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Ag commish Fried speaks to Charlotte Democrats

Biggest-ever Blue Gala honors legacy of Betty Gissendanner

By KAYLA GLEASON
SUN CORRESPONDENT

With Florida solidifying itself as a swing — or purple — state over the course of the past few election cycles, the Charlotte County Democratic Executive Committee enjoyed a record-breaking Blue Gala on Saturday night.

"This is our largest turnout ever, even surpassing last year's event," said CCDEC Chair Patrick Hurley. "We saw 100 percent growth last year and another 30 percent growth this year — 130 percent growth is astounding."

The Blue Gala, an annual fundraiser for the committee, not only allows local Democrats to get to know each other and support their party, but also encourages those willing to run for office big and small, engage with the community and participate in the voting process, according to Hurley.

"We're all part of the solution and we all have to take action," he said.

"Already, the growth shows the progress and amazing work done by this club and its members. It shows what incredible strength we can have going forward," said Terrie Rizzo, Florida Democratic Party Chair.

The night was also an opportunity for the committee to recognize a beloved and extremely active member who recently passed away, Betty Gissendanner.

"Tonight would not be possible, we would not have the organization we do without Betty. She taught us we could reach higher," said Hurley.

During her time with the committee, Gissendanner held numerous leadership roles, took part in community movements — such as marches and protests — and worked closely with both the women's and youth factions of the club.

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West Villages wants millions from North Port

City should reimburse district for work on park, police vehicles, officials say

By ALEXANDRA HERRERA
WEST VILLAGES SUN EDITOR

NORTH PORT — The West Villages Improvement District discussed money owed by the city to the district for Blue

Heron Park last week, as well as the city not purchasing enough police vehicles to serve the district.

Chairman Marty Black said Thursday the district, the city and the developer signed an

agreement to provide five police vehicles to the area.

The district paid \$516,000 to the city for the five cars.

"Unfortunately, the city went out and purchased four vehicles," Black said.

He added that no supplemental material had been provided to the district as to why.

"We want to be sure we hold

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Tiger Woods wins Masters

After a 11-year hiatus, Woods won his 15th major and fifth Masters championship on Sunday with a back-nine charge at Augusta National.

See Sports for the full story.

'NINJAS' SET FOR NBC



North Port natives competed at Atlanta set of 'American Ninja Warrior,' set to air in June

By SCOTT LAWSON and ALLISON RAINEY
NORTH PORT SUN

NORTH PORT — Two North Port natives were among 100 elite athletes taking part in the Atlanta competition of "American Ninja Warrior."

The NBC-based show will air in early to mid-June, depending on a few different factors.

Josh Parisi, 21, and Ashley McConville, 19, can't say how well they did or specifically what happened on their runs that took place while the show filmed in Atlanta between March 24-26, but both spoke about the excitement of the experience.

"It's been awesome getting to compete at so many different competitions and meet so many new ninjas," McConville said. "I have Ninja friends all around the country because of all the competitions we've done and traveled to."

"I had a great time," Parisi said.

That great time happened despite his run starting at 3:54 a.m. The filming starts as soon as the sun sets and ends at sunrise. With 100 athletes taking the stage, it goes all night long.

"My experience was way different from other people. I was actually very relaxed," he said. "From the point I got my call to the point I started my run, I felt very relaxed through the process. I don't know how to explain it, but I felt really calm and confident that I would do well."

Parisi is currently a music education major at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

His attention to detail helps with

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

North Port native Ashley McConville practices at a Ninja gym. She competed on the "American Ninja Warrior" course in Atlanta in March. The show airs in June.

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Waterfest, beach restoration project will have to coexist

Englewood's Powerboat races will need to navigate around sand renourishment work

By **STEVE REILLY**
STAFF WRITER

ENGLEWOOD — Steve Gardiner is ready to take the helm as president of the all-volunteer Englewood Beach Waterfest board.

Spectators are expected to enjoy the fifth-annual high-speed powerboat racing for the Offshore Powerboat Association World Championship competitions, set for the weekend of Nov. 23-24 at Englewood Beach.

This year, however, Waterfest events will have to navigate Charlotte County's multimillion dollar Manasota Key beach restoration project, which is also set to begin in November.

Permits for the beach project are limited from November to the end of April, which is outside of the May 1-Oct. 31 sea turtle nesting season.

County Public Works officials are committed to ensure the beach restoration effort will not interfere with Waterfest.

"The contract for the beach renourishment project will be written as such that no work or equipment will interfere with the boat races," Public Works spokesman Tracy Doherty said in an email to the Sun Friday.

"In the coordinating efforts, Waterfest organizers

WATERFEST CELEBRATES KENTUCKY DERBY

The Englewood Beach Waterfest and the Branded Hearts Stables nonprofits are teaming up for a Kentucky Derby fundraiser.

The Derby Day celebration will be held 4-9 p.m. May 4 on the grounds of the Branded Hearts Stables on Morningside Drive. Festivities include a "Taste of Derby," provided by 12 local restaurants, an open bar with featuring various bourbon libations, chance race wagering, "Horseplay" games, a parade of horses from Branded Hearts Stables, a women's "Hattitude" competition and live broadcasts of the official 145th Run for the Roses.

Proceeds benefit the Englewood Beach Waterfest and Branded Hearts Stables. Tickets are \$125 and may be purchased at EnglewoodBeachWaterfest.Com.

provided the county a map of the areas that will be utilized by the boat races," she said. "These areas are not to be used for the beach renourishment project during the time of the boat races."

County staff began meeting Thursday to come up with a workable solution. The beach project, however, cannot close down for the two days of boat racing without the county paying a price. Michael Poff, president of Coastal Engineering Consultants, the firm overseeing the beach restoration project, told the South Manasota/Sandpiper Association it could add another \$300,000 or more to what's already estimated to cost \$21 million, according to the county's website.

Poff also suggested the dredging crew was expected to use the public beach as its staging area.

While Gardiner has to contend with man-made complications, last year, Waterfest had

to deal with the toxic red tide that plagued Southwest Florida for the summer and into the fall. Considering the conditions, Waterfest did well, Schroeder suggested.

Waterfest organizers had hoped to see 40,000 spectators, but the number closer to 30,000. And Waterfest was able to keep its promise by being able to donate \$25,000 for eight charities, Schroeder said.

Like the previous

years, Waterfest's success depends upon sponsors, volunteers and community support. To learn more or to sign up as a sponsor or volunteer, visit englewoodbeachwaterfest.com.

Waterfest will bring back its Dearborn Street block party on Nov. 22, the family conservation center, VIP tent, other entertainment and activities during the racing events.

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North Port man charged with DUI manslaughter in fatal wreck in Sarasota

I-75 crash in Sarasota leaves one dead, one injured

By **DANIEL SUTPHIN**
STAFF WRITER

A North Port man was arrested early Sunday morning after causing a crash on Interstate 75 near Clark Road in Sarasota, killing a woman and injuring a man, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Nicalos Simpson, 26, of North Port, was arrested on charges of DUI manslaughter, DUI with serious bodily injury, DUI with property damage and disabled vehicle obstructing traffic.

Simpson was stopped in the center lane of

southbound I-75 around 2 a.m., driving a 2016 Chrysler 200, according to the FHP.

Christopher Marquez, 30, was driving a 2007 Nissan Sentra in the center lane and couldn't stop in time to avoid a collision with the rear of Simpson's vehicle.

Marquez's passenger, Petruska E. Marquez, 63, died as the result of the accident. Both Marquezes are from Lehigh Acres.

Christopher was transported to Sarasota Memorial Hospital with serious injuries. Simpson was not injured.

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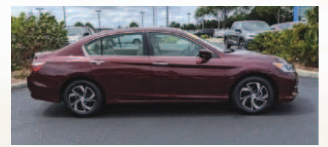
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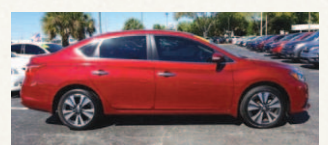
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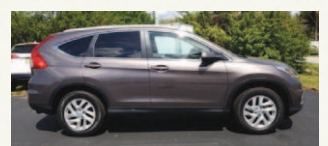
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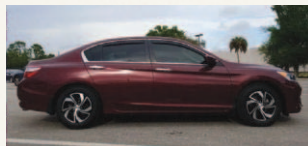
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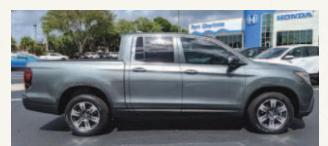
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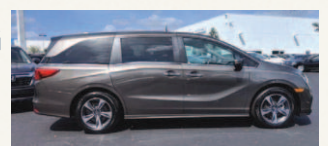
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GALA

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During a special tribute to her, Blue Gala Chair Jane Merriam even announced the Democratic Women's Scholarship would be renamed the Betty Gissendanner Scholarship in her honor.

In addition to recognizing long-time members, the committee also celebrated its youngest member and the student volunteers who helped make the night possible.

"I saw that there weren't a lot of young people involved, so I wanted to open those floodgates," said 18-year-old Daniel Schwarz.

While he has only been a member for three months, Schwarz has big plans for both himself and the party.

"Moving forward, I'm interested in running for the House of Representatives," he said.

Many local and state office holders were also excited to see a growing number of young faces in the audience.

"Anytime that students get involved is amazing. They're the ones being impacted by lawmakers, so it's all about listening to them and their concerns," said Cara Reynolds, who was just elected to the Charlotte County School Board in November.

Keynote speaker and Commissioner of Agricultural and Consumer Services Nikki Fried shared a similar sentiment.

"It's inspiring. We're trying to make our state better for them, we're not doing this for us, we're doing it for the generations to come and it's great to see them involved," she said.

This year, the local Hispanic population also gained official representation thanks to the newly formed Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida Charlotte County Chapter.

"Our focus this year is mainly on Florida's red counties. We want to better reach the Hispanic populations there and get them involved and give them a voice," said Noemi McGregor, President of the DHCF.



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Commissioner of Agricultural and Consumer Services Nikki Fried and CCDEC Communications Manager Jim Blue.

Over the course of the evening, the message to get out and vote was loud and clear from members pledging to encourage at least three people to go the polls to Hurley's speech — and call to action — entitled "Change takes action! Are you in?"

"We share the connection that we want liberty and justice for all. We cannot sit idle as the constitution and rules of law are disregarded. We need to vote. Change can happen," Hurley said.

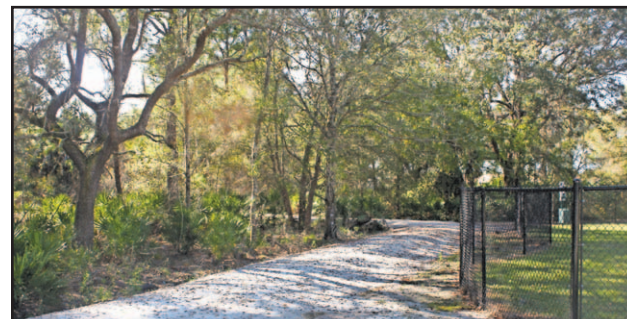
The gala, which brought in over \$20,000 last year, according to Democratic Club Board Member Marvin Covey, was set to raise even more this year thanks to growing membership numbers.

The donations go directly to the self-supporting committee and help fund canvassing and phone banking endeavors, as well as voter registration and renewal events.

For more information on the CCDEC or to get involved, visit charlottedems.com.



A poster of the late Betty Gissendanner meeting former president Barack Obama.



SUN PHOTO BY ALEXANDRA HERRERA

Trails through Blue Heron Park are shaded with trees and provide a winding path through the new 33-acre park.

VILLAGES

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the city responsible for this agreement," Black said.

Black said he asked for negotiations to be re-opened and directed improvement district lawyer Jonathan Johnson to reach out to the city of North Port.

Another issue concerning the district and the city was Blue Heron Park. During the meeting, Black said the district is owed \$2 million for the park from the city.

Blue Heron Park opened in January along River Road and includes Central Bark for dogs. It's the first public park to open in the West Villages.

Black said the district needs to meet with the Parks and Recreation Department to get an update as to what is happening.

Following completion of the park, the city was supposed to reimburse the district up to \$2 million.

Board member Victor Dobrin said he'd like the district to do its homework before engaging with the city going forward.

Black recommended the board go back to the city to clarify what's going on.

Also discussed: The new wastewater treatment plant is expected to be completed in early 2020.

Special District Services Inc. President Todd Wodraska said work is continuing at the plant with lines being laid down along Playmore Drive and West Villages Parkway.

Also, the board also discussed the light at West Villages Parkway and U.S. 41. The traffic light at the intersection has been delayed and getting the light installed has been a hot button issue following the March 24 crash following the first Braves games at CoolToday Park that left two dead.

Wodraska said that it may be about three months before the light is complete, one of the options discussed was pushing back the turn line into the West Villages Marketplace. The idea is to help speed along the work on the light.

The board said it would discuss the action further, but no decision was made on Thursday.

The West Villages Improvement District will meet at 11 a.m. May 9 in the City Commission Chambers at North Port City Hall, 4970 City Hall Blvd.

NINJAS

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training, he said, but those people who tend to do best with ninja competitions are involved in rock-climbing — which helps with grip strength, and gymnastics — which helps with body awareness, he said.

McConville was very involved with gymnastics. She'd trained or competed in it since she was 6.

While gymnastics was her life, "American Ninja Warrior" caught her attention when she was 14 and "knew it was something I wanted to do someday," McConville said.

"But at the time, the age limit was 21 so my plan was to do college gymnastics and then do the show when I was 23."

She continued gymnastics but started participating in Ninja-related activities. She began connecting with Ninjas.

"I was going rock-climbing and Jason Bergstrom (an 'American Ninja Warrior' veteran) introduced himself to me and asked if I had ever tried Ninja before," McConville said. "He told me about a kids Ninja competition that LIVE Training Center (in Palmetto) was hosting and said I should give it a shot."

Parisi also trains at LIVE occasionally while his work and hobbies also



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Josh Parisi, 21, originally from North Port, prepares for the Atlanta course in March. It was his first chance to run the course — although he has worked as a "course tester" for two years for the show. The Atlanta episode is set to air in June.

take place at Extreme Air Gymnastics in Fort Myers.

The show lowered the age from 21 to 19 for people to compete, giving McConville the opportunity earlier than she thought.

"This made me start to think: Did I want to do college gymnastics for four more years and be completely dedicated to it, or did I want to begin seriously training ninja and start pursuing a field in that?"

She began to turn toward her faith for guidance, participating in weekly Bible studies.

"I started growing closer with God and made the

decision to give my life to him, to start living for him each and everyday and start listening to his plan for my life instead of the plan that I was making for myself," she said.

Gymnastics competition seemed to be about being better than everyone else. In Ninja training, she found only encouragement.

"I began to fall in love with the community. I started noticing how different the community was from gymnastics," she said. "In Ninja, everyone wants you to succeed."

Parisi celebrates the community as well,

saying he loved reconnecting with people — and connecting with the audience — as his run began.

"I had a blast. It was a lot of fun ... even on the starting line, I had a lot of fun getting the crowd into it," he said.

He couldn't get into the specifics of his run because of disclosure rules — but he indicates it felt a bit surreal to him.

"I was calm ... but there was also the feeling that maybe this was a dream and I'm going to wake up soon. I felt like the training was really going to pay off at that moment and I was just like: 'Let's do it.'"



Ashley McConville, 19, practices climbing skills at a Ninja gym. McConville, who had been in gymnastics starting when she was 6, competed on the "American Ninja Warrior" course in Atlanta in March.

For him, the patience learned in his music expertise helped him with Ninja he said. For people who haven't trained in rock-climbing, gymnastics or parkour — a type of obstacle course sport — it's about being comfortable with repetition.

"When you're trying to prepare for a concert or recital, it's best to work on every part of it ... but the repetition is important so you know how to put it together," Parisi said. "Music, if you prepare ... a slip-up might happen, but it's rare."

Ninja is a less forgiving on the course.

"Balance objects ... are

never a guarantee for anybody," he said. "You can have the most-calculated plan, but for balance, it doesn't always happen. It happens to even the big-name Ninjas every year."


McConville began training with Bergstrom's children, Caleb and Caitlyn Bergstrom. Her background in gymnastics gave McConville a head start.

"I came into Ninja being able to do obstacles and moves that took some Ninjas years to perfect. I started placing first against athletes who had been seasoned veterans on the show," she said.

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Sunday in your SUN  ...

Sailor watched Doolittle Raiders launch from Hornet

Bill Remley, who died in January, spent decades in Navy

As the last member of Doolittle Raiders is remembered after his death this week, *The Sun* revisits a story about a Port Charlotte man who witnessed the Raiders launch from USS Hornet.

The last member of Doolittle Raiders was Dick Cole, who died this week at the age of 103.

That witness, Bill Remley, 97, died in January at his home.

This story was originally written in 2011:

Bill Remley, of Royal Palm Retirement Home in Port Charlotte, was aboard the heavy cruiser USS Vincennes watching the Doolittle Raiders fly their B-25, twin-engine bombers off the deck of the carrier USS Hornet on their way to bomb Japan four months after devastating the American fleet at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"After each bomber flew from the deck of the carrier it almost touched the sea in front of the giant ship. Then the plane climbed back into the sky," he recalled. "I only got to watch a couple of them takeoff before I had to go back down to my battle station in sickbay."

He was a corpsman in the Navy at the time.

Just before the Doolittle Raiders flew into history on the undertaking was on the verge of being canceled after Adm. William Halsey's Task Force-16 was spotted by a Japanese ship a couple of hundred miles off mainland Japan.

The admiral and his subordinates decided to go ahead with the risky attack on the Japanese cities in the hopes their whereabouts weren't divulged to enemy commanders.

"I didn't see ships from our fleet sink the Japanese boat, but I heard about it after it happened," Remley said in 2011.

The enemy ship apparently did not have time to radio the Japanese Navy about the American fleet headed westward to bomb Japan.

Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle's squadron of 16 B-25 bombers would fly from the Hornet near the east coast of Japan, bomb a half-dozen major cities including: Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya, Yokosuka, Kobe and Yokohama. Then



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Visit www.donmoorewar-tales.com for more than 1,000 stories of veterans who grew up or moved to Southwest Florida.

If you or someone you know is a veteran with a story to share, contact Don Moore at donmoore39@gmail.com or 941-426-2120.

the bomber crews would fly on across the Sea of Japan to mainland China and land on Chinese air bases.

Eventually those American air crews who survived the mission would be returned to the U.S.

Several bombers crashed and the crews were captured; some of the crewmen beheaded by the Japanese. Others made it all the way to China and landed on the designated runways, while others were forced to bail out of their planes on the Chinese mainland when they ran out of fuel.

One crew ended up in Russia and was held for a year in captivity until they were returned to U.S. custody.

Damage caused by the Doolittle Raiders on Japanese industrial facilities was minimal. However, the response from the raid on both sides of the Pacific was huge.

Coming four months after the Pearl Harbor attack, which launched the U.S. into World War II, Americans were ecstatic about the Doolittle Raid. The Japanese government and military command, on the other hand, were astonished by the bombing. They had no idea how the U.S. had carried out the attack on the main islands 10,000 miles from the U.S.A.

Half a century after the end of World War II, then-retired Warrant Officer William J. Remley received a special commendation signed by John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy, dated: 15 May, 1995.

"After each bomber flew from the deck of the carrier it almost touched the sea in front of the giant ship. Then the plane climbed back into the sky ... I only got to watch a couple of them takeoff before I had to go back down to my battle station in sickbay."

— William Remley

This is the commendation Remley received from the Secretary of the Navy 50 years after participating as a member of Flotilla 16 while serving aboard the heavy cruiser USS Vincennes.

It read: "On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Second World War, it is appropriate that we take time to reflect on the unique and daring accomplishments achieved early in the war by Task Force 16. Sailing westward under sealed orders in April 1942, only four months after the devastating raid on Pearl Harbor, Task Force 16, carrying 16 Army B-25 bombers, proceeded into history.

"On 18 April 1942 at 2:45 p.m., perseverance produced success as radio broadcasts from Japan confirmed the success of the raids. These raids were an enormous boost to the morale of the American people in those early and dark days of the war and a harbinger of the future for the Japanese High Command that had so foolishly awakened 'The Sleeping Giant.'"

Less than two months later, Remley returned to Pearl Harbor on the cruiser USS Vincennes and was transferred to the Kalol, a small munitions ship that sailed for Midway Island. It was a speck of sand in the South Pacific that was destined to be the site of the biggest carrier defeat the Japanese sustained in World War II.

On June 6, 1942 Adm. Raymond Spruance was steaming toward Midway with the much smaller American fleet in preparation for attacking Adm. Isoroku Yamamoto, commander of the much

larger Japanese fleet.

Spruance's edge: American intelligence broke the Japanese Naval code and knew the enemy fleet was headed to Midway. Yamamoto planned to sink what was left of America's Pacific Fleet there. Then he would move east, attack the Hawaiian Islands and continue east and invade the west coast of the United States.

By the following day all four of the Japanese's major aircraft carriers — Akagi, Kaga, Hiryu and Soryu — had been sent to the bottom by Spruance's naval air power. Adm. Yamamoto and his massive fleet were in retreat toward Japan. This battle ended Japan's offensive power in the Pacific War.

Remley was sent to Midway aboard Kaloli, an ammunition freighter, to supply the Marines on the little island with more fire power. Just before the epic battle between Halsey and Yamamoto took place off the tiny atoll, Remley's ship was ordered to move out 50 miles away and wait.

"We couldn't see or hear a thing of the battle," he said. "Later we learned that the Battle of Midway was a big American naval success."

"We must have stayed out at Midway about a month before sailing back to Pearl. When I got back to port, I was transferred to the Kamanga Manga, a small supply ship that delivered goods and equipment to many of the Pacific Islands: I ended up in Guam, Guadalcanal, Okinawa, after the battles were over," he said in 2011.

After serving 23 months aboard ships in the Pacific and taking part in a couple of the most important battles



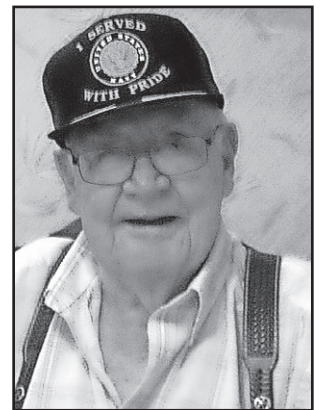
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Four sailors explore the Hawaiian Islands during World War II, including Corpsman Bill Remley, at the front right. He was born in Indiana and retired to Port Charlotte.



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William J. Remley spent decades in the Navy. He witnessed the Doolittle Raid as it took off from his ship in World War II. He died in January at the age of 97.



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Bill Remley of Port Charlotte in 2011. He died in January.

of the war, Remley sailed for San Francisco aboard a freighter filled with injured servicemen. He took a slow-moving train across country to Philadelphia where his wife and child were living at the time.

Remley decided to make the Navy a career and spent the next 15 years serving in hospitals and medical facilities around the country. He retired from the service in 1960 as a Warrant Officer 1.

He moved to Port Charlotte in 2007, after his wife, Charlotte's death. They have six children: Harriet, William Jay, Charlotte, Floyd, Penny and Terry.

Remley was born in Columbus, Indiana in 1920 and entered the Navy in 1938 and retired in 1960. Among his commendations: National Service Defense medal, Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory medal.

He died Jan. 30.

Sarasota district to vote on changing fund balance calculation

By VICTORIA VILLANUEVA-MARQUEZ
STAFF WRITER

SARASOTA — The Sarasota County School Board will vote Tuesday on a budget policy that changes the district's method of calculating its minimum fund balance percentage.

The current policy states the board must maintain a reserve that equals at least 7.5 percent

of expenditures.

The board discussed changing the calculation at a March 26 workshop after noting that the state calculates fund balance differently, basing it off revenue rather than expenditures.

State law requires school districts to maintain a reserve that amounts to at least 3 percent of their total revenue.

Superintendent Todd

Bowden proposed changing the district's budget policy at the workshop, facing tough opposition from School Board members Bridget Ziegler and Eric Robinson, who argued that changing the calculation would not create more money for the district.


Board members approved Bowden's proposal in a 3-1 vote, with Robinson dissenting


and Ziegler absent.

The board will consider adopting the state's calculation, which would allow the board to be consistent with the Florida Department of Education and all other school districts throughout the state.

The School Board will vote on the policy change at its 3 p.m. meeting in the Board Chambers at 1980 Landings Blvd., Sarasota.



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By TAMPA BAY TIMES

Legislature's off-priorities on spending

The negotiations among Florida's legislative leaders over the roughly \$90 billion state budget are moving behind closed doors, and the outcome will have a significant impact on the region in areas such as local school districts, hospitals and the University of South Florida. The trend lines are disturbing, given the separate 2019-20 spending plans approved by the House and Senate. With about three weeks left in the legislative session, here are four areas of concern:

Public schools. Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Republican leadership in the Legislature remain determined to steer millions of tax dollars toward vouchers for private school tuition even though a similar program was found unconstitutional by the Florida Supreme Court. On top of that, the House wants to spend \$140 million on the unnecessary Schools of Hope charter schools.

Yet as the money flows to private schools and privately run charter schools, lawmakers continue to short-change traditional public schools. The cost of hiring armed security and hardening campuses following last year's massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland continues to be an unfunded mandate. The increase in base per student spending is a modest \$38 in the House budget and a more reasonable \$149 in the Senate budget. That's better than the miserly 47 cents per student last year, but imagine what could be accomplished if Republicans weren't so eager to privatize public education.

