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BIDEN FEELS THE PUSH TO TAKE ON TRUMP IN 2020

Joe Biden is listening keenly to the supporters pushing him to run for the White House in 2020, convinced he can beat President Donald Trump, friends and advisers say, and he has given himself until January to deliberate and size up potential competition for the Democratic nomination. *See The News Wire*



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Smartphones: A tool for school safety?

By KAYLA GLEASON
STAFF WRITER

Schools may now be getting security from an unexpected and under-used source: student's cellphones.

State legislators set aside funding to develop the FortifyFL app earlier this year after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 students and teachers dead.

The free app will allow users to anonymously report suspicious activity they witness on campus.

Depending on the nature of the tip — how imminent and dangerous the threat is — information will be sent to school officials, such as resource officers, or directly to 911.

The goal is to encourage more students to speak up without jeopardizing their own safety.

FortifyFL can be used to report any type of potential danger, meaning it could also get necessary help to students who pose a threat to themselves.

According to Charlotte County Public Schools spokesperson Mike Riley, it is the district's plan to make use of the app.

This is on top of countless other safety measures already in place, including single-entry points on schools, resource officers on every campus and a brand-new video communication device to screen visitors before entering the front office.

Sarasota County is also looking into adding the app to its safety measures.

"We put safety and security on the forefront of our efforts, and continually look for new ways to enhance our approach. We are mindful of initiatives and legislation from the state and will certainly investigate the functionality of this Fortify FL app when it is finalized and launched," said Kelsey Whealy, spokesperson for Sarasota County Schools.

The school district in Sarasota County has also recently created the Sarasota County Schools Police Department — a collection of officers hired specifically for the protection of schools.

"In addition, we will continue to utilize digital and social media platforms, including our

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Hurricane season not over yet, despite below-average forecasts

By ANNE EASKER
STAFF WRITER

Bands of rain and flooding from Tropical Storm Gordon may linger today, but normal summer weather patterns are expected to return to southwest Florida for the rest of the week.

The peak of hurricane season is next Monday, Sept. 10 — the exact day Hurricane Irma made landfall on Florida last year.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Rodney Wynn said September is typically

busy when conditions are most favorable.

"Sea surface temperatures are in the prime mid-80s," he said. "The wind shear is less, so it's not going to destroy the storms once they're formed. Sea surface temps are very warm and atmospheric wind sheer is climatologically low."

However, for at least the next week or two, things should be fairly quiet, Wynn said.

The National Hurricane Center is monitoring Tropical Storm Florence in the east

Atlantic, but the storm is unlikely to affect Florida.

"Florence will stay well out to sea, so right now, we're not looking at any potential storms for the next week," Wynn said.

Dan Kottlowski, senior meteorologist for AccuWeather, said after Florence, another area of disturbed weather moving off the coast of Africa has the potential to organize in the next few days, though it's too soon to say whether it would be a threat to the U.S.

"Right now we're in the prime time for tropical

development across the Atlantic basin," he said.

"Forty percent of all tropical development in most years takes place during the month of September."

This September is looking to be near-normal as far as tropical activity, though Kottlowski said that doesn't mean everyone will be hit by something.

Last month, forecasters with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) increased the

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Englewood turns out for 62nd Pioneer Days Parade

STAFF REPORT

ENGLEWOOD — The 62nd annual Pioneer Days Parade is in the books.

Clear skies and cool breezes greeted the thousands of people who turned out to watch and cheer, and the hundreds more who marched, walked, rode floats, bikes, scooters, tractors and horses along the 2-mile-long route Monday.

They were all there: the Marching Manta Band from Lemon Bay High School; the



SUN PHOTOS BY TIM KERN

Mayor for the Day Marg Greeson waves to the crowd.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scout troops; the Conquistadors of Punta Gorda with their huge

sailing ship and booming cannon; and many

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Fitz Wakley, 14 months, is deep in thought as the parade is about to start.



Cindy Kleinschmit, Jan Chard, Charlene Gineo, Mary Lou Hodgkins and Shirley O'Kelly arrived at 7 a.m. with great excitement to take in the parade.

Going from a heart transplant to kidney dialysis is just another step in aging

Editor's note: This is part 1 of a two-part story

A doctor's office is where it all begins. When I got my new heart at Tampa General Hospital in 1999, Dr. Daniel Cooper, a Sarasota cardiologist, was the person who told me about the big operation headed my way.

Today, at 79, my latest medical adventure involves my failing kidneys.

Until six months ago, I didn't know I had any particular problems with my kidneys. I started feeling lousy and ended up at Tampa General where I

underwent a week of tests.

When they got through testing me, I got the word I was in third-stage kidney failure, according to Dr. Mark Weston, head of heart transplants at Tampa General. Dr. Lorraine Cho, a Venice kidney specialist, began working with me and my failing kidneys a few months ago. She told me when I went into fourth-stage I would have to go to dialysis.

The time came six weeks ago.

I ended up at Venice Dialysis Center, four hours a day, three times a week to begin with.

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Until I was 50, I knew almost nothing about doctors, medical procedures and pills. Then, about 30 years ago, I was diagnosed with a heart murmur. It caused me to take a bunch of pills beginning in 1985. After a while, the pills weren't working very well.

Dr. Cooper, whom I was seeing at the time, specialized in



PHOTO BY MARY AUENSON
Ken Farmer, an RN at Venice Dialysis Center, part of Fresenius Medical Care, connects Don Moore to a kidney dialysis machine for his last treatment at the center before Moore takes over the operation at his home.

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An 'eye-opening' experience at Baker Center

By RUSTY PRAY
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Responsibility weighed heavy on the shoulders of young Otto Olson.

He was in charge of his three siblings — two in junior high, one in grade school — because his father was serving 45 days in the Charlotte County Jail. His mother wasn't around. He'd never met her.

So, it was up to the 21-year-old Otto to find work, make sure the rent was paid, feed the kids and get them off to school until his father got home and hopefully hadn't lost his job.

Otto was one of the characters portrayed

during a Poverty Simulation at the Baker Early Learning Center in Punta Gorda. Fully 67 people, many of them Baker Center teachers and administrators, took part in the exercise, facilitated by Alecia Cunningham, social services director for the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition.

The simulation was a role-playing exercise designed to help participants begin to understand the reality faced by low-income families.

It clicked for Tracy Pipitone, who works with the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland in child development support services. She

played Otto. "I didn't realize how much pressure families face on a day-to-day basis who are in this position," she said after the 75-minute program. "It gave me a better appreciation of what they're going through. We actually got to be in the mind-set of what it is they're going through. Even though it might have been for only moments, it was a very powerful experience."

Pipitone was a member of dozens of fictional low-income families that included young children and babies, elderly grandparents and the disabled. It was their job to go about trying to live productively in an environment that included the people and institutions that populate their lives — social service, pawn brokers, check-cashing service, law enforcement, drug dealer. The situations played out were based on actual cases.

Volunteers associated with the Homeless Coalition played the roles of banker, grocery store clerk, general employer, utility collector, social services representatives, mortgage company, police officer, and so on.

"I'm usually the person who will let the parent know how the child is doing developmentally," Pipitone said of her real-life job. "We try to encourage them to understand development. I thought to myself, 'How can a parent understand development when they're trying to put food on the table for their child? What's the priority? Making sure their child knows something specific about developmental concerns? Or making sure their bellies are fed?'"



SUN PHOTOS BY RUSTY PRAY

From left, Nora Koran, education specialist, Nicole Hansen, principal, and Nicky James, family services specialist. James, who requested the Poverty Simulation, said it was an "eye-opener just to see how hard it is for some of our families."



Jackie Lee played the head of the Child Care Center in the scenario during the Poverty Simulation.

Janet Dunbar, a teacher at Baker for 17 years, played Chad Chen, a 9-year-old boy. Her character accepted drugs from the pusher. Fellow teacher Jessie Day played the father of the Chen family.

"I couldn't get a job. They kept sending me away. The



Tracy Pipitone, Early Learning Coalition of Florida, said the simulation was something she would "never forget."

drug deal was easy money."

Nicky James, Baker family services specialist, had requested the program from Cunningham, who called the simulation the largest she had ever directed.

"This was amazing," James said. "It was an



Alecia Cunningham hands out material to volunteers before holding the Poverty Simulation at the Baker Early Learning Center in Punta Gorda.

eye-opener just to see how hard it is for some of our families."

Pipitone was moved by it.

"I was literally sobbing and crying — and not for show."

"I'll never forget it."

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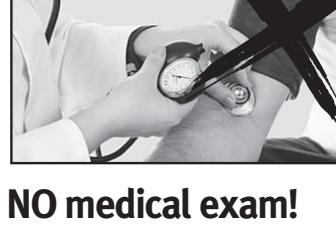
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Ready to run

Girls on the Run comes to Charlotte County

By KAYLA GLEASON
STAFF WRITER

Dust off your sneakers and break out your sweatband, the Girls on the Run after-school program has opened its fall enrollment.

Under the guidance of new program coordinator Melissa Pares-Alvarado, Girls on the Run aims to provide a fun and active option for young women looking for something to do outside of school.

"Girls on the run is a 10-week program designed to encourage personal development, team building, physical activity and community service," said Christine McConnelee, Executive Director of the organization's Southwest Florida branch.

The goal of Girls on the Run is to foster a safe environment where girls can find their inner strengths, embrace differences, express joy and gratitude through words and actions, nurture physical health, lead with an open heart, and stand up for themselves and others. Lessons encourage positive emotional, social, mental and physical development and stress the importance of team work and healthy relationships.

The program's local chapter started just five years ago with only two participating locations. Today, that number has grown to 40 sites throughout southwest Florida.

The Girls on the Run of Collier County council has merged with the Girls on the Run of Southwest Florida council to nearly double their participating sites this season. The program is now united to



Melissa Pares-Alvarado has been appointed the new Program Coordinator for Girls on the Run.

serve Charlotte, Lee, Collier and DeSoto counties.

Charlotte County alone has 13 schools involved and is expecting close to 120 girls enrolled for the fall term, according to McConnelee.

Though running is the name of the game and the girls do participate in a 5K at the end of the season, the program incorporates much more than just exercise.

"The program's founder, Mary W. Barker, struggled in her own life and came to realize that running gave her respect for her body, her heart and her mind. The name 'Girls on the Run' came from the program's original curriculum that incorporated running/exercise with motivational lessons," said McConnelee.

"We realize that not everyone is a runner. We spend approximately two-thirds of each session meeting with the girls to go through a series of research-based lessons that include dynamic discussions, learning games that integrate physical activity and prompts for reflection. For the remaining



Coach Heather Moran and daughter Hope Moran

MORE INFORMATION

Participating schools:

Deep Creek Elementary
East Elementary
Liberty Elementary
Meadow Park Elementary
Myakka River Elementary

Neil Armstrong Elementary
Peace River Elementary
Punta Gorda Middle School
Vineland Elementary
West Elementary
Babcock Community School
Kingsway Elementary
Sallie Jones Elementary

part of the session, girls are encouraged and coached to walk or run at their own pace."

The program is lead by volunteer teachers, parents and other community members looking to improve the young lives around them.

McConnelee, who has also coached for the program, shared one of her favorite moments from the program:

"My second season coaching we had a young girl who was depressed, losing friends, her grades were dropping and she was in therapy twice a week to help her deal with some issues. She told us she 'felt like she had a huge dark cloud around her everywhere she went,'" she said.

"After two seasons with Girls on the Run, she had dropped down to therapy once a week, her grades improved and she was making

friends on the team. She is one of so many success stories I hear season after season of girls finding their voices, leading their teams and finding their way."

Though the program fee is \$110 — which covers the cost of the 5K registration, instructional materials, a Girls on the Run T-shirt and more — scholarships are available.



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY GIRLS ON THE RUN

Julyssa Jeanty and mother Elise Jeanty pose before a race.

McConnelee estimates 40 percent of the girls who enroll receive some type of financial aid.

Registration is open to girls aged 8 to 13, now through Sept. 19 at www.gotrswfl.org.

The organization is also seeking volunteers, sponsorship from individuals

and businesses and new sites.

Community members can also register for the end-of-season 5K fundraiser for \$15-\$25.

For more information, email davina.hartsfield@girlsontherun.org.

Email: kgleason@sun-herald.com



Skylar Sturgis and Lianne Martin cross the finish line at the annual Girls on the Run 5K.

Isn't one child's boating death one too many?



The Answer Man

BILL JONES

It was April 18, 2015, at about 4:30 p.m., according to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission records, when Jonathan Tate Ricks, 9, was riding on a 14-foot boat on the Johns River in Putnam City. The boat struck another boat's wake. Jonathan was ejected. He wasn't wearing a life preserver.

Under Florida law, he didn't have to wear one. He was more than 5 years old.

The boat's operator dove in and tried to rescue Jonathan. He eventually made it to shore. Jonathan didn't. His body was recovered later.

For the Answer Man, Florida's law on kids wearing life jackets is so hard to fathom — so very difficult to believe, or understand, since it defies kids' life jacket safety regulations everywhere in the rest of the United States.

It's a devastating anomaly for Florida, which leads the nation annually in boating accidents and deaths. Yet, it also leads

state laws with the same requirement, age 12.

In New York, Massachusetts and South Carolina, it's 11. Maine cuts it to 10. Louisiana increases the age level to 16.

In Florida, however, it's 5. This is not a typo. It's 5! Florida law dictates that if you are over 5 years old and boating in state waters — except for personal water craft — you don't have to wear a life jacket, as long as you're not in federal waters. It's been that way, the AM is told, as long as anyone can remember.

Some conjecture holds that the tourism industry once feared that tougher boating safety laws (and potential fines) would, somehow, discourage boaters, and their money, from coming to Florida. The AM hopes this is, in today's lexicon, "fake conjecture."

Yet, for the record, the life jacket age requirement is 11 in Montana, 12 in Wyoming and 14 in Idaho. In Missouri, it's 6, which

means that many of the youngsters who drowned in the tragic duck boat accident were not required, at least by state law, to wear life jackets. Think about that! In Florida, it's even a year less.

To Dick Schmidt, a lieutenant with the Peace River Sail and Power Squadron in Port Charlotte, who first informed the Answer Man about the Florida life jacket law, it's all about valuing the lives of boating children.

"When I first saw what was written," he said, "I couldn't believe that the people in charge of running Florida would allow such a law. It seemed to me that they didn't put much value on a child's life."

"I don't know where the pressure came from, but I'm hoping it didn't come from the boating industry."

I can't understand why some groups in Florida haven't banded together to urge the politicians to change it. If more people realized how this law is

written in Florida, maybe things would change.

"I hope the Sun will help change the law."

Check out this scenario: You are boating out through Charlotte Harbor, past Boca Grande, headed for a leisurely day cruising the Gulf, with a 6- and 7-year-old on board, sans life jackets.

When you are in state waters, no problem, at least legally, as long as the kids are over 5. But when you cross the "line of demarcation" separating Florida and federal waters in the Gulf, the Coast Guard takes jurisdiction. The mandatory age requirement is 12. If you are boarded — take it from the Answer Man's experience, they will be totally professional, friendly, particularly if you are, and non-accusatory. But they are onboard to observe any possible violations and to uphold the law.

As for kids' life jackets, they will "seek evidence or document how they determine the age of the child and provide

that information in the violation case," including the child's "location on the vessel when observed without a PFD." In the process, the Coast Guard can enforce Florida requirements, if they are also deemed not to be met.

As someone who grew up boating extensively as a youth and teenager with a safety conscious family, the AM is not about to infer that Floridians, and visitors, would routinely bypass state and federal boating safety regulations for their kids. Far, far from it. Yet there always are, inevitably, others!

So it certainly would be enviable if, someday, someone in the Florida Legislature woke up to take note of how far out of step Florida is with the rest of the nation's boating industry safety issues for kids — and, finally, hopefully, did something about it.

The Answer Man asks, again, isn't another preventable child boating death one more too many?

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

- Taylor Michael Patten, 27, 300 block of Cooper St., Punta Gorda. Charges: possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$3,000.
- Lorenzo Jorge Ramos, 34, 15400 block of Sunkist Blvd., Punta Gorda. Charge: DUI. Bond: none (supervised release).
- Harold Edward Thistle, 33, 2300 block of Bremen Court, Punta Gorda. Charge: knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond: \$1,000.
- Brandon Ray Grainger, 31, 28300 block of Pasadena Drive, Punta

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.

Gorda. Charges: two counts of bond/forfeiture/revocations, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: none.

• Kevin Wayne Pires Sr., 61, 21000 block of Glendale Ave., Port Charlotte. Charges: DUI and refusal to submit to testing. Bond: none (supervised release).

• Tyler Edward Nelson, 28, 23000 block of Peru Ave., Port Charlotte.

1st offense. Bond: none.

• Jonathan James Nason, 56, 2200 block of Cedarwood St., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery. Bond: \$3,000.

• Dianne Lee Hewitt, 48, 22500 block of Alcorn Ave., Port Charlotte.

Charges: municipal ordinance violation, disorderly intoxication, and trespass failure to leave property upon order by owner. Bond: \$4,000.

• Bruce Wade Swartz Jr., 32, 500 block of Kellstadt Ave. NW, Port Charlotte. Charges: grand theft of motor vehicle, seven counts of burglary of an unoccupied conveyance unarmed, two counts of burglary of an unoccupied dwelling unarmed, and three counts of petty theft 2nd degree

• Debra Ann Leggins, 49, of Minneola, Fla. Charge: DUI. Bond: none.

• Antonio Jesus Moran, 47, of Miami. Charges: failure to register motor vehicle, attaching registration license plate not assigned, and failure to have motor vehicle liability insurance. Bond: \$3,000.

• Dahlia Teleshia Flowers, 39, of Fort Myers. Charge: resisting an officer without violence. Bond: \$1,500.

• Thaddius Lamar Johnson, 42, of Fort Myers. Charges: driving while license suspended 3rd or subsequent offense, possession of not more than 20 grams of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$5,000.

• Elvis Presley Jackson, 56, of Dowagiac, Mich. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

• Chace Anthony Horner, 30, of Sarasota. Charges: nine counts of bond/forfeiture/revocations, possession of drug paraphernalia and knowingly driving while license suspended or revoked. Bond: none.

The Punta Gorda Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Robert Earl Weldon, 35, of Winter Haven. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,000.
- Anthony Joseph Vuolo, 32, 1500 block of Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft 2nd degree 1st offense. Bond: \$2,000.
- Jennifer Lynn Locke, 29, of Eagle Lake, Fla. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,000.

— Compiled by Anne Easker

OBITUARIES

There were no deaths reported on Monday.

VIEWPOINT

OUR VIEW

Settling on recognizing a founder

OUR POSITION: Punta Gorda closed the book on a bizarre ownership dispute.

It's all good.

The city of Punta Gorda recently reached a settlement with the descendants of Isaac Trabue, Punta Gorda's founder, bringing a satisfactory end to a bizarre chapter in the city's history.

Basically, the city agreed to name a section of its Harbor Walk after Trabue, add two historical markers, and hold a ceremony to commemorate the renaming. It also agreed to pay the family \$10,000 and dedicate \$700,000 to refurbishing Ponce de Leon Park, money it had already earmarked for the project.

Portions of the Harbor Walk Park will be renamed — as well as the pedestrian pathway linking the original waterfront parks of the original plat of Trabue, "Trabue Harbor Walk." This will be done with a proclamation and dedication ceremony.

In conjunction with that ceremony, the city will pay for and arrange the placement of two historical markers or monuments detailing Col. Isaac H. Trabue's contribution to the public waterfront of what is now Punta Gorda. No timetable has been set.

The suit, filed in January 2017, sought to have the city vacate 20 parcels — all parks — including those that house Fishermen's Village, the marina-restaurant-boutique that serves as a Punta Gorda landmark.

Robert Berry Trabue, great-grandnephew of Isaac Trabue, was seeking to have the parks preserved and protected from private interests. The Trabue family did not seek monetary damages.

Segments of two roads — Retta Esplanade and Maude Street — formed the heart of the dispute.

Fishermen's Village paid the city \$3.5 million to acquire the property, and in August 2016 applied for plat vacation of the streets as well as parts of Maude and Cosby parks, all of which were part of the original Trabue plat. The city had already set aside \$700,000 from that revenue for Ponce de Leon Park.

It is the intention of Fishermen's Village to expand with a hotel, beach and swimming pool. The \$34.5 million project would encompass the land that once housed a tennis club and parts of the two streets. The land where Fishermen's Village sits was never a park. The old tennis club — and the parking lot next to it — was never a park.

The suit said the city had no right to make that sale because it was not the true owner of the property. In other words, it sold land it didn't rightfully own. The city disputed that claim.

Attorney Derek Robinson, representing the family, declared his client satisfied. Apparently, all the family really wanted was recognition. While Trabue platted much of Punta Gorda, and some streets carry the names of his relatives, the only association the name Trabue has near the area in question is a street sign in the Historic District.

The city avoided any courtroom drama and expense that may have accompanied the litigation. It also agreed to recognize Trabue. Even though the city's founder is considered by some a carpetbagger, he did get the town started and deserves more than one street named after him. That probably should have come without prodding.

Case closed.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choose whether to restore democracy

Editor:

Had enough? This no time to sit on the fence while the "man who would be king" usurps our democracy. Isn't it clear by now that he has no concern for the rule of law, the traditions of a stable government, or the welfare of the people? His only concern is his personal ego, his wealth and the enrichment of his family.

Look at the real record: environmental degradation, disrespect for the rule of law, massive federal debt, incivility and domestic strife, scandals, loss of world prestige and allies, involvement with world dictators, no viable health care plan, and so many more negative impacts. This is just the beginning.

The only way to stop this downward slide of our great country is to restore reason in government and the checks and balances in the Congress that is lacking under the complete control by one party.

The answer is simple. Consider your vote one small but significant measure that you can use to rebuild American democracy and pride. Look closely at the candidates in the upcoming November elections. Which ones will restore democracy and real progress, and which ones will continue to erode it. It's your choice, use your vote wisely.

Ed N. White
Rotonda West

Watch out if Soros backs Gillum

Editor:

On the front page of your paper (8/29/18) you printed that Bernie Sanders and George Soros pumped millions of money and endorsements to Andrew Gillum's campaign in the last month of our Florida primary.

Wow. This is the same George Soros who orchestrated the political rise of Bill and Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama. Soros' nephew is married to Chelsea Clinton. Soros has a track record for helping to topple

governments in Europe and is on a mission to halt Brexit in England. He is instrumental in many of our country's state elections positioning his candidates in place. Yes he has that much money.

Democracy is being challenged by the worst of candidates and their grand puppet master is trying to be in control of our future.

America, wake up and ask where/who is behind the funding of our candidates for office. Gillum would not have made an impact without (Sanders and Soros) influence and financial backing.

For more information about Soros, Google him. Very scary stuff.

Elizabeth Dezenski
Port Charlotte

Let's get our facts straight

Editor:

You run a lot of letters from Trump cultists whose worship of the human wreckage in the Oval Office is matched only by their embrace of BS that fits their narrative and rejection of facts that don't.

A Trump sycophant recently wrote, extolling Trump's greatness by explaining that the recent 4.1 percent quarterly GDP growth was greater than anything achieved under Obama's watch. The last president, she said, achieved no more than 2.0 percent quarterly growth.

The lady was wrong on both counts. Actually, the 4.1 percent would have qualified as the fourth-best quarter under Obama. His best quarter saw 5.1 percent growth.

I know that facts are like kryptonite to such folks. If the aforementioned writer reads this, I'm certain she'll reject my facts. To quote our disgraceful president, "sad."

John R. Butler
Port Charlotte

Thanks, blessings to Doug Grissinger

Editor:

It was with sadness that I read of the passing of Doug Grissinger. I had the privilege

of working with Doug on behalf of North Port Meals on Wheels. He guided me through the legalese jumble of a commercial lease. With Doug's guidance we were able to secure a sustainable lease for our new location. All of this was accomplished pro bono.

Our clients and our volunteers thank you, Doug, and may God bless your family.

Theodora Repose
North Port

Rose DiMadio will be missed

Editor:

Sunday we lost a very special person by the name of Rose DiMadio. I was one of many clients that have gone to "Rosie," owner of Rosie & Company Haircare in Deep Creek, over the years. She was not only an exceptional hairdresser but, to many, a friend.

Always a good listener, doing many charitable deeds, one for instance having book sales with the proceeds going to the veterans which was a yearly occasion. She was a fun hairdresser dressing up in costume for events such as Halloween with all her "girls." There was always laughter in her shop and if you had yourself a bad week you could forget about it when you were in her shop. It was a pleasure to have known you and I am sure everyone else who knew Rosie feels the same way. She will be missed.

Barbara P. Cutler
Punta Gorda

Press is guilty of using propaganda

Editorial:

In your editorial titled "Free press is essential for democracy" of Aug. 18, you proclaim the virtues of a free press. These are ascribed to the Founding Fathers by Justice Hugo Black, and expanded your staff.

You also use your privilege in this article to denigrate President Trump, stating he "bashes" the essential role of the free press in a democratic society. You also try to bias the reader's

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thinking by emphasizing that media make "mistakes," and virtuously strive to be accurate in your reporting while exercising "fairness."

