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## Contract for Bowden OK'd for four years

Sarasota County Schools leader survives meeting filled with angst SARASOTA - The Sarasota County School Board approved Bowden's contract Tuesday amid controversy over its supermajority vote clause. That clause involves requirements for firing a four board members must agree.
The contract was approved 3-2, with mem bers Bridget Ziegler and
Eric Robinson dissenting Eric Robinson dissenting The four-year con-
tract went into effect Wednesday and ends June 30, 2023. The contract increases Bowden's salary each year, from
the current $\$ 197,000$ to $\$ 222,000$ by $2022-23$. The contract faced
tough opposition from Robinson and Ziegler who voiced concerns at a workshop Tuesday. The wo hashed out their con cerns again at
later that day. "I knew it, but now it's clear, that this contract is put out simply to stop the will of the people at the next election," Robinson said. "That is politics. You can't get more political than that if we're doing this contract to stop the
will of the people at the next election, to stop next election, to stop their voices are heard." Robinson questioned why the board needed a supermajority vote to fire the superintendent. He suggested the board require a simple majority vote if Bowden was termi argued a supermajority vote would prevent the
board from removing the superintendent for violating laws or ethics. "In that situation, you would have two people who knew that he violatviolated ethics, but didn' want to do something for the best interest of the district," Robinson said. "To me, that's plain politics, so why would you not have the simple, majority if it's for cause." School Board Vice Zucker, who supported Zucker, who supported said it would keep the superintendent from being "fired on a whim." "Let's understand what's really happening here," Zucker said. There is a push to get another board member CONTRACT|4

## Can there be peace at Gilchrist Park?

PG Council approves sound barrier as pickleball divisions strengthen

## By DANIEL SUTPHIN

 taff WriterPickleball play at Gilchrist Park continues to divide the Punta Gord community. Onandful of homeowner who live across the street from the park along West Retta Esplanade who wan pickleball play stopped, altogether.
On the other side, you have the hundreds of residents - year-round and seasonal - that play the game at the park and
don't really want anything to change, unless that change means adding ange means adding


The Punta Gorda pickleball community was out in force at Wednesday's City Council meeting at 326 W. Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda.
more courts.
Noise from the game has been the major issue from homeowners since AtWednesday's City Council meeting, counci members approved a
motion to purchase and develop two, 10 -foot-tall sound barrier walls along
the southwest sides of the eight courts. The project is estimated to cost the city

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Frank Mowery and Sonja Jordan-Mowery look over some of the 250 items they have been asked o restore. These items were left by mourners at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. The nightclub was the site of a mass shooting on June 12, 2016. The mass shooting killed 49 people and wounded 53 others.

## Restoring 'the fabric of our humanity'

Venice couple repairs historic documents, including Pulse nightclub memorabilia

## By LARRY R. HUMES <br> Sun Correspondent

VENICE - Two of the world's foremost print conservation experts help restore everything from 600-year-old manuscripts to decades-old presidential documents at their Venice facility. And sometimes, Frank Mowery and Sonja Jordan-Mowery restore recent artifacts that refle
human history.
The Venice couple is currently restoring

about 250 artifacts left behind in the wake of the Pulse nightclub shooting in wake of the Pulse nightclub
Orlando on June 12, 2016.
The massacre by Omar Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 others. Police officers shot and killed Mateen, 29, after a three-hour standoff.
"The items we're restoring were not created for posterity", Jordan-Mowery said. "They were written and drawn on
a variety of materials, from poster board

'If something is wrong, you've got to do something about it' Charlotte democratic political activist Gissendanner dead at 67

By LIZ HARDAWAY Betty Gissendanner pleaded for residents to examine their past election season. stranger to standing up fo what's right. Having marched against racism since she was a young girl in Alabama, she was stood up for those who were

marginalized and forgotten. "If something
is wrong, you've is wrong, you've
got to do something about it," Gissendanner told GISSENDANNER the Sun in 2015 at sary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 . Gissendanner died Wednesday after battling colon cancer. She was 67
"The earthly struggle is no over," Gissendanner's son,
William "Doug" Gissendanne William "Doug" Gissendanne
wrote on her Facebook page wrote on her Facebook page. ken, as this is a pain deeper ken, an any I've ever known, I'm reminded of God's tremendous love for us both, which goes well beyond my comprehension."
Born March 10, 1951,
Gissendaner was Gissendanner was one of
10 children of sharecropper
parents in Alabama. She was the first in her family to graduate from high school
and college, according to and college, according to an interview in September 2018. She
graduated from Troy University with a degree in nursing, and had a graduate degree from Wichita State University, also in nursing.
Growing up in the days of Jim Crow, she was among the first 22 black children to
integrate Dale County High

School. As she was bullied, the principal of the newly integrated public school stood up for her, just as she spent her life
speaking up for the oppressed. speaking up for the oppressed.
The outspoken voice of the Charlotte County Democratic Club served most recently as their vice chair, but has also been the president and treasurer in the past. She also served

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## Former detective enters diversion contract in exposed genitals case

By ANNE EASKER
former detective with A former detective with the Charlotte County a pre-trial diversion contract last week to resolve the case in which he allegedly displayed his genitals to patrons at Leroy's Southern Kitchen in Punta Gorda. on Aug. 24, 2017, but was not brought to ligh was not brought to ligh another officer filed the complaint which resulted in James White's eventual termination. By the time he was fired, White had been on paid adminis-
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Department of Law Enforcement for allegedly trafficking GBL, a controlled substance
used as a party or date rape drug, as well as a muscle-builder. White's attorney, Russell Kirshy, was not involved in the traffick ing case and declined to comment on wheth the Sheriff's Office used the exposure incident as
an excuse to fire White However, Kirshy did state it was a strange case.
"The allegation didn't even come to light until months later," he said. "There was no internal investigation... There was nothing else that happened, and to me any sense. If it was that offensive, why didn't somebody act that day? Why didn't somebody act the next day? Why did they take months and
months until somebody wanted to take any action at all? It's hard to believe anyone was really offended At the time of the had gathered to cele brate Detective Billy Prummell's move from the Criminal Investigations Unit to the Major Crimes Unit. The party started at Hurricane Charley's and
moved to Leroy's, where moved to Leroy's, where "his scrotum and testicles outside of his unzipped fly" in full view of patrons, according to a report.
After the investigation last summer, White was accused of indecent exposure, but prosecutors to a breach of peace. There was some questio whether White exposed his own genitals or fak ones given as a 'gag gift'


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at a woman's adult toy Kirshy said. party. The breach of peace charge will be dismisse
if White successfully if White successfully completes the diversion program. White must ad which include reporting to a diversion officer each month and submit ting to any urinalysis, breathalyzer, or other type of testing the officer orders. He must not
change his residence change his residence and
must not possess, carry or own a firearm during the six-month contract. He is required to pay a $\$ 50$ cost of prosecution and a $\$ 180$, one-time diversion fee.
Unlike most diversion contracts, White was
not required to sign not required to sign
admission of guilt. admission of guilt. to him, because he has said from the beginning he doesn't believe he breached the peace, he said. nobody there com-

Kirshy believes in this case, White was treated more harshly because of his status as a law en forcement officer. Most happen when police come to the scene, and a person is unwilling to calm down and go hom
"In this situation, ther was no disturbance; there was no incident, complaint came to light

months later by anothe officer. The whole thing was just a little on the weird side." Last fall, FDLE wrapped up their in-
vestigation and found probable cause to charge White with trafficking GBL, unlawful use of a two-way communication device, and tampering with or fabricating phys ical evidence, but the declined to prosecute the case. case.

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County Women's Club and Vice Chair of the Democratic Party. Charlotte County Patrick Hurley met with Patrick Hurley met with 2016 election about what needed to be fixed. She asked him: "We all talk about needing to change something. My question to you is: What will you do to make a change?" "She listened to people complain, then action," Hurley said in action," Hurley said in
a statement Wednesday. "She was so effective at that." Hurley said the
Charlotte County Democrats are saddened by her loss, but also hav a collective feeling of luck for having known
her.
"She's people who come through in our lives and has an impact," he said. "She makes people
better. Charlotte County Democrats intend to create a scholarship in hold a special honora program for her at their program for her at their
fundraising event April 13, Hurely said. Gissendanner spent her life fighting for women's rights, civil rights and voting rights. She also spent her time mentoring fo
"If there is an injustic I'm there trying to call I'm there trying to ca
it out and say this is


Betty Gissendanner and former President Barack Obama
wrong," Gissandanner and Cemetery, 9400 told the Sun in 2015. Indian Spring Cemetery She also reminded Road, Punta Gorda, FL others to find common 33950; and Friday from ground, and work with those who tho
differently.
"Remem
Remember, democsport," she said on the Charlotte County Democrats' blog in 2018 "Engage in conversation but talk less about policy and more about our shared values." Gissendanner ran in district 71 back in 2008, narrowly losing to Kenneth Roberson by about 7,000 votes.
Gissendanner's funeral is set for 11 a.m. at Edgewater United Methodist Church Viewings are set
for today from 2:30 3:30 p.m. at Charlotte Memorial Funeral Home

## Split vote over superintendent's contract prompts mixed reactions

## By VICTORIA VILLANUEVA-MARQUEZ Staff Writer

SARASOTA Superintendent Todd Bowden's contract passed in a split vote - a decision that inspired mixed
reactions from board members and residents alike.
The four-year contract stirred controversy in the community after some board members raised permajority vote, which requires four board members to fire the superintendent. Some also worried about the superintendent's guaran teed $\$ 5,000$ annual pay increase.
School Board Member Bridget Ziegler said
Wednesday she was greatly disappointed in the outcome. Ziegler said she was mainly concerned about the supermajority vote, adding that it "hijacks the will of voters."
"I was shocked and find it quite frankly disgusting that members
of our board publicly of our board publicly
admitted that it was to prevent the future boards from being able to make a change with the superintendent," Ziegle said. "That is not the way that a governing board is

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supposed to work."
School Board Member
Shirley Brown, who Shirley Brown, who showed support for the contract, said the controversy and the "battles
against Todd" have been against Todd have been
frustrating strating. Brown defended several of Bowden's controversial decisions, including police force and setting police force and setting gender guidelines that allow students to use the bathrooms, locker room their preferred gender identity.
Three women have previously come forward with allegations of sexual harassment against Bowden, which has also inspired criticism of the superintendent

It is just so frustrating to me that it all comes down to Todd and it's
around things he was cleared for before h hired and it just keeps coming up," Brown said "People were talking about the transgender issue. I'm sorry, that's no going to tell me to vote no on him. That was one that he's done that he stood up for those kids that are being bullied in our school district." Despite opposition from board members, parents and teachers,
one that's up and they one that's up and they
have people set up to run against me ... Now, if you think that's not politics, that is politics at its worst."
Ziegler, like Robinson, continued to express discontent for the supermajority vote.
"We are elected by the voters, and they kick us out if they dont want us
here by a simple majority and we should not tie the hands of voters in the future," Ziegler said. "I believe Dr. Bowden can stand on his own merit and doesn't require a supermajority. I believe that a reason and quite frankly I'm very disappointed" School Board Membe Shirley Brown said the board needs the superma jority vote to protect the district from "capricious actions."
Brown said Robinson asked her on more than in firing the superintendent. Robinson denied th allegation.
Brown asked School Board Attorney Art Hardy to confirm whether Brown has called him to report her claim against Robinson "I try to make sure that each of your conversa-
tions with me remain tionsween us, and I think that's in everyone's best interest," Hardy said. School Board Chairwoman Jane Goodwin, who helped draft the contract, said her intention was "to protect the boardand the superin
Gosition.
Goodwin said she mod eled it after the Orange County superintendent's contract.
"I see this through the lens of Dr. Bowden doing a great job," Goodwin said. "This contract, to me, is seen through that
lens. I believe he's doing lens. I believe hes doing
an exceptional job." an exceptional job." the next four years to be anyone's political pawn. If you want me to be the superintendent for the next four years, then we have an agreement in front of us," said Bowden "I find it really interesting
many of whom expressed frustration at the meet ing, Bowden said he hopes to be judged solely for the performance of the district.

Ilook forward every year to when the
Florida Departm of Education issues report cards because, to me, that's a nice clean evaluation of the school district," Bowden said. "It's very objective, it's clean of politics. I've
set a goal for us to be the number one schoo the number one school
district in the state and all of our actions will be centered on that goal." Bowden said he was not surprised by the outcome and expected the controversy that ensued. "I did, there's a decision making process
that this board seems to go through in which prior to making decisions there's this rallying cry that goes through social media, and so we kind of go through this process, Bowden said. "It's interesting that the debate on contract or our (gender) equity guidelines that debate begins in the community, sometimes before it begins at the dais and then it kind of reaches a crescendo here in board chambers." say, 'How do I get rid of
him?' That wasn't how I negotiated."
Goodwin still faced resistance from Robinson, who did not support extending Bowden's contract for four years, noting that teachers Goodwin said state statute Goodwires teachers to have an annual contract. "I think that we get in danger when we compare our teachers and what the teachers get to the CEO of an organization," Goodwin said. Her comment was followed by an audible gasp from community members
Brown, who served as board chair when Bowden was appointed superintendent, said the salary range in his initial contract was between $\$ 185,000$ and $\$ 225,000$ By the year 2023, Bowden's base salary will reach \$222,000, which the maximum salary for his position. Robinson argued Bowden will still receive a raise regardless of his performance. Robinson and Ziegler gave Bowden a poor evaluation last year, which has caused tension among the board saw the 12-page contra saw the
Friday.
Ziegler made a motion to table the proposed contract until the public could view the final draft. The motion failed in a 3-2 vote. Parents, teachers,
residents and union residents and union meeting to voice their concerns, many of whom stood before the board to express frustration over the contract.
One resident opposed the supermajority vote, calling it "problematic, disgraceful and insulting to the taxpayers of Saraso Another highlighted past controversies Bow has been ing several sexual harassment allegations. One father said Bowden deserved the contract for " ${ }^{\wedge}$ " " A " rating. Community members emptied the room after split vote.


Robert N. Ashley
Robert N. Ashley, 84, of Punta Gorda, formerly of Southboro, MA, passed
 away on
Thursday,
February February
14th after long illness. Born in 1934 in
Natick, MA he was the son of the late Katherine (Schofield) Ashley. Bob joined the US Army in 1953, where he served with honor as a Signal Operator in Hawaii until 1956. After discharge, Bob began his career with AT\&T as a lineman, and later retiring in 1992 as an account executive
He was an attendee of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where he was a usher for many years. An avid boater, Bob was a member of the Isles Yach Club, Past Commodore of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, and a member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Bob and his beloved wi Frances, spent many and inland waterways of Florida in their boat the Double Happiness, as well as taking numerous trips to Europe where he was able to see many of the amazing sights he had read about. Bob will be greatly missed by his wife, Ashley-Serafine, Lawrence Ashley, Robert Ashley, Sue Ashley, Meighan O'Toole, Maura O'Toole and Michael O'Toole, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sister, Naomi Paquette, and brother Scott Ashley as well as many niec and nephews and numerous friends. He by his daughter, Cynthi by his daughter, Cynthia and sister, Judy Ashley. A celebration of Bob's life will be held on Saturday, March 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made of Arcadia, FL or St Vincent de Paul Society in Punta Gorda, FL. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.LTaylorFuneral. com and sign the online guestbook. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services, Punta Gorda, FL.

## Betty Lou Gissendanner

 Betty Lou Charlottenner, 67, of Port away on Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019. Charlotte Memorial \& Crematory is handling arrangements. To send condolences, please visit www.charlottememorial. com
## Julia Ann

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Julia Ann Rodenbeck (nee: Jackson), 86 of
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on August 24 , 1932 in Skowhegan, ME Julia attended Business Colle and built a successfu with the talented team
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and danced as often as she could with he husband, Paul. She and Paul enjoyed meeting new people everywher they went and becoming lifelong friends. To her family, she was known as a loving, strong, and resilient woman. A true matriarch to an adoring family.
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by her parents and by her parents and
sister, Joyce Daily Julia is survived her husband of 27 yea Paul A. Rodenbeck, three sons, Ray (Sherri) Moore of Lebanon Stephen (Pamela) Moore of Lebanon and Jeff (Terry) Moore of Ft Wayne, IN. Eleven (Leslie), Paul (Treva) Robin, Ashley (Ryan), Cory, Taylor, Dustin, Tyler, Timothy Joey (Terri) and Josh. Sixte great grandchildren, Maxwell, Reagan, Hunter, Harper, Amélie, Eleanora, Phoenix, Lexi, Tristan, Abagail Brooklynn, Logan, Ryle Summer, Matthew and Tyler and many friend and extend
members.
on Saturday February 23rd from 10:00AM12NOON with a funera service at 12 NOON all at Lebanon United Methodist Church. Interment in Lebanon Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made Methodist Church Missions. Arrangemen made by Oswald-Hoskins Funeral Home. Online condolences at ww hoskinsfh.com

## ENGLEWOOD

Eunice M. Gault Albritton Eunice M. Gault Albritton, 88 of Placida and the Englewood area passed away on Tuesday Feb. 19, 2019.
Nov. 8,1930 in Arcadia Florida to Walter G. and Louise (Cole) Gault. She is survived by her two sons, Garry (Margaret) and Greg (Elaine) Albritton; sister, Lavohn(Earl) Schworm; two sister-in laws, Betty Grady and Geraldine Barnwell; 4 grandsons and one great
granddaughter and many granddaughter and many nieces and nephews, great and great great cousins and extended family and thousands of friends.
She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John A. Albritton; parents, Walter
G. and Louise (Cole) G. and Louise (Cole)
Gault sister, Patricia (Ralph) Matherly and a brother, W.G Jr; two brother-in-laws, Fred Grady and Earl Barnwell. Eunice was known to many who grew up in the area as well as many new friends as, "Miss. Eunice" and "Aunt Eunice". She will always be remembered as a kind and caring person who help all in need help all in need. service will be held on Sunday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. with visitation starting at 1 p.m. until service time at Lemon Bay Funeral Home in Englewood. Burial will be private at a later date in Oakridge
Cemetery in Arcadia. Memorial donations may be made to Tidewell may be made to Tidewel
Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34238.

## Kateryna (Katrusia) Kobryn

 Kateryna (Katrusia) Kobryn, 83, of North Port, Fherida, passed away on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019.She was born on Aug. 15, 1935 in Zvenyhorod $\square \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Ukraine. } \\ & \text { She moved to North Port in }\end{aligned}$ 1994 from Staten Island, New York. Kateryna was a member of the Presentation of the Holy Mother of God Ukrainian Church, of America, Ukrainian American of America, Ukrainian America National Association, The Ukrainian Museum and Association of Ukrainian Catholics "Providence", She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Atanas of North Port; two sons, Alexander Zenon Kobryn of Lakeland, Florida, Lt. Col. Adrian Ihor Kobryn of Staten Island, New York; a daughter Maria Luba Hirak of Staten Island, New York; two daughters-in-law, Angelita Rios-Kobryn and Janice Lynn Kobryn both of Staten Island, New
York; a sister-in-law, Stefania Osadciw of Buffalo, York; a sister-in-law, Stefania Osadciw of Buffal
New York. She also leaves behind four loving New York. She also leaves behind four loving
grandchildren, Adrienne Halyna Hirak, Alexan grandchildren, Adrienne Halyna Hirak, Alexa Bohdan Kobryn, two great-grandchildren, Victoria Faith Hirak and Natalyna Hope Dominquez and several nieces, nephews and other relatives in the US, Canada and Ukraine. Kateryna was preceded in death by her parents, Vavro and Varvara Osadciw, all her siblings and son, Andrew Bohdan Kobryn in 1994.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 22, at Farley Funeral Home in North Port from 3p.m. will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church in North Port on Saturday, Feb. 23, with entombment to follow at Venice Memorial Garden Farley Funeral Home in North Port is handling the arrangements. A message of condolence may

Matt R. Williams, Jr. Steinecker of Louisville,

Matt R. Williams, Jr.
Matt R. Williams, Jr
was born February 28 1923, in Fort Thomas Kentucky. Sadly, away February 16, 2019, in Englewood, Florida. He proudly served in the United States Air Army Corps as a B-24 pilot, First Lieutenant during WWII. He flew 3 during WWII. He flew 35 missions over Germany,
Normandy, and France. Upon his return to the United States, he became an instructor in the Air Army Corp. Matt R. Williams, Jr. completed his service in 1945 . After the war he
attended the University attended the University
of Kentucky and then earned his master's degree in Floriculture at Ohio State University. During his educational years, he married his wife, Helen in 1948.

Matt's career spread over his 50 years as an accomplished rose grower in Dover, New Hampshire, where he was the owner Co. He also enjoyed apple orchards and orange groves in his later years groves in his later years.
As a family man in Dover he served his community serving on city council, school board and bank boards. He was also active in scouting and men's organizations. Professionally, he served and the American Airline Freight board. After a long-honored career, he and Helen resided in Englewood, Florida. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Helen R. Williams and four children; Matt R Williams, III \& Pam Chaffee of Dover, New
Hampshire; R. Craig Hampshire; R. Craig
Williams \& Ann William of Dover, NH, and Barry W. Williams \& Kathleen Williams of Dover, NH; and Bonnye L. Williams and Darryl Hanks of Hayesville, NC; Six grandchildren \& five great grandchildren; a niece, Mrs. Lynn Steinecke
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er \& Husband Robert

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Payless Shoes and Sears at Port Charlotte Town Center are both expected to close.

## Payless ShoeSource to shutter at Port Charlotte Town Center

Sears is also closing; mall without replacements

| By BRIANNA KWASNIK <br> Staff Writer | Pas |
| :---: | :---: |
| PORT CHARLOTTE <br> -Payless ShoeSource will close its doors at Port Charlotte Town Center soon. <br> The discount shoe retailer filed for bankruptcy protection for the second time last week, and announced it will |  |
| close all 2,500 of its North American stores. Currently, the Port | Payless announced it will close all 2,500 of its North American stores, including the its Port Charlotte Town |
|  | to Port Charlotte Town |
| Signs on the store read, | Center," said Barb |
| "Everything must go!" and | Roche, general manager |
| "Everything on sale. <br> There was a steady stream of customers | for Port Charlotte Town Center. "Our leasing team is in discussions with |
| Wednesday morning, stopping in to peruse the sales. <br> Assistant manager | potential new tenants to fill the space and we will announce plans when we are able." |
| Kristiana Weaver said | Payless is the second |
| "I'm indifferent, only | mall store to close soon. |
|  | Sears located next door also will be closing in late |
| putting up the signs, she was crying." | March. <br> "Washington Prime |
| Weaver said she wasnt | Group, the parent |
| surprised to hear of the | company of Port |
| closing, because she | Charlotte Town C |
| had read an article that alluded to it. | is in active planning and negotiations to transform |
| Payless is no longer | the Sears space," said |
| accepting online orders. No date has been set | Roche. |
| yet for when the Port | dation |
| arlotte Payle |  |
| close. Weaver said possibly | and store fixtures. As of |
| May, depending on inventory. | Wednesday, sales were up to $70-75$ percent off. |
| "For the closing of | Roche said it is too soon |
| Payless ShoeSource, it provides an opportunity to bring new tenants | to discuss redevelopment of the two spaces. <br> Email:brianna.kwasnik@yoursun.com |

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## 'Conversations'

North Port is hosting North Port is ho two "Community help discuss the city's budget. The first one is 6-7:30 p.m. tonight at Toledo Blade Elementary School, 1201 Geranium Ave. A second event takes place from 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at SCF-Venice, at the Sarah H. Pappas Professiona Development Center,
Building 800, Room 801, Selby Room. 8000 S . Tamiami Trail.

## Movie on the

 GreenNorth Port hosts its season of Movies on the Green on Friday with a special view'ing to celebrate the movie is "The Shaggy Dog" that starts at 6:30 p.m. Seating begins about one hour before the film; snacks and entertainment

## Our View

## Farewell to arms, man who planted generational 'kiss'

Wto acknoment toda o acknowledge the passing of one of the
cognizable servicemen most recognizable servicemen of unfamiliar name and iconic image.
George Mendonsa died in Newport, R.I., on Feb. 17 at age 95.

A quartermaster in the Navy, Mendonsa was home on leave Aug. 14, 1945, at Radio City Music Hall with a date when the had surrendered unconditionally and World War II was ended. and World War II was ended.
According to a story in the Washington Post, Mendonsa left the theater - Rockettes stage show or no - and set off for a bar in Times Square. There among the crowd, the young man wearing a dark Nav blue uniform spied a young woman in nurse's whites. He her backwards and planted what her backwards and planted what on her lips.
"V-J Day in Times Square," by the pre-eminent photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt, ran two weeks later in Life Magazine: A full page of celebratory smooch. It was soon reproduced on posters and came to represent of the war's end. A spontaneous national celebration expressed in "The Kiss," as the photo became known. A touchstone of the Greatest Generation. Much later came a 25 -foot statue called "Unconditional Surrender," one of which stands by the bay in downtown Sarasota, just north of Marina Jack. It's not uncommon base, assuming the pose for base, assuming the pose for
smartphone photographers nearby, Instagram to follow. Controversy later ensued ove the identities of the subjects in the photograph. Also, interpretations of the action itself with shifting perspectives as generations have passed More than ever, with heightened sensitivities of the can be viewed as a form of can be viewed as a form of Mendonsa's death emerged this week, a vandal spray-painted a red " $\#$ MeToo" on the nurse's leg. Take that, bully!
Fact is, the woman in the photo, Greta Zimmer Friedman, told an interviewer years later, It wasn't a romantic event. ... it The guy just came over and The guy just came
For his part, Mendonsa said the kiss was a spur-of-themoment expression of joy and thanks following his experience on a destroyer in the Pacific seeing nurses care for comrades wounded and burned during a kamikaze attack on an aircraft carrier. The experience car just mo
"I was watching how the nurses were taking care of the wounded as we were sending them over," he said. "And ... from that day on I had a soft spot for nurses."
As for pouncing on a woman during the Times Square celebration, Mendonsa added, "I believe if that girl did not have a nurse's uniform on, that have grabbed her,"
All was forgiven after the identities and controversy first surfaced years ago, and Friedman and Mendonsa became Christmas card friends. For what it's worth, Mendonsa also insisted "the kiss" was out of character. He wasn' necessarily a spontaneous, passionate guy.
His date that
His date that day - and the woman who because his wife telling an interviewer: "In all these years, George has never kissed me like that."

"I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND JUST HON SARIOUS THIS NATIONAL EMERGENGY is... so We'll ONLY PLAY NiNE HOLES TODAY."

## Letters to the Editor

## Always look where you're shooting

## Editor:

In the photo from aturday's paper taken
a Babcock Webb Public Shooting Range, it appears that the shooter is pointing her weapon down range while looking in the opposite direction
I was trained by instructor Billy Carl that one must muzzle or front end of the barrel is pointed at all times. Also alarming is that her instructor was standing beside her in the photo

Susan Parker Punta Gorda

## Many 'emergencies'

 still in effectThe law that allows presdents to declare a national mergency was passed in 976. Carter passed two, Reagan six, Bush 41 passed five, Clinton 17, Bush 43 (to date) three That is 31 to date) three. That is 31 or Democrats and 27 for Republicans, who were in kely accounted for som need to declare a national emergency. Of those 58, an eye-popping 31 are still in effect.
Now the Democrats are alking about the power of the purse, yet many of the ocontinue funding conflicts, trade regulations and weapons. Nearly all contain anguage about "blocking" he activities of others. The bill which was signed in order to prevent a second government shutdown is some 1,500 pages, unread by most who voted, loaded it solves nothing Zero real and lasting solutions. We've done this before That is why we face this problem today. Do we really want our immigration policies and practices to continue to be in conflict with our laws? Do we really want unfettered access to our country? Do we truly grasp the cost of our current I don't for a min hat the main thing driving
the Democrats' position is anything except for thwarting the American people. One only has to realize that the Dems supported Obama's efforts to secure the border to understand the truth. Ou his promise to build a wall his promise to build a wall. responsible for the fallout from this exercise in petty politics.
years in office allowed for a cumulative stock market increase during that time of approximately 119 percent, quite honorable, I'd say, but a little short of the authors claim of 250-300 percent. Perhaps he's hitting the too hard. oo hard.
Next subject is the deficit. $\$ 2$ trillion in the last two years, the fastest at any time in our history.
Really? The federal deficit under Trump has unfortunately increased approxgood. Do you really want to know how much the deficit increased in the first two years of the Obama presiden cy? Try $\$ 2.7$ trillion.
I could go on, but I'm trying to stay under the request ed 250 word limit. Your grasp of the facts is pitiful at best.

Randy Wojcik
Englewood

## Humans at edge

 of the world
## Editor:

When one hears that there are those who believe that the earth is flat and that one could fall off the edge into
the abyss, the usual response is a dismissive smile. Yet there it is, at the border where refugees, displaced persons and asylum seekers are struggling to get up out of the depths into the world. People come to the edge because to them it seems more promising and less than where they came from Parents there are faced with trying to give their children a better life by passing them into the hands of strangers who often regard them as undesirable orphans, foster children, inferior and troublesome aliens who th
lose track of.
Sometimes we cringe at hearing stories about parent - or at least their religious eaders - willingly giving their children to be sacrificed to the gods. How do we, who reside in the heaven these people are hoping and praying to enter, respond to their prayers? Like all false gods With silence? Or perhaps
with curses and invectives.
"You are unworthy." And then we congratulate ourselves for being good Americans, good Christians, made of superior genes who of the edge, and build walls instead of programs of constructive help while we buy the illegal drugs that devastate the refugees' homelands and cause them to flee.