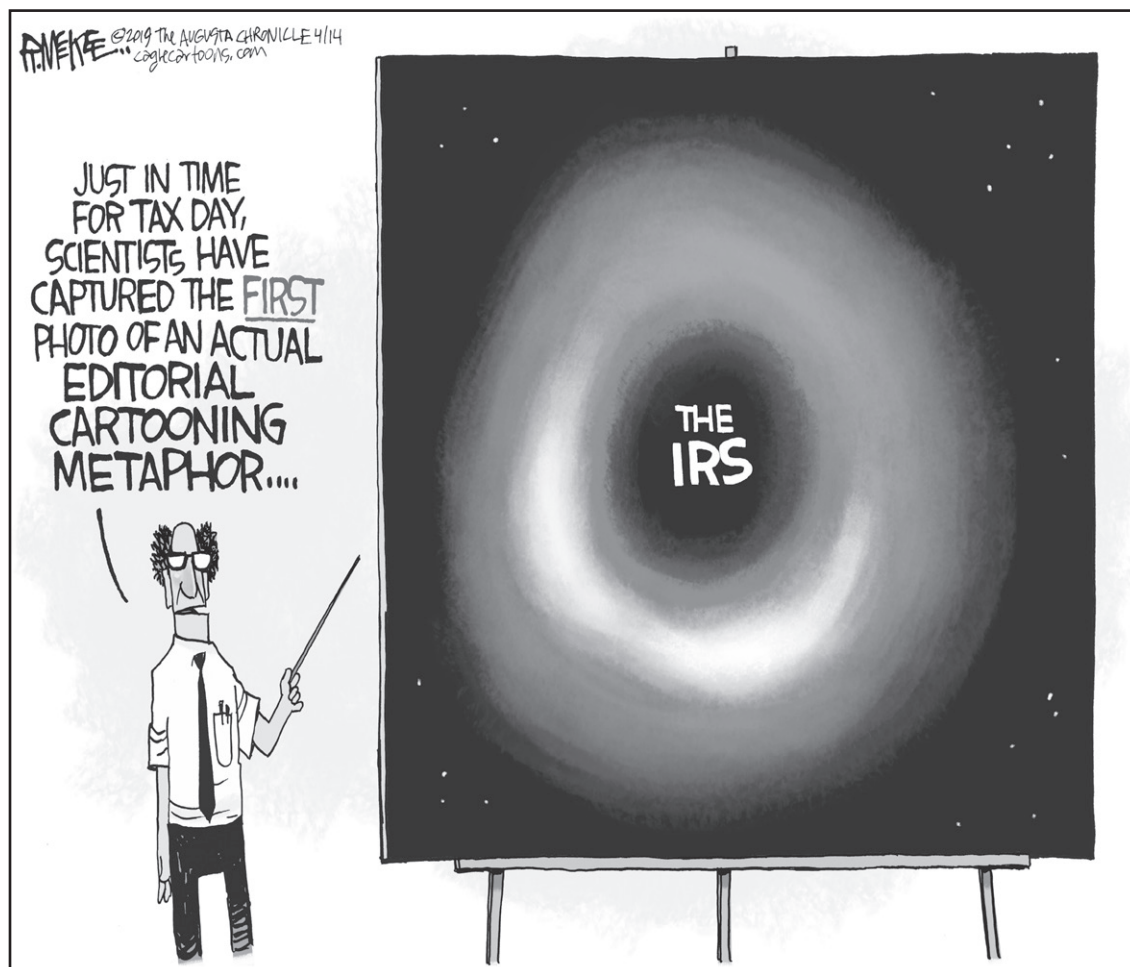
Universities. In an era when the state should be investing in higher education, the University of South Florida could face millions in budget cuts. House Speaker José Oliva, R-Miami, argues universities spend too much, and the House budget calls for a 2.5 percent across-the-board spending cut. That would cost USF about \$12 million. And just as USF has joined the University of Florida and Florida State to achieve the coveted preeminent status, the House wants to cut that spending by 13 percent, or \$20 million. That would cost USF about \$3 million.

Health care. At a time when most states have expanded Medicaid to improve access to health care for low-income families, Republican legislators in Florida are pushing to spend less. Or they want to redistribute existing money in ways that would hurt hospitals that treat more of the state's poor, such as Tampa General and Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

As the House pushes to deregulate health care in a misguided notion that competition will improve access and affordability, it wants to cut Medicaid spending by 3 percent, or more than \$100 million. The Florida Hospital Association points out the state's Medicaid program already is among the lowest funded in the nation, and the state ranks dead last in Medicaid spending for children. The House budget would cost Tampa General \$3.7 million.

The Senate budget avoids cutting Medicaid, but it wants to spread more than \$300 million that goes to safety net hospitals to help cover the cost of treating the poor to far more hospitals. Cutting a pie that isn't big enough into more pieces is not the answer, and the Senate budget would cost Tampa General \$13.7 million.

Affordable housing. Local governments around Tampa Bay wisely have been increasing spending on affordable housing programs, and voters passed a constitutional amendment that requires the state to set aside specific dollars for that priority. Yet the Legislature continues to siphon off that money for other uses. This time, the House budget sends \$123 million to the Florida Panhandle to help hurricane recovery efforts, and the Senate sends \$100 million to that area. Hurricane recovery needs state resources, but the money should not be taken from affordable housing.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Englewood becoming a Las Vegas strip

Editor:

Las Vegas strip? Times Square? No, this is Old Englewood, Florida. All lit up with the razzle-dazzle of electronic signs. Day and night. Here in the heart of Old Englewood. Come on down State Road 776 if you're thinking trash city. Who needs greenways and palm trees anyway?

This visual virus has spread from real estate to religion, from chain stores to mom and pops. It includes businesses, social clubs, hospitals, schools and even nursing homes and churches. As of today we have a total of at least 25 electronic signs littering our roadways within just a three-mile radius.

It's ugly. And getting uglier. I doubt that the madness is over. Add to that the giant billboards book ending SR 776 and Dearborn and you can see that we've got a real a honky-tonk going on. All of the glitz, with none of the glamour.

Boca Grande can't hold a candle to us. They aren't even trying. Has the lure of commercial gold totally taken over Old Englewood? Who's next? Winn Dixie? Publix? Elsie Quirk? Dunkin Donuts? Babes Hardware? Goodwill? Maybe the recently relocated Green Street Church could get in on the action.

Is this what you want for Englewood? Make a call. Maybe it's not too late. CRA, where are you?

Geraldine Denecke
Englewood

This place isn't 'Port Charlotte'

Editor:

Referencing the April 7 story on Page 8 of the "Local/Regional News" section concerning re-branding of "Port Charlotte's" river walk, which it is not, the sign welcomes you to Charlotte Harbor because that is the community's name.

The sign has nothing to do with the body of water and one does not enter "Port Charlotte" upon crossing the

bridge from Punta Gorda. Port Charlotte does not begin until you pass the Town and Country Shopping Center.

The community, once named Hickory Bluff, became known as Charlotte Harbor soon after a post office of that name was established there in 1872, serving the entire harbor area. That was well before Isaac Trabue even contemplated purchasing land that would eventually become Punta Gorda.

Consequently, Charlotte Harbor is by far the oldest continuously occupied settlement in Charlotte County and if any community should be associated with the waterfront esplanade north of the river, it's certainly not Port Charlotte.

Frank Desguin
Punta Gorda

Heed Yoda's warning about the 'dark side'

Editor:

"They are coming for us." "Our country is being undermined." "I'm scared for our children because of" "We are being swallowed up." "Our social order is under attack." "Western civilization is under siege."

If your head is bobbing up and down, then you are a fearful person.

The overriding message here is, "be afraid." The politics of fear is easy. It is easier to be fearful than to be brave. It is far easier to hate than to love. Easier to tear down than to build up. If you are afraid of Muslims, blacks and Latinos what will you be afraid of next? Perhaps gays, or atheists, or women politicians, or Falwell's Teletubbies or science. Fear has no end point. Assuaging fear can run the gamut from lynchings to taking children away from their parents to building a huge barrier wall.

If a political party can transform your fears into a sense of patriotism, then you are an easily controllable political asset. Ripe for manipulation. Simply telling adults; "Don't be afraid," like they were children doesn't work. The fear-monger always wins.

Be mindful of what Yoda said: "Fear is the path to the dark side."

Mike Deignan
Punta Gorda

Too little planning, or too many lawyers?

Editor:

Our county officials and not the ARC have this public safety sheltering responsibility. This responsibility does not end with an evacuation order. The public deserves better.

Sometime in the last century I was the county emergency management director and shelters were identified for many threats and not only from storms. The nuclear civil defense threat was another. All these threats remain.

The ARC disaster chairman, Roland Cornish, was a part of my staff, as were some local building contractors, such as Peter Taylor of Erb Construction for electric generators, HAM radio operators for communications and many buildings, private and government. Shelters were available. Numerous volunteers were assigned, trained and on call. Drills were held.

Do we suffer from too many lawyers, too little planning or both?

John P. Derr
Port Charlotte

Pickleball unsuited to Gilchrist Park

Editors:

If pickleball noise is as inoffensive as pickleball players claim, why has Pickleplex installed expensive noise-abatement fencing before the courts are even open?

The adjacent classroom building is in significantly closer proximity to basketball and tennis courts, which do not use noise-abatement fencing.

Contrast that with the city's treatment of Gilchrist Park, where for years homeowners have asked the city for relief from pickleball noise annoyance. For years, other park users have described their diminished enjoyment of the park. Obviously, FSW deserves the noise abatement and it reflects positively upon the Pickleplex board, which fulfilled an obligation to protect classrooms. What stings is that homeowners

and other Gilchrist Park users still struggle for protection.

What might work at FSW is unsuitable for a narrow, scenic waterfront park, where the fencing will funnel noise onto the people on Harborwalk. As explained by Pickleball Central Blog, Nov. 2013: "One challenge with acoustical fencing is maintaining it in windy areas. In some communities the acoustical fencing was blown down by the wind. Another challenge with acoustical fencing is that it is expensive and can be unattractive."

We need only add that 1) due to the fetch across the harbor Gilchrist Park is especially vulnerable to strong winds, 2) our busy Parks and Grounds Division will need to remove and replace this fencing when necessary, and 3) even new and pristine the fencing is as aesthetically "obnoxious," as the council members admitted when they voted to add it as a "temporary solution" after years of rejection.

Sheila Jaeger
Punta Gorda

Social media: Friend or foe?

Editor:

Credibility is the quality of being trusted and believed in.

Social media is the collection of online communication channels for input sharing and interaction. Social media is more convenient and easier to view than TV news and newspapers, but how credible are the opinions expressed there?

Can you rely on that information to support your essays or projects? There are no professional gatekeepers or editors to monitor the contents.

Politics has always been a kind of show business. Social media has been increasingly used to humiliate the opposition in political arena. Distorting facts, smearing and ruining reputations has become a norm in politics.

With a right spin machine and enough funds to manipulate population, any misrepresentation can sound believable and anyone can be elected to political office.

Is the social media your friend or is it becoming an enemy, and can it help to bring in the degeneration of representative democracy?

Peter Vartiainen
Punta Gorda

Algebra is a tricky subject

Editor:

Would you please inform the ex-teacher from Charlotte County that the reason her answer of $x=3/5$ was not one of the choices is that it is not a correct answer.

The answer is $2/5$. Proof right there the test is needed.

I would not just expect potential teachers to answer correctly I would demand it. With all due respect, ex-schoolmarm, I pray you didn't teach math.

Jim Hogan
Englewood

HOW TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. Please keep them to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as for grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name — not initials. An address and telephone number must be included. The phone number and address are not for publication, but must be provided. Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only one letter per person per month.

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Legislature is unlikely to pass true fracking ban

The history of fracking bills in the Florida Legislature offers a better understanding of what's happening this legislative session.

Since at least 2013, the Florida Legislature has proposed legislation dealing with the use of fracking in oil and gas drilling. Its efforts have morphed over the years.

The 2013 bills tried to allow fracking. In 2015 those efforts continued to permit fracking but were packaged as fracking regulation. Then in 2016 the fracking-friendly Legislature tried a different tactic: Study it.

By 2017, the Florida Senate outwardly sought to ban fracking, knowing that the bill would go nowhere in the state House. In 2018 the Senate did pass the fracking ban, but it was never heard in the House.

And here we are in 2019 with competing fracking bills in the Senate.

The environmentally



Eye on Florida

PAULA DOCKERY

responsible bill, which would ban all types of fracking processes in Florida, is on a slower path. That bill, SB314 by state Sen. Bill Montford, has only been heard in one Senate committee and it passed unanimously.

The other fracking bill — SB7064 by state Sen. Ben Albritton — is moving a little quicker, having been heard in two committees. The Albritton bill bans two types of fracking while allowing a third type. Though the "not quite a ban on fracking" bill is progressing, it rightfully has opposition. It barely passed Sen. Montford's committee on a 3-2 vote and passed the Innovation, Industry and

Technology Committee on a party-line vote of 6-4, with Democratic committee members voting no.

What exactly is fracking and how do the two bills differ?

Fracking is a method of getting oil or gas from the rock below the surface of the ground by making large cracks in it. The term is slang for fracturing.

According to the staff analysis of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the three process descriptions are as follows:

Hydraulic fracturing consists of injecting a mixture of water, sand and several trace chemicals into the oil/gas reservoir at high pressures sufficient to increase permeability by introducing fractures into the reservoir rock or by enlarging existing fractures.

Acid fracturing is a well

stimulation technique in which well operators pump acidic fluids into a well at a pressure that exceeds the fracture gradient and fractures the rock. The acid etches the walls of the resulting fractures and eliminates the need to use a proppant such as sand.

Matrix acidizing uses larger volumes of acid solution injected at pressures below the fracture gradient. It does not produce fracturing; however, hydrochloric acid is very effective at dissolving carbonate minerals including limestone.

The two-page Montford bill creates a new section of law that prohibits both high-pressure well stimulation and matrix acidization and limits the ban to only oil and gas wells.

The six-page, controversial Albritton bill allows matrix acidization and sets some requirements, including impact

studies and increased bonding requirements that are unnecessary if the method is banned.

The last Senate action on a total ban was in mid-February despite no opposition while the latest activity on the partial ban was in late March despite opposition.

The House — which isn't really interested in passing any kind of fracking ban — recently took up the partial ban bill in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and passed it on a 10-2 vote.

Environmental groups correctly claim that the bill allowing matrix acidization puts our underground aquifers at risk of contamination from the use of dangerous chemicals.

The aquifer is the primary source of our drinking water supply. With a population of nearly 21 million and over 100 million tourists visiting Florida every year, we

can't afford the risk to our aquifer or to our other natural resources.

Florida has a fragile environment, with sinkholes, endangered freshwater springs, runoff pollution causing algae blooms, degraded water bodies like Lake Okechobee and an already costly Everglades restoration project that isn't properly funded. Why take the risk?

There are several possible outcomes, but sadly the likely one is no ban on fracking again this year. If Gov. Ron DeSantis really wants to be the environmental governor, he should step up and urge the leaders of his party to pass the true fracking ban.

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Port Charlotte Middle School is striving for excellence

While considering how to shape school culture to positively influence Port Charlotte Middle School, I reflect on the values of our school district, collaboration, communication, integrity, leadership, excellence and safety.

Communication from stakeholders is key to an organizations success, which is why input from teachers and staff is welcome and encouraged. Our Terrier family collaborates as a learning community keeping the goals of excellence in education and student success in the forefront.

Our student performance on last year's state testing earned our school an "A." That success was realized due to the knowledge, skills and hard work of our young Terriers, and the caring support, efforts, and educational expertise of our faculty, staff and my fellow administrators, Matthew Kunder and



Columnist

JOHN LECLAIR

Tara Whisenant. As their principal, I'm so grateful and proud of all of them and I have challenged our students that I will cut off all my hair if they earn an "A" again this year.

Our students, teachers and staff never let our school down. They donate hours of time and talents to the community through our student leadership programs such as National Junior Honor Society, student government, builders and environmental clubs, SWAT and ROS.

Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to make a myriad of special events come to fruition for our students, such as our popular Career Night, band, chorus and drama

performances, field trips and community outreach projects. The PE department hosted a hockey clinic to give the students an opportunity to play with the Tampa Bay Lightning. They received honors from Keep Charlotte Beautiful, Do the Right Thing and Make a Wish. They earned many industry certificates, through our Microsoft IT Academy.

Our Terrier Teachers and Staff have donated blood and built homes with Habitat for Humanity. Teachers provided countless hours of free tutoring, hosted field trips and held another challenging MATH Carnival and Sensational Science and Art Fair. Our administrators launched a new "Suspension Free Challenge" 3X3 basketball

tournament, and students rose to the challenge by remaining referral-free to participate. All the fantastic events, honors and successes of our Terrier family are just too many to mention, but we continue to congratulate and celebrate them all.

Since testing is upon us, I want to share with others some valuable research from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

In light of the fact that literacy tests have changed, students now need to evaluate and integrate multiple articles, discuss and consider alternate interpretations. Research now reveals that "talking for test prep" is the best way to go. Opportunities to read aloud with others and discuss the content is

invaluable.

An article by Leah Shafer published in Harvard's research journal caught my eye. It quoted language and literacy expert Catherine Snow as stating, "Every other initiative that leaders might undertake is less important than making sure that students in the schools learn how to read."

Some useable knowledge she passed on to principals, superintendents, policymakers and educators is that comprehension is derived from the amount of prior knowledge, vocabulary, facts and experiences of a student's background.

She stressed the way to build knowledge-enhancing reading skills is by questioning, sharing experiences, discussing new concepts and debating controversial ideas. The article commented that, as the principal, when I step into a classroom, what is important is not what I will see, but what I will hear.

Any parents or educators who might be interested to read more, can visit the following link: www.gse.harvard.edu/news/uk/16/01/start-talking.

John LeClair is the principal of Port Charlotte Middle School.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE: Rural Development

Charlotte Harbor Water Association, Inc.: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utility Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utility Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Charlotte Harbor Water Association, Inc. (CHWA), of Punta Gorda, FL. The proposal is for construction of a deep injection well and improvements to the existing Reverse-Osmosis Water Treatment Plant which serve the Charlotte Harbor and Harbour Heights communities. Charlotte Harbor Water Association, Inc. has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ada Rivera, Area Specialist, Rural Development, 420 South State Road 7, Suite 166, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33414, Telephone: (561) 792-2727, Ext. 5 and Email: Ada.Rivera@fl.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Charlotte Harbor Water Association, Inc. proposes to rehabilitate and expand its Reverse-Osmosis Water Treatment Plant. Improvements for this project include but are not limited to the following: replacing existing RO membranes, installing new membranes needed for additional capacity, installing a generator for emergency power, improving access control and security, replacing the existing concentrate storage tank and air stripping tower, improving high service equipment for distribution reliability and installing a deep injection well for concentrate disposal.

Tetra Tech, Inc., an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to RUS at the address provided. RUS will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

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NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: RAY KISER, 6400 TAYLOR ROAD, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA 33950, VERONICA KISER 6400 TAYLOR ROAD, PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA 33950, and if alive, or if dead, their unknown spouses, widows, widowers, heirs, devisees, creditors, grantees, and all parties having or claiming by, through, under, or against them, and any and all persons claiming any right, title, interest, claim, lien, estate or demand against the Defendant(s) in regards to the following described property in Charlotte County, Florida:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 41 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST, CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA AKA TRACT 161.

Notice is hereby given to each of you that an action to quiet title to the above described properties has been filed against you and you are required to serve your written defenses on Plaintiff's attorney, BILL MCFARLAND, P.A., 2930 DEL PRADO BLVD. S #A, CAPE CORAL, FL 33904, and file the original with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Charlotte County, 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, FL 33950 on or before May 6, 2019 or otherwise a default judgment will be entered against you for the relief sought in the Complaint.

THIS NOTICE will be published four times, once each week for four consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in Charlotte County, Florida.

Dated this 29th day of March, 2019.
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF BID SPECIFICATIONS

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

The County of Charlotte will be receiving sealed bids at the Purchasing Division, Suite 344, Charlotte County Administration Center, 18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-1094, for:

**BID NO. 2019000229
DON PEDRO ISLAND BRIDGE REPAIRS**

This project consists of bridge repairs to the Don Pedro Island Bridges (Michael Kosinski # 014087 and Anne Merry Bridge #014090), located on a bridge-less barrier island. All transportation on and off of the island will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Contractor must be FDOT certified.

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE: 3:00 p.m., APRIL 24, 2019
PURCHASING DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM**

**BID OPENING: 2:00 p.m., MAY 8, 2019
PURCHASING DIVISION CONFERENCE ROOM**

Bid Documents may be obtained by accessing the Charlotte County Purchasing Division's website at <https://purchasingbids.charlottecountyfl.gov> under "Purchasing Bids Online", document number 192292. Any questions can be answered by contacting Alisa L. True, CPPB, Senior Contract Specialist at 941.743.1549 or email: alisa.true@charlottecountyfl.gov.
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

You are hereby notified that the following described livestock; a Black, horned cow with a "Z-underscore" heat brand on her right hip, is now impounded at 12501 Burnt Store Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33980; and the amount due by reason of such impounding is \$300.00. The above-described livestock will, unless redeemed within 3 days from date hereof, be offered for sale at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2019

WILLIAM PRUMMELL, SHERIFF
CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Jennifer Scott, Legal Process Supervisor
Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
Legal Process Division, 941-637-2272
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POLICE BEAT

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

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

- Amelia Katherine Gonzalez, 34, of Vineland, NJ. Charge: battery by intentional touch or strike. Bond: none.
- Nanji Amilicar Ware, 44, 500 block of Ida Ave., Punta Gorda. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting officer without violence. Bond: \$11,000.
- Eric James Soto, 34, 23000 block of Central Ave., Punta Gorda. Charge: battery by intentional touch or strike. Bond: \$2,000.
- Tabitha Shanelle Irene Bass, 34, 3500 block of Adeline St., Punta Gorda. Charge: petty theft. Bond: none.
- Michelle Shikara Archangel, 41, 23400 block of Charleston Circle, Punta Gorda. Charge: fugitive from justice. Bond: none.
- John C. Apodaca, 46, 21200 block of Coachman Ave., Port Charlotte. Charge: violation of domestic violence injunction. Bond: \$5,000.
- Dustin Bailey Lindsay, 21, 2000 block of Lake View Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied conveyance, battery by intentional touch or strike, petty theft, violation of pretrial release, failure of defendant on bail to appear on misdemeanor and an underlying charge. Bond: \$16,000.
- Mary Sheila Major, 74, 1200 block of Dorchester St., Port Charlotte. Charges: failure to appear and an underlying charge. Bond: \$14,000.
- Fernando Canseco Luna, 32, 5300 block of Gillot Blvd., Port Charlotte. Charge: battery by intentional bodily harm. Bond: none.
- Callum Benjamin Phillips, 51, 1900 block of Como St., Port Charlotte. Charge: leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage. Bond: \$1,000.
- Robert James Walker, 61, 4700 block of Glordona Ave., North Port. Charges: driving with an expired license, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. Bond: \$9,000.
- Benito Rocha, 59, of Key West, FL. Charge: knowingly driving with a suspended or revoked license. Bond: \$1,000.
- Stanley Lawrence Hendrzak, Jr., 41, 11900 block of SW Lake George Terrace, Arcadia. Charges: failure to appear and an underlying charge. Bond: none.

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

- Andrew Joseph Abarca, 29, 230 block of W. Temple Road, Venice. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$1,200.
- Skyler E. Fisher, 24, 1400 block of Falls of Venice, Venice. Charges: possession of marijuana. Bond: \$5,000.
- Ilya Gore, 40, 20000 block of Lagenti Circle, Venice. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied structure and possession of burglary tools with the intent to use. Bond: \$3,000.

The North Port Police Department reported the following arrests:

- Raynel Louis Ervan, 59, 2400 block of Roxbury Circle, North Port. Charge: DUI. Bond: \$1,200.
- Gerardo Hernandez-Moreno, 36, 6300 block of S. Biscayne Drive, North Port. Charges: DUI and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license. Bond: \$1,400.
- Valery Leonidovich Klychkov, 26, 4000 block of Town Terrace, North Port. Charge: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: \$25,000.