By fairness I infer you mean this is accomplished by admitting mistakes after they are made. By admitting mistakes after the fact is intentionally grossly ineffectual. You claim a responsibility to make our elected officials transparent in their work. You claim that only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government.

Significant deception occurs in the press (all biased media) by using commonly known principles of propaganda. These include: half truths, censorship by omission, (leaving out events or facts that detract from your goals), name-calling, transference (ascribing behaviors to your opponents that you condone for yourselves), stacking the cards against a dissenter to you views (among many more techniques).

In conclusion, the following quote attributed to Thomas Paine around 1775 is useful to assess the present state of affairs regarding freedom of speech as proposed by the current media: "A honest press is important to a functioning society as a free one."

John W. Merrick
Port Charlotte

God bless all US history

Editor:

The news recently mentioned that at a North Carolina university a confederate monument was toppled by those who find such monuments and what they represent offensive.

First it was the flags, then advocating the removal of monuments, and now the defacing and destroying of such items. It seems to me that all those involved in this need a bit of advice if you really want this to be successful. You need to start burning all books associated with this part of American history. Otherwise, all this is just "show."

You see books and what they reveal is the real key to the problem. They are history, good or bad. They are the real monuments scripted by those who lived it and the writers who created heroes of the past. Long after the flags and the monuments are gone, your children will be exposed to these books and, I am guessing, by your actions, that you don't want any part of that.

There are a lot of extremes one may take to eradicate the past. Some can be messy. We saw some of that, "Over There." Let's face it, we are all stuck with history. It teaches us that there are parts of it we don't want to repeat again. We need flags, monuments and books to remind us of this no matter how vile it may seem to some of us. Otherwise, we are bound to repeat it again.

I'm concerned that the actions taken by those wanting to wipe out this part of American history, is, in fact, a sad reflection of the very thing they are trying to destroy.

God bless America — all of it!

Armando Seda
Punta Gorda

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Impeachment of president is a liberal fantasy

Michael Cohen's decision to plead guilty for making hush-money payments on Donald Trump's behalf has raised the prospect that if Democrats take control of Congress, they might try to impeach the president over a matter completely unrelated to a perceived criminal conspiracy with Russia. Good luck with that: Even if Democrats win back both the House and Senate, there is zero chance a two-thirds majority of senators will convict President Trump for paying off an adult-film star.

It would be the height of hypocrisy if Democrats tried to remove the president over allegations of illegality relating to extramarital affairs. During the Monica Lewinsky scandal, congressional Democrats told us the private sexual conduct of a president does not matter, and that lying under oath to cover up a "consensual



Washington Post
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relationship" is not an impeachable offense. Then-Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., said President Bill Clinton's lies under oath about his sexual relationship with a White House intern might have been illegal, but declared the scandal "a tawdry but not impeachable affair" — right before heading off to a fundraiser with Clinton. At the time, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., declared that the Starr investigation "vindicates President Clinton in the conduct of his public life because we're only left with this personal stuff" and that Founding Fathers "would say it was not for the investigation of a president's personal life that we risked our life, our liberty, and our sacred honor."

But now that a Republican president is accused of covering up an affair, suddenly Democrats are channeling their inner Kenneth W. Starr.

Today, Democrats are outraged and appalled when Trump attacks special counsel Robert S. Mueller III and calls his inquiry a "witch hunt." But back then, then-Sen. Joe Biden called the Starr investigation ... wait for it ... a "witch hunt." Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., declared Starr was "out of control" and accused him of having a "fixation of trying to topple the president of the United States." Rahm Emanuel, then a White House senior adviser, accused Starr of engaging in "a partisan political pursuit of the president" while White House special counsel Lanny Davis (who is now representing Cohen) said Starr was a "desperate prosecutor who can't make a case on Whitewater" and who should face "possible removal because of

his conduct." The fact is, Democrats were not alone in their concern that an investigation into Whitewater morphed into a perjury probe against Clinton for lying about his relationship with Lewinsky. Many Republicans agreed that independent counsels had too much power. So in 1999, the GOP-controlled Congress, in its wisdom, let the independent counsel law expire. We were promised that investigators answerable to the Justice Department would be more focused on their original purpose.

Well, it seems like we're right back where we started. Federal prosecutors were supposed to be investigating Russian collusion. Instead, we have an inquiry into the Trump Organization's finances and whether Trump's payments to Stormy Daniels violated campaign-finance laws. Both might be worthy of scrutiny

but at least under the precedent Democrats set during the 1990s, they are not grounds for impeachment.

If Democrats do try to impeach Trump over anything but a criminal conspiracy with Russia, they will regret it. The president was legitimately elected by Americans who knew about his lecherous past and supported him anyway. Indeed, Trump's election was a direct result of the Democrats' victory in the culture war of the 1990s. Republicans are now simply playing by the rules Democrats established. Millions of Americans absorbed the lesson that Clinton and his Democratic enablers taught us — that a president's "personal stuff," as Pelosi put it, does not matter — and chose Trump. They will consider any effort to impeach him over it an effort to invalidate their votes. And the blowback will be tremendous. If you thought the "deplorables" were mad in 2016, just wait until

2020. This does not mean Trump is out of the woods legally. Once he leaves office, Trump may have to face consequences for anything illegal he might have done. When Clinton left office, he was forced to give up his Arkansas law license for five years and paid a \$25,000 fine as part of a deal with the independent counsel to avoid a perjury prosecution — which resulted in him being disbarred from practicing law before the Supreme Court.

If Mueller finds conclusive evidence that Trump entered into a criminal conspiracy with Russia, then by all means impeach away. But absent such evidence, the idea that Stormy Daniels is going to bring down Trump is a liberal fantasy. If Democrats are upset that they cannot remove Trump over this, well, sorry — they set the precedent.

Follow Marc A. Thiessen on Twitter, @marcthieszen.

President Trump's words don't buy dinner

Two Labor Days into Trump's presidency, what has happened to the working class?

After Election Day 2016, we heard again and again about how Trump had thrilled those who labor and are heavily burdened, particularly those among them who are white. There was nonstop commentary on just how out of touch citizens in the big and prosperous metropolitan areas had become.

At times, you might have imagined that Trump had been the Marxist candidate running against a creature of Wall Street named Hillary Clinton. Was "Solidarity Forever" about to become the nation's second anthem?

We don't hear so much about the working class anymore. We get way more reporting on "Trump's base," an overlapping but ultimately quite different group, and how its members will stick with him no matter what. And never mind that in the latest Washington Post/ABC News poll, 60 percent of Americans disapprove of the president. His supporters have assumed an almost magical role in our politics.

One reason class is receding in our public debates: The Trump years have, so far at least, done little for wage earners. Indeed,



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according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, real hourly wages overall dropped between July 2017 and July 2018, and they dropped for mid-wage workers, too. This is not at all the "winning" Trump promised.

Not have the policies of the Trump Administration been focused on the welfare of workers. On the contrary, one of the scamiest parts of Trump's politics is that he talks like a labor leader but governs like a corporate lobbyist. His tax cut showered benefits on the wealthiest segments of society and produced deficits so massive that Republicans are now proffering cuts in social benefits that go in significant part to — yes, the working class.

A partial exception is Trump's renegotiation of NAFTA with Mexico. We await all the details, and his freezing out of Canada during the initial round of discussions seemed spiteful. But the provisions in the deal regarding wages and a dispute resolution system that had previously tilted sharply toward the interests of investors do appear to

be real improvements from the perspective of workers.

Perhaps only a Republican president could get away with this; we will see what GOP congressional leaders, so indulgent of Trump on his abuses of power, will make of propositions they would denounce as "socialist" if a Democrat were in the White House.

There was always a false element in Trump's common-man appeal. (The gender reference in that sentence is not an accident.) Limiting the working class with the adjective "white" is a large part of it.

The core of Trump's ideology, such as it is, has never been about class; his passion has always been for race, culture and immigration. Many post-election studies suggested that Trump's voters were much more energized by these issues than by economics. Watch the typical Trump stump speech and you will find that fear-mongering smothers any uplift and that falsehoods about immigrants outnumber truths about the challenges to middle-class living standards.

Any politician who is serious about the working class needs to think about it whole — which means remembering how

many wage-earners are African-American and Latino. They have been hit as hard by de-industrialization as white workers, and in many places, harder.

Yes, attention must be paid to white workers whose living standards have stagnated or worsened. But attention must also be paid to the country's racial wage gap. As David Cooper noted earlier this summer in an analysis for the Economic Policy Institute, while 8.6 percent of white workers were paid poverty wages in 2017, the figures were 19.2 percent for Hispanic workers and 14.3 percent for African-American workers.

Broadly shared economic growth is not a cure-all for our social tensions, but it would surely ease them, and it needs to reach across the lines of both class and race.

The fact that Trumpism is not solving the problems it claimed it would does not mean that we should forget the lessons we were supposed to learn from his election.

Wide disparities in regional growth, not only between states but also within them, aggravate the already profound divisions that ail us. Radically uneven economic fortunes damage individuals and families. But they

can also destroy whole communities, engulfing them in vicious cycles as local institutions, from churches to unions to civic groups, are hollowed out.

Labor Day celebrates the power of collective

action in defense of the dignity of work. Alas, Trump has made such efforts more urgent, not less.

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NOTICE OF MEETING DATES

WATERFORD ESTATES

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DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the **Waterford Estates Community Development District** will hold their regularly scheduled public meetings for **Fiscal Year 2019** at 11:00 am at the First Presbyterian Church of Punta Gorda, 25250 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950 on the second Friday of each month as follows:

October 12, 2018

November 09, 2018 Landowners Meeting

December 14, 2018

January 11, 2019

February 08, 2019

March 08, 2019

April 12, 2019

May 10, 2019

June 14, 2019

July 12, 2019

August 09, 2019

September 13, 2019

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. At the above location there will be present a speaker telephone so that any interested person can attend the meeting at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by telephone communication.

These meetings are open to the public and maybe continued to a time, date and place certain. Supervisors may attend the meeting by telephone as long as there is a quorum present at the meeting place. Any person wishing to receive a copy of the minutes of the meeting may contact Paul Winkeljohn at (954) 721-8681.

Each person who decides to appeal any action taken at these meetings is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Paul Winkeljohn
Manager
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3130 NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that Guard Space Storage intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act (Sections 83.801-83.809).

Owner will sell at Public Auction on or after Sept. 27th, 2018 at 10:32 A.M. at www.storagegettreasures.com

Name: Robin Powell

Unit: 138

Contents: Boxes, Picture Frames, garbage Can, Loveseat, Lamps, Rugs, Dresser, lots of filled garbage bags, Clothes

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Unit 91 - Alexis Walton/Household Items

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Men's Fellowship, Gulf Cove

Methodist Men meet 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 8 a.m., at Perkins, 6001 S. Salford, North Port. 697-1747

Wood Carving Club,

Charlotte woodcarvers 8-12 noon, Punta Gorda Boat Club W Retta Esplanade. All Welcome to visit, join and enjoy.

Courage Over Cancer,

Help & spiritual counsel for cancer patients, caregivers, & loved ones. Call 697-1747, Gulf Cove UMC, 1100 McCall, PC

Dulcimer Group,

Cultural Center 2280 Aaron St. Dulcimer Group plays 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. free to everyone. 941-625-4175.

Eagles,

Eagles 23111 Harborview Road PC 941-629-1645

lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 music by Country Plus

Punta Gorda NARFE,

NARFE Chapter 2194, meets Sept

4, at Elks Lodge 2606, 25538 Shore Drive, Punta Gorda. Lunch at 11 am w/meeting to follow.

Punta Gorda Elks,

11-2 Lunch, 1-6 Tiki Tuesday, 6 p.m. LBOD Meeting, 7 p.m. Lodge Meeting @ 25538 ShorePG637-2606, members & guests

Mahjong,

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

Bridge @ Faith,

All are welcome to come play this popular game, Tuesday 12 p.m., Faith Lutheran, 4005 Palm Drive., P G

Deep Creek Elks 2763,

DC Elks 2763 Dinner Special, Burgers, Rubens & more 5-7:30 p.m. Spotlight Karaoke 6-9 p.m. Reservations: 941-249-8067

At Ease,

Vets, Listening ears & discussion at Rotonda West American Legion (3436 Indiana Road) first Tues, 6 p.m.. Gulf Cove UMC, 249-5513

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Badminton,

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

Beginning Line Dance,

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

Courage Over Cancer,

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Holiday Bazaar,

Vendors, reserve table or spot to sell items from trunk of car. Call Nancy 941-457-7106 Rotonda Elks Bazaar 11/03/18

Table Tennis,

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

Line Dancing,

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

Beginner Pickleball,

Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 10:30-12:30p. \$2 to play! This sessions is NOT instructional.

AMVETS 777,

Amvets 777 Canteen open 11-9 p.m. It's like cheers, where everyone knows your name. Vets welcomed to join.

at the Links. Lunch, silent auction at Lodge. Prizes. A day of zany fun! Sign up at bar Rotonda Elks

Friend to Friend,

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

Open Play Pickleball,

Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 1-4. \$2 to play.

Armed Svcs Races,

Amvets 777 Armed Forces Races

6-9 p.m.. Canteen open 11-9.

Chicken Dinner tickets on sale. Vets welcome to join

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■ WEDNESDAY

Line Dancing, 9:30 to 11:30 am American Legion Post 113, 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda West.

Phone Eve at 941 697 8733

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Scrabble,

9:30-11 a.m., NP Senior Center, 426-2204. Come for fun. Challenge your mind & vocabulary!

Back Pack Angels,

n.p.coalition Homeless/Needy Children(BPA)10am N.P. Library,Volunteers needed,HELP US HELP THEM,Dianne 813-758-2805

Blood Pressure,

10-11 a.m., N P Senior Center, 426-2204. Nurse Terry Edwards will take readings. Get checked for good health. NOT 9.11.18

Mahjong,

10 a.m.-2 p.m., NP Senior Center, 941-426-2204. Learn something new & have a good time with friends.

North Port VFW,

Members & Guests,Tacos 11-2, Euchre 12-4, \$0.25 off drafts, dom. btls & wells, Aux Mtg-6PM, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Line Dancing,

12:15-2:15 p.m., \$5/class, NP Senior Center, 426-2204. Learn new steps & have fun. Great exercise.

Joan 661-3799

OUR TOWN: BUSINESS

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

A flight delay nightmare

In the 1963 classic "Twilight Zone" TV episode "Nightmare at 20,000 feet," only William Shatner sees a gremlin damaging the wing whenever he looks out his airplane window.

Warren and Donna Worthley told me of their flying nightmare. Only this one was on the ground at the Fort Wayne, Indiana airport, as their delayed flight to Punta Gorda took off.

Without them.

The Punta Gorda couple was scheduled to depart Fort Wayne on a Thursday afternoon at around 5 p.m. on Allegiant Air Flight 1661. But they received numerous text alerts announcing the flight's delay. The most recent had the flight "delayed to at 8:03 p.m., subject to change earlier/later."

The Worthleys said they relied on "this precise time" and arrived at the airport a little before 7:00 p.m., "in plenty of time to board the flight."

But Flight 1661 began boarding at 6:05 p.m. and the doors closed at 6:57 p.m.

Unable to wait until the next scheduled Allegiant flight to Punta Gorda three days later, the couple was booked the following day on an Allegiant flight to the St. Pete-Clearwater airport, 100 miles from Punta Gorda, where a friend picked them up.

The Worthleys sent me a letter they wrote to Allegiant demanding compensation "for a very stressful loss of time in our lives" with the promise of a small claims suit if denied. Perhaps it was the threat of a lawsuit, but Allegiant didn't acknowledge their letter.

So, I contacted Allegiant. A corporate spokesperson told me Flight 1661's delay that day "was driven by Air Traffic Control, which issued edicts for operations in the area due to weather, limiting flight traffic and delaying flights for safety reasons."

"Although an estimated delay was posted, as weather conditions and ATC edicts changed, the flight was able to depart. Passengers in the terminal were advised several times to remain in the gate area for this reason."

Nonetheless, Allegiant confirmed in situations involving "significant" delays, the airline will attempt rebooking on another available Allegiant flight — as it did with the Worthleys — issue a flight voucher, or refund the unused airfare. Passengers seeking flight delay assistance should contact its customer center at 702-505-8888.

But, understand, Allegiant — or any airline — doesn't have to do anything.

"In the United States, airlines are not required to compensate passengers when flights are delayed or canceled," explains the U.S. Department of Transportation. "There are no federal regulations requiring airlines to put you on another airline's flight or reimburse you if you purchase a ticket on another airline. Each airline has its own policies about what it will do for delayed passengers waiting at the airport. Compensation is required by U.S. law only when certain passengers are 'bumped' from a flight that is oversold."

To receive involuntary denied boarding compensation for being bumped, a passenger must have a boarding pass, and arrive at the gate before the flight is "closed," usually a half hour prior to actual departure.

See your fly rights — including how to file a complaint — in DOT's "Consumer Guide to Air Travel" at <https://www.transportation.gov/airconsumer/fly-rights>.

Flight delays should be anticipated. The DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics documents some 500,000 flights — about 17 percent — were delayed 15 minutes or more from January to May 2018.

The takeaway here? Be at the gate 30 minutes prior to a scheduled departure, regardless of delays. It's even more important when flying limited-scheduled airlines like Allegiant, Spirit, and Frontier which often fly out of smaller airports where flight options are limited or non-existent.

"If there is a delay, don't stray far from the gate," recommends Farecompare.com. "Eat at a nearby restaurant with a view of the departure board, or bring your food to the gate area. Listen for updates. You could sign up for airline text messages, but you're better off relying on the gate agent's public address system. You know that'll be in real-time."

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



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COLUMNIST

Business spotlight: Englewood Art & Frame

By DEBRA GOVELLIS
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Q: When did you open your business?
A: "We opened in 1993."
Q: What has changed since you opened?
A: "We moved to our two current locations from an area in East Englewood. We have also added new merchandise."

Q: How many employees do you have?
A: "Just me and my husband."

Q: What is your most popular item or service?
A: "Our custom framing is the number one service and item."

Q: What's the hardest part about your business?
A: "Having to do everything ourselves."

Q: What sets you apart from

ENGLEWOOD ART & FRAME

Owner: Joni and Steve Boger
2828 South McCall Road and
443 West Dearborn Street,
Englewood
Hours (both locations):
Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;
Closed Saturday and Sunday

other businesses?

A: "We have been in business for over 25 years and we are very qualified with what we do. We stand by all our work."

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

A: "It takes a lot of time so don't expect to have your business take off right away. It takes time to build a customer base."

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



SUN PHOTO BY DEBRA GOVELLIS

Joni Boger, co-owner of Englewood Art & Frame, offers other merchandise as well as her custom frames. For more information, call 941-473-0801 or 941-475-9902.

grow with the demand and offer the most up-to-date merchandise."

New way to grab a bite

By SUE WADE
SUN CORRESPONDENT

Port Charlotte's Pioneers Pizza recently polled 523 customers on Facebook. Did they want their pizza delivered or would they rather continue picking it up? A happily sedentary 87 percent voted "Bring me the pizza!"

They aren't alone. According to the National Restaurant Association, 46 percent of smartphone users use their devices at least once a month to order restaurant takeout or delivery. And a whopping 74 percent of millennials would order delivery from a table-service restaurant if they could.

More and more households want their favorite restaurants to come to them.

But when Pioneers completed its poll, nobody knew exactly how the pizzeria was going to manage this.

Now they do. Pioneers has become one of 30 restaurants in North Port, Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda to launch Bite Squad delivery on Sept. 1.

Bite Squad — a six-year-old, Minneapolis-based online and mobile food delivery service — has experienced explosive growth, now partnering with over 10,000 restaurants in 300 cities and 15 states. Since late 2016, it has spread to over 40 Florida communities, focusing on many areas that didn't have third-party delivery.

Already established in Sarasota and Fort Myers, Bite Squad will be the first third-party delivery service in our area since the demise of GoWaiter. A very different model, it avoids independent contractors, instead hiring driver-employees — professional, trained, uniformed

Bite Squad drivers are full-time, uniformed employees trained by the company.

and equipped with delivery bags that keep food hot or cold and fresh.

The service has so far hired 20 local drivers and anticipates as many as 30 more.

Each partner restaurant receives a tablet, where customer orders arrive from the Bite Squad app or website, www.bitesquad.com. The eatery provides a pickup time, which cues the driver, and the customer is kept updated on arrival time up until delivery.

In the app, customers pay menu price, plus a delivery fee ranging from \$2.99 to \$4.99 based on a maximum distance of 7 miles, which Bite Squad finds optimal for fast, fresh arrival.

At launch, Bite Squad will offer delivery from 30 local

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Tuscany Tile Design Studio can help design your vision

While working for the Supervisor of Elections on Elections Day, I spotted a car with a sign for Tuscany Tile Design Studio on its side.

I'd always wanted to go in there and do a story, and here was someone from that company right at my door. It turned out to be office manager April Harris, who was also one of their salespeople. After chatting for a bit, I told her I wanted to do a story on her place of employment. She was pleased, naturally.

A couple of days later I showed up and got a big "Hi, Lang!" I wasn't surprised with a look of "I thought you

were kidding," but the assured look of someone who knew what she was doing — and in this case totally knew her product. Some of that assurance might have come from her previous job at the Charlotte County Correctional Institute.

Owners Jeremy West and Rich Dasher were not in, but that didn't stop April one iota. With the assurance of a professional tile layer, she took me around the very well-laid-out store. By that, I mean it is very organized with nice, neat rows.

The showroom wasn't what I'd call big, but it had an aura that took you through all the products and lines they offered. April escorted me, pointing out why someone might like this one and why that one might suit another's individual needs.

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Gasparilla Road (County Road 771). It's one of the reasons the owners selected that location. They've worked on several homes valued at a million dollars, and right now, they're working on one that's in the \$3 million range.

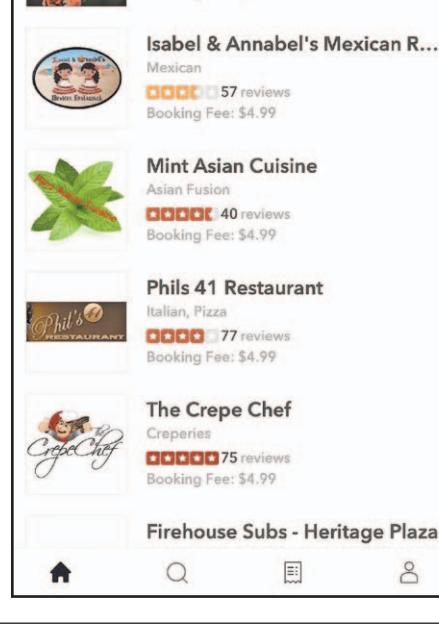
Now, don't think that's all they do, but it gives you some idea of the expectation level people have when they contract with Tuscany. April tells me that they do around 100 homes a year, another example of the expectation level.

Tuscany Tile Design Studio is at 12366 N. Access Road, Unit 4, Englewood, just across from The Cove of Rotonda par-3 golf course, the one with the big lights. The phone number is 941-828-1337, and the website is www.tuscanytiledesignstudio.com.

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CAPASSO

COLUMNIST

Photo by DEBRA GOVELLIS



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The Bite Squad mobile app shows all participating restaurants within delivery range, along with ratings, menus and delivery fee. Online users may also filter by favorite type of food, choose pickup and order catering.

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New Numbing Drug Relieves Agonizing Arthritis Pain Without Pills or Needles

New cream relieves arthritis pain in minutes after applying; uses the strongest approved dose of an anesthetic drug which numbs the nerves that cause relentless joint pain

By David Watson
Associated Health Press

BOSTON — Expectations are high for a new arthritis pain relief treatment. In fact, many experts believe it could be this year's blockbuster drug.

But unlike so many of the others on the market, it comes in the form of cream, not a pill.

Initial users, rave that the relief is extraordinary and a quick review of the science shows us why.

The new pain relief cream numbs the nerves right below the skin.

When applied to an arthritic joint, or a painful area on the body, it delivers rapid relief that lasts for hours and hours.

Blocks Pain Wherever It Hurts

The powerful painkilling effect is created by the cream's active ingredient, a powerful anesthetic drug.

Anesthetics are highly regarded by physicians in the medical community. They block nerve signals specifically so that patients don't feel pain and are incredibly effective.

"Those suffering with arthritis or joint pain can expect relief within minutes of their first application," explains Dr. Henry Esber, creator of the hot selling drug Apeaz.

"There will be a pleasant warming sensation that is followed by a cool, soothing one. This is how you know that the drug has reached the affected joint and tissue."

Works In Minutes

For sufferers of arthritis pain, Apeaz offers impressive advantages over traditional medications. The most remarkable is how quickly it relieves arthritis and joint pain.

The cream contains the maximum approved OTC dose of an amazing anesthetic, which rapidly penetrates the skin to numb the area that's in pain. This relief lasts for several hours.

Published pre-clinical animal studies have shown that the other ingredients in Apeaz can also prevent further bone and cartilage destruction.

No Risk of Ulcers or Stomach Pain

There are also no negative side effects as seen with oral medications. Apeaz delivers its ingredients through the skin. Oral medications are absorbed in the digestive tract. Over time, the chemicals in pills can tear the delicate lining of the stomach, causing ulcers and bleeding.