Ted Zawistowski
Port Charlotte

## Purple Hearts

 deserve attention
## Editor:

Instead of the two Muslim women and the communist from New York, all blabbering vulgarities and spouting out anti-Israel/anti-American insults, why don't we hear about Jim Baird, Republican left arm in Vietnam; Brian Mast, Republican from Florida, who lost both legs in Afghanistan; Dan Crenshaw, Republican from Texas, who lost his right eye in Afghanistan?
All three of these men are Purple Heart recipients and newly ele

## Ric Campbell

Great response from Animal Control
Editor:
I would like to reach out and thank the fine staff of Charlotte County Animal

I unfortunately had to call hem twice in one week, on wo different types of calls involving wildife, each very disturbing.
Sarah and Tracy were not only sympathetic and caring but very professional in I especially
I especially would like to
hank and give appreciation to the officers who have o experience and handle uch difficult calls. They are truly here for the residents of Charlotte County, and I peronally would not have been able to handle my situation without them

Shelley Barber
Port Charlotte

## Pro-sovereignty,

 anti-abortionEditor:
What I often hear from my liberal acquaintances is hat a wall is not a message represent our values. Those same people support abortion. Should I glean from this that approving the murder of babies is a message we do want to send?
The issue about the wall has nothing to do with messaging, right or wrong, rule of law, or, in fact, what hey actually believe. It is all about thwarting a duly electdoing things they don't like f it were really about our image, there are other things hat send negative messages, but are OK with Dems. It would be refreshing if we could all be honest about our motivations. Or, at a mininum, articulate the rationot OK. And, yes, protecting our sovereignty is OK. I am not ashamed to say so. And I can explain why.
via E. Warren

## How to submit a Letter to the Editor

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## Don't force GOP to choose Trump or Constitution

I
the goal is to build a border wall, then
President Trump has made the wrong decision at every turn.
every turn. Ine opportunity to secure $\$ 25$ billion in funding for his border wall in exchange for legal status for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipients. Instead of taking the deal, he blew "p the negotiations with his and by demanding changes to legal immigration policy Then in June, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved $\$ 1.6$ billion for 65 miles of fencing by an overwhelming bipartisan 26-5 margin. This could easily have passed the House and Senate. Instea
Trump later shut down the government over wall funding and demanded $\$ 5.7$ billion.
Result? After a disastrous 35-day shutdown, he got less - $\$ 1.38$ billion - than he would have if he had just gone along with the
bipartisan deal six months

earlier.
Now, the smart move for Trump would have been to pocket that
$\$ 1.38$ billion and bolst $\$ 1.38$ bilion and bolster it
with another $\$ 3.1$ billion he could arguably use without a declaration of a national emergency - by reprogramming $\$ 600$ million from the Treasury Department's $\$ 2.5$ billion from the $\$ 2.5$ bilion from the Defense Departments
drug interdiction program drug interdiction program him $\$ 4.48$ billion in wal funding - nearly the full amount he was demanding from Congress. Then, in December, he could demand more money with leverage over Democr
when an automatic when an automatic sequester kicks in, forcing
$\$ 55$ billion in across-the board cuts to domestic
discretionary spending discretionary spending unless Trump agrees to raise spending caps. made the wrong move once again - declaring a national emergency, despite warnings from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and other Republicans that it could provoke a backlash fro
within his own party. within his own party.
His order will face an immediate court challenge, which means he won't be able to spend the emergency funds anytime soon, if at all. And if he prevails in court, it will be a disaster for the cause of limited government. IfTrump can declare a
national emergency to build national emergency to bu
a border wall Congress refused to fund, then the power of the president to override Congress's power of the purse will be virtually unlimited.
As Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., pointed out, a future liberal
president could declare climate change a national emergency and "force the Green New Deal on the American people." Or, as House Speaker Nancy
Pelosi, D-Calif., suggested, Pelosi, D-Calif., suggested
a Democratic president could one day declare the "epidemic of gun violence in America" a national emergency thanks to Trump's action. Just as the Democrats' filibuster on lifetime judicia appointments below the appointments below the
Supreme Court backfired - setting precedent for a Republican rules change to put two justices on the Supreme Court and secure its conservative majority for a generation - Republicans
will rue the day if they will rue the day if they
go along with Trump's go along with Trump's
executive power grab. executive power grab.
More than a dozen Senate Republicans have spoken out against his emergency declaration - including Marco Rubio, Ron Johnson, Pat Toomey, Rand Paul, Mike Lee, Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, Lamar

Alexander, Ben Sasse, Thom Tillis, John Cornyn, Mike Rounds, Charles Grassley
and Roy Blunt If their votes and Roy Blunt. If their votes comport with their words,
that is more than enough to pass a resolution of disapproval.
In fact, every Republican in Congress should vote for such a resolution. Stopping executive overreach and restoring Congress's Article I powers was a key plank in
Republicans' 2016 Better Republicans' 2016 Better Way agenda. "Our President has been acting more like
a monarch than an elected official," House Republicans declared. "That stops now. Trump would no doubt veto a resolution. But the fact that a bipartisan majority of both houses
voted to overturn voted to overturn Trump's declaration would bolste the legal case against Robert Jackson wrote in a concurring opinion for Youngstown Sheet \& Tube Co. v. Sawyer, presidential powers "are not fixed but fluctuate, depending upon their disjunction or
conjunction with those o Congress." When a president acts with congressional support, his power is "at its
maximum" When Congres has not spoken, "there is a zone of twilight." But "when the President takes measures incompatible with the expressed or implied will of Congress, his power is at its lowest
ebb," Jackson declared A disapproval resolution would make clear that not only is Trump ignoring only is Trump ignoring
the will of Congress, but also Congress has further expressly disapproved of his actions.
Trump's defenders will argue that Republicans should not deliver such a
rebuke to their president rebuke to their president.
In fact, the opposite is true In fact, the opposite is true: It is frump who should to be forcing Republicans to their president and fidelity to the Constitution. And if forced to choose, they must choose the Constitution. Follow Marc A. Thiessen on Twitter, @marcthiessen.

We're trapped by the tyranny of robovoice phone spam

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Yourhushand of town and younve been
 hair fill of s shampoo, vou grab the phone and blurt out "Hello?"
"Hillo", avoice answers, "this is Cindy with card services ..." You're in the car. You're on the way to the hospital. Your phone rings. You thin You feel around, find th You feel around, fold it to your ear while keeping your eyes on the road. "Hello?" you say anxiously.
"Hi, this is Philip with an important message about your credit ... You're in a meeting. You're about to say something
important. Your phone rings. The number is similar to yours, and you figure it's someone from your neighborhood. You excuse yourself. "Hello?" you say. "A judgment has been ruled against you," a voice bleats, "you have three days in which to reply or face penalties, p,


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$\qquad$ Welcome to 2019, where the phone is a weapon of deception. A new study by the FCC projects that nearly half of all cell calls received this year will be spam.
Junk. Uninvited voices Junk. Uninvited voices designed to l
information.
Half of our calls? Hal?? Half of our calls? Half?
Youre on a ski slope. Yo lose sight of your partner. You wonder if she's OK. Your phone rings. Maybe it's her. Maybe she's down. You yank off you gloves, toss aside your hand warmers, dig into your pocket and rush before
it stops ringing "Hello" you it stops ringing. "Hello?" you
say. "Are you OK?" say. "Are you OK? "This is Miriam with the Association of Retired Servicomen ..."
Setired Arrrgh.

The thing that calls you How did we get to this point? Once, a ringing phone was a sign that
someone you knew wan to talk to you, someone

## to tak to you, someone


you'd be happy to hear from. How else would they have your number? That was a long time ago, when phones plugged into wected calls. Today, nearly half the time, it's not even someone calling you. It's some thing. A high-powered computer that can spit out thousands of calls in a flash, spraying robovoices across the landscape like a national
rainstorm. rainstorm.
Telemarketers, the financial industry, travel companies, political campaigns, all combine to pummel us with unwanted calls - and lobby the government to protect their ability to do it - and that doesn't even mention all the scams, ruses, frauds and downright
illegal schemes that stay one illegal schemes that stay one
step ahead of the smaller step ahead of the smaller
and overworked regulation agencies. This field has grown so sophisticated, fraudsters can now create a number that looks like your number and employ voice technology that mimics business people you might know.
According to a CNN Accordang
article last fall, "a scammer

could call you from what looks to be a familiar number and talk to you
using a voice that sounds using a voice that sounds
exactly like your bank exactly like your bank teller's, saying they've found
suspicious activity on your suspicious activity on your
account. You're then tricked into "confirming" your address, mother's maiden name, card number and PIN number."
Great. Another thing to worry about besides stolen passwords, credit card accounts and identity theft Tell me again how computer technology is the most wonderful development of the last half-century.

## This madness is getting worse

 What's really troubling is how little the govern-ment is doing to stop this ment is doing to stop this. Remember when they
invented the Do Not Call Registry? And everyone thought that would halt this mess?
Guess
Guess again. The Do Not Call Registry is largely a joke today, ineffective against robocall makers and
privacy like an ant under a shoe. By the time some of
the scammers are disco the scammers are discovered, they ve moved on. By the time certain blocking technologies are developed
infiltrators have invented infiltrators have invented
newer technologies to outsmart them. The FCC, in a recent report, says progress is being made, even as another report showed that robocalls in 2018 were up 57 percent from the year before. A5' percent progress.
There is a technology called SHAKEN/STIR that the FCC is demanding phone companies adopt, which ensures the number you are seeing on your screen is real and not "spoofed" to look like a familiar number. But by the time this is implemented by
all carriers, a new form of all carriers, a new form fraud might be in play.
All of which has led All of which has led
people to ignore phone pealls altogether, refusing
to answer, checking the display and frowning in disgust. Not that this is a great solution...

## HUMANITY <br> FROM PAGE 1

and banners to T-shirts, with all manner of instruments. They were created for immediacy, to express their shock and sorrow and to express their sympathy." After the tragedy, thousands of people and to leave mementos. Signs posted stated if people wanted to keep the items, they should retrieve them at the end of the day Left items were collected each evening by the Orange County Regional History Center. Many left notes.
Kirsti, a Swede living in Shanghai, China, wrote: "When the news of this horrid night reached us who live in Shanghai, the LGBTQ community and
other engaged people organized a vigil other engaged people organized a vigil in
one of Shanghai's bars. It was a beautiful night where people shared poems, stories, songs, memories and sent so much love your way."
She closed her note by adding: "We are humans, nothing else! I love you! I cry for you! I will fight for you! With love! As long as I live!"
Another person who signed a letter C.W. said they drove all the way from San
Francisco to pay their respects and help Francisco to pay their resp
with the healing process.
The letter said: "You may have gone to a better place, but you'll never be forgotten. I will remember each of you every time a rainbow appears in the sky... Be strong. In the end, we will prevail."
"When we think of historic documents, we tend to picture famous works by great artists and documents signed by import ant people from throughout history, sions of sympathy and compassion they are just as important. They are the fabric of our humanity:"
The artifacts were originally stored in a warehouse. And then the roof of the warehouse was severely damaged by Hurricane Irma in September 2017, resulting in the artifacts suffering water damage. "The building's insulation, which had a yellowish tint, discolored many Jordan-Mowery said " "Our challenge was to remove any of the water dama from the roof leak, but we did not want to remove any of the other signs of wear that occurred at the site. For example, some of the items had footprints from being walked on. Others had residue from candle wax. These items were left exposed to the elements and they show that wea That is part of the story they tell." Jegional History Center requested for assistance in December 2017 and they were selected to do the restoration. They received the artifacts in December and plan to complete the project in the next couple months.
Pulse is being converted into a museum and some of the items they are restoring will likely be included in it, she said. The owner of Pulse created onePULSE rial site and museum opened in 2020

## PEACE

## FROM PAGE 1

$\$ 32,000$, funded through the city's 1 percent sales tax.

If you're in the pickleball corner..

Overall, players thought the sound barrier will work to reduce the noise
at the courts.
"It seems to some of us that if the only issue options to solve the problems than why not exercise them," said Carlos Obern of Charlotte County. "The amount is relatively small and it would put an end to the problem and free up the City Council of this issue.
While the players were generally happy with the generally happy with the up the barrier, they still took issue with the City Council's current plan to close four of the courts when the Pickleplex of Punta Gorda at Florida SouthWestern State College opens possibly in
late March late March
why anyo understand reducing the courts," said one pickleball player of Punta Gorda. "We need more public courts, not fewer."
Punta Gorda Isles resident John Taylor echoed that player's remarks, (already) overcrowded we need more space Th PicklePlex will help, but it


Examples of some of the items left behind by mourners being restored. Pictured above, the before is on the left and after on the right.

"First of all, we had to get the surface dirt removed. We call it dry cleaning, but mosty, it's like an eraser to get the grit and
grime, the particulate matter that's on the surface and then ground into the paper. We remove that first. Then, the items were disinfected. ... Almost all of the stuff that came to us has evidence of having had mold on them. ... Therefore, it's important to remove any mold that is currently on
the paper," the paper.
Pulse site were created on all lifterent Pulse site were created on all different
types of paper, Mowery said he was surprised to find that on most of the artifacts they have restored, the paper did not contain higher amounts of acid. IIt's usually been photocopy type paper. The acidity of the paper has not usually been the problem. Most of the writing instruments that were used were felt-tip
pens. And those kinds of things will bleed pens. And those kinds of things will bled in water. So that has been a substancial the bleeding that has happened on some of these items."
Before retiring, Jordan-Mowery headed conservation programs at the University of Notre Dame and Johns Hopkins University. Mowery spent 35 years as a conservator at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. The couple serve clients worldwide, and book collectors to museums, galleries and libraries. One project they recently completed was to restore some paintings by famous artists that suffered water damage in the wake of Hurricane Michael that blew through the Florida Panhandle last fall. "Even though we sometimes think we've seen it all, we have to stop and take stock of what we are working on," Mowery
said. "A history of the world passes through this workshop."
will not be enough. (On the benefits of the game, Tuesday) I was playing and but for he and his wife, $\begin{array}{ll}\text { all eight courts were filled } & \text { Christy, who live across the } \\ \text { (with even more) people } & \text { street from the courts, there }\end{array}$ (with even more) people waiting to play. That doesn't count the people
that stayed home because that stayed home be"
it was too crowded." City Council focused on the sound barrier. They previously handled parking restrictions and are working on establishing a pickleball committee for long-term solutions. Closing four of the courts was part of the council's plan created in
January to try and resolve Jenuary to try

## If you're in the homeowner corner...

The homeowners were generally willing to tolerate the sound barrier but felt like it wouldn't fix the long-term issues of pickleball play at Gilchrist
or overcrowding or "My home is sou of the pickleball courts," said Sheila Jaeger of West Retta Esplanade. "Any type of sound barrier you choose to put up will probably help. That's not the final problem, it never has been." Jaeger said the sport is causing damage to park "I don't just park," Jaeger said "'m a park user and all too often in the discussion of the serious damage to adjacent homeowners, it's ignored that the noise and the congestion harms many, BobFederici understan are no benefits. are no benefits.
"Everybody here (who plays) goes home," Federici said. "They bang
the ball for hours and then the ball for hours and then
they go back to the $(\mathrm{PG})$ Isles to sit on their lanai ... nice and quiet ... they don't have to deal with it (everyday)."

## View from city council.

## Vice Mayor Lynne

 Matthews wants to see how loud the noise - the smack of the ball, the yells of the players, etc.- really is. "Are we ever going to do an actual scientific study about the noise level, something that could holdup in court if we ever had up in court if we ever had to deal with that issue. I
haven't seen any statistics that prove that the noise is to the level that it's being alleged to be at.' Council Member Jaha Cummings believes the council members are forgetting their primary the people.
"We can't (seem to) be able to understand our primary role regarding our citizens is protecting health, safety and welfare of our citizens."
City Manager
City Manager Howard Kunik estimated it would take around 30 days from sign off on a sound barrier sign off on a sound barrier
contract. contract.


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



## Cops: Long investigation leads to child porn arrest

North Port resident found with at least 20 videos of child porn, investigators report 3400 block of Rockman

In November, 2018, Detective James Kla obtained a search
warrant for the hous after observing it for several months. On Nov. 8, 2018, he, along with others, entered the home and removed electronic deHe apprehended Luis

Alberto Garcia-Gonzalez, count of transmitting who later admitted that he had been download- A forensic ing and viewing child
pornography at the $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { Aforensic } \\ \text { extermination of a } \\ \text { cellphone owned }\end{gathered}$ pornography at the residence, a
Garcia-Gonzalez, a Cuban-born native, was arrested on two counts of possessing child
cellphone owned
by Garcia-Gonzalez revealed at least 20 videos that contained child pornography. In total, he has been charged with 20 count
pornography. His bond is set at $\$ 10,000$ per
count.
He is being held in the Sarasota County Jail. In his arrest record, he lists his occupation as a health care provider with with Allied Pro Health Care.
His trial date is
pending.

## Charlotte County Sheriff's Office rolls out new mobile app

| By ANNE EASKER Staff Writer <br> Wondering where a crash has snarled traffic, or where cops are investigating an active scene? See something suspicious and want to submit a tip to law enforcement immediately? There's an app for that. <br> The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office launched its new mobile app Tuesday, available for free in both the Apple app store and Google Play. Paid for with Crime Prevention funds, the app cost $\$ 34,164$ in total, which includes updates and support for the next three years. <br> "I am very excited to release this new application to the citizens we serve," Sheriff Bill Prummell said in a press release. "This mobile app places important information at the user's fingertips, allows them to quickly communicate with law |
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Bond: $\$ 500$.
The North Port Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Alexis Heyos, 51,1000 block of non-moving traffic violation,
non-current insurance, violation of
financial responsibility law. Bond: $\$ 620$. - Jake Johnson, 20,3100 block
of Circle Ville Street, North Port of Circle Ville Street, North Port.
Charge: possession Charge: possession of marijuana, not
more than 20 grams. Bond: 5500 - Linda Messenger, 62, 6600
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apps for public safety agen cies and has designed more than 500 apps. In Florida, the
company serves 16 sheriff's ofcompany serves 16 sheriff's offices, most recently adding the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
and the Highlands County and the Highlands County Vice President Kevin Cummings said more and more law enforcement agencies are looking to engage with the public through apps, which allow for two-way communication between police and the public. "I think law enforcement is very interested in informing
their public, protecting their their public, protecting the
public, getting more people involved in the law enforcement process," Cummings said. I think with the app, you're really engaging the public
where they are and on their terms... We are proud to serv the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in helping them leverage


PHOTO PROVIDED A screenshot from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office's new mobile app. technology to better serve their community.
block of Kenwood Drive, North Port. - Salvatore Sicilano, 34,20000 block of Xita Avenue, Port Charlotte. Charges; contempt of court: violation injunction protection
domestic violence Bond. 5500 domestic violence. Bond: $\$ 500$.

- Compiled by Anne Easker


NOTICES

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Deceased
File No. 19-000138-CP
Division PROBATE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
of Janet TT. Propper, deceased, whose date of death was January
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Court for Charlotte County, Florida, Probate Division, the ad-
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Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Com
mittee (BPAC) Meeting 2:0rsday, February, 28, 2019,
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and more visit,


Arcadia real estate broker Mac Martin spoke in favor of bringing Nuco Citrus to DeSoto County. He represents property owners in the land sale along State Road 72

## Nuco green-lighted; DeSoto gets \$115 million project

Company converts citrus peels to various products

## By CRAIG GARRETT

he name fits with what's happening in DeSoto County. Nuco Citrus LLC-
Nuco an abbreviation for New Company - got a special exception
Tuesday to operate on land zoned for agriculture. With the unanimous vote by the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners, Delray Beach-based Nuco is readying to shovel on a \$115-million citrus pro-
cessing plant along Stat cessing plant along State
Road 72 west of Arcadia. Road 72 west of Arcadia.
Nuco in a 25 -acre com plex will convert citrus peels and juice leftovers to pectin, a thickening fiber used in products from buns, beverages and Burt's Bees. It is a nearly $\$ 1$ billion market run mostly in South America.
Nuco would be the first Nuco would be the firs
such American pectin processor in decades processor in decades, officials. The company will own nearly 200 acres That Nuco's production plant will be in Florida seemed to push decisions in the company's favor Tuesday. A "Made in DeSoto County label rang the bello
Commissioner Elton Langford and commis sion Chair Judy Schaefer for instance, both favor ing the land exception with conditions such as noise-limiting berms and strict safeguards of water discharges from the 137,000 -square-foo processing plant. The
final vote was 5-0. final vote was 5-0.
Schaefer also congratulated Nuco for

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## Punta Gorda

 Short Film FestivalThe Charlotte Harbor Office of Film \& Digital Media and Asbury Shorts, annual Punta Gorda Short Film Festival on March 6 at the Charlotte Harbor Event \& Conference Punta Gorda. The event will be hosted by the Punta Gorda Chamber
of Commerce. For more information, call 908-618 1776 or email nlpr@aol.
requires risk," he said. CHS ROTC car wash
its guarantee to seek DeSoto workers and for a partnership with South Florida State College in
skills training, to "keep our young people staying here," she said. While Tuesday's hearing was nothing like te angerfest in July to industrial mining for to industrial mining fo
Mosaic Fertilizer, there were concerns. That 200 or so neighbors live within a radius of Nuco, and that it will produce odors and noise, didn't sit well with some. Yet supporters paraded before commissioners to welcome
Nuch estimates a 125-member workforce annual tax returns to DeSoto's parched coffers. "I believe our commissioners did listen to our Concerns," said Darvy Pedin, a Nuco neighbor
initially speaking against initially speaking again
the special exception The rich irony of a Mosaic Fertilizer executive speaking against Nuco wasn't lost on the very man complaining. Bart Arrington, a Mosaic mine permitting manager living within Nuco's radius, at first had strong
reservations about the reservations about litrus processor locating ititrus processor But after closer reviews of Nuco's plans, Arrington spoke in ravor Tuesday
However, he added tha firms in DeSoto County seeking special terms and
that have some public that have some public disapproval such as Nuco had, should receive a balanced analysis. Charlotte High Schoo Naval Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps holds a car wash from noon to 4 p.m. on
Saturday, Feb. 23, at Charlotte State Bank \& Trust, 2331 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda. They are requesting a $\$ 5$ donation for each car wash. For more
information, call 941information, call 941 email scott.williams@ yourcharlotteschools.net

## Crash after crash Clear sailing for Tom <br> Bad day on the roads in Englewood <br> By Steve reilly Adams Bridge

Staff Writer
ENGLEWOOD－ particularly safe day for motorists in Englewood －especially on South McCall Road．
Fender bender after fender bender piled up around noontime Tuesday along South McCall Road（State Road ＂${ }^{776 \text {＂}}$ ．
＂My understanding is that the most commo to in that area are related to distracted driving（rear ends， sideswipes），＂Charlotte County Sheriff＇s Office spokeswoman Katie the Sun．Nearly half of the Sun．Nearly half of CCSO responds result in rear－end collisions． ＇Rear－end collisions are mostly caused by distracted drivers，＂Heck said．＂When a driver＇s focus is not on the road they are unable to reac quickly enough to the The Englewood Area Fire Control District responded to a series of three rapid－fired sequential 911 calls： －11：18 a．m．a turned over Subaru Outback SUV at the 2400 blocks of South McCall，near Flamingo Drive and
across from Dunkin＇ Donuts and Motel 6 ． －12：12 p．m．a vehicle accident with a motorcyclist at at the 1700 block of South McCall，across from Checkers at Merchants Crossing．
－12：14 p．m．an accident involving fou
vehicles at the South McCall－Oriole Bouleva McCall－Oriole Boulevard from Walgreens and Lemon Bay Isles，Burger King and WalMart．The accident resulted from rear－end collisions ＂Along（State Road 776），we are sideswipes and angle sideswipes and angle
crashes，＂Heck said． ＂These are related to driver＇s changing or drifting lanes while in the middle of a turn．Vehicles are not permitted to cross lanes

sun Photos by steve reilly An Englewood Area Fire Control District firefighter cleans up after a four－vehicle accident at the South McCall Road－Oriole Boulevard intersection Tuesday during a turn，they must stay in the lane of turn or closest to curb side． ＂Unfortunately，this may mean driving past your destination until a can be located，＂she said．＂Avoiding this slight inconvenience is never worth getting into a crash．＂
The accidents did hamper afternoon traffic，but the good news that none of the three accidents involved serious，life－threatening
injuries，according to injuries，according to
Englewood fire reports． According to Charlotte County EMS reports，a victim in the turned over SUV was transported to Englewood Community Hospital．The second accident also had a victim transported to the hospital．The motorcyclist suffered rashes and scrapes， according to reports．
The Oriole Boulevard The Oriole Boulevard one victim taken to the hospital and described as in sable condition． Email：Steve．Reilly＠yoursun．com


Charlotte County Sheriff＇s deputies and other emer－ gency responders answered a
series of accident calls along South McCall Road（State Road 776）

| By STEVE REILIY | ridge．A cylinde |  |
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## Englewood＇s AMVETS Post 777

 welcomes 200th veteranFast－growing post passes another milestone

> By DON MAHON by recruiting its 122nd sold out. Special to the Sun member last August．＂What we have here is The former Conch Café newly－created AMVETS Post 777 continues to surpass milestones as one of the fastest－growing veterans orga．
the country．
The 200th member joined the organization Feb．2，setting a national standard．
Post Commander Richard J．Young Sr．and Andy Hackleman，First Vice Commander and membership chairman， made the announcemen They were the two veterans about 18 months ago who took to form and develop the post． Formed in July，2017， the post set a Florida and national record a year late

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## Millennium

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## Chamber of Commerce Day at Rays Spring Training

Members of the four area chambers met Wednesday with officials from the Tampa Bay Rays at the Rays' Spring Training headquarters at Charlotte Sports Park
Members networked and partook in a light breakfast, before getting in a question-and-answer session with Erik Neander, Rays general manager and vice president for baseball operations.
The annual breakfast is a popular one for chamber members, as more than 80 turned out for the fun.

SUN PHOTO BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH
To the right: Raymond, the Tampa Bay Rays mascot, is often seen at games giving hugs and high fives to kids.


SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER
The Rev. Bill and Hazel Klossner of Punta Gorda chat with Karen Current of Englewood.


The lucky winners of Ray's memorabilia included Ken Doran, Elaine Martin and Maria Galloway, are joined by Rays general manager Erik Neander.


SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER Representing the Punta Gorda Chamber, Elaine Martin, executive director John Wright, and board chair Melanie Markel are all smiles.

## PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF NORTH PORT VARIANCE PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to the provisions of Article Ill., Sec. 1-28H.(2)(b)(ii) of the City of North Port Unified Land Development Code (ULDC), the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will hold a public hearing on Friday, March 8th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in Commission Chambers located on the second floor at North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34286. The public hearing is being held to consider the following Variance Petition:

## Variance Petition No. VAR-19-020

(A variance to allow a 4.7 -foot rear setback where a minimum 25 -foot rear setback is required and a 5 -foot side setback where a 7.5 -foot setback is required)

## VAR-19-020, 4028 Natchez Terrace Variance

Property owners, Paul Kelly and Melissa Kelly, husband and wife are requesting a variance from the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) Chapter 53-Zoning Regulations, Part 3. Special District Regulations, Article XX Special Circumstances Regulations, Section 53-240. Special Structures A.(6) to maintain a 4.7 -foot rear setback where a minimum 25 -foot rear setback is required and a 5 -foot side setback where a 7.5 -foot setback is required. The site contains $\pm 13,659$ square feet and is located in the Residential Single-Family District (RSF-2), 4028 Natchez Ter, North Port, FL, 34287 (PID \# 0995261503, lot 3, block 2615, 52nd add to Port Charlotte) Section 30, Township 39S, Range 21 East.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. Written comments filed with the City Clerk will be heard and considered and will be made a matter of public record at the hearing. The public hearing may be continued from time to time as announced at the hearing, and as may be found necessary by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The file VAR-19-020 pertinent to the variance may be inspected by the public at the Neighborhood Development Services, Planning Division, located on the first floor at North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Boulevard, North Port, Florida 34286, during regular business hours.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of these meetings. Accordingly, anyone seeking to appeal any of the decisions involving the matters herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the meeting/testimony and evidence upon which any appeal is to be based (SEE: F.S 286.0105). Copies of the cd's are available (for a fee) at the City Clerk's Office.

Note: Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's office 48 hours in advance of the meeting (SEE F.S. 286.26)

NONDISCRIMINATION: The City of North Port does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, family or religious status in administration of its programs, activities or services.

AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990 - The North Port City Hall is wheelchair accessible Special parking is available on the west side of City Hall and the building may be accessed from the parking area. Persons with hearing difficulties should contact the City Clerk to obtain a hearing device for use during meetings


SUN PHOTO BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH Sharon Poore says she's been a huge Ray's fan for 15 years. She asked a question about the many acronyms, abbreviations, numbers and statistics in baseball today.


SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER eger Eaton, Charlotte County Clerk of Court, and Ed Hill, executive director of the Englewood Florida Chamber of Commerce get in some networking time.


SUN PHOTO BY CHRIS PORTER From North Port, Amy Sauer, Denise Berg, Christie Varcoe, Michelle Collette, Ann DeShields and Patty Cooper share a moment with Rays mascot Raymond.

# Our Town: Outdoor Living 

## Learn to love your mangroves

$Q$uestion: I have
mangrove plants
growing along growing along
shoreline, can I trim

$\qquad$ Sorry,
but this but this
is gonna have to be
a yes and a yes and
no answer I guess Becky start by COPENHAVER start by variety of mangrove you've got there. There are three varieties in Florida: Red, black
and white mangroves Although they may look similar, there are differences that help to determine how they are trimming.
There are regulations in place designed to address trimming issues as they pertain to mangroves. "Now I know that the term "regulations" can cause some folks to shudder them. We live in a unique place with an amazing but very vulnerable eco system. As residents and property owners, we don't
always understand the importance of protecting and preserving that ecosystem. Let's let the
folks who do understand folks guide do understand it guide us varieties can be found or near fresh, brackish or salt water throughout Southwest Florida, so let's start by learning the basic differences between these native tree species. Red mangroves are
probably the most recos. probably the most recog
nizable of the three. With their glossy 3- to 5-inch
 MANGROVES|2 The prop roots of red mangroves are very easy to recognize.

THE BACK NINE

## Break your game out of the rut

If you always play the same course, it's time to try something new
 golt game: If your play the same course every weekend, when the rates go up for Florida courses during snowbird season, I tend to stay and play our local course just for the price I'm ready to get out and Im ready to get out and start getting around and
playing some different courses again. The rates are still high, especially with all the spring training baseball fans in the area, but I just don't care. I want to hit some different shots wit different lengths toward different greens. No knock on the course I'v been playing, but I just need to shake it up. My wife and I have played more than 70 courses in the state of Florida. Some are very
beautiful courses, like Southern Dunes. Some are very tough courses, like Innisbrook or the Waldorf Astoria. But they're all different, and RUT|3

## LIFE ON TWO WHEELS

## The lowa Stop

Should bicyclists be allowed to simply yield?