— Compiled by Daniel Sutphin

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Emotionally distant
 - 6 ___-addressed stamped envelope
 - 10 Enjoy a novel
 - 14 Transitional state
 - 15 Egg-shaped
 - 16 Car-wheels connector
 - 17 The five vowels
 - 18 Fancy hired car
 - 19 Leaning Tower's city
 - 20 Company's on-staff accountant
 - 23 Bull at a bullfight
 - 24 Cherry's color
 - 25 Bagged, as potatoes
 - 29 Astronaut Armstrong
 - 31 "Steady as ___ goes"
 - 34 Construction-site hoister
 - 35 Pekoes, for example
 - 36 Apple's music player
 - 37 With
 - 39 Across, income distribution to partners
 - 39 See 37 Across
 - 41 All over again
 - 42 Religious offshoot
 - 44 Lake boat
 - 45 Very angry
 - 46 Flat-topped hill
 - 47 Truck-stop eateries
 - 48 Unusual
 - 49 Lost traction
- DOWN**
- 1 Jai ___ (fast-paced game)
 - 2 Property claim
 - 3 Don't include
 - 4 Woodwind instrument
 - 5 Dozen + two
 - 6 Of the sun
 - 7 Fiend
 - 8 The Dalai ___
 - 9 Thrive
 - 10 Very quick
 - 11 Turnpike turnoff
 - 12 In addition
 - 13 "___ Sir or Madam . . ."
 - 21 Show agreement silently
 - 22 State next to Md.
 - 25 "Shoo!"
 - 26 Concert venue
 - 27 ___ in (collapsed)
 - 28 Was sure of
 - 30 Sunrise direction
 - 31 Backbone
 - 32 Pay tribute to
 - 33 Outer boundaries
 - 35 Golf platforms
 - 36 Teheran's country
 - 38 Pre-owned vehicles
 - 40 Decisive appraisal
 - 43 Flow in abundance
 - 46 1,501 in Roman numerals
 - 47 Unpleasant noise
 - 48 Pizzeria appliances
 - 50 Tips of ears
 - 51 Flower stalk
 - 52 Money in France
 - 53 Sluggers' stats.
 - 54 A Great Lake
 - 55 Size up
 - 56 Neighborhood
 - 57 Chowder morsel
 - 58 Sounds of disapproval

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Look for a third crossword in The News Wire section.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

- Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis
- ACROSS**
- 1 Cuts off
 - 5 Member of a strict Jewish sect
 - 10 Artistic Chinese dynasty
 - 14 Ohio's Great Lake
 - 15 Justice Kagan
 - 16 Egg-shaped
 - 17 Ancient mariner's fear
 - 19 Flexible mineral sheet
 - 20 Persuade with flattery
 - 21 Fossil resins
 - 23 "Beowulf," poem-wise
 - 24 Rubs the wrong way?
 - 25 Chain reaction requirement
 - 29 Stagecoach puller
 - 30 Allied gp. since 1948
 - 31 Dangerous snakes
 - 35 Antipollution org.
 - 36 Hit, as a fly
 - 40 Alphabetically first of two Hawaiian maunas
 - 41 Like some coll. courses
 - 43 Gp. getting many returns in April
 - 44 Regular's bar order, with "the"
 - 46 Nation that promotes its people's economic and social prosperity
 - 50 Malicious rumors
 - 53 "Do ___ others ..."
 - 54 Judge, e.g.
 - 55 Like faces at a fireworks display
 - 59 "Dream on!"
 - 60 Meditation goal hinted at by this puzzle's circles
 - 62 Wander
 - 63 Close-knit group
 - 64 Fairway club
 - 65 Didn't dillydally
 - 66 Act with excessive passion
 - 67 The Big Apple, in addresses
- DOWN**
- 1 Make-do amount?
 - 2 Two-tone cookie
 - 3 Chanteuse Edith Piaf
 - 4 Six-line stanzas
 - 5 Brave
 - 6 Llama relative
 - 7 Ooze
 - 8 Quaint stopover
 - 9 Sortable information source
 - 10 Kenya's major port
 - 11 Like Wrigley Field's walls
 - 12 Mother-of-pearl
 - 13 Water or wine vessel
 - 18 Catches sight of
 - 22 Dash in a spice rack?
 - 24 Amo, amas, ___
 - 25 "Moonstruck" star
 - 26 Weapon in Clue 27
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By Paul Coulter 4/15/19

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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OUR TOWN: TODAY'S WOMAN

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Monday, April 15, 2019



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Chicken salad with roasted vegetables and mixed greens. Delicious healthy eating.

Healthy meals for picky eaters

If you're trying your best to lose weight and/or improve your health, it can be challenging to stick with it (to say the least) if your family isn't on board with the changes. When you're struggling to make the right food choices, negative feedback from the dinner table every night can push you back to old ways pretty quick. (What's this? I don't eat green things. I don't like that. Why do you hate us?)

Lucky for you, there are some tricks you can use to help your picky family be part of your changes, without them even realizing it (sneaky).

Don't make an announcement. If you sit down at the dinner table one night and tell everyone that you'll all be eating healthy from now on (huge mistake), your family is going to convince themselves that meals are going to be bland and yucky.

Increase veggies gradually. If your family members are not fans of vegetables, start by serving the ones they do enjoy, and find new ways of cooking those they do not. Add a salad at the center of the table for every meal, and let everyone choose their own toppings or dressings. If you know they like broccoli, try kohlrabi one night (they taste similar). If your family makes a face at brussels sprouts, try sautéing them with a bit of bacon. This makes it less about your lifestyle changes, and more about getting everyone a bit healthier.

Make small changes. If you live with other people, you may not wish to throw away all of the packaged foods, sugary salad dressings, and frozen entrees all at once. A big dramatic act like this will scare them and will make your life difficult. Start slow by making little, barely noticeable changes. Once you run out of a certain salad dressing, for example, don't replace it with the same kind (make your own or buy a healthy version). Make everyone's favorite lasagna, but add more vegetables to the sauce and add a bit less cheese. Serve with a salad instead of garlic bread.

Make a healthy version of familiar recipes. Let's go back to the lasagna example. If you're giving up gluten but the family isn't, go ahead and make your world-famous lasagna, but make your own serving with zucchini noodles instead of wheat. Let everyone try a small piece of yours so they see how delicious it is.

Find healthier ways of preparing things. If you normally fry your chicken, use the same recipe, but bake it in the oven instead. Cook foods in coconut oil instead of vegetable oil. Bake muffins with whole wheat or coconut flour instead of white. Halve the amount of sugar in all recipes and substitute with honey. Little changes like this all add up, and it isn't going to be a huge shock to your loved ones' systems.

Involve them. If you're making fajitas, provide everyone with healthy topping options: red onions, tomatoes, peppers,



LEANNE ELY
DINNER DIVA

the least) if your family isn't on board with the changes. When you're struggling to make the right food choices, negative feedback from the dinner table every night can push you back to old ways pretty quick. (What's this? I don't eat green things. I don't like that. Why do you hate us?)

The keeper of grandma's attic

Moody has run the Charlotte Players for 13 years

By RUSTY PRAY
SUN CORRESPONDENT

It's true Sherrie Moody has other responsibilities as she oversees the day-to-day operations of the Charlotte Players, a large and busy community theater group.

But it's also true she holds the key to the door of the Players' prop and costume rooms, an enormous cache of all the stuff your grandma kept in her attic. From clown shoes to ruby red slippers, from dinosaur costumes to Santa and Mrs. Claus suits, from furs to handmade peignoirs, it's all there.

It's a consignment shop on steroids, a hoarder's lifetime collection.

No one can visit the place without marveling at the sheer volume of the stuff. No one can visit without wanting to spend the day playing dress up.

And Sherrie has the keys. What a cool job.

"We have people pull up in trucks all the time and say, 'Hey, you want any of this?'"

Evidence shows that she answers yes a lot.

The rehearsal hall is just on the other side of the magic door separating it from office space. A set of a living room awaits actors. There's a comfy couch, which came from Salvation Army in Punta Gorda. The set will be broken down and moved into the Langdon Playhouse for the shows. The playhouse is the Players' 102-seat theater on site at the Community Theater Center in Murdock.

The seats came from Murdock Baptist Church.

It takes a village.

Grandma's attic is partitioned into several spaces and includes a loft with more cool items. It serves as a dressing room as well as a storage space.



SUN PHOTO BY RUSTY PRAY

Sherrie Moody, executive director of the Charlotte Players, talks about the community theater company while relaxing in the rehearsal area.

Hey, this is community theater.

"We have the largest costume stock from Tampa on down," Moody said. "We do our best to organize it."

Moody has been executive director of the Charlotte Players for 13 years. She is its only full-time employee. She runs a nonprofit that relies on ticket sales, advertising and donations to fund its \$400,000 budget.

Her background is in business management, not theater. Her one role was as Glenda the Good Witch in high school. At the time, she didn't realize the other witch was the really meaty part.

Although she directs business — including choosing and scheduling productions — she must put

what acting ability she has to use from time to time because "not all the drama is onstage."

She laughed when she said that. She also chuckles when she talks about the days when the Charlotte Players' headquarters sat next door to Emerald City, Charlotte County's one and only strip club.

"Try dropping your 10-year-old off at that location."

The Players moved to its current location at 1182 Market Circle in 2010. It is not true that it took all of Emerald City's clothing with it — three bras and a bikini bottom.

The Players traces its roots to the Cultural Center, declaring in its website history that it got its start in 1961 as a solo acting class at Charlotte U — what would become the

Cultural Center. The Players calls itself one of the oldest performing arts organizations in the state.

The Charlotte Players in its current operation is composed of its flagship program, Main Stage Productions, and two smaller affiliate programs, Langdon Playhouse and Kids on Stage.

The Players boasts about 600 members with a core of about 230 dues-paying members. It puts on several productions throughout the year at several area venues, including the Langdon Playhouse. Membership is not a requirement to audition.

Moody came to it in 2006 after running the theater at the Cultural Center from 2000 to 2005 and working in office administration for a bunch of for-profit businesses.

"There were three of us running it at the time," recalled longtime volunteer Lynne Ziegler, who hired Moody. "I had dealt with Sherrie when she was at the Cultural Center, so we went out and got her."

"We knew she was a tough cookie. We knew something would get done. And it did."

The tough cookie is a Michigan native who came here in 1979 with her husband, Mike, whose career is in radio. They have two sons and a daughter. At the time, Moody, 63, had two years at Michigan State to her credit.

At 51, she decided to return to college and get her degree in organizational management.

"As my children got older, I decided I wanted to get my degree before they got theirs," she said.

The children are grown now, the degree in hand. Moody's big job now is to manage the Charlotte Players.

Oh, and to serve as keeper to grandma's attic.

Punta Gorda Woman's Club showcases local fashion

'Living the volunteer spirit'

By SHERRI DENNIS
PUNTA GORDA
HERALD EDITOR

The Punta Gorda Woman's Club hosted a fashion show on Wednesday, April 10 at

TT Tiki's Bar in Punta Gorda. Fashions were provided by Anthony's Ladies Apparel. The guests were treated to a delicious lunch, door prizes and a ticket

prizes. For more information on the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, check out their facebook page at: www.facebook.com/puntagordawomanclub



A crowd favorite, Blanche Bensch models a brightly colored ensemble.



Model Mary Lee Ruelle prepares to model her outfit for the crowd.



Betsy Wauters models a spring outfit provided by Anthony's.



Dorothy Paulson is all smiles in her ensemble by Anthony's,



Blanche Bensch models one of the crowd's favorite.



Tippy Swinford hopes to win a prize after dropping her ticket in one of the many available prizes.



The ladies that helped put it all together, Lynn Batz and club president, Maureen Weron.

SUN PHOTOS BY SHERRI DENNIS

Review: 'Mary Magdalene' is a graceful portrait of a foundational figure in Christianity

By JUSTIN CHANG
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The most emotionally violent scene in "Mary Magdalene," an imperfect but affecting vision of New Testament times, depicts not a crucifixion but an exorcism — or rather, a failed attempt at one. Mary (Rooney Mara), a young woman from the Galilean fishing village of Magdala, is awakened in the middle of the night and brought down to the shore, where her father and brothers plunge her repeatedly into the sea, crying out for the demon that has possessed her to release her from its grip.

The Gospel of Luke notes that Mary Magdalene at one point had seven demons driven out of her, but there are none to be found in this gently revisionist retelling, a 2016 production from the now-defunct Weinstein Company arriving in theaters in time for the Easter season. What the men of Magdala have mistaken for an evil spirit is instead a spirit of quiet, principled resistance: Mary has no interest in marrying, and her love for God has already begun to lead her down a different, more difficult path.

Within moments, she will find herself submerged once more in those same waters, this time of her own free will, at the hands of a Nazarene teacher

and healer named Jesus (Joaquin Phoenix), who comes bearing a message of forgiveness, compassion and sacrifice.

"I don't know who she is anymore," her father (Tcheky Karyo) murmurs disapprovingly. He is far from alone. One of the aims of "Mary Magdalene" is to advance a sympathetic defense of one of Christianity's most contested figures. Saint or sinner? Beacon of feminism or magnet for misogyny? For centuries, Mary was regarded by the Western church and depicted in popular culture as a prostitute — a perception upheld by Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ."

Although it rejects that view in both letter and spirit, "Mary Magdalene," directed by Garth Davis ("Lion") from a screenplay by Helen Edmundson and Philippa Goslett, makes no grand, definitive claims for itself or its heroine. With grace and beguiling modesty, the movie frames its subject as one of Christ's most discerning followers and a crucial witness to his ministry, death and resurrection. From the moment she first hears him preach, the two seem held by a rapport that is both platonic, it must be noted, and stirringly intimate.

And mutually educational. Mary gently inclines Jesus'

ear toward the plight of women living at the mercy of husbands and fathers, and his ministry allows them to experience firsthand the gifts of prayer and baptism. Unlike other disciples — chiefly Peter (Chiwetel Ejiofor) and Judas (Tahar Rahim), whose tortured arc is dramatized with particular shrewdness and sensitivity — Mary seems instinctively to understand the true purpose of Jesus' mission even before it becomes apparent. It is Mary who first realizes the Messiah has come not to stage a political revolution that will free Israel from Roman rule but rather to offer salvation of another kind.

Davis conveys these insights with a wistful, dreamlike aesthetic languor. Greig Fraser's lovely images capture the delicate play of sunlight on rolling waves and rocky Judean landscapes (the picture was shot in Italy), and fragments of dialogue are sometimes overwhelmed by an intensely lush and stirring score by Hildur Gudnadottir and the Johann Johannsson.

It is hard to watch "Mary Magdalene" without thinking of the ethereal, spiritually exploratory style often at work in Terrence Malick's films — a style that, appropriated by others, can devolve into parody or cliché. But I'm grateful, despite the

occasional dramatic lapses, that Davis risked the possibility of embarrassment to pursue deep, genuine feeling. His filmmaking adheres to some familiar conventions of the Hollywood biblical epic — particularly its casting of beautiful, prominent actors who never entirely disappear beneath their humble garments — but crucially, it never feels shackled by them.

Phoenix, who has played some of the great wild men in contemporary cinema, is both the movie's riskiest casting choice and its most intuitive. So many prior screen depictions of Jesus have been content to turn him into a saintly bearded heartthrob, but Phoenix, about a decade older than Jesus was at the time, invests him with a fearful gravity verging on shellshock.

The actor emphasizes Christ's vulnerability, his grief at the poverty and illness he sees, and his sad realization that his time on Earth is slipping away. When Jesus heals a blind woman or raises Lazarus from the dead, we register the physical and spiritual toll it takes on him, which sometimes only Mary notices amid the swarming crowds.

For much of the movie, we are following Mary's gaze, seeing Jesus through her eyes, a consequence of which is that she seems to recede even as she ostensibly enters the foreground. The film never fully penetrates the mystery of her motivation, and it leans perhaps a bit too hard on Mara's inscrutable gaze — a gaze that has expressed so much anguished, unarticulated feeling in movies as different as "Carol" and "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" but which here seems content to convey a resolutely interior experience.

This movie that bears Mary Magdalene's name, and which sets itself against the patriarchal myopia of the early and contemporary Christian church, thus becomes another tale of the Christ; she decreases so that he can increase. You could see that as a failing. You could also call it the entire point.

Craig named CCREA Volunteer of the Year

Provided by ARELNE KINCAID
CCREA PR CHAIR

The local Charlotte County Retired Educators' Association Volunteer of the Year 2018-19, Julee Craig, recently received word that she has been honored with the Florida Retired Educators' District VII Volunteer of the Year. Besides the volunteer work for the local retired educators' group, she is a very active volunteer for the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church food bank, and the Guardian ad Litem for Charlotte County. She will be recognized at the state meeting in May. Before moving to Florida, during



PHOTO PROVIDED

Julee Craig

her teaching career in New Jersey, Julee also had the honors of receiving a state Best Practices Award and Teacher of the Year district honor.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Summer Ball 2019

Join all the fun for the Fred Lang Foundation, Summer of Love Summer Ball 2019 at 6 p.m. on July 20 at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center, 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. Dinner, dancing, photo booth, exciting auction and lots of surprises. Wear your best Summer Ball Anniversary Gala attire or dress to the 1969 theme to celebrate 50 years of love. Tickets are \$125 per person and deadline for reservations is July 12. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or more information, visit www.cbhcf.org/summerball or contact Kelly Pomerville at kpomerville@cbhcf.org or call 941-347-6407.

Local chapter appeal to transfers

Are you a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Society of Key Women Educators, and have recently moved to SW Florida? The local DKG Chapter, Gamma Nu, is a vibrant and involved group of professional women who

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refried beans, cheese, lettuce, salsa, etc. Place everything on the table, and make a rule that everyone has to either choose three toppings (or three different colors) or eat their fajita with extra salad. You can do

meet regularly and are active in our community through a variety of projects and programs. It's a simple process to transfer from your hometown chapter or to be reinstated in DKG; let us welcome you to the area and to our group. Interested? Contact our membership chair at metgemaria@gmail.com.

Peace River Audubon Society yard sale

The volunteers of the Peace River Audubon Society are holding a yard sale of miscellaneous items plus plants and baked goods at the Audubon-Pennington Nature Park from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at 1153 Alton Road, Port Charlotte. The proceeds from the sale are to benefit the butterfly garden as well as the raised planters in the parking lot with native plants to attract butterflies. For more information about the Peace River Audubon Society, check out our website at www.PeaceRiverAudubon.org more information contact Cindy at cinmac18@gmail.com.

something similar with a variety of healthy foods like chili, soup, and pasta. Put all of the options on the table and let them choose what they want. Then you can eat as many vegetables as you want without forcing it on them. (Directly!)

Experiment with salads. When you're trying to increase the number of salads your family is eating, it's going to take trial and error. A bowl full of ice burg lettuce is not going to make anyone your friend. Prepare a big bowl of greens and serve with a variety of meats, colorful veggies, boiled eggs, avocado, nuts, dried fruits ... see what everyone gravitates towards. Make notes. Keep a bit of a food journal so you can remember which meals your family enjoyed, and which they did not. Allow everyone to choose one or two foods they will not eat. Promise that you will do your best to avoid those foods in your meals, if they promise to be open minded about what you serve.

Be creative, and you'll be surprised at the gains you can make with your picky family while eating a healthier diet!

Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author and the creator of SavingDinner.com, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.



There's a public hearing to decide if **your kids are going to a different school next year.**

Wouldn't you want to know?

Did you know?

Local school boards place notices about public hearings for proposed school district rezoning in newspapers.

Be Informed!

Read the public notices in this newspaper and at FloridaPublicNotices.com to know what's going on in your community.



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Contact your local representative and tell them how you feel.

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CHARLOTTE EVENTS

■ TODAY

Eagles, Eagles 23111 Harborview Road PC 941-629-1645 Trustee meet 6 pm Aerie/Aux 7 p.m. lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8

Genealogy, Free Class: "Where Do I Go Today?" at Mid County Library, 10:30 am, MON, Apr 15. Public Welcome — 941-380-1488.

Punta Gorda Elks,

11-2 Lunch, 2 p.m. Tiki, 4-7 Music/MichaelHirst, 4:30-7:30 ChickenNite, 7-10 Karaoke/BillyG@25538ShorePG637-2606, mbrs&gsts

Deep Creek Elks 2763, 11:30 am Lunch -2 p.m., Deep Creek Elks 2763 phone 941-764-6825 Elk Activities — 7 p.m.

Genealogy, Free Class: "Genealogy Q & A" at Mid County Library, 1:30 pm, MON, Apr 15. Public Welcome — info 941-380-1488.

Moose Lodge Bingo, EVERY MONDAY BINGO PC Moose Lodge Speedy 5-6 Jackpot Bingo's start at 6-9:30 Food available

Am Leg 110 Bingo, Bar Bingo — Specials, Hot Ball — Open to Public — Starts at 6:00

■ TUESDAY

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

Wood Carving, All kinds of wood carving 8-12 noon, Punta Gorda Boat Club, W. Retta Esplanade. All

ENGLEWOOD EVENTS

■ TODAY

Gyrokinesis, Movement to benefit entire body, increase range, motion strength & agility. Text Wendy \$7

Crafts, Handmade items avail or help us create one of a kind crafts, Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St, 9:30 — 12:30, 681-2048

Table Tennis, Englewood Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-1p. \$2 to play!

40 Carrots, Share meaningful play with your child ages 0-5 limit 12 families 10:15 or 11:45 Elsie Quirk Lib 100 W Dearborn 861-5000

Euchre, Euchre Every Mon & Wed @ 1:00 PM thru the summer VFW Post 10178 (941)474-7516 Open to the public

Open Play Pickleball, Englewood Sports Complex, 1:00-4:00p, 941-861-1980. \$2 to play.

H2U Birthday Meeting, Celebrating April Birthdays with a Free Party. Bring friends. 1:30-3 pm at Suncoast Aud. 779 Medical Drive. RSVP: 473-3919.

Ukulele Band, Every Monday, Rotonda Community Center, 2:00 to 3:30. All levels of play welcome. 941-786-5455

Wings & Dancing, Wings, burgers, salads, specials 5-7:30 p.m. Music by The Brandons 6-9 p.m. Rotonda Elks, members & guests

AMVETS 777 KARAOKE, Karaoke w/ AI & Marilyn 5:30-9, Enjoy good friends, good music & pizza &

NORTH PORT EVENTS

■ TODAY

Basic Exercise, \$3/class 9-10 AM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Join Brenda for a good workout and feel better

Free Tax Help, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., AARP Tax-Aide, Holiday Park Recreation Center, Phase 1 Rec. Hall, Tuscola Blvd., NP

Mahjong, 9 AM-12:30 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Learn something new. Will teach Looking for more people

North Port Moose, Wings on sale with the queen at 6! 2 boards. 14156 Tamiami Trl NP outside bar open 9414262126

North Port VFW, Members & Guests, Lunch 11-2, Wings 5-7, Q-7PM, Music by McSquared 6:30-9:30, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Duplicate Bridge, \$3/ person 12:30-4 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd Ella 429-8958 If you like bridge/join others who do too

Live Music, 1:00 p.m. Shannon Staub Library 941-861-1740 Registration Required. Enjoy a rousing blend of Irish & American folk music.

Rummikub, 1-4 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Like cards but not holding them? This is played with tiles.

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Featured Event

What are your risk factors for stroke?
Free stroke-risk education assessments. One-on-one sessions with stroke-specialized nurse from Fawcett Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, April 17, 9-2, Charlotte State Bank & Trust Peachland office, 24163 Peachland Blvd. Reservations recommended, call Consult-A-Nurse at 624-4441 or the bank at 627-0038.

welcome to visit and enjoy.

Seagrass Wading Trip, Explore the wild seagrass beds with CHEC! 9-11:30 a.m. at Ponce de Leon Park. Free with reservations. 941-575-5435

Floridians Meeting, Floridians Mtg. Corlotta Crowell to facilitate "Speakers From Within". 9:30 am, 1365 Viscaya, PC, 941-255-6995.

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

Punta Gorda Elks, 11-2 Lunch, 1-6 Tiki Tuesday, 2-5 Music by Tiki Tom, 6 p.m. LBOD Mtg 7 p.m. Lodge Mtg @ 25538 ShorePG637-2606, members & guests

Deep Creek Elks 2763, Dinner served 5-7:30 p.m., Karaoke 6-9/ Joe Deep Creek Elks 2763 1133 Capricorn Blvd. Punta Gorda Fl. 33983

BARBERSHOP REHEARSAL, Barbershop chorus rehearsal every Tues 6:30 -9:30 pm Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, 11330 Burnt Store Road, PG 625-1128

■ WEDNESDAY

Woodcarving, Woodcarving and Woodburning every Wed. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cultural Center. come and see us. Bev 764-6452

Project Linus, Project Linus 9-11 a.m. New Day Church 20212 Peachland Nancy 627-4364

TOPS Meeting, Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Weight loss support group. Friends helping friends live longer. Everyone welcome.

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

Eagles, Eagles 23111 Harborview Road PC 941-629-1645 lunch 11-2 pm dinner 5-8 Karaoke by Billy G-Queen of Hearts 730 p.m.

Punta Gorda Elks, 11-2 Lunch, 2 p.m. Tiki, 5-8 Dinner, 6:30-9:30 Karaoke with Ron Geisler @ 25538 ShorePG637-2606, members & guests

Punta Gorda Elks, Elkettes Thrift Shop Open to the Public from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. @ 25538 Shore, PG, 637-2606, ext. 110

50/50 at AMVETS, 3866 N Access Road 941-460-3755

Zumba Gold, Get fit while working out with Ricki to world music at Lemon Bay Woman's Club, 51 N. Maple St, 6-7 pm, \$7 each. 445-1310

Live Music, Am Legion 113 3436 Indiana Road 697-3616 Boone County will be on stage at 6:30. Bring a friend

Live Music, Am Legion 113 3436 Indiana Road Rotonda 697-3616 Boone County Band will play at 6:30 Get here early and enjoy dinner

■ TUESDAY

Men's Breakfast, 8:00 am IHOP in Venice 941-474-7647 Bring a friend!

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

Badminton, Englewood Sports Complex, 9:00-12:00p, 941-861-1980. \$2 to play.

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

Java Joy, 9:30 am Local Restaurant 941-474-7647 for location or meet at church at 9:15 to carpool. Bring a friend!

Table Tennis, Englewood

Sports Complex, 941-861-1980, 9:30-1p. \$2 to play!

