMCA pool) is way tinier and this will be way bigger. I’m excited to go

on the slides and check everything out.”

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**Joan Morgan, long time advocate for the pool and aquatic center, poses with the design of the project.**



**City commissioners have some fun before the groundbreaking.**

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# Organ donation criteria disappoints family

By **ANDREA PRAEGITZER**  
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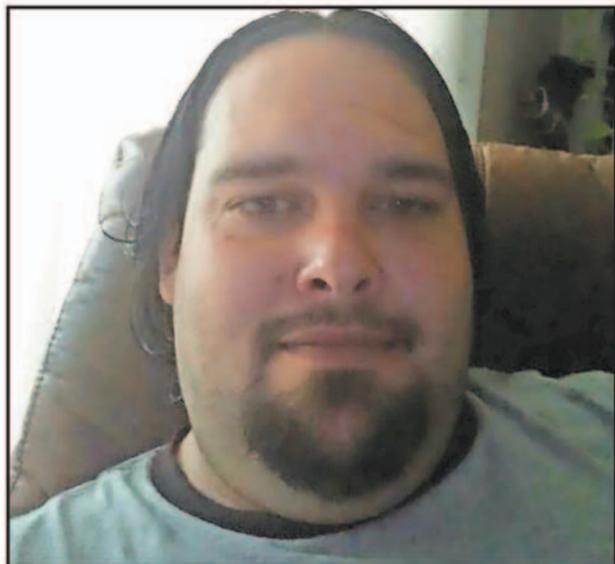


PHOTO PROVIDED BY DAVID TANKERSLEY

**Charlotte County resident David Tankersley, 34, suffered a stroke April 14 and after undergoing a thrombectomy at Sarasota Memorial Hospital, he expected to fully recover. He died at home unexpectedly on May 27.**

The day David Tankersley died, his family wanted to save another life.

At just 34 years old, Tankersley didn't wake up to his alarm for work on the morning of June 27.

Shocked and grieving from his unexpected passing, Tankersley's family called area hospitals to ask about donating his organs.

"All the hospitals were saying he is not eligible to donate because he died in the home," said Tankersley's uncle, Ken Jones.

It was a double hit. The family lost their loved one, and wouldn't be able to save another.

"My cousin needs a kidney," Jones said hours after discovering his nephew had died.

"They're probably going to be a match," he said. "This is the stupidest policy."

A record-setting 10 million Floridians have signed up to donate their organs after death — including about 60 percent of drivers in Charlotte and Sarasota counties.

But just 1 to 2 percent of all deaths on average meet the criteria necessary for donations to happen — according to information from LifeLink Senior Public Affairs Coordinator Betsy Edwards.

Serving all the hospitals in Charlotte and Sarasota counties, LifeLink, a nonprofit organization, is the area's federally designated organ procurement organization.

Edwards said in order for organ donation to

potentially take place, a donor must be in a hospital and on a ventilator when pronounced brain dead.

That's not what happens when many people die.

But when it is, a ventilator can keep blood flowing through organs so they are viable and suitable to save another person's life, according to Edwards.

Even under this traditional organ donation criteria in the U.S., time is of the essence.

In a home death like Tankersley's, the environment is uncontrolled and the exact timing of death can't be certain, according to Edwards.

Jones said they were told the death likely happened within about a half-hour of discovery. He said within hours of his nephew's lifeless body being removed from the home by emergency medical workers, Jones searched online for organ donation information. He read that

kidneys could be good for up to 72 hours.

But according to some medical studies, kidneys require a constant supply of oxygen and when that stops they usually need to be removed and preserved within at least 40 minutes.

Then, a healthy kidney is transported in cool saltwater that preserves the organ for up to 48 hours. This gives health care providers time to perform tests to ensure matches of donor and recipient blood and tissues, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine.

Hospitals and their doctors are tasked with saving lives. Still, they are required to report deaths that have occurred or that are imminent.

LifeLink physically handles all the area's organ donations, and has recovery surgeons on staff, Edwards said.

"Although we are not a transplant center, we work with LifeLink of Florida — the federally

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Details on organ donation in Florida are available at: [lifelinkfoundation.org](http://lifelinkfoundation.org), or by calling 800-262-5775.

designated organ procurement organization — to identify patients who may be eligible for organ donation," said Kim Savage, Sarasota Memorial Hospital's public information officer.

"All determinations of eligibility are made by LifeLink, which serves 15 counties in west Florida, including Sarasota and Charlotte counties," said Savage.

But the stipulation that deaths occur in a hospital is not required by any regulation or law, Edwards confirmed.

"It's a matter of biology," she said.

When blood stops flowing through the organ, it's not considered viable by LifeLink for donation.

Some countries such as Netherlands and the United Kingdom, however, have found that donations after circulatory deaths have almost doubled their numbers of deceased organ donors.

"Very strict organ selection may reduce the risk of poor initial function after transplantation, but it also carries the risk that viable organs are discarded, which may result in the death of patients on the waiting list who otherwise could have been transplanted," stated a 2016 paper in the journal "Transplant International" from the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam.

## 2017 FLORIDA ORGAN DONOR REGISTRATION RATES

The donor registration rate is how many people say yes to being an organ donor during driver's license transactions. The goal is more than 50 percent per county, according to Donate Life Florida.