Rapid Relief Without Pills or Needle Injections

Many Apeaz users report significant improvements in daily aches and pain. Many more report increased flexibility, less stiffness, and decreased muscle soreness. They are moving with less pain for the first time in years.

I've tried more pills than I can count. I've also had a handful of cortisone shots. Nothing is as effective as this product. With Apeaz, I get relief right away. I rub a little on my hands.



NEW PAIN RELIEF DRUG WORKS ON CONTACT:

Apeaz delivers its active ingredient, a powerful painkiller, through the skin, providing users with rapid relief without oral drug side effects

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The New Science Behind Arthritis Pain Relief

When applied to the skin Apeaz is absorbed in just minutes. It then penetrates through muscle and tissues, getting to the source of your pain, numbing the nerve endings.

"This is why Apeaz is so effective for people with arthritis pain. It reduces pain while adding an additional potential layer of joint support," explains Esber.

Apeaz™ is an FDA drug with approved claims for the pain relief of the following conditions:

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- Strains
- Sprains
- Athletic injuries
- Muscle stiffness and pain
- Wrist, elbow, shoulder, hip, knee, ankle, foot, muscle or joint pain

Highly Effective, According to Researchers

A pre-clinical trial on Apeaz was carried out by Dr. Esber and his research staff shortly after its initial production.

The results were published in the *Journal of Immunology*.

The study found that Apeaz induced an instant numbing effect, which blocked pain for several hours.

It also decreased swelling and inflammation around joints while preventing the further deterioration of cartilage.

Ensuring Long Term Relief

Although Dr. Esber and his team say Apeaz is the fastest and most effective way to relieve arthritis pain, they believe certain pills can be used to enhance long term results.

That's why the company is offering up to four free months of Arthrivarx for any first-time customer who needs it.

Arthrivarx is a pill that was formulated to enhance the results of Apeaz. In studies, the active ingredients have been shown to lubricate

the joints and connective tissues around them, giving you an additional barrier of support", explains Esber.

"It seems to work best for those with the most severe cases and who have suffered tirelessly without any relief. It's our version of "extra strength".

"While Apeaz helps to relieve arthritis pain whenever it arises, Arthrivarx acts behind the scenes to support the health of your joints, leading to further improvement and lifelong results."

It's not for everyone but for those who need it, the addition of Arthrivarx makes a huge difference."

New Weapons for Arthritis and Joint Pain

With daily use, Apeaz helps users live a more vital, pain free relief without any of the negative side effects or interactions associated with oral drugs.

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Combined with Arthrivarx, users can further enhance their results and lock in lifelong benefits.

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

How to Claim a Risk Free Supply of Apeaz

This is the official public release of Apeaz™. As such, the company is offering a special discounted supply to any reader who calls during this savings period.

First time callers are also eligible to receive up to 4 FREE months of Arthrivarx while supplies last.

A special hotline number and discounted pricing has been created for all Florida residents.

Your Toll-Free hotline number is 1-800-308-6298 and will only be open for the next 48 hours. Only a limited discounted supply of Apeaz™ is currently available in your region.

Consumers who miss out on our current product inventory will have to wait until more becomes available and that could take weeks. For those intending to take advantage of up to 4 FREE months of Arthrivarx, the company advises to call sooner. Call 1-800-308-6298 today.

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Englewood's deceased veterans will be honored

You did it, Englewood! Thanks to your generosity of both time and money, each one of the 1,500 veterans buried in our two local cemeteries will be honored with a wreath on the national day of remembrance, which occurs Dec. 15. The Chamber's fundraising initiative commenced Aug. 1, with the objective of reaching the goal of \$15,000 by Aug. 31. We're pleased to report that the goal has actually been exceeded by over \$1,000. The extra funds will be banked by the national Wreaths Across America organization and used for an Englewood cemetery next year.

Volunteers will be needed in December to greet the wreaths when they arrive from Maine. It will require a number of people to help unload the truck and to place the wreaths at the tombstones of the veterans. If you wish to volunteer, please send an email to WAA@EnglewoodChamber.com.

Your name will be added to the list and you will be contacted around the first of December with instructions.

Leadership deadline

There are only a few days left to submit your application for the Leadership Englewood Class of 2019. Friday, Sept. 7, is the submission deadline. Details about the program, as well as the application are at www.LeaderEnglewood.com.

Let's Eat! Englewood

The 4th Annual Let's Eat! Englewood Restaurant Week begins next week. Let's Eat! Englewood is an event where people will have the opportunity to experience a culinary adventure through our community without breaking the bank. Three-course dinners (and more) will be available for \$25 and 2-course lunches for \$13. The list of participating restaurants can be online at www.LetsEatEnglewood.com.

Red tide survey

Has this summer's Red Tide condition affected your income, or the income of someone you know? If so, you are encouraged to visit www.LetsHelpEnglewood.com to learn about a relief source that is on the way. More details to follow soon.

Ed Hill is executive director of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce. He can be reached at ed.hill@englewoodchamber.com or 941-474-5511.

September is warming up to be busy Chamber month

A few reminders for your September calendar. Applications for the Junior

Leadership Charlotte class of 2019 are due on Sept. 10 by 4 p.m. at the Chamber's Port Charlotte office.

Julie Mathis, Moms and dads, this is a program

for high school juniors, so if Suzie is a sophomore, please have her wait a year to apply. This is also a very competitive application process, so make sure your student takes time to answer the questions.

Networking at Noon is Sept. 12 at Prime Steak House. Please make a reservation in the Chamber store or by calling 941-627-2222. Reservations are required.

The Leadership Charlotte Class of 2019 will be introduced at a reception on Sept. 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Event Center. LC alumni, please RSVP by calling 941-627-2222.

Our Sept. 19 Third Wednesday Coffee will feature the United Way of Charlotte County.

Rise and shine and meet the businesses who have recently joined the Chamber, do some networking and learn about the work of United Way in our community.

Hessler Floor Covering will host the Sept. 27 Business Card Exchange at their store in downtown Punta Gorda. Bring plenty of business cards to hand out and a small gift to gain additional face to face recognition.

And, then, our 93rd Annual Meeting Luncheon is on Friday,

Sept. 28 at the Event Center when we'll recognize our Business of the Year and 4 Under 40 nominees, the Ambassador of the Year and the distinguished Pacesetter. You can make a reservation in the Chamber store or by calling 941-627-2222.

The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association is partnering with local Chambers to offer you a workshop on ADA compliance. Learn how you can protect your establishment, your website, understand service dogs and more. The workshop is on Sept. 18, from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the Event Center. Visit <https://ada-establishment.eventbrite.com> to register.

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

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favorites, including Isabel & Annabel's Mexican Restaurant, Mint Asian Cuisine, Cafe Creole, Que-Rico Colombian Flavors, All-Star Sports Grill, Pioneers Pizza, Nan's Thai Noodle, Curry & Kabab, Leroy's and RJ's New England Seafood, as well as popular chains like Applebee's, Beef 'O' Brady's and Hooters. Bite Squad regional trainer Ryan Pasley expects to continue signing up a new restaurant every day after the program goes live.

Bite Squad also offers a monthly subscription service, ranging from \$5.99 to \$9.99, which pays for unlimited deliveries.

"It's like the Netflix of food," said Bite Squad media relations manager Liz Sniegocki.

Anyone who orders

through the service during its grand-opening weekend, between 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 7 and 10 p.m.

on Sept. 9, will receive a free unlimited delivery

subscription for a full year.

Visit <https://go.bitesquad.com/portcharlotte> for details.

Bite Squad offers a

clear advantage for stores like Pioneers, Mint Asian Cuisine in Punta Gorda and The Crepe Chef in Port Charlotte, which don't currently deliver. In return for an increase in delivery sales which they wouldn't otherwise see, they pay 25 percent to Bite Squad on each order, for which Bite Squad handles all accounting.

Kim Berly at The Crepe Chef in Port Charlotte said, "I'm looking forward to seeing how this goes. I'll be

watching for orders on our new Bite Squad tablet."

Even eateries that rely heavily on their own deliveries are seeking the incremental sales promised by Bite Squad. Though 80 percent of Charlie's Subs' sales are already deliveries, co-owner Julio Aguilar said, "It will bring extra customers to my (Charlotte Harbor) shop."

To learn more or to download the Bite Squad mobile app, visit bitesquad.com.



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Bite Squad supplies a dedicated tablet to each partner restaurant, such as Bella's Bistro in Punta Gorda.


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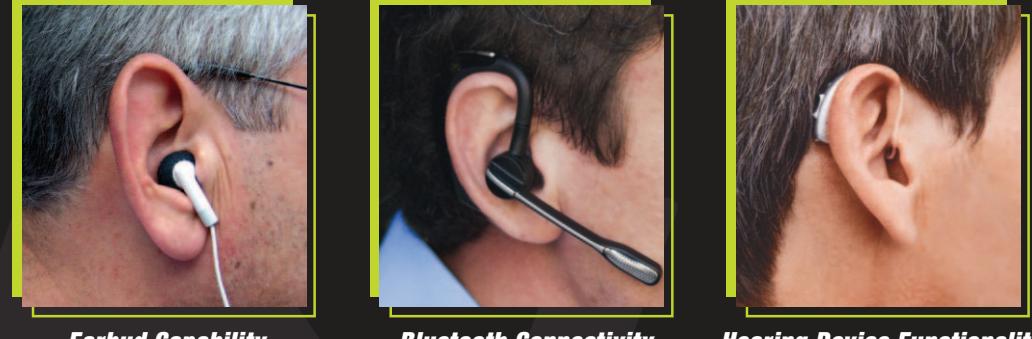
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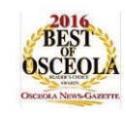
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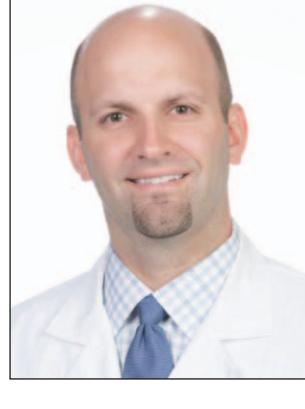
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Chamber to host Job & Career Fair

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Job & Career Fair from 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Sept. 28, at the George Mullen Activity Center, located at 1602 Kramer Way in North Port.

Bill GUNNIN

COLUMNIST

The Job & Career Fair

is designed to promote businesses seeking to hire employees and for individuals looking for employment opportunities or seeking other career opportunities.

Businesses can reserve a table for this event to promote their business and pass out employment and marketing material to participants. The cost to reserve an 8-foot table and two chairs is \$25 per table for chamber businesses and \$50 per table for non-chamber businesses.

Breakfast Club Networking

Join us for our monthly Breakfast Club Networking at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow, Sept. 5, and enjoy a specially prepared breakfast buffet at Longhorn Steakhouse in Port Charlotte.

Mr. Pete at Longhorn Steakhouse is opening his restaurant just for our chamber and is preparing a delicious breakfast



buffet. The cost is only \$6 per person.

Christine Robinson, with the Argus Foundation, will provide a brief presentation on the "Single Member District" voting issue in Sarasota County.

Sandrina McCloud, with Visit Sarasota, will provide a brief presentation on a new program being offered to shops and restaurants in Sarasota County to advertise their establishment in September throughout Sarasota County.

Leadership North Port Program

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce still has a couple of spots open for the 2018-19 Leadership North Port Program. These spots will be secured on a first-come/first-served basis.

Be a part of this exclusive program and become an elite member of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and the community. This is a great way to distinguish yourself as a community leader and learn the aspects of our community that makes North Port great.

Applications for the 2018-19 Leadership North Port program, which will run once a month from October 2018 — June 2019, will be limited to the first 20 individuals that register for the program.

The cost is \$550 per person and includes

material required for the program, transportation for each class day, breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages for each class day and the graduation ceremony at the end of the program.

All sessions are Fridays from approximately 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. except for Arts & Culture Day which will be an evening event.

Those interested in signing up for the Leadership North Port Program should contact the Chamber office at 941-564-3040 or email to info@northportareachamber.com.

Board of Directors annual installation Hoe Down

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce will host the Board of Directors annual installation banquet on Saturday, Sept. 22 at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club.

This year's banquet theme will be a Hoe Down and attendees are encouraged to come dressed in accordance to the theme.

A special buffet dinner will be provided and a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception will occur from 5-6 p.m.

The dinner and program will take place from 6 — 8 p.m. and the evening will climax with a post event social and dancing from 8-9 p.m.

Heron Creek Golf &

Country Club will be offering Happy Hour pricing on all adult beverages throughout the entire evening.

The chamber will recognize members of the Board of Directors for their 2017-2018 tenure and service and install new Board Members and Officers for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple and includes dinner, program and entertainment.

Table sponsorships are available for \$600 (table seating of eight) or 1/2 table sponsorships for \$300 (table seating of four) and includes: premier seating, table sponsorship sign, logo in banquet program and recognition at the event.

Chamber Champion program

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce is unveiling the 2018-2019 Chamber Champion program.

This program allows chamber members to invest in the North Port Area Chamber, in addition to their annual membership dues, to provide additional support to the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and its effort to fulfill its mission and to gain additional exposure for their business.

This program provides incentives that will

maximize marketing and networking opportunities for a business to promote their business to other chamber members and to the community.

The chamber is offering a payment plan option for businesses interested in participating in the 2018-19 Chamber Champion program.

The last day to register as a 2018-19 Chamber Champion is Friday, Sept. 28.

Scramblin' on the Green golf tournament

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce annual Scramblin' on the Green golf tournament will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Heron Creek Golf & Country Club.

The registration rate is \$85 per player or \$340 per team. Individuals that register in September will receive a \$5 discount per player or \$20 per team.

Registration includes: Green fees, golf cart, range balls, continental breakfast, complimentary food and beverages during play, lunch buffet, contests, raffle prizes and goody bags. The golf tournament will host a hole-in-one contest at each of the par 3 holes, putting contest, longest drive contest, closest to the pin contest, most accurate drive contest, in the circle contest and "hit

it on the green" contest.

There are still a limited number of sponsorship opportunities to promote your business to a captive audience at this golf tournament. Call the chamber office at 941-564-3040 for more information.

New chamber members

The North Port Area Chamber of Commerce would like to introduce and welcome the following new chamber members: Bohoff Law, Coldwell Banker Sunstar Realty — Sherrie Cremen, DNDC Telephone Company, Evolve Chiropractic, Florida Pros Soleil Realty, Gulfside Mortgage Services, Hoover Pressure Cleaning, L & C Professional Painting, LLC, North Port Appliances, Sonshine Aquatics, LLC, Sun Realty, Sun Realty — The Captain's Team, Sunshine Clips, LLC, The Polished Boutique Nail Salon & Spa and Uflooria.

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

Bill Gunnin is the Executive Director of the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce and can be reached at 941-564-3040 or email at wgunnin@northportareachamber.com.

The New York Times as an investment

Dear Mr. Berko: Please give me your opinion of The New York Times. I may buy 400 shares. Also, what do you think of The Wall Street Journal? — CA, Rochester, Minn.

Malcolm BERKO
COLUMNIST

Dear CA: Thanks to the internet, we've been watching the decline of the newspaper industry during the past dozen years. Sadly, too many publishers have passively accepted their papers' diminution, knowing their publications will continue to be less valued by their communities. Certainly, there won't be more newspapers like the 12-pound, 1,612-page Sept. 14, 1987, edition of The New York Times (NYT-\$24), which caused a surge in hernia procedures at Mount Sinai and NewYork-Presbyterian hospitals. Most publishers were unprepared for the digital revolution. Few publishers drank from the fountain of knowledge, and most others just gurgled.

Using yesterday's solutions for today's problems, NYT's concussed management initiated wide-scale cost-cutting measures

and restructuring to strengthen margins. That didn't help. Fewer readers were thumbing through the pages of the paper for daily doses of local, state and national news. So management began to streamline and reshape its business model, divesting underperforming assets and reducing payroll and pension costs. Resultantly, management began to generate strong growth in its formative digital advertising revenues.

NYT's management offers mobile applications to readers who want to stay current on the go, with interactive features that complement printed articles. The ramping up of digital platforms has generated strong results that should ensure long-term growth. Few papers can brag about having a reputation as an investigative newspaper, but the Times can. Proof of the pudding can be found in the recently awarded Pulitzer Prizes for its news coverage. The Times has had to turn itself topsy-turvy to succeed in a very difficult operating environment. It has worked. Management has considerably improved its competitive edge during the past few years, and NYT's share price has risen from below \$10 to \$26.

I subscribe to The New York Times. It's tossed on our driveway seven days a week. It's a delightfully written, albeit overly liberal, paper with a daily circulation of over 570,000 and about 3 million paid digital subscribers. Though the copy editing of the Times has suffered under budget constraints and layoffs, most of its articles and columns are still competently and crisply written, while the content is apropos.

Because some of the Times' writers are a bit extreme in their socio-political opinions, I subscribe to The Wall Street Journal (published six days a week) as an antidote. However, the Journal has also suffered because of budget constraints, forcing good writers to leave for better pastures. Editors were laid off, making some articles yucky to read. The Sunday edition was eliminated because the Journal's marketing team couldn't sell enough advertising to be able to have a print edition seven days a week. And to reduce operating costs by 10 percent, management reduced the paper's physical size by 20 percent. In the process, some content was compromised, and so was the elegance of this paper.

The New York Times is an icon that, contrary to what President Donald Trump says, is too big to fail. Management has added new revenue streams, improved its balance sheet and restructured its portfolio with an intense focus on generating more revenues from online activities. Management's recent aggressive digital marketing campaign expects digital subscriptions to reach the 5 million mark in the coming few years. And management is aggressively

monetizing various superbly researched articles. For example, its highly respected reporting regarding sexual harassment and related cover-ups, its impressive photo gallery, its interesting graphs, and its fascinating statistics are sold and transmitted to some 1,800 papers and magazines. Other investigative articles about drug use on the gridiron and in track and field, effects of the tech expansion in California, and national politics are sold to hundreds of newspapers

every day. I believe that 2018 revenues will touch \$1.75 billion and that earnings will reach 50 cents a share. The 16-cent dividend won't be raised this year. Numbers for the coming years are expected to improve incrementally. J.P. Morgan has a research report on NYT and is the only brokerage with a "buy" recommendation. I wouldn't buy NYT shares, because I think the upside potential is limited.

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Lots to do this fall in Punta Gorda

The Downtown Merchants were very saddened to have to cancel last Saturday's

Downtown Fall Bash. With the high risk of heavy rains and lightning, the priority was to keep everyone safe, so the decision was taken to postpone.

We'll be working with the city and the bands to bring this event to you later in the year. I'll keep you posted.

Talking of the Downtown Merchants, a recent decision was taken to take Alive After 5 into a new direction, to try and add some extra sparkle to what is already a very popular event. Starting Sept. 20, the event will now simply be called Third Thursday, and this time around, and possibly for a while to come, we'll be adding Wine Walk to its title too. You can still come

down and enjoy Third Thursday, visiting the stores and restaurants without participating in the Wine Walk portion, but if you chose to join in, we think you will have a blast.

Wine Walk is a simple stroll to designated participating stores where you'll get to sample two different varietals of wine in each location. To participate, pick up your band and wine passport for a \$10 donation at the PG Chamber Office, 252 W. Marion Ave., or on the night, in front of the PG Chamber, at Hipnotique Boutique or FM Don's Restaurant. When you collect your band, you'll get all the information you'll need to visit all the participants, centered around Marion Avenue. The restaurants are also being encouraged to join in the fun and offer wine specials.

Getting busy

One sign that summer is nearly over is the increase in Ribbon-Cuttings

and Grand Openings that are appearing on our schedule. These events are open to members and the public alike as we welcome new businesses to our area.

Tomorrow will be a busy day at both ends. We start by welcoming and attending the Flag-Raising Ceremony for Comfort Storage at 8 a.m. The honor guard of the American Legion Post 110 Port Charlotte will conduct the ceremony and raise their flag for the first time. There will be a full tour of the new facility. There will be some morning treats (breads, cookies, etc.), coffee, juice and water. Comfort Storage is at The old Muscle Car City, 3811 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda.

Then at 5:30 p.m. the same day, we cross over to Senior Fundamentals for their Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 10169 Tamiami Trail, Units 111-114, Punta Gorda, which, ironically, is the plaza where the new Muscle Car City resides.

Upcoming events

Mindi Abair is coming back to Punta Gorda on Nov. 16-18. Our partnership on this project has brought nationwide, if not worldwide, focus to the city with guests scooping up tickets from far and wide over the past few days. Starting with a very unique dinner at La Fiorentina restaurant Nov. 16, to the mainstage show outside on the lawn of the Event Center on Nov. 17, she will appear with Keb' Mo', Dumpstaphunk and the Greg Billings Band. The weekend wraps up with a great brunch at the Tiki at Fourpoints with great live entertainment from the Shawn Brown Trio. Details of all ticket options are viewable at www.puntagordachamber.com in the shop chamber link where you'll also be able to select your preferred food choice for the evening. If you prefer, just call us at 941-639-3720. It's always a fun evening, full of many surprises culminating in the announcement of our prestigious Donna Heidenreich Business of the Year awards.

While you are on the site, check out our Oct. 19-21 Harboritaville party honoring the life and music of Jim Morris,

as well as the 2019

Wine and Jazz Festival in February 2019 with Gerald Albright, the Sax Pack and Matt Marshak.

Our Annual Awards' Banquet is set for Sept. 22 at the Isles Yacht Club starting with cocktails at 6 p.m. Given the celebration of the year of Sue Randall as Chair, our theme this year is "Coming to a Royal Garden Party!" Tickets are on sale at www.punta-gordachamber.com in the shop chamber link where you'll also be able to select your preferred food choice for the evening. If you prefer, just call us at 941-639-3720. It's always a fun evening, full of many surprises culminating in the announcement of our prestigious Donna Heidenreich Business of the Year awards.

Every Wednesday, weather permitting, the PG Chamber sponsors and promotes an informal Pub Run/Walk that attracts between 60-100 people. The starting/ending venue rotates each week, so to find out where the next event is,

call 941-639-3720. This week's run will commence at and return to the Burg'r Bar.

The C.A.R.E. Ball may be a ways off on Jan. 26, but, as the recently appointed sponsorship chair of the Ball, I wanted to let you all know that the 2019 sponsorship package is now available. Please call 941-639-3720 for more info. I hope you will be able to review support for C.A.R.E.'s annual gala fundraiser, that is not only great fun, but more importantly vital to the work C.A.R.E. offers to our entire community. Please also share this exciting opportunity with any friends, business colleagues or arch-rivals as raising the roof on sponsorship levels will make this event even greater than previous years.

John R. Wright is President of the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce jrwright@puntagordachamber.com. The Charlotte Sun is a proud Platinum sponsor of this chamber.



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Photo by Karen Drury

Business and Professional Women

of Englewood and Venice

are keeping busy.

Members are planning their 10th Annual "Passport to Your Future"

Wine Tasting and Auction event set for Oct. 26 at the Historic Venice Train Depot on 303 E. Venice Ave.

The BPWEV will offer many finger food items supplied by local restaurants as well as auction items and 50/50.

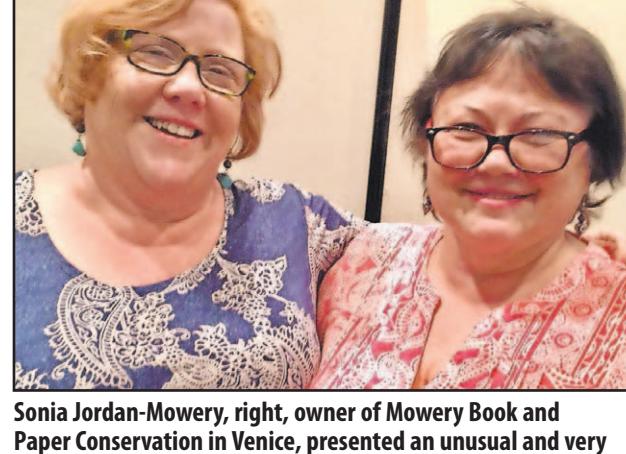
Entertainment will be provided by "Songstress" Wanda Cook, singing the greatest memories ever made. The ticket price is \$35 per person in advance, or \$40 at the door.

BPWEV is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching the lives of women through opportunities for individual development and growth. The Annual Wine Tasting is to promote BPWEV and provide funds for the Adult Learner Scholarships.

Sponsorship by local business/organizations of the event is encouraged. It will bring visibility and recognition to the businesses supporting this event.

The BPWEV meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Left Coast Seafood Restaurant in Venice. The mission of BPWEV is to achieve equity for all women through advocacy, education and information.

For tickets or



Sonia Jordan-Mowery, right, owner of Mowery Book and Paper Conservation in Venice, presented an unusual and very interesting program to The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice at a recent meeting. Jordan-Mowery, pictured with BPW first vice president Katie Malloy, spoke on a wide range of techniques, including the conservation of rare books, manuscripts, archival documents, maps, works of art and paintings.

sponsorship opportunities, please contact Morina at 941-493-0014 or Maryann at 941-468-9072. Find more information about the organization at www.bpwev.org.