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

Plant Clinic, Plant Questions? Problems? Free Answers @ Charlotte Englewood Library 10-12 Every Tues & Thurs, Florida Master Gardeners

Driveess-A-Girl, 11:00 am New Hope Baptist Church 941-474-7647

Bring sewing machines, scissors, irons. Make dresses for little girls.

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

Computer Users Group, Computer Users Helping People Solve Problems Apr 16, 1-3:30 PM Elsie Quirk Lib 100 W Dearborn ALL WELCOME Paul 698-0036

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

Open Play Pickleball, Englewood Sports Complex, 1:00-4:00p, 941-861-1980. \$2 to play.

AMVETS 777 Taco Nite, Enjoy good friends & Tacos plus Armed Forces Races at AMVETS 3866 N Access Road, Englewood. 50/50 6-8 p.m. 941-460-3755

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

Doughnuts 9:15AM come & have coffee 888-2980

North Port VFW, Members & Guests, Lunch 11-2, Bar Bingo 1-3, Come in and enjoy an afternoon of fun. 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Adult Coloring, 10:30 a.m. Shannon Staub Library 941-861-1740 All supplies will be provided. Artistic talent is not required.

Women Vet Lunch Mtg, Join us for lunch and connect with other women vets. 11 am, Heron Creek CC, 3401 S Sumter Blvd, NP. MWAN56FL@gmail.com

Hand & Foot, 12-3 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Lots of fun, easy to learn, Will teach

Pinocle, \$2/person 3:30-6 PM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd Pat Lucia 257-8358 Join and have a good time

■ THURSDAY

North Port VFW, Members & Guests, Lunch 11-2, Euchre 12-4, Bingo 5PM, Kitchen Open 5-7, 4860 Trott Cir, NP 426-6865

Conversation Group, 10-11:30 AM NP Senior Center 4940 Pan American Blvd 426-2204 Bring a topic or a joke to share & discuss with group

Yak & Yarn, 10:00 a.m. Shannon Staub Library 941-861-1740 Socialize with fellow sewing enthusiasts! Bring your own current project.

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With the Passing of the Farm Bill, Hemp Extract Floods the Market with Gummies Leading the Way

New laws passed in 2018 make hemp extract legal in 2019; top products, like gummies, promise users relief from joint discomfort, tension, stress and poor sleep.

Chris Laufstein
Associated Health Press

BOSTON — For millions battling daily discomfort, this news couldn't be more exciting.

A new relief extract found in hemp is available across the nation and can be purchased without a prescription.

And the best part, it comes to users in the form of a tasty gummy bear.

So you can say goodbye to pills, needles, and creams!

Hemp Gummies, contains pure concentrated doses of hemp extract, which can help relieve joint discomfort along with general muscle aches and soreness.

It also calms, relaxes, and eases tension all over the body.

Exciting new scientific research shows that hemp extract contains special relief molecules called cannabinoids which bind to receptor sites in the brain and body. When taken orally, hemp extract activates these receptors, and soothing comfort begins to take form.

Available Across the Nation

Recent developments, like the *US Farm Bill*, allow **Hemp Gummies** to be sold in the U.S. without a prescription. And since it can't get you high it's flying off the shelves.

"Most people have no idea that pure hemp extract, like **Hemp Gummies**, can be purchased. And that's because it contains no THC," explains Dr. Joe Wezensky, who sits on the scientific board at Medici Quest.

"Instead, it's bursting with special relief compounds called cannabinoids. These cannabinoids target special receptor sites all over the body but are most prominent in the brain."

"This system of cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are called the Endocannabinoid System and science is just now unlocking its amazing medical potential"

"In fact, the initial research has been so impressive that hemp extract is now patented by the US Government (patent #6,630,507)."

"It's also being used by athletes in the NFL, MMA among other physically demanding sports as a safe alternative."

Clearing Up the Confusion Around Hemp

One of the biggest mistakes people make when talking about hemp extract is mixing it up with marijuana.

Although the two fall under the same plant category, cannabis sativa, they have completely different effects on the body.

Remarkably, hemp extract is available in the U.S. and can't get you high (ever!). That's because there is no THC in it, the chemical that makes you feel "buzzed".



A GUMMY A DAY TO KEEP ALL YOUR ACHES AWAY: *Hemp Gummies* a 5 milligram dose of Hemp Extract that works all day to keep you comfortable.

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"Most people have very low cannabinoid levels, which is why they constantly ache. **Hemp Gummies** boosts cannabinoid levels extremely fast, helping relieve lingering joint discomfort ...muscle tension... and general soreness. It also eases stress and elicits amazing relaxation without feeling impaired. And what most people really love is they're delicious and so easy to take on the go.

How it Works

Clinical studies show that cannabinoids and the receptors that they bind to are found all over your body.

However, they are most concentrated in your brain. That's why it has such a profound impact on how you feel, especially your level of comfort.

These cannabinoids and their receptors work like "lock and key" and bind to each other triggering important biological processes.

Hemp Extract, like Hemp Gummies, may help users with...

- Aching joints
- Sore muscles
- Cramping
- Leg and foot discomfort
- Restlessness
- Stress
- Sleep problems

Keeps Your Body Balanced...

The incredible impact cannabinoids have on your health is directly related to the primary goal of your Endocannabinoid System, which is to maintain a balance in the body, a physiological state known as homeostasis.

Research shows that maintaining this balance is a key to vitality and healthy bodily function.

The cannabinoids found in **Hemp Gummies**, hemp extract, replenish your levels quickly, easing discomfort over the entire body.

Plus, by keeping your body in balance (homeostasis), **Hemp Gummies** also helps to relieve stress and tension...improve

sleep... and even promote relaxation and calmness.

Not Yet Sold in Stores

Hemp extract that is derived from industrial hemp, like **Hemp Gummies**, is available nationwide. However, several major pharmaceutical companies are currently testing hemp extract in clinical settings, which means it may require a prescription in the future. It's advised to get **Hemp Gummies** while you can.

Taking All the Risk Off Consumers

A large percentage of men and women using **Hemp Gummies** experience truly amazing results. That's why it's now being sold with a guarantee that goes way beyond the industry standard.

"We can only make this guarantee because we are 100% certain our customers will be satisfied," says Wezensky. We want to take full risk off consumers. So in addition to offering substantial discounts for first time customers, we also make them a huge promise that ensures they don't have to risk a cent."

Here's how it works: Take **Hemp Gummies** exactly as directed and you must be thrilled with the results! Otherwise, simply return the empty bottles within 90 days. Then, the company will refund your money plus give you an extra \$10 for having tried the product.

Where To Find Hemp Gummies

This is the official nationwide release of **Hemp Gummies** hemp extract in Florida. And so, the company is offering a special discount supply to anyone who calls within the next 48 hours.

An Order Hotline has been set up for local readers to call. This gives everyone an equal chance to try **Hemp Gummies** hemp extract.

Starting at 7.00AM today, the discount offer will be available for 48 hours. All you have to do is call TOLL FREE at 1-800-291-3835. The company will do the rest.

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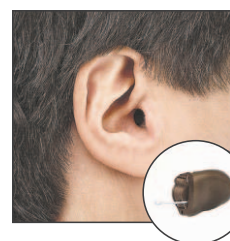
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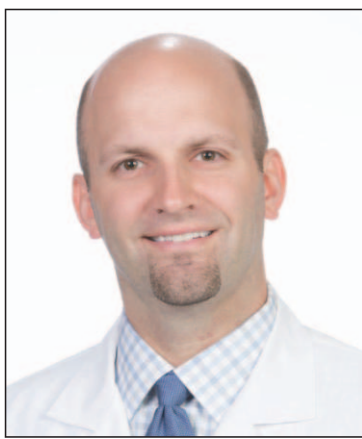
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Get ready for the Easter Bunny

Area egg hunts

Easter is on April 21. Get ready for the Easter Bunny at area egg hunts events.

PORT CHARLOTTE

• Easter Fest will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 13 at Port Charlotte United Methodist Church, 21075 Quesada Ave. Food, games, music and inflatables. For more information, call 941-625-4356 or www.pcumc.com.

• Come and join the Easter Bunny from 9 a.m. to noon on April 20 at North Charlotte Regional Park, 1185 O'Donnell Blvd., Port Charlotte to celebrate Charlotte County's 55th Easter egg hunt production. Children 12 and under are welcome to participate. There will be games, bounce houses, crafts, face painting, laser tag, music, prizes and one of the largest egg hunts in Charlotte County. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket. This event is free for all. For more information call 941-627-1074.

• Easter Egg Hunt & Festival on April 20, at 10 a.m., families are invited to Gulf Cove

United Methodist Church, 1100 McCall Road, Port Charlotte for its Easter Festival. At 10 a.m. children who are toddlers through age 12 will each receive an empty basket and take part in an Easter egg hunt. After the hunt, there will be food, a bounce house, and crafts. For more information, contact the church at 941-697-1747 or GulfCoveUMC@gmail.com. The church's website is found at <http://GulfCoveChurch.com>.



United Methodist Church, 12275 Paramount Drive, Punta Gorda, will hold its "Spring Fling" from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 20. Food, face painting, (candy) kissing booth, fishing booth, Easter egg hunts for small children and one for adults. Entertainment along with vendors, games and prizes, candy and a learning experience on what the true meaning of Easter is! All ages are welcome. For more information, call 941-637-1717.

NORTH PORT

• On April 12, the City of North Port will host a Flashlight Egg Hunt for families with children ages 6 to 11. The event will take place at 8:30 p.m., once the sun has set, on the City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd. Children are encouraged to bring a flashlight and a basket to fill. Children who find an egg with a special ticket inside can redeem it on-site for an extra special basket from the Easter Bunny. 15,000 glow in the dark eggs will be hidden in hay throughout City

PUNTA GORDA

• Easter Bunny Festival is a free, fun and festive event for the entire family from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 13, along Madrid Blvd. across from Subway in Punta Gorda. Visit with the Easter Bunny, treats and goodie bags for kids ages 10 and under, games and prizes. For more information, visit www.eventa.us/amp/events/punta-gorda-fl/easter-bunny-festival.
• Friendship United Methodist Church,



PHOTO PROVIDED

Center Front Green. Egg hunters will be divided into two age groups; 6-8 years old and 9-11 years old.

• On April 13, the City of North Port will host its signature "Egg"normous Egg Hunt for families with children ages 3 to 9. The egg hunt will take place at 10 a.m. on City Center Front Green, 4970 City Hall Blvd. Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets to

gather as many of the 22,000 eggs that they can. Children who find an egg with a special ticket inside can redeem it on-site for an extra special basket from the Easter Bunny. Egg hunters will be divided into three age groups; 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, and 7-9 years old.

As part of this event and in conjunction with Deep Creek Community Church, the City will also offer an Adaptive Egg Hunt section for children with special needs and their families. The Adaptive Egg Hunt will include sensory eggs and other accommodations to ensure eggs are easily found and reachable. This will allow egg hunters to search at a pace they are comfortable with.

• Living Waters Lutheran Church, 12475 Chancellor Blvd., on the dividing line of North Port and Port Charlotte, will hold its second annual Easter egg hunt at 1 p.m. on April 20. Crafts, decorate cookies, refreshments and meet the Easter bunny. Bring a basket to collect the eggs. For more information, call 941-625-8090.

• Easter egg hunt. AMVETS Post 2000 hosts an Easter egg hunt from noon to 2 p.m. April 21 for AMVETS families and North Port children. Children up to age 8 are invited. Registration is required by April 19. Sign up by stopping by the post or calling 941-429-1999. The post is at 401 Ortiz Blvd., Warm Mineral Springs.

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• Annual Easter Egg Hunt from 9 a.m. to noon on April 20 at Englewood United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 700 E. Dearborn St. All children of the community are invited to come to the grand Annual Easter Egg Hunt with an adult, and bring their baskets for collecting. Festivities start in Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. with free registration, crafts and games, a climbing wall and bounce house, popcorn and cotton candy, door prizes and live music by the Fusion by Fire praise band. Egg hunts by age group will launch from there starting at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon. Optional preregistration is available online at www.englewoodumc.net or call 941-474-5588 during office hours.

• The Fellowship Church of Englewood Campus, 140 Rotonda Blvd., W. Rotonda W., will host its 2019 Easter Eggstravaganza from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on April 13. With over 50,000 Easter eggs being hidden for the kids, this event is gonna be huge. Free, and open to the public. Along with the egg hunt, there will be face painters, clowns, games, prizes, pizza and six bicycles to be given away and two Kindle Fires to kids over 13. For more information, call the Fellowship Church office at 941-475-7447, or log on to <http://myfc.church>.

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• The Venice Lions Club invites all blind and visually impaired children and their siblings to an Easter Egg Hunt with beeping eggs. The hunt will be on at 1 p.m. on April 20, at Venezia Park, 450 Nassau St. The eggs will be hidden and participants will find them by listening for the loud beep. Attendees will need a buddy for assistance. There is no cost, thanks to the generosity of the Lions Club. RSVP is requested. To RSVP or for more information, call Lion Shelley at 941-485-2354.

• Easter Egg Hunt Eggstavananza will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on April 20 at the Gazebo in Downtown Venice Centennial Park, 200 West Venice Ave. Meet the Easter Bunny, race to find hidden eggs and just have fun. Admission is free. For more information, call 941-484-6742 or visit www.visitvenicefl.org.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters fish with Littles

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

ENGLEWOOD — It's the little things that Dorothy Ott does for Dominic Sharrett that makes him know he's important to her.

Dominic turned 12 on Saturday. He had already planned on going to the 10th annual Englewood Fishing Tournament with Ott. What he didn't know is she baked him cupcakes with vanilla icing and different-colored jelly beans on them.

Unlike some tweens, Dominic isn't paired with a "Big Brother" through the school-based Big Brothers Big Sisters program. For the past year and a half, Ott visited Dominic at L.A. Ainger Middle School.

"We talk," Ott said. "We might do some homework."

Some things Ott really enjoys about Dominic is like her, he likes to play cards.

"He's a mean card player," Ott said. "We play 99, Go Fish, Steal the Old Man's Bundle and Farkle. We have a great time."

On Saturday, the pair fished at Chadwick Park in Manasota Key along with about 35 other pairs of "Bigs" and "Littles." After the crowd sang "Happy Birthday" to Dominic, he shared his cupcakes with the crowd.

"I haven't smiled like this in a long time," he said.

Ott says when her husband asks her how her day with Dominic went, she jokes and says, "I gave him some real



Natalie Anderson, the Mentor Manager for Big Brothers Big Sisters, applauds members of the Englewood Fishing Club who for 10 years helped sponsor the fishing tournament.

good advice."

"The truth is I really like Dominic, he's a very special young man," Ott said. "He's not afraid of anything. He can do anything he sets his mind to do."

While Dominic and Ott have a special bond, another L.A. Ainger Middle Schooler 11-year-old Katelyn Mason is on a wait list to one day have a "Big" in her life.

"My little sister Heather has a "Big" sister (Debra Boone) and they paint and swim together," Katelyn said. "They always go out for ice cream."

Heather said she can't wait to be matched with someone who enjoys spending time with her.

Heather, Katelyn and their mom, Teresa, fished together at the event.

"I almost caught three crabs and two fish, but they jumped and escaped from my fishing pole," said 8-year-old Heather, a

Myakka River Elementary School student.

Ed Pessa spent the morning with his "Little" Christian Grasland, 10.

"What I like about Ed is that he's nice," Christian said. "We make each other laugh."

Pessa has mentored several "Littles" in the past 10 years.

"I had a "Little" named Zak, but he's not so little anymore," Pessa said.

"He's growing up. He's in high school. He has a girlfriend. Christian and I like to go to baseball games. We went and they let the "Littles" run the bases and taught them how to bat. It was a great time. We are headed to a game after the fishing tournament."

For 10 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters teamed up with the Englewood Fishing Club to sponsor the tournament. The club members organize, cook lunch and help during

the event. Then they give each "Little" a certificate for spending the morning fishing with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"We get the fishing poles from a grant from Fish Florida," said longtime Englewood Fishing Club member Dick Kern. "The grant money comes from the Sailfish specialty license plate. Twenty dollars from each plate goes toward fishing education and doing something positive for kids. The grant gives more than 20,000 fishing poles out statewide each year. It's a really great program. Gasparilla Marina donated all of the bait and drinks to the fishing tournament."

Big Brothers Big Sisters honored Englewood Fishing Club board members Barry and Kathy Kean for all their hard work and dedication.

"This club has been sponsoring this tournament for 10 years," Natalie Anderson



Englewood Elementary School student Mason Long, 11, shows his "Big Brother" Jeff Barnhard the tiny fish caught during the Englewood Fishing Annual Tournament Saturday at Chadwick Park.



Dominic Sharrett, 12, a L.A. Ainger Middle School student, celebrated his birthday fishing. His "Big Sister" Dorothy Ott has visited him in school each week for the last year and a half. She baked him cupcakes which he shared with the group.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Englewood mentor manager said. "They've been doing it longer than I have been with Big Brothers Big Sisters. We can't thank them enough because everyone had a great time today."

"Littles" were given awards for the biggest fish, most fish and smallest fish caught.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters in Englewood, call 941-473-4003.

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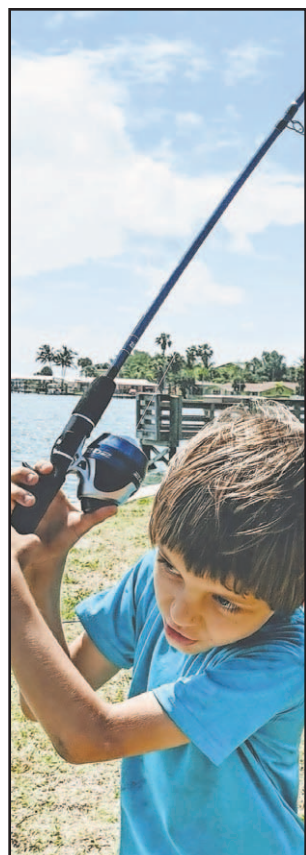
Longtime Englewood Fishing Club member Bob Nordstrom, who coordinated the event gives a tumbler to volunteer Gale Daoust, a 14-year member.



L.A. Ainger Middle School student Katelyn Mason, 11, is on a waiting list to have a "Big Sister" in her life. There are at least 25 "Littles" on a waiting list in Englewood looking to be matched with a "Big Brother or Big Sister."



Teresa Mason sits with her daughter Heather, 8, during the fishing tournament. Heather's "Big Sister" Debra Boone wasn't able to make it. But the pair paints, swims, talks and goes out for ice cream on a regular basis.



Englewood Elementary School student Jacob Ceglarek, 7, casts his rod.



Jonathan Reddish is a "Big Brother" to Anthony Jimenez, 11. They fished together Saturday.

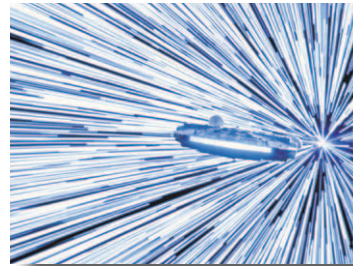


Izabella Lyons shows off her certificate for participating in the annual fishing tournament.



James Ceglarek, 12, fishes with his brother, Jacob, 7, and sister Lola, 10. All of the children are Englewood Elementary School students.

PHOTOS BY ELAINE ALLEN-EMRICH



Strong storms kill at least 8 and injure dozens

Tornadoes and thunderstorms swept across the Southern US

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Powerful storms swept across the South on Sunday after unleashing suspected tornadoes and flooding that killed at least eight people, injured dozens and flattened much of a Texas town. Three children were among the dead.

Nearly 90,000 customers were without electricity in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Georgia as of midday Sunday, according to www.poweroutage.us as the severe weather left a trail

of destruction.

Two children were killed on a back road in East Texas when a pine tree fell onto the car in which they were riding in a severe thunderstorm Saturday near Pollok, about 150 miles southeast of Dallas.

The tree "flattened the car like a pancake," said Capt. Alton Lenderman of the Angelina County Sheriff's Office. The children, ages 8 and 3, were dead at the scene, while both parents, who were in the front seat, escaped injury, he said.

At least one person was killed and about two dozen others were injured after a suspected tornado struck the Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in East Texas during a Native American cultural event in Alto, about 130 miles southeast of Dallas. Cherokee County Judge Chris Davis said the fatality that was reported was of a woman who died of her critical injuries.

In neighboring Houston County, the sheriff's office said one person was killed in Weches, 6 miles southwest of



AP PHOTO

Leslie Harrington kneels down to help a former neighbor and family friend look for jewelry in her destroyed home along Seely Drive outside of Hamilton, Miss., after a deadly storm moved through the area on Sunday.

Caddo Mound.

There was widespread damage in Alto, a town of about 1,200, and the school district

canceled classes until its buildings can be deemed safe.

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Measles outbreak kills more than 1,200 in Madagascar



AP PHOTOS

In this photo taken on March 21, mothers wait to have their babies vaccinated against measles at a healthcare center in Larintsena, Madagascar. As the island nation faces its largest measles outbreak in history and cases soar well beyond 115,000, the problem is not centered on whether to vaccinate children. Many parents would like to do so but face immense challenges including the lack of resources and information.

Lack of resources in a rush to vaccinate children

By LAETITIA BEZAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMBALAVAO, Madagascar — Babies wail as a nurse tries to reassure mothers who have come to vaccinate their children against a measles outbreak that has killed more than 1,200 people in this island nation where many are desperately poor.

Madagascar faces its largest measles outbreak in history, with cases soaring well beyond 115,000, but resistance to vaccinating children is not the driving force behind the rise.

Measles cases are rising in the United States and elsewhere, in part because of misinformation that makes some parents balk at receiving a vaccine. New York City is trying to halt an outbreak by ordering mandatory vaccinations in one Brooklyn neighborhood.

In Madagascar, many



In this photo taken on March 21, a volunteer nurse examines 6-moth-old Sarobidy, who is infected with measles, while her mother Nifaliana Razajafisoa looks on, at a healthcare center in Madagascar.

parents want to protect their children but face immense challenges, including the lack of resources.

Only 58% of people on Madagascar's main island

have been vaccinated against measles, a major factor in the outbreak's spread. With measles one of the most infectious diseases, immunization rates need to

be 90% to 95% or higher to prevent outbreaks.

On a recent day, the Larintsena health center's

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Trump isn't inciting violence against Ilhan Omar, Sanders says

By ROS KRASNÝ
BLOOMBERG NEWS

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump bears no "ill will" toward Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar, who was targeted by the president in a Twitter video message intercut with images of the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the U.S., White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

Friday's tweet was the latest attack by Trump on Omar of Minnesota, one of the first Muslim women elected to Congress. It turned up the temperature after the president a week ago mocked the Minnesota lawmaker in a speech in Las Vegas to a Jewish Republican group.

In the latest incident, Trump posted a video to his 60 million Twitter followers that used a short snippet of an Omar speech followed by images of the burning Twin Towers in New York. The tweet is currently "pinned" to the top of Trump's Twitter feed, and has been shared 86,000 times.

Asked in a separate appearance on "Fox News Sunday" whether Trump is worried he was inciting violence against Muslims or Omar, 37, a Somali American who immigrated with her family to the U.S. as a teenager after living in a Kenyan refugee camp, Sanders said no. She blamed Democrats for refusing "to call her out" for what she termed anti-Semitic comments by Omar.

"Nothing could be further from the truth. The president is not trying to incite violence against anybody. He's actually speaking out against it," Sanders said on Fox, one of two appearances on Sunday talk shows. "The president will continue to call her out, call her out by name and he's not going to be ashamed nor should he be."

On April 5, a western New York man who told FBI agents that he "loves the President, and that he hates radical Muslims in our government," was arrested for threatening to murder Omar in a phone call to her office. Trump's comment to the Republican Jewish Coalition came a day later.

Omar sent a string of tweets on Saturday after Trump's Sept. 11 video, but she didn't address the president directly. In one she said that "no one person



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US-Russia chill stirs worry about conflict

Concerns of confrontation that, by mistake or miscalculation, could lead to nuclear war

By **ROBERT BURNS**

AP NATIONAL SECURITY WRITER

WASHINGTON — It has the makings of a new Cold War, or worse.

The deep chill in U.S.-Russian relations is stirring concern in some quarters that Washington and Moscow are in danger of stumbling into an armed confrontation that, by mistake or miscalculation, could lead to nuclear war.

American and European analysts and current and former U.S. military officers say the nuclear superpowers need to talk more. A foundational arms control agreement is being abandoned and the last major limitation on strategic nuclear weapons could go away in less than two years. Unlike during the Cold War, when generations lived under threat of a nuclear Armageddon, the two militaries are barely on speaking terms.

"During the Cold War, we understood each other's signals. We talked," says the top NATO commander in Europe, U.S. Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, who is about to retire. "I'm concerned that we don't know them as well today."

Scaparrotti, in his role as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, has met only twice with Gen. Valery Gerasimov, the chief of the Russian general staff, but has spoken to him by phone a number of other times.

"I personally think communication is a very important part of deterrence," Scaparrotti said, referring to the idea that adversaries who know each other's capabilities and intentions are less likely to fall into conflict. "So, I think we should have more communication with Russia. It would ensure that we understand each other and why we are doing what we're doing."

He added: "It doesn't have to be a lot."

The United States and Russia, which together control more than 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons, say that in August they will leave the 1987 treaty that banned an entire class of nuclear weapons. And there appears to be little prospect of extending the 2010 New Start treaty that limits each side's strategic nuclear weapons.