County	Donor registration rate	Rank
Walton	68%	Excellent
Charlotte	61%	Excellent
Sarasota	60%	Excellent
Lee	57%	Good
DeSoto	54%	Good
Miami-Dade	33%	Making progress
Broward	30%	Making progress

— Source: Donate Life Florida, 2017 Annual Report

Edwards said she couldn't speak to practices in other countries. But she said more people who decide to be donors increases the chances that more lives will be saved.

"We are seeing more organs being made available for transplant," Edwards said.

Throughout 15 Florida counties in 2015 served by LifeLink, 207 organ donors saved more than 600 lives, according to the organization.

And though not necessarily life-saving, tissue and eye removal for donation can occur within 24 hours of death.

Tankersley died just a couple months after receiving a life-saving stroke treatment at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

The family said they were told an autopsy would not be performed because Tankersley suffered heart problems most of his life. He had a pacemaker since childhood.

In May, while recovering at his grandparents' home in Port Charlotte where he lived, Tankersley told the Sun that the procedure gave

him a chance at life that he didn't think he otherwise would have had.

Tankersley had returned to work at Best Buy and was happy, said Jones who was visiting the area last week through the weekend and also staying at his parents' house.

"There was no warning whatsoever," said Jones. "My mom and dad got to spend two months with him ... I got to see him."

Tankersley hadn't registered as an organ donor, but Jones said he thinks his nephew would have supported his family's decision to donate his organs had it been possible. If no instructions are left prior to death about organ donation in Florida, the right to decide can fall on certain family members. It would have been left with Tankersley's mother, as he was unmarried.

"David had such a big heart and gave out so much love, he didn't have enough to keep his body going," said Tankersley's mother, Carol Brock, from Ore City, Texas. "He gave it all away."

Funeral arrangements have not been set.  
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# Punta Gorda Airport officials hope free coffee creates 'espresso' line

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Free coffee is one way to get people on the move.

To lure departing passengers to the terminal early for morning flights, Punta Gorda Airport is giving away coupons redeemable for a free large coffee or a 20-ounce water. Both items retail at \$2.79. The goal of the promotion is to relieve congestion at the airport.

The promotion runs from July 1-7. The coupons will be given to the first 100 departing passengers who clear security screening by 5:30 a.m., each morning, and will be redeemable at The Junction or the kiosk near gate one inside the departures waiting area.

"Our neighbors value PGD for its ease of use and convenience, and we want to keep it that way," said PGD CEO James Parish in a press release. "We're hoping this program will raise awareness and incentivize passengers to arrive early."

Due to PGD's recent growth in passengers, there has been more traffic on the roads, as well

as busier parking lots, check-in counters and security lines, according to the release.

In a recent Allegiant Air travel alert, Punta Gorda was one of just a few airports listed for having longer-than-normal wait times at security check-points. Others included Destin/Fort Walton Beach, Orlando/Sanford and Phoenix/Mesa, Arizona.

"Things were obviously very busy during our record-breaking prior year (season)," said Kaley Miller, PGD marketing and communications manager, "so we had started brainstorming an incentive promotion before I even noticed this listing was on Allegiant's alerts page."

In May 2018, PGD saw a total of 118,050 passengers, compared to 97,304 in May 2017. PGD reached a record high passenger count at 192,947 in March 2018. In March 2017, the airport noted a total passenger count of 141,802.

For early morning flights, PGD recommends that passengers arrive at the terminal two hours before their scheduled departure time.

This will allow time for check-in, screening and boarding.

It was also noted that it is important for Allegiant flights to depart on time so the fleet can stay on track for flights scheduled later in the day.

The weeklong incentive program is a pilot program that will be

considered for future busy holiday weeks. PGD is partnering with Faber International, an in-airport provider of concessions, for the promotion.

In response to the influx of passengers and the airport's conversations with Allegiant about improving logistics, Miller said Allegiant has started scheduling flights for 6 a.m. starting in mid-December to space out the time between departing flights. The earliest flight is now 6:30 a.m.

"That means our Transportation Security Administration screening partner and Allegiant's check-in staff will also have to be open a

half-hour earlier," said Miller, "so it requires extra coordination in scheduling."

PGD has also put in a request for a fifth lane to help with traffic in the terminal.

"TSA is reviewing PGD's request for a fifth lane," said Miller. "We are all working together in hopes to have the fifth lane open by the end of 2018."

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# Kids check out snakes at library

The Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources recently presented a program about snakes in Florida at the North Port Public Library.

During the event, three snakes were shown to the participants, with the opportunity to touch the snakes and asks questions about the animals.



Lola Robinson, 10, learns the difference between poisonous and venomous at North Port Public Library during a presentation recently about snakes.



Above: Dilan McGeachy, 4, learns how the tempo mandibular joint is different in humans and snakes.

Below: Zoe Kaplun, 7, pays attention to all the information shared recently about snakes at the North Port Public Library.



Jack Anderson, 3, gets to touch Casper, a corn snake at North Port Public Library, recently.



Lynda Becherelli, a parks naturalist with Sarasota County, plays with Lucky, a corn snake, during a recent program at North Port Public Library.



Aiden Hagarty, 13, participates in a question-and-answer section of the presentation at North Port Public Library recently.

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