Court NEDERVELD cycling world that made me think of this quote. This news altered what I thought the future woul be regarding cycling transition and even acceptance to biking an alternative transpor tation mode.
As a rider, you are breathless waiting for what that news was. Utah representatives passed a bill Feb. 12 that would modify cyclist laws to allow signs as yield signs and
roll through if the way
is clear. Additionally, is clear. Additionally, they may proceed after
stopping through a red stopping through a red
traffic light, provided the cyclist yields the right of way to any vehicle. This isn't important by itself, but put in context on a national basis it is earth-shattering. Here's why
1982, 37 years ago lowa passed what Iowa Yield on Stop law. It altered the state's traffic regulations, allowing cyclists to yield at stop signs and proceed afte stopping at red traffic lights. While death and destruction were forecast by the anti-cycling 2010 by Jason Meggs (https://bit.ly/2SYwjTs) revealed that crashes involving bicycles went down 14 percent. Additionally, there was in an increase in the number of bicycle trips

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$\mathbf{S}^{\text {tepping into the }}$ centur-old botani-
cal gardens my eyes cal gardens, my eyes - sleek gray
 fronds danced in the wind. With each step, I looked up to admire these trees which stand between 50 and 70 feet tall.
Nestled among strip Petersburg is the botan ical paradise of SunkenGardens, a living museum and one of Florida's oldest roadside attractions. The gardens were birthed in 1903 when a plumber and avid gardener named George Turner Sr. purchased four acres of land. He drained the property's sinkhole lake, 15 feet below the street 15 feet below the street
level. The soil was ideal for growing exotic foliage for growing exotic foliage paid 25 cents to meande through the gardens. Decades later in 1967, the Turner family opened the World's Largest Gift Shop and King of That closed in 1995. Today, the building is the main entrance to Sunken Gardens and home of the children's science museum called Great Explorations. The Gardens were designated a local historical land mark in 1998. In 1999, the city of St. Petersburg purchased the attraction, Today visitors can meander through the ush grounds and admire botanicals like Cuban petticoat palm, Buddhabelly bamboo and balloon milkweed. One of the most intriguing trees I saw is Eucalyptus deglupta, also called rainbow eucalyptus,
Native to Indonesia Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, the bark peels off in strips to reve hues of orange, yellow and purple.
In the Gardens you will find succulents, orchids, bromeliads, a palm grove a butterfly garden, and fruit trees. Camelia, hiare blooming now.


The Sunken Gardens footbridge


## Wild flamingoes are rare in Florida, but there's a whole flock at Sunken Gardens.

 opular for weddings and other events, and there is a designated wedding lawn where I saw prepaations for a reception under a tent. The North Lawn was set up for upcoming nuptials, where serves as a gorgeous serves as a gorgeousThe attraction is backdrop for saying " $I \quad$ this tree and commends
$\qquad$ do. The Oak Pavilion has those who had the visio the branches of a live oak and foresight to preserve extending over the event it. area. A plaque by the ree states it was recog ized by the National Arborist Association in ebruary 1977. It reads Association recognizes

Toward the back of the ttrac Gardens Growing Stone Gardens Growing Stone, which is about the size a park bench and made

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leaves and multitudes of arching prop roots, they are the picture of Florid shorelines. Red mangroves grow the closest to the mean high water line
(MHWL), meaning their roots are more than likely underwater at varying depths for extended periods of time. Their most distinguishing characteristic is the aerial roots at the base of the tree. Pretty hard to miss them. These aerial that grow downward into the surface and anchor the tree.
Red mangroves produce seed-like structures called propagules. They look like green beans 8 to 12 inches long. These that drop from the tree up to a year sometimes up to a year sometimes, enough to sink to the bottom in shallow area There they take root and begin to grow into a tree that can be as high as 40 feet, with the average height being more like 25 feet. Mature red mangroves rarely recover from
severe pruning Sinc most of the growth is at
the branch tips, topping if not all of the leaves Branches thicker than inch will not re-grow. Black mangroves have smaller leaves that are a dullish green on top and gray/green on the usually be coated with a thin layer of salt, as the foliage extrudes excess sodium taken up by the tree. Like red mangroves, they also have aerial roots. The difference is they pop up from below the surface instead of originating from the tree
and shooting downward Their aerial roots are more pencil-like and much smaller.
The propagules are wider and flatter (more like a lima bean) and are not as hardy as the red mangrove's. Black mangroves are generally found slightly higher than the MHWL and can grow quite tall, upwards of 40 trimming fairly well, but mature trees do not recover as well as young trees. White mangroves are more comfortable above times be found alongside black mangroves up from the waters edge. White mangroves have light
green paddle-shaped leaves with a notch in the the and two bumps near are small and vaselike. It's the least hardy of the three in terms of reproduction.
They may have knobby above-ground roots or there may be no visible root at all. It's not unusual for a white mangrove
tree to be a single trunk This variety of mangrove is the most tolerant of trimming and hedging. Mangrove communitie are home to more than
400 species of fish, birds 400 species of fish, birds
reptiles and even mamreptiles and even mam
mals. Hopefully you're already aware of the important role that man groves play in harboring and protecting fish estuaries, but don't forget that they are crucial to a number of nesting birds too. Hedged mangroves
deprive these birds of a deprive these birds of a
safe and protected place safe and protected plac young.
Mangroves along your shoreline provide natural erosion control and can actually add to the structural integrity of your seawall. Naturally shaped mangroves make an excellent wind block
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Free tech help Lifelong Learning Institute along with the National Honor Society students at the Collegiate High School, will hold it next tech help session for 11 a.m. on Feb. 25 on Florida SouthWestern State College, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda. Reserve a time by scheduling online at www lifelonglearning-charlotte org or by calling the LLI office at 941-637-3533
Government Academy Charlotte County Government Academ scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 4 at the Charlotte County Administration Center,
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte. The free port Charlotte. The free provides the opportunity the various county departments: public works parks, transit, human services and more. Register online at www. CharlotteCountyFL.gov or by phone 941-623-1092. For more information cal Office at 941-623-1092

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like that - variety is the spice of life.
No matter what course we play, one thing is very consistent: The distance you hit the ball with any club in your bag never changes. Elevation may
change, and you may change, and you may more water, more trees or more doglegs - but your length per club doesn't change. With tha in mind, I just have to remember to trust my club selection based on distance and simply hit the shot The major difference always comes in on the
greens. What I see at the greens. What I see at the
local course is not what see at Innisbrook. Speed, break and grain play a large role in how well you putt. Being able to read the green is essential when you go to a better

Seagrass wading The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. has free Seagrass Wading Adventures from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on
March 9, March 13 and March 9, March 13 and March 22 at Ponce de Leon Park, 3400 Ponce de is required. To register, call 941-575-5435.

Peace River Audubon Society meeting set Peace River Audubon Society will hold its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. toda 20444 Midway Blvd Port 20444 Midway Blvd., Port will feature a presentation by Kellie Phillips and Hunter Folmar.

Fundraiser to benefit woman Family and friends of Michelle Davidson hold a fundraiser from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Cold River Saloon, 3149 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda. Davidson was severely injured Jan. 4. There wil be music, a cash bar,
barbecue, a $50 / 50$ raffle an auction and more. For
course. Fortunately mos really good golf courses really good golf courses
we play at have practice greens that mimic what you see out on the course. They actually pride themselves on that. The challenge is awesome. I love looking down a fairway or an approach shot into a green that I have never
seen before. Being able to seen before. Being able to get the right distance to
the green or to the hole the green or to the hole leaves you a birdie putt is an awesome feeling. Now, I'm not saying that happens every time, but I love the thought of making a shot that I haven't seen before. I guess it's one of the
things that always draw things that always draws
me to golf If you break me to golf. If you break
the game down, it's very the game down, it's very
mechanical. Once you improve your mechanics to make them consisten then you should be able to replicate that shot and distance more often
more information, call Fay at 305-331-5519 or email
Fluepnitz@gmail.com.

## Fourth Friday

 free movie set This month's Fourth The Right Thing" broug to you by Women Against Racism \& Discrimination and FGCU's Renaissance Academy in Punta Gorda at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22 at the FGCU Renaissance Academy, 117 Herald Court, Punta Gorda.Free film showing
"Human Flow" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. on March 9 at the Mid County Regional Library 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. The film depicts the journey of more than 65 million people from 23 countries who have beemes, escaping famin climate change and war For more information, call 941-258-8473.
Woman's Club to host fundraiser The GFWC Woman's will host a fundraiser at
than not. That is what's than not. That is what's
so intriguing about the game. Ia will say this, though: I be a better putter Right now, that's the thing holding me back from putting up really good scores on better courses My speed is good, but my ability to read the green's break and grain
is horrible. If I can figure is horrible. If I can figure that out this year, I
be a happy guy. Get out and challenge yourself. Take that consis tent game at your favorite course to a course that is slightly better. You may surprise yourself and realize you can do it at other courses as well, no matter the difficulty.
Greg Bartz is a tou nament bass fisherman based in Lakeland. Greg fishes and golfs with his wife and tournament partner, Missy. Contact him at Greg.Bartz@ SummitHoldings.com

The Gilded Grape Winery, 4069 Tamiami Trail in Port Charlotte, from 7 p.m. Feb. 23.m. on Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $\$ 20$. Proceeds benefit charities supported by the Woman's Club. For more
information or tickets information or ticket 856-217-4148. AAUW scholarships offered
$\qquad$ Port Charlotte branch of American Association of University Women offers scholarships to Charlotte County women with an
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of fossilized limestone rock. It was found in the sinkhole lake Mr. Turner drained. According to the sign and legend, "He
who sits upon the ancient who sits upon the ancient
stone shall be granted stone shall be granted
tranquility, inner harmo tranquility, inner harmothings grow."
Although it is in the heart of St. Petersburg, city sounds are masked by gentle sounds of wind knocking bamboo stalks against one another and
live oak leaves rustling. Squawks from the reside exotic birds - laughing kookaburras, an umbrella cockatoo and flamingos - create their own symphony.
Listen closely and you'll hear the constant flow of water throughout the Gardens. Waterscapes, created by George Turner Sr., are sprinkled through-
out and include waterfalls and ponds. Low Pond is the last pond in the series of waterscapes and sits 15 feet below street level. Look for bright orange-and-white koi in the ponds. A pretty photo spot is on the red arched bridge which rea"s Sunken palms and lush foliage as a pretty backdrop. Sunken Gardens is unexpected and welcomed paradise. Plan on being there 90 minutes to two hours. While sitting


It's obvious how balloon milkweed got its name. on the Growing Stone should be part of your
visit, be sure you take time to look up at the treetops. Better yet, lie down on a bench and watch and listen to the trees swaying in the wind. Let their mesmerizing, century-old dance bring tranquility
and inner harmony into your 21st century world.

Plan Your Visit Sunken Gardens 1825 4th St. N., St Petersburg StPete.org/attractions/ sunken_gardens Open Monday to
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 4:30 p.m. The last admission is sold at 4 p.m. daily. daily excent clons is open daily except closed for Thanksgiving Day an Programs are offered throughout the year and check the website for a list of events.
Because the Gardens


The unusual foliage of a petticoat palm.
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## Street will close, wine will flow at annual event

13th Dearborn Wine Walk set for Saturday in Englewood Staff Report
ENGLEWOOD - Wine lovers are getting ready for the 13th Annual Wine Walk on West Dearborn Street this Saturday.
A block of West Dearborn between Elm and Cedar
streets will be blocked off traffic, and a 180 -foot tent will pop up in the middle of downtown Englewood. Wine lovers will converge on the street Saturday afternoon beginning at 3 p.m., sipping samples of wine, nibbling delicacies, browsing the shops and grooving to the tunes. wines from California, wines from California, South America, Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany. There will be food samples from Joe Maxx Coffee,


Englewood's West Dearborn Street will be closed most of
Saturday for the 13th Saturday for the 13th annual Dearborn Street Wine Walk.

Bobarino's Pizzaria, A \& B Restaurant, Café 776, Paraiso Mexican Grille \& Bar, Ciao Gelato, Mother's Cupboard, Olive Branch and More, Melie Gusto,
Olive Grove Friends, Olive Grove Friends, by Chef Dee, as well as tapas fromVino Loco, prepared by chef Katrina Manchester.
Tastings take place from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with
music by Tropical Avenue until 7 p.m. at Vino Loco.
Tickets are $\$ 50$, and Tickets are $\$ 50$, and proceeds directly benefit the Arts Alliance of Lemon Bay, 452 W . Dearborn
St. Tickets are available St. Tickets are available
atVino Loco, 420 W at Vino Loco, 420 W.
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Staghorn Ferns in Your Landscape, 7:00-9:00PM Feb. 21 DCCA \& Harbor Heights Garden Clubs offer a staghorn fern lecture by Gil MacAdams. 2530 Harbour Driveive, PG. Mr MacAdams is an environmentalist with over 30 years of experience \& the former Broward County Environmental Project Administrator. O\&A and light refreshments to follow.

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sive advantages. First, it's inexpensive and nonprescription. Also, relief is
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This gives it the ability to reduce a much wider variety of pain. Users report greater flexibility and less stiffness in their knees. Hands and shoulders move pain-free for
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dle injections and taking trips to the doctor every week.
The medical community is very excited about this new breakthrough. Dr. Jacob Moss says, "Synovia is a great option for those suffering
from joint pain. Injections from joint pain. Injections are usually a last resort
because of the pain and expense. However, Synovia should be taken at the first sign of discomfort."

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The needle injection procedure has been given to hundreds of thousands
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## every joint.

According to the McNeill, "Researchers have been working for
years to find a way to boost this fluid noninva sively. The problem was the molecule used in the injections was too large
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finding a smaller form finding a smaller form
of the same molecule. This new glucose form is easily absorbed by your stomach and intestines! Now those who suffer from joint pain can getrelief without painful injections. At less than $\$ 2$ per day, early users like Steve Young are impressed. He says, "I've tried more pills
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## West Villages Invitational draws large crowd

Braves alum, local golfers take to the links at Sarasota National Kraft said those who plan to attend the game have a lot to look forward to on opening day at CoolToday Park on Marchh 24. Craft said there will be music, Clydesdales and plenty of For those who weren able to snag tickets for
the March 24 game, there will be an opportunity to visit the stadium on March 23.
For IslandWalk resident Barbara Laneau, it was thrill.
"I just thought it was exciting to be part of it, Laneau said. This was Laneau's
first time golfing the first time golfing the,
tournament, but she's tournament, but she's no
stranger to the game. She stranger to the frequently and has played Sarasota National.
She figured it was a good opportunity to Habitat for Humanity South Sarasota County Laneau didn't care if she out to have a good time. "(I'm) doing it for a good cause," she said Overall she's also excited to see the CoolToday Park and plans to take advantage of it after it opens. Joanne and Jim Hammer are excited for the park, but
also appreciated also appreciated the close to home - they live in Sarasota National. Joanne Hammer has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in
Charlotte County where Charlotte County where she participated in a woman's build. She saw this as an opportunity to be involved again. and it's close to our heart because they give back," Joanne said. Joanne Hammer like Laneau is excited for the opening of the park and dorward to
Last year's champions, John Rawlings, Bill and Ted Allen, were and Ted Allen, wer
excited to return. "We couldn't no defend our title," Allen said.
The group are season
ticket holders as well


Former Atlanta Braves pitcher Kris Medlen takes his swing on the 17th hole. The 17th hole offered players a chance to win a brand new cart from Caddy Carts if they sunk a hole-in-one


Joanne Laneau and her partner Henry Honeyman of Grand Paim Villages Invitational.


Keith and Anthony Scappatora stop for a photo on Tuesday. The pair were playing the course for the first time, but are familiar with the West Villages. Juniper Landscaping does work around
the West Villages caring for lawns. the West Villages caring for lawns.
so this was a great opportunity to get out with the Braves while also assisting their community. opportunity to give back," opportunity to
The group is looking forward to the March 24 game and they say they can't wait for the game with seats behind hom plate.
For more on the park, visit www.facebook.com cooltodaypark.

Ted Allen takes a shot on the 17th hole on Tuesday.


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## Florida governor wants to import drugs from Canada

DeSantis says he wants to cut health care costs and has the support of President Trump

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press
ORLANDO, Fla. - Florida's governor onWednesday proposed bringing cheaper, Canadian prescription drugs to
Florida as a way to cut halth Florida as a way to cut health care costs.
Gov. Ron DeSantis said that he
wants to create an importation program that brings Canadian prescription drugs to the Sunshine State.

It is illegal to import unap-
proved prescription drugs into the United States. But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services secretary has the power to approve a progra allowing drugs from Canada. "So far, because of concerns over safety, no secretary has
ever given such approval" ever given such approval," a
Congressional Research Servic report noted last December. DeSantis said he spoke this week with President Donald

Trump about the plan, adding
the Trump administration was onboard with the idea.
"He not only supports this, he is enthusiastic, and he supports what we are doing," DeSantis said at a news conference at The Villages, the fast-growing retirement community
Orlando, Florida
Vermont last
first state in the nation to enact a prescription-drug importation law. The Green Mountain State
is still developing its plan, and it hasn' yet submitted an applicaNot only would a drug importation program save Florida residents money, but it could save the state budget tens of millions of dollars spent on prescription drugs for prisone
DeSantis said. "Once we
you as a citizen will have acce to more affordable drugs," the governor said.

The 2003 Medicare Modernization Act gave the U.S. health secretary authority to perdrugs from Can of prescription certifies there is no health risk to the public and it will result to the public and it will result in reductions in the costs of prescription drugs
"This has been on the books, but it hasnt been practiced,"
said DeSantis, whose campaig said DeSantis, whose campaign
last year was based in part on his closeness with the president.

## Arsenic, lead in water pouring out of former US mine sites



Wastewater streams out of the Gold King Mine in southwestern Colorado after a contractor crew led by the Environmental Protection Agency triggered the release of about 3 million gallons of water tainted with heavy metals.
Contaminated wastewater roughly 20-million-gallon daily dose of pollution

## By MATtHEW BROWN <br> Associated Press

RIMINI, Mont. - Every day many millions of gallons of water loaded with arsenic lead and other toxic metals flow from som of the most contaminated mining sites
in the U.S. and into surrounding streams and ponds without being treated, The Associated Press has found.

That torrent is poisoning aquatic life and ainting drinking water sources in Montan California, Colorado, Oklahoma and at least five other states.
The pollution is a legacy of how the mining industry was allowed to operate in the U.S. for more than a century. Companies that built mines for silver, lead, gold and once they were no longer profitable, leaving
behind tainted water that still leaks out of the mines or is cleaned up at taxpayer expense.
Using data from public records requests and independent researchers, the AP examined 43 mining sites under federal oversight,
some containing dozens or even hundreds of individual mines.

## Aid wars: US \& Russia vie to ease Venezuelan crisis

'The fate of Venezuela is in the hands of outsiders'

By JOSHUA GOODMAN and VLADIMR ISACHENKOV wars. The Trump administration is accusing President Nicolas Maduro of starving Venezuelan supplied humanitarian aid stored next door in Colombia. In Russia, the Kremlin sees the opposition's plan to ram the aid across the border as a reckless military intervention


Venezuelans protest the government of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, and its blocking the entry of humanitarian aid, in Cucuta, Colombia, on the border with Venezuela. The sign reads in Spanish "Urgent. The entry
of humanitarian help is needed now. There are Venezuelans at risk of dying CRISIS |8 of humanitarian help is needed now. There are Venezuelans at risk of dying

As tensions in Venezuela mount ahead of a Saturday showdown over humanitarian aid, both sides are digging in, highlighting how the South American nation's crisis has become the latest fault ine in a
battle for global influence by the former Cold War adversaries. At stake is the future of Venezuela, a once oil rich country gripped by hyperinflation and widespread Shortages of food and medicine


Hoda Muthana, an Alabama woman who left home to join the Islamic State after becoming radicalized
online, now wants to return to the United States.
US says woman who joined Islamic State can't return

Alabama woman wants to come home to protect her 18-month-old son

## By MATTHEW LEE and JAY REEVES

 Associated PressWASHINGTON - An Alabama woman who joined the Islamic State group in Syria wont be ailowed to return toddler son because she is not an American citizen, the U.S. said Wednesday. Her lawyer is challenging that claim In a brief statement, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo gave no details as to how the administration made heir determination. "Ms. Hoda Muthana is not a U.S. citizen and will not States," he said. "She does not have any legal basis, no valid U.S. passport, no right to a passport nor any visa to travel to the United States." But Hassan Shibly, a lawye or the woman, insisted Muthana was born in the United States and had a valid passport before she joined
the Islamic State in 2014. He

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## Bills would prohibit Florida abortions after fetal heartbeat

Legal experts say Florida courts would have to overturn precedent in historic Roe v. Wade
By KATIE CAMPIONE
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - A
pair of controversial bills
introduced in the Florida
Legislature aim to ban
women from attaining
an abortion when a fetus'
heartbeat is detected.
Similar legislation in
other states have been sty-
mied by governors, state-
houses and the courts. But
Florida's bill sponsors say
they are buoyed by more
conservative faces on both
the state and federal high
courts.
"Being a constitutional-
ist, I believe that we have
a very good chance of it
passing a court challenge
up to the Florida Supreme
Court," said Rep. Mike
Hill, R-Pensacola, sponsor

to overturn a precedent set by the U.S. Supreme Court in Roe v . Wade and other cases that the state cann
impose an "undue burimpose an undue burden" on a woman seeking
an abortion before fetal an abortion before fetal
viability, which generally occurs between 24 and 26 weeks.
That's why the bill is not likely to stick, said Florida State University Law Professor Mary Ziegler, who specializes in reproductive law and has authored books on the
legal history of abortion legal history of abortion. U.S. Supreme Court and the Florida Supreme Court are more conservative, it would be kind of a complete 180 to uphold a
law like this," she said law like this," she said.
"I think that we can II think that we can
expect in Florida to decisions at the state and
federal level scaling back on abortion rights," she said, "but I would be sur
prised if it went as quick prised if it went as quickly
as the sponsors of this bil as the sponsors of this b
seem to think it will." seem to think it will."
Currently 14 states including Florida, have proposed legislation that proposed legislation tha
seeks to ban abortion after detection of a fetal heartbeat. "The Florida bill is one of several that have been
filed across the country filed across the country
that are designed to give that are designed to give
the Supreme Court an the Supreme Court an opportunity to overturn Baxley said he sponsored the Florida bill because he believes the political climate is changing. "As this conversation sparked up across the
country and a number country and a number of
states were considering states were considering
this issue, and how we de
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { with it, there was a pat- } & \text { create hurdles to prevent } \\ \text { tern," he said. "The pattern a legal medical procedure } \\ \text { was the heartbeat", } & \text { being performed in }\end{array}$ was the heartbeat." Anti-abortionists often point to a heartbeat to symbolize the life of the fetus.
That is not a concept accepted by the medical accepted by the medical Snow, the legislative chairman of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology District 12, which represents Florida. "Scientists believe that if a fetus can't survive outside the womb, really the mother has to make ing the pregnancy," he said.
The Florida bills, Snow "said, substitute the term "unborn human being" for a fetus in an attempt to create vague wording that
is left to interpretation "This bill is designed to
create hurdles to prevent a legal medical procedu
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Florida," he said. Florida," he said.
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abortion remains divided abortion remains divided.
In Florida, a 2014 Pew In Florida, a 2014 Pew
Research Center survey found 56 percent of adults supported legal abortion in all or most cases, a higher number than in neighboring Southern states. "Florida is kind of a
purple state when it purple state when it comes to abortion," said
Ziegler, the law professor "It's not particularly progressive or particularly conservative. It sort of sits in the middle." The Pew poll surveyed 2,020 adults in Florida through telephone interviews. The survey has a margin of error of
$+/-2.5$ percentage

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

## Body of teen who disappeared after witnessing slaying

 foundSARASOTA, Fla. (AP) - Florida authorities have found the body of a 14 -year-old boy who
disappeared in 2017 days after disappeared in 2017 days after he witnessed a man's slaying.
Sarasota Deputy Police Chief Pat Robinson told reporters on Tuesday that the body of Jabez Spann had been found over the weekend in a rural area in neighboring Manatee County. The body was identified by dental
records. No cause of dath was records. No cause of death was announced, but the case is being investigated as a homicide. 2017, about a week after police say he witnessed the slaying of 31-year-old Travis Combs. Police reports say three men chased Combs into a field next to his home just as Spann was leaving a friend's house next door. Spann saw the men shoot Combs and flee.

## 2 endangered Florida panthers found dead days apart

GOLDEN GATE ESTATES, Fla. (AP) - Two endangered Florid panther deaths have been
That makes five deaths reported this year, three of which were from vehicle strikes.
The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission say the remains of a 2 -year-old male were collected Tuesday off Golden Gate Boulevard in Collier vehicle collision.
Wildlife officials say a 12 -yearFriday in Big Cypress National

Preserve. The cause of death wasn't known. Florida panthers once roamed their habitat mostly is confine to a small region of Florida along the Gulf of Mexico. Up to 230 Florida panthers remain in the wild.
Florida Highway Patrol trooper dies during training
FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) - A Florida Highway Patrol troope attack during a training exercis The agency says 56 -year-old Master Sgt. Daniel Hinton died Tuesday after being taken to a Fort Myers hospital. Hinton was based in Fort
Myers and was working in Myers and was working in the
commercial vehicle enforcement office. He had previously worked in training and in crime interdiction.
He had served with the FHP for 32 years.

## 2 Florida prison guards

charged with injuring female inmate
LOWELL, Fla. (AP) - Two Florida prison guards are charged wing battery after was purposely dropped face-first onto the floor, knocking out three teeth.
The Gainesville Sun reports that Lowell Correctional Institution Officers Adrian Puckett and Kurtis Mitchell were arrested Tuesday on aggravated battery charges. Puckett is also charged Investigators say Mitchell told Puckett and another officer told Puckett and another officer
on Jan. 26 that the inmate had disrespected a captain and
"needs to fall." They say Mitchell handcuffed and gave her to Puckett, who kicked her legs out
and pushed her face first onto the concrete.
The report filed and approved by Puckett said the woman had been physically resisting him.

## 2 injured in

## helicopter crash

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) Officials say two people suffer minor injuries when a small
helicopter crashed in Florid The Clearwater Fire \& Rescue Department posted on Twitter that the crash occurred Tuesday at Clearwater Airpark. Officials say the helicopter was doing flight maneuvers close to
the ground just before the crash the ground just before the cra
The helicopter's occupants The helicopters occur identified.
The cause of the crash is under investigation.

## Deputies shoot, wound woman armed with

 meat cleaverDANIA BEACH, Fla. (AP) Authorities say Florida deputies shot and wounded a woma
who was chasing another who was chasing another
woman with a meat cleaver The Sun Sentinel reports that the shooting occurred Wednesday morning in Dania Beach.
The Broward Sheriff's Office says deputies were responding to a domestic disturbance when they spotted the two women. Investigators say the deputies ordered the armed woman to drop the meat cleaver multiple times charged the deputies, prompt charged the deputies, prompting Sheriff Gre woman was hit at least once.

Her injuries weren't considered life-threatening
Investigators weren't immediately saying how the two women knew each other or why one
was chasing the other with a meat cleaver. Officials weren't saying how many deputies were
involved involved. State law enforcement officials will investigate the shooting.


Car crash kills New York man riding bike on sidewalk
BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) -
The Florida Highway Patrol says a bicyclist riding on a sidewalk has been hit and killed by a car veering off the road after a crash. News outlets report that
authorities identified the authorities identified the bicyclist as 65-year-old Robert
Miniger. The Warwick, New York Miniger. The Warwick, New York,
man died at the scene after he man died at the scene after he Bonita Springs. A Highway Patrol report says an SUV driven by 72 -year-old Steven Hodge of Peewee Valley, Kentucky, hit Miniger after a hitting another car. It says the SUV was changing lanes when it
struck a pickup truck, rode over struck a pickup truck, rode over
the curb and hit Miniger and then a tree.
The Highway Patrol is investigating. Miniger's death was the 16th traffic fatality in 2019 .

## Buzz Aldrin's son

 tries to stop dad from moving assets ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Buzz Aldrin's son is trying to stop his father from transferring assets from a trust in the latest disput between the Apollo 11 moonwalker and two of his childrenover whether he is capable of managing his affairs.

In a Feb. 28, 2018, photo, Buzz Aldrin attends the 15th annual Global Green Pre-Oscar Gala, at NeueHous Hollywood, in Los Angeles.
Andrew Aldrin's lawyer sent a letter last month to an associate in Morgan Stanley's private wealth-management division
with instructions not to transfer with instructions not to transfer accounts in the trust which accous the younger Aldrin as names the younger Aldrin as trustee. Buzz Aldrin, 89, has tried to terminate the trust and wants The letter from Andrew Aldrin's lawyer warns Morgan Stanley that the son, acting as trustee, will seek damages if his instructions aren't followed Morgan Stanley asked a Forida court last week to decide
if it should follow the instrucif it should follow the instructions of Buzz Aldrin or his son.
It doesn't list the accounts' value The filing is in connection with a lawsuit Buzz Aldrin filed against Andrew Aldrin, daughter Janice Aldrin and a business manager in June. The suit accuses them of misusing his credit cards, transferring money from an account, and slandering him by saying he has dementia. children filed a petition claiming children filed a pettion claiming their father was suffering from
memory loss, delusions, paranoia and confusion.

## Possible peace declaration looms large over Trump-Kim summit

Ending the Korean War could open up a whole new set of problems for Washington if not done carefully

## by ERIC TALMADGE

TOKYO - With their second summit fast approaching, speculation is growing that U.S. President Donald Trump may try to persuade North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to commit to denuclearization by giving more than almost anything else: an announcement of peace and an end to the Korean War.
Such an announcemen
could make history. It

## Supreme Court bolsters right of owners to fight against police seizures of vehicles

By DAVID G. SAVAGE ASHINGTON The Supreme Court on Wednesday strengthened the rights of Americans to fight police seizures of vehicles and property, ruling the "ighth Amendment's ban on "excessive fines" applies to states and localities, not jus the federal governmen Justice Ruth Bader back from cancer surgery delivered the opinion for a unanimous court.