After a period of post-Cold War cooperation on nuclear security and other defense issues, the relationship between Washington and Moscow took a nosedive, particularly after Russian forces entered the former Soviet republic of Georgia in 2008. Tensions spiked with Russia's annexation of the

Crimea in 2014 and its military intervention in eastern Ukraine. In response, Congress in 2016 severely limited military cooperation with Russia.

The law prohibits "military-to-military cooperation" until the secretary of defense certifies that Russia "has ceased its occupation of Ukrainian territory" and "aggressive activities." The law was amended last year to state that it does not limit military talks aimed at "reducing the risk of conflict."

Relations frayed even further amid U.S. allegations that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, although President Donald Trump has doubted Russian complicity in what U.S. intelligence agencies assert was an effort by Moscow to boost Trump's chances of winning the White House. After a Helsinki summit with Putin in July, Trump publicly accepted the Kremlin leader's denial of interference.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in an interview Friday that Russian behavior is to blame for the strained relationship.

"It's very difficult for us to have normal relationships with a country that has not behaved normally over the last few years," Dunford said. "There are major issues that affect our bilateral relationship that have to be addressed, to include where Russia has violated international laws, norms and standards."

James Stavridis, a retired Navy admiral who was the top NATO commander in Europe from 2009 to 2013, says the West must confront Russia where necessary, including on its interventions in Ukraine and Syria. But he believes there room for cooperation on multiple fronts, including the Arctic and arms control.

"We are in danger of stumbling backward into a Cold War that is to no one's advantage," he said in an email exchange. "Without steady, political-level engagement between the defense establishments, the risk of a true new Cold War rises steadily."

No one is predicting a deliberate Russian act of war in Europe, but the decline in regular talks is a worry to many.

Moscow says it is ready to talk. A group of U.S., Canadian, European and Russian security experts and former officials in February issued a call for talks with Russia on crisis management.

"The risks of mutual misunderstanding and unintended signals that stem from an absence of dialogue relating to crisis management ... are real," the Euro-Atlantic Security Leadership Group said in a statement.

It said this could lead to conventional war with Russia or, in a worst case scenario, "the potential for nuclear threats, or even nuclear use, where millions could be killed in minutes."



AP PHOTO

White House senior adviser Ivanka Trump, left, reacts as she tries her hand at a traditional weaving loom at Moya, a manufacturing center of textile and traditional crafts, founder Sara Abera, Sunday, in Ethiopia.

Ivanka Trump promotes women's empowerment in Ethiopia

By **CATHERINE LUCEY**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Far from the din of Washington, Ivanka Trump toured businesses run by women in Ethiopia on Sunday while promoting a White House global economic program for women.

President Donald Trump's daughter and senior adviser visited a coffee shop and textile company in Addis Ababa. It was her first stop in Africa on a four-day trip to Ethiopia and Ivory Coast on behalf of a White House project intended to boost 50 million women in developing countries by 2025.

Aiming to offer assistance and learn about the struggles of women in business, she took part in a traditional coffee ceremony, visited with weavers and announced new financial support for businesses.

"Investing in women is smart development policy and it's smart business," Trump said, sitting in Dumerso Coffee, a dimly lit space with a woven ceiling, tile floor and colorful paintings. Alongside were women who work in the industry.

This is Ivanka Trump's first visit to Africa since the president launched the Women's Global Development and Prosperity Initiative. It's a program she hopes will outlast an administration better known for "America First" isolationism.

She has drawn praise for taking on this project and for making the trip. But thousands of miles from Washington, she is sure to be shadowed by her father's efforts to cut international aid, as well as his past disparaging comments about Africa.

Ivanka Trump arrived in Ethiopia early Sunday, flying commercial. At the textile and craft manufacturer Muya, she was greeted by dancers and chatted with women seated at colorful looms. She said she was pleased to begin in the country with Africa's second-highest population.

Ivanka Trump was accompanied by Mark Green, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and David Bohigian, the acting president of the Overseas Private Investment Corp., which provides loans, loan guarantees and political risk insurance, funding projects that stretch across continents and industries.

At the coffee shop they announced a loan, issued by a local women-focused bank and backed by USAID, for a coffee business owned by women. At Muya, they announced additional OPIC financing.

Later in the trip, she plans to meet with Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde and Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. In Ivory Coast, she will visit a cocoa farm and participate in a

meeting on economic opportunities for women in West Africa.

She will be joined in Ivory Coast by a U.S. congressional delegation that will include U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, a close ally of the White House.

Reaction to the visit reflected the contradictions of Ivanka Trump's role. Activist Marakie Tesfaye, who founded a group in Ethiopia for women, welcomed the attention.

Ethiopian journalist Sisay Woubshet was more skeptical, citing Donald Trump's past comments. "I don't think people will have a good feeling about his daughter's visit this time around to promote her global initiative towards women."

For Ivanka Trump, those challenges come with the territory.

She has spent two years promoting a family-friendly agenda in an administration focused on hard-line immigration tactics and protectionist trade policies.

To questions about international aid spending, she has said the administration strives to be generous in a "fiscally responsible way," and has argued that investing in her project, which builds on previous White House efforts, is a way to promote security in developing countries.

The new global women's initiative involves the U.S. State Department, the U.S. National Security Council and other American agencies. It aims to assist women in developing countries with job training, financial support and legal or regulatory reforms.

Money for the effort will come through USAID, which initially set up a \$50 million fund using dollars already budgeted. The president's 2020 budget proposal requests an additional \$100 million for the initiative, which will also be supported by programs across the government as well as private investment.

Experts praised the government-wide approach, which will incorporate new and existing programs, though some stressed that it was early in the process. The investment comes as the president is proposing cuts to foreign aid, and as the administration is expanding a ban on U.S. aid to groups that promote or provide abortions.

"The part of the proposal which is around looking at laws — that is a good thing to focus on," said Charles Kenny, a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development, referencing the initiative's support for changing laws, regulations and customs that create barriers.

But he said the abortion-related ban could have a negative economic impact. "I think one of the most powerful tools for women's economic empowerment is the ability to choose when and how many children they have," Kenny said.

HEADLINES AROUND THE STATE

6-year-old victim dies; gunman in 3 slayings at large

HAINES CITY (AP) — A 6-year-old Florida girl shot by a gunman who killed her mother and aunt has also died.

Haines City Police said Elizabeth Frenel died late Saturday. Her 23-year-old mother, Eli Normil, and 48-year-old aunt Nicole Guillume died at the scene of Friday night's shooting.

Police are still seeking the 38-year-old suspect, Ernst Cherizard, who had been in a relationship with Normil.

Police said Cherizard fled in a burgundy 2011 Nissan Altima, license plate GZN C82. A toll booth near Fort Lauderdale recorded the plate early Saturday.

Police said Cherizard apologized on Facebook hours after the shooting.

Man guilty of killing wife after son finds body years later

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — A Florida man has been convicted of the 1993 murder of his wife, which was witnessed by their then-toddler son who found his mother's buried body 21 years later.

The Florida Times-Union reports that a jury found Michael Haim guilty of second-degree

murder Friday for killing 23-year-old Bonnie Haim.

Their 3-year-old son Aaron told police his father had shot his missing mother, but no body was found and Michael Haim was not charged.

Now known as Aaron Fraser after his adopted family, he later won a wrongful death lawsuit against his 53-year-old biological father and got his home.

Fraser was removing the pool in 2014 when he found his mother's remains. Haim was soon arrested.

Haim could get seven years, but prosecutors want a life sentence.

SeaWorld lays off undisclosed number of employees

ORLANDO (AP) — SeaWorld has laid off an undisclosed number of employees around the country in a move its says is aimed toward improving efficiency.

SeaWorld Entertainment spokeswoman Suzanne Pelisson-Beasley told the Orlando Sentinel on Saturday that the layoffs occurred Friday. She declined to say how many employees were let go or where or how much the company is saving. In addition to SeaWorld Orlando, the company has 11 parks around the country.

The company reported 4,700 full-time and 12,000 part-time employees.

Large, flightless bird attacks and kills its fallen owner

ALACHUA, Fla. (AP) — A large, flightless bird native to Australia and New Guinea attacked and killed its owner when the man fell on his farm in Florida, authorities said Saturday.

The Alachua County Fire Rescue Department told the Gainesville Sun that a cassowary killed the man Friday on the property near Gainesville, likely using its long claws. The victim was apparently breeding the birds, state wildlife officials said.

"My understanding is that the gentleman was in the vicinity of the bird and at some point fell. When he fell, he was attacked," Deputy Chief Jeff Taylor told the newspaper. He said first responders got a call at 10 a.m. Friday and rushed the man to a hospital for trauma care but he died.

The county sheriff's office identified the victim as Marvin Hajos, 75, and said a death investigation has been opened.

"Initial information indicates that this was a tragic accident for Mr. Hajos," said Lt. Brett Rhodenizer, a sheriff's



AP FILE PHOTO

In this 2015, file photo, an endangered cassowary roams in the Daintree National Forest, Australia.

office spokesman, in an email to the paper. "The cassowary involved remains secured on private property at this time."

Cassowaries are similar to emus and stand up to 6 feet tall and weigh up to 130 pounds, with black body feathers and distinctive, bright blue heads and necks.

The San Diego Zoo's website calls the cassowary the world's most dangerous bird with a four-inch, dagger-like claw on each foot. "The cassowary can slice open any predator or potential threat with a single swift kick. Powerful legs help the cassowary run up to 31 miles per hour through the dense forest underbrush," the website says.

Cassowaries are eaten in parts of New Guinea. The birds are not raised for food in the U.S., but are sought after by collectors of exotic birds, according to authorities.

To obtain a mandatory permit, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requires cassowary owners to have "substantial experience" and meet specific cage requirements, spokeswoman Karen Parker told the newspaper. She said the commission lists the cassowary as a type of wildlife that can "pose a danger to people."

It wasn't immediately known what would happen with the bird.

1-year-old dies in burning car when dad flees after police chase

By **TEDDY KULMALA**
THE STATE (COLUMBIA, S.C.)

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A 1-year-old girl died in a burning car when her father got out and ran away during a pursuit on Interstate 85, according to South Carolina law enforcement officials.

The deadly incident began around 10:20 p.m. Friday on S.C. 14 in Greenville County, where a state trooper tried to stop a car for speeding, according to Capt. Kelley Hughes of the S.C. Highway Patrol. The car was doing 67 in a 45 mph zone at the time, Hughes said.

The car continued onto Interstate 85, traveling north, Hughes said. During the pursuit, the trooper noticed smoke and sparks coming from the undercarriage of the car that later turned into flames.

Troopers attempted a rolling road block, and the burning car slowed to a stop around mile marker 60, Hughes said. The driver jumped out of the car and ran away as it slowed to a stop.

Firefighters arrived to extinguish the burning car and found a body in the back seat, Hughes said.

Spartanburg County Coroner Rusty Clevenger said the body in the back seat was that of 1-year-old Xena Rah'Lah Norman, of Spartanburg, according to WYFF.

South Carolina Law Enforcement Division agents and a K-9 team later located the driver, 26-year-old Imhotep Osirir Norman, of Greenville, according to Hughes. A bag thrown from the vehicle during the case was located and found to contain illegal drugs, Hughes said.

Norman is charged with one count of homicide by child abuse, according to the State Law Enforcement Division. He remains jailed in the Spartanburg County Detention Center. There was no word on charges for the bag of drugs thrown from the car.

"I just know that the car wasn't on fire when I got out the car. I would have stayed in that car with my daughter," Norman said during a Saturday bond hearing, according to Fox Carolina. "I seen sparks coming from under the tires when I tried to stop and I couldn't stop at that point. I don't know why what happened to the car where I couldn't stop."

Group asks gov't to probe Nissan automatic emergency braking

They allege that the safety feature brakes for no reason

DETROIT (AP) — A U.S. auto safety group wants the government to investigate automatic emergency braking on some Nissan Rogue SUVs, alleging that the safety feature makes the vehicles brake even when there's no emergency.

The nonprofit Center for Auto Safety filed a petition with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration seeking the probe. The group says about 675,000 Rogues from the 2017 and 2018 model years should be recalled.

Nissan says it has notified all customers of a software update that improves performance of the automated braking system. But the center says the campaigns don't acknowledge the seriousness of the safety problem and give owners little incentive to get the SUVs fixed.



AP PHOTO

The 2017 Nissan Rogue Sport is on display at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. The nonprofit Center for Auto Safety filed a petition, says about 675,000 Rogues from 2017 and 2018 should be recalled.

In a letter posted Friday by the government, center Executive Director Jason Levine says it found 87 complaints about unintended braking in the safety administration's database. "Many complaints indicate that braking is abrupt or forceful, endangering both the Rogue occupants as well as people in the vehicles nearby who are forced to avoid a collision with a suddenly stopped vehicle," the letter says.

Automatic emergency braking uses cameras and radar to slow or stop vehicles when drivers don't

take action. The technology has great potential to save lives, but it also can develop glitches. Twenty automakers representing 99 percent of U.S. new-car sales signed a voluntary agreement with the government to make the feature standard on all light vehicles by Sept. 1, 2022.

In its petition, the center said that according to the complaints, the Nissan braking system can be triggered by railroad tracks, traffic lights, bridges, parking structures "and other fixed objects that do not pose a threat to the vehicle."

In an email, Levine said a

recall is needed rather than Nissan's service campaign because false activation of the braking system is a safety hazard. He wrote that some drivers are turning off the technology because of the problem.

NHTSA said in documents that it will evaluate whether to grant or deny the center's petition. Safety advocates and vehicle owners can petition the government to open safety investigations.

Nissan said it will continue to work with NHTSA and Canadian safety regulators on all matters of product safety.

Transgender woman brutally beaten in broad daylight

DALLAS (AP) — Police canvassed a Dallas neighborhood during the weekend in search of anyone who may have witnessed the brutal beating of a transgender woman in an attack that happened in broad daylight in front of a crowd of people and that was caught on cellphone video.

Detectives were seeking clues in hopes of identifying the woman's assailant or assailants, police said

in a statement.

They said the woman reported the assault while receiving hospital treatment Friday night. She told officers the attack happened earlier Friday after she was involved in a minor traffic accident near an apartment complex in the southern part of Dallas, according to the police statement released Saturday.

A purported video of the attack

posted on Facebook shows a man in a white shirt viciously beating the woman, apparently into unconsciousness, while the crowd looks on and homophobic slurs are shouted.

Several women eventually carried the victim's limp body to safety.

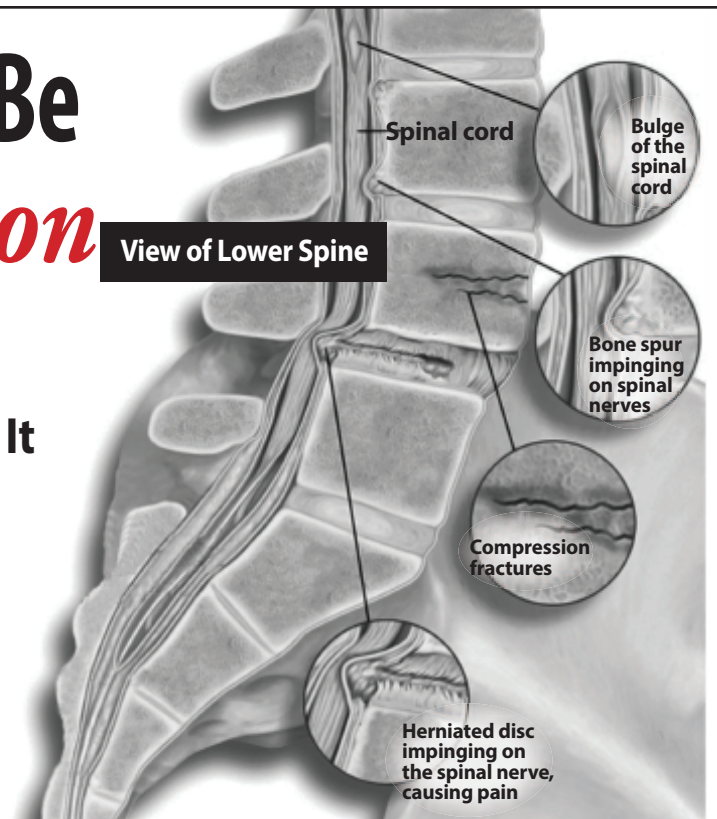
A Dallas police spokesman said the woman's identity and further information about the case would not be released Sunday.

Why Back Pain & Sciatica Might Be The Most Crippling Condition Known to Man

...And How Many People May Have Found A Way To Beat It

Do You Have Any of the Following Symptoms?

- Sharp leg pains
- Lower back pain
- Herniated discs
- Leg numbness
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- Sciatica
- Lumbago



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May under fire from Tories as hunt for Brexit compromise goes on

By **ROBERT HUTTON**
BLOOMBERG NEWS

LONDON — Both Theresa May's government and the opposition Labour Party said Sunday that their talks represented the best chance of finding a Brexit solution and ending months of deadlock.

But even as David Lidington, May's de facto deputy, said there was common ground between the two sides, a former leader of May's Conservative Party called on her to end the discussions, pull Britain out of the European Union and then resign as prime minister.

Parliament is in recess until April 23, but the negotiations will continue. Lidington told the BBC on Sunday that the talks involved

"testing" possible solutions, and both sides will have to make concessions.

Lidington said the government believed it would be possible to get "the benefits of a customs union" — which Labour wants — "but still have a flexibility for the U.K. to pursue an independent trade policy on top of that."

He avoided a question about whether the U.K. could sign up to a common external tariff.

Neither May nor Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has much room for compromise. On the Labour side, the leader is under pressure to insist on another referendum as the price for supporting any deal. The prime minister, meanwhile, saw little sign over the weekend that rebels in her Conservative Party are in a mood

to give ground.

Instead, former leader Iain Duncan Smith told Sky News that he'd seen signs the EU was ready to give way on the question of the Irish border, and that even if it weren't, May should take the U.K. out of the bloc without a deal. The prime minister should "aim everything" toward getting the U.K. out of the EU before the May 23 European elections and the departure date of May or June that May had originally planned should "still stand," he said.

Within Labour, too, there are divisions. While most Labour members of parliament support a second referendum, with the goal of stopping Brexit, a minority who represent seats that voted to leave the EU

say that would be a mistake. Corbyn, a lifelong opponent of EU membership, supports this side, but is under pressure. His transport spokesman Andy McDonald told Sky that the best option was seeing if the talks delivered a solution.

"I want to see where those discussions and negotiations take us before we can go on to the next stage of this long and awful process," he said.

McDonald said Labour's concern was that any commitments May made in the talks could be overturned by her successor. Lidington said this was unlikely, because the arithmetic in parliament, which has so restricted May, will be the same for the next prime minister.

STORMS

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A tornado flattened much of the south side of Franklin, Texas, overturning mobile homes and damaging other residences, said Robertson County Sheriff Gerald Yezak. Franklin is about 125 miles south of Dallas.

The weather service said preliminary information showed an EF-3 tornado touched down with winds of 140 mph.

It destroyed 55 homes, a church, four businesses, a duplex, and part of the local housing authority building, authorities said. Two people were hospitalized for injuries that were not thought to be life-threatening, while others were treated at the scene, Yezak said. Some people had to be extricated from damaged

dwelling.

Heavy rains and storms raked Mississippi into the night Saturday as the storms moved east.

Roy Ratliff, 95, died after a tree crashed onto his trailer in northeastern Mississippi, Monroe County Road Manager Sonny Clay said at a news conference, adding that a tornado had struck. Nineteen residents were taken to hospitals, including two in critical condition. A tornado was reported in the area 140 miles southeast of Memphis, Tennessee, at the time.

In Hamilton, Mississippi, 72-year-old Robert Scott said he had been sleeping in his recliner late Saturday when he was awakened and found himself in his yard after a tornado ripped most of his home off its foundation.

His 71-year-old wife, Linda, was in a different part of the house and also survived, he said. They found each other while crawling through the remnants of the house they have lived in since 1972.

"We're living, and God has blessed us," Scott, a retired manager for a grocery store meat department, said Sunday as neighbors helped him salvage his belongings.

National Weather Service meteorologist John Moore said a possible twister touched down in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, area. No injuries were reported, but officials reported damage to several businesses and vehicles.

The storm damaged a roof of a hotel in New Albany, Mississippi, and Mississippi State University's 21,000

students huddled in basements and hallways as a tornado neared the campus in Starkville.

University spokesman Sid Salter said some debris, possibly carried by the tornado, was found on campus, but no injuries were reported and no buildings were damaged. Trees were toppled and minor damage was reported in residential areas east of the campus.

The large storm system also caused flash floods in Louisiana, where two deaths were reported.

Authorities said 13-year-old Sebastian Omar Martinez drowned in a drainage canal after flash flooding struck Bawcomville, near Monroe, said Deputy Glenn Springfield of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Department. Separately, one person died when a car was submerged in

floodwaters in Calhoun, also near Monroe.

As the storm moved into Alabama, a possible tornado knocked out power and damaged mobile homes in Troy, about 50 miles south of Montgomery.

Near the Birmingham suburb of Hueytown, a county employee died after being struck by a vehicle while he was helping clear away trees about 2:15 a.m. Sunday, said Capt. David Agee of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. The man, whose name was not immediately released, died after being taken to a hospital.

The forecast of severe weather forced officials at the Masters in Augusta, Georgia, to start the final round of the tournament early on Sunday in order to finish in midafternoon before it began raining.

MEASLES

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waiting room was full, with mothers sitting on the floor and others waiting outside in the overwhelming heat. Two volunteer nurses and a midwife tried to meet the demand.

Nifaliana Razajafisoa had walked 9 miles with her 6-month-old baby in her arms.

"He has a fever," she said. "I think it's measles because there are these little pimples that have appeared on his face."

The nurse quickly confirmed it.

"I'm so scared for him because in the village everyone says it kills babies," Razajafisoa said.

The outbreak has killed mostly children under 15 since it began in September, according to the World Health Organization.

"The epidemic unfortunately continues to expand in size," though at a slower pace than a month ago, said Dr. Dossou Vincent Sodjinou, a WHO epidemiologist in Madagascar.

By mid-March, 117,075 cases had been reported by the health ministry, affecting all regions of the country.

Some cases of resistance to vaccinations exist because of the influence of religion or of traditional health practitioners but they are isolated ones, he said.

This outbreak is complicated by the fact that nearly 50% of children in Madagascar are malnourished.

"Malnutrition is the bed of measles," Sodjinou said.

Razajafisoa's baby weighs just 11 pounds.

"This is the case for almost all children with measles who have come here," said Lantonirina Rasolofonina, a volunteer at the health center.

Simply reaching a clinic for help can be a challenge. Many people in Madagascar cannot afford to see a doctor or buy



AP PHOTO

In this photo taken March 21 mothers wait to have their babies vaccinated against measles, at a healthcare center in Larintsena, Madagascar. As the island nation faces its largest measles outbreak in history and cases soar well beyond 115,000, the problem is not centered on whether to vaccinate children.

medicine, and health centers often are understaffed or have poorly qualified workers.

As a result, information about health issues can be unreliable. Some parents are not aware that vaccines are free, at least in public health centers.

Four of Erika Hantriniaina's five children have had measles. She had wrongly believed that people could not be vaccinated after nine months of age.

"It's my 6-year-old daughter who had measles first. She had a lot of fever," she said. "I called the doctor but it was Friday. He had already gone to town. I went to see another doctor who told me that my daughter had an allergy. ... This misdiagnosis was almost fatal."

The girl had diarrhea and vomiting and couldn't eat, Hantriniaina said, adding that she narrowly survived.

Measles, a highly infectious disease spread by coughing, sneezing, close contact or infected surfaces, has no specific treatment. The symptoms are

treated instead.

"Vitamin A is given to children to increase their immunity. We try to reduce the fever. If there is a cough, we give antibiotics," said Dr. Boniface Maronko, sent by WHO to Madagascar to supervise efforts to contain the outbreak. If the disease is not treated early enough, complications appear including diarrhea, bronchitis, pneumonia and convulsions.

Madagascar's health ministry has sent free medication to regions most affected by the outbreak. Maronko reminded heads of health centers in the Ambalavao region not to make parents pay, saying he had seen some doctors asking for money. He told The Associated Press that he feared the medicines wouldn't be enough.

The country's capital, Antananarivo, a city of 1.3 million, has not been spared.

Lalatiaina Ravonjisoa, a vegetable vendor in a poor district, grieves for her 5-month-old baby.

"I had five children. They all had measles. For the last, I did not go to see the doctor because I did not have money," she said. "I gave my baby the leftover medications from his big brother to bring down the fever."

For a few days she did not worry: "I felt like he was healed." But one morning she noticed he had trouble breathing. Later she found his feet were cold.

"Look at my baby," she told her mother.

"She hugged him for a long time and she did not say anything. Then she asked me to be strong. He was gone."

Ravonjisoa said she blames herself, "but I did not imagine for one moment that he was going to die." At the hospital, a doctor confirmed that her baby died of measles-related respiratory complications.

Late last month, WHO started a third mass vaccination campaign in Madagascar with the overall goal of reaching 7.2 million children aged 6 months to 9 years.

ALMANAC

Today is **Monday, April 15**, the 105th day of 2019. There are 260 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **April 15, 1865**, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

On this date

In **1452**, artist and inventor Leonardo da Vinci was born in or near the Tuscan town of Vinci.