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The Business and Professional Women of Englewood and Venice enthusiastically welcomed Alyssa Case, right, as 2nd vice president of the organization. Esther Bird, inducted Case as a new member. Case is operations manager for the Mason Knows Mortgages Team and is their primary mortgage loan originator serving southwest Florida. She is a resident of Venice and regularly conducts mortgage program guideline training for Realtors from Tampa to Fort Myers. Recently, when she was living in Greenville, Ohio, Case was named one of 70 "Elite Women in Mortgage" in the nation by Mortgage Professional America Magazine. The Mason Knows Mortgages Team helps people in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Florida achieve their dreams of home ownership.

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Wallstreet was closed in observance of Labor Day. Stocks will appear as normal in Wednesday's News Wire.



Trump escalates attacks on Sessions

By CATHERINE LUCEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump escalated his attacks on Attorney General Jeff Sessions on Monday, suggesting the Department of Justice put Republicans in midterm jeopardy with recent indictments of two GOP congressmen.

In his latest broadside against

the Justice Department's traditional independence, Trump tweeted that "Obama era investigations, of two very popular Republican Congressmen were brought to a well publicized charge, just ahead of the Mid-Terms, by the Jeff Sessions Justice Department."

He added: "Two easy wins now in doubt because there is not enough time. Good job Jeff....."

Another blow in Trump's long-running feud with Sessions, the president's complaint fits with his pattern of viewing the Department of Justice less as a law enforcement agency and more as one that should do his political bidding. Typically the agency prides itself on independence from political influence, and investigators are never supposed to take into account

the political affiliations of the people they investigate.

The first two Republicans to endorse Trump in the Republican presidential primaries were indicted on separate charges last month: Rep. Duncan Hunter of California on charges that included spending campaign funds for personal expenses and Rep. Chris Collins of New York on insider trading. Both have

proclaimed their innocence. The Hunter investigation began in June 2016, according to the indictment. It was not clear when the investigation into Collins began. The conspiracy alleged in his indictment supposedly began in 2017, though he was also under investigation by congressional ethics officials.

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Brazilians see metaphor for their struggles in museum fire

By PETER PRENGAMAN
and SARAH DILLORENZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO — Firefighters dug through the burned-out hulk of Brazil's National Museum on Monday, a day after fire roared through the building, as the country mourned the irreplaceable treasures lost and pointed fingers over who was to blame.

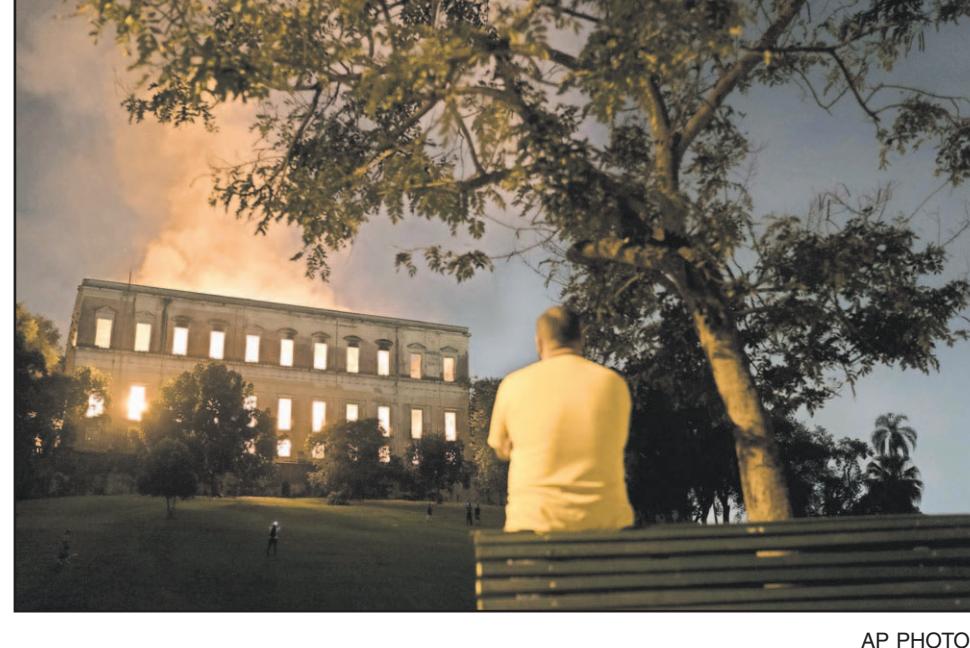
The museum held Latin America's largest collection of historical artifacts, and officials suggested that the damage could be catastrophic, with most objects in the main building probably lost.

For many in Brazil, the state of the 200-year-old natural history museum quickly became a metaphor for what they see as the gutting of Brazilian culture and life during years of corruption, economic collapse and poor governance.

"It's a crime that the museum was allowed to get to this shape," said Laura Albuquerque, a 29-year-old dance teacher who was in a crowd protesting outside the gates. "What happened isn't just regrettable, it's devastating, and politicians are responsible for it."

The cause of the fire that broke out Sunday night was not known. Federal police will investigate since the museum was part of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. But protesters, commentators and museum directors themselves said years of government neglect had left the museum so underfunded that its staff had turned to crowdfunding sites to open exhibitions.

Luiz Fernando Dias Duarte, the museum's deputy director, criticized authorities for starving the museum of vital funding while spending lavishly on



AP PHOTOS

A man watches as flames engulf the 200-year-old National Museum of Brazil, in Rio de Janeiro, Sunday. According to its website, the museum has thousands of items related to the history of Brazil and other countries. The museum is part of the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro.



A National Museum worker organizes pieces rescued from an overnight fire at the museum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Monday.

stadiums to host the World Cup in 2014.

"The money spent on each one of those stadiums — a quarter of that would have been enough to make this museum safe and resplendent," he said in an interview in front of the still-smoldering building aired on Brazilian television.

Roberto Leher, rector of

the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, said it was well known that the building was vulnerable to fire and in need of extensive repairs.

Duarte said he was in the habit of unplugging everything in his office at night because of the risk.

Civil defense authorities were concerned that internal walls and the roof could collapse further,

so officials had to wait to conduct a full accounting of losses.

Duarte said that anything held in the main building was likely destroyed. The collection of 20 million cultural and historical items included pieces that belonged to the royal family and a

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Patchwork of programs serves child sex-trafficking victims

By JAMIE STENGLE
and EMILY SCHMALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Not long after the last time Cecilia Roberts was sent to an Atlanta hotel to be sold for sex, the then-17-year-old was in a residential facility for girls like her, recovering from the trauma of trafficking as she helped prosecutors convict two adults she had turned to when she needed a place to stay.

Roberts spent about a year in a 15-bed residential facility for girls at Wellspring Living in Georgia, one of a number of places established in response to what experts call a growing population of child sex-trafficking victims.

Now 24 and working in

purchasing for a health care system, Roberts said living in the safe house allowed her to focus on her education — and to heal.

"For the first time, I'm in a room full of people that I feel like understood me, and I didn't have to explain myself," said Roberts, who returned to Wellspring for the job training program after moving out of the facility. "As a child, it was all that I needed: just peace, and a little bit of attention and love. That's all that I was looking for."

The need for long-term and specialized care to treat child sex-trafficking victims is increasing. For decades, rescued children wound up being arrested and thrown into the juvenile justice system. But that's changed in recent

years, as states have moved to steer victims toward treatment. Twenty-four states and the District of Columbia have eliminated criminal liability for minors, with all but one state making the change since 2010, according to Shared Hope International, which works to prevent the conditions that lead to sex trafficking. Experts say some states are reluctant to follow suit due to a lack of services for the children.

"We need more safe spaces where survivors can heal and re-enter their communities," said Rebecca Epstein, executive director of the Center on Poverty and Inequality at Georgetown Law.

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In this July 19 photo, Toni McKinley, Director of The Survivor Program for DMST at The Refuge, right, gives mentors a tour of the new facility near Austin, Texas.

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Man hung \$1.5M sports car inside his Miami Beach condo

By RENE RODRIGUEZ
THE MIAMI HERALD

MIAMI BEACH (AP) — "Money can't buy me love," The Beatles wisely sang.

But in Miami's luxury real estate market, money can buy you pretty much anything — even a condo that uses a rare Italian sports car as a wall.

Artefacto, the high-end furnishings and design firm headquartered in Brazil with three locations in Miami, recently completed the installation of a \$1.5 million Pagani Zonda R — one

of only 15 ever made — inside an ocean-front four-bedroom, 4,232-square-foot condo at the Fendi Chateau Residences in Surfside.

The sleek automobile, which is made out of carbon fiber and has a top speed of 218 mph, is suspended horizontally on support beams custom-made by Pagani for the installation.

The car — sans its V-12 Mercedes-AMG engine — acts as a space divider between the living room and the master bedroom.

The city of Surfside granted the contracting firm Finish My Condo

a special permit to hoist the car (which weighs 800 pounds with its engine removed) via a crane through the fifth-floor condo's terrace. Construction on the building had been completed in 2016, so Artefacto had to remove the unit's impact windows and moldings in order to get the automobile inside.

The rest of the condo's decor — including the furniture, lighting and color scheme — was designed to complement the car.

Paulo Bacchi, the CEO of Artefacto USA, said

the owner of the unit, who wants to remain anonymous, is a Pagani enthusiast who argued that his rare car — one of only a few privately owned Zondas in the world — is as valid a piece of artwork as any traditional painting or sculpture.

"He said that people go to Art Basel and spend \$5 million on paintings to hang on their wall, so why not put his passion on his wall?" Bacchi said. "I told him 'Whatever makes you happy.'"

Artefacto, which was launched 40 years ago and is currently

expanding into a global brand, specializes in the luxury market. The firm built the model unit on the 11th floor of Zaha Hadid's One Thousand Museum tower, complete with working air conditioning, while construction on the 62-story skyscraper had only reached the 43rd floor.

Bacchi said he has seen Porsches and Ferraris used as wall decorations in other South Florida condos, and some Miami residents have been known to park their cars inside their homes when a hurricane approaches.

But the Pagani installation was different because the owner wanted a 360-degree view of the car, with the undercarriage facing the bedroom and the roof facing the living room.

Miami, of course, already has a luxury condo tower that allows tenants to drive their fancy wheels right into their living room. But Bacchi said the Porsche Design Tower in Sunny Isles Beach wasn't an option for his client.

"As the name says, it's a Porsche building," Bacchi said. "My client is all about Pagani."

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Shooting victim's father still 2nd in election after recount

FORT LAUDERDALE (AP) — A Florida school board member has maintained her lead over the father of a student slain in a high school mass shooting.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel reports that incumbent Donna Korn maintained a majority of votes after a Broward County election recount.

Korn received 50.43 percent of the vote, while Ryan Petty received 30.97 percent of the vote.

Petty's daughter Alaina was among 17 students and staff slain in the Feb. 14 attack at Marjory

Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Korn needed to stay above 50 percent to avoid a November runoff and keep a countywide seat on the nine-member board.

The Board of Elections is expected to certify the results Tuesday.

Lori Alhadeff, the mother of another Parkland victim, defeated two other candidates for an open school board seat representing the Parkland area.

Florida city evaluates traffic safety after 5 swan deaths

LAKELAND (AP) — A Florida city is

evaluating traffic safety after five of its signature swans were struck and killed by motorists.

In a report by The Ledger, Lakeland Police spokesman Gary Gross said distracted driving appeared to be to blame for the swans' deaths over the last three weeks.

A sixth swan was injured. About 70 swans live on Lakeland's Lake Morton.

City officials and nearby residents plan to meet Thursday to discuss ways to slow or reduce traffic along the shoreline. An estimated 4,600 vehicles drive daily around the scenic lake.

The birds are considered city property.

It's a criminal violation to harm them or any bird or wild fowl within city limits.

Most of Lakeland's swans are descendants of a pair donated to the city by Queen Elizabeth in 1957.

Boy killed after being struck by boat propeller in Florida Keys

KEY WEST (AP) — A 15-year-old boy is dead after being struck by a boat propeller in the Florida Keys.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said the Fort Myers boy was in a channel between Cudjoe Key and Summerland Key Sunday afternoon

when he was struck in the head by the propeller.

The boy was taken by boat to a Cudjoe Key resort, where paramedics were waiting. He went into cardiac arrest and was pronounced dead at a hospital.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is investigating the death.

Boy, 6, dies after ATV driven by another child flips over

LAKELAND (AP) — A 6-year-old boy has died after an all-terrain vehicle driven by another child flipped and fell on him.

The Ledger reports that

Clayton McLaughlin was pronounced dead at a Tampa hospital Sunday.

According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Clayton's family brought him to a fire station after the crash.

Investigators said Clayton was a passenger in an ATV being driven by an 8-year-old boy. The boys were riding on a dirt track in Lakeland when the ATV struck two dirt mounds and flipped onto its side.

The ATV landed on Clayton. Authorities said he suffered "massive head injuries." The 8-year-old driver was not injured.

Authorities said the boys initially wore helmets but removed them after taking a break and did not put them back on.

Myanmar court sentences Reuters reporters to 7 years in jail

By VICTORIA MILKO and AUNG NAING SOE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

YANGON, Myanmar — A Myanmar court sentenced two Reuters journalists to seven years in prison Monday on charges of illegal possession of official documents, a ruling met with international condemnation that will add to outrage over the military's human rights abuses against Rohingya Muslims.

Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo had been reporting on the brutal crackdown on the Rohingya when they were arrested and charged with violating the colonial-era Official Secrets Act, punishable by up to 14 years in prison. They had pleaded not guilty, contending that they were framed by police.

"Today is a sad day for Myanmar, Reuters journalists Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, and the press everywhere," Stephen J. Adler, Reuters editor-in-chief, said in a statement. He said the charges were "designed to silence their reporting

and intimidate the press."

The case has drawn worldwide attention as an example of how democratic reforms in long-isolated Myanmar have stalled under the civilian government of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, which took power in 2016. Though the military, which ruled the country for a half-century, maintains control of several key ministries, Suu Kyi's rise to government had raised hopes for an accelerated transition to full democracy and her stance on the Rohingya crisis has disappointed many former admirers.

As the verdict was announced in the hot Yangon courtroom, Kyaw Soe Oo's wife started crying, leaning into the lap of the person next to her. Outside the court, police and journalists shouted as the two Reuters reporters were led to a truck to be taken away.

"This is unfair," Wa Lone told the crowd. "I want to say they are obviously threatening our democracy and destroying freedom of the press in our country."

Kevin Krolicki, Reuters regional editor for Asia, said outside the court that it was "heartbreaking for friends and colleagues and family of Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, who in addition to the outrage many will feel, are deprived of their friends and colleagues, husband and father."

Wa Lone, 32, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 28, both testified they suffered from harsh treatment during their initial interrogations after their arrests last December. Their several appeals for release on bail were rejected. Wa Lone's wife, Pan Ei Mon, gave birth to the couple's first child in Yangon on Aug. 10, but Wa Lone has not yet seen his daughter.

The two journalists had been reporting last year on the brutal crackdown by security forces on the Rohingya in Myanmar's Rakhine state. Some 700,000 Rohingya fled to neighboring Bangladesh to escape the violence targeting them after attacks by Rohingya militants killed a dozen members of the security forces.

Investigators working



Journalists and activists attempt to block a police car carrying two Reuters journalists leaving court Monday in Yangon, Myanmar.

for the U.N.'s top human rights body said last week that genocide charges should be brought against senior Myanmar military officers over the crackdown.

The accusation of genocide was rejected by Myanmar's government, but is the most serious official recommendation for prosecution so far.

Also last week, Facebook

banned Myanmar's powerful military chief and 19 other individuals and organizations from its site to prevent the spread of hate and misinformation in connection with the Rohingya crisis.

"Today's verdict cannot conceal the truth of what happened in Rakhine state," Tirana Hassan, Amnesty International's director of crisis response,

said in a statement Monday. "It's thanks to the bravery of journalists like Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, that the military's atrocities have been exposed. Instead of targeting these two journalists, the Myanmar authorities should have been going after those responsible for killings, rape, torture and the torching of hundreds of Rohingya villages."

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

US service member killed in Afghanistan, 6th this year

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — NATO says an American has been killed in eastern Afghanistan while serving in the multinational mission the military alliance is leading.

NATO said in a statement that a second U.S. service member was in stable condition after being wounded during Monday's attack.

U.S. Army Gen. Scott Miller, who assumed command of NATO's Resolute Support operation on Sunday, said the American who died had volunteered for duty in Afghanistan to protect his country.

He was the sixth U.S. service member killed in Afghanistan so far this year.

Miller called his death "a tragic loss for all who knew and all who will now never know him."

The commander added "Our duty now is to honor him, care for his family and continue our mission."

Cyprus police intercept 36 Syrian migrants aboard boat

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Cyprus police say they have intercepted 36 Syrian migrants, including 11 women and 14 children, after their boat was located off the Mediterranean island nation's southeastern coast. Police said a patrol boat

located the migrants' vessel around noon Monday off the island's Cape Greco area. There were four infants among the children aboard the vessel.

It's the third time in four days a Syrian migrant boat has been located off the Cape.

Interior Minister Constantinos Petrides repeated earlier Monday that a recent influx of migrant arrivals has vaulted tiny Cyprus to the top of the list of European Union member states with the most asylum applications relative to their population.

UN schools for Palestinians defy funding cuts, open on time

BEIRUT (AP) — United Nations schools for

Palestinian refugees in Lebanon started the new school year on time on Monday, despite the U.S. decision to cancel funding to the international body's Palestinian relief agency.

Students were giddy as they arrived at the Haifa Intermediate School in Beirut's Bir Hassan neighborhood on Monday and sat through their first language, history, and math lessons of the year.

Claudio Cordone, director of UNRWA affairs in Lebanon, called it a "joyful day," and called on donor nations to fill the deficit left behind by the U.S. decision announced Friday.

It was a day many thought would not come, at least not on time, as UNRWA faces some of its toughest pressures in its 68-year history. The Trump administration,

encouraged by Israel, has expressed deep skepticism over the agency's mission to provide education and social services to over 5 million Palestinian refugees across the Middle East.

UNRWA was founded in 1949 to serve some 700,000 Palestinians who were uprooted from their homes in the war to create Israel.

Iran FM says 'terrorists must be purged' from Syria's Idlib

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Iran's foreign minister said at the start of a visit to Damascus on Monday that "terrorists must be purged" from Syria's Idlib and the entire northwestern province returned to

government control. Mohammad Javad Zarif's comments in Damascus were reported by Iran's semi-official Fars news agency and came as Syrian forces and their allies are preparing for an assault on Idlib, the last opposition stronghold in the country.

"Syria's territorial integrity should be safeguarded and all tribes and groups, as one society, should start the reconstruction process, and the refugees should return to their homes," Zarif said.

He met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and his Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem, who is just back from a visit to Moscow. The visit comes days before the leaders of Iran, Turkey, and Russia are expected to meet in Iran to discuss the situation in Idlib.

\$30 million poured into effort to energize young voters

By SCOTT BAUER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Democrats know who their voters are. They just have to figure out how to get them to the polls in November — and that's where the puppies come in.

Students returning to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus this summer were greeted by therapy dogs for petting. Those lured by the chance to ruffle a dog's ears were then asked to register to vote — a "Pups to the Polls" gimmick that was just one of several similar events being staged in 11 battleground states by the liberal

group NextGen America.

Young people tend to vote for Democrats, but they also tend to stay away during midterm elections. It's a perennial frustration for the party — one they are trying to overcome as they seek to take control of Congress.

NextGen America, formed by billionaire activist Tom Steyer, hopes to be a game changer. Steyer is investing more than \$30 million in what's believed to be the largest voter engagement effort of its kind in U.S. history.

The push to register and get pledges from college students to vote is focusing on states such

as Wisconsin, Virginia, California and North Carolina with competitive races for Congress, U.S. Senate and other offices.

NextGen sees young voters such as Kellen Sharp as key to flipping targeted seats from red to blue.

"The outcome of this election definitely affects us," said Sharp, an 18-year-old freshman from Milwaukee who stopped to register during the dog event the week before classes started. "I'm just excited to have a voice and say something."

A poll this summer by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV found

that most Americans ages 15 to 34 think voting in the midterm elections gives their generation some say about how the government is run. The poll found young people eager to vote for someone who shared their political views on issues such as health care and immigration policy. They expressed far less excitement about voting for a candidate described as a lifelong politician.

"If we all vote, we can make a change," said 20-year-old Grace Austin, who stopped to pet the dogs at the Wisconsin event and wound up registering to vote.

Austin and other college

students who registered said they feel like their friends are more interested in politics than ever before — boosting hopes of Democrats trying to reverse the trend of declining youth participation in midterm elections.

"We want them to know they need to show up and when they do, we will win," said NextGen's Wisconsin director George Olufosoye. "We want them to know they have power."

They certainly have the numbers.

Since the last midterm election in 2014, 15 million post-millennials — those between the ages of 18 and 21 — have become

eligible to vote. But while Generation X, millennials and post-millennials make up the majority of voting-eligible adults nationwide, they are not expected to cast the most votes in November.

In the 2014 midterm, they cast 21 million fewer votes than voters over age 54, according to an analysis by the Pew Research Center. Turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds hit a 40-year low in 2014, bottoming out at 17.1 percent, according to an analysis by the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, or CIRCLE, at Tufts University.

Detroit is latest big school district to turn off tap water

**By DAVID EGERT
and COREY WILLIAMS**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — Some 50,000 Detroit public school students will start the school year Tuesday by drinking water from coolers, not fountains, after the discovery of elevated levels of lead or copper — the latest setback in a state already dealing with the consequences of contaminated tap water in Flint and other communities.

Detroit Public Schools Superintendent Nikolai Vitti expects the closure of water fountains and other drinking fixtures in all 106 schools to go smoothly because the district — Michigan's largest — had previously turned off the tap in 18 schools. The coolers and bottled water will cost \$200,000 over

two months, after which the district probably will seek bids for a longer-term contract, he said.

Kids at the schools that already had coolers drank more than they ever had from the fountains, according to their principals.

"There has been an undertone of not trusting the water to begin with," Vitti told The Associated Press in a phone interview Friday, days after announcing his decision. "With the water coming from the water coolers, they just trust it more and are drinking it more."

Detroit is not the first major school district to switch to bottled water. The 49,000-student district in Portland, Oregon, turned off its fixtures in 2016 after a scandal over high levels of lead in the water at almost every school — a problem

that took two years to fix. Fountains at most schools in the 80,000-student Baltimore districts have been shut off for more than a decade.

Last year, LeeAndria Hardison saw brown water coming from fountains at the Detroit school attended by her teenage son.

"I've been sending water to school every day with his name on it — five bottles of water in a cooling pack," said Hardison, 39.

Water testing in Detroit schools should have started years ago due to aging pipes, said Ricky Rice, 61, who has a grandson in sixth grade and another grandchild beginning kindergarten.

"In the poorer neighborhoods, in the black neighborhoods we always have a problem with issues of environment," Rice said.

MORE HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

County prison locked down after 11 workers sickened

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Authorities say a western Pennsylvania jail is on lockdown after almost a dozen employees became ill from an unknown substance.

Allegheny County officials say nine corrections officers and two medical personnel have been sickened since about 10 p.m. Sunday by some kind of odor or substance at the Allegheny County Jail.

County spokeswoman Amie Downs says all employees were taken to a hospital for evaluation and have since been released.

Officials said the jail will be locked down until further notice. Staff members are interviewing inmates and plan searches to determine the cause. County police are also investigating.

Protesters begin march against Dakota Access

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — About two dozen environmental demonstrators are undertaking a 100-mile march in Iowa to protest the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

The Des Moines Register reports that they began their eight-day trek Saturday in Des Moines.

Advocacy groups Bold Iowa and Indigenous Iowa organized the march to show unity against the \$3.8 billion, four-state pipeline.

Protesters plan to walk 10-15 miles a day, completing the march Saturday in Fort Dodge.

Native American Coalition of the Quad Cities President Regina Tsosie told the newspaper that the pipeline could break and poison the water. She also says it has desecrated sacred sites.

Husband distraught after wife's body left to rot 3 years

GREENWOOD, S.C. (AP) — The husband of a woman whose body authorities said was left inside a funeral home to rot for almost three years said he can't stop thinking about how poorly she was treated in death.

A grand jury indicted two men — Lawrence Robert Meadows and Roderick Mitchell Cummings — with desecration of human remains after prosecutors said they left Mary Alice Pitts Moore in unrefrigerated rooms under blankets and surrounded by air fresheners for nearly three years at First Family Funeral Home's locations first in Greenwood and later in Spartanburg.

Arrest warrants against the men said Fred Parker Jr. and his family owed them money for Moore's funeral, so they didn't cremate her remains and return them as requested.

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From penny press to Snapchat: Parents fret through the ages

By BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

NEW YORK — When Stephen Dennis was raising his two sons in the 1980s, he never heard the phrase "screen time," nor did he worry much about the hours his kids spent with technology. When he bought an Apple II Plus computer, he considered it an investment in their future and encouraged them to use it as much as possible.

Boy, have things changed with his grandkids and their phones and their Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter.