The ruling is a victory for Tyson Timbs, an Indiana man and a former heroin addict whose $\$ 42,000$ Land Rover was seized by police after he was convicted of two drug sales that amounted to about
$\$ 300$. Since the "war on drugs" of ment agencies have routinely used their so-called forfeiture power to seize vehicles, boats, homes and businesses that had been used in crimes, in cluding drug trafficking. The Supreme Court has refused to
halt these seizures. But in Wednesday's ruling the justices gave owners the
right to challenge forfeitures that are "grossly disproporthat are" "grossly disprop
tionate" to their crime. The case of Timbs vs. Indiana also revisited a nearly forgotten era in constitutional forgot
law.
Prio
Prior to the mid-20th century, most parts of the Bill of Rights were seen as limiting only the federal government not states. For examp begins by specifically barring "Congress" from making certain kinds of laws. But in a series of rulings, the high court decided that rights such as freedom of speech, free exercise of religion, right to a jury trial and protection against crue and unusual punishme
were fundamental and were fundamental and
therefore must be honore by states and localities as well as the federal government. The court did so by saying
these rights were included or these rights were included or
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Amendment, which applied Amendment, which applied
to the states. to the states.

But none of those decision dealt specifically with the Eighth Amend
When Timbs tried to chal lenge the seizure of his Land Rover as an excessive fine, he lost when the Indiana's Supreme Court ruled the U. Constitution did not protect him against an excessive fine The libertarian Institute of Justice appealed his case to the high court. And there he had the support of a including the American Civil Liberties Union and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. When the case was argued in November, the court's newest appointees, Justices Neil M. Gorsuch and Brett M.Kavanaugh, chided Indiana's state attorney for defending a hopelessly
outdated view of the law "Here we are in 2018 still litigating incorporation of the Bill of Rights. Really?" Gorsuch said to Indiana Solicitor Thomas Fisher. "Isn't it just too late in the day to argue that any of the Bill of Rights is not
incorporated?" Kavanaugh asked. During her recovery in her Watergate apartment, Ginsburg reported that she was busy working on opin-
ions. And speaking in the courtroom Wednesday, she said the protection against unjust and excessive fines imposed by the government is a fundamental right and is not limited in its scope. "The protection agains excessive fines guards
ment's punitive or criminal law-enforcement authority. This safeguard, we hold, is 'fundamental to our scheme of ordered liberty,' with 'dee(p) root(s) in (our) history and tradition,"" she wrote. "The Excessive Fines Clause is therefore incorporated by the Due Process Cla
14th Amendment."
The decision is not a final The decision is not a final now goes back to Indiana, where he can argue that the seizure of his Land Rover was "grossly disproportionate" to his crime and is therefore unconstitutional.

Dems' measure blocking Trump emergency will come Friday
WASHINGTON (AP) - House Democrats the national emergency declaration that President Donald Trump has issued to help finance his wall along the Southwest border teeing up a clash over billions of dollars, immigration policy and the Constitutions separation of powers.
Though the effort seems almost certain to
ultimately fall short - perhaps to a Trump ultimately fall short - perhaps to a Trump
veto - the votes will let defiant stance against Trump that is sure to please liberal voters. They will also put some Republicans from swing districts and states in a difficult spot.
Formally introducing the measure sets up a vote by the full House likely by mid-March timeline spelled out by law Initial passage by timeline spelled out by law. Initial passage by The measure would then move to the Republican-controlled Senate, where there may be enough GOP defections for approval. The law that spells out the rules for emergency declarations seems to require the Senate to address the issue too, but there's never been a congressional effort to block one and som procedural uncertainties remain.

## United Methodists confront

 possible split over LGBT issuesAmerica's second-largest Protestant denomination could fracture due to divisions over same-sex marriage and ordination of LGBT clergy

## By DAVII CRARY

The United Methodist Church's top legislative as sembly convenes Sunday for a high-stakes, three-da meeting likely to determine d-largest Protestan second-largest Protestant due to divisions over same-sex marriage and the ordination of gay clergy
While other mainline While other mainline
Protestant denominations - such as the Episcopal and Presbyterian (U.S.A.) churches - have embraced gay-friendly practices, the Methodist
church still bans them, church still bans them,
even though acts of defiance by pro-LGBT clergy have multiplied and talk of
a possible breakup of the At the church's upcom ing General Conference in St. Louis, 864 invited delegates are expected to consider three plans for the church's future. Several Methodist leader
said they expect a wave said they expect a wave
of departures from the church regardless of the decision.
"I don't think there's any plan where there won't be some division, and some people will leave," said David Watson, a dean Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio who will b attending the conference Formed in a merger in 1968, the United Methodis Church claims about
12.6 million members worldwide, including nearly 7 million in the United States. In size, it trails only the Southern Baptist Convention among U.S. Protestant denominations. The church technically
forbids same-sex marriage forbids same-sex marriage
and gays serving in the and gays serving in the ministry, but enforcemen Clergy who support LGBT rights have been increasingly defiant, conducting same-sex marriages or coming out as gay or lesbian from the pulpit. In some cases, the church has
filed charges against clergy filed charges against clergy
who violated the bans, yet who violated the bans, yet
the UMC's Judicial Council has ruled against the imposition of mandatory penalties.

Law center: Hate groups in US at highest level in 2 decades
(AP) - The U.S. had more
hate groups last year than at any point in at least the past two decades, according to an organization that track whe supremacists and The Southern Pomists. The Southern Poverty Law Center said Wednesd haunted in 2018 is the
since 2011 and the highest number since the center such groups in the 1990s. Last year's tally also represents a 7 percent increase over the 954 groups that the Alabama-based law center counted in 2017.
Heidi Beirich $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Heidi Beirich, director of } & \text { gro } \\ \text { the } \\ \text { the law center's Intelligence } & \text { bia }\end{array}$

Project, said the count reflects an "enlivened that has been growing for the past four years. Some organizations on the list have criticized or even sued over the hategroup labels, accusing bias.

## 'Empire’ actor charged with

 making false police report
## CHICAGO (AP) - "Empire" actor

 Jussie Smollett was charged Wednesday with making a false police report when Chicago by two men who hurled racist and anti-gay slurs and looped a rope and anti-gay slurs and loopedaround his neck, police said.
Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said prosecutors charged Smollett with felony disorderly conduct, an offense that could bring one to three years in prison and force the actor to pay for the cost of the investigation into his report of Jan. 29 beating.
Police were trying to get in touch with
Smollett's Smollett's attorneys to "negotiate a rea-
sonable surrender," Guglielmi said. That sonable surrender, $\begin{aligned} & \text { involve Smothert turning himself in }\end{aligned}$ to a Chicago police station.
The charges emerged on the same day that detectives and two brothers who were earlier deemed suspects testified before a grand jury. Smollett's attorneys met with prosecutors and police, but it was unknown what they discussed or The attorneys did not reply to requests. The attorneys did not reply to requests
for comment.

Michael Cohen's prison date postponed to May
NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump's former lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen was granted a few more weeks of freedom Wednesday after his lawyers said he's still recovering from surgery
and hasn't had time to get his affairs in and hasn't had time to gecause he's preparing to testify order because hes
before Congress.
U.S. District Judge William H. Pauley III approved delaying the start of Cohen three-year sentence until May 6. Cohen's lawyer said he was undergoing intensive post-surgery physical therapy and spending substantial time getting ready for testimony his attorneys say he will deliver to three congressional commit tees this month.

## Nurse charged in fatal drug-

 swap error pleads not guiltyNASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - A
Tennessee nurse charged with reckless Tennessee nurse charged with reckless homicide after a medication error Wednesday in a Nashville courtroom packed with other nurses who came in scrubs to show their support The error happened at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in December 2017 when RaDonda Vaught injected 75 -year-old Charlene Murphey with the paralytic vecuronium instead of the sedative Versed.
The 35-year-old Vaught could not find Versed in an automatic dispens mg cabinet, so she used an override the first drug that came up, according to court documents and a report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
Speaking to reporters after
Wednesday's hearing, Vaught's attorney, Peter Strianse, called the criminal charge against the nurse "completely board of nursing has taken no action board ought Vaught's nursing license which is still active.
"This sets a terrible precedent, and these nurses are here today because it is patently unfair to charge a nurse with a criminal offense for something that was nothing more than a mistake," Strianse said.
Janie Harvey Garner runs the online nurse advocacy organization Show M
Your Stethosco Your Stethoscope
pen all the time but usually errors hap unaware of them. And she said nurses don't take the errors lightly. Garner said she believes Murphey's death was terrible and tragic. But she worries Vaught's prosecution will ultimately hurt patient safety. "This will cause people to die, because people won't come forward with
their mistakes," Garner said.

## WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE


 be returned.

## Climbing platelet count deserves reasonable diagnosis

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife is 58 years old, in good health, exercises and gets regular checkups. The bloodwork from those checkups has shown that her platelet count was 400 a year ago, 600 six months ago and 800 a couple weeks ago. She went to hemaologistwho had wle more why it's happening stating it was "blood tumors.

My wife ha
Me bruising ho no other symptoms like brusing, bleeding, headaches, pressure is within the normal range. The hematologist wants to prescribe blood. The next step will be a bone marrow biopsy.
The only thing she takes now is tiamins, and she will add a baby aspirin to her dally routine. The only changes to her lifestyle in the past year have been an increase in weight gain, but she is not overweight, and an increase in alcohol consumption. Both factors are a


Dr. Roach
result of us being empty nesters and doing a lot more entertaining and traveling.
What are the causes of platelet counts dramatically increasing like that? Are there effective ways besides blood thinners to reduce or control the platelet production? ANSWER: I find the treatment of (and communication about) your wife's condition frustrating ( 1 'm being kind). You and your wife deserve to have the
correct diagnosis and a thorough

Son is secretive about his social life toward parents
DEAR ABBY: 0ur 22-year-old son stays with us. He has a part-time job and goes to school part-time. He is somewhat secretive. We don't know his friends or where he goes. One day he brought a male friend over and they hung out in our guesthouse, drinking and playing video games. This went on for several hours and then the blinds closed. My husband wasn't comfortable with that so he knocked on the hat, sone kocked on the doom. if he had a girlfriend, and the friend said no - that he's bisexual. Our son then announced that he is also bisexual. We have only met one girl that he dated and the male friend who was over. The friend did say he isn't interested in our son, that they are strictly friends. 1 don't think my husband should have quizzed our son in front of his friend. Our son has a chip on his shoulder and an "I don' care attitude about many things. He blames a lot of things on his ADHD. He acts like he can't multitask or concentrate on what he's supposed to do. He tries, but if he forgets to do some-

## No drawstrings attached

## Dear Heloise: l'm

 pleased to see manufacturers produce hooded sweatshirts WITHOUT DRAWSTRINGS.A drawstring can be extremely dangerous; it poses a strangulation risk - Janet M. in Illinois Janet, how right you are! Parents, many children's garments today are made without a drawstring, eithe for the hood, the waist or around the bottom of the garment. The drawstring can catch on the slide at the playground; it can get caught in the door of a vehicle; it can get yanked on - too many scary scenarios.


Hints from Heloise
If there's drawstringed attire that your child still wears, remove the drawwears, remove the draw string, for safety's sak

- Heloise PS. Thise P.S. The Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.cpsc.gov) has recommended recalls for many garments with drawstrings.


## Whinimb <br> Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.

齐品Life begins at forty
explanation of her treatment options. I hope she will hear more once the bone marrow biopsy is back.
By far, the most likely diagnosis is essential thrombosis ("es sentia" in this context means we "thrombosis" means "too the blood-clotting cells" otherwise known as platelets).
ET is a chronic myeloproliferative neoplasm, a type of blood cell tive neoplasm, a type of blood cel
cancer. Most people with this disease have a mutation in the blood cell (an acquired mutation, one not present at birth) causing the cells that make platelets (called megakaryocytes) to proliferate in the bone marrow. The bone marrow biopsy will show large numbers of megakaryocytes if she indeed has ET. She will also be tested for the JAK2 mutation since that has important information to help predict the course of her diseas

Treatment for symptoms is not appropriate if she has no symptoms. The goals of treatmen are to prevent complications of this disease (abnormal clotting is the major concern: bleeding less common) and to be alert for sive disease a leukemia. themia.
There is no treatment know to cure this disease nor prevent However, most people with this disease do not have a shortening of their life expectancy. The aspirin she was given was to reduce clot risk. If she turns out to be higher risk, she may be offered additional therapy, such as hydroxyurea, to reduce the number of clotting cells and further reduce clotting risk. Since hydroxyurea has a potential for side effects, it is given only if the benefits outweigh the risks. I'd like to hear back from you after the biopsy.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek


Unscramble these Jumbles, one etter to each square,
to form four ordinary words.



## Dear Abby

thing, he gets an attitude from time to time. - Frustrated In Washington DEAR FRUSTRATED: I can't help but wonde f your husband would have been as curious if your son ad been entertaining a woman in the guesthouse. Your son has been honest with you about his sexual orientation. He's an adult and should be entitled to privacy regardless of the ender of his companion. He has also been honest about his limitations because of his Yesterday's $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jumbles: ABATE MESSY ACCENT SKIMPY }\end{aligned}$ attention deficit problem. Unless he is breaking some rule that you and your some rule that you and your usband have set in your think is that your son is working, taking classes and trying his best to become independent. Perhaps if your husband is less heavy handed with his questions, your son's attitude may improve.
(Answers tomorrow)

made it - "SEAM" EASY


THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.


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## 7 LITTLE W©RDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parenth
represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter comberntion can be used only once, but all letter combinations
coll
will be necessany to CLUES SOLUTIONS
1 raucous laughter, in a text (4) $\qquad$ 2 medicine container (7) 3 straggler (7) 4 drawer handles (5)
5 past its prime (8)
6 reinforced holes in canvas (8)
7 like Mercury and Venus (8)

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Wednesday's Answers: 1. RECORDS 2. SUPERPOWER 3. INSTINCT
4. MOUTHED 5. FINCHES 6. ANDRETTI 7.JUTES
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## Challenger


"Uh-oh. Marmaduke got caught playing with a cat toy.'

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## SPORTS <br> $\square$ nl manager fithe year <br> SLEUTH AWARD

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## HOROSCOPE

 without intellect is lovale, aqreable and boring. Intellect without characteris excting and dangerous. smils (Apri1 20-May 20). There are who liftand move you alonga a happer Tath When you count beong h happier it really helps to be under a beautifuls sky is prionty one. GEMNI (May 21-Uun 21). Don't talk doow whateveryone knows, and don't show all your cards. What about holdingthings in suspense for while? things in suspense fora while? The champion move
champion move.
CANCER June 22-July 22). "Location, location, location,"was once the clarion call of thoses seking business success, opportunity and glamour. These days, its not tabout where you are so much as who areatoday.
LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your felingsare strengths, not weaknesses. Keep learning

## BORN LOS


and know that whatever you feel it's righ
for you and for the moment. Also, know thatyou're not the only one. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As you broaden your horizons and become an even more well-rounded person, it gets easier to create rappoot with many differenttypes. Buti it gets harderto find people who can keep up with you. LIBRA ( Sept. 23-OCt. 23). The poppular
people aren talway sthat likable, and the people arent t always that ikable, and the
likable peopple arent always shat popular. The one to go of or is likability because youll be happier and more respected when you value the group above your own glory.
sCORPIO (0ct SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though it's important to you to do certain actions in a particularo order, what others see is
the result, not the process Useyour best judgmento a assess how much behindthescenes information you should share. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Focus on what you need, not whaty you want. Wants are more fun, but that's beside the point. Look thoughtfully into the status quo. What rere you taking for raranted?
Check supply leves. Yourfuture sef will Check supply

CAPRICORN (De. 22-Jan. 19). Compat ibility within a group of very similar members may be more easily achieved,
though hit's the more diverse groups with less interal compatibility that often come up with a better product. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ifyou
decare your goals sand reslut declare your goals and resolutions, you leave yourself open for criticism, compei
tion and worse. But ifyou don't. you mis tion and worse. But it yyu don't, you
out on the opportunity for possible encouragement tand suppoort. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In this age of oversharing, cautious silence isa power move. It's easy enough: all you have to do is seal the lips. And yethardly anyone wi. think ofit. Use discretion and, paradoxically y you'ls stand out by not tand ding out
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21. Yougo merrily into this solartransitand with plenty of company in the first 10 weeks. Then comesan incubation period in
which rapid connections happen, the likes of which will spring your vision to
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shrewd now sets shrewd now sets you up to invest ina
luck August opportunity Saitraiu Aquarius adore you. Your Iucky numbers
thank you. are: $8,40,12,37$ and 11 .

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BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall






MUTTS By Patrick McDonnel

baby blues by Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott


DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau


## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Thursday, February 21, 2019
GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
@20019 Tribune Content Agency
PLAY OR DEFEND?


Opening lead: Jack of $\diamond$
South in today's deal was the late Bill Root. Root was not only a great player, he was also a beloved the pre-eminent bridge teacher of his time. He taught tens of thousands of bridge players over the years, mostly

Study the hand above and decide whether you would prefer to play or defend. East won the opening diamond East won the opening diamond
lead with his king and quickly shifted lead with his king and quickly shifted
to a trump, but it was already too late for the defense. any diamond ruffs, but Root had five spade tricks to go with five club tricks and he scored up his doubled contract. Had West ducked the ace
of spades, Root would have ruffed a of spades, Root would have ruffed a
diamond and emerged with a doubled overtrick, as East would have had no entry to his diamonds.
Despite this result, we would
choose to defend and choose to defend and lead a low trump. Should Root lead a diamond
to try and get a diamond ruff, East to try and get a diamond ruff, East
would win and return his remaining would win and return his remaining
trump. West would win his ace and lead his last diamond. Note that declarer's eight spot would stand up as a stopper in diamonds, but to no avail. West would simply ruff the fourth round of diamonds for down two.
(Bob Jones welcomes readers responses sent in care of this
newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove
Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001.)

## JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU <br> Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9 . Each number can appear only once in each row, column and $3 \times 3$ block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty column and $3 \times 3$ block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzie. The difficulty <br> | 5 | 8 |  |  | 9 |  | 4 |  |  |
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## WORDY GURDY

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE Every answer is a rhyming 1. Heckle a mad Shakespearea

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | nd DOUBLE TROUBLE hey will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.



5. Lipitor maker's stage platforms (2)  6. See firsthand the result of exercise (2)


7. Cybercriminal's varnishes (2)





## REX MORGAN By Terry Beatty


 $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { THE LUTHORTIES } \\ \text { WHEN THEY ARRIVE. }\end{array}\right\}$ HONEST!


ZITS By Jerry Scott \& Jim Borgman

hagar the horrible By Chris Browne


GARFIELD By Jim Davis


PEARLS BEFORE SWINE By Stephan Pastis


MARY WORTH By Karen Moy and June Brigman


DILBERT By Scott Adams


## Coast Guard officer called a 'domestic terrorist'

Lieutenant wrote 'dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on the earth'

## By MIChaEL BaLLSAMO

WASHINGTON - A Coast Guard lieutenan who was arrested last we who drafted an email dis cussing biological attacks and had what appeared to be a hit list that included prominent Democrats and media figures, prosecutors said in court papers
Christopher Paul Hasson is due to appeal Thursday in federal court in Maryland after his arrest on gun and drug offenses, but prosecutors say those charges are the "proverbial tip of the iceberg." "The defendant is a domestic terrorist, ben on committing acts
dangerous to human lif that are intended to affect governmental conduct," prosecutors wrote in cour papers.
Hasson, who works at the Coast Guard's headquar ters in Washington, has

## WATER <br> FROM PAGE 1

The records show that at average flows, more than 50 million ter streams daily from the sites. In many cases, it runs untreated into nearby groundwater, rivers and ponds - a roughly 20 -million-gallon daily dose of pollution that could fill more than 2,000 tanker trucks.
The remainder of the waste is captured or treated in a costly
effort that will need to carry on effort that will need to carry on in-
definitely, for perhaps thousands of years, often with little hope for reimbursement.
The volumes vastly exceed the release from Colorado's Gold King Mine disaster in 2015, when a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency cleanup crew inadvertently triggered the release of 3 million
gallons of mustard-colored mine gallons of mustard-colored mine
sludge, fouling rivers in three states.
At many mines, the pollution has continued decades after their enlistment in the federal Superfund cleanup program for the nation's most hazardous sites, which faces sharp cuts under President Donald Trump. Federal officials have raised
fears that at least six of the sites examined by AP could have blowouts like the one at Gold King.
Some sites feature massive piles or impoundments of mine waste known as tailings. A tailings dam collapse in Brazil last month killed at least 169 people and left 140

## CRISIS

## FROM PAGE 1

last month declared rightful president, a claim backed by the U.S. and dozens of other nations that argue Maduro's re-election last year was
fraudulent because several opposition candidates were barred from running.
Russia long a staunch Massia, long a staunch firmly behind the socialist leader.
Russian state news agencies said Wednesday that a Russian shipment of medicine and medical equipment had arrived

## WOMAN <br> \section*{FROM PAGE 1}

says she has renounced the terrorist group and protect her 18-month-old son regardless of the legal consequences.
"She's an American. Americans break the law, said Shibly, a lawyer with the Florida chapter of the Islamic Relations. "Whe people break the law, we have a legal system to handle those kinds of situations to hold people accountable, and that's all Jersey.


This image provided by the U.S. District Court in Maryland shows a photo of firearms and ammunition that was in the motion for detention pending trial in the case against Christopher Paul Hasson.
espoused extremist views for years, according to prosecutors. Court papers detail a June 2017 draft email in
which Hasson wrote that he was "dreaming of a way to kill almost every last person on the earth," and "o a neo-Nazi leader and "identified himself as a White Nationalist for ove
30 years and advocated 30 years and advocated
for 'focused violence' in order to establish a white order to establish a white
homeland," prosecutors wrote.
Hasson routinely read portions of a manifesto written by Norwegian mass murderer Anders Behring Breivik that prosecutors
said instructs would-be said instructs would-
assailants to collect firearms, food, disguis firearms, food, disguises
and survival tools, court papers said. Breivik, a rightwing extremist, is serving a 21-year sentence for killing 77 people in a 2011 bomb-and-shooting rampage. Hasson also expressed admiration for Russia. "Looking to Russia with
hopeful eyes or any land hopeful eyes or any land
that despises the west's liberalism," he wrote in the draft email. Prosecutors say during the past two years he had regularly searched online for pro-Russian as

British Columbia swept millions of to as many as 500,000 nationwide cubic yards of contaminated mud into a nearby lake, resulting in one of Canada's
disasters.
But even short of a calamitous chronic problem of relentless pollution.
AP also found mining sites where untreated water harms the environment or threatens drinking water supplies in North and
South Carolina, Vermont, Missou South Carolina, Vermont, Missouri and Oregon

## TAINTED WELLS <br> In mountains outside the

 30 households can't Helena, about water because cant drink their tap polluted by about 150 abandon polluted by about 150 abandoned gold, lead and copper mines that The community of Rimini was dded to the Superfund list in 1999. Contaminated soil in residents' yards was replaced, and the EPA has provided bottled water for a decade. But polluted water still pours from the mines and into Upper Tenmile Creek. "The fact that bottled water is provided is great," said 30year Rimini resident CatherineMaynard, a natural resources analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "Water that's piped into our home is still contaminated water. Washing dishes and bathing - that metal-laden water is still running through our pipes." Estimates of the number of such abandoned mine sites rang

At least 33,000 have degraded the environment, according to the Government Accountability
Office, and thousands more are Office, and thousands n
discovered every year.
Officials have yet to complete work including basic risk analyses on about 80 percent of abandoned mining sites on federal lands. Most are controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, which under Trump is seeking to consol idate mine cleanups with another program and cut their combined 2019 spending from $\$ 35$ million to

## PERPETUAL POLLUTION

Problems at some sites are
intractable. Among them:

- In eastern Oklahoma's Tar
Creek mining district, waterways Creek mining district, waterways are devoid of life and elevated lead levels persist in the blood of
children despite a two-decade children despite a two-decade
effort to clean up lead and zinc mines. More than $\$ 300$ million has been committed since 1983, but only a small fraction of the impacted land has been reclaime and contaminated water continues to flow.
- At northern California's Iron Mountain Mine, cleanup teams battle to contain highly acidic water that percolates through a
former copper and zinc mine and drains into a Sacramento River tributary. The mine discharged six tons of toxic sludge daily before an EPA cleanup. Authorities now spend $\$ 5$ million a year to remove poisonous sludge that had caused

o keep at it forever.
- Iountoins sios San Juan Mountains, site of the Gold King
blowout, some 400 abandoned blowout, some 400 abandoned
or inactive mine sites contribute an estimated 15 million gallons of acid mine drainage per day. AP also found mining sites where untreated water harms the environment or threatens drinking water supplies in North and and Oregon nd Oregon.
This landscape of polluted sites ules largely unchanged since the ules largely unchanged since the State and federal laws in recent decades have held companies more accountable than in the past, but critics say huge loop holes all but ensure that some of oday's mines will foul waterways or require perpetual cleanups.
did not give the size of the
shipment or say what it
contained, though they
cited a diplomatic source
as saying the delivery
was made under the
aegis of the World Health
Organization.
Hours earlier Maduro
had said 300 tons of
medicine and other aid
was on its way from Russia
Carlos Romero, an
international affairs
professor at the Central
University of Venezuela,
said that Russias
support for Maduro is
more symbolic than
consequential when
compared to the intense
pressure against the
government being exerted
by the U.S. in what he
she's asking for." Muthana and her son are now in a refugee camp
in Syria, along with others who fled the remnants of the Islamic State. Shibly said that the administration argues that she didn't qualify for citizenship because her father was a Yemeni diplomat. But the lawyer said her father had not had diplomatic status "for months" before her

He released a copy of the woman's birth certificate, issued two month after her birth in October
called "Washington's backyard."
Still he Still, he said the two
global powers were on global powers were on
a collision course in a collision course in harder to negotiate a de-escalation of tensions. "The fate of Venezuela is in the hands of outsiders," said Romero, who has advised Venezuela's opposition in the past. "It's like two trains heading toward one another on dhe same track and every speed."
"Guaido has called for "caravans" of tens of thousands of Venezuelans to join forces Saturday to carry the U.S. aid from

1994, to support his claim. President Donald Twitter that he was behind Twitter that he was behind
the decision to deny her entry, tweeting that "I have instructed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and he fully agrees, not to allow Hoda Muthana back into the Country!" The announcement came a day after Britain said that it was strip ping the citizenship of Shamima Begum, a
19-year-old who left the country in 2015 with two friends to join the Islamic State and recently gave birth in a refugee camp.
despite Maduro's
objections and the objections and the barricading of a key bridge linking Venezuela and the Cucuta, where the aid is stored.
Pico Wednesday, Puerto Rico also announced it had dispatched a boat carrying 250 tons of aid earmarked for Venezuela, while Brazil's
far-right government said far-right government said
it would send supplies to the jungled northern state the jungled northern state
of Roraima on Saturday as well. Neither said how it expected to deliver the aid into Venezuela.
The Kremlin has compared the move to the deadly unrest movement in the Ukraine in 2013 that

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It also comes as the
I U.S. has urged allies to IS but are now in the IS butody af the in the backed forces fighting the backed forces fighting the
remnants of the brutally extremist group that once extremist group that on spanning parts of Syria and Iraq.
Muthana's lawyer said she was "just a stupid, naive, young dumb woman," when she
became enamored of became enamored of
Islamic State, believing Islamic State, believing
was an organization that was an organization Shibly said she fled her family in Alabama
president. "If the organizers really want to just deliver som
kind of humanitarian kind of humanitarian
aid to the needy, why aid to the needy, why U.N. agencies that have extensive and invaluable experience in carrying out such operations?" Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a $\underset{\text { Foreign M }}{\text { staternent }}$
Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov reaffirmed strong
criticism of Washington's criticism of Washingtons policy on Venezuela, saying
Wednesday that calls this week by President Donald Trump on the Venezuelan military to drop support for Maduro represent a flagrant violation of international law.

## and made her way to

 Syria, where she was "brainwashed" by IS and the group's soldiers. After
## Sports



Tiger in Mexico

Woods plays in World Golf Championship this eek, his first PGA tournament in Mexico City See the story on page 2

## $\square$ BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS

## Tarpons poised for the playoffs <br> Home court advantage could prove key as Charlotte hosts Boca Ciega tonight in Regional

## By BEN BAUGH

 Staff writerThe strength of a schedule can make a world of difference. The Charlotte Tarpon has played against som of the nation's elite teams.
It's that challenging schedule that has prepared them for different scenarios and worthy adversaries, and last Friday was no different, playing that had beaten them twice previously, but Charlotte wasn deterred and they're intrepid play allowed them to capture the District Championship against a tough Port Charlotte Pirate team. The Tarpons host 7 pm in the Regio quarterfinals. "The win its solidifies that we get to
play the first round of the playoffs at home," said Massolio. "And if we go up against another opponent who was a runner-up, we get another home game. Obviously, nobody can win a state title at hom
but the more games but the more games better for you as a team, you're a little more comfortable." Home court advantage during the playoffs can't be understated the support of the of the environment is conducive to performin at a higher level, rather than playing in an unfamiliar and hostile atmosphere.
Last Friday's win's gravitas is palpable because of its weight and the benefits derived from securing home court advantage for the openiongl playoffs. The victory against
a more than worthy adversary and traditional rival, took on added meaning because of the importance and timeliness of the game. "I thought we played pretty decent the first two games, there were that affected us, and Port Charlotte came out victorious, and we were able to do some different things in the third game, and were able to win the basketball game," said Massolio.
has been a cornerstons of the Tarpon's program and his play against Po Charlotte was redolent of his talent and ability which has loomed as a considerable and formidable presence throughout the season. Last Friday's win was a Tarpons appear poised for a deep run "He really played
within the system, he took great shots, didn't force anything, there were some times in the first two games that he put up some ill-advised shots, he wasn't the only couple of guys do that couple of guys do that "But we really took care of the ball for most of the game, there was a period there where we didn't take care of the ball. He did a great job People forget, we
had two seniors the had two seniors tha fouled out five and three minutes into the
fourth quarter, those fourth quarter, those
young guys rose to the occasion, and led by Makai (Reaves), our other senior, we were able to pull that out." Ahmad's impact has been palpable during the 2018-19 season, and throughout his career been able to handle the
 Charlotte's leading scorer Ahmad Johnson will be a critical component Thursday against Boca Ciega in the Regional opener.

## Pirates' bond forged over time

Port Charlotte's cohesion among its five senior starters has been building since 7th grade
 Port Charlotte's senior starters Rondell Adderly, Alex Romero, Tyler Perry, Brandon Gainey and Shemar Fluerissant have years of playing together for Port Charlotte, which helped spark a historic run.