In **1912**, the British luxury liner RMS Titanic foundered in the North Atlantic off Newfoundland more than 2 1/2 hours after hitting an iceberg; 1,514 people died, while less than half as many survived.

In **1945**, during World War II, British and Canadian troops liberated the Nazi concentration camp Bergen-Belsen.

In **1947**, Jackie Robinson, baseball's first black major league player, made his official debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers on opening day at Ebbets Field. (The Dodgers defeated the Boston Braves, 5-3.)

In **1985**, South Africa said it would repeal laws prohibiting sex and marriage between whites and non-whites.

In **2013**, two bombs made from pressure cookers exploded at the Boston Marathon finish line, killing two women and an 8-year-old boy and injuring more than 260. Suspected bomber Tamerlan Tsarnaev died in a shootout with police; his brother, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, was tried, convicted and sentenced to death.

Today's birthdays

Actress Claudia Cardinale is 81. Author and politician Jeffrey Archer is 79. Rock singer-guitarist Dave Edmunds is 76. Actor Michael Tucci is 73. Actress Lois Chiles is 72. Actress Amy Wright is 69. Columnist Heloise is 68. Actor Sam McMurray is 67. Actress-screenwriter Emma Thompson is 60. Singer Samantha Fox is 53. Olympic gold, silver and bronze medal swimmer Dara Torres is 52. Rock musician Ed O'Brien (Radiohead) is 51. Actor Douglas Spain is 45. Country singer-songwriter Chris Stapleton is 41. Actor Luke Evans is 40. Rock musician Zach Carothers (Portugal. The Man) is 38. Actor-writer Seth Rogen is 37. Actress Alice Braga is 36. Americana singer-songwriter Margo Price is 36. Rock musician De'Mar Hamilton (Plain White T's) is 35. Actress Samira Wiley is 32. Actress Leonie Elliott is 31. Actress Emma Watson is 29.

Bible verse

"I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offense, and seek my face; in their affliction they will seek me early."
— **Hosea 5:15**.

God will not force Himself upon you. He will work in your life when you acknowledge Him. Are you ready to make that step? He's waiting on you.

ODD NEWS

Man sues parents for getting rid of porn collection

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — An Indiana man is suing his parents for getting rid of his vast pornography collection, which he estimates is worth \$29,000.

The 40-year-old man last week filed a lawsuit in federal court in Michigan, where he moved in with his parents in 2016 following a divorce.

He says that when he moved out 10 months later, they delivered his things to his new home in Indiana, but that his 12 boxes of pornographic films and magazines were missing. His parents admit they dumped the porn, which included titles such as "Frisky Business" and "Big Bad Grannys."

The man filed a complaint with police, but the Ottawa County prosecutor declined to press charges. The lawsuit includes an email excerpt from the man's father, who told his son, "I did you a big favor by getting rid of all this stuff."

The man is seeking triple financial damages of roughly \$87,000.

OMAR

FROM PAGE 1

— no matter how corrupt, inept, or vicious — can

threaten my unwavering love for America."

Rep. Jerrold Nadler, Democrat of New York, said Sunday that the snip-pet of Omar's speech used

by Trump came from extended remarks about discrimination against Muslim Americans after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"She just said that,

after that happened, it was used as an excuse for lots of discrimination and for withdrawal of civil liberties," Nadler, whose congressional

district includes lower Manhattan, site of the World Trade Center towers destroyed in 2001, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Finding blood in urine prompts an essential doctor visit

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 92-year-old man in better-than-average health. I have had two episodes of blood in my urine in the past two months. I know this isn't normal. At my age, I'd just like to make believe it didn't happen. What's my future like? — Anon.

ANSWER: Your future will shortly include, I hope, a visit to your regular doctor. Blood in the urine often is due to a urine infection or a kidney stone, but in older men, there is always a concern about a tumor, whether of the kidney, bladder or prostate. Pretending it didn't happen is not a good solution, and your doctors will certainly take your age into account when looking at diagnostic possibilities and treatments. Most cases will turn out to be not much to worry about, so the sooner you get in, the sooner you can find out what's going on and see what steps may be necessary.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Experts advised us to "throw out sugar-laden cereals" and eat a healthy breakfast, such as oatmeal.



Dr. Roach

Now we are told that oatmeal contains a significant amount of glyphosate, which they say is an ingredient in Roundup! Are we poisoning our children? — A.D.

ANSWER: There have been traces of glyphosate (an herbicide) found in oatmeal and other cereals. However, as always, the dose makes the poison. The Environmental Protection Agency has set a level of 30 parts per million, below which the exposure is considered safe. A 2018 study by the Environmental Working Group found levels of glyphosate in oatmeal breakfast

cereals to be between 0.5 and 1 parts per million. It is unlikely that consumption of these cereals causes any significant health risks. Nobody likes the idea of eating an herbicide, but these are very low amounts, and some experts have questioned the specificity of the detection method used.

The same EWG report found that organic cereals had less, but often still some, glyphosate in them. Although the levels in both conventional and organic cereals were safe, glyphosate itself is found at generally lower levels in organic products. Unfortunately, there have not been good studies on residual amounts of organic pesticides that might be found in organically grown food.

I agree with reducing the simple sugars found in many cereals, especially those marketed to children. However, I recommend more protein for breakfast than is found in oatmeal. You can add more with nuts, egg whites or seeds.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I was prescribed prednisone 5 mg twice

daily, but I had insomnia, itching and hot flashes from it. I stopped after four days but am still suffering from sleeplessness.

Has the prednisone had a permanent effect on my body? — J.W.S.L.

ANSWER: Prednisone, a powerful anti-inflammatory and immune system-inhibiting steroid, has many side effects on the body, especially insomnia. Hot flashes and itching are uncommon side effects.

Insomnia is more common when prednisone is taken twice daily. Anytime a person gets insomnia, it can create a situation where they become worried about sleeping, which can lead to a persistent problem, even though the effect of the prednisone is gone.

I recommend some routine steps for treating insomnia, such as avoiding bright lights, including any electronic screen, for two hours or so before bed; regular exercise, if the condition for which you took prednisone allows it; and a warm bath before bed.

Politics put a sudden end to 20-year-old friendship

DEAR ABBY: In the last presidential election, I had a friend who voted differently than I did. We didn't try to persuade each other to vote "our" way, but I did share on social media some opinions about people who had taken some controversial positions. She regarded these opinions as a personal attack and stepped out of my life without warning.

I have tried to re-engage with her several times — texts, Facebook messages, phone calls. One message was met with hostility, and the others have gone unanswered. I have tried to apologize for hurting her feelings even though I didn't intend to and asked for forgiveness. I have offered to take her to lunch.

I hate the idea of walking away from a 20-year friendship (we are both in our mid-30s, so this is a friendship that has lasted more than half our lives) over something that seems so insignificant to me. Do I quit? Do I keep trying? — Missing My Friend In Michigan

DEAR MISSING: Because not one of your overtures has been accepted, step back and stop trying for a while. After the



Dear Abby

next election, cooler heads may prevail, and she may be more receptive.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently been transferring all my photo slides from my childhood to my present age to my computer. Reviewing them I am dismayed there are very few photos of my grandfather, father or husband because they were usually the ones behind the camera taking the photos. Let's all remember to also put them in front of the camera so we may have many cherished memories of them, too. — Picturing It In Oakland, Calif.

DEAR PICTURING IT: Your suggestion has merit, which is why I'm sharing it. However, with the advent of cellphone cameras and the ease with which folks take group selfies these days, I'm betting that in the future no one will be left out of the picture.

Reader against tax breaks

Dear Readers: Today's SOUND OFF is about tax deductions. — Heloise

"Dear Heloise: I love kids, but I find it blatantly unfair that people with children get tax deductions for having them, and child care tax credits, too. I realize that at one point it was designed to help parents pay for the costs of raising a child, but in an overcrowded world, should we really be encouraging people to have more than one child? Cutting out the deductions for children would give the government more money to work with and create a much more impartial tax system." — Roger K., Falmouth, Mass.



Hints from Heloise

Dear Readers: Here are uses for leftover bread:
 * Make into breadsticks by cutting into strips, then brushing with butter or olive oil and sprinkling with seasonings. Bake until crispy.
 * Cube bread into very small pieces and use as a topping for casseroles. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

Find the familiar phrase, saying or name in this arrangement of letters.



SOLUTION: Permanent wave

JUMBLE

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

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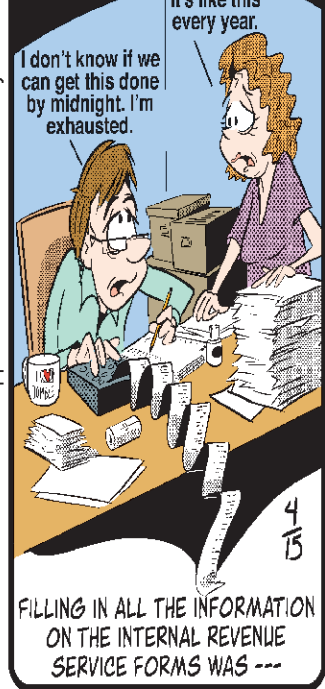
Answers tomorrow

Saturday's Jumbles: GUPPY GOUGE MISFIT TARGET

Answer: The race car driver had his own line of deodorant called — PIT STOP

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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 Answer: The race car driver had his own line of deodorant called — PIT STOP

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THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

3-	3+		1-
	2÷	3	
6X		2÷	
	3	3-	

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CHALLENGING

3	2-		3+		90X
2÷		2-		1-	
600X	2÷		3		
		10+	4-		2
5-			7+		5+
	3		3÷		

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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

1	2÷	2	4+
2-		12X	3
4	2	3	1
6+	3	1	4
	3		2÷
2	3	1	4

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 "The Office" boss (7)	_____
2 one section of a garlic head (5)	_____
3 western neckerchief (7)	_____
4 prevents (7)	_____
5 lose value with age (10)	_____
6 closing one eye briefly (7)	_____
7 pluses (9)	_____

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Saturday's Answers: 1. TOTTERED 2. SOOTY 3. YIPES 4. APPS 5. BASES 6. EVOLUTIONS 7. ILLUSORY 4/15

Challenger

DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right. Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

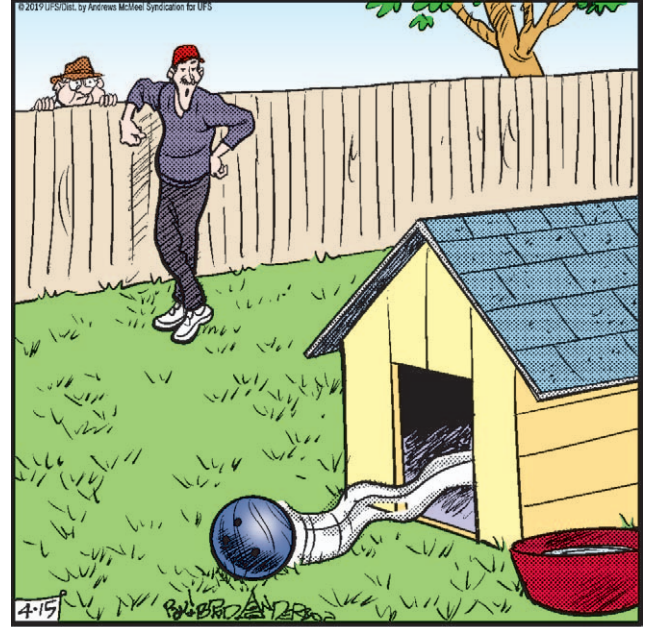
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		2		26
			8	25
				19
29	22	30	22	22

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solution					4-13	7
2	3	1	2	8		
1	3	3	2	9		
1	1	4	4	10		
1	5	2	3	11		
5	12	10	11	12		

Saturday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"He's not a very good bowler."

Cryptoquip

4-15

KUJL'X LUO HOXL HYOKOB
 HOMOYJIO LP BYFAZ KUOA
 KYFLFAI LUO SFYXL MOYXFPA
 PS J KPYZ? BYJSL HOOY.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A DOCTOR TESTS YOUR PHYSICAL FITNESS LEVEL, I RECKON HE IS LOOKING AT THE VIGOR PICTURE.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals B

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ABZESUOPSA XNEVT
 WRQOMKIDDHUMNFD
 BAZYWVNDTMRORQO
 SIGNHEREBCNDUTL
 KIHE **DEPENDENTS** F
 DCAISZR IXWVUEEU
 SRV SQELGNISFRRO
 NIMKMARRIEDEXEJ
 DNOITAPUCCORATI
 HSNOITCUDEDFTNE
 DBTSUTATSGNILIF

Saturday's unlisted clue: CAPTAIN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Monday's unlisted clue hint: SOCIAL SECURITY —

Address	Filing status	Refund	Tax return
Deductions	Interest	Sign here	Total income
Dependents	Married	Single	Wages
Dividends	Occupation	Spouse	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're not threatened by other talented people, because your creativity allows you to see how melding your talents together makes everyone shine brighter.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This game you're playing requires strategy. Think far ahead, and then work backward to determine how to get there, imagining the variables you're likely to encounter along the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What's ailing you may seem like a matter of psychology, but it can be handled just as easily with a rearrangement of schedule and some other practical matters. It's all about your system. Make things easier for yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The atmosphere can make or break things such as dates, dinner parties and even simple conversations. The good news is that you have a lot of power over this. If a place doesn't feel right, just take the action elsewhere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The manual for fiction writers suggests that in a good

story, characters drive the plot and not the other way around. Similarly, today you decide who you want to be, and your actions advance the plot.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). This is a new you, so clear your environment of all the unwanted reminders of the old you doing the old habits, and fill the space with symbols, tools and fuels that represent the new you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once upon a time, the role you're in now seemed like a distant impossibility, and now you've set your sights on another equally improbable (yet eminently possible) reality.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). How you feel about the decision right now is different from how you'll feel tomorrow and next year. Keeping the perspective of time in mind helps you set future you up for success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No matter what the problem is, you can be sure that someone else has had it or is having it right now. So find out who's in the club, and see what you can learn. This one will be solved more easily than imagined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When people see you the way you want to be

seen, it feels somewhat satisfying at first, if a little hollow. That's because there's nothing quite as fulfilling as being fully embraced for who you really are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you see is never all that is. Magic shows are built on this premise, and so are drama, branding and dating. Your edge today is your curiosity. You'll follow it to answers that are out of the frame and behind the scenes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Once you're in temptation's living room, it will definitely seem impolite to turn down the offerings. You're lucky that you know where temptation lives. Don't even go down that street.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15). Your gumption will definitely be invigorated, and your dreams never seemed more possible — largely because of your "no excuses, no quitting" attitude. You'll change something in the next three weeks that makes it more possible to devote yourself to your work. Surprises will further enliven the journey, including support people and funding. Virgo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 40, 1, 38, 20 and 16.

Monday, April 15, 2019

GOREN BRIDGE

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ ANSWERS

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 10 ♥ 8 7 ♦ Q J 7 5 ♣ A Q J 9 2

Partner passes as dealer and right-hand opponent also passes. What call would you make?

A - You could open 1C in third position, but there will be rebid problems over a major-suit response. Why look for problems with an 11-point hand and no major? Pass.

Q 2 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 10 8 6 ♥ 10 9 7 6 5 ♦ 9 ♣ 9 5 4

Partner opens 1NT, 15-17. What call would you make?

A - Modern tournament players like "Garbage" Stayman. Bid 2C and pass a response of two in either major. Bid 2H, pass or correct, over a two-diamond response.

Q 3 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ 8 7 2 ♥ 6 4 ♦ A Q 10 7 2 ♣ J 8 7

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	?
3♦	Pass	?	?

What call would you make?

A - "Inverted" minors can cause problems when you have a normal raise to the two level. It hasn't worked out so badly here — you've just wrong-sided the contract. Bid 3NT.

Q 4 - Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J 8 3 ♥ A J 9 8 5 4 ♦ 9 ♣ K 10 2

Right-hand opponent opens 1NT, 15-17. What call would you make?

A - Whatever methods you use to show a one-suited overcall, use it to bid 2H. This is what an overcall of a strong no trump shows — a good weak two-bid.

Q 5 - North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 10 7 6 5 ♥ 10 7 3 ♦ Q 9 ♣ 6 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	?	?

What call would you make?

A - Partner has shown a game-forcing hand short in spades. What can you do? Bid 3NT and hope for the best.

Q 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A K Q 9 5 4 ♥ A Q 6 ♦ A 7 ♣ J 6

As dealer, what call would you make?

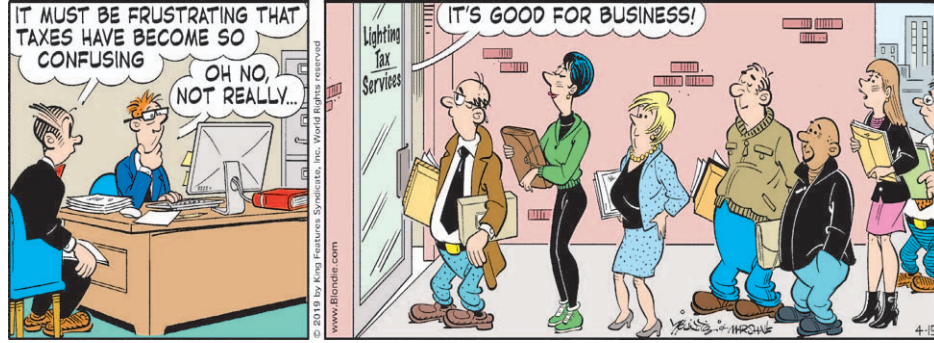
A - Some neo-modern wise guys would open 2NT. We like the old-school bid of 1S.

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

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



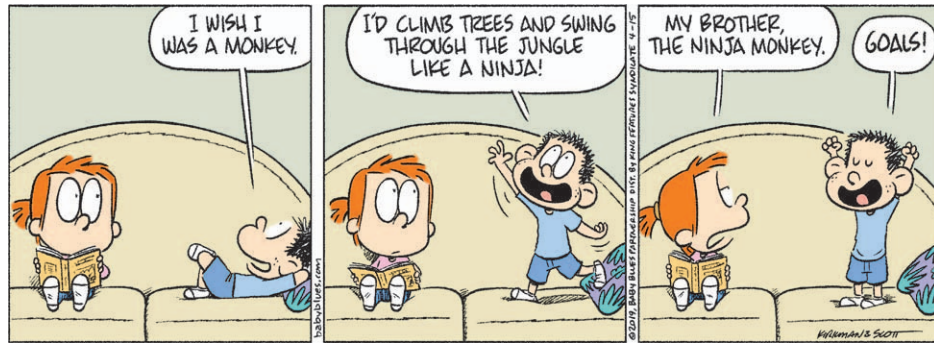
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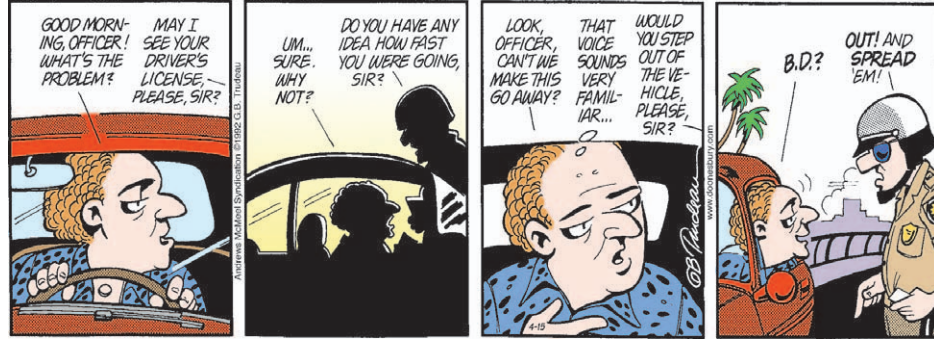
MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Greases
- 5 —'s rush
- 8 Eat hurriedly
- 12 Fields of study
- 14 Behalf
- 15 Pointed arch
- 16 Cuba neighbor
- 17 Mountain goat
- 18 Malt beverages
- 19 Not in good taste
- 21 Antenna user
- 23 Acquired
- 24 201, to Claudius
- 25 Not outgoing
- 26 Scorched
- 30 Unsteady
- 32 Gnomes
- 33 Led the way
- 37 Debt securer
- 38 Brothers
- 39 Dried up
- 40 Apparent worth (2 wds.)
- 42 Reeves of "Speed"
- 43 Isn't broken
- 44 Ushers' beats
- 45 Scotland Yard div.
- 48 Spy org.
- 49 "Eureka!"
- 50 Odd
- 52 Waste container (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 57 Noted lava spewer
- 58 Ayla's creator
- 60 Destiny
- 61 Part of the eye
- 62 Deuce topper
- 63 Hindu sage
- 64 Alaskan seaport
- 65 Stately tree
- 66 Granny or square
- 1 Pacific island
- 2 Where Tehran is
- 3 Flower wreaths
- 4 Cloy
- 5 Newborn
- 6 Luau instrument, briefly
- 7 Oaxaca residents
- 8 Fluffy scarves
- 9 Stares rudely
- 10 Parasite
- 11 Bad-tempered
- 13 Long bouts
- 14 River sediment
- 20 Current
- 22 Goddess of victory
- 24 Block
- 26 Egoist's love
- 27 Essayist's pen name

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

G	A	G	S	B	L	I	M	P	J	E	T	E
U	T	A	H	R	A	C	E	R	O	D	E	S
R	O	S	A	A	N	O	D	E	I	N	S	T
U	N	P	R	O	V	E	N	P	I	N	A	T
P	I	E	T	A	C	T						
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- 28 With, to Henri
- 29 Freshen
- 30 Type of headache
- 31 Toady's answers
- 33 Oktoberfest tune
- 34 Genuine
- 35 Flying piscivore
- 36 — ex machina
- 38 Steep in wine
- 41 Sotto —
- 42 Mall stands
- 44 Just as I thought!
- 45 Give information (2 wds.)
- 46 Short lead-in
- 47 Sturdy material
- 49 Air France destination
- 51 Flower holder
- 52 Overflow with
- 53 Dove's opposite
- 54 Cereal fiber
- 55 Bullets, etc.
- 56 Trot or gallop
- 59 Search engine find

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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	7				8	5	2	9

Rating: BRONZE

Solution to 4/13/19

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7	9	1	2	4	3	5	6	8

WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Air quality org.'s IRS employees (3)

□ □ □

2. Mentally foggy love of Donald Duck (2)

□ □

3. Hex an armored bank truck company (1)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

4. Royal chair color shade (1)

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5. Immerse a loofah (1)

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6. Captain's superior's gaming bets (2)

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7. Actress Elle using a bar code reader (2)

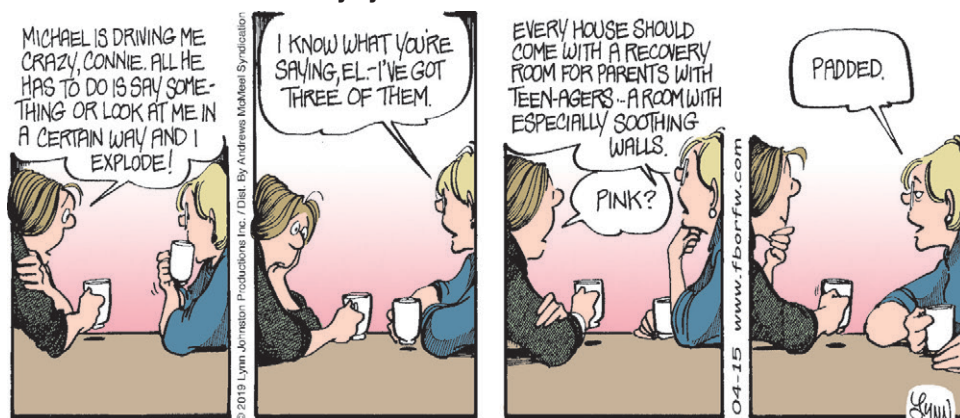
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ANSWERS
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5. PLUNGE SPONGE 6. MAJORS WAGERS 7. FANNING SCANNING

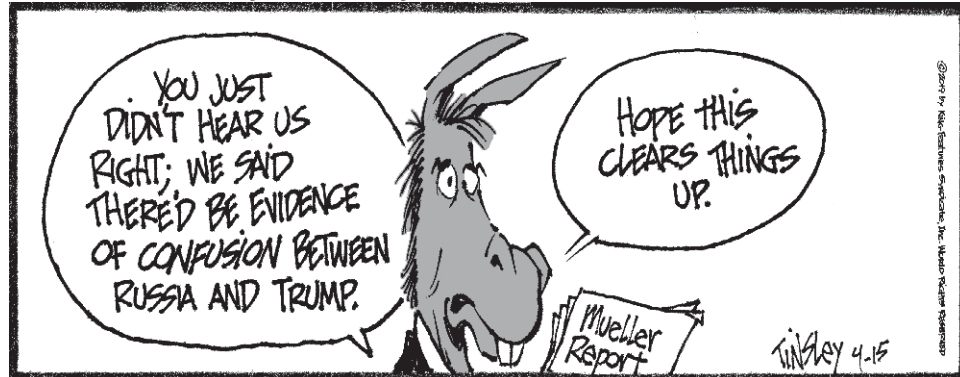
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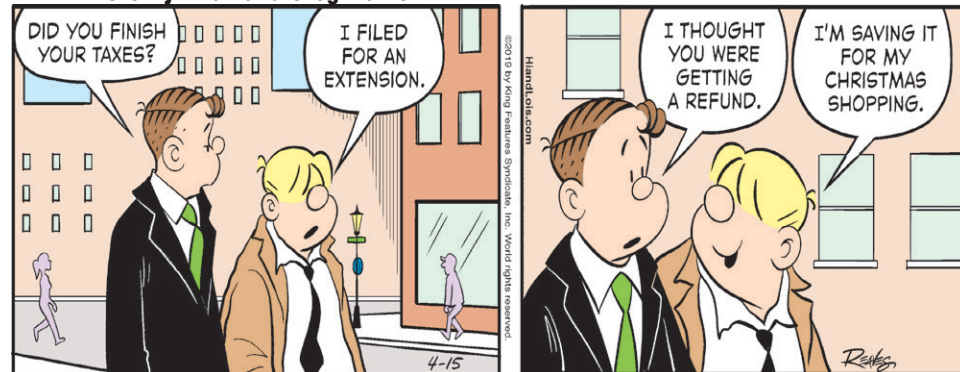
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MALLARD FILLMORE By Bruce Tinsley