"It almost seems like an addiction," said Dennis, a retired homebuilder who lives in Bellevue, Washington. "In the old days you had a computer and you had a TV and you had a phone but none of them were linked to the outside world but the phone. You didn't have this omnipresence of technology."

Today's grandparents may have fond memories of the "good old days," but history tells us that adults have worried about their kids' fascination with new-fangled entertainment and technology since the days of dime novels, radio, the first comic books and rock 'n' roll.

"This whole idea that we even worry about what kids are doing is pretty much a 20th century thing," said Katie Foss, a media studies professor at Middle Tennessee State University. But when it comes to screen time, she added, "all we are doing is reinventing the same concern we were having back in the '50s."

True, the anxieties

these days seem particularly acute — as, of course, they always have. Smartphones have a highly customized, 24/7 presence in our lives that feeds parental fears of antisocial behavior and stranger danger.

What hasn't changed, though, is a general parental dread of what kids are doing out of sight. In previous generations, this often meant kids wandering around on their own or sneaking out at night to drink. These days, it might mean hiding in their bedroom, chatting with strangers online.

Less than a century ago, the radio sparked similar fears.

"The radio seems to find parents more helpless than did the funnies, the automobile, the movies and other earlier invaders of the home, because it can not be locked out or the children locked in," Sidonie Matsner Gruenberg, director of the Child Study Association of America, told The Washington Post in 1931. She added that the biggest worry radio gave parents was how it interfered with other interests — conversation, music practice, group games and reading.

In the early 1930s a group of mothers from Scarsdale, New York, pushed radio broadcasters to change programs they thought were too "overstimulating, frightening and emotionally overwhelming" for kids, said Margaret Cassidy, a media historian at Adelphi University in New York who authored a chronicle of American kids and media.

Called the Scarsdale Moms, their activism led



In this July 21, 1987, photo, Carlos Tunnerman, 10, plays the "Contra" video game at an arcade in a Miami, Florida. Decades of study have failed to validate the most prevalent fear, that violent games encourage violent behavior. But from the moment the games emerged as a cultural force in the early 1980s, parents fretted about the way kids could lose themselves in games as simple and repetitive as "Pac-Man," "Asteroids" and "Space Invaders."

the National Association of Broadcasters to come up with a code of ethics around children's programming in which they pledged not to portray criminals as heroes and to refrain from glorifying greed, selfishness and disrespect for authority.

Then television burst into the public consciousness with unrivaled speed. By 1955, more than half of all U.S. homes had a black and white set, according to Mitchell Stephens, a media historian at New York University.

The hand-wringing started almost as quickly. A 1961 Stanford University study on 6,000 children, 2,000 parents and 100 teachers found that more than half of the kids studied watched "adult"

programs such as Westerns, crime shows and shows that featured "emotional problems." Researchers were aghast at the TV violence present even in children's programming.

By the end of that decade, Congress had authorized \$1 million (about \$7 million today) to study the effects of TV violence, prompting "literally thousands of projects" in subsequent years, Cassidy said.

That eventually led the American Academy of Pediatrics to adopt, in 1984, its first recommendation that parents limit their kids' exposure to technology. The medical association argued that television sent unrealistic messages around drugs and alcohol, could lead to

obesity and might fuel violence. Fifteen years later, in 1999, it issued its now-infamous edict that kids under 2 should not watch any television at all.

The spark for that decision was the British kids' show "Teletubbies," which featured cavorting humanoids with TVs embedded in their abdomens. But the odd TV-within-the-TV-beings conceit of the show wasn't the problem — it was the "gibberish" the Teletubbies directed at preverbal kids whom doctors thought should be learning to speak from their parents, said Donald Shifrin, a University of Washington pediatrician and former chair of the AAP committee that pushed for the recommendation.

Video games presented a different challenge. Decades of study have failed to validate the most prevalent fear, that violent games encourage violent behavior. But from the moment the games emerged as a cultural force in the early 1980s, parents fretted about the way kids could lose themselves in games as simple and repetitive as "Pac-Man," "Asteroids" and "Space Invaders."

Some cities sought to restrict the spread of arcades; Mesquite, Texas, for instance, insisted that the under-17 set required parental supervision. Many parents imagined the arcades where many teenagers played video games "as dens of vice, of illicit trade in drugs and sex," Michael Z. Newman, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee media historian, wrote recently in Smithsonian.

This time, some experts were more

sympathetic to kids. Games could relieve anxiety and fed the age-old desire of kids to "be totally absorbed in an activity where they are out on an edge and can't think of anything else," Robert Millman, an addiction specialist at the New York Hospital-Cornell University Medical Center, told the New York Times in 1981. He cast them as benign alternatives to gambling and "glue sniffing."

Initially, the internet — touted as an "information superhighway" that could connect kids to the world's knowledge — got a similar pass for helping with homework and research. Yet as the internet began linking people together, often in ways that connected previously isolated people, familiar concerns soon resurfaced.

Sheila Azzara, a grandmother of 12 in Fallbrook, California, remembers learning about AOL chatrooms in the early 1990s and finding them "kind of a hostile place." Teens with more permissive parents who came of age in the '90s might remember these chatrooms as places a 17-year-old girl could pretend to be a 40-year-old man (and vice versa), and talk about sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll (or more mundane topics such as current events).

Azzara still didn't worry too much about technology's effects on her children. Cellphones weren't in common use, and computers — if families had them — were usually set up in the living room. But she, too, worries about her grandkids.

"They don't interact with you," she said. "They either have their head in a screen or in a game."



In this July 29, 1980, photo, Greg Berman, 12, of Santa Barbara, California, sits at a computer console at California Computer Camp near Santa Barbara. Today's grandparents may have fond memories of the "good old days," but history tells us that adults have worried about their kids' fascination with new-fangled entertainment and technology since the days of dime novels, radio, the first comic books and rock 'n' roll.

Taking money out of savings to pay off credit cards

Dear Dave,
How do you feel about taking money out of savings to pay off credit cards?

— Peggy

Dear Peggy,
I'm OK with this under two conditions. One is that you cut up the credit cards, close the accounts, and never use those things again. The second is that you don't wipe out your savings in the

process. Leave something in there, so you're covered in the event of an emergency. Then, rebuild your savings as fast as possible once the debt is out of your way.

You have to understand, too, that credit cards aren't the problem. The credit card debt isn't the problem, either. They are just symptoms of buying things you don't need, with money you don't have, in order to impress people!

Take a long look in the mirror, Peggy, because the person who's looking back at you is the

problem. Overspending, disorganization, not earning enough ... whatever label you want to slap on this situation, you are the reason for the problem. Once you understand and accept that, and you start living on a budget and staying away from debt, you'll have taken your first real steps toward financial peace!

— Dave

Need life insurance with no dependents?

Dear Dave,
I'm 35, single, and I

have no dependents. Do I need a life insurance policy?

— Larry

Dear Larry,
In your situation, if you have enough cash saved up to pay your final expenses — and you don't have any debt — there's no reason for you to carry a life insurance policy. No one will be harmed financially by your death, and no one would be deprived of the income that would be lost if something unexpected happened to you. Even if you have a

mortgage on a home, the house will normally sell for enough to pay off the mortgage.

However, if you have debt, or if you don't have some money stashed away in savings, you might want to consider an inexpensive term life insurance policy. At your age, if you're healthy, you can get \$100,000 worth of coverage for just \$10 to \$15 a month.

Remember, you don't buy insurance to leave an inheritance. You buy life insurance is to make sure there's enough money to take care of

your family and final expenses. You wouldn't want your parents or someone else having to foot the bill!

— Dave
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The importance of our systolic and diastolic BP numbers

DEAR DR. ROACH: De-cades ago, I served in the Marines and was wounded in action in the Korean War. While recuperating in the naval hospital, I was told by several doctors that the more important reading of blood pressure (which they took frequently) was the bottom number. Now I am told by my doctors at the Veterans Affairs medical facility that it is the top number that is more critical. I am confused. Can you help? — M.B.

ANSWER: Both the top number and the bottom number are important, and either of them might be more critical in any given person. Looking at the entire population, it is thought that systolic blood pressure (the top number) is probably more associated with risk of heart attack and stroke. However, some people have normal systolic but high diastolic (the bottom number) pressures, and do need treatment.

Physicians can get clues about the underlying cause of high blood



Dr. Roach

pressure from the readings. An older person with very high systolic and low diastolic pressure may have calcified, stiff blood vessels or a leaky valve connecting the heart with the aorta (the aortic valve). A person with a low systolic and high diastolic may have some heart failure or may have a blockage in the aortic valve. Knowing more about an individual can help the doctor choose the best kind of medication.

I know it was decades ago, but I still thank you for your service.

Options for retiree's wife to join in on his exploring

DEAR ABBY: The wife of "Headed for the Open Road" (June 25) will never forgive herself if she doesn't accompany her newly retired husband on his open-road adventures. After working for 40 years and retiring from my third job, my life partner and I went everywhere and did everything together. Three and a half months after my retirement, he passed away suddenly.

I would never have forgiven myself if I hadn't experienced our frozen Jeep in Yellowstone or the eerie silence on the edge of the Hoh Rain Forest in western Washington state. That wife needs to get off her duff and have the adventures of a lifetime — unless, of course, she doesn't want to get closer to her husband. That would be a shame.

— Tom Z. In Las Vegas

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married 10 years when we discussed the destinations on our travel bucket lists. Mine included a road trip to Utah to see the canyons; he wanted a cruise to the war memorials in Hawaii. Neither of us was interested in the other's trip, so he took his adult daughter on the cruise, and three girlfriends and I took the road trip. We both had wonderful times, took tons of photos to share, and came back with lots to talk about.

My motto is, don't put off something you want to do.

— Claire G. Out West



Dear Abby

would have a living room, couch, TV/DVD, an onboard toilet, separate bedroom and a small kitchen. In other words, it would be like she's still at home, only moving. The couple could even arrange other transportation at their destinations.

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— Rick T. In California

DEAR RICK: Thanks for writing and sharing your experiences. Many other passionate travelers responded, offering guidance to "Headed" in making his dreams of adventure a reality. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The husband could rent an RV to travel. His wife doesn't want to be cooped up, and an RV

Kids shouldn't pump gas

Dear Heloise: Is there a law against a young child PUMPING GAS at the self-service island? — A Reader in Pennsylvania

There's no law against it, but it's not a good idea. Having a child "help" by pumping gas can cause a multitude of problems. Kids' lungs aren't fully developed, and breathing gas fumes can cause damage to their lungs and eyes.

Also, children's hand-eye coordination is not advanced; splashing is almost guaranteed.

What's a good age to start pumping gas?

When you get your learner's permit. — Heloise



Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: When I lend something to a friend, I take a picture of it and caption it with the name of who has it. I might sound like a Grinch, but I get my stuff back! — Gary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Nothing wrong with keeping up with who's got what! — Heloise

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SOLUTION:

Wheel of Fortune

DR. ROACH WRITES: A recent column about the side effects of statin drugs generated a lot of mail, mostly about alternatives to statin drugs in people who could not tolerate them.

I had mentioned in the column that a four-week period of time off of statins followed by a trial of a different statin resulted in 60 percent of people being able to tolerate a statin. One person wrote in that twice-a-week rosuvastatin (Crestor) was effective. However, some people cannot take them at all, and in that case, there are two options.

The first is a statin alternative. There are two classes that have been proven to reduce risk of heart disease: One, ezetimibe (Zetia), prevents absorption; the other is the PCSK-9 inhibitors, evolocumab (Repatha) and alirocumab (Praluent).

The data on these drugs are not as strong as the data for statins. Both classes are well-tolerated in most people. The PCSK-9 inhibitors

are given by injection once or twice monthly and are very expensive.

The second option is non-drug therapy. Physicians don't emphasize this as much as we should. There was a trial for a cholesterol-lowering drug where participants were required to meet with a nutritionist dietitian then come back for retesting of their cholesterol after a period of maintaining a good diet. Many potential subjects improved their cholesterol numbers so greatly that they were no longer eligible for the drug — in fact, there weren't enough people left to do the trial.

A mostly plant-based diet is so effective at improving cholesterol (and often helping with weight) that I feel physicians are frequently missing an opportunity to help our patients, with less risk of side effects and at less expense than medications. Combining a good diet with regular exercise is a dramatic combination that reduces risk not only of heart disease but many other diseases as well.

Physicians can get clues about the underlying cause of high blood

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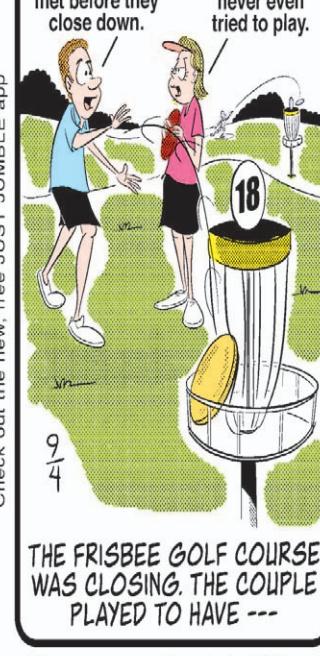
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Yesterday's Jumbles: KAZOO BLINK CRUTCH SPRAWN

Answer: Construction of the railroad would fall behind schedule if they didn't get — BACK ON TRACK

THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE FRISBEE GOLF COURSE WAS CLOSING. THE COUPLE PLAYED TO HAVE ---

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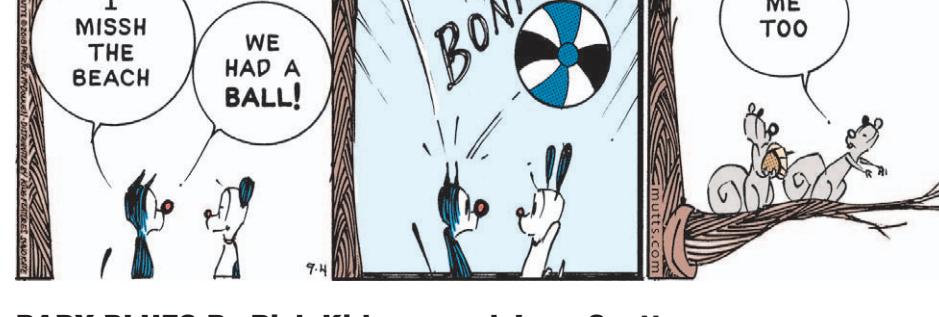
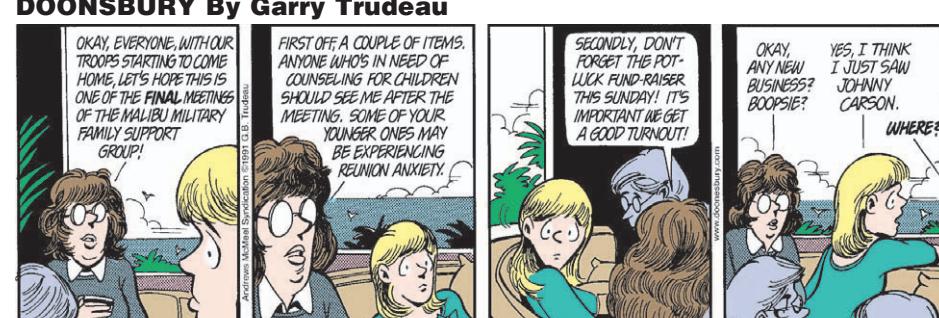
ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will figure out how a thing works. This takes time, curiosity, care, patience, intelligence, attention. And for everything it takes, it will give even more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Recharging your brain is as or more important than any of the other activities you do to maintain your health and well-being. Listen to what your body tells you and obey.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The one who puts you on the defensive has something to teach you about what you have to protect, where you're vulnerable and what matters to you. Finding the lesson will be easier in retrospect.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something you want to accomplish that you think should be done right where you are, and you're probably right. But a bit of travel will help you get perspective on it. Don't stay put just because you're "too busy."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Those who belittle others are feeling littler than them inside.

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 Wee circles
- 5 Fume
- 9 Rises up on the hind legs
- 14 Siberian river
- 15 Trevi Fountain site
- 16 Avid
- 17 Fabricated
- 18 — for keeps
- 19 BYU city
- 20 Level expanses
- 22 Snared a dogie
- 24 High desert of Asia
- 26 Got closer to
- 29 Opulence
- 33 Makes amends
- 35 WWW addresses
- 36 Organic compound
- 38 Breathe hard
- 39 Kiwi's extinct cousin
- 40 Coffee dispenser
- 41 Publicity info
- 42 Disagreeable task
- 44 Forms droplets
- 46 Pizzazz
- 47 Used car deal
- 49 Courteously
- 51 Assistant
- 53 Became frayed

DOWN

- 54 Fluff feathers
- 56 Grave risks
- 60 Harem owner
- 63 Leah's son
- 65 Obscure corner
- 66 Madras money
- 67 Kind of chop
- 68 On vacation
- 69 Dig discovery
- 70 Disadvantage
- 71 Aberdeen kids
- 1 Landfill
- 2 Ph.D. exam
- 3 Mock fanfare (hyp.)
- 4 Horses pull them
- 5 Lawn game
- 6 Howard or Guidry
- 7 Mideast VIP
- 8 Wyoming range
- 9 Echo
- 10 Pendant jewelry
- 11 Historian's word
- 12 Step on the gas
- 13 Full-house letters
- 21 Persona — grata
- 23 Orchard produce
- 25 Hand out
- 27 Make possible
- 28 Refusal

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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PLAN B

Both vulnerable, East deals

NORTH
♠ 7 5 3 2
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ 7 4
♣ J 5 3

WEST
♠ A Q 10 4
♥ 10
♦ 5 3 2
♣ A 9 7 4 2

EAST
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ K 3
♦ K J 10 6
♣ Q 10 6

SOUTH
♠ K
♥ A Q J 6 5 2
♦ A Q 9 8
♣ K 8

The bidding:
EAST Pass
SOUTH 1♦
WEST Dbl
NORTH 2♦
Pass 4♦ All pass

Opening lead: Three of ♦

Today's deal is from a tournament in Africa some years ago. South was Neville Eber, who has been South Africa's leading player over the last 50 years or so.

West did not want to lead from an ace, or lead his singleton trump, so he led a diamond to East's king and South's ace. This was a big help to Eber in his ambitious contract,

as he had no entry to dummy to take the finesse himself. Eber could have made his contract at this point by cashing the queen of diamonds, ruffing a diamond, and taking the heart finesse. This would have required the diamonds to be splitting 4-3 and for East to hold the king doubleton of hearts. Eber saw other chances and went after them.

At trick two, Eber led the king of spades from his hand. His idea was to buy some time and to locate some of the missing high cards. West won with his ace and continued with the queen of spades, ruffed by South. Eber cashed the ace of hearts and the queen of diamonds. He then ruffed a diamond, ruffed a spade in his hand, and ruffed his last diamond in dummy. He ruffed dummy's last spade in his hand to finish eliminating both suits and exited with the queen of hearts.

Had West held the king of hearts, he would now have to lead a club to declarer's king. East won this trick and exited with a low club, putting Eber to the guess. Eber had seen East show the jack of spades, the king of hearts, and the king-jack of diamonds. He had passed as dealer so he couldn't also hold the ace of clubs. Eber played low from his hand and landed his contract. Well done!

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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Rating: SILVER

Solution to 9/3/18

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1. Look longingly at a pizza (1)

2. Misplace high heels (1)

3. Spotless Elizabeth II (1)

4. Small-minded Archie gal pal (2)

5. South Korean capital's small hills (1)

6. Issue commands to a paying houseguest (2)

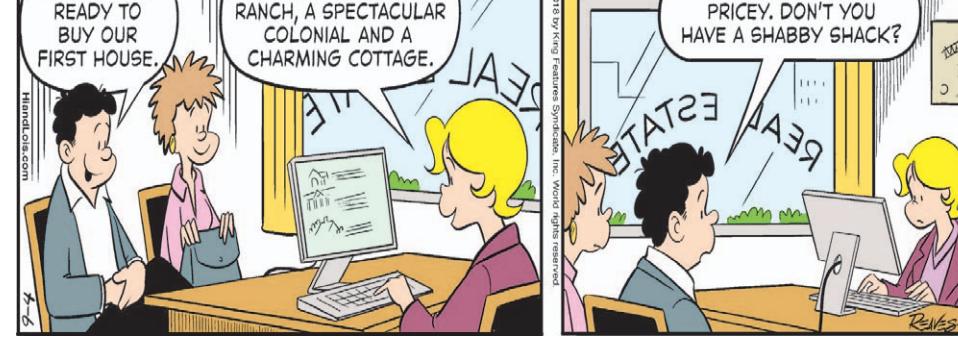
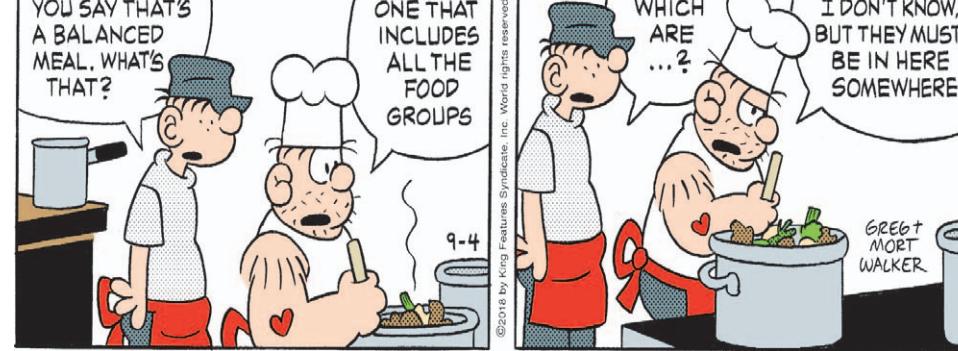
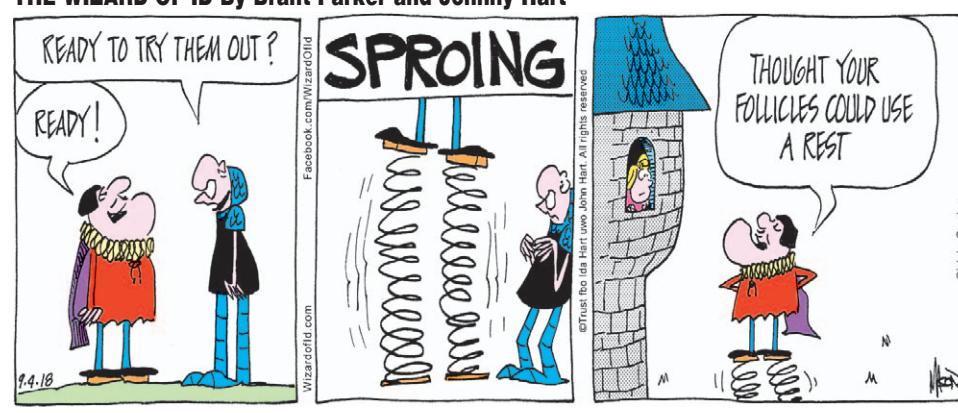
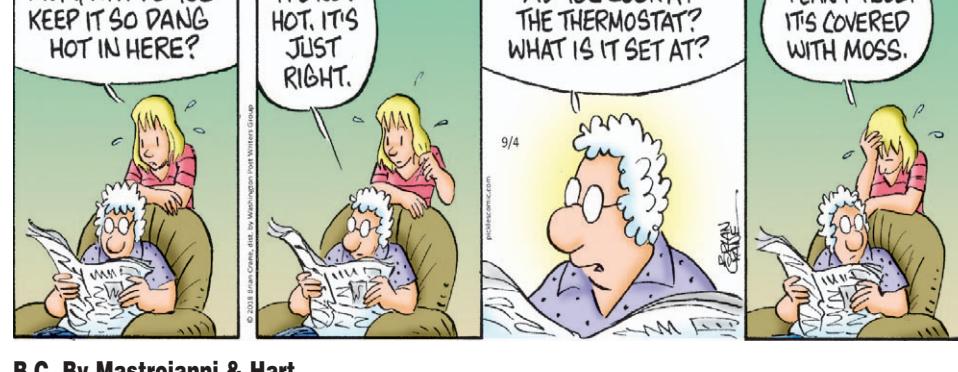
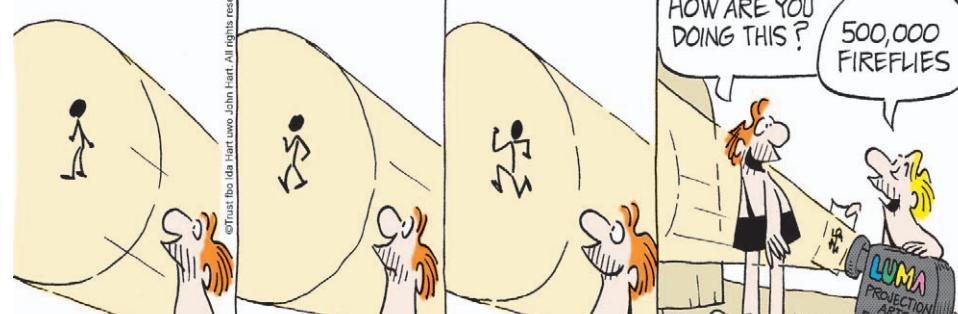
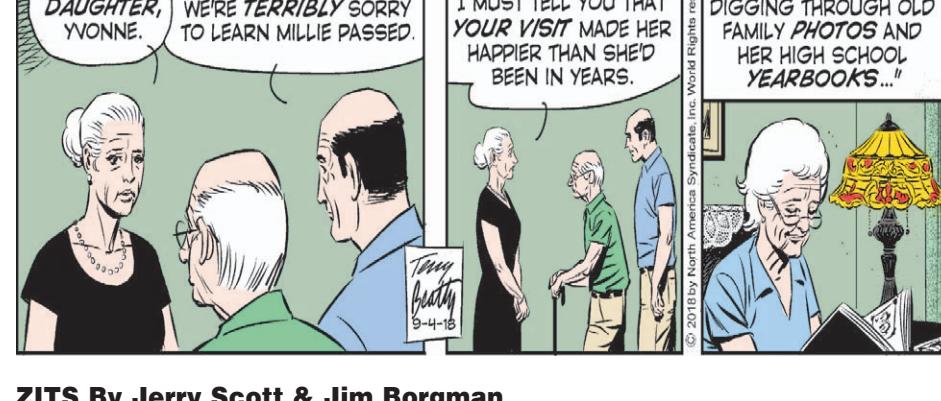
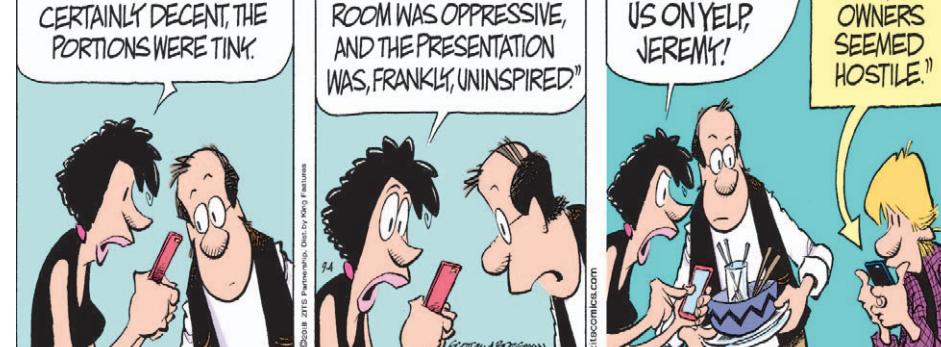
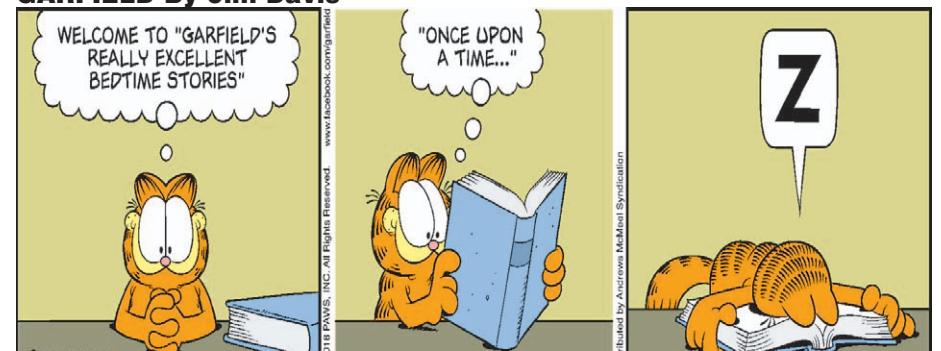
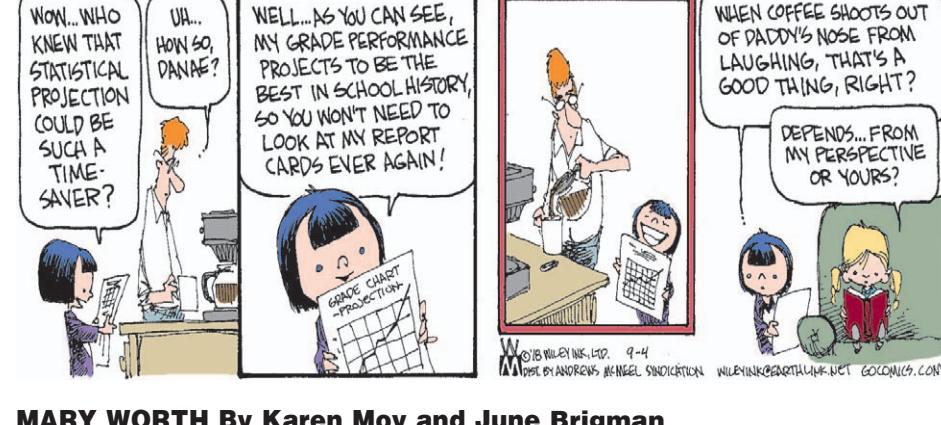
7. Leaning in support of vacillating (3)