## By Jacob hoag

It's not easy to win 24 straight games and cap a perfect reguar season. Most teams would way.

But the Port Charlotte boys basketball team has used the tight bond of five senior starters, some of which have played together since 7 th grade, to put deep playoff run. As they travel to Clearwater

High tonight for the first round of Regionals after suffering their only loss so
far to Charlotte in the district far to Charlotte in the district
championship, the Pirates (24-1) will rely heavily on eac other to clear the first hurdle of contending for a state title.
"It helps us play comfortable," "forward Brandon Gainey said. "When we go through adversity we trust each other
still no matter what. Someone may not be hitting anything but we still get him shots and get him in a rhythm.'

The partial core of the team - forwards Shemar Fluerissant, Tyler Perry and
Gainey - have played together Gainey - have played together Thinking back an AAU

## ■ SPRING TRAINING

Rays to host first exhibition Friday against Phillies

## By MARC TOPKIN <br> Tampa Bay Times

PORT CHARLOTTE - Manager Kevin Cash's biggest takeaway from Wednesday's full-squad workout was that he's glad there is only one such session before the exhibition schedul begins Friday against the Phillies, Cash said. "That stood out,"
Cash said. That stood out,"
The Rays did some Wednesd
fly balls and Guillermo Heredia on quired from Seattle with Mike Zunin in the Mallex Smith trade, made a
strong impression
"He looked awesome," Cash said. "That was a bright spot. Watching
him run down balls like that. You get
spoiled watching KK (Gold Glove winspoiled watching centerfielder Kevin Kiermaier) do it all the time, but to see Heredia out there. (Bench coach Matt Quatraro) couldn't get the machine to get (the ball) over his head. And he was tryin to. He glides out there. That was fun.' Also:

- Reliever Jose Alvarado and top starters Blake Snell and Charlie Morton are on a slower track sched their first appearances not likely some time next week to manage their spring workloads.
-"Alvrado's (2018 workload) was real high, we have to really manage him,"


## Cash said.

- "In my opinion if Alvarado threw five times off the mound this spring that would be more than enough because he's such a big part and we want to keep him as fresh as possible."
-Cash noted the pitching of Emilio Pagan (again), plus lefties Jalen Beeks and Hoby Milner
- Infielder Yandy Diaz impressed again at the plate
- Austin Pruitt it the expected starte for Friday's exhibition opener; Ryan slated for work Saturday ning work Wednesday.
 Rays manager Kevin Cash says the team is ready for Friday's exhibition against the Phillies.
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"My husband shocked me with more sexual passion than he's had in years. He took me in the bedroom like we were newlyweds - it was so exciting!"

By Karen James

## Associated Health Press

The Inside Story on Great Sex! This week I got a letter from a reader about a little secret that has made hosolutely explosive! (Those Texas women are spicy!)

## Tina writes.

Dear Karen,
For years my husband and I had a great love life. He was sexy, passionate and so confident. But when
he reached his 50 s, he started to struggle with getting and keeping an erection. The few times we did an erection. The few times we did softer, leaving us both unsatisfied. He tried every product out there; prescriptions, creams, testosterone, male enhancement pills... but nothing worked. I know this is terrible, but I found myself thinking "My strong, passionate husband has become a sexual weakling." I had no idea it would all turn around in just 3 weeks!
Last month, he came home from a business trip in Europe and shocked me with more sexual energy and passion than he's had in years. Hard bedroom like we were newlyweds' and gave me a night I'll never forget! It was incredible and so exciting!
He flat wore me out that night and it's been like that ever since. His erections are so hard and powerful, curling 'moments' I've ever had! So here we are, enjoying the best sex of our lives... in our late-50's!
When I asked my husband what caused such a dramatic change, he said on his trip he stayed in a hotel room next to an Italian nutritionist
and his wife. Through the walls, he heard them passionately making love every single night, and sometimes again in the morning. One afternoon, he saw the husband leave their room and he couldn't believe it. The man looked much too old to be having so much sex
My husband couldn't help himself, so he asked the man his
secret. The nutritionist smiled introduced himself as Vito, and told my husband he was 78 years old, his wife 65 , and that after 32 years of marriage, their sex life was as good as ever. Then he took a small pack of tablets from his satchel, gave it to my husband, and said "These come from a small town up north and are made from naturally pure plant extracts, packed with densely rich sexual nutrients. They will give you back the sex-drive you had when you were young, and make you harder than you can imagine." Then he laughed and said, "You'll become an Italian Stallion like me!
Italian Stallion is right! These past several weeks have been a dream. My husband's desire for me is through the roof. He takes me whenever he wants, and he even
wakes up most days with a 'morning salute' like he did years ago. I love it! He's a sexual powerhouse, beaming with confidence, and our marriage is stronger than eve
Karen, here's why I'm writing you. The pack of tablets is about to run out and we desperately want more. I've looked everywhere but can't find them. Do you know anything about these tablets from Europe and to get some here in the States?

## Sincerely,

Fort Worth, TX
Tina, you and the rest of my readers are in luck because 1 do know about these secret European men from Italy, Greece, Spain, and all over Europe are famous for staying energized, passionate and sexually active well into their golden years? Well, for decades, these men have relied on a unique blossom extract called Provarin to enhance their sexual performance and satisfaction.
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mention this article, they'll get a one-time $50 \%$ discount on their first order, plus an additional 30 pills free!
Wow, so there you go, Tina - and the rest of you readers! Just give them a call today and mention this article. The number is 1-800-971-1041 Aren't you glad you asked? oraren


- GOLF

Tiger's first Mexico tourney brings hollers

## - PICK 2

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D-Day, N-N-Night


By DOUG FERGUSON

MEXICO CITY - Two small openings on both sides of a tree-covered
path were packed with path were packed with
fans young and old, some with caps they wanted signed, others holding phones to capture the moment. They were screaming one word
that translates in any that translates in any
language at the Mexico Championship Champions
Tiger Woods eventually walked by on his way to the range at Chapultepec
Golf Club, and the Golf Club, and the volume got louder.
He is used to receptio like this wherever he goes, particularly since
he made a full return to he made a full return to golf last year and en
the season with his the season with his
80th career victory 80th career victory. Tak
him somewhere new, such as Bellerive for the PGA Championship or Innisbrook for the Valspar Championship, and it can feel like a rock concert. This World Golf Championship brings another element. This is Mexico.
"I'm sure the energy will be up, people will be excited," Woods said Wednesday. "I think yesterday was a closed day, but there was a lot of people out there, a lot of members and a lot of kids that somehow didn't go be like that the rest of the be like that the rest of the
week, and it will be a lot of fun for all of us." It certainly will be an experience for Abraham Ancer, who will play with Woods and Bryson DeChambeau the opening two rounds The Mexican player
with the best world with the best world
ranking gets into the ranking gets into the
72 -man field. Ancer grew up just south of the Texas border in Reynosa played last year at No. 260 in the world. Now he is at No. 61, knowing he has an outside shot at cracking
the top 50 in the world the top 50 in the world to earn a
Masters.
He said he idolized Woods and playing with him "will be something unforgettable."
If he stands too close to
DeChambeau, that might DeChambeau, that might be unforgettable, too. Mexico City is at roughly 7,800 feet altitude, though that depends on the DeChambeau mentioned DeChambe
9,000 feet. "It's more than just altitude. You could have


an air pressure system that is sike sea level coming through here
and effectively chans it. That's what I mean it. That's what I mean by
that," he said that," he said. He also mentioned the
slower decay of spin rate with no air resistance but suffice to say the ball goes father this week for everyone.
Ian Poulter was preparing to hit driver on the 316 -yard opening hole Wednesday when Dustin Johnson interrupted him. over the green?" Johnson said.
Poulter looked up and replied, "I don't carry th ball 370 yards in the air.' Johnson played the front nine with Woods, and they were joined by defending champion
Phil Mickelson and Jon Rahm. It was the final da of practice, and yet the of practice, and yet
right side of the fairway looked like Sunday at Chapultepec last year That's the Tiger effect Mexico is the 21st country where Woods has
competed, so he is used competed, so he is used
to the reaction from those to the reaction from those
seeing him for the first seeing him for the first
Golf is still in its relative infancy in Mexico, though the appeal changes when one of the most recognizable athletes in the world is in town. Security has increased this year, mos of that because of Wood
Grupo Salinas took over sponsorship of this over sponsorship of this
WGC in the summer of 2016, when Woods was recovering from two back surgeries. There was no guarantee if his game would get back, so news of his decision to play last week was massive fo small sector of golf fans in "Tiger definitely
moves the needle, Benjamin Salinas, the CEO of TV Azteca.

## SPORTS ON TV



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## ■ LPGA

## Big purse, names in North Port's Symetra Tour opener

## By JOHN HACKWORTH

ORTH PORT - Tampa golf er AJ Newell is eager to make a run at the $\$ 250,000$ purse in the SKYIGOLF Championship

The LPGA Symetra Tour's season opener at Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club will offer $\$ 37,500$ to the winner the 24-stop tour for talented women golfers hoping to earn wheir tour card. Newell and Alexa Pano visited the North Port course Wednesday for a press conference and both are anxious to tee it up March 7. "I know some girls struggle just to pay their entry fees,

Newell said of the financia difficulties of playing the tour, golf to make got momen' By the time you play entry fees, travel expenses and hotel rooms it can cost about $\$ 25,00$ to $\$ 30,000$ a year in expenses. "But we know what we're getting into."
The high price some women golfers pay to follow their dreams makes the Charlotte Harbor National money all the more enticing. It will offer the second highest purse on the
tour.
A field of 132 is expected to tee off for the 72-hole, four-day tournament, starting March 7. Course owner and host Rich Smith is ready to show off his
refurbished layou
"We want to make this feel like a national championship
tournament. I'm proud of th tournament. I'm proud of the
renaissance here in the past 18 months. This was always a great course but its condition was not to the level it should be," Smith said of the former Bobcat Trail course.
Newell, who has traveled all 50 states to play golf after an All-American career at the
University of Tennessee said it will be a new experience playing so close to home. playing so close to home.
"Normally you are on the road all by yourself, 25 weeks year," she said. "My mom and my grandma and all my friends will get to see me play here. It will be great to have a week
with my family Newell said the mental aspect of the tour and the
chase for a permanent spot chase for a permanent spot on "You just have to stay positive," she said. "If I have 17 bad weeks I just tell myself I still have other opportunities to do well."
Pano is only 14 and was awarded a sponsor's exemption to play in the tournament Her early success and tale have caused a lot of buzz,
The Lake Worth, Florida teen is 11th in the Rolex American Junior Golf Association rankings and was runner-up at the 2018 U.S. Girls Junior Championship and a member
of the 2018 Junior Ryder Cup team that won.
"I like playing with the pros because I can learn a lot about my game," she said before
leaving to return to Lake Worth. "I think it helps me improve a lot."
The North Port community and beyond has come out strong for the tournament. Smith said he has 140 volun teers lined up to help over the four days and has a number of business
up also. up also. be to see one of these young women win the U.S. Women's Open some day and talk about how they played here," Smith
said.


SUN PHOTOS BY JOHN HACKWORTH
Alexa Pano (left) shows her tee shot to a small audience after Wednesday's press conference on the Skyigolf Championship to be played at the Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club in North Port March 7-10. At right, Tampa-based pro golfer A.J. Newell tees off on the No. 2 hole at Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club on Wednesday during a practice round. Both will play in the tournament.

SKIIGOLF CHAMPIONSHP WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
WHEN: March 7-10, Pro-Am March 6
WHO: 132 aspiring LPGA professionals WHERE: Charlotte Harbor National Golf Club, 1350 Bobcat Trail
North Port

## PREP SPORTS CALENDAR

## THURSDAY

- BOYS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

Charlotte vs. Boca Ciega, 7 p.m.
Community Christian at First Baptist Academy,

## - SOFTBALL

Lemon Bay vs. Charlotte, 6 p.m.
$\square$ PRESESON BASEBALL
Venice vs. IMG, 7 p.m.
Lemon Bay at Island Coast, 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Canterbury, 7:15 p.m.
North Port vs. Booker, 7 p.m.
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Lemon Bay Girls vs. Port Charlotte, 3 p.m.
Charlotte Boys vs Port C
$\square$ GIRLS LACROSSE
Venice vs. Sarasota Military Academy, 5:30 p.m
$\square$ TRACK AND FIELD
Venice at Chargers Invitational at Shorecrest (St. Pete), 2:30 p.m.
DeSoto at Lake Placid, 3 p.m.
$\square$ BOYS VOLLEYBALL

## TARPONS

## FROM PAGE 1

pressure as the player who his teammates look toward as an inspiration, improving athletes around him "If he's not the player of the year, he's right up there in a lot of categories, not just around here but in southwest Florida," said Massolio.
be the next all-state player from our program."
program.
However, the Tarpon 2018-19 schedule, has been a major variable in their success, and the opposition Charlotte will face going forward might
be as good as what
hey've previously but not necessarily better, providing them with the necessary confidence as they advance in the playoffs.
Tonight's contest has a series of unknowns, with both rosters not being familiar with one "That That strength of schedule that we've is the time of the year it can really help you, obviously playing diferent opponents that you haven't seen before can be very helpful, he road we're going to see some guys that we've seen already," said Massolio. "It's been our job as coaches to get our guys ready for any situation."

Local Prep Briefs

| TENNIS |
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| LEMON BAY BOYS 6, |
| SOUTHEAST 1 |
| The Mantas got an early season |
| win on Wednesday ver Southeast to |
| move to 2-0 on the young season. |
| Earning wins in singles for |
| Lemon Bay were Enrique Subero |
| (2-6, 6-4, 10-8, 2) Noah Pirro (6-1, |
| 6-1), Josh Hutherson (6-0, -1), |
| Matt Hutcherson (6-3, 6-0) and |
| Cameron Hinkle (6-2, 6-2). |
| In doubles, Parth Patel and |
| Sebastian Holmes won 8-6. |
| VENICE GIRLS 7, CHARLOTTE 0 |
| The Lady Indians got a |
| clean sweep over Charlotte on |
| Wednesday to move to 2-0 as |
| Charlotte falls to 1-1. |
| In singles, Nikki Kulcsar de- |
| feated Sofia Scalvini 6-2, 6-1, |
| Laura Kulcsar defeated Liz Davis |
| 6-0, 6-0, Alexa Moghina defeated |
| Megan McGivern 6-1, 6-1, Katelyn |
| Houston defeated Kami Arias 6-0, |
| 6-0 and Gracie Leonard defeated |
| Paige Kehoe 6-0, 6-0. |
| Earning doubles points were the |

tandems of Kulcsar/Houston (8-0) nd Kulcsar/Moghina (8-1).
VENICE BOYS 7, CHARLOTTE 0 Following the girls team, the Indians also got a sweep of the Tarpons as they move
Charlotte falls to 1-1.
In singles, Ben Zipay defeated Trey Flores 6-0, 6-0, Ryan Rajakar oe Swan 6-0, 6-1,Mason Lai Jacob Adler 6-1, 6-1, Troy Bankemper defeated Johnny Villareal 6-2, 6-1 and Louis Ferreira defeated Ethan Rodetsky 6-0, 6-1
In doubles, the tandems of Zipay/Rajakar (8-0) and Lai/ DESOTO GIRLS 5, BOOKER 0 DESOTO BOYS 4, BOOKER 1
BOYS VOLLEYBALL
For the Venice boys volleyball feam, Wednesday night's game against Berkeley Prep represented a lot of firsts.
Though Venice nearly coughed up a 24-16 lead in the opening set, it regrouped to put away the Buccaneers with relative ease,
finishing the match with a $3-0$ win 25-22, 25-17, 25-7) at the TeePee in Game 1 when we should in it closed the door, but for a lot of these guys, it's their first volleyball game ever at Venice High School," Indians coach Brian Wheatley said. "They've been watching the girls from the stands all these years, so it can be a little intimidating, but they did a nice job."
LACROSSE
SAINT STEPHENS 13,VENICE BOYS 6
Saint Stephen's took the lead from Venice in the second quarter and never looked back in a 13-6 victory over the Indians in the season opener for both teams. Venice freshman Jack Clarkson led the Indians with a pair of goals. scorers with 5 goals.
Venice ( $0-1$ ) returns to action Saturday afternoon with a road game at Clearwater Calvary Christian.

## PIRATES <br> FROM PAGE 1

(American Athletic Union) tournament in Lakeland stood out as the origin of their early same plays. some had the couldn't style, but Gainey much more one dimens was much more one dimensional. According to the group, they
got outplayed pretty bad in got outplayed pre
that tournament.
Those early days, which seem like ancient history for the soon-to-be high school grads, looked far different from the crisp, fluid style seen during their today
"You could tell we were good players, but it was our first time playing organized basketball," Perry said. "Ther 20 something and a game th 20 something and a game that
(Brandon) had 20 something. You could tell we could play,
but the team chemistry was
terrible We were terrible" terrible., We were terrible."
They've come a long way They've come a long way
since then and have added key pieces along the way. In 8th grade they realized they had something special going Gainey got his first dunk, the group began to gel and the early formation of this year's squad began to take shape. As sophomores, they added point guard Alex Romero, who
played with them in 8th grade played with them in 8th grade Rondell Adderly.
Though it wasn't until this season that all five cracked the starting lineup, playing in the same system for some time has given an almost sixth sense when they step on the floor.
From one side of the floor to the other, every player will be before their teammates Romero knows when Gainey
is about to drive baseline for the ally-oop or when Perry is coming off a screen at the
3 -pointer.
They can sniff out the mismatches and have the basketball IQ to pick apart opposing teams. "When you play together for that long, you get to know their tendencies, what they do well, what they don't do well, how they play defense, whic
is No. 1" Perry said. "I think we've just matured as a group Playing together is a huge advantage because we've been down 20, down 30, we've been up 20, up 30 with each other So, we know how to handle different situations." The Pirates haven't been an offensive juggernaut this year, but their 59.5 points per game is plenty when they hold
teams to under 40 on average. Their smothering defense
has been key to their historic run and they aren't shy about it. But their biggest asset may be their unselfish nature. They don't have a dominant weapon, rather they have five players that put up 10-20 points consistently, which makes it tough for teams to shut them down.
"We don't care," Fluerissant said. "We don't focus on scoring. We focus on the defensive side. If they don't score they score two to win."
It's been a fun ride for them, but now they sit in a bittersweet position. Six years have whittled down to two weeks and entering Regional play, any game could be the final time these five players share a
court in a competitive setting It's something they're aware of, but not dwelling on. If things go according to their plan, their final game won't be
until the state finals on March 9.

But with whatever transpires tonight or in the coming weeks, Port Charlotte coach Kip Rhoten knows how special ant they've been to the program. They will be regarded as one of the best teams he's ever coached for some time. "In the classroom the other day I made a comment to one of them and he kind of look at overthink it,'" Rhoten said. "D took the paper and threw it

## Allen scores 21, Florida downs No. 13 LSU, 82-77



## by brett martel

baton rouge, La. Kevaughn Allen highlighted 21 -point performarce wit a pair of 3-pointers late in 13 LSU $82-77$ on Wednesday night.
Jalen Hudson and Noah Locke each scored 15 for Florida (15-11, 7-6 SEC), which has won three straight on the heels of competitive losses o Kentucky, Tennessee and
Auburn.
Naz Reid had 16 points and 1-2), which lost for only th second time in 16 games and saw its four-game winning streak snapped.
Skylar Mays scored 18 points for the Tigers, which saw the game begin to slip away when Allen's consecutive 3 s gave
Florida a $76-70$ lead with $1: 12$
to go.
Florida won for the first time team after losing its previous six such match-ups.

GEORGETOWN 85, NO. 17 VILLANOVA 73

Defense and keeping the opponent from grabbing offensiv ebounds, the two areas that against St. John's, reared their against St. John's, reared their
ugly heads again Wednesday night, this time in the nation's capital.
Georgetown took the initiative early on the boards and stayed around the 50 percent shooting mark for much of the game an no answers, losing an $85-73$ Big East decision to the Hoyas at Capital One Arena.
With their third loss in the last four games, the Wildcats (20-7, $11-3$ Big East) saw their ninegame winning streak snapped gainst the Hoyas ( $16-10,6-7$ ), who last defeated Villanova on Jan. 19, 2015 at the same venue Big East games for the first time since Feb. 23 and March 2, 2013 ,

NO. 10 MICHIGAN ST 71,

## RUTGERS 60

Cassius Winston scored 28 points and Xavier Tillman had a career-high 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead Michigan State.
The Sp
The Spartans (22-5, 13-3 Big en) moved a half-game ahead f No 7 Michigan and No 15 Purdue in the Big Ten standings. Geo Baker scored 17 points and Ron Harper had 11 points for Rutgers. The Scarlet Knight (12-14, 5-11) have lost five of heir past six games. Michigan State missed Nick Ward and Joshua Langford on
offe against defensive-minded Rutgers.
Wand had hand surgery Sunday and Langford had sea-son-ending foot surgery earlie this month, taking more than 30 points of scoring out of Tom

SYRACUSE 69, NO. 18 LOUISVILLE 49

Elijah Hughes scored 18 points and Oshae Brissett had 16 to lead four players in double figures as Syracuse topped Louisville.
Syracuse (18-8, 9-4 ACC) found their mark from behind the arc against Louisville, hitting Cardinals in check throughout. Buddy Boeheim had 14 points and Tyus Battle 11 for Syracuse. The Cardinals (18-9, 9-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) were coming off two tough games. They blew a 23 -point top-ranked Duke just over week ago, and on Sturday barely eked out a 56 - 55 win Clemson. Louisville entered the game shooting 36.3 percent from 3 -point range and finished 14 of 54 ( 25.9 percent), a season low, and 6 of 28 from 3 .
Jordan Nwora had 11 points on 3-of-13 shooting to lead Lousine, Dwayne Sutton was 1 of 10 for five points.

## ■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Roundup

## Brown, No. 1 Baylor clinch share of Big 12 title

WACO, Texas (AP) Kalani Brown reached career milestones of 2,000 points and 1,000 reclinched at least a share clinched at least a share Big 12 regular-season championship with an $80-40$ win over Kansas on

Wednesday night. The Lady Bears (24-1, $14-0$ Big 12) won their 10th Big 12 regular seaso title overall in coach Kim Mulkey's 19th seasons.
Brown finished with 11 points and 14 rebounds to run her career totals to 2,000 and 1,012,
respectively.
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Christalah Lyons had 10 points to lead Kansas

No. 3 UCONN 102 MEMPHIS 45

Katie Lou Samuelson
scored a season-high 32
points and grabbed 10
rebounds as UConn rout ed Memphis to remain unbeaten in six seasons of American Athletic
Conference play Conference play. added 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Huskie (24-2, 12-0 American),
who improved to 10-0 against the overmatched Tigers. It was her 15th double-double of the season and 39th of her
career career.
Samu Samuelson has six of
her seven career douher seven career douCrystal Dangerfield
added 15 points and eight assists for the Huskies, who shot 55 percent from the floor and 52 perce
from behind the arc Jada Stinson and Jasmine James each had 12 points for Memphis (10-16, 5-8), which has lost four of its last five.

## $\square$ NBA

## Love healthy, optimistic as Cavs fight to finish <br> By TOM WITHERS

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio - Kevin Love relaxed on the beach under the during the All-Star break He hopes it finally shines on him and th Cavaliers in the second half of a depressing, gloomy season. Offering optimism about his future and Cleveland's, Love returned to the practice floor with his teammates on Wednesday followin midseason celebratory interruption. The five-time All-Star recently came back after missing more than 50 games following foot surgery. He was rested for the Cavs' final game against Brooklyn - part of his recovery plan -
before the break, but Love said he plans to play Thursday against Phoeni and intends to build up his minutes over the next few weeks. Cleveland has 24 games left. "I think you'll see me more on a steady basis the break, I'm hoping" the break, I'm hopin played in just two game since November. "So just continue to improve the minutes and make sure that I'm feeling good and go from there."
With Clevela With Cleveland's training staff keeping a diligent eye on him, Love took part in the 5-on-5 problems and said the only issue now is improving his conditioning
Overall, he's pleased with
the Cavs are close to turning a corner. The team has been besieged by injuries, but
with Love back and for with Love back and forward Tristan Thompson close after missing 13 games with foot soreness they've been in months. There won't be any playoffs this season, but Love is excited about what the Cavs can accomplish down the stretch.
"Hopefully we'll have everybody back," said Love, his arms showing some residual redness from his vacation. "You just have to continue to find motivation and know that there's a bigge picture involved. And you know, for me, it is tough. It's the longest I've missed whole career but I jus my whole career but I jus gotta find opportunity,
find ways to get better and ways to get bette body feels really fresh. I guess that's the good thing in this and just continue to get better in my game."
This has b This has been an exceptionally challengin
season for the 30 -year season for the 30 -yea four-year, $\$ 120$ million contract extension in July. But despite personal setbacks and the Cavs' stunning descent from NBA powerhouse to lottery participant, Love has remained engag and committed. Coach Larry Drew has handled adversity "He has done a m nificent job in the way has conducted himself


Cleveland Cavaliers' Kevin Love drives past New York Knicks' Noah Vonleh in the first half, in Cleveland. Love relaxed on the beach under the warm Caribbean sun during the All-Star break. He's hoping it keeps shining on him and the Cavaliers in the second hal of a depressing, gloomy season.

the bottom, but we feel like we have a team that like we have a team tha
can really compete with can really compete wit
anybody on any given night. That's the beauty of this game."
"We have a good group of guys that want to be better and guys that haven't given in to losing. That can be easy when so many games come at had a mentality the ve had a mentality that any a basketball game. We're going to continue to be like that."

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## After veteran salaries drop, players want change

By Ronald blum

gWYORK Wlk from $\$ 172$ million to from $\$ 17.2$ million to Greg Holland was cut Greg Holland was cut $\$ 2$ million this season Daniel Murphy fell from $\$ 17.5$ million to $\$ 10$ million.
While Manny Machado agreed to a pending $\$ 300$ million, 10 -year contract with San Diego
and Bryce Harper is likely and Bryce Harper is likely record $\$ 325$ million, 13 -year deal, many less-than-superstar veter ans have been routed on the free-agent market. Players want change, and management could be open to negotiations for alterations to the collective bargaining agreement as part of an
extension of the current deal, set to expire in December 2021. "It's really clear there's been a redistribution of how clubs are looking at veteran players," agent Scott Boras said Wednesday. "We have a clear problem in the
industry of a non-competitive cancer. Like any patient with a malady, we have to address it immediately. Otherwise it is going to get steadily
worse. 111 announced agreements among the 164 players who exerrights after the World Series, 36 were for mino league contracts and

26 were one-year deals
for less than last year's average salary of just over $\$ 4$ million.
In all, 46 players got one-year contracts, 19 three-year agreements. Just three longer cont tracts for free agents been announced: lefthander Patrick Corbin's $\$ 140$ million, six-year deal with Washington, outfielder A.J. Pollock's $\$ 60$ million, five-year contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers and pitcher Nathan Eovaldi's $\$ 68$ million, four-year package with Boston
Clubs are replacing veterans with younger players earning at or nea the $\$ 555,000$ minimum who lack the roughly 2 $2 / 3$ years of major league service needed to be eligible for salary arbitra tion. In the age of analyt ics, cheaper may not be
better, but often it's not much worse.
"All veteran players of a certain age are being affected by this analysis which is not just widespread but fairly consis tent across most clubs," said former New York
Mets general manager Mets general manage Sandy Alderson, now an adviser. "The math is the math."
Spending on big league payrolls dropped last season for the first time since 2010, an $\$ 18$ million fall to $\$ 4.23$ billion, according to figures compiled by the commissioner's office Associated Press. While
the decrease was attribut-
able to drug and domestic violence suspensions and a player retiring at midseason, payrolls were otherwise flat, unusual for a sport
Team behavior changed following a new collective bargaining agreement, which imposed a highe luxury tax on big spend ers. The New York Yankees dropped under the tax threshold last year for the first time since 2003 and the Dodgers for the first showed great interest in showed great interes
Harper or Machado
"Isn't it odd that all 30 teams have gone younge and cheaper rather than older and better?" agen Jay Reisinger said. "It's more than a coincidenc that guys remain unsigned. Clubs are treating the tax threshold as
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it is most often the middle-class that gets squished."
In addition to Harper, Craig Kimbrel, Dallas Keuchel, Marwin Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez and Gio Gonzalez were still on
the market on the eve of the exhibition opene of the exhibition opene
scheduled for Thursday And many of those who have signed got deals for a fraction of their initial hopes. Mike Moustakas turned down a $\$ 17.4$ mil lion qualifying offer from Kansas City after the 201 season and returned to
the Royals in mid-March for a one-year contract


Milwaukee Brewers third baseman rejected a $\$ 17.4$ million qualifying offer from the Kansas City Royals before the 2018 season, only to return for a $\$ 6.5$ million, one-year deal. After earning $\$ 2.2$ million in bonuses last year, he signed for a one-year, $\$ 10$ million de
veterans limited to one-year deals, with another 53 still unsigned.
that included a guaranteed $\$ 6.5$ million. He was traded to Milwaukee during the summer, earned $\$ 2.2$ million in bo nuses and became a free agent again. He stayed
with the Brewers for a with the Brewers for a one-year deal guarante his two-year total to just $\$ 1.3$ million more than the one-year contract he turned down 15 months ago.
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Players are ready to go to war over WAR. Teams compare the Wins Above Replacement of veteran against rookies. In ad-
dition, data shows olde players spent more time on the disabled list.

The system since 1976 has been based on seall exposed to the same salaries of young plate data, and the data is only salaries of young players, minimally subject to
those with roughly three- interpretation" those with roughly three-to-six years of service are eligible for arbitration and those with more than six are free. For decades, many players in the second deals that reflected earlier production more than their current output. "There has been an explosion in data, and when you have more data you have fewer gaps that require some intuitive or
subjective assessment", subjective assessment,"
Alderson said. "The second aspect of this is
interpretation."
Boras, whose top free-agent clients include Harper and Keuchel, suggests adding wild-card
teams, so more teams try teams, so more teams try
to compete later into the season. "There is a clear evidence of tanking in our industry," he said. "Clubs are choosing to lose and tank and the decrease in competition for the better
teams does not require teams does not require they have less incentive to build the depth of their to build
roster."