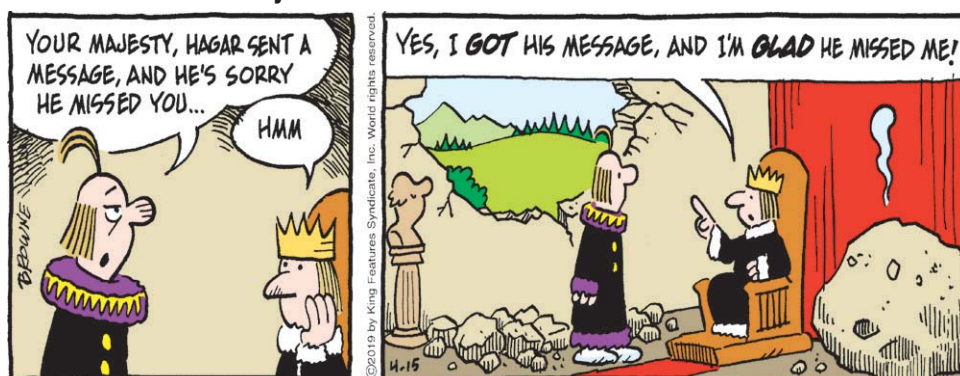
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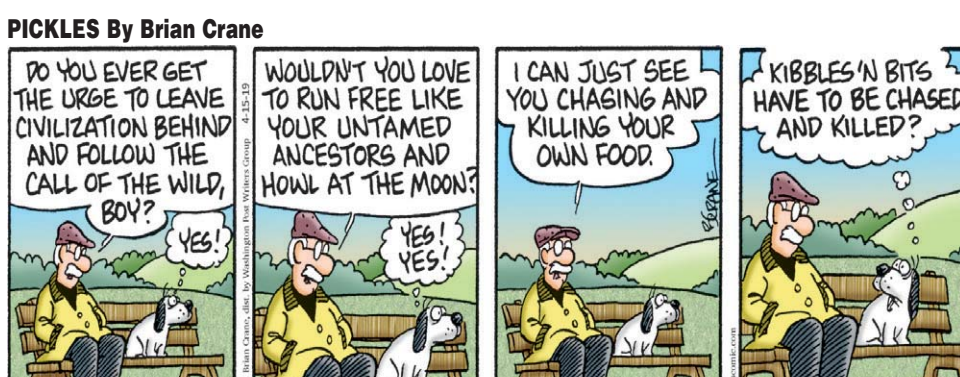
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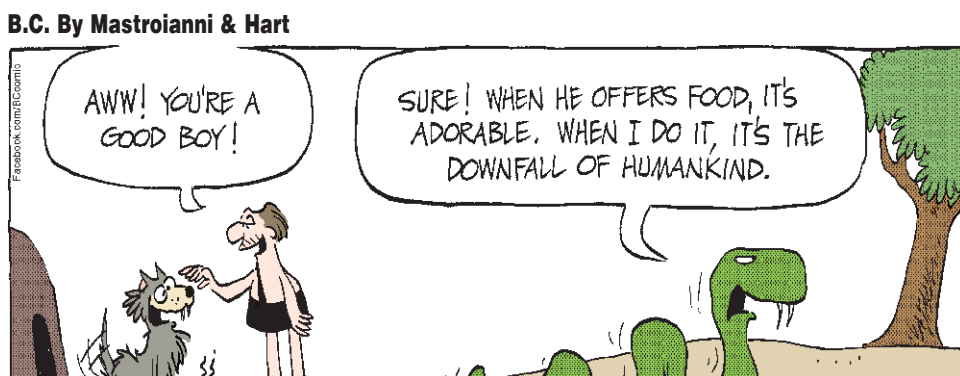
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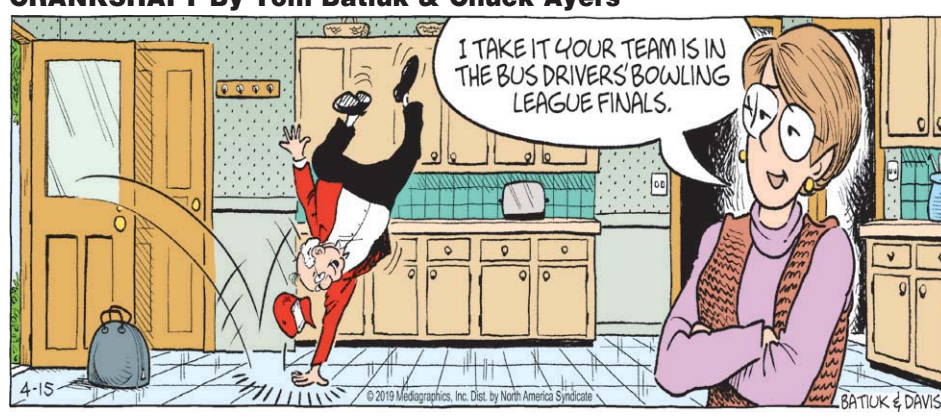
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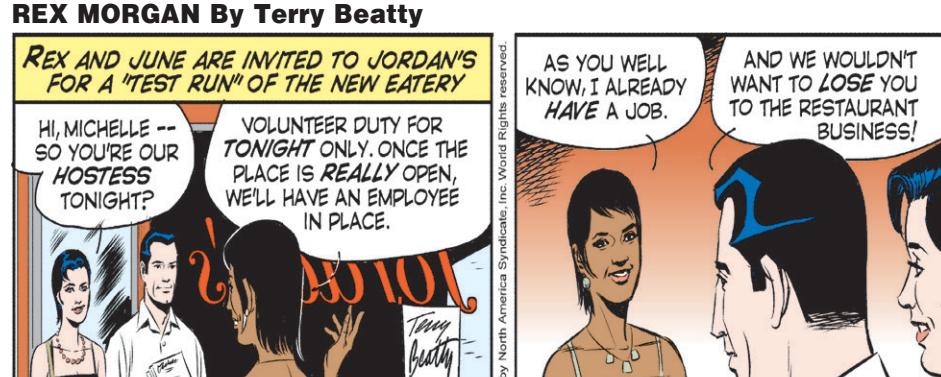
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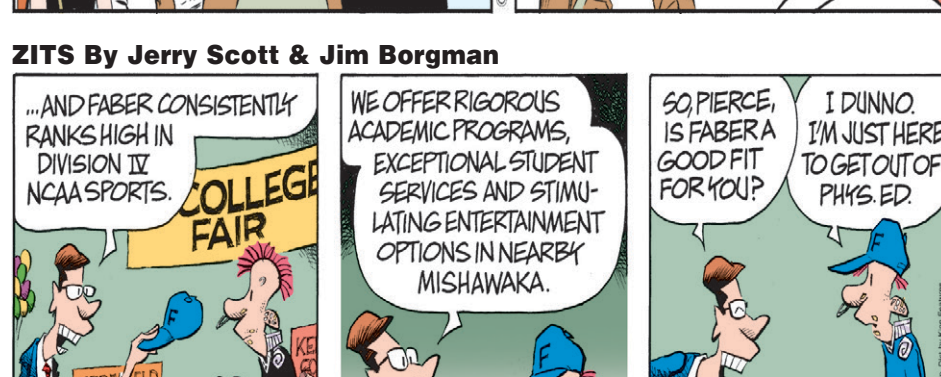
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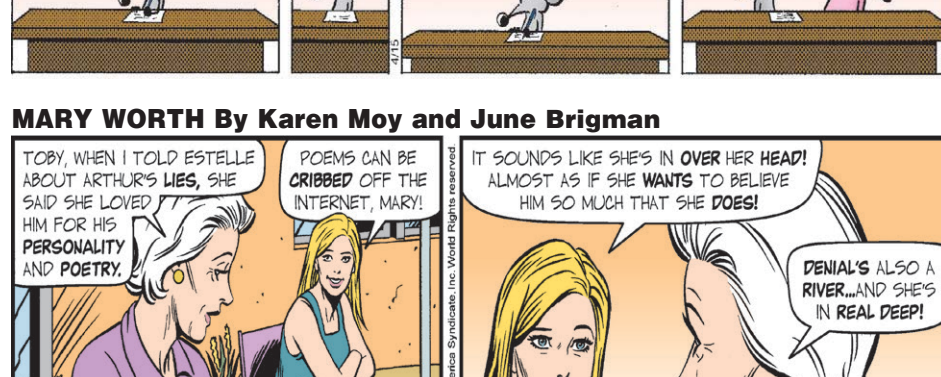
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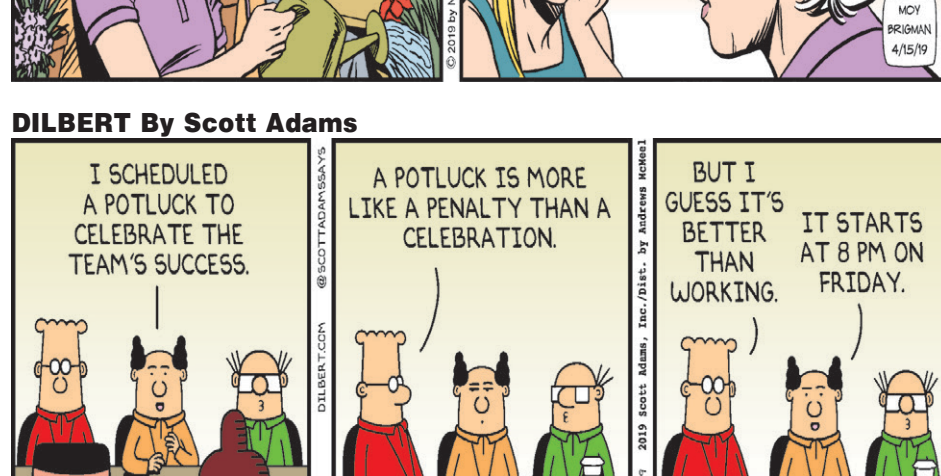
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ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

New 'Star Wars' film: 'The Rise of Skywalker'

'Star Wars: Episode IX' is the final installment in the franchise's third trilogy

By **LINDSEY BAHR**
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"No one is ever really gone," says the voice of Luke Skywalker in the first teaser trailer for "Star Wars: Episode IX," which audiences finally learned will be called "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" Friday at a fan event in Chicago.

The closely guarded film from director J.J. Abrams will put an end to the Skywalker saga that began over 40 years ago, but even as characters and actors have passed on, the footage shown at Star Wars Celebration suggests that as with all "Star Wars" films, death is just a technicality a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

Mark Hamill's Skywalker may have died at the end of the most recent installment but his voice dominates the teaser trailer, telling someone, possibly Daisy Ridley's Rey, that, "this is your fight now." And audiences got a tantalizing tease from another figure from the past: Emperor Palpatine from the original and prequel trilogies, whose ominous laugh closes out the promotional spot.

Carrie Fisher's Leia Organa is back as well, despite the actress's untimely passing in Dec. 2016, thanks to unused footage from "The Force Awakens" which Abrams was able to craft into its own narrative for this new film.

"You can't just recast and you

can't just have her disappear," Abrams said. "The idea of having a CG character wasn't even an option."

He's currently in the process of editing and adding visual effects to the film which will hit theaters on Dec. 20 and said that despite Fisher's death, "We're working with her every day."

"Princess Leia lives in this film in way that is mind-blowing to me," Abrams said.

Abrams was joined on stage at the event by Lucasfilm president Kathleen Kennedy and actors and droids alike including Ridley, Oscar Isaac (Poe), John Boyega (Finn), Kelly Marie Tran (Rose), Joonas Suotamo (Chewbacca), newcomer Naomi Ackie, who plays a character named Jannah, Anthony Daniels (C-3PO) and even Billy Dee Williams, who reprises his role as Lando Calrissian in the new film after decades away.

"How did I find Lando again?" Williams said. "Lando never left me."

"Star Wars" superfan Stephen Colbert moderated the panel, doing his best to get the tight-lipped cast and creators to reveal anything about the film. Although no one cracked under pressure, Abrams did reveal some previously known details, like the fact that "The Rise of Skywalker" will pick up "some time" after the events of "The Last Jedi."

"This is an adventure that the group goes on together," he



LUCASFILM VIA AP

This image shows Daisy Ridley as Rey in a scene from "Star Wars: Episode IX."

teased, although he wouldn't reveal whether or not that meant the group on stage or some other combination.

"This movie is about this new generation and what they've inherited, the light and the dark," Abrams added. "As they face this greatest evil, are they prepared?"

Besides Hamill, another person who wasn't in attendance was Kylo Ren actor Adam Driver. Ren is the son of Han Solo and Leia, making him and his mother the only known Skywalkers left.

When prodded about what will happen with the complex relationship between Kylo and Rey, Ridley demurred, "I guess the Kylo and Rey thing, we'll have to see."

She added: "I think I can confirm there are no more semi-naked Kylos." That's a reference to the scenes of a shirtless Driver in "The Last Jedi" that surprised fans.

Although fans are salivating for any morsel of information,

the panelists stayed as vague as possible, and kept things light-hearted debating questions like "who's a better pilot: Poe or Han" and even taking a break so that the audience could sing an unprompted Happy Birthday to Ridley, who turned 27 on Wednesday.

Kennedy, quoting George Lucas, said however that "Episode IX" is indeed the third act of a three-act structure.

But, predictably, there are still more questions than answers when it comes to "The Rise of Skywalker," especially what will come after.

The Lucasfilm and Disney collaboration has proved to be a lucrative one since Disney purchased the company in 2012 for \$4 billion. Disney's first two "Star Wars" films, "The Force Awakens" and "The Last Jedi" and its spinoffs, "Rogue One" and "Solo," have already grossed more than \$4.8 billion at the worldwide box office.

As of now, there is a future for

"Star Wars" on the big screen, but details are sparse and dates are non-existent. "The Last Jedi" director Rian Johnson is working on a new "Star Wars" trilogy and "Game of Thrones" showrunners D.B. Weiss and David Benioff are also at work on a "movie series."

Lucasfilm is expanding its small screen universe too beyond "The Clone Wars" with the Jon Favreau-directed series "The Mandalorian," which will be available on Disney's streaming service, DisneyPlus, when it launches on Nov. 12, and there will be a "Rogue One" spinoff series focused on Diego Luna's character Cassian Andor. With the company's acquisition of 21st Century Fox's entertainment properties, too, Lucas' original trilogy and prequels will also be available on the service.

But who's got time to think about the future when there are over two minutes of brand new footage from "The Rise of Skywalker" to dissect?

How not to break the bank on streaming services

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Research on which streaming services that can help save big bucks

By **MAE ANDERSON and SARAH SKIDMORE SELL**
AP BUSINESS WRITERS

NEW YORK — With more TV streaming services than ever before, from newcomers like Disney Plus to stalwarts like Netflix, consumers may feel the ideal viewing experience is finally at hand.

Americans have, on average, three streaming video subscription services, according to a recent study of digital media trends by Deloitte. While some have dropped cable and its average bill of around \$100 a month altogether, about 43% have both pay TV and streaming subscriptions.

Yet patching together a variety of services to get just what one wants isn't always seamless. Families and individuals can still find themselves with service that doesn't perfectly suit their viewing habits. And those monthly subscriptions can add up fast.

"It doesn't make sense to pay for a bunch of content you have no interest in watching," said Bruce McClary, vice president of marketing for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling. "Finding a service that lets you scale your channel lineup based on your interests can also help you avoid paying for things you don't need."

FOR FAMILIES

Disney is making the biggest play for family viewership. The owner of Disney Channel, the Star Wars franchise and most recently Fox's entertainment business is betting its mix of family-friendly franchises and

beloved animated classics, along with original programming, will make the Disney Plus service irresistible to families, even if they already subscribe to other services. The service, launching Nov. 12, will cost \$7 a month initially.

For some kids, there may be no substitute for watching Disney's "Frozen" over and over again. But other services that families might already subscribe to have a lot of family-friendly programming too. Amazon Prime (\$119 per year or \$13 per month for Prime loyalty program membership; Prime Video alone costs \$9 a month), Hulu (\$6 to \$12 per month), and Netflix (\$9 to \$16 per month) all offer kids programming.

Another choice for parents: HBO Now (\$15 a month) is the home for the classic kids TV show "Sesame Street." And for spendthrifts, YouTube's free Kids channel offers an endless stream of kid-friendly fare, although quality varies widely.

FOR MOVIE BUFFS

Movie fans will soon have to work a bit harder to find movies to stream. As Disney, Fox, Universal and Warner Brothers and others offer their own streaming services, they will all eventually pull their content from Netflix. But niche services are there to fill the void.

Classic movies can be difficult to find streaming. Movie fans suffered a loss when AT&T, which bought Time Warner last year, decided to discontinue FilmStruck, a streaming service that was a collaboration between

Turner Classic Movies and the Criterion Collection. But a similar service called The Criterion Channel that offers 1,000 classic and contemporary films is stepping up to fill the void. It costs \$11 a month or \$99 for a year.

Other movie-centric streaming services include Fandor (\$6 per month or \$50 per year) or Mubi (\$11 per month). Both offer a curated selection of movies.

Those on a budget can try Kanopy, a streaming service that works with public libraries and universities to offer library card holders streaming movies for free.

FOR SPORTS FANS

Sports fans do have streaming options, but they cost more since sports must be watched live. Basic live TV options are cheaper but may not include sports channels. Which service you choose depends on which sport or which team you want to watch.

There are a variety of live TV streaming services that offer a wide range of sports, but they've recently been raising their prices. Fubo TV offers more than 85 channels including ones that broadcast football, baseball, soccer and other sports. It costs \$45 for the first month, then \$55 a month after that. DirecTV Now costs \$50 a month for the cheapest tier. Sling TV costs \$25 to \$40 a month. Hulu raised the price for its live-TV service in February, by \$5, to \$45. Sony's PlayStation Vue costs \$45 to \$80 a month. Google's YouTube TV is increasing its monthly fee to

\$50. It launched at \$35 and has raised prices as it added more channels. Most of the live TV services offer the major sports channels such as Fox Sports and NBC Sports Network, as well as games broadcast on network TV. But ESPN, for example, is on Hulu Live and YouTube TV but not Fubo TV, so fans of a specific team or sport should examine the channel listings for each service.

There's no budget offering for watching high profile sporting events. But Disney's ESPN Plus costs \$5 a month or \$50 for the year. It offers some live games, including some hockey, soccer and baseball games, as well as content about sports like ESPN's "30 for 30" documentary series. But you can't watch most major league sports games on the service.

MIX AND MATCH

If you're a sports fan who also loves movies and has a family, you'll have to mix and match services while trying to stay within your budget. It is still possible to stay below the monthly cost of cable, says the NFCC's McClary.

"The acceptable threshold for spending is up to each household, but most 'live' and 'on demand' streaming services would be on the low end of the scale compared to traditional cable packages," he said. "One good measuring stick is to compare the monthly rate to your monthly content consumption patterns and what it would cost if you paid movie rental rates each time you watch a program."

PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST-SELLERS

Here are the best-sellers for the week that ended Saturday, April 6.

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. Where the Crawdads Sing. Delia Owens. Putnam
2. The Cornwalls Are Gone. Patterson/DuBois. Little, Brown
3. The Savior. J.R. Ward. Gallery
4. Run Away. Harlan Coben. Grand Central
5. Celtic Empire. Cussler/Cussler. Putnam
6. Wolf Pack. C.J. Box. Putnam
7. Cemetery Road. Greg Iles. Morrow
8. The Chef. Patterson/DiLallo. Little, Brown
9. The Silent Patient. Alex Michaelides. Celadon
10. Wild Card. Stuart Woods. Putnam

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. Becoming. Michelle Obama. Crown
2. Girl, Stop Apologizing. Rachel Hollis. HarperCollins Leadership
3. The Matriarch. Susan Page. Twelve
4. The Right Side of History. Ben Shapiro. Broadside
5. The Path Made Clear. Oprah Winfrey. Flatiron
6. A Love Letter Life. Roloff/Roloff. Zondervan
7. The Next Right Thing. Emily P. Freeman. Revell
8. #IMomSoHard. Hensley/Smedley. HarperOne
9. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone. Lori Gottlieb. HMH
10. Ladies Who Punch. Ramin Setoodeh. St. Martin's/Dunne

MASS MARKET

1. The Good Fight. Danielle Steel. Dell
2. Come Sundown. Nora Roberts. St. Martin's
3. Twisted Prey. John Sandford. Putnam
4. The 17th Suspect. James Patterson. Vision
5. The Wyoming Kid. Debbie Macomber. Harlequin
6. The Fallen. David Baldacci. Vision
7. Marrying My Cowboy. Palmer/McKenna/Pearce. Zebra
8. Dig Your Own Grave. William W. Johnstone. Pinnacle
9. The Forbidden Door. Dean Koontz. Bantam
10. The Sixth Day. Coulter/Elison. Pocket

TRADE PAPERBACK

1. Supermarket. Bobby Hall. Simon & Schuster
2. A Gentleman in Moscow. Amor Towles. Penguin Books
3. The Woman in the Window. A.J. Finn. Morrow
4. The First Lady. Patterson/DuBois. Grand Central
5. The Tattooist of Auschwitz. Heather Morris. Harper
6. The Lost Girls of Paris. Pam Jenoff. Park Row
7. My Hero Academia, Vol. 18. Kohei Horikoshi. Viz
8. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine. Gail Honeyman. Penguin Books
9. Pet Sematary (movie tie-in). Stephen King. Gallery
10. Hungry Girl: Simply 6. Lisa Lillien. Griffin



Thrown into the fire

Cale Makar was playing defense for UMass in a Frozen Four championship loss Saturday. On Sunday, he was signed by the Colorado Avalanche to help them in the Stanley Cup playoffs. See the story on page 7.

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THE MASTERS

Return of the legend



AP PHOTO

Tiger Woods won the Masters for the fifth time, and first time since 2005, in Augusta, Ga., Sunday. Woods won the tournament by one stroke after starting the day two shots behind Francesco Molinari. It was the first time Woods won a major trailing into the final round. The win marked a comeback for Woods, who has faced physical problems, including multiple back and knee surgeries.

Tiger Woods collects first major since 2008, 15th overall, with one-shot victory

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Fallen hero, crippled star, and now a Masters champion again.

Tiger Woods rallied to win the Masters for the fifth time Sunday, a comeback that goes well beyond the two-shot deficit he erased before a delirious audience that watched memories turn into reality at Augusta National.

Woods had gone nearly 11 years since he won his last major, 14 years since that green jacket was slipped over his Sunday red shirt. He made it

worth the wait, closing with a 2-under 70 for a one-shot victory and setting off a scene of raw emotion.

He scooped up 10-year-old Charlie, born a year after Woods won his 14th major at Torrey Pines in the 2008 U.S. Open. He hugged his mother and then his 11-year-old daughter Sam, and everyone else in his camp that stood by him through a public divorce, an embarrassing DUI arrest from a concoction of painkillers and four back surgeries, the most recent one just two years ago to fuse his lower spine.

“WOOOOOOO!!!” Woods

screamed as he headed for the scoring room with chants of “Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!” echoing as loud as any of the roars on the back nine at Augusta National.

“It’s overwhelming, just because of what has transpired,” Woods said in Butler Cabin. “Last year I was lucky to be playing again. At the previous year’s dinner, I was really struggling. I missed a couple of years not playing this great tournament. To now be the champion ... 22 years between wins is a long time. It’s unreal to experience this.”

Woods lost his impeccable image to a sex scandal, one of

the swiftest and most shocking downfalls in sport.

He lost his health to four back surgeries that left him unable to get out of bed, much less swing a club, and he went two years without even playing a major. It was two years ago at the Masters when Woods said he needed a nerve block just to walk to the Champions Dinner. At that time, he thought his career is over.

Now the comeback is truly complete.

He wrapped his arms around his father when he won his first green jacket in 1997, changing the world of golf.

“Now I’m the dad with two kids there,” he said.

He wanted his children to see him win, once saying they saw him only as a YouTube legend. They were at the British Open when he had the lead briefly. They couldn’t make it to East Lake last September, when he won the Tour Championship for his first victory in five years.

“I wasn’t going to let that happen to them twice,” he said. “To let them see what it’s like to have their dad win a major championship, I hope it’s something they’ll never forget.”