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

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Trump's rollback of pollution rules to hit coal country hard

**By ELLEN KNICKMEYER
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GRANT TOWN, W.Va. — It's coal people like miner Steve Knotts, 62, who make West Virginia Trump Country.

So it was no surprise that President Donald Trump picked the state to announce his plan rolling back Obama-era pollution controls on coal-fired power plants.

Trump left one thing out of his remarks, though: northern West Virginia coal country will be ground zero for increased deaths and illnesses from the rollback on regulation of harmful emission from the nation's coal power plants.

An analysis done by his own Environmental Protection Agency concludes that the plan would lead to a greater number of people here dying prematurely, and suffering health problems that they otherwise would not have, than elsewhere in the country, when compared to health impacts of the Obama plan.

Knotts, a coal miner for 35 years, isn't fazed when he hears that warning, a couple of days after Trump's West Virginia rally. He says the last thing people in coal country want is the government slapping down more controls on coal — and the air here in the remote West Virginia mountains seems fine to him.

"People here have had it with other people telling us what we need. We know what we need. We need a job," Knotts said at lunch hour at a Circle K in a tiny town between two coal mines, and 9 miles down the road from a coal power plant, the Grant Town plant.

The sky around Grant Town is bright blue. The mountains are a dazzling green. Paw Paw Creek gurgles past the town.

Clean-air controls since the 1980s largely turned off the columns of black soot that used to rise from coal smokestacks. The regulations slashed the national death rates from coal-fired power plants substantially.

These days pollutants

rise from smoke stacks as gases, before solidifying into fine particles — still invisible — small enough to pass through lungs and into bloodstreams.

An EPA analysis says those pollutants would increase under Trump's plan, when compared to what would happen under the Obama plan. And that, it says, would lead to thousands more heart attacks, asthma problems and other illnesses that would not have occurred.

Nationally, the EPA says, 350 to 1,500 more people would die each year under Trump's plan. But it's the northern two-thirds of West Virginia and the neighboring part of Pennsylvania that would be hit hardest, by far, according to Trump's EPA.

Trump's rollback would kill an extra 1.4 to 2.4 people a year for every 100,000 people in those hardest-hit areas, compared to under the Obama plan, according to the EPA analysis. For West Virginia's 1.8 million people, that would be equal to at least a couple dozen additional

deaths a year.



AP PHOTO

In this Aug. 23 photo, American Electric Power's John Amos coal-fired plant in Winfield, West Virginia, is seen from the town of Poca across the Kanawha River.

deaths a year.

Trump's acting EPA administrator, Andrew Wheeler, a former coal lobbyist whose grandfather worked in the coal camps of West Virginia, headed to coal states this week and last to promote Trump's rollback. The federal government's retreat on regulating pollution from coal power plants was "good news," Wheeler told crowds there.

In Washington, EPA spokesman Michael

Abboud said Trump's plan still would result in "dramatic reductions" in emissions, deaths and illness compared to the status quo, instead of to the Obama plan. Obama's Clean Power Plan targeted climate-changing carbon dioxide, but since coal is the largest source of carbon dioxide from fossil fuels, the Obama plan would have curbed other harmful emissions from the coal-fired power plants as well.

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Hunter has not exited his race, while Collins ended his re-election bid days after his indictment. Both seats appear likely to remain in GOP hands, but the charges have raised Democratic hopes.

A spokeswoman for Sessions declined comment, and the White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Trump, who did not address the specifics of the charges, just the political impact, has previously pressed Sessions to investigate his perceived enemies and has accused Sessions of failing to take control of the Justice Department. Trump has also repeatedly complained publicly and privately over Sessions' decision



In this Friday photo, President Donald Trump gestures while speaking at the Harris Conference Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

to recuse himself from the federal investigation into possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia because he'd worked on Trump's campaign.

Some of the issues Trump has raised have either already been examined or are being investigated.



In this July 13 photo, Attorney General Jeff Sessions delivers remarks in Portland, Maine.

The tension between Trump and Sessions boiled over recently with Sessions punching back, saying that he and his department "will not be improperly influenced by political considerations." Still, Sessions has made clear to associates that he has no intention of leaving his job voluntarily

despite Trump's constant criticism.

Allies, including Republican members of Congress, have long advised Trump that firing Sessions — especially before the November midterm elections — would be deeply damaging to the party. But some have indicated

that Trump may make a change after the elections.

"I think there will come a time, sooner rather than later, where it will be time to have a new face and a fresh voice at the Department of Justice," Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina told reporters recently.

MUSEUM

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painting by the Brazilian artist Candido Portinari.

The museum, which was once home to the royal family, also housed extensive paleontological, anthropological and biological specimens. It was home to a skull called Luzia that was among the oldest fossils ever found in the Americas. It also held a Torah and an Egyptian mummy and the

largest meteorite ever discovered in Brazil — one of the few objects that officials could confirm had survived.

Brazil has struggled to emerge from a two-year recession and seen its political and corporate elite jailed in Latin America's largest corruption investigation. The country has been riven with deep political divisions following the impeachment and removal of former President Dilma Rousseff. The protesters gathered

outside the museum gates tried several times to push into the site, demanding to see the damage and calling on the government to rebuild. Police held the crowd back with pepper spray, tear gas and batons.

"This fire is what Brazilian politicians are doing to the people," said Rosana Holland, a 35-year-old high school history teacher, who was crying. "They're burning our history, and they're burning our dreams."

Signs of disrepair were

evident: The fencing was dilapidated, stonework was cracked and lawns appeared untended.

As the museum was preparing to celebrate its bicentennial in June, its budget had fallen from around \$130,000 in 2013 to around \$84,000 last year, the Folha de S.Paulo newspaper reported in May.

In a sign of how strapped the museum was, when a termite infestation last year forced the closure of a room that housed a

13-yard-long dinosaur skeleton, officials turned to crowdfunding to raise the money to reopen the room.

The institution had recently secured approval for nearly \$5 million for a planned renovation, including an upgrade of the fire-prevention system, officials said.

"Look at the irony. The money is now there, but we ran out of time," museum Director Alexander Kellner told reporters at the scene.

BIDEN

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deal of responsibility to listen to those people who are urging him to run."

Biden would likely cast a long shadow, but a candidate Biden is not expected to clear what

will be a crowded field of aspiring presidents in 2020. He would have competition for the support of the Democratic establishment. And he would almost certainly face tough challenges from the left — the source of much of the party's energy at the moment

— possibly from liberal firebrands Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders or Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Biden would likely

cast himself as a more centrist Democrat with working-class appeal, bipartisan credentials and grounding in a more civil

political culture that has faded in the Trump era, said Jim Margolis, a top adviser to Barack Obama's 2008 and 2012 campaigns.

"He would carry the imprimatur of the Obama administration in addition to occupying a space in the middle that isn't as crowded as others who

are more actively running," said Margolis.

He hit those themes gently at a memorial service for his late Senate colleague, Republican John McCain, last week.

"I always thought of John as a brother," Biden said. "We had a hell of a lot of family fights."

VICTIMS

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It's impossible to quantify how many children are sold for sex in the U.S., but Polaris, which operates the National Human Trafficking Hotline, said the number of cases it's handled in which it's known that the sex-trafficking victim is a minor has more than doubled over the last five years, from 1,020 in 2012 to 2,495 in 2017.

Advocates say specialized residential care with targeted treatment in a home-like setting can be good for victims, but they also say it would be

best if the response were tailored to each child.

"In the ideal world, we'd have a range of services. So that the kid who liked the long-term equine therapy could be treated there. Or the kid who didn't want to be in any kind of shelter but wanted to get some kind of support in a foster setting or their family home could have that," said Carol Smolenski, executive director of ECPAT USA, an anti-trafficking policy organization. "In an ideal world, there'd be a continuum of types of services, but we're nowhere near that."

Just this past week, the first girls began to

arrive at the Refuge Ranch, a new 50-acre residential community of four-person cottages near Austin.

The ranch offers trauma-informed care, medical treatment, a school program, and group and individual therapy for girls ages 11 to 19, according to founder and CEO Brooke Crowder. The girls will have access to horses and pets. They will be able to take yoga and art classes, or work in a garden. Those over 16 can apply for paid internships to learn job skills.

The ranch was built entirely from donations. While government entities will refer girls

to the program and pay for them to stay there, Crowder says that only one of those contracts so far will completely cover what it costs to care for them. Crowder expects to have at least nine children living at the ranch by the end of the year, with plans to eventually house 48 girls.

Kids who are vulnerable to trafficking include those who are homeless or runaways, or who have been neglected or abused. They can end up being trafficked by boyfriends or adults they view as parent figures.

"Whatever you need, they'll be that person," said Allison Franklin, who

fell under the control of a sex trafficker in her 20s after being sexually abused as a child and a runaway in her teens. "Some of them are so adept at this that you might not even have vulnerability or a need and they'll create it."

Now 43, she mentors teen victims in Texas and says the specialized approach at the Refuge Ranch, where the average stay is expected to be a year and a half, will make a difference in their lives.

"Healing from this takes so much time and effort," she said. "For them to have a safe place that honors them for that long is just amazing."

ALMANAC

Today is **Tuesday, Sept. 4**, the 247th day of 2018. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Sept. 4, 1951**, President Harry S. Truman addressed the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco in the first live, coast-to-coast television broadcast.

On this date

In **1781**, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

In **1917**, the American Expeditionary Forces in France suffered their first fatalities during World War I when a German plane attacked a British-run base hospital in Cambrai.

In **1944**, during World War II, British troops liberated Antwerp, Belgium.

In **1957**, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock.

In **1972**, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics in the 400-meter medley relay.

In **1998**, Internet services company Google filed for incorporation in California.

In **2006**, "Crocodyl Hunter" Steve Irwin, 44, died after a stingray's barb pierced his chest.

In **2014**, comedian Joan Rivers died at a New York hospital at age 81, a week after going into cardiac arrest in a doctor's office during a routine medical procedure.

Today's birthdays

Actress Mitzi Gaynor is 87. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 77. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 76. Actress Jennifer Salt is 74. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 69. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald LaPread is 68. Actress Judith Ivey is 67. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 67. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans Sr. is 58. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 58. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 49. Actor Noah Taylor is 49. Actress lone Skye is 48. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglesias is 44. Actor Wes Bentley is 40. Actor Max Greenfield is 39. Singer Beyoncé Knowles is 37. Actress-comedian Whitney Cummings is 36.

Bible verse

"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

Matthew 17:20.

Take another look at this and never again make little of your faith, no matter how small it may look to you. It is mountain moving; use it and a miracle is in the making.

ODD NEWS

Thieves raid Virginia store of right-foot shoes

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Try walking a mile in these shoes.

The Roanoke Times reports a Virginia shoe store lost mostly shoes designed for the right foot over the course of two break-ins this summer.

Clean Soles operator Rob Wickham says his two-year-old sneaker store was raided by two people on July 20 and by one person on Aug. 25. Taken together, he lost shirts, hoodies, a jacket, one complete sneaker pair — and 13 right shoes.

Wickham says he typically keeps right shoes on display, while their other halves rest behind the counter. Accordingly, Wickham says the looters were "pretty much risking their freedom for nothing."

Roanoke County police spokeswoman Amy Whittaker says one 17-year-old has been charged in the July burglary. Police have also released video of the Aug. 25 burglary.

SPORTS



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NFL 2018: Questions abound, from anthems to rule changes

Rules changes and national anthem demonstrations seem to have folks inside and outside the NFL obsessed as the opening kickoff of the season approaches.

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■ NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Bucs go to work without Jameis Winston

By RICK STROUD
TAMPA BAY TIMES

It hit Mike Evans when he pulled his car into the AdventHealth Training Center on Monday morning and the parking space next to him was empty.

"We park by each other and I forgot he was going to be gone this week and he just wasn't there and I pulled right in and I just thought about, man, he's

going to be gone these three weeks," Evans said. "It'll be tough. That's my boy, but he'll be back."

For the first time in more than three seasons, Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston didn't come to work Monday and his absence was immediately felt by coaches and teammates as they began to prepare for Sunday's game at New Orleans.

Winston is serving a

three-game suspension for violating the NFL's player conduct policy. An eight month investigation revealed that in March of 2016, Winston groped a female Uber driver in Arizona.

"It was a little bit (weird)," coach Dirk Koetter said. "I think I noticed it most when I went in the quarterback room when we broke down for individual meetings.

It's been a long time since Jameis hasn't been camped out in the front row next to his computer. It was a little bit strange but we knew this was coming. We planned for it and now we've just got to do it."

The plan is to start 35-year-old veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick in Sunday's season opener against the Saints. Then the Bucs will host the Super Bowl

champion Eagles in the home opener and the Steelers on Monday Night Football.

"It's different," tight end Cameron Brate said. "He's been the starting quarterback for three years now. Kind of miss him talking all practice and his leadership at the quarterback position. But Fitz is a vet. He's done it for over a decade. He's a great leader, too, and he

kind of leads in his own way. We're excited to get going here with Fitz."

Whereas Winston is loud and animated on the field and in the meeting rooms, Fitzpatrick is much more laid back with a quick sense of humor.

"Cerebral. Obviously. Calm, cool, collected," quarterbacks coach Mike Bajakian said of

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■ PREP FOOTBALL: Port Charlotte



PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Port Charlotte Pirates offensive line coach Jace Norus directs his players through drills during football practice Monday at Port Charlotte High School.

They're big, they're bad, they're the backbone of the Pirate offense

By JACOB HOAG
STAFF WRITER

Anthony Mandile, Evan Smith, Austin Parkinson, Sean Gibbs-Alleyne, Caden Marcum.

The names of the Port Charlotte offensive linemen are the only ones that ring over the PA speakers prior to every game, a deliberate gesture by the coaching staff.

Those five names represent more than just five key players on the Pirates' roster. They make up the most crucial element of the evolving electricity of their offense. Without the offensive line, Port Charlotte doesn't put up 52 points against South Fort Myers on Friday along with over 275 rushing yards.

Their big bodies create

the wiggle room for lightning fast running back Marc Jean-Louis and form a wall protecting young quarterback Logan Rogers, allowing him to step into throws downfield.

Without the offensive line, the Pirate offense fails to exist. Plain and simple.

"They're the foundation of what we do," Port Charlotte coach Jordan Ingman said. "We want them singled out because when they play well, we play well. When they don't play well, we don't play well. It doesn't matter who you put behind them, it all starts with the offensive line."

The five starters on the line vary in size and personality.

From Marcum's imposing 6-foot-3, 300-pound

frame and boisterous personality anchoring the right side to Mandile's 6-foot-2, 260-pound physique, daffy nature and intelligence, often critiquing his coach's power points, at left tackle. They get their jobs done in a variety of ways, but mesh to form a cohesive unit.

"You're intimidating," Mandile told Marcum after Monday's practice. "As soon as you step onto the field, you got guys crappling their pants."

Gibbs-Alleyne is the goofy one, nicknamed "Gibby", Parkinson is the jester of the group and Smith feeds off everyone's personality.

They like to keep things light on the sidelines and during practice, but a more primitive, destructive

nature shines through on Fridays. When they step into the Pirate's Cove or another team's stadium, they're out to prove their worth.

"That's just the mindset you gotta have when you play in the trenches," Marcum said. "Pure aggression, that's how you survive."

Through two games this season, they've done just that, averaging 43.5 points over their first two games.

On the first touchdown of the season against North Port, it was an adjustment on the offensive line that made it happen. As Rogers reared back to heave an 80-yard pass to Jean-Louis, Marcum slid inside to pick up a blitzing linebacker and provided Rogers the

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■ NCAA

NCAA goes back to court, defending its amateurism rules

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE SPORTS WRITER

The NCAA will be back in court Tuesday in California, defending its amateurism rules against plaintiffs who say capping compensation at the value of a scholarship violates federal antitrust law.

The claim against the NCAA and the 11

conferences that have participated at the highest level of college football was originally brought by former West Virginia football player Shawne Alston and later merged with other similar lawsuits, including a notable case brought by former Clemson football player Martin Jenkins.

Plaintiffs say the NCAA illegally restricts schools

from compensating football and basketball players beyond what is traditionally covered by a scholarship. That includes tuition, room and board and books, plus a cost of attendance stipend to cover incidentals such as travel. The plaintiffs want compensation to be determined conference-by-conference in the hopes of

creating a free market.

"The court has already ruled in our favor that the caps on compensation are anti-competitive and are a restraint on trade," said Steve Berman, a Seattle-based lawyer who is one of the lead attorneys for the plaintiffs. "Normally, firms with market power can't

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"I wouldn't have written it any better, to be honest with you," DeChambeau said. "I've been playing some great golf this whole year. And I knew it was a matter of time before something cool showed up."

Vijay Singh won the opening two FedEx Cup events in 2008, when the points system was different and points were not reset before the final playoff event. That allowed Singh to effectively wrap up the \$10 million prize early. DeChambeau, with his third victory this year, was assured of being the No. 1 seed when he gets to the Tour Championship, no matter what happens next week at the third

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New Blood Sugar Pill for Men Triggers Erection in a Stunning Way

Developed by a top Chinese doctor; clinical studies show active ingredient triggers erections, improves eyesight, and even relieves nerve pain throughout the body in days with no harmful side effects

By J. C. Anderson

Associated Health Press

AHP—It is not often that another country beats the U.S. to a medical breakthrough. So when it happens, you know it's something special. That's why doctors and men with high blood sugar are so excited that China's new blood sugar pill is now available in America without a prescription.

Sold under the brand name Sugasil, the new pill contains active ingredient works to restore blood flow and nitric oxide to nerves that have been damaged by high blood sugar, which triggers erections, improves eyesight, and even relieves nerve pain throughout the body.

News of this amazing pill is creating hundreds of calls a day to the small company that developed it. One doctor says it is the greatest medical groundbreaking since the discovery of penicillin.

Triggering All Day Arousal And Longer Lasting Erections

Scientists in China have discovered a natural compound with a known ability to trigger arousal and help men achieve erections more easily. This compound is not a drug. It is the active ingredient in Sugasil.

Sugasil is at the forefront in a new class of diabetic neuropathy compounds called *Triterpenes*. The word '*Triterpenes*' is a scientific term that simply means the pill works by safely removing sugar from the blood allowing it to flow properly through the nerves to penis and genitals, resulting in harder erections which last longer.

But what makes Sugasil so remarkable is that also directs a small portion of this blood flow to the brain, which creates feelings of intense arousal. In laymen's terms, users become incredibly excited and turned on.

The clinical trials were conducted by U.S. scientists from the Clinic of Endocrinology and Metabolic Disorders. In the studies, men between the ages of 40 and 60 who were suffering from erectile problems due to high blood sugar took the active ingredient in Sugasil. They were instructed to take it daily without making changes to their current diet or lifestyle.

The results were stunning. The participants who took the pill as directed were able to achieve significantly bigger, harder, and longer lasting erections.

They also showed improvements in orgasms, sexual desire and overall sexual satisfaction. This active ingredient has even been shown to be more powerful than testosterone treatments for improving the strength of orgasms.

With results like these, it's easy to see why sales of Sugasil are booming.

"Sugasil has been awesome for my sex drive



More Than Just Blood Sugar Pill: Doctors are now recommending new Sugasil to their patients. Studies show it triggers erection, improves eyesight, and even relieves pain, tingling and numbness in the back, hands, legs in days without side effects or drug interactions.

and performance! I feel more confident in bed... more frequent erections at night and in the morning," said Robert Parker from Austin, Texas.

How It Works

Sugasil is two-a-day pill before a meal. The pill is small. Easy to swallow. No prescription needed. There are no harmful side effects, and it can be taken safely alongside any other medications.

Research shows that high blood sugar can injure nerve fibers throughout your body. Nerve problems can occur in every organ system, including the digestive tract, heart, and sex organs.

In a clinical trial, users using these active ingredients reported the ability to open jars or grip cups with greater strength and less discomfort. They even report being able to sleep again with greater comfort and less leg pain.

Another study published in the Diabetes Care Journal showed a 50% reduction in neuropathic symptoms including burning pain, stabbing pain and asleep numbness in just 3 weeks.

"My left hip joint was so stiff and painful I could barely get to sleep at night," said Tom W. of Oregon. "but since using Sugasil my pain and stiffness has been relieved, and I am now able to get a good night's rest again," he added.

"I also noticed my eyesight becomes more and more clear... even saw an increased sense of well-being, vitality and sexual performance in the first 30 days," said Tom.