## New Twins manager Baldelli searches for closer

By DANA CALDWELL
Associated Press
FORT MYERS, - The normally gregarious Rocco Baldelli has been quite tight-lipped
about his plans for the closer about his plans for the closer Minnesota's manager That's the biggest unan swered question for the Twins in spring training. The good news for them, and their rookie skipper, is that there is no shortage of options. Gone is three-time All-Star Fernando Rodney, who was
traded to Oakland last August traded to Oakland last Augus for minor league pitcher will turn 42 next month, had 25 saves for the Twins last season and has 325 for his career to rank 18th in major league history. That deal created an opening for four
returners: right-handers Trevor Hildenberger (seven saves last year), Trevor May (three saves) and Addison Reed ( 125 career saves) and left-hander Taylor Rogers (two saves last year). Parker, a righty who had 14 Parker, a righty who had
saves for the Los Angeles Angels last season and becam a free agent, and converted right-hander Fernando Romero, who made 11 starts for the Twins last year. "It could play out in a lot of different ways," Baldelli said. "We have several guys that are going to pitch late in the game
for us."
$\qquad$ Not only has Baldelli decandidates, he has also stopped short so far of promising to appoint one pitcher as the traditional closer.
We have a full group that is going to be in consideration
for pitching in the seventh and eighth and ninth inning. So I'm not going to use the word closer and talk about any of our guys at this point," Baldelli said. "That could change going
forward depending on how forward de."
Rogers, who ended last season on a scoreless streak of 26 consecutive innings, expressed strong interest in taking over the role, but he declined to speculate about the competition.
"Closing's definitely different. It's a rush. There's nobody coming to bail you out in the
end. The only bailout is giving end. The only bailout is giving "Definitely something I would take on if there is a need." Some of the wisdom impart ed by Rodney to his bullpen teammates was the importanc of having their mind right for the high-pressure moments.
"He'd always walk around and say, 'It's mental, not physical,'" Rogers said. "And he knows a little something about saving ballgames. You've got to
slow yourself down out there slow yourself down out there. For some reason, three outs are
three outs, but those last three three outs, but those last three are just different. Find some-
body that has that 'it' factor. You just have to let them go ou there and do it.
Among the starting pitchers like Jake Odorizzi, there might be just as much intrigue about the competition as there would be with the fans. He expressed confidence in the candidates with a particular
"I think if he's anywhere other than Minnesota, he's a household name. He's the guy that we all have confidence in doing whatever he needs to do," Odorizzi said. "And I think when you have so many
guys that can close, it's almost tough to pick one. It could be a situational thing."
There's only one active major league pitcher with more career saves than Rodney: Craig Kimbrel (333), who becam a free agent after winning
the World Series with the Boston Red Sox last season Conveniently for the Twins, should the front office feel the need to more aggressively address the ninth-inning opening, Kimbrel remains unsigned. Thirty teams still have a chance at one of the best closers in history that's still a free
agent," Odorizzi said. "A team can be changed pretty dramati cally by signing Kimbrel. I think our team would have a lot more buzz about it with a guy like that at the back end. But those guys don't grow on trees and only come around every so often."

## Braves' Donaldson set to adjust to NL, stay healthy

At 33 and after two injury-riddled seasons, former AL MVP has much to prove


Atlanta Braves third baseman Josh Donaldson takes batting practice Wednesday in Kissimmee. Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP, signed a one-year deal worth $\$ 23$ million following two injury-riddled seasons with the Blue Jays and Indians.

By DICK SCANLON
LAKE BUENA VISTA Finding a job was pretty easy for Josh Donaldson. Proving he can keep it will be the tough part. didn't have to wait long didn't have to wait long signing a one-year, signing a one-year,
$\$ 23$ million contract with the Atlanta Braves less than a month after the World Series ended. "I didn't expect it to go that quickly," Donaldson said Wednesday, the day
before his first organized before his first organized
workout with the NL East workout with the NL Eas
champions. "It was my champions. It was my
first time in free agency so I had something of an idea, but you don't really

## - NFL

## Bell will leave Steelers for free agency



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell will become an unrestricted free agent after the steelers said they will not use the transition tag on him this offseason. Bell sat out the entire 2018 season after refusing to sign a $\$ 14.5$ million franchise tender from the Steelers.

## by austin knoblauch

 Los Angeles TimesThe bell has tolled for Le'Veon Bell's career with the Pittsburgh Steelers. manager Kevin Colbert said the team will not use the transition tag on Bell, meaning he'll be an unrestricted free agent when the free-agency signing period begins March 13 "Le'Veon is still a great player. We can't afford to use any other type
of tags," Colbert said Wednesday, per ESPN's Jeremy Fowler. "Le'Veon will be an unrestricted free agent at the start of the new league year." Bell sat out the entire 2018 season after refusing to sinn his $\$ 14.5 \mathrm{mi}$ hopes of landing a long term contract extension after playing on the non-exclusive franchise tag in 2017. After missing the November signing deadline it became clea that Bell almost certainly
would never play again with the Steelers. The Steelers ultimately had two options this off Bell's future with the to Bell's future with the free agency or place him under the non-exclusive franchise or transition tags. The transition tag is a one-year tender tha would have allowed Bell to negotiate contract offers from other teams The Steelers would hav the right to match any offer sheet Bell signs
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would receive no compensation if they couldn match that offer. The non-exclusive franchise tag likely wasn an option since the thirdyear tag terms as stip-
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more than $\$ 20$ million more than $\$ 20$ million
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more than market value. It appears the Steelers are willing to put the years-long drama surrounding Bell's future
with the team behind them since there was potential for a dispute with the NFL Players Association over what
the transition tag num the transition tag num Bell told ESPN in Octobe he believed the Steelers would use the transition tag on him.
The two-time All-Pro is one of NFL's best du-al-threat running backs, accumulating 1,291 rushing yards and 655
receiving yards in receiving yards in 2018 of James Conner in the Steelers' backfield last season made Bell somewhat expendable for the Steelers, he'll be arguably the biggest prize in a talent-rich free-agency pool that could include Jadeveon Clowney and Jadeveon Clowney and
Nick Foles. Bell's absence, along with Antonio Brown's expected move out of Pittsburgh, means the Steelers' offense will have a much different look in 2019.

■ MLB

## Harrison heading to

 Tigers on one-year deal

Former Pittsburgh Pirates infielder Josh Harrison has agreed to a one-year deal with the Detroit Tigers.
injury and ended up playing just 97 games end up replicating Pittsburgh's up-the-mid dle-combination of Harrison and shortstop

Jordy Mercer, who signed with Detroit earlier in the offseason . Harrison hit a ca-reer-high 16 home runs in 2017, and he batted .315 in 2014.
sins with the Pittsburgh second base, third base shortstop and in the
outfield.
Harrison did not have a bitting 250 with eight home runs and 37 RBIs. He missed time early in
the season with a hand

By NOAH TRISTER Free agent Josh Harrison has agreed to Detroit Tigers with the Detroit rigers, according the negotiations Wednesday because the deal was still subject to successful physical. The 31-year-old Harrison spent his first eight major league seathe season with a han

Mets infielder Lowrie to have MRI on left knee

## By BILL WHITEHEAD Associated Press

The New York Mets uttered that dreaded three-letter acronym for the first time in spring training, and it involved Jed Lowrie: MRI Starting a $\$ 20$ million, two-year contract, the in
fielder noticed the back of his left knee started to hurt last weekend after he was running, an issue he never felt before. He will go for a scan on Thursday.
"It's just one of those things we've got
to get checked out" to get checked out," Wednesday. "It started when I starting ramping things up and doing top-end speed stuff and batting practice. "I just kind of felt something
in the back side of my nee." Lowrie was sought by new general manager Brodie Van Wagenen, his former agent, for infield depth. Primarily a shortstop, he can play second and third base out what's going on first out what's going on first before we start worrying we are," Lowrie said. Manager Mickey Callaway said Lowie needed 40 at-bats during the exhibition season. Lowrie hit . 267 last season for Oakland home runs (23) and PBI 999).
"Our goal right now is to get him ready for the first game of the season. That's why we're being cautious. It's a little
soreness," Callaway said
Callaway added the signing of Adeiny Hechavarria last Thursday was y unrelat ed to Lowrie's setback. "We were just making sure that we had as much depth at shortstop
as possible," he said as possible," he said. Yankees star Alex Rodriguez toured the practice fields while the Mets went through their morning drills. Callaway and Rodriguez have known each other since they played travel ball as around the country. His whole life has always been about baseball. I got to take a recruiting trip with him to (the University of) Miami in high school. He was a beast."

## ■ NHL

## Kane scores 2 more, Chicago tops Detroit in OT

## By NOAH TRISTER

 AP Sports Writer DETROIT - Patrick Kane scored two goals, in cluding the game winner with 2:18 left in overtime extending his point strea the Chicago Blackhawk to a 5-4 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Wednesday night. Dylan Larkin and Andreas Athanasiou scored two goals each for the Red Wings, who rallied from a $4-1$ third-period deficit to tie found Kane alone to the right of the net in overtime, and the Chicago star beat goalie Jonatha Bernier for his 38th goal of the season. Artem Anisimov, Brandon Saad and Alex DeBrincat scored Chicago in the first period. The Blackhawks 12 games.Kane trails league lead er Alex Ovechkin by just four goals now, although his goals Wednesday were his only points of the night. His assist streak ended at 17 games.

Chicago beat Ottawa 8-7 on Monday, and the another high-scoring night against Detroit. Anisimov made it 1-0 after only 99 seconds, but Larkin answered for the Red W
later.
Saad scored his 21st goal of the season, and DeBrincat's 33rd made it $3-1$ before the end of the period. In the second, Kane came down on a 2 -on- 1 break with Jonathan Toews. Kane took the shot himself, beating
Jimmy Howard to make Jimmy Howard to make
it 4-1. Howard was then replaced, having allowed four goals on eight shots. Larkin brought the Red Wings within two with his 26th of the season, and Athanasiou made it 4-3 when he scored on the power play with 14:37 left in regulation. Athanas lifted the puck from
behind the goal line, next to the net, and it bounced off goalie Cam Ward and
in. The Red Wings had their goalie pulled whe they tied it with 1:26 left in the third period.





## Bella Desjardins

GUARD, CHARLOTTE
The Charlotte High girls basketball team is in uncharted territo ry as it looks to win the region for the first time in school history and sophomore Bella Desjardins has been a big reason why.

In the Lady Tarpons first-round win over Northeast on Valentine's day, Desjardins led the team with 20 points. Desjardins is second on the team averaging 11.3 points per game and as the Lady Tarpons gear up for Friday's regional final against Fort Myers the team is expecting big things from her.
"She got open looks from the outside early in the game that lead to her getting easy layups and catching a rhythm for us offensively," Charlotte coach Matt Stephenson said.


## Makai Reeves

GUARD, CHARLOTTE

After a hard-fought back and forth with Port Charlotte, the district championship rested in the hands of Makai Reaves, who stepped to the free-throw line to ice the game.

Reaves hit both

the Tarpons the lead with under 10 seconds to go, helping Charlotte to a 55-51 win.
Reaves had worked on free throws earlier in the day and finished with 29 points. "Makai, a senior, knocking down those two free throws was huge," Charlotte coach Tom Massolio said. "He beat me to the gym. I thought it was an outstanding effort."

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| Profunds UutismCinin | LE | NL | 59.58 | +36.7 | ${ }^{888-776-3637}$ |
| ProFunds UutMidCPlnv | Le | NL | 43.06 | +33.1 | 888-776-3637 |
| Hodges Retail m | мя | NL | 38.13 | +28.3 | 866-811-0224 |
| Rydex Engy ${ }^{\text {Svish }} \mathrm{b}$ | EE | NL | 17.54 | +27.4 | 800-820-0888 |
| Rydex EngySussinv | EE | NL | 19.36 | +27.4 | 800-820-0888 |
| Fidelity Select EnergyService | EE | NL | 31.72 | +26.6 | 800-544-8544 |
| Rydex Rsi200015SStrH ${ }^{\text {b }}$ | Le | NL | 66.01 | +26.5 | 800-820-0888 |
| Rydex Ast200015xStrc m | Le | 1.00 | 56.29 | +26.4 | 800-820-0888 |
| Profunds intultrasectinv | LE | NL | 91.06 | +25.9 | 888-776-3637 |
| Schneider SmCpval d | sv | NL | 10.19 | +25.8 | 888-520-3277 |
| Kinetics Spofidicrpsithst d | мв | NL | 11.75 | +25.5 | 800-200-7108 |
| Morgan Stanley InsinclncptA m | sG | 5.25 | 9.62 | +25.3 | 800-548-7786 |
| Morgan Stanley Insinclincpill d | sG | NL | 12.05 | +25.3 | 800-548-7786 |
| INVESCO SmCpValA m | sv | 5.50 | 13.93 | +25.2 | 800-959-4246 |
| INVESCO SmCpValc m | sV | 1.00 | 8.85 | +25.0 | 800-959-4246 |
| Firsthand Tect | ST | NL | 13.00 | +24.9 | 888-884-2675 |
| Profunds Uliscioiligashv | LE | NL | 32.58 | +24.9 | 888-776-3637 |
| Towle Deep Val d |  | NL | 14.50 | +24.6 | 888-998-6953 |
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| Profunds PrMMlsulisctinv | LE | NL | 34.97 | +24.5 | 888-77-36337 |
| U.S. Giobal Investor Goldpra |  | NL | 7.87 | +18.0 | 800-887-8637 |
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## OUTHICHOLB

WaterLine photo by Capt. Josh Olive
When you're fishing a topwater plug in fresh water, always keep an eye out for the alligators.

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## How do you define a great day of fishing?

Do you have any fishing buddies who just never seem to be satisfied? You know the type -they go out and catch 15 redfish, but they're grumbling because the biggest one was only 26 inches. Or they come back from the wrecks offshore with a mess of fish in the cooler, but all they can focus on is how they didn't get any yellowtail snapper.
I have a hard time relating to those guys. I recently had one of my absolute best days of fishing. If you measured it by the fish tally at the end, it was pretty much a failure. But for me, the quality of the experience is what really matters.

The day started out with a long walk. I was wade fishing at Burnt Store, and the water is nowhere near where the truck gets parked. On the trail I saw two hogs and a doe - a good beginning, and maybe a good omen.
By the time I got to the water, the cloud cover was breaking and it was starting to get warm. I had to walk through a bit of mud to get out to the grass, but once there I found it to be in pretty good shape, considering it's winter. I started seeing small fish all over - another good sign, I figured.
Once I got to about 18 inches of water, I started casting my DOA shad at likely looking spots. There were no takers initially, but that was all right - I was finding all kinds of neat stuff, from dinner plate-size stingrays to a lightning whelk as big as my foot. Out past the bar I could see a fair-sized flock of gulls and terns wheeling and occasionally diving, so I knew there was bait out there.

My plan was to wade all the way out to the
bar, fishing along the way, to see if there might be a cobia hanging out on the dropoff. This area is one of the places that holds some early in the season, and I thought it was worth a try.
My next cast connected with a trout about 17 inches. I wasn't planning to keep anything, so I released it and then caught its twin on the same spot. Several more casts brought nothing, so I slogged on toward the bar.
Shortly, I caught sight of a boat wake out of the corner of my eye. I turned to look, surprised because I had heard no boat. Then I realized there was no boat to hear: It was a bottlenose dolphin streaking across the flat, throwing water as it went. I love watching dolphins do their thing, so I stopped walking and just watched.
There were three of them, and they were hunting together. Every couple minutes, one would zip along in the shallows, immediately followed by the other two coming in from the side to grab whatever fish had been disturbed by their zoomy friend. I didn't see them toss any fish skyward, so I assume they were focused on smaller prey.
After a half-dozen drives, all three dolphins vanished. I watched for a couple more minutes but saw nothing, so I started making my way out to the bar again, casting as I went.
As the lure swam through an open sandy hole just inside the bar, it suddenly snagged on grass. At least, that's what it felt like. But I know how flounder bite. I gave it a five-count and then reeled and set the hook. Sure enough —a flattie. It was all of 10 inches long. I admired his weird googly eyes and let him go. Now I was standing on the bar. The water
was very shallow - just ankle deep in spots. I decided to hang out on a shallow spot that had a decent view of the deeper water outside and just watch for a few minutes.
Soon I saw a shadow moving along the bar. Cobia? Maybe. I waited a few seconds and it resolved into a bonnethead shark. I watched it cruise along the bottom, sweeping its head back and forth in search of prey. Just to see what would happen, I tossed my soft plastic in front of it. Immediately the little shark turned 180 degrees and boogied, then banked left for deeper water.
The bird activity was way too far out to cast at, and after the bonnethead was gone, there was nothing else moving. I waited a few more minutes and then started walking south on the bar. A boat came by, headed north. He waved. I waved.
Some deep pockets back toward shore looked inviting, so I began heading that way. I managed to hook another (smaller) trout on the way in and lost a couple baits to puffers. On the walk back through the woods, all was quiet.
I've had days in this spot where the redfish were just on fire. I've caught upper 30s snook and hooked small tarpon off the bar. But this day, with a complete lack of other waders and only that one boat buzzing past, goes in the books because it was such an intimate connection with nature.
Enjoy what comes and be grateful for what you have. Believe me, you'll be a lot happier than "those guys."
Contact Capt. Josh Olive at 941-276-9657 or Publisher@WaterLineWeekly.com.

## Commissioners named to water committee

BY BRIAN GLEASON CHARLOTTE COUNTY COMM. DIRECTOR
Charlotte County Commission Chairman Ken Doherty and Vice Chairman Bill Truex were named to the Florida Association of Counties Water Policy Committee. The committee is comprised of 37 county commissioners from across the state. It will serve as the association's voice when addressing water-related policy concerns and provide a structure for the organization to recommend solutions.
"The counties in Florida are diverse and so are the water quality and supply issues they face on
the front lines," said FAC President and Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner. "The Water Policy Committee allows counties to have direct input in future environmental policy reform, recognizing water issues know no boundaries in Florida but are still not solved with one size fits all solutions."
The committee, created with a mission for counties to set policy priorities on the local, state and federal level, will take the lead in working with the state. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 19-12, which emphasizes the need
to engage local government officials to help protect Florida's vulnerable coastline and natural resources, shortly after taking office.
"Working together, we will be able to find impactful solutions to protect our most precious resource and build a stronger Florida for our citizens and future generations of Floridians," said Turner.
The committee will be meeting for the first time during the association's Legislative Day on March 27 to set an agenda and a list of goals for the upcoming years.

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## WHY IT MATTERS

Seagrasses are vital habitat for many fish and also for the forage species they eat. Without healthy grass, the fish population drops fast.

## HOW WE HARM IT

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## MAKING BETTER CHOICES

If you're going to fish a grassflat, you've proba bly got to boat there too. Follow these tips for avoiding damage to this precious resource:

- Know how deep you're running. No one wants to run aground - it just kind of happens when you're not paying attention. Keep an eye out.
- If you do run aground on a grassflat, don't try to motor your way off. Shut the engine off, tilt it up, and push off with a pole or leg power.
- Use your trolling motor or a push pole to move around in shallow water. Firing up the big engine is likely to cause damage to the grass (and sucking up sediment or bumping bottom doesn't do your engine any favors either)
- Be careful about spraying herbicides if you live within a mile of the Harbor, river or a canal. Especially in the rainy season, runoff can quickly carry poisons right into the Harbor. Limit your use to dry days, or avoid it altogether.
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Like many of you folks, I have been around firearms most of my life. My early life was almost idyllic as far as I was concerned, almost like Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn: A young country boy with his dog, Old Town canoe, muskrat and mink traps, camping gear and all that other fun stuff in lots of remote north woods with a single-shot .22 rifle.
I had three brothers just back from WWII, so I got a lot of great gun training at a young age. But I was never really interested in muzzleloaders. Even back then they seemed old-fashioned, outdated and too much trouble to deal with. I kept that attitude most of my life.
Shift forward 60ish years, and recently I was reading a book in a great series about the Napoleonic wars between France and England. These wars were fought with wooden ships and iron men. The book talks about the Royal Marines of the time.
These guys were posted way high up in the rigging. When these big ships locked horns to board each other for close-quarters combat, the Marine sharpshooters in the rigging would try to shoot the opposing force's officers - and yep, they were shooting muzzleloaders.
It's quite a challenge to just hang on 150 feet or more up on a piece of rigging swinging in maybe a 60-degree arc, nevermind trying to hit a small target 200 feet away. Now they had my attention, and I thought maybe this muzzleloading thing might be interesting - if maybe just the

## historic arena

Since I didn't know squat about muzzleloaders, I thought I should check it out. I needed some hours of continuing firearms study to keep my law enforcement and armed security credentials in effect, and this qualified. So after a very interesting week, I am now also an NRA Muzzleloading Instructor.
Let's start out with a little history, and maybe we'll go on from there in later columns. These puppies go back a long, long time. Actually, the history of these firearms is one of the best and interesting parts of all (not to say it wasn't really cool to load and shoot a .68-caliber Spanish flintlock from the 15th century).
Black powder is what makes muzzleloaders go bang and propels the bullet, of which there are many types. The Chinese first used black powder in fireworks as far back as around 1200 A.D. A little after that, Germans and some Englishmen refined it and came up with the first practical muzzleloading gun in around 1300. By the middle of the century, a sort of hand cannon - and yes, they were dangerous as hell - came about, and some of the first larger black powder artillery pieces were in use. These first attempts, as you might guess, weren't exactly safe.
Trial and error was the practice of the day, and many failures occurred - some with disastrous results. Powder measure was very iffy. Sometimes convicted criminals were
used to test the devices. They could climb the gallows steps to the noose, or walk up and light that thing off.
Black powder was then and still is now what is used as a propellant for these devices. Black powder is an explosive propellant made by mixing sulphur, saltpeter (potassium nitrate) and charcoal. Modern "smokeless" gunpowder is a completely different animal and should never be used in a muzzleloading gun. I don't care what your nutty uncle says he's done, the answer is still no, never.

The term muzzleloader, of course, comes from the way the gun is loaded from the business end or muzzle of the gun. Modern guns are loaded from the breech (the rear into the chamber) in one of several ways. Shoulder-fired muzzleloaders were developed over the course of about four centuries, and they fell into five basic phases.

The earliest ones were called matchlock guns and were invented in the early 15th century. The name came from the wick, or "slow match," that was lit before the gun was fired. Needless to say wet weather conditions or a marine environment was not very desired or helpful. These wouldn't have worked well in monsoon season in Vietnam.
A slight improvement in them was called the wheel lock gun, so called because it used a piece of pyrite held against a small steel wheel. The spark to ignite the powder charge was created as the wheel turned much better in adverse weather conditions.

The next major step was the flintlock of he early 1600 s. As I found out, keeping a flint mounted correctly, let alone keeping it sharp so it will produce a spark, is a real challenge. I began to think that my instructor (not the most patient man I have ever met) had made up his mind that I was probably mentally challenged. I eventually made it work, but it's a good thing I wasn't being charged by a platoon of enemy soldiers.
Next in the progression of muzzleloaders was the percussion cap gun of the early 1800s. These used a type of primer cap to ignite the powder. The cap was placed on a steel nipple. Pull the trigger, and the hammer strikes the cap to create sparks, setting off the powder charge.

The percussion gun was a huge improvement, and paved the way for the last evolution - the modern break-action inline muzzleloader still in use today. Many purists do not consider this inline a true primitive weapon but that debate will go on forever. And that is a very basic history of the muzzleloader. If that's enough for you, or if you want to learn more in future columns, let me hear yes or no in my email and we'll go from there. Until then, safe shooting. Billy Carl is an NRA-certified firearms instructor and is available for individual instruction in firearms safety and concealed carry classes. Contact him at 941-769-0767 or through J\&J One Stop Gun Shop at 2324 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, or 941-979-5008.

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## MAICOLM

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A few cobia have been cruising through Boca Grande Pass. Anglers are catching some pompano off the Venice beaches, in clear water use silly jigs or try shrimp if it's dirty. Snook reports are good in the backwaters. Topwaters and shallow-running lipped plugs are good. Redfish are around but no one spot seems hotter than another they're scattered all over.

## JIM

FISHERMAN'S EDGE
Grove City
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(2/14 report) A few Spanish mackerel have popped up around Boca Grande Pass. Coral Creek has been producing some juvenile tarpon. The trout fishing has been decent, some juvenile tarpon. Whe trout tisting las seen decent, Creek and Turtle Bay have been good. Redfish and snook are both under the mangroves and will take shrimp or plugs. Largemouth bass are biting in the Rotonda canals.

Red grouper are coming from 90 to 100 feet. Lane snapper are abundant as shallo as 35 feet, and some decent mangroves are coming from shallow as well. Of course, are coming rom shallow a well. Of course,
the deeper you go, the bigger they get. the deeper you go, the bigger they get.
Yellowtail are on the wrecks. A few anglers Yellowtail are on the wrecks. A few
have found cobia out there as well.

Big Spanish mackerel have been cruising
the beaches same almost on the sand. It's the beaches, some almost on the sand. It's been a little too bumpy for most anglers to go farther out.

Lots of sheepshead are around the jetties and all the ICW structure. Frozen shrimp are killer.

The sheepshead bite is strong on the nearshore reeff and the inshore docks. Cut shrimp are fine.

The nearshore reefs have been producing sheepshead. The full moon slowed the bite, butits should be picking up again. It's been justa touch windy offshore anyway. Once it settles, wére looking for a hot mackerel bite.

The trout action has been consistent if not amazing. If you want to catch something, they're probably in a cooperative mood.

Snapper, grunts and porgies are good 5 to 15 miles out. We're hearing a handful of cobia and a handful of Spanish mackerel, but nothing amazing yet. Red grouper and amberjack are good 25 to 30 miles out.
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Mixed reports of juvenile tarpon have come from the upper rivers, the canals, and even the Harbor. River fish are most likely to bite. Snook are all over in the canals, on the flats and around the mangroves. Some very lary the PGI and Port Charlotte canals and on the bar edges. Bonnetheads are showing up in Bull and Turtle bays.

## JEFF

CAPT. TED'S TACKLE Port Charlotte
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Big ladyfish have been showing up. Good numbers of rat redfish have been caught in Lemon Bay and along the
west wall We're waiting for tarpon any time now A few west wall. We're waiting for tarpon any time now. A few cobia have also been caught along the west wall, following schools of rays. The full moon has had the largemouth bass all fred up, and the spawn is in full swing. A few anglers have been doing well on crappie.

## ROBERT

FISHIN' FRANK'S
Charlotte Harbor
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Some redfish are in Pine Island Sound. Fish just off the islands on the high tide and in potholes on low tide with cut ladyfish, shrimp or live pins.A few trout and snook are in the same holes. Bass have turned on in Webb Lake on live shiners suspended about 2 feet under a float. Bigger live shiners suspended about 2 feet under a float. Biggeer
panfish have been taking small minnows under a float just panfish have been taking small minnows under a float just
a few feet from shore and around structure in deeper water.

A mixed bag of lane snapper, grunts, porgies and red grouper are over live hard bottom on cut squid, sardines, shrimp and small pinfish. Bigger grouper are taking a whole squid or larger live pinfish. Keep a rod rigged with a jigging spoon ready to throw at bonita and Spanish mackerel.

CAMERON
RIO VILLA BAIT \& TACKLE
Punta Gorda
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(2/14 report) There are lots of trout around the Matlacha area, and DOA shad in clear/glitter colors are doing well. The mangrove snapper have also been pretty active. Juvenile redfish have been feeding on the flats; alive shrimp under a popping cork is a good plan. Big snook have been along the mangroves in Big Jim Creek; try a live pin or jumbo shrimp.

Tripletail have been eating live pinfish or shrimp around the stone crab traps, but we have no bottom fishing reports this week.

D\&D MATLACHA
BAIT \& TACKLE
Matlacha
239-282-9122
( 277 report) The Hurricane Bridge has been producing mangrove snapper, snook and a bunch of sheepshead on shrimp. There are also sheepshead and some baby grouper at the Fort Myers Beach Pier.

BAIT N WAIT
Fort Myers Beach
239-466-8737
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Sheepshead are still abundant on most ICW structure and nearshore reefs. We're also seeing some at Danger Reef, Alligator Creek Reef and $E$ Jobean. Try fiddler crabs.

Big jacks have been roaming the canals. Mostany topwater plug or twitchbait will get their attention or troll a Rapala X-Raps or Bomber.

The sheepshead are abundant off the D\&D dock and most other inshore structures. Cut shrimp or live fiddler crabs will work fine.

A lot of guys are going out after grouper but | Stick to the ICW and fish settling for snapper instead. At least there are plenty of them.

## Stick to the ICW and fish shrimp around the piers and mangroves for what-

 ever bites.THE FISH COACH'S TIP OF THE WEEK: To wire or not to wire? When mackerel are around, that's the eternal conundrum. A mackerel's mouth is basically a pair of scissors. You really want to use wire to prevent them from cutting off your baits. Often, it's not the fish you hook that cuts you off 一 it's another mack in the school trying to steal the food form your fish's mouth. But there's a problem: Wire is a lot more visible in the water, and it turns a lot of potential bites into almosts. So here's the straight poop: If you use 60 -pound fluorocarbon, you'll get a lot more strikes. However, you'll lose some fish. A realistic guess is about 20 to 30 percent of your Spanish mackerel and 40 to 80 percent of your kingfish. With wire, you'll have very few cutoffs - but your strikes will go down. In my experience, expect to have something like 30 percent of the action you do with fluoro. - As the Fish Coach, Capt. Josh olive offers personalized instruction on fishing techniques. To book your session or for more information, go to FishCoach.net, email Josh@FishCoach.net or call $941-276-9657$.



## Why that free buffet isn't actually doing wildlife any favors

If you read this column, you're probably fascinated with wild things. You probably want to surround yourself with them whenever possible. Lovers of wildlife usually want to bring a piece of the wilderness into their yards and even homes. It's natural.
One way to do that is by setting up a bird feeder, or maybe a dozen of them. Who wouldn't want to look out the window and see dozens of colorful songbirds, or hear them starting their day with cheery tunes? It seems like a no-brainer.
On the one hand, I hate to burst your bubble (no, really). But on the other - well, let's look at the ways bird feeders can harm your feathered friends, and then you can decide.

## CREATING DEPENDENCE

You check your feeders every day, right? You diligently refill them, making sure all the birds in the yard have plenty to go around. No hungry bellies here.
What happens if you're not there? Maybe you're leaving for a weeklong cruise of the Caribbean. Or, if your luck is not so great, maybe you get rear-ended by a minivan and spend 10 days in the hospital. What happens when the feeders run empty?
You might reason that birds have been finding their own food for millions of years. Certainly a week won't hurt. Except that you've created an artificial abundance, which has allowed more birds to set up territories than the natural food supply can support.
Now, your unfed birds are on their own, and having to go to other birds' territories for sustenance. For some birds, this is no big deal. For others - those that are strongly territorial, or have small home ranges, or are raising a family - it can be a huge problem.

## SPREADING DISEASE

In a natural system, birds often congregate densely around food sources. However, no natural food source is as small and compact as a bird feeder. When a lot of individuals are sharing from the same dish, as it were, the risk of spreading disease is much higher.
Think of it like passing a bag of pretzels around a big room full of strangers. Everybody reaches into the bag opening and roots around with their grubby paws, trying to find a pretzel that isn't broken. If somebody has a cold and less-than-ideal hygiene, everyone is exposed.
Bird baths are even worse, since most germs live longer in damp conditions. Replace that pretzel bag with a big glass of
water. Pass it around and everybody take a sip. Seems like a great way to spread germs, huh? That's because it is.

## PREDATOR BUFFET

Your little cheep-cheeps aren't the only ones that bird feeders attract. They'll also be noticed by any bird predators that happen to be in the area. In more rural areas, those might include bobcats and foxes. But even in town, you'll get hawks and neighborhood cats. Now, whether this is a positive or negative will depend on your particular point of view. If you enjoy the predator/prey interactions that you will be able to witness if you spend enough time trying, then perhaps you'll see indirectly feeding the predators as a good thing. However, I refer you back to the first point: Creating dependence. It's never a good thing.

## JUNK FOOD DIET

A bird foraging on its own usually picks up a little of this, a little of that, and a dab of this over here. While there will sometimes be high levels of abundance with specific foods - for example, when beautyberries are in season, many birds eat a lot of them - there's an overall balance of different foods.
But when birds eat primarily from feeders, there's not much variety. Even the better bird seed mixes, which might have a dozen different ingredients, can't come close to matching the broad spectrum of choices foraging birds have.
And remember, bird seed is supposed to attract birds. The best way to do that is with the seed equivalent of french fries: Fatty types like peanuts and sunflowers. While fat provides lots of energy for a bird on the go, it also packs weight on one that's more sedentary (and especially on the everpresent squirrels).

## RATS AND ROACHES GALORE

Most bird seed blends include seed types that are cheap and less popular, such as millet and milo. These are eaten by some birds, but they're mostly included as filler. But nothing really goes to waste. Something is going to eat it. And often, that something is rats and roaches.
There are several types of rodents that may come to enjoy the birds' leftovers. Woodrats (aka citrus rats or roof rats) are abundant and unlikely to come into your home, although they might break into a shed or lanai - especially if you store bird seed there. Norway rats sometimes show up as well, and those can become house pests. It's also common to have palmetto bugs
show up after dark, especially on warm damp nights. They're a lot less picky than any bird.
As people who enjoy nature, we have to decide how much we're going to mess with the natural balance. Yes, you can use feeders to bring many birds to you - but is it worth the risk to the birds themselves? My answer
is no , and so there are no bird feeders in my yard. What are you going to choose?
Capt. Josh Olive is a fifth-generation native Florida Cracker and a Florida Master Naturalist, and has been fascinated by all sorts of wild things and places since he was able to walk. If you have questions about living with wildlife, email him at Publisher@WaterLineWeekly.


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In last week's column, I got started with a question-and-answer session that covers a lot of the things people ask every day in the tackle shop. There were too many to run all at once, so this week we have a continuation of the list.

## Why are there so many

## fishing rules?

Mostly because we're so blessed with an abundance of species. If you come from an area where there are only half a dozen different kinds of fish, then it's probably pretty easy to memorize that short set of rules. Here, we have hundreds of species you might catch. Really, the amazing thing is that there aren't more fishing regulations. And I know you can't memorize them all. That's why there's a list of regulations in WaterLine every week. (It's on page 16 this week.)

## Do I need a fishing license?

Probably. If you're a Florida resident fishing from land in salt water, you don't. If you're a Florida resident 65 or older, you can fish license-free in salt or fresh water,
on land or from a boat. Otherwise, you need a license. And if you aren't a legal resident of Florida, you'll have to pony up for the nonresident license. No, it doesn't matter if you own a house here. What matters is your state of legal residency.

## Why are nonresident fishing licenses so expensive?

They're not, at least by comparison. Florida charges $\$ 47.50$ for a one-year license, which is good for 12 months from the date of purchase. Take a look at what an annual nonresident license costs in some other states: Texas, $\$ 63$ (expires Aug. 31 each year). Michigan, \$76 (expires March 31 each year). Alaska, \$145 (or \$70 for seven days!). Sure, there are some like New York (no fee for saltwater fishing; just a no-cost registration). But overall, it's not a bad deal.

## Where does the fresh water end and the salt water start?

There is no actual line. Generally, if you're canal fishing in Port Charlotte, the waterways on the west side of U.S. 41 are
salt and the ones on the east side are fresh (unless they connect right to the river). In Punta Gorda, all the canals are salt. On the rivers, consider it salt water until you start seeing cattails. Even then, you'll often find saltwater fish well up the rivers. If you are river fishing and catching both snook and bass, I'd suggest having both freshwater and saltwater licenses.

## Why do I need a leader?

Because there are a lot of sharp things out there. It's not just fish teeth; you also have to contend with oysters and barnacles. For most inshore use, 30-pound monofilament or fluorocarbon is ideal. Steel leaders are tougher, but they're a lot more visible. The less visible your leader is, the more fish you'll catch.

## What's the best bait to use?

For local saltwater fishing, shrimp are our nightcrawlers. They catch everything, and you can use them live or dead. Are there better baits to use in specific circumstances? Well, yeah. But for just going out and getting your
rod bent, shrimp are king. A lot of people like squid because it stays on the hook well. Catfish and stingrays like squid too.

My neighhor has one of those green underwater lights. How do I catch the fish I can see there?
Get some small lures. Be quiet and sneaky as you approach the seawall or dock. Don't be someplace the fish can see you - stay farther away. Fish the edges of the shadow line, not the light itself. The fish you see aren't the ones that are feeding. If you fail, try again the next night, but be quieter and sneakier.

I know this doesn't answer every question you have. If you'd like to learn more, stop in and see me or one of the guys at the shop. We love to watch you learn.
Robert Lugiewicz is the manager of Fishin' Frank's Bait \& Tackle, located at 4425-D Tamiami Trail in Charlotte Harbor and at 14531 N. Cleveland Ave. in North Fort Myers. Call 941-625 3888 for more information about the shop or for local fishing info, or visit them online at FishinFranks.com.

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# lips to bend a rod now that the weather is warming up 

Well, another frigid Southwest Florida winter has come and gone. What a tough couple weeks it was. But we survived, and spring is around the corner. Now that the weather is changing, so will the fishing.
Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. The days are getting longer (more time to fish). The water is warming (so fish eat better). Tides are getting higher (so we can get to more fishing spots). And the fish are getting hungry. For most species of fish, spring is spawning time - and before they spawn, they eat.
What triggers this event is water temperature. When the water is cold, fish are lethargic and sluggish. But when that water warms into the 70 s, a fish's metabolism speeds up, which makes it hungry. Obviously, hungry fish feed more often.
Another big change this time of year is the arrival of baitfish: Greenbacks and threadfins are returning, and non-migratory pinfish are getting bigger on the flats. These protein-packed treats are on the menu for most anything swimming in our waters. In the springtime, I switch from shrimp and slow-moving lures to my faster-moving, more erratic baits like X-Raps, Rat-L-Traps. I want to cover a lot of water while looking for active feeding fish
If you plan to fish live bait, pinfish would be a good choice because they're usually readily available at your local bait shop. If you want threadfins or greenbacks, you'll have to learn to throw a castnet. If you would like to learn to throw a net, stop by Fishin' Frank's we'll be glad to help you.
Baitfish tend to hang out on or near shallow flats, so I like to look for mangrove shorelines near these areas. My
usual setup is a 30 -pound leader, a $2 / 0$ hook and a bobber. I use a float because it keeps the bait from going down and hiding on the bottom. The depth you need to fish the bait depends on the depth of the water you're fishing. Set the bobber so your bait is about 6 inches from the bottom.
I have found the if you hook a baitfish just above the anal fin, it will swim straight ahead and not back to the boat. It will also stay alive Ionger because you're avoiding any vital organs or its spine.
Shrimp will also work. Break the fan off the tails and rig it on a jighead. Fishing shrimp aggressively will often trigger a strike.
Don't spend a lot of time in one area. The fish are way more active this time of year, and if they're there, they'll usually bite pretty quick.
Another one of my favorites to target in spring is sharks. I anchor up in deeper holes near the bait flats and tie a chum bag off the boat. Cut a 2 -inch chunk of ladyfish or mullet and rig it on a steel leader and a $6 / 0$ hook with the barb removed. I generally drift my shark baits with no weight.
Spring can lead to some memorable days fishing on beautiful Charlotte Harbor, so get out there and get a rod bent. Remember, get your kids hooked on fishing and they won't be able to afford drugs.
Capt. Steve "Pegleg" Phillips owns and operates Southern Charm Charters, with his wife Heather as occasional first mate If you're wondering why his friends call him Pegleg, stop in at Fishin' Frank's and meet him. For charter info, contact him at 678-787-4750 or through his Facebook page at https://bit.ly/2vesgVn.

## A clip-n-save seafood

2 pounds flounder fillets 2 tbsp lemon juice $1 / 2$ cup grated Parmesan cheese 1/4 cup butter, melted 3 tbsp mayonnaise 3 tbsp chopped green onions 1/4 tsp salt
recipe provided by
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- Recipe adapted from AllRecipes.com

Coat a piece of heavy-duty foil (about $14 \times 14$ inches) with nonstick cooking spray. Place fillets on foil; brush with lemon juice. Crimp foil, forming edges. Place foil flat on the grill (do not seal). Grill, covered, over medium-hot heat for 4 minutes. Combine Parmesan cheese, butter, mayonnaise, onions and salt; brush over fillets. Grill 3 to 4 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with a fork. Serves 4.


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## WILD WEDNESDAY MOVIES

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## MYAKKA STATE FOREST NATURE WALKS

aturalist Bill Dunson will lead nature walks from 9 to
11 a.m. Feb. 22 and March 22 at Myakka State Forest (2555 S River Road, Englewood). A short loop walk along the Gordon mith Trail reveals many interesting aspects of natural hydric pine flatwoods. The variation in animals and plants depends in large part on previous fire history and the hydroperiod. We will identify all animals and plants seen and discuss how bird life is affected by community ecology. The walk is free but there is $\$ 2$ park entry fee. No registration required; for more info, call 276-233-6364 or email wdunson@comcast.net.

## LIFELONG LEARNING CLASSES

The folowing classes are scheduled at the Lifelong Learning The folowing classes are scheduled at the Lifelong Learning more info or to register, visit LifeLongLearning-Charlotte.org or call the LLI office at 941-637-3533.
"SCUBA Diving in Florida and Beyond," Feb. 25. Presented by Laura Ferrell and Angela Rademaker, two local certified divers, will highlight "what's down there" in and around Forida waters. They will share their personal diving experiences, explain the equipment they use and the training they received, and show photos of what they have found in their dives.
-"Charlotte County's Beach Nesting Species," March 11. Led by Charlotte County Environmental Specialist Rebekah Augustinowicz. A Charlotte County native, Rebekah will discuss biological and ecological information about sea turtles, seabirds, and shorebirds that utilize Charlotte County's beaches.

## TURN BACK TIME

Singer/songwriter James Hawkins presenting, "Turn Back Time,"a multi-media presentation filled with stories and song about Venice, Sarasota and old Florida, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. eb. 28 at Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood). James invites us to slow down and listen to these ales of the strong men and women who made this area great. This CHEC fundraising event includes complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvre, as well as the lecture, for a $\$ 12$ donation ( $\$ 8$ for Friends of CHEC). Space is limited so reservations are mandatory for this program; call 941-475-0769.

## NAUTICAL SWAP MEET \& OPEN HOUSE

South Venice Yacht Club will host a nautical swap meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2 at 4425 Yacht Club Drive, South Venice. Free admission! Clean out your nautical gear and be ready to sell, swap, donate or buy. We accept kayaks, small boats, electronics, fishing gear, boating accessories and more. Or, just come by to check out our club. There will be food and entertainment. If you have stuff to sell, space is available. Email your request to conniesvyc@gmail.com to eserve your space today and receive your reservation form. Call or text Connie at 503-329-6439 for more info.

## FISHIN' FRANK \& THE FISH COACH SEMINAR

Fishin' Frank and Capt. Josh Olive, The Fish Coach, will offer a dual seminar at 6 p.m. March 5 at the North Fort Myers Ingman Marine (14531 N Cleveland Avenue, North Fort Myers). The main topic will be how various features of a boat affect its fishability, but they will also be open to any and all fishing-related questions. Free; no registration required. For more info, call Capt. Josh at 941-276-9657.

## TARPON FISHING \& TACKLE CLINIC

The Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club is excited to announce its annual free tarpon fishing and tackle clinic, scheduled for 7 p.m. March 6 at Bonita Bill's Waterfront Café (702 Fisherman's Wharf, Fort Myers Beach, under the Sky bridge on your way to Fort Myers Beach). The guest speaker this year will be JoEllen Wilson, Juvenile Tarpon Habitat Program Manager with the Bonefish \& Tarpon Trust. Joining oEllen will be additional speakers discussing how to find and catch the mighty "silver kings" using conventional, light and fly tackle. There will be tabletop instructional displays on the essentials of rigging and choosing the right baits. The Fort Myers Beach Tarpon Hunters Club is the oldest tarpon fishing lub in the world and meets on the first Monday of each mont at Bonita Bill's community room. For more info, contact Steve

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

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETINGS: The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from 7 09 p.m. the second Juesday of each month (Oct-May) at Lemon Bay Park (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood). Call 941-769-3633. The Coccoloba Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium ( 3450 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers). Call 239-275 3435. Meetings are free and the public is welcome.

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

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

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

CHARLOTTE HARBOR MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION: Members of this club for multihull owners, sailors or those who are interested in the exchange of ideas about equipping and sailing boats, share information about anchorages and cruising destinations, hold informal races and have raft-ups. 0 dues. The club meets at a local restaurant the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. For more info, call 941-876-6667.

COASTAL VENTURES CRUISE CLUB: This club, designed
view of Walton Ranch, a working cattle ranch near North Port. Bird activity may be good, so bring binoculars, 941-423-2713.
PADDLE WEBB LAKE, 8:30 to 11 a.m. March 12: Join Florida Master Naturalist Jamie Reynolds for a paddle Florida Master Naturalist Jamie Reynolds for a paddle
along the shores of Webb Lake, observing waterfowl, Wildflowers and fragrant Pine forests. 941-637-8284.

## NATURE WALK AT DEEP CREEK PRESERVE with Pam

 and Chris Henry, 8:30 to 11 a.m. March 23: Join Master Naturalists as we explore the longleaf pine flatwoods, wetland marshes and hardwood habitats of this protected area in Charlotte County. 941-888-0468.PADDLE MYRTLE SLOUGH with Florida Master Naturalist Jim Story, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 26: Jim will lead us through a freshwater jungle, on to tidal Shell Creek waterfall and dam. 941-505-8904

BIKE THE BABCOCK-WEBB WMA, 8:30 to 11 a.m. March 28: Come along for a leisurely bike ride with Florida Master Naturalist Jamie Reynolds and explore the wetlands and pine lands along the Webb Lake Road. We will identify wildflowers and bird watch at stops along the 10-mile trip. 941-637-8284.
PADDLE DOWN UPPER SHELL CREEK with Rick Fried, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 1: Here's a chance to Free the other way and likely a few more alligators to photograph. We'll go downstream this time to the dam and back. 941-637-8805.
PADDLE THE PEACE RIVER ROOKERIES with Rick Fried, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 or May 24: Paddle down to the rookeries to see active nest-building and hatching, and then up side channels or the river to the hatching, and then up side channels or the river to the River route. 941-637-8805
shallow water of Charlotte Harbor in search of plants and animals that reside there. Dress appropriately and wear shoes that can go in the water. A hat, sunscreen, and bottled water are encouraged. Participation is limited, and pre-registration is necessary for this free program. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info or children must be accompanied
to register, call 941-575-5435.

## 16TH ANNUAL PLANT NATIVE DAY

The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will hold its 16th Annual "Plant Native" Day from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9 at Cedar Point Environmental Park ( 2300 Placida Road, Englewood). This half-day event is free and open to the public. Learn about the various native trees, palms and shrubs that can be used to create shade in your sunny yard. Find out which native shrubs, ferns, groundcovers and wildflowers do well in a shady landscape. Mangrove Chapter members will also be offering their home-grown native plants for donations out in the Native Plant Demonstration Garden. The Peace River Butterfly Society is also participating in the event, with their monarch raising paraphernalia, as well as nectar and larval host plants

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

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

PEACE RIVER PADDLING: Join a guided kayaking trip on the Peace River. Free if you bring your own kayak, or rent equipment for $\$ 25$ per person. Paddle with an experienced guide and explore remote areas of the Peace River. These trips are intended to be easy paddlling for everyone to have fun, meet people with similar interests, and enjoy the outdoors. Trips are planned from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesda if weather permits. Meet at Nav-A-Gator 30 minutes prior to departure. Sign up by calling Steve Burroughs 813-8574634. Trips are provided byKayakEcoTours.com.

All outings a fiee and picis is incele to the Sierra Club and the public is invited. Don paddl trips, participants must provide own watercraft and PFD, and be able to swim. Call the listed number to make a revation. For a full list of outings, visit GCHGroup.or
HIKE PRAIRIE SHELL CREEK with Pam and Chris Henry, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Feb. 23: Join Master Naturalists as they lead us on an informative nature walk in this protected area of scrub habitat. The Florida scrubjay and the gopher tortoise live here, and we will discuss them

## PADDLE MYRTLE CREEK with Florida Master

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## PADDLE THE LOWER PEACE RIVER with Rick

Fried, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 1,15 \& 28: Paddle Lettuce Lake or Liverpool into Boggess Creek and then hrough side channels or the river to the Nav-A-Gate for lunch. Return.
941-637-8805.
NATURE WALK AT SHELL CREEK, 8:30 to 11 a.m. March : Join Master Naturalists Pam and Chris Henry as they lead us through this area of Longleaf Pine flatwoods, scrub and hardwood hammocks along Shell Creek. 941-888-0468.
KE THE WALTON RANCH SCENIC LOOP with Allain Hale, 9 a.m. to noon March 10: Walk the best scenic

## RADIO WATERLINE SEMINAR

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

## WADING AT PONCE DE LEON PARK

Discover the biodiversity of seagrass beds through hands-on exploration of Charlotte Harbor, wading up to waist-deep water while searching for fascinating creatures. Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. is conducting free seagrass wading adventures at Ponce de Leon Park ( 3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda) from 9 to 11:30 a.m. March $9,13 \& 22$; and April 16. After an introduction on aquatic environments, participants will wade into the
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The general public is invited to join members of the
Peace River Audubon Society for a series of field trips and walkabouts. Field trips are half-day to full-day adventures. Bring a bag lunch, drinking water and sunscreen. Carpooling is available; inquire. Walkabouts are shorter trips, about two hours. Call the number listed for more info.
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MARCH 5 WALKABOUT: Night Hike. Meet at 6:30 p.m at Hathaway Park (35301 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Ron Mills, 941-575-6968.
MARCH 23 FIELD TRIP: Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area. Meet at 7 a.m. at the pay station (29200 Tuckers Grade, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Dave Lancaster, 586-214-0203.
APRIL 2 WALKABOUT: "Birds, Buds, and Blooms." Mee at 8 a.m. at Amberjack Preserve ( 6250 Gasparilla Pines Blva, Placida). Coordinator: Bob Winter, 941-828-2627.
APRIL 13 FIELD TRIP: Fort De Soto, St. Petersburg. Meet at 7 a.m. at Deep Creek Walmart parking lot across from Culver's ( 385 Kings Hwy, Port Charlotte) Coordinator: Mike Krzyzkowski, 863-244-2652.

## GH:GRHOGRIS

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, in conjunction with the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department, will be conducting the following free programs in October. A complete list of programs can be found at ChecFlorida.org. Unless noted, all walks begin at 9 a.m. For directions or mor info, call 941-475-0769.
FEB. 26: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve (5350 Placida Road, Englewood). The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.
FEB. 21 \& 27: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.
FEB. 19 \& 23: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125 -acre Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park ( 6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood).
FEB. 21: Join Master Naturalist Kate Borduas, as she examines, "Changes: Part 3 - The Acceleration of Change in The Anthropocene Age" at 10 a.m. at Bayshore Live Oak Park (23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte). Reservations are advised.
FEB. 25: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre
Amberiack Environmental Park ( 6450 Gasparilla Pines Amberjack Environm
Blvd, Englewood).

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This is a famous photograph of Teddy Roosevelt posing, harpoon in hand, with a beached manta ray somewhere in Southwest Florida. The photo was taken in 1917, several years after he'd left the presidency.

## What do hohwhites have in common with manta rays? <br> Does it sound like a trick question? <br> to harpooning a whale. Then the hunters <br> just go for a walk with your gun. <br> maintained just for quail.

Whatever in the world could an extremely large saltwater fish have in common with a small upland game bird? But they do indeed share an interesting trait: They are both animals that were once common in Southwest Florida, but now both of them are quite scarce for reasons that no one seems to be able to understand.
There were still a few manta rays around when I arrived here in the 1970s, but they were not abundant. I can remember following them around the north bar alongside the Boca Grande ship channel and casting to cobia that clustered around them. The trick was to cast near enough to the giant rays to entice the cobia but not so close that we'd snag the huge, unstoppable mantas. This happened less and less often, and I don't think I ever saw a manta ray in this area after about 1980 or $\mathbf{s} 0$.
Apparently those' 70 s rays were the last remnant of a much larger group which used to frequent our coastline. There was such a large population of manta rays in the area in the early 1900s that wealthy sportsmen traveled here to hunt them.
It sounds a bit gruesome, but in those days the practice was to slip in close behind a surface-cruising manta ray in a small boat and dart the ray with a harpoon, akin
would cleat the harpoon's rope off to the front of the boat and enjoy the ride while the ray exhausted itself by towing the boat around. Sometimes these "Nantucket sleigh rides" would go for miles before the ray would tire sufficiently to be hauled up on a beach somewhere.
But now there are no manta rays in our area. We do see a few of the similar-looking but much smaller devil rays along the coast, but I cannot recall the last time that I heard a report of a manta ray in the waters of Southwest Florida.
Why is this? Did we harvest so many from the local population that some minimum threshold or tipping point was reached and their numbers became unsustainable? Did they just move elsewhere? There are populations of manta rays not too far away in other parts of the Gulf of Mexico. Did the water quality change somehow in the middle part of the last century to become unsuitable for manta rays, or for their prey? No one seems to know.
There used to be lots of quail here too, but their numbers have crashed. A hundred years ago it was possible to hunt for quail by simply grabbing a shotgun and going for a walk in the woods. No hunting buggies, no purebred and highly trained bird dogs -

In the 1970s, we used to hunt quail in eastern Port Charlotte by simply cruising the endless miles of newly-built roads, mostly between U.S. 41 and where I-75 now runs. General Development Corporation had crews building those roads way out in advance of the construction of any homes. You could drive for miles without encountering any houses and you'd probably not see any other vehicles while you were cruising.
We'd drive around until a covey of quail ran across the road, or until we saw quail heads pop up in the swale. Then we'd stop the car, grab our guns and walk the birds up. We didn't spend much time chasing singles after flushing a covey; it was easier to just hop back in the car and go find another bunch. Quail were common in built-up neighborhoods too as long as there were a few vacant lots around, and hearing the characteristic "bob-bob-white" call was not unusual at all.
But something happened to our quail, and now they are mostly gone. True, there are still some quail around. For example, there are pretty good numbers of wild birds living at the Webb/Babcock WMA just south of Punta Gorda. But that property is managed specifically to produce quail. Underbrush is chopped and burned and food plots are

Elsewhere in the area, you might be lucky enough to hear a quail call or see a few birds do their comical head-held-high scamper across a road, but this doesn't happen very often any more. My unscientific and totally seat-of-my-pants guess is that there are less than 10 percent of the quail in Charlotte County that we had in the ' 70 s.
What happened to them? No one seems to know. The mystery of disappearing quail is not unique to our neck of the woods. Quail numbers have plummeted across much of the southeastern U.S. All kinds of theories have been put forth: Fire ant predation on quail nests, overdevelopment of former quail habitat, housecats, coyotes, and many more. But no one knows the answer.
Could the crash in quail population somehow be related to the disappearance of our manta rays? It seems unlikely, but since neither has been explained, who really knows? We just know that they're gone. I miss them both.
Capt. Ralph Allen runs the King Fisher Fleet of sightseeing and fishing charter boats located at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda. He is an award-winning outdoor writer and photographer, and is a past president of the Florida Outdoor Writers Association. Call him at 941-639-2628 or email Captain@KingFishFleet.com.

2 tbsp olive oil, divided
1 medium white onion, diced
1 bell pepper, seeded and diced
1-2 jalapeño or habanero peppers, diced (optional)
1 pound snapper fillets (or other white fish)
Paprika
2 tbsp lime juice
1 large tomato, diced
Taco sauce (hot or mild)
8 medium flour tortillas
Shredded lettuce (optional)
Shredded cheese (optional)
Sour cream (optional)
Guacamole (optional)
Heat 1 tbsp oil in small skillet. Add diced onion and peppers. Saute 8 minutes, then set aside. Heat 1 tbsp oil in large skillet. Add fillets, season with paprika. Saute 4-5 minutes, then turn and saute 2-3 minutes on second side. Using a spatula, break up fillets into large or small pieces as desired. Pour lime juice over fish pieces. Add onion, bell pepper and tomato and stir together. Simmer uncovered 5 minutes, then add taco sauce. Spoon mixture into tortillas. Top with lettuce, cheese, sour cream and/or guacamole. Serves 4.

A clip-n-save seafood recipe provided by
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State and federal regulations for Southwest Florida waters as of Dec. 23, 2018. All bag limits are per harvester per day. Other limits may apply. For full rules, visit MyFWC.com/fishing and Gulfouncil.org/fishing_regulations.

## LICENSES

Resident saltwater or freshwater: Annual $\$ 17,5$-year $\$ 79$. If you fish from shore in salt water only, a license is required but it is free. A combo license for both freshwater and saltwater fishing is $\$ 32.50$ annually.
Resident senior: If you are a Fla. resident 65 or older, your driver's license or ID card replaces your fishing license. Gulf Reef Fish Survey (see below) and tarpon tags are still required.
Nonresident saltwater or freshwater: 3 days $\$ 17,7$ days $\$ 30$, annual $\$ 47$. Free shore fishing license not available for nonresidents.
Gulf Reef Fish Survey (required to harvest red snapper, vermilion snapper, gag, red grouper, black grouper, amberiack, almaco jack or triggerfish) (see note 14): No charge
Annual permits (required only when a
license is required): Snook \$10, lobster \$5

## SALTWATER FISH

ALMACO JACK
Limit 100 pounds in state waters, limit 20 in federal waters; notes: 9,11,14

## AMBERJACK, GREATE

34" min.; limit 1; open May 1-31 and Aug. 1 - Oct. 31; notes: 1,3,4,5,7,9,14

## AMBERJACK, LESSER

BANDED RUDDERFISH
Slot 14"to 22"; aggregate limit 5;
notes: $1,4,5,7,9,14$

## BARRACUDA

Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward,
Palm Beach and Martin counties only:
Slot 15 "to $36^{\prime \prime}$; limit 2 (max. 6 per vessel; may posses one per vessel over 36"; notes: 1,5

## BLACK DRUM

Slot $14^{\prime \prime}$ to $24^{\prime \prime}$ (may possess 1 over $24^{\prime \prime}$ ); limit 5; notes: 5,7,8
BLACK SEA BASS
10" min.; limit 100 pounds; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,15

## BLUEFISH

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 1,5

## BLUE RUNNER

Limit 100
COBIA
$33^{\prime \prime}$ min.; limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel); limit 2 in federal waters; notes: 1,5
FLOUNDER, ALL SPECIES
12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,5,7,8,15

## GROUPER, BLACK

24" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,14 GROUPER, GAG
24" min.; limit 2; season open June 1-Dec. 31 notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,14

## GROUPER, GOLIATH (JEWFISH)

Harvest prohibited; legal to target for catch and release in state but not federal waters

## GROUPER, RED

20" min.; bag limit 2; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,14

## GROUPER, SCAMP

16" min.; limit 4; notes: $2,3,4,5,9,10,12$
GROUPER, SNOWY \& YELLOWEDGE
Limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10
GROUPER, WARSAW \& SPECKLED HIND Limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10 GROUPER, YELLOWFIN \& YELLOWMOUTH 20" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12
GROUPER, CONEY, GRAYSBY, ROCK HIND, RED HIND (STRAWBERRY) \& TIGER Limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,15

## HOGFISH

14" min.; limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,7,9
MACKEREL, KING (KINGFISH)
24" min.; limit 3; notes: 1,5

## MACKEREL, SPANISH

12" min.; limit 15; transfer to other vessels at sea prohibited; notes: 1,5

## MAHI (DOLPHIN)

Limit 10 (max. 60 per vessel) in state waters only); notes: 5,15

MULLET, STRIPED \& SILVER
Limit, Feb. 1-Aug. 31, aggregate 50 (max. 100 per vessel); Sept. 1-Jan. 31 , aggregate 50 (max. 50 per vessel); bag limit also applies to bait mullet; possession of striped mullet prohibited in Punta Gorda 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (see http://bit.ly/urexej); notes: 15

## PERMIT

Slot $11^{\prime \prime}$ to $22^{\prime \prime}$; limit 2 (over $22^{\prime \prime}$ - limit 1; max. 2 per vessel); hook and line gear only in state waters; spearing legal in federal waters; see http://bit.ly/2R7Cckz for rules in Special Permit Zone south of Cape Sable; notes: 1,5,6,7

## POMPANO, FLORIDA

11" min.; limit 6; notes: 1,5,6,7

## POMPANO, AFRICAN

24" min.; limit 2 (max. 2 per vessel); notes: 1,5,6,7

## PORGY, RED (CHAMPAGNE)

Limit 100 pounds; notes: 4,5,7,9,15

## PEDFISH (RED DRUM)

Closed thru May 10 in most areas, see map at http://bit.Iy/2NNpAtW; Slot $18^{\prime \prime}$ to 27 "; limit 1 (max. 8 per vessel); off-thewater transport limit 6 per person; illegal to harvest or possess in federal water; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

## SAILFISH

$63^{\prime \prime}$ min. from tip of lower jaw to center of fork; limit 1; notes: 5,6,16

## SEA TROUT, SPOTTED

Slot $15^{\prime \prime}$ to $20^{\prime \prime}$; limit 4 (over $20^{\prime \prime}$ — limit 1); notes: 2,5,6,7

## SHARKS

State waters, no size limit on sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth \& smooth dogfish; $54^{\prime \prime}$ min. on bull, nurse, spinner, common thresher, blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle \& shortfin mako; species not listed are prohibited. Federal waters, $54^{\prime \prime}$ min all species except sharpnose and bonnethead; for federally prohibited species see http://bit.ly/20f3hdk: limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel; limit in federal waters 1 per vessel; inline circle hooks required when fishing for shark in federal waters; notes: 1,5,6,7,8,16

## SHEEPSHEAD

$12^{\prime \prime}$ min.; limit 8 (max. 50 per vessel in March \& April); notes: 2,5,7

## SNAPPER, CUBERA

Slot $12^{\prime \prime}$ to $30^{\prime \prime}$; limit 10 if under $30^{\prime \prime}$ (over $30^{\prime \prime}$ - limit 2 , max. 2 per vessel): fish over $30^{\prime \prime}$ not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

## SNAPPER, MANGROVE (GRAY)

$10^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{min}$. in state waters; $12^{\prime \prime}$ min. in
federal waters; limit 5 in state waters, 10 in federal waters; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

## SNAPPER, LANE

$8^{\prime \prime}$ min.; limit 20 in federal waters or 100 pounds in state waters; not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11

## SNAPPER, MUTTON

18" min.; limit 5; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13
SNAPPER, RED (AMERICAN)
$16 "$ min. ; limit 2; 2019 seasons to be deter mined; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,13,14

## SNAPPER, SCHOOLMASTER

$10^{\prime \prime}$ min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13 SNAPPER, VERMILION (BEELINER) 10 " min.; limit 10; not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11,14

## SNAPPER, BLACKFIN, DOG, QUEEN

MAHOGANY, SILK \& YELLOWTAIL
12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

## SNOOK, ALL SPECIES

Closed thru May 10 in most areas; see map at http://bit.Iy/2NNpAtW; Slot $28^{\prime \prime}$ to 33"; limit 1; season closed Dec., Jan., Feb., May, June, July, and Aug.; \$10 snook permit required to harvest when license is required; state regulations apply in federal waters; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

## TARPON

Limit 1 per harvester per year; $\$ 51.50$ tag required to harvest or possess (legal only for IGFA record): for seasonal Boca Grande Pass rules, see http://bit.ly/2xY6mXA; notes: 6,7,8

## TRIGGERFISH, GRAY

15" min.; limit 1; open March 1-May 31 and Aug. 1-Dec. 31 (closed until March in all waters); notes: $1,4,5,7,11,14$

## TRIPLETAIL

18" $\mathbf{~ m i n .}$. l limit 2; may be harvested by hook and line only; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

## WAHOO

Limit 2; notes: 1,5,15
LIONFISH
Kill on sight; no limits

## UNREGULATED SPECIES

In state waters, limit 100 pounds or two fish, whichever is more: Blackfin tuna, catfish, cero mackerel, croaker, grunts, ladyfish, little tunny, jack crevalle, pinfish, porgies, rays, sand trout, silver trout, spadefish, whiting, etc. See http://bit.ly/1aLP4iF.