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NHL STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS: Blue Jackets 3, Lightning 1 (Game 3)

On the brink of collapse

Lightning go from league-best regular season to edge of first round elimination

By MITCH STACY
AP SPORTS WRITER

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Columbus Blue Jackets extended their postseason mastery of the Tampa Bay Lightning, beating 3-1 on Sunday night and moving to within a game of sweeping the playoff series.

Matt Duchene, Oliver Bjorkstrand and Cam

Atkinson scored, and Sergei Bobrovsky fended off a desperate third-period charge to finish with 30 saves for the Blue Jackets, who took a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarterfinal. Columbus will try to win a playoff series for the first time in franchise history in Game 4 at home Tuesday night.

Without their top scorer, the suspended

Nikita Kucherov, and injured defenseman Victor Hedman, the Lightning, who finished with a league-best 62 wins, couldn’t find any momentum until late in the final period, and then Bobrovsky rose to the challenge.

Columbus has commanded the series since they fell behind 3-0 in

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MLB: Rays 8, Blue Jays 4

Big inning gives Tampa Bay another series win

Rays’ bats get to Blue Jays’ bullpen in eighth

By IAN HARRISON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Pinch-hitter Guillermo Heredia homered to cap a five-run burst in the eighth inning and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-4 Sunday for their fifth straight victory to start the season.

Tampa Bay improved to 12-4 and matched the

2010 team for the best 16-game start in club history. The Blue Jays have lost seven of nine and haven’t won a series this year.

On a rainy day in Toronto, the grounds crew placed two buckets on the warning track in center field before the game to catch drops of water falling from the roof.

Staff came out with

towels and blowers to tend to the area again before the bottom of the fourth.

Blue Jays reliever Thomas Pannone became the 89th different pitcher in big league history to strike out the side on nine pitches. He fanned a swinging Avisail Garcia, then

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New Sex Cream Works Like Magic for Older Men

Recent warnings on sex drugs leads to the creation of an amazing no pill option; key ingredients activate special sensation pathways, enhancing erections and triggering arousal

Daniel Watson
Medical News Today

BOSTON – The medical community now has a safer and more effective alternative to sex pills, which they can immediately start offering to male patients. It will not require a prescription.

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Overtime, constant exposure (especially if circumcised) leads to decreased penis sensitivity, which can cause problems with arousal and erection quality. There just isn’t enough feeling to get excited.”

“Diabetes, anti-depressants and normal aging also leads to desensitization, a can make the situation even worse.”

“This is what makes *Sensum*® so effective and why the clinical studies and clinical use studies have been so positive.”

MISDIAGNOSIS LEADS TO UNNEEDED PRESCRIPTIONS

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This desensitization often makes sex extremely



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challenging. Without a 100% feeling in the penis, its next to impossible to get truly aroused.

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NBA PLAYOFFS: Roundup



AP PHOTO

Boston Celtics' Kyrie Irving drives on Indiana Pacers' Bojan Bogdanovic during the first quarter in Game 1, in Boston.

Irving, Morris lead Celtics' rally past Pacers in Game 1

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**
AP SPORTS WRITER

BOSTON — Kyrie Irving and Marcus Morris each had 20 points, and the Boston Celtics rallied in the second half to beat the Indiana Pacers 84-74 on Sunday to take a 1-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Jayson Tatum finished with 15 points. Al Horford added 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Gordon Hayward had 10 points. It was the first playoff game since 2017 for Irving and Hayward after each missed last year's postseason with injuries.

The Pacers led by 11 points in the first half but had just eight points in the third quarter. The Celtics capitalized and led by as many as 22 in the fourth. Indiana scored 29 points in the second half, and the quarter and half were both its worst of the season.

Cory Joseph had 14 points for the Pacers. Bojan Bogdanovic was the lone Pacers starter in double figures with 12 points.

Boston's run included a brief appearance by Celtics legend and former Pacers front office executive Larry Bird, who was shown on the big screen during a timeout.

After Boston committed four turnovers in the first four minutes of the game, Stevens inserted Morris and Hayward.

The change paid off with Morris connecting on 3 of 4 field-goal attempts in the period, including two 3-pointers, and scoring 12 points. No other Celtics player had more than two points.

Bucks 121, Pistons 86

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 24 points and 17 rebounds in just 24 minutes, and the top-seeded Milwaukee Bucks showed they were serious about making a playoff run with a 121-86 rout of the Detroit Pistons in Game 1 on Sunday night.

The MVP candidate ran and dunked all over the Pistons, who only caught him when Andre Drummond shoved him to the ground late in the third quarter after Antetokounmpo grabbed an offensive rebound with Detroit trailing by 41 points.

Drummond was given a flagrant 2 foul and ejected. He threw a kiss to the Fiserv Forum crowd as he was escorted off the court.

Seven Bucks players scored in double figures.

Eric Bledsoe had 15 points, and Brook Lopez and Khris Middleton each added 14. George Hill scored 16 points off the bench.

Luke Kennard paced the Pistons with 21 points off the bench and Drummond had 12 points and 12 rebounds. Reggie Jackson also had 12 points. Detroit played without forward Blake Griffin, who sat out with a left knee injury.

Trail Blazers 104, Thunder 99

Damian Lillard scored 30 points and third-seeded Portland beat No. 6 Oklahoma City.

Enes Kanter added 20 points and a career playoff-high 18 rebounds for the Blazers, who were making their sixth straight postseason appearance. CJ McCollum added 24 points.

Russell Westbrook had 24 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his ninth career postseason triple-double. Paul George, who was a game-time decision because of a sore shoulder, added 26 points and 10 rebounds after a slow start.

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PICK 2

Apr. 14N.....	3-8
Apr. 14D.....	5-2
Apr. 13N.....	1-7
Apr. 13D.....	6-7
Apr. 12N.....	7-3
Apr. 12D.....	7-7
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 3

Apr. 14N.....	0-7-9
Apr. 14D.....	3-9-5
Apr. 13N.....	7-9-9
Apr. 13D.....	7-8-3
Apr. 12N.....	3-4-4
Apr. 12D.....	8-5-7
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 4

Apr. 14N.....	1-4-6-2
Apr. 14D.....	0-4-3-9
Apr. 13N.....	2-5-9-7
Apr. 13D.....	4-4-0-9
Apr. 12N.....	3-2-0-9
Apr. 12D.....	6-4-5-1
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 5

Apr. 14N.....	0-8-5-6-4
Apr. 14D.....	8-2-5-0-7
Apr. 13N.....	3-2-7-3-5
Apr. 13D.....	5-1-5-1-5
Apr. 12N.....	3-1-4-6-9
Apr. 12D.....	0-3-3-4-3
D-Day, N-Night	

FANTASY 5

Apr. 14.....	Late
Apr. 13.....	6-11-20-31-36
Apr. 12.....	15-22-26-30-34
PAYOFF FOR APR. 13	
3 5-digit winners.....	\$76,145.09
316 4-digit winners.....	\$116.50
10,311 3-digit winners.....	\$10.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Apr. 11.....	6-9-34-37-43
Cash Ball.....	4
...	
Apr. 8.....	3-11-23-34-36
Cash Ball.....	2
PAYOFF FOR APR. 11	
0 5-5 CB.....	\$1,000/Day
0 5-5.....	\$1,000/Week
3 4-5 CB.....	\$2,500
9 4-5.....	\$500

JACKPOT TRIPLE PLAY

Apr. 12.....	2-9-12-25-27-28
Apr. 9.....	3-6-7-10-37-41
Apr. 5.....	4-7-17-30-33-43
PAYOFF FOR APR. 12	
0 6-of-6.....	\$700,000
45 5-of-6.....	\$373.50
1,876 4-of-6.....	\$21.50
31,360 3-of-6.....	\$1
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$850,000	

LOTTO

Apr. 13.....	5-18-28-37-42-49
Apr. 10.....	18-22-34-39-48-53
Apr. 6.....	4-8-36-37-40-50
PAYOFF FOR APR. 13	
0 6-digit winners.....	\$5.5 million
23 5-digit winners.....	\$3,727
851 4-digit winners.....	\$84
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$6 million	

POWERBALL

Apr. 13.....	4-17-26-32-49
Powerball.....	10
...	
Apr. 10.....	12-21-23-39-67
Powerball.....	6
PAYOFF FOR APR. 13	
0 5-5 + PB.....	\$101 million
0 5-5.....	\$1 million
1 4-5 + PB.....	\$50,000
38 4-5.....	\$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$118 million	

MEGA MILLIONS

Apr. 12.....	1-24-25-40-70
Mega Ball.....	4
...	
Apr. 9.....	11-22-34-44-58
Mega Ball.....	9
PAYOFF FOR APR. 12	
0 5 of 5 + MB.....	\$140 million
0 5 of 5.....	\$1 million
0 4 of 5 + MB.....	\$10,000
21 4 of 5.....	\$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT	
\$157 million	

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■ PICKLEBALL

Paddle production turns into passion

After career in product development, Chuck Taylor takes on new line of work in his 80's

By **BEN BAUGH**
SPORTS WRITER

Chuck Taylor is no stranger to a good idea.

He's spent the preponderance of his career in product development, so when he began playing pickleball six years ago, he was surprised at the cost of paddles made from carbon fiber.

"They wanted \$110 for it," said Taylor, who was 80 at the time.

So, the idea of Your Pickleball Place was born. The Punta Gorda-based business produced customized pickleball paddles that are USA Pickleball Association approved.

He began making paddles from carbon fiber, they were good, but loud.

Taylor had been the head of The Sharper Image's product development division for 15 years, and found a way to reduce the noise being made by paddles.

He found that many

of the players weren't interested because they were more intent in playing with the louder paddles because it made them feel like they had more power.

"I had been through about 100 different designs," said Taylor.

In his workshop, there are paddles made from carbon fiber, Kevlar carbon and S-glass, which is a stronger version of fiber glass, he said.

"We make the faces first and they're all done under vacuum," said Taylor. "They're (the faces) stiff, smooth and light, and then they're bonded to the core materials. Most of the paddles are made out of PolyCore."

Recently, Taylor reached a milestone, he made his 1,000th customized paddle.

"I wasn't sure what I was going to be doing six years ago," said Taylor, prior to starting Your Pickleball Place, but it seems as if he had the right idea.



SUN PHOTO BY BENJAMIN BAUGH

Ricky Deller, Sue Caplin and Chuck Taylor at Your Pickle Place in Punta Gorda. Caplin's custom-made paddle was the 1,000th paddle made by Taylor. Taylor operates a workshop, where the paddles are made from carbon fiber, Kevlar carbon and S-glass.

■ HOMETOWN HEROES

Former Tarpon Augustin hurdles to success

Charlotte grad wins 400-meter hurdles for Lees-McRae College in personal best time

By **BARBARA BOXLEITNER**
SUN CORRESPONDENT

College freshman Britney Augustin has won her first collegiate track and field event.

The Charlotte High School graduate won the 400-meter hurdles for Lees-McRae College at a Lenoir-Rhyne University meet. In just her second college attempt at the event, she finished in a personal best of 1 minute, 2.81 seconds, which broke the school record.

"She's done really well," Lees-McRae head track and field coach Ley Fletcher said,

noting that her time is about a half second off a national qualifying time.

"She already had that technique down."

Augustin said she has been working hard for that first victory. She placed second in the 400 hurdles during a meet the week before and shaved more than a minute off that time.

"I was told that I would have some competition," she said. "I almost got caught by this one girl. She kind of pushed me to PR as much as I did."

She said she struggled with her form during high school

and has improved it. "It's not uncommon to alternate legs going over the hurdles," she said. "I do it a lot more fluidly."

Augustin finished seventh in the 100-meter hurdles at the Lenoir-Rhyne meet, posting another personal best time. "I would love to get better at the 100 hurdles, just being aggressive in between each hurdle," she said.

"Learning how to carry my speed through each hurdle."

During the indoor season, she ran multiple sprints and relays and competed in the long jump.

Softball

Miami Dade College sophomore pitcher Tiffany Dodson threw a complete-game one-hitter to earn the victory over ASA Miami. The former Tarpon allowed one earned run and struck out eight batters.

DeSoto County High graduate Dekoda Johnson led Miami Dade with three hits, including a double, in three at-bats in Dodson's win against ASA Miami. The freshman third baseman stole a base as well.

Finlandia University outfielder Makenna Gorham

collected three hits, including two doubles in six at-bats during a victory against Northland.

The Venice High product had a two-run single and one-run double and stole a base.

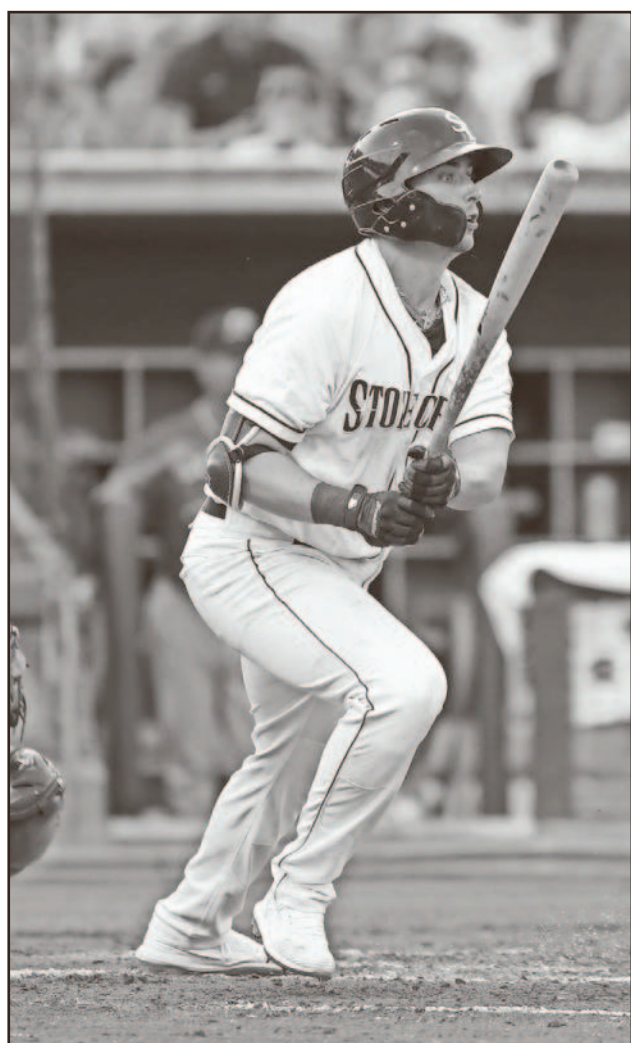
Sophomore Elsie Rivera contributed a pinch-hit single that drove in two runs for Florida SouthWestern State College in a 7-0 victory over St. Petersburg on April 2. She played for the Venice Indians.

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■ CLASS A ADVANCED MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL:
Palm Beach 5, Charlotte 3

Cardinals walk away with series from Stone Crabs

Three-run seventh adds up to fifth-straight loss for Charlotte as staff gives up nine free passes



SUN PHOTO BY TOM O'NEILL

Charlotte Stone Crabs first baseman Russ Olive had two hits and scored a run in a 5-3 loss to the Palm Beach Cardinals, Sunday, at Charlotte Sports Park.

By **BEN BAUGH**
SPORTS WRITER

The Palm Beach Cardinals took advantage of nine Stone Crabs walks, rallying back with a two-run fifth and a three-run seventh to defeat Charlotte Sunday afternoon at the Charlotte Sports Park, 5-3. It was the fifth consecutive loss for the Stone Crabs.

Charlotte struck first, scoring the game's first run in the opening inning, thanks to the hot hand of second baseman Jim Haley, whose single to right, delivered home shortstop Tyler Frank.

Haley who had three hits against the Bradenton Marauders on Thursday and two more against the Cardinals on Friday, added another two on Sunday, raising his average to .289.

Haley started the season off slowly, but made some adjustments this past week and focused on pitch selection and swinging at better pitches.

"For me, you get those two or three games without a hit to start the season, and you're almost searching for a hit, when in reality, you have to slow it down and be more selective of what you're swinging at, as opposed to just swinging at anything to put the ball in play," said Haley.

The Stone Crabs would score again in the third inning, this time with designated hitter Carl Chester going to the opposite field, singling to right, plating Tyler Frank and advancing Moises Gomez to third. Chester would go to second on the throw, but the Cardinals would get out of the frame without yielding another run.

However, Cardinals starter Johan Oviedo would settle down, working six innings, allowing seven hits and two runs, while striking out six and issuing two walks.

Charlotte starter Riley O'Brien ran into trouble in the fifth inning, leaving the game with the bases full of Cardinals. The right-hander walked five in 4.1 innings, and would give way to reliever Alex Valverde, who would proceed to walk Palm Beach first baseman

Luken Baker, with the Cardinals plating their first run. The Cardinals would tie the game on a sacrifice fly by center fielder Chase Pinder.

But it was designated hitter Zach Kirtley's home run in the seventh inning, a monstrous shot to left field over the bullpen and into a pond that was the decisive blow off of Valverde.

A throwing error by shortstop Tyler Frank on a ball hit by Luken Baker, put the Palm Beach runner in scoring position. Second baseman Rayder Ascanio's single up the middle brought Baker home, providing the Cardinals with a three-run cushion.

A walk, a wild pitch and a single gave the Stone Crabs some life in the bottom of the ninth, with first baseman Russ Olive scoring after Tyler Frank hit into a fielder's choice.

Chandler Raiden worked the final 2.1 innings for the Stone Crabs. Valverde fell to 1-2 with the loss.

Frank, Haley and Olive had two hits each for Charlotte.

Center fielder Tanner Dodson came out of the game in the seventh inning, with Vidal Brujan, who had a rare day off coming into play second, Haley moving to left field and Garrett Whitley moving over from the one corner outfield position to center.

The Stone Crabs are at home against the Dunedin Blue Jays this evening, game time is 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS CALENDAR

MINOR LEAGUE

BASEBALL

Stone Crabs vs. Dunedin, 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Venice at Manatee, 7 p.m.

Port Charlotte at DeSoto, 7 p.m.
Charlotte home vs. Riverdale

BASEBALL

Port Charlotte vs. Charlotte, 7 p.m.
DeSoto at Southeast, 6 p.m.

MLB ROUNDUP



AP PHOTO

Colorado Rockies pitcher German Marquez took a no-hitter into the eighth inning against the San Francisco Giants before it was broken up by a single from ex-Rays All-Star Evan Longoria.

Marquez loses no-hitter in 8th to Longoria

Ex-Rays All-Star has lone hit for Giants against Rockies

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — German Marquez pitched a one-hit shutout nicked only by Evan Longoria's single with one out in the eighth inning, and the Colorado Rockies ended an eight-game losing streak by beating the San Francisco Giants 4-0 Sunday.

Marquez (2-1) struck out nine and walked none in the first complete game in the majors this season.

Marquez had allowed just one runner, hitting Kevin Pillar with a pitch to begin the sixth inning,

and was in complete control into the eighth.

In the eighth, Longoria hit a grounder in the hole, just beyond Arenado's dive. The Gold Glover took off his mitt and slammed it to the ground, shouting in frustration that the no-hit bid had been broken up.

The 24-year-old Marquez made his second start since signing a \$43 million, five-year contract.

Arenado provided all the support with a three-run homer, his first this season.

Chicago over New York. Yoan Moncada had three hits and a walk for the White Sox (5-9).

Rodon (2-2) allowed three hits in six innings and struck out five.

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 8

Pinch-runner extraordinaire Terrance Gore stole a base and then scored on Hunter Dozier's single in the ninth inning, lifting Kansas City over Cleveland to complete a three-game sweep.

The Royals roughed up Corey Kluber, who allowed 11 of his 18 batters to reach base safely. He gave up six runs, six hits and a career-most five walks in just 2 2/3 innings.

ASTROS 3, MARINERS 2

Gerrit Cole struck out 11 in six innings, Aledmys Diaz homered and Houston completed a three-game sweep of Seattle.

Cole (1-2) gave up two runs on four hits, including a leadoff home run to Mitch Haniger, and did not walk a batter.

Haniger's homer, his fifth, extended the Mariners' record streak of 18 games with a home run to start the season.

CARDINALS 9, REDS 5

Marcell Ozuna hit two home runs and Matt Carpenter connected for a tiebreaking drive in the seventh inning that sent St. Louis over Cincinnati for a split of their two-game series in Mexico.

Tyler O'Neill also homered for St. Louis. Yasiel Puig hit his first home run for the Reds and Jesse Winker hit his second in two days.

SCOREBOARD

Rays 8, Blue Jays 4

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The Associated Press

RED SOX 4, ORIOLES 0

David Price pitched seven stellar innings with seven strikeouts, Xander Bogaerts hit a three-run homer and drove in every run.

John Means (1-2) gave up a run and four hits in five innings, striking out three and walking one in just his second big league start.

PHILLIES 3, MARLINS 1, 14 INNINGS

Jean Segura's two-run homer to left in the 14th inning put Philadelphia on top, and the Phillies beat Miami.

Andrew McCutchen tripled to the wall in left-center, and Segura followed with his first home run of the season. Cesar Hernandez also got his first homer of the season for the Phillies. Brian Anderson hit his second for Miami.

Victor Arano (1-0) pitched the 12th and 13th for Philadelphia, getting all six outs by strikeout.

DODGERS 7, BREWERS 1

Ross Stripling tossed eight strong innings to rescue an overworked bullpen, Joc Pederson and Alex Verdugo homered, and Los Angeles routed Milwaukee.

The Dodgers jumped on Jhoulys Chacin (2-2) in the first inning, taking a 2-0 lead on a two-out RBI single by Verdugo.

WHITE SOX 5, YANKEES 2

Tim Anderson hit his first career grand slam and Carlos Rodon pitched

Phillies 3, Marlins 1

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Pirates 4, Nationals 3

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St. Louis 5, Cardinals 3

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RAYS

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got Brandon Lowe and Daniel Robertson looking in the fifth.

Steve Delabar (2013) and Roger Clemens (1997) also achieved the feat for Toronto.

The Rays led 3-2 before breaking away in the eighth against a trio of Toronto relievers. Pinch-hitter Mike Zunino had a two-run single and Heredia added a two-run homer.

Adam Kolarek (1-0) pitched one inning for the victory.

Billy McKinney, who had three hits, and Freddy Galvis homered for the Blue Jays.

Rays right-hander Charlie Morton allowed one run and four hits in 4 2-3 innings. He has yet to give up more than four hits in any of his four starts this season.

Toronto opened the scoring on Galvis' single in the first but the Rays took advantage of a defensive miscue to tie it in the third.

Ji-Man Choi reached with two outs when second baseman Lourdes Gurriel Jr. bounced a routine throw, sending it wide of first base. Choi advanced on a walk and scored on Brandon Lowe's single.

Gurriel, who also made a throwing error

Saturday, was replaced by Alen Hanson the following inning.

Another Blue Jays error set up two runs in the fourth. Kevin Kiermaier ended up at second base on an errant throw by Marcus Stroman (0-3) to begin the inning. Willy Adames reached on an infield single and Michael Perez walked to load the bases before Austin Meadows and Yandy Diaz hit RBI groundouts.

Stroman allowed three runs, none earned, in four innings. He walked four and struck out five.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: OF Tommy Pham got the day off. He has reached safely in a club-record 47 straight games, the longest active streak in the majors.

UP NEXT

Rays: Tampa Bay is off Monday before beginning a three-game home series against Baltimore on Tuesday. Rays RHP Tyler Glasnow (3-0, 0.53) boasts the AL's lowest ERA. Baltimore has not announced a starter.

Blue Jays: RHP Matt Shoemaker (3-0, 0.92) starts the opener of a four-game series at Minnesota. He has allowed two earned runs in 19 2-3 innings. LHP Martin Perez (1-0, 7.56) starts for the Twins.

LIGHTNING

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the opening period of Game 1, only to rally to win that one 4-3. They pummeled the Lightning 5-1 in Game 2, and solidly outplayed them for all but a few minutes on Sunday.

The night was satisfying for Bobrovsky — he hasn't been great in the playoffs the last two seasons — and the Blue Jackets, who were 2-8 at Nationwide Arena in three previous postseason appearances. They are the only NHL team that hasn't won a playoff series.

The Lightning are facing an unexpected quick elimination. Teams have come back from 3-0 deficit to win a playoff series on just four previous occasions. The last time was in 2014, when the Los Angeles Kings dug out of the hole in the opening series against San Jose and eventually won the Stanley Cup.

Last season, the Blue Jackets jumped out to a 2-0 series lead over Washington, only to drop four straight, three of them in Columbus.

After a scoreless first period, the Blue Jackets struck 1:44 into the second when Duchene was in the right place to score off a rebounded. Bjorkstrand went over Andrei Vasilevskiy's head from the right circle on a power play for a 2-0 Columbus lead at 8:25, with rookie Alexandre Texier picking up his first NHL assist.

Tampa Bay picked up the offensive pressure in the third period and got on the board when Ondrej Palat beat Bobrovsky from the slot at 4:40. But the Lightning couldn't muster any more, and Atkinson connected on an empty-netter with a minute left in the game.



TAMPA BAY TIMES PHOTO

Lightning defenseman Erik Cernak tangles with Columbus Blue Jackets center Matt Duchene behind the goal during Game 2 in Columbus.

JETS 6, BLUES 3

Kyle Connor scored twice, Patrik Laine had a goal and an assist, and Winnipeg beat St. Louis.

Winnipeg dropped the first two games by one goal, but got back