Restoring Vision Loss In Weeks

High blood sugar retinopathy is a leading cause of vision-loss in elderly people globally. This is when chronic high blood sugar levels cause damage to the tiny blood vessels in the retina.

Scientists believe the active ingredients in Sugasil contain a potent antioxidant that protects the retina against free radical damage.

The clinical study has shown that this ingredient not only protects the eye, but also actually improves vision. After just 12-weeks, users in one trial see improvements in reading vision, night vision, near and distance focus. These results are amazing!

"When they told me I passed the eye exam, I was amazed. I'm so glad I tried Sugasil... I can read my cell phone screen better now! Even the small stuff," said Iverson George, from Seattle, WA.

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PICK 2

Sept. 3N	8-5
Sept. 3D	4-8
Sept. 2N	4-7
Sept. 2D	0-5
Sept. 1N	9-1
Sept. 1D	4-1
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 3

Sept. 3N	7-0-5
Sept. 3D	3-1-8
Sept. 2N	4-1-8
Sept. 2D	6-7-1
Sept. 1N	3-5-9
Sept. 1D	2-7-7
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 4

Sept. 3N	1-4-5-0
Sept. 3D	5-7-5-8
Sept. 2N	9-1-1-2
Sept. 2D	2-1-4-9
Sept. 1N	8-6-6-1
Sept. 1D	7-9-5-9
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 5

Sept. 3N	0-6-3-6-1
Sept. 3D	0-7-2-0-8
Sept. 2N	3-3-8-0-3
Sept. 2D	6-2-9-9-3
Sept. 1N	5-0-3-9-3
Sept. 1D	9-0-4-0-7
D-Day, N-Night	

FANTASY 5

Sept. 3	Late
Sept. 2	1-7-11-21-29
Sept. 1	18-24-25-27-30

PAYOUT FOR SEPT. 2

1 5-digit winner	\$229,060.86
308 4-digit winners	\$119.50
10,272 3-digit winners	\$11.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Sept. 3	19-22-24-31-37
Cash Ball	1

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Aug. 30	5-45-50-52-53
Cash Ball	1

PAYOUT FOR AUG. 30

0 5-5 CB	\$1,000/Day
0 5-5	\$1,000/Week
3 4-5 CB	\$2,500
4 4-5	\$500

LUCKY MONEY

Aug. 31	15-22-23-24
Lucky Ball	17

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Aug. 28	5-18-27-32
Lucky Ball	9

PAYOUT FOR AUG. 31

0 4-of-4 LB	\$1.75 million
4 4-of-4	\$1,494.00
35 3-of-4 LB	\$374.00
627 3-of-4	\$61.50

LOTTO

Sept. 1	20-23-24-41-47-51
Aug. 29	15-20-23-36-38-44
Aug. 25	1-3-19-22-33-37

PAYOUT FOR SEPT. 1

0 6-digit winners	\$2.5 million
15 5-digit winners	\$5,357.50
740 4-digit winners	\$90
16,041 3-digit winners	\$5.50

ESTIMATED JACKPOT

\$3 million

POWERBALL

Sept. 1	11-54-55-61-66
Powerball	9

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Aug. 29	25-41-53-57-67

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■ CHARLOTTE STONE CRABS

A professional approach predicated by passion

By BEN BAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Stone Crabs pitching coach Steve "Doc" Watson began his baseball sojourn, playing for a county team as a 7-year-old. However, the roster of the team was composed of 12-year-olds. The team was based in Gibsonton, and he found himself manning second base, playing for Bill Rice, who served in the capacity as the team's coach.

Rice along with Claude Tanner and Watson's parents created the East Bay Little League, now a Cal Ripken Jr. League, providing an environment conducive to an inherent part of Watson's character.

"I just loved the game," said Watson. "It was natural for me to be on the baseball field. It's where I felt comfortable. I wasn't afraid to be out there with bigger older kids. I enjoyed it. It didn't bother me to get out there and mix it up with them."

Progress and evolution

Rice provided Watson with his first opportunity to play, and his passion for the sport would flourish and evolve from those earlier experiences. Watson had the good fortune to play against a number of talented players from an early age.

"When I was 12, our all-star team lost to Belmont Heights," said Watson. "I was pitching against Dwight Gooden and Vance Lovelace. They had Vance, (Gary) Sheppard and Dwight on that team. We all played against each other through American Legion and high school."

For Watson, baseball was life, and it was those early experiences that helped transform him, not only as an athlete but as an individual.

"It was like any Little League experience," said Watson. "You had your core friends, and when you weren't playing and practicing, you were on a field somewhere playing and practicing with each other."

No place like home

Gibson provided an embracing and self-controlled environment, where everyone looked out for one another. Even when Watson was in high school, it wasn't uncommon to find the future professional baseball player and a number of his friends at the IGA grocery store parking lot, playing Wiffle ball or cork ball deep into the night, with the town's sheriff serving as a spectator, watching the game while sitting on the hood of his car.

"It was a small tight community," said Watson. "It was a farming town. You didn't go anywhere without seeing someone you knew, or who knew you. Everyone had a lot of parents growing up."

Watson's high school ended up losing the state title his senior year to a team from Miami, with the game being played at Al Lopez Stadium in Tampa. The team he lost to featured former major league player and current Rays broadcaster Orestes Destrade.

Interest and attention

It was while making a start against Lovelace, that Watson caught the eyes of a number of major league scouts, who were in attendance to watch the opposing starter, who was pitching for Hillsborough High School. Watson out-dueled Lovelace 1-0. He was approached by a



PHOTO BY BEN BAUGH

Stone Crabs pitching coach Doc Watson.

scout from the New York Mets, who handed him his business card, a keepsake that he still has today, and it was after that he began receiving more interest.

"That got me on the radar," said Watson.

A propitious meeting

However, it was another scout, who also came up to Watson that night, that would make an indelible impression, a person who he maintains a close relationship to this day. The chance meeting would also provide the future pitching coach with something that has been part of his life ever since that fateful encounter.

"Then the same night, a scout, we became really good friends, named George Zura, who worked for this organization (Tampa Bay Rays) for several years. made a comment to a reporter. He called me Doc Watson, and that was the headline in the Tampa Tribune. That's how I got my nickname. Any success I've had in this game, I credit him and Jimmy Hoff."

Watson's eventual signing with Cincinnati came about because Zura was a scout at the time. Watson had been drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers while in high school, and again in the supplemental draft by the Brewers the following January, but didn't sign either time.

"He (Zura) followed me through high school and college," said Watson, who didn't sign because he believed he wasn't mature enough at the time.

He would attend Manatee Community College, and again he would be drafted twice during his freshman year, being selected by the Texas Rangers and the Minnesota Twins, at a time when he was beginning to be exposed to a greater number of experiences.

"Although my love for the game hadn't changed, I was introduced to a lot of new things," said Watson. "I was really trying to figure out what I wanted to do, who I was and if baseball was what I was going to end up pursuing as a career."

He would transfer to Florida Southern after his sophomore year, and in 1981, his team would win the NCAA Division II College World Series, and he would later be selected by the Reds.

A mentor's wisdom

Watson had played for Hoff, while he was a manager in the Cincinnati Reds organization. Hoff would later become the Tampa Bay Rays minor league field coordinator. It was the conversations that he had with Zura, and the opportunity to play for Hoff, that provided him with an in-depth understanding of the game, and increased his baseball IQ, helping to shape the complexion of the man that he is today.

The learning curve was steep for young professional baseball players, and when Watson was a member of the Tampa Tarpons, he didn't have the luxury of having a large coaching staff to work with. Hoff served as the manager, pitching coach, hitting coach, batting practice pitcher, and was all things to his players, said Watson.

Players had to rely on one another far more often than they do today, he said. They would share how they threw a specific pitch, and if the other pitcher noticed it was better than theirs, they would ask how to use it and when to use it, said Watson, who would complete his degree at Florida State, a place where his future wife, whom he met as a freshman, was completing her degree.

Making the transition from starter to reliever

Initially a starter, Watson made the transition to becoming a reliever, once again he was faced with a mercurial learning curve, quickly making the adjustment to his new role. He led the Florida State League in appearances, as a member of the Tampa Tarpons in 1983, with 55.

"Mentally there wasn't a blueprint, if you felt good, you pitched," said Watson, when making the adjustment to pitching back-to-back days."

There was a stretch where the Tarpons played back-to-back double headers, and then two single games, and Watson had two saves, a win and a no decision.

"In the no decision, I remind Hoffy (Jim Hoff) about this, when we talk about pitching and bullpen usage," said Watson. "In the no decision, I threw one pitch and gave up a home run that tied the game back up in extra innings. He came up to me, and the only thing he said to me, 'If I knew you were going to do that, I would've put you in, in the eighth, and we would've been on the bus by now. God bless him because he had a sense of humor about it. I was feeling pretty low at that point."

The opportunity to transition from being a starter to a reliever under Hoff was one of his greatest experiences, said Watson.

"It forced me to push myself farther than I thought I could go physically," said Watson. "Again, it was in the Florida State League. Anyone who comes to a game knows what this league can do to you, just from the heat, and I'm talking about the early '80s. The buses, we would call them the iron lungs, a lot of times they wouldn't have air conditioning. There was no pregame meal and no post game meal. Food wasn't allowed in the clubhouse. We were making about \$600 a month before taxes."

Powerful roster

The Tarpons were loaded with talent during

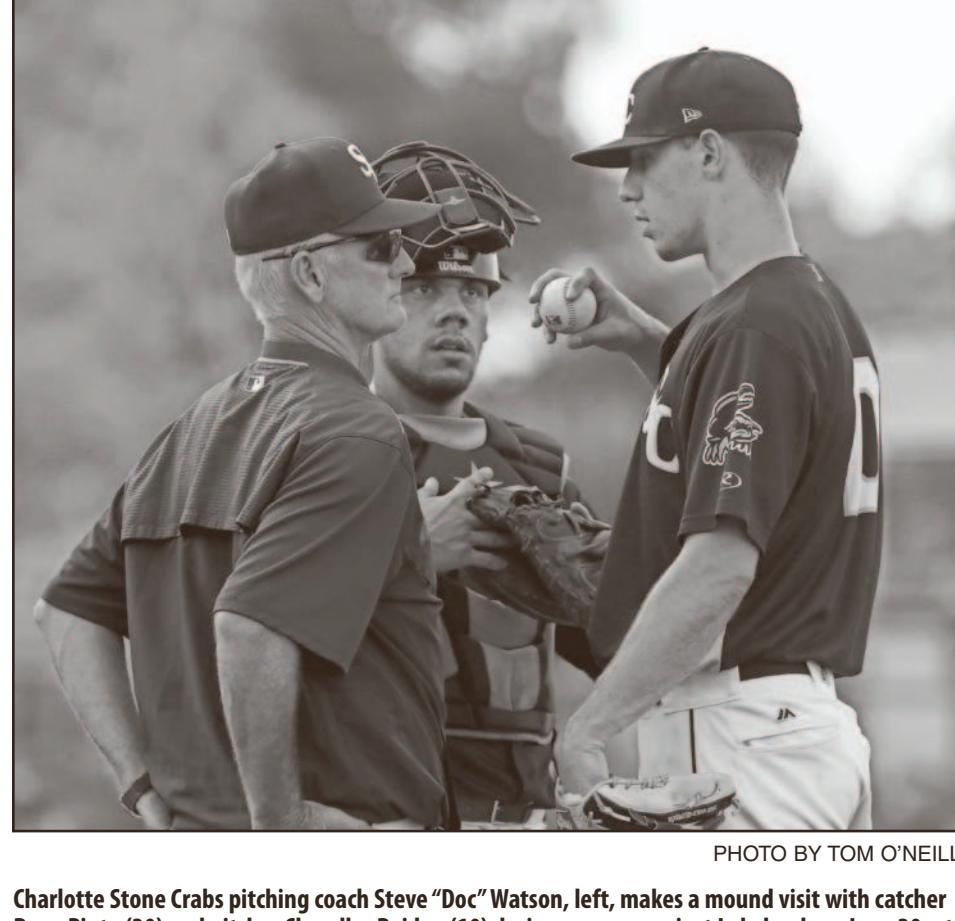


PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Charlotte Stone Crabs pitching coach Steve "Doc" Watson, left, makes a mound visit with catcher Rene Pinto (20) and pitcher Chandler Raiden (10) during a game against Lakeland, on June 20, at Charlotte Sports Park.

Watson's time with the team, and his teammates included Paul O'Neill, Tom Browning, Tracy Jones, Jeff Treadway and Terry McGriff.

"That was a really good club we ran out there," said Watson. "And a lot of those guys had tremendous big league careers."

The Lumber Company

Watson would follow a number of his ex-Cincinnati colleagues to the Steel City, trading in the Big Red Machine for the Lumber Company. He would spend 12 years in the Pirates organization. Larry Doughty, Chet Montgomery and Chuck La Mar were among the ex-Reds contingent who made their way to Pittsburgh.

"At the time, it was a running joke that it was called the Pittsburgh Reds because there was so many of us coming over," said Watson.

Birds and the fish

He would eventually move onto the Baltimore Orioles, eventually becoming the pitching coordinator for the organization.

"I was the only coordinator, so I went all the way from the Dominican to Triple-A. Fortunately, now most clubs will have a lower level, and a guy that covers everything but is primarily focused on the full season and that sort of thing. It's too important to miss anybody."

Watson had an opportunity to manage in the Miami Marlins organization, piloting the Gulf Coast League affiliate.

"I had never managed before, and I thought let's do this, and see what that side of the game is like," said Watson. "I really enjoyed it, and it was a great learning experience. It gave me a whole new appreciation for what managers do."

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"I love Hass to death," said Watson. "He's a tremendous baseball guy. We would sit around after a game, it would be two or three o'clock in the morning, and we'd still be in the around in the clubhouse, just talking baseball."

A call from the Rays

The Stone Crabs visited Jupiter, and current Minnesota Twins pitching coach Neil Allen, who at the time was the Charlotte pitching coach,

and Watson were having a conversation, one that was overheard by Rays pitching coordinator Dick Bosman.

"The position in Port Charlotte may be available, would you be interested," said Bosman.

The Rays called and asked for permission to talk with Watson.

He met with Mitch Lukevitz, who asked Watson why he was there, and that he knew he was there to interview for a pitching coach's job, but there wasn't anything available. He then asked Watson who he knew, and Watson's lengthy career in professional baseball put him in good stead. Pitching coordinators Dick Bosman and Dewey Robinson were also in the room.

"It turned from what was going to be a short interview into a two-hour conversation on pitching," said Watson. "Mitch said, 'I don't know if we're going to have anything available or not. We have a couple of other guys to talk to.'"

Watson was on the way back to Jupiter, had called his wife, having already accepted he was going to return to his previous position, when Lukevitz called.

"He said, 'Do you want the job in Port Charlotte,'" said Watson. "I said, 'Yeah.' I drove right back over, took my stuff out of the apartment in Jupiter, drove home and the rest has been with the Rays."

Making a difference

It's not often that coaches will have the opportunity to work with same players on an annual basis, but there are some players who will repeat a league, said Watson.

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At the professional level, Watson works with pitchers on the mental part of the game, concentrating on the situational aspects of pitching, where they're in the lineup, what the scoreboard is dictating, and what the hitter is trying to do based on his ability, being able to recognize that, and how a pitcher can use that to their advantage.

However, every year there are those pleasant surprises, the pitchers who come into their own, the ones who may have been below the radar.

"You never know what's the one thing that resonates with them," said Watson. "You don't know if you're really reaching the guys, until you see them move up to another level or higher."

Star pupil

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher and American League All-Star Blake Snell, is one of those pitchers who benefited from their time with Watson.

"Blake Snell and I spent many hours sitting in the bullpen before a game," said Watson. "He would get done with his sideline and the team would be coming back for the game. He and I would be still sitting out there, just talking. Sometimes it was baseball, sometimes it was pitching specifics, sometimes it had nothing to do with either one."

"To see the success he's having particularly at the big league level, there's been a lot of guys that have helped him a long the way, so to feel that you're a small part of it..."

It's seeing a pitcher's progression that compels Watson, making it part of his routine, to bring out the optimal best in every prospect.

"It's what drives me to come to the ballpark every day," said Watson. "You just don't know what that one guy's going to hear. You'll hear four or five years later, he'll make a comment in an interview, 'He did hear me. He did listen.'"

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

■ TUESDAY

Volleyball

Port Charlotte At Lemon Bay, 7 p.m.

Charlotte At Island Coast, 7 p.m.

North Port Vs Gulf Coast, 7 p.m.

Venice Vs. Braden River, 7 p.m.

Boys Golf

Lemon Bay Vs. Booker At Palm Aire, 3:30 p.m.

■ WEDNESDAY

Girls Golf

Lemon Bay Vs. Lakewood Ranch, 3:30 p.m.

Swimming And Diving

Charlotte Vs. Port Charlotte, 5 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	95	44	.683	—	—	5-5	W-1	48-18	47-26
New York	86	52	.623	8½	—	5-5	L-2	48-24	38-28
Tampa Bay	74	63	.540	20	8	8-2	W-3	41-24	33-39
Toronto	62	75	.453	32	20	4-6	L-1	34-34	28-41
Baltimore	40	97	.292	54	42	3-7	L-3	24-44	16-53

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	77	60	.562	—	—	4-6	L-3	42-28	35-32
Minnesota	63	74	.460	14	19	2-8	3-3	39-29	24-45
Chicago	56	82	.406	21½	26½	7-3	W-2	28-42	28-40
Detroit	55	83	.399	22½	27½	2-8	L-1	34-34	21-49
Kansas City	46	91	.336	31	36	8-2	W-6	25-45	21-46

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	85	53	.616	—	—	7-3	W-3	38-32	47-21
Oakland	83	56	.597	2½	—	6-4	W-2	42-28	41-28
Seattle	76	61	.555	8½	6	4-6	L-1	38-28	38-33
Los Angeles	66	71	.482	18½	16	3-7	L-2	34-34	32-37
Texas	60	77	.438	24½	22	4-6	W-2	31-41	29-36

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	76	61	.555	—	—	4-6	L-1	37-32	39-29
Philadelphia	72	65	.526	4	—	3½	3-7	L-3	43-26
Washington	69	69	.500	7½	7	5-5	W-1	35-33	34-36
New York	61	75	.449	14½	14	5-5	W-2	28-40	33-35
Miami	55	83	.399	21½	21	4-6	W-1	33-40	22-43

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	81	56	.591	—	—	7-3	L-1	44-24	37-32
Milwaukee	78	61	.561	4	—	7-3	W-2	41-26	37-35
St. Louis	76	62	.551	5½	—	5-5	L-3	37-31	39-31
Pittsburgh	67	71	.486	14½	9	4-6	W-1	36-34	31-37
Cincinnati	59	79	.428	22½	17	3-7	L-1	32-37	27-42

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Colorado	75	62	.547	—	—	5-5	W-5	35-30	40-32
Los Angeles	75	62	.547	—	—	8-2	W-3	38-34	37-28
Arizona	74	63	.540	1	—	1½	3-7	L-3	35-31
San Francisco	68	71	.489	8	—	5-5	L-3	39-30	29-41
San Diego	54	85	.388	22	—	4-6	L-2	27-45	27-40

BOX SCORES

MARLINS 3, PHILLIES 1

PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	B	BB	SO	Avg.	MIAMI	AB	R	H	B	BB	SO	Avg.
Quinn cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.346	Bader cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.275
Santana 1b-3b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.225	Pena c	3	0	0	0	1	3	.200
Herrera lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.264	1-Garcia pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.077
W.Ramos c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.207	Kelly c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Williams rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.263	Flyerty p	2	0	0	0	0	0	.150
Cabrera 3b-ss	3	1	1	1	0	0	.265	Brebbia p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kingery ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	.230	Wisdom 3b	1	0	0	0	0	2	.263
c-Hoskins ph-1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.251	TOTALS	33	3	5	3	3	14	.333
Velasquez p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.189	WASHINGTON	AB	R	H	BB	BB	SO	Avg.
a-Florimon ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.246	Eaton rf	5	0	1	0	1	1	.297
E.Ramos p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Murphy 2b	5	2	1	1	0	1	.270
Morgan p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Turner ss	5	2	1	1	0	1	.270
Arano p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Brinkley lf	2	1	1	3	0	3	.292
d-Bautista ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.197	Harper cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.292
Orlando ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	Rondon 3b	4	0	1	0			

SCOREBOARD

PRO BASEBALL

RESULTS/SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Boston 95 44 .683 —

New York 86 52 .623 8½

Tampa Bay 73 53 .537 20½

Toronto 62 74 .456 31½

Baltimore 40 97 .292 54

CENTRAL DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Cleveland 77 60 .562 —

Minnesota 63 74 .460 14

Chicago 56 82 .406 21½

Detroit 55 83 .399 22½

Kansas City 46 91 .336 31

WEST DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Houston 85 53 .616 —

Oakland 83 56 .597 2½

Seattle 76 61 .555 8½

Los Angeles 66 71 .482 18½

Texas 60 77 .438 24½

Sunday's Games

Detroit 11, N.Y. Yankees 7

Toronto 6, Miami 1

Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 0

Kansas City 9, Baltimore 1

Texas 18, Minnesota 4

Oakland 8, Seattle 2

Tampa Bay 6, Cleveland 4

Houston 4, L.A. Angels 2

Monday's Games

Boston 8, Atlanta 2

Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 2

Houston 4, Minnesota 1

Oakland 6, N.Y. Yankees 3

Kansas City 5, Cleveland 1

Tampa Bay at Toronto, late

L.A. Angels at Texas, late

Baltimore at Seattle, late

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Toronto (Gaviglio 3-7),

7:07 p.m.

Kansas City (Duffy 8-11) at Cleveland (Clevenger 10-7), 7:10 p.m.

Boston (Porcello 15-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-7), 7:35 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Heaney 8-8) at Texas (Minor 10-7), 8:05 p.m.

Detroit (Liriano 3-9) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 10-9), 8:10 p.m.

Minnesota (May 3-0) at Houston (Verlander 13-9), 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Happ 15-6) at Oakland (TBD), 10:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Cobb 4-15) at Seattle (LeBlanc 8-3), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.

Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Atlanta 76 61 .555 —

Philadelphia 72 65 .526 4

Washington 69 66 .500 7½

New York 61 75 .449 14½

Miami 55 83 .399 21½

CENTRAL DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Chicago 81 56 .591 —

Milwaukee 78 61 .561 4

St. Louis 76 62 .551 5½

Pittsburgh 67 71 .486 14½

Cincinnati 59 79 .428 22½

WEST DIVISION W L PCT. GB

Colorado 75 62 .547 —

Los Angeles 75 62 .547 —

Arizona 74 63 .540 1

San Francisco 68 71 .489 8

San Diego 54 85 .388 22

Sunday's Games

Toronto 6, Miami 1

Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia 1

Milwaukee 9, Washington 4

Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 4, 10 innings

N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 1

Colorado 7, San Diego 3

L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 2

Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 1

Monday's Games

Boston 8, Atlanta 2

Washington 4, St. Louis 3, 10 innings

Miami 3, Philadelphia 1

Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 1

Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3

Colorado 9, San Francisco 8

N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, late

San Diego at Arizona, late

Today's Games

Cincinnati (Reed 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-8), 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Mikolas 13-4) at Washington (Fede 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-9) at Miami (Richards 3-7), 7:10 p.m.

Boston (Porcello 15-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 11-7), 7:35 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-4) at Milwaukee (Miley 2-2), 8:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Rodriguez 6-2) at Colorado (Marquez 11-9), 8:40 p.m.

San Diego (Lucchesi 7-7) at Arizona (Ray 4-2), 9:40 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Vargas 5-8) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 6-5), 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Boston at Atlanta, 12:10 p.m.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Miami, 7:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, 7:35 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

San Francisco at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL REGULAR SEASON

All times Eastern

WEEK 1

Thursday's Game

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9

Buffalo at Baltimore, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Houston at New England, 1 p.m.

Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Jacksonville at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.

Washington at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.

Dallas at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.

Seattle at Denver, 4:25 p.m.

Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 10

New York Jets at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.

Los Angeles Rams at Oakland, 10:20 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

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No. 4 Wisconsin 34, W. Kentucky 3

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No. 2 Clemson 48, Furman 7

No. 3 Georgia 45, Austin Peay 0

No. 5 Ohio State 77, Oregon State 31

No. 9 Auburn 21, No. 9 Washington 16

No. 7 Oklahoma 63, FAU 14

No. 10 Penn State 45, Appalachian State 38

No. 12 Notre Dame 24, No. 14 Michigan 17

No. 15 Southern California 43, UNLV 21

No. 16 Texas Christian 55, Southern U. 7

No. 17 West Virginia 40, Tennessee 14

No. 18 Miss. State 63, Stephen F. Austin 6

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Sunday's Game

No. 25 LSU 33, No. 8 Miami 17

Monday's Game

■ NFL

Questions abound, from anthems to rule changes

By BARRY WILNER

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Rules changes and national anthem demonstrations seem to have folks inside and outside the NFL obsessed as the opening kickoff of the season approaches.