## No-HARVEST SPECIES

In addition to species previously listed, harvest of bonefish, Nassau grouper, spotted eagle rays, manta rays and sawfish is prohibited.
Visit http://bit.ly/10nYDIz for full rules, including more no-harvest species.

## NOTES

1. Measured fork length (the straight line distance from most forward part of the head with mouth closed to the center of the tail).
2. Measured total length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side).
3. Bag limit zero for captain and crew of for hire vessels on a paid trip.
4. Reef fish gear rules apply. Anglers must use inline circle hooks when using natural baits, and must possess a dehooking device Venting tool not required. Also, cannot be taken by powerhead in the reef fish stressed area (see http://bit.ly/2xDilVR).
5. Must remain in whole condition (head and tail intact) until landed ashore. Removal of gills and internal organs OK . Cannot be used as cut bait.
6. Harvest by spear, gig or bow prohibited.
7. Use of multiple hooks (more than one point on a common shank, like a treble hook) in conjunction with natural bait prohibited. 8. Harvest by snatching prohibited.
8. Reef fish; illegal to use as bait in federal waters. In state waters, legal-size reef fish may be used as bait but must remain in whole condition and count against bag limit.
9. Included in aggregate 4 grouper bag limit.
10. Included in 20 -fish reef fish aggregate
bag limit in federal waters (includes vermil ion snapper, lane snapper, almaco jack, gray triggerfish and all tilefish species).
11. Closed Feb. 1-March 31 in federal waters outside 20 -fathom break ONLY.

13: Included in aggregate snapper bag limit of 10 fish.

14: Participation in Gulf Reef Fish Survey required to harvest. See http://bit.ly/15D6Hip 15. No bag limit in federal waters.
16. HMS permit required to target or harvest in federal waters; see http://bit.ly/2R5mFe8

## FRESHWATER FISH*

LARGEMOUTH BASS: No min. size; limit
5. Only one fish can be longer than $16^{\prime \prime}$ (tournaments may apply for a permit allowing participants to weigh more than one over $16^{\prime \prime}$ )
SUNFISH (all species excluding crappie): Aggregate limit 50
CRAPPIE: Aggregate white/black limit 25 AMERICAN EEL: Min. 9", limit 25
BUTTERFLY PEACOCK BASS: Max. 17", limit 2 (may possess 1 over 17")
GRASS CARP: Must be released immediately. OTHER EXOTIC FISHES: Keep and eat or otherwise destroy; may not be used as live bait.
UNREGULATED: No limits on bowfin, pickerel, catfish and gar (exc. alligator gar) PROHIBITED: Alligator gar, sturgeon.

* Visit http://bit.ly/10nYJQr for full rules, including special management areas.


## FISH FfiORIDA



## HELPING KIDS FISH-IT'S OUR MISSION

 Fish Florida, a non-profit organization, helps people, especially children, learn about fishing and Florida's environment. Families who fish spend quality time together and know how to protect Florida's marine fisheries and coastal habitats. Another great reason to learn fishing? Kids who spend time outdoors have less stress, better concentration, more creativity and higher self-esteem than those who stay inside.
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Another way to help is to give a gift certificate or make a donation. Every $\$ 10$ donation pays for a child to get his own fishing rod and reel. A \$30 donation pays for two children to get rods, reels and tackle kits! A \$100 donation sends a child to fishing summer camp. Thank you for helping our future anglers!

FishFloridaTag.org


Throughout the month of March, coastal communities across Florida will observe Seagrass Awareness Month as a means of bringing attention to the importance of seagrass meadows to our ocean's health. To get everyone ready for this important month, let's learn a little bit about these important underwater plants.
Seagrasses are marine flowering plants that live in submerged environments around every continent except Antarctica. Unlike algae, seagrasses have a fully developed root and rhizome system. This root system keeps them anchored to the bottom of the seafloor and allows them to form expansive meadows in nearshore coastal waters.
Seagrasses thrive in areas with good water clarity, which allows abundant sunlight to reach the bottom. Seagrass meadows are most abundant in areas of brackish to full seawater salinities with soft sediments and moderate to low wave energy and currents.
Florida's tourism and fishing industries rely on the important benefits provided by seagrasses. Seagrasses reduce shoreline erosion, oxygenate the water, capture carbon, trap sediments, and improve water clarity. Seagrasses also form extensive structural habitat that supports a diverse array of species, including economically valuable fishes and invertebrates. About 85 percent of the species targeted in commercial and recreational fisheries in Florida depend on seagrasses for at least part of their life cycle.
Earlier this month, during a talk with the South Gulf Cove Fishing Club, one of the members asked what the greatest threats to seagrass are. My answer mirrored that of a 2012 report by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission: Reduced water quality, habitat destruction and physical damage through propeller scarring and vessel groundings, and sedimentation. Seagrasses also face temperature and salinity stress, especially in areas where freshwater inputs to the coast have been extensively altered.
It's important to note that one threat physical damage to seagrass from careless boating practices - is 100 percent prevent able. Propellers and anchors dragging the bottom create scarring, and vessels running aground and attempting to power off can
form deep holes. The time for recovery from physical damage can exceed 10 years, especially when the root systems of slow-er-growing species such as turtle grass are damaged or when currents and wave action cause erosion and expansion of scars.
By following responsible boating practices like these from BeSeagrassSafe.com, you can help ensure that seagrasses in Florida continue to thrive.
Avoid seagrass beds and use navigation channels or deeper water while under power. Simply remaining aware of your surroundings and being mindful of where you are can go a long way toward protection.
If boating over seagrass beds in shallow water, be sure to trim your motor up and idle to a safe depth before getting on plane. Not only does this prevent seagrass damage, it will also save you costly repairs to props and engine skegs in the process.
If you run aground, do not proceed under power. Turn off and trim up your motor, and while wearing protective footwear push the boat to safe depth. There will often be times when avoidance is impossible, and trimming is not an option. In these cases, pushing your boat helps you avoid damaging both seagrass and your expensive prop and engine. A short push is a small price to pay for what you'll save.

At home and in your community:

- Get involved with local organizations that promote nature protection.
- Don't litter.
- If you live near water, keep a buffer of plants along your shoreline to reduce runoff pollution from entering bays. This will also help to protect your property from erosion and slow flood waters during storm events.
- Plant native plants that don't require lots of fertilizers and pesticides.
- Maintain septic tanks.

Betty Staugler is the Charlotte County extension agent for the Florida Sea Grant Program. She is active in many areas relating to boating, fishing, and watershed/coastal living. The Florida Sea Grant College Program supports research and education activities that help Florida's shoreline communities, industries and citizens wisely use the state's coastal and marine resources. Contact her at staugler@ufl.edu or 941-764-4346.

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| Suddenly in Command | .Feb. 28 | .Venice ......... | 941-492-5904 |
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| Suddenly in Command. | .March $9 . . . . . .$. | .Englewood...... | .. 941-460-8949 |


ast Saturday morning I was listening to Radio WaterLine and the boys were talking about all the snappers that were being caught. I thought l'd try and catch some inshore mangroves and do another snapper recipe. Well, that didn't work out too well nature reminded me that it's called fishing, not catching. I caught fish, but none were keeper snapper.
So, what was I to do? I decided to go buy some black seabass instead. I decided I'd roast them whole because they weren't very big, and I think it's a waste to fillet tiny fish.
Since they were on the smaller side, I decided to stuff them with something. Crab meat is always good, but I didn't have any on hand. However, I did have some prosciutto, shallots, scallions and garlic. I threw all that into the food processor and blended until it was smooth. The prosciutto added just enough fat to make the little bass taste great and the other ingredients made it even better
Black seabass aren't very common around here. After speaking with my publisher, I learned they're usually a little further north of us. It's not impossible to catch them here, but they're just incindentals while targeting other reef fish. You just might have a better chance of getting some if you fish the waters of Tampa Bay.
If I had caught some snapper or grunts, would have cooked them the exact same way I did with these little black seabass. Keep this
recipe in mind when you're wondering how you might cook your next snapper, or any other smaller fish with mild white meat. (For you freshwater fishermen, tilapia and Mayan cichlids would be excellent this way.) Don't forget the deep scores on both sides of the fish - that ensures it's cooked all the way through. I have to say that I was very happy way the way this dish came together. I'll definitely be putting this dish on my event order guide so it came be offered at my private caterings and culinary classes.

I didn't have a lot of time, since it was already after deadline as I was preparing the dish and writing my column at the same time. I needed a sauce and didn't have time to make one. But I did have some leftover Dijon aioli that I had served with salmon at a recent event, so that's what I paired with the fish. It was wonderful.

A glass of chardonnay would have been a great pairing. Although I do like an occasional adult beverage, I don't drink while working with knives. Simple rule: Alcohol and knives don't mix. If you're enjoying an adult beverage at home while cooking, be careful and don't cut yourself.
Chef Tim Spain is a Florida native and has years of experience cooking professionally, both in restaurants and in private settings. He offers private catering and personal culinary classes. For more information, visit ChefTimSpain.com or call 406-580-1994.

# When you have smaller fish, don't fillet them - try this instead 

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4 fresh whole fish, about 1 pound each 4 cloves fresh garlic 1 bunch scallion greens 2 small fresh shallots 8 slices prosciutto Montreal seasoning 1 cup mayonnaise Zest and juice of one lemon 2 tbsp Dijon mustard 1 pinch salt
2 tbsp olive oil (optional) 1 sprig fresh parsley (optional)
Prepare your fish by scaling, gutting and removing the gills. (Fins and heads can also be removed if you wish.) Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$. Place three garlic cloves, shallots, scallions and prosciutto in the food processor and blend until smooth. Rinse each fish with cold water and pat dry, then score each side deeply. Sprinkle with Montreal seasoning, then stuff each fish with the pureed stuffing mix. Place fish in a roasting pan and roast them uncovered for 11 minutes. While they're roasting, wash your food processor bucket and make your aioli by blending the mayonnaise, lemon juice, zest, that last clove of garlic and salt until smooth. If desired, blend olive oil and parsley to make a colorful serving sauce. Serves 4.


## Simple RV maintenance



## An ounce of prevention is worth $\$ 700$ of cure

There is always something to be maintained. And, according to the service people, there are varying opinions on how to do that. Recently my friend Joe had an issue with his RV. What he was told that with some simple maintenance, the issue he ran into could have been avoided.
Your probably familiar with home water heaters. They stand in the corner of the garage (unless you have the new tankless versions) and go out on you about every 15 years. We never think about maintaining it; we just hope it works every time we step into the shower.
RVs have water heaters too. Did you know your RV water heater needs maintenance?According to his serviceman, you are supposed to empty these tanks twice a year. This helps from any sediments that may set up in the bottom of the tank that can eventually cause the tank some damage. As my friend found out, that little bit of maintenance can save you a $\$ 700$ bill.
Joe has a 5th wheel that he purchased pre-owned - used but not old. He did get a warranty, but he was told that since the tank wasn't properly maintained, he had to pay the price for the repair. I thought that was just a simple way for the serviceman to collect full cost for the repair.

But it got me thinking. I've read some of my manuals about the various items in our RV, but I have not looked at the maintenance section in any of them. It got me wondering that if things aren't properly maintained, will I be dealt the same hand that my friend received? I'm not sure, but I would hate to find out.
I have to travel to Georgia this weekend for a few days, but one of the things on my to-do list is to double check the manuals and see what they say about maintaining some of the appliances and accessories we have in our RV. The last thing anyone wants is an unsuspected bill - especially if it can be avoided by something simple, like draining your hot water tank twice a year.
Now, there is a difference between how Joe uses his 5th wheel and how we use our Class C unit: Joe and his fiancée live in their unit, while we use ours once or twice a month. On top of that, we don't always use the shower if we just go for one evening during a fishing tournament. So the hot water does not get used often when we "dry camp." I would think the more you use it the less chance you have for an issue to arise. Then again, that whole dimension about tank size may be related to this as well.
Like I said, it got me thinking about
looking at my manual to see what is recommended for our RV. I am going to do my best to prevent ever having a maintenance issue if $I$ can help it. And draining a tank that holds 12 gallons of water twice a year is far better than getting a $\$ 700$ bill for the repairs. For that kind of money, I can drain anything and often.
So, just a little tidbit that I wanted to pass on to all of you RVers out there. As always, I welcome your thoughts and opinions on any shared experiences that you may have had with a similar issue. So far, some of you have taught me a thing or two about RVs, and especially the service and maintenanc about them. I always appreciate a better way to do anything and gladly pass along any tips that I may come across in my travels.
I hope everyone has safe travels. I know we have a lot of folks down in their RVs this time of year. Spring training is in full swing and that brings many northerners to our great state. I hope all of you visitors have a great stay and safe travels.
Gree Bartz is a tournament bass fisherman based in Lakeland. Grea fishes lakes throughout Florida's Heartland and enjoys RV travel around the Southeast with his wife and tournament partner, Missy. Contact him at Greg.Bartz@ SummitHoldings.com.


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Photo provided
Spanish mackerel are showing up now, and the kingfish can't be far behind. Time to take advantage of a hot bite!

Our weather is changing. There may be more cool spells ahead, but this week has been warm and humid. I've already observed white pelicans migrating back north. Plants are budding and citrus is blossoming. Best of all, I'm catching some Spanish mackerel. Larger kings are sure to be close behind.
The baitfish are moving in and everything is ready to spring into life. Area waters are looking great right now - clean and clear! It's time to find out how our fish populations fared. I'm optimistic and I believe we will enjoy awesome action this spring. Our area's fishing, boating and tourism all require a good run to recover and survive.
Let's talk about some signs to look for, and how to enjoy our mack attack. Terns were nicknamed mackerel birds by the old-time fishermen. They indicated the return of baitfish, and fish migrations follow their food. Striking fish are obvious indicators; if you are lucky enough to see fish, go for it. Remember that if you circle or drift quietly around the activity you catch more fish. Happy fish feed and scared fish run away. You might encounter other boats with bent rods. They don't own the ocean, but you will find life is better if you don't bite the hand that feeds you. Make friends and earn respect. Be courteous. You could break down and need that boat to rescue you.
You need the right gear and rigs. My
best suggestion is to hire a local guide that fishes the way you want to learn. The second-best advice is to make friends at your favorite local tackle shop. Get to know key staff members and ask for help. They are in business to assist you. Just please remember that your purchases keep their doors open. Don't pick their brains and then shop online. I recommend purchasing several of the items they suggest because sharp teeth steal rigs. As the word gets out, lure stocks sell down. You may only have one opportunity to buy your choice rigs. Always match the gear to the size of your target. Spanish on king rods are boring, and kings on Spanish tackle can be too much to handle.
With mackerel of any species, you need to carry plenty of ice to maintain the quality of your catch. Always ice fish immediately and chill completely. Mackerel have firm meat if iced properly but get mushy when mishandled. Try brining them as they come into the boat. Immediately immerse fish into icy cold slush. Just add some clean salt water from the Gulf to your cooler of ice. You will be amazed at the improved quality of your fish.
Everyone has a favorite way to prepare fish. My Spanish mackerel choice is broiled with Duke's mayo. Lay your fillets skin side down on a foil-lined baking sheet and season them with Everglades and Old Bay,
then place under a red-hot broiler until seared. Baste liberally with Duke's, place back under the broiler and watch close. When they begin to turn golden brown, shut off the broiler; close the door and let them sit a few minutes (longer for thicker fillets). Remove, serve and enjoy. I like a spatula to serve the fillets and leave the skin on the foil.
King mackerel are great for sushi and ceviche. If you don't like the raw texture, try them grilled, smoked or blackened. We sometimes marinate them in soy sauce and Italian dressing, or apply spice rubs. Smaller fish are best but larger ones smoke great. I make fish spread from smoked kings, again using Duke's mayo (no, they're not bribing me, it's just good stuff). Some like cream cheese instead. Either way, add seasonings and enjoy.
You won't find a faster, more exciting fish to tangle with than mackerel. We have plenty of fish and liberal bag limits. We encounter schools that have fish exploding all around us in peak runs. Big kings smoke reel drags with their speedy, powerful runs. Always beware of sharp, toothy fish coming in the boat and in the cooler!
Use wire for kings but keep terminal gear to a minimum. These are sharp-eyed fish and we find them in clear waters. Mackerel are always on the move. They have to be;
they have no swim bladders. They literally don't ever stop swimming.
We are blessed with numerous options to stay up on weather patterns. Try observing several and average out the odds for your area. The last day before a cold front is the warmest because south winds precede fronts. North winds are the chilly days. Northeast to easterly winds are offshore. We frequently encounter good fishing in our nearshore Gulf waters during northeast winds. Just be sure near hore waters have cleared from the onshore windy days. It can get windy too, so play it safe. Never risk your life and others taking big chances.
Florida's waters are beautiful again. Let's enjoy these blessings, but don't forget to stay on top of options to reduce our nutrient inputs. Celebrate our recovery, but remember we didn't fix anything. Cool water subdued our problems. No one knows what we can expect long-term, but it's obvious we must slow down the degradation of our waters.
And remember, you can't catch fish if you don't go fishin', so let's go fishin' now! Capt. Van Hubbard is a highly respected outdoor writer and fishing guide. He has been a professional USCG-licensed year-round guide since 1976, and has been fishing the Southwest Florida coast since 1981. Contact him at 941-468-4017 or VanHubbard@CaptVan.com.


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for sale at their booth. Additionally, educational handouts will be available, a light refreshment will be eserved and the program will be followed by a choice of a garden tour or guided trail walk. For more information, contact Cedar Point Environmental Park at 941-475-0769.

## Native plant society meets

The Mangrove chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet at 6:15 p.m. March 12 at Lemon Bay Park ( 570 Bay Park Blva., Englewood). Pete Widin, a landscape architect and creator of edible native landscapes, will present a webinar entitled "Edible Plants in the Neighborhood Landscape." All meetings are free and open to the public. For more info, visit Mangrove.FNPSChapters.org or call 941-769-3633.

## BLIND PASS NATURE WALKS

Naturalist Bill Dunson will lead a free nature walk from 9 to 11 a.m. March 12 at Blind Pass (Middle Beach) on Manasota Key $(6725$ Manasota Key Road, Englewood). Make a study of the entire community ecology of a barrier island ecosystem and the parts that birds play. This short walk reveals examples of diverse coastal habitats, including mangroves, upland hammocks and beaches. No registration required; for more info, call 276-2336364 or email wdunson@comcast.net.

## SPRING BREAK CAMP

Get the children outdoors to learn about the natural world around them! Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. (CHEC) will be conducting Spring Break Camp 2019 at Cedar Point Park for children ages 8 to 12 from Monday, March 18 to Friday, March 22. Camp runs daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our theme this year is "For the Love of Nature." The cost is still only $\$ 150$ ( $\$ 135$ for CHEC members) per child for a week of adventures and excitement! Planned activities include guided walks and professional speakers on birds, shells, bees (taste local honey), and other local wildlife, in addition to collecting and pressing favorite flowers, wading into Lemon Bay, and mor games and crafts to explore the diversity of nature. Join the fun and call 941-475-0769 for registration info. Space is limited.

## WADING IN LEMON BAY

Take a walk on the wet side! Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. will be conducting a free seagrass adventure estuary wading trip at Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood) at 9 a.m. March 19. After an introductory program on aquatic environments, participants will walk a short distance to Lemon Bay where, using dip nets and hand viewers, they will wade into the shallow waters in search of the plants and animals that reside there. Free; pre-registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 941-475-0769.

## PEACE RIVER AUDUBON BANOUET

Make your reservations now to attend this year's annual banquet and fundraiser to benefit the Peace River Audubon Society's Environmental Education Fund. The banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 21 at Twin Isles Country Club ( 301 Madrid Blvd, Punta Gorda). Reservation deadline is March 7! Tickets not available at the door. Mail check for \$3 per person by Feb. 28 or $\$ 38$ by March 7 to PRAS c/o Sandy Artman, 96 Vivante Blvd, Unit 96311 / Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Please include name(s), phone and email address. Popular environmental speaker Charles Sobczak will present "Alligators, Sharks and Panthers; or How to Avoid Being Eaten." For reservations or information, contact Sandy Artman at 717-880-3341, email Banquet1@PeaceRiverAudubon.org or visit PeaceRiverAudubon.org.

## LADIES, LET'S GO FISHING!

The nonprofit Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Foundation will host their Gulf Coast Saltwater Fishing University March 23-24 at Bass Pro Shops Fort Myers (Gulf Coast Town Center, 10040 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers). Women, men and teens can learn and practice fishing at several hands-on skill stations on Saturday, then have an option to fish inshore from charter boats and kayaks on Sunday. Registration of $\$ 79$ Early Entry, $\$ 89$ Regular includes classes, hands on practice, gifts worth $\$ 20$ and more. Guided fishing on Sunday is additional. No equipment or experience is necessary. For more info or to register, call 954-475-9068; email info@LadiesLetsGoFishing.com; or visit LadiesLetsGoFishing.com or Facebook.com/LadiesLetsGoFishing.

## FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting free vessel safety checks in Englewood. They'll make sure the safety equipment mandated by federal and state regulations is onboard. If an inspected vessel is found to be safe, a "Seal of Safety" decal is awarded to the boat owner and affixed in a prominent location. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call Bill Shaw at 941-474-2705 or email ShawCo1@att.net. Visit Flotilla 87 at CoastGuardEnglewood.com for more info.

## CHEC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Enjoy learning about and teaching others about nature? Looking for a fun and educational way to meet like minded people? Consider becoming a volunteer with Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center at Cedar Point Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood). Office volunteers work shifts from 8:30 a.m. to noon or noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Volunteers can work one shift per week or just a shift a month. Volunteers are need as trail guides to lead guided nature walks through several local Charlotte County properties. These are usually from 9 to 11 a.m. on various days of the week. If interested, a training session will be scheduled. You will learn some plants, animals and interpretive techniques to help you lead these "walks in the woods." Contact Bobbi Rodgers at 941-475-0769 or Bobbi@CHECflorida.org.




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HABITAT: Most often found
in shallow waters within a few miles of shore. Bull sharks are highly tolerant of fresh water and are known to swim long distances upstream - hundreds of miles in some cases.
LEGAL METHODS: Hook and line only. No treble hooks allowed with natural bait. № snagging.
FISHING TIPS: Bull sharks are known to scavenge carcasses, but you'll hook more fish with fresh bait. Large chunks of little tunny, mullet, ladyfish or jack are good options. Although they don't jump, bull sharks are contentious fighters and battles can take hours.
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## The last straw



## Local project seeks to get plastic trash out of the environment

The mission of the Peace River Wildlife Center is to contribute to the survival of native Florida wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation and education. We are always hoping to expand the breadth of our educational message and have recently gotten involved with several other local non-profits with a similar mission.
The Last Straw is a grassroots project is to preserve our environment by encouraging the public to commit to using biodegradable products. This project is an initiative of civic and nonprofit groups in Punta Gorda and throughout Charlotte County. Its aim is to protect and restore the greater Charlotte Harbor estuary system and watershed by developing a campaign to reduce the use of non-biodegradable service products, starting with plastic drinking straws and beverage stirrers.
Charter members of the group's cause also include the Punta Gorda Civic Association, TEAM Punta Gorda, the Punta Gorda Rotary Club, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and Smart Growth Punta Gorda.
The project seeks to reduce plastic pollution, both in our waterways and on land. Single-use items are one of the biggest threats to our environment. Plastic grocery bags, water bottles and straws are some of the most common litter seen strewn about any neighborhood and are especially dangerous in an area surrounded by water like Southwest Florida
Petroleum-based plastics never biodegrade by breaking down into innocuous component atoms. Over time (measured in decades), plastics exposed to air and sunlight become brittle and break apart into smaller
and smaller pieces until you would need a microscope to see them (microplastics.) Plastics that end up in an ocean, lake or river take even longer to break apart.
Often these microplastic particulates end up in our waterways and can cause harm to the creatures living there. The animals ingest the plastics, causing irritation to the digestive system, obstruction or a satiated feeling even when no nutritional substance has been eaten. This can lead to wasting and starvation.
These tiny plastic pieces also contain harmful chemicals and collect other toxins that are ingested by aquatic life. These products greatly harm our environment and injure our wildlife. Through local efforts we aim to raise awareness of these issues and join in a worldwide grassroots campaign encouraging the responsible use of plastics. The plastic straw has become the misleading symbol of this movement. Straws are neither the number one culprit in environmental pollution nor the most dangerous. They are simply a shining example of the amount of single-use plastics we go through on a daily basis - and one that is easily given up.
Yes, there are people who need to use straws. And plastic straws are cheaper to manufacture than paper or metal ones. I don't personally think governmental regulations are the correct way to cut down on pollution. I don't think we need to outlaw plastic straws or plastic bags. But we do need to make them the exception rather than the rule for most people.
I'd like to believe that if people are educated about the problem, they will be willing to make the changes that need to be

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PRWC has been the recipient of many of those grants. The Rotary Club is instrumental in helping us with the educational compo nent of our mission. They support us in our position that an enlightened populace will benefit the wildlife with which we share this little corner of paradise. Participation in The Last Straw initiative may result in fewer animals needing medical assistance.
Stop by our tents at Taste. If you are interested in volunteering your time and


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Plastic trash in the ocean has consequences. This gannet dies after becoming entangled in a rope.

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SIZE LIMIT: 15" min.; 20" max. (overall length)
BAG LIMIT (per harvester per day): 4; may possess one over $20^{\prime \prime}$
SEASON: No closure.
LOCAL AVERAGE SIZE: About a pound.
FLORIDA RECORD: $17 \mathrm{lb}, 7 \mathrm{oz}$
WORLD RECORD: $17 \mathrm{lb}, 7 \mathrm{oz}$
FOOD VALUE: Some anglers find them excellent; others say the texture is too mushy. Be sure to ice well and they'll be fine.

HABITAT: Shallow estuarine waters. Strongly associated with seagrass beds, though trout are found over mud also. In warm conditions, many trout will relocate to the Gulf off the beaches to
find cooler water.

LEGAL METHODS: Hook and line, castnet. Use of treble hooks with natural bait prohibited.
FISHING TIPS: Seatrout are easily caught on live shrimp or small baitfish, and will usually take small lures with little hesistation. As they get larger, they become a lot warier and harder to hook. Trout over about 22 inches feed almost entirely on smaller fish, including their own kind.
NOTES: Take care when catching and releasing these fish; even semi-rough handling will easily kill them. No relation to freshwater trout, but a very close relative of the weakfish or squeteague of the Atlantic seaboard. They share the weakfish's delicate mouth tissue, so don't horse them in you'll lose the big ones this way. Although their teeth look fearsome, seatrout

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