Yes, the Super Bowl champion Eagles and Atlanta Falcons will open things on Thursday night in Philadelphia. What many folks wonder: Will there be any social injustice protests during "The Star-Spangled Banner?" And if players, coaches and officials will have a handle on the adjustment to use of the helmet in making a hit.

Not to mention the new kickoff rules and, at last, a catch rule that seems to make sense.

Those are enough issues to grab attention away from Philly's quarterback situation, as well as the progress of the five first-round QB draft choices expected to make their debuts sooner or later.

Or from the return from injuries of Aaron Rodgers, J.J. Watt, Richard Sherman, Deshaun Watson, David Johnson and Odell Beckham Jr., to name a few.

Or Jon Gruden's return to an NFL sideline in Oakland.

Plus, Adam Vinatieri's pursuit of the career points and field goals marks.

What's ahead through the penultimate day of the 2018 calendar?

Rule changes

The preseason has been dominated, even overridden, by discussion of and doubts about the "helmet rule." Basically, any player on offense or defense lowering his head and making contact with any part of the helmet is subject to a 15-yard penalty, a fine, and even an ejection. It's a player safety adjustment for

which "the goal long term is to make the game safer and take out some of these hits that should not be part of the game," says Giants owner John Mara, a member of the competition committee that recommends rules changes to the owners.

The concerns on many levels focus on players adjusting to the tackling requirements and officials mastering such calls at full speed.

Gene Steratore, who recently retired as an NFL (and college basketball) referee, expects the critical tempest to die down quickly.

"Players will adjust because they are that good," says Steratore, now an analyst for CBS after 15 seasons in the league.

"Officials will, too, because they are that good. There will be a learning curve for all of them, but I think in a fast period of time, a trigger moment will come that will show right before that contact if it is worthy of a flag."

The fix to the phrasing of the catch rule should eliminate the kind of calls — on Jesse James, Dez Bryant et al — many found bogus.

"Control. If it looks like a catch and smells like a catch, it's a catch," says Troy Vincent, the NFL's chief of football operations. "(The rule) had become convoluted: what you should do, what you shouldn't do. It should be clear as day. So our job was to simplify and we put it in practical terms."

The other major rule alteration is on kickoffs, where coverage team players no longer can take a running start, and there are regulations on where kick team players can be overall and how they can block.

"This is certainly a way of trying to keep the kickoff in the game and attempting to cut down on high-speed collisions," Mara says. "There are a lot of us who don't want to take the kickoff out

unless we can't find ways to make it safer. It is our most dangerous play."

National anthem

Anticipation of whether players will demonstrate during the national anthem again this year is high, fueled in part by reactions from President Trump. Players argue that their message about the need for change in communities nationwide has been misconstrued by the president and his followers, including many team owners.

With the unilateral policy banning players from any on-field protests during the anthem on hold as owners and players discuss the issue, no one can be sure what's ahead.

Everyone can be sure the topic won't disappear.

"I think part of the problem is that when you continue the rhetoric that this is controversial or this is somehow a negative thing, people treat it as such," Eagles safety Malcolm Jenkins says.

"But we've seen in other leagues when they've decided to amplify the voices of their players to also emphasize the importance of the issues that we're raising, and change the narrative away from the anthem, that not only is it more acceptable, the fan base gets educated on what we're talking about, and we can actually make some movement."

Rookie QBs

Before we reach 2019, it's a near-certainty that Baker Mayfield, Sam Darnold, Josh Allen, Josh Rosen and Lamar Jackson will get onto the field.

Some likely will be starters, maybe even stamp themselves as stars.

Only in Baltimore, where Joe Flacco is the incumbent, is the rookie (Jackson) a long shot to become the No. 1 quarterback this season.

The others — Cleveland's



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 7 photo, Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue, right, draws a penalty by hitting Buffalo Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor (5) with helmet-to-helmet contact in the first half of a wild-card playoff football game, in Jacksonville.

far more experience in coaching.

New York's Pat Shurmur had a short stint in charge in Cleveland and probably didn't get a fair shake. The Giants desperately needed a culture change after the 2017 debacle.

"I have seen just about all I could see from the top of the mountain to having the second pick in the draft," Mara says.

"Last year still is somewhat of a shock to me, going from a preseason Super Bowl contender to being the second-worst team in the league. It was a perfect storm, just an avalanche of injuries, locker room issues, a relatively inexperienced head coach (Ben McAdoo) who hadn't had to deal with any of that in the past, and some draft classes not all that productive. And it adds up to a bad season."

Oakland also comes off a bad season following a playoff appearance, and the Raiders made the biggest splash by bringing back (and out of the broadcast booth) Jon Gruden. There's lots of excitement in the Black Hole and throughout the

Bay Area about Gruden, who clearly has stamped his personality on the roster by trading his best player, holdout pass rusher Khalil Mack.

"I love the Raider fans, I love Oakland, and that's the primary reason why I'm standing here," he says.

Pursuing history

Vinatieri is a marvel. The NFL's oldest player at 45, he begins his 23rd pro season in range to pass Hall of Famer Morten Andersen as the leading scorer. He was dependable for a decade in New England and then a dozen years in Indianapolis.

He needs seven field goals to pass Andersen (565) for the most field goals. Andersen scored 2,544 points in a league-record 382 games and Vinatieri needs 58 points to break the record.

"It's one of those things that I haven't really thought too much about it," he says. "I'm still just trying to help my team win games and keep on putting chapters in this book, and if that happens, fantastic."

■ NFL: Jacksonville Jaguars

Jaguars' Moncrief takes on bigger role without Lee

By MARK LONG

AP SPORTS WRITER

JACKSONVILLE — It wasn't too long ago that veteran receiver Donte Moncrief was buried on Jacksonville's depth chart.

Moncrief had fallen behind Marqise Lee, Keelan Cole, Dede Westbrook and even rookie DJ Chark after missing a week of practice because of a sore knee.

Now, four weeks later and following a devastating injury to Lee, Moncrief might be the team's go-to guy heading into the season opener at the New York Giants.

He certainly is the unwitting leader of that position group and will be counted on to fill a void created when Lee hurt his left knee in the preseason and was placed on injured reserve.

"The young guys, they look at me as an older guy," Moncrief said. "I

just told them, 'Anybody can be great.' It just takes the time and passion to go out there and want to be great. Go out there and make plays every day, not just in a game, also in practice, so you can build the trust when it comes down to game time."

The Jaguars trusted Moncrief enough to give him a one-year, \$9.6 million contract in free agency. The deal was fully guaranteed, a move general manager Dave Caldwell felt he had to do with so much uncertainty at receiver.

Jacksonville figured Allen Robinson was gone, was unsure Lee would re-sign, and planned to part with Allen Hurns. The team also had no idea it would get Chark in the second round of the draft.

So the Jags targeted Moncrief, hoping his big-play ability would

help spread out defenses designed to slow down Jacksonville's run-first approach.

The 6-foot-2 Moncrief caught 152 passes for 1,875 yards and 18 touchdowns in four years with Indianapolis. He missed 11 games the last two seasons because of shoulder and toe injuries. He also endured quarterback chaos, with Andrew Luck, Jacoby Brissett, Matt Hasselbeck, Scott Tolzien and Josh Freeman throwing him passes.

"Just having a chip on my shoulder to go out and show what I actually can do and have a healthy year and come out here and compete and show the league what I've got," Moncrief said. "I know what I'm capable of and I'm going to hold myself to it."

Jacksonville is counting on it now, especially without Lee.

Harvard guy, that's part of it. And obviously, he's been around the block."

Right tackle Demar Dotson said Winston's presence is felt by every employee at the Bucs' training facility.

"One thing I love about him most, not just as a

football player, but the way he conducts himself around the building," Dotson said. "He'll go up to, let's just say the lawn guy, but he'll call him by their name. It might be Nate who pushes the trash can around here, and he's like, 'what's up,

■ NFL: New York Giants

Giants' Saquon Barkley eager for much-hyped debut

By TOM CANAVAN

AP SPORTS WRITER

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — There's no doubt halfback Saquon Barkley is the most-hyped rookie to join the New York Giants since future Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor donned the blue in 1981.

Within weeks of being taken second overall in the draft, the likable 21-year-old from Penn State had the hottest-selling jersey in the NFL. Seemingly half the kids wearing jerseys at training camp had his No. 26 look.

When he touched the ball in camp, there were 'oohs and aahs' from the fans, and visions of him going to the house in the regular season to help revive a franchise that went 3-13 last season, the second-worst record in the league.

Dream time is over. With the season opener at home against 2017 AFC

runner-up Jacksonville on Sunday, it's time for Barkley to live up to the hype, just as Taylor did after also being taken with the No. 2 overall pick.

"I just want to play," Barkley said after a short practice Monday. "It's finally here. The season is finally here. I didn't get to play as much as I would like in the preseason, but now it's here and it counts now, so I am just excited to get on the road. You can tell, the energy of the team is high and we're all just excited for this game and this season."

Barkley had four carries in the preseason for 43 yards. The number was originally reported as five after the first preseason game against Cleveland, but an official review slightly changed it.

It stayed at four after Barkley slightly strained a hamstring on Aug. 13 and didn't play in the final three preseason games.

that than as a football player."

But it's the football player the Bucs will miss Sunday against the Saints. Fitzpatrick went 2-1 as a starter for Tampa Bay last season, beating the Jets and Dolphins before losing to Atlanta.

It was a precautionary move.

"The one week I didn't get that much practice, but after that I was back on my normal schedule," he said. "I feel pretty confident and I feel pretty good. I just have to continue to attack practice and get better."

For the next week, Barkley plans to immerse himself in watching videotapes of the Jaguars' defense, a group that last season was the best in franchise history and is loaded with Pro Bowl players.

Barkley has set some personal goals, but he hopes to focus on his next play.

"I'm not a numbers type of guy who says I need this many yards, this many touchdowns," Barkley said. "My goal is to attack every single day and get better every single day. The rest of the stuff will take care of itself."

"That was probably the biggest difference for me," Bajakian said. "We've been out here on the field where he's been out or limited before. But the offensive meeting room, when that seat is empty, it almost feels like something is off."

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Fitzpatrick. "He's the type of guy people end up liking the first time they meet him. He's got a good sense of humor. He's dry with his wit. Being a

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Florida

Chauncey Gardner-Johnson on Gators' streak over Kentucky: 'It'll be 32 after Saturday'

By MATT BAKER

TAMPA BAY TIMES

GAINESVILLE — Florida defensive backs typically don't lack for confidence. That's certainly the case this week against Kentucky, which has a 31-game losing streak to the Gators.

"It's 31, right?" defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson said Monday. "It'll be 32 after Saturday."

"At the end of the day, they got some good players. They're disciplined. They play us hard every year. They coming in with a chip on their shoulder that they can beat us. It's going to be in The Swamp. So, at the

end of the day, our team though is capable, and we know what's going to happen Saturday. We just got to go out there and play, execute our game plan and just do what we got to do."

The last guarantee I remember coming from the Gators didn't work so well. Remember when the ducks pulled the truck in Knoxville?

Regardless, coach Dan Mullen said the past is irrelevant to the SEC opener.

"I imagine someday the streak will be broken," Mullen said. "That's just the nature of sports, right? I don't want to be the one that does it."



AP PHOTO

Charleston Southern quarterback London Johnson (1) is sacked by Florida defensive back Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (23) for a 7-yard loss during the first half on Saturday, in Gainesville.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Miami

Richt's message to Miami: All goals are still within reach

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP SPORTS WRITER

CORAL GABLES — Mark Richt's tenure as coach at Miami has been a constant run of streaks: Win his first four games, then lose his next four, then win 15 consecutive times, and now lose another four in a row.

He's ready for the pendulum to start swinging the other way again.

And it should begin moving in that direction Saturday, when the Hurricanes host Savannah State. Beating an overmatched opponent this coming weekend won't dull the sting from a season-opening 33-17 loss to LSU — but in a very disappointed locker room after that game, Richt tried to convince his team that every trophy they want to touch this season is still within reach.

Malik Rosier — who was 15 for 35 against LSU — might even hear some boos from fans at Miami's home opener against Savannah State.

Rosier had moments where he looked fantastic, leading two touchdown drives that got Miami within some sort of striking distance in the final 15 minutes. He also had more than a few moments where he misfired, sometimes badly. LSU picked Rosier off twice, had plenty of other interception opportunities, and had no trouble putting him under pressure.

"He certainly made a few great throws and made some great plays," Richt said. "We just dug the hole so deep, it was very difficult to dig out. But we did make it interesting there for a minute. That's about the best I can say for that."

Rosier started 6 for 10 passing. He then completed four of his next 15 throws, with two interceptions in that stretch, as the game turned into an LSU runaway.

"We have a long season," Rosier said. "I feel like if we go out and we win every game ... we still have a chance."

In other words, this is where a hot streak would come in handy.

Miami should still be favored, probably considerably, in each of its next four games. Savannah State is a FCS school that's dropping to Division II next year and is coming off a 52-0 loss to UAB. The Hurricanes then go to Toledo, play host to FIU and conference foe North Carolina.

Win all those, and LSU becomes a distant memory.

Slip up again, and who knows what happens from there.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Stat Watch

AP PHOTO

North Texas quarterback Mason Fine (6) prepares to begin a play against SMU on Saturday.

Mighty Fine: North Texas QB completes nation-best 40 passes

By ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE
FOOTBALL WRITER

The nation's top returning passer is off to another impressive start.

North Texas' Mason Fine hit a career-high 40 of 50 passes in the Mean Green's 46-23 win over SMU on Saturday for the most completions in a Football Bowl Subdivision game. His 444 passing yards were a weekend best and ranks No. 2 nationally this season to the 537 by Colorado State's K.J. Carta-Samuels against Hawaii on Aug. 25.

Fine, a junior from Pegg, Oklahoma, was Conference USA offensive player of the year in 2017 after completing 63.4 percent of his passes for 4,052 yards and 31 touchdowns.

Fine has emerged as one of the top Group of Five quarterbacks. North Texas was the only FBS program to offer him a scholarship, largely because he was just 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds when he was a high school senior. He now weighs 185.

Two seasons and one game into his career, he's a 63-percent passer and already No. 5 on the school career passing yards chart (6,068).

200 Club

The first three members of this season's 200-yard rushing club are Texas A&M's Trayveon Williams, Mississippi's Scottie Phillips and Syracuse's Eric Dungey.

Williams went for 240 yards on 20 carries against Northwestern State before leaving early in the third quarter. It was the second-best rushing performance in A&M history behind the 297 yards Bob Smith ran for against SMU in 1950.

Phillips, a junior-college transfer for Mississippi, had 204 yards on 16 runs against Texas Tech, the most by an Ole Miss running back making his debut.

Dungey turned in the fourth 200-yard rushing game by a quarterback in Atlantic Coast Conference history when he went for a career-high and school QB-record 200 against Western Michigan.

Hangin' 70

Seven teams hit the 70-point mark all last season. Three hung at least that many points on overmatched opening opponents.

Fresno State's 79-13 win

over Idaho marked the most points by a Football Bowl Subdivision team since Missouri scored the same number against Delaware State in 2016. Ohio State matched its record for points in an opener, set against Bowling Green two years ago, by beating Oregon State 77-31. Nevada beat Portland State 72-19, tying the most scored by the Wolf Pack at home since a 72-0 win over North Texas in 1991.

Long plays

The bar has been set for longest plays from scrimmage. Longest pass belongs to Colorado's Steven Montez, who connected with Laviska Shenault for an 89-yard touchdown against Colorado State. Justice Hill of Oklahoma State has the longest run, a 92-yarder against Missouri State that ended 2 yards short of the end zone.

Stat of the week

Feleipe Franks threw five touchdown passes in the first half against Charleston Southern in Dan Mullen's first game coaching Florida. The Gators threw a total of 10 TDs in 2017 under Jim McElwain and Randy Shannon.

athletes even more would not hurt college sports. "This shows that fans don't really care about payments to student athletes," Berman said. "As for academic integration, that is a falsity as athletes aren't integrated now and indeed schools are building lavish facilities where they say the athlete never has to leave. Check out the YouTube video of the new Clemson facility."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL:
South Florida

Know the foe: Georgia Tech

By JOEY KNIGHT

TAMPA BAY TIMES

A look at Georgia Tech, which faces USF at noon Saturday at Raymond James Stadium (on ABC):

Nickname: Yellow Jackets
Record: 1-0 (defeated Alcorn State, 41-0, on Saturday)

Coach: Paul Johnson (11th season at Georgia Tech, 76-54; 22nd season overall, 183-93)

Preseason rank: None

The breakdown: While the Jackets' 41-0 romp of Alcorn State (which received a \$375,000 paycheck) appeared impressive on paper, Johnson was underwhelmed with his offense. Senior QB TaQuon Marshall, in his second year of operating Georgia Tech's flexbone triple option, completed only four of 12 passes in the first half and finished 9-for-18. "He can play so much better than he played (Saturday)," Johnson said. For Marshall, who completed only 37.1 percent of his passes last season, being able to stretch the field periodically is essential to the effectiveness of Johnson's scheme, which churned out 439 rushing yards Saturday. In their base formation, the

Jackets will employ two outside receivers, two "A-backs" (wingbacks), a B-back (fullback) and no tight end. The result is some midline option, inside veer and other ground variations requiring tremendous eye discipline by defenders.

Four players ran for at least 70 yards Saturday, but 208-pound junior B-back KirVonte Benson (a 1,000-yard rusher last season) may be the most dangerous. The backs are protected by a veteran front; three linemen who started Saturday were returners. Defensively,

the Jackets — who run a 3-4 under new coordinator Nate Woody — held the Division I-AA Braves to 146 total yards and let them cross midfield only twice (once on a fumble).

Odds & ends: The Bulls and Yellow Jackets never have played each other.

... Johnson typically uses no play sheet, instead sending in plays via his receivers. ... Bulls defensive coordinator Brian Jean-Mary spent six seasons at Tech (2004-09) as linebackers coach, the last two under Johnson.

He left to join Charlie Strong's inaugural staff at Louisville. ... The Jackets roster includes Plant alumnus Kyle Cerge-Henderson, a senior defensive end who had two tackles against Alcorn State.

Audible: "The thing we've got to do is get off blocks. It's going to come down to assignment football — who has the QB, who has the dive, who has the pitch. If we can get all three of those things handled, then we have a chance. We know this, offensively, our possessions are going to be limited because they're a ball-control offense. So when we do get the ball on offense, we've got to take advantage of the opportunities." — USF coach Charlie Strong

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agree to set prices. In this case the price being payments to athletes. Now it's the NCAA's burden at this trial to show that the restraint is justified by some pro-competitive justification."

The NCAA counters that altering amateurism rules would lead to pay-for-play, fundamentally damaging college sports and harming academic integration of athletes.

"As was demonstrated in the O'Bannon case, the NCAA will show that our rules are essential to

providing educational opportunities to hundreds of thousands of student-athletes across the country," NCAA general counsel Donald Remy said in a statement.

"We are proud that many student-athletes can receive a college education debt-free, access to resources that ensure greater academic success, and an experience that will pay dividends for a lifetime. Allowing paid professionals to replace student-athletes on college campuses would change the face of college sports as we know it."

The bench trial will be

heard and decided by Judge Claudia Wilken of the Northern District of California in Oakland. Wilken is the same judge who ruled on the so-called O'Bannon case, which challenged the NCAA's right to use athletes' names, images and likenesses without compensation. The case produced a mix ruling that eventually went to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Wilken ruled schools should be permitted, but not required, to compensate athletes for use of their name, image and likeness, with payments capped at \$5,000 per

year. The appeals court overturned that and said payments "untethered" to education were not required by schools.

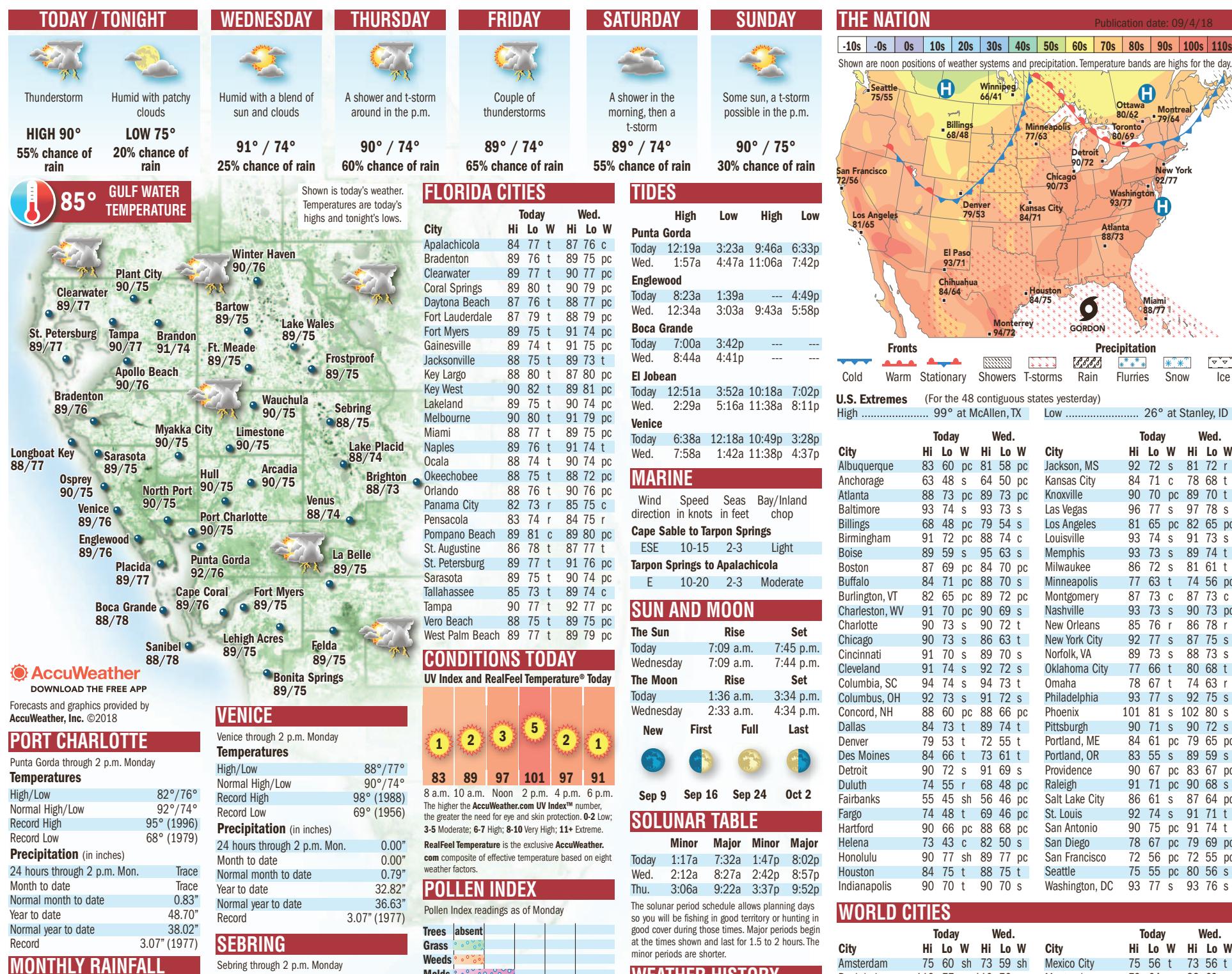
Wilken also ruled the NCAA is required to allow schools to factor in their federally determined cost of attendance into the value of an athletic scholarship. That is now common practice in major college sports, though schools were already moving toward NCAA legislation allowing for cost of attendance when Wilken made her ruling.

The plaintiffs will argue implementation of cost-of-attendance stipends prove paying

athletes even more would not hurt college sports.

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**PORT CHARLOTTE**

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low	82°/76°
Normal High/Low	92°/74°
Record High	95° (1996)
Record Low	68° (1979)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon.	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.83"
Year to date	48.70"
Normal year to date	38.02"
Record	3.07" (1977)

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month 2018 2017 Avg. Record/Year

Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80	9.93/2016
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52	11.05/1983
Mar.	0.53	0.80	3.28	9.26/1970
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03	5.80/1994
May	15.98	2.74	2.50	15.98/2018
Jun.	6.23	14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.	9.80	9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.	12.37	13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.	Trace	12.46	6.84	14.03/1979
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88/1995	
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002	
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002	
Year	48.70	60.36	50.74	(since 1931)

Totals are from a 24-hour period ending at 5 p.m.

VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low	88°/77°
Normal High/Low	90°/74°
Record High	98° (1988)
Record Low	69° (1956)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.79"
Year to date	32.82"

Normal year to date	36.63"
Record	3.07" (1977)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Monday

Temperatures

High/Low	83°/75°
Normal High/Low	90°/74°
Record High	98° (1988)

Precipitation (in inches)

24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon.	0.34"
Month to date	0.34"

AIRPORT

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

Hi/Lo	89/75	Outlook	all day
Punta Gorda	92/76	storms	all day

Sarasota	89/75	storms	all day
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playoff event outside Philadelphia.

And he would appear to be a shoo-in to be one of U.S. captain Jim Furyk's three Ryder Cup picks to be announced Tuesday. The idea is to find the hottest player to fill out the team, and no one has been close to DeChambeau over the last two weeks.

The 24-year-old Californian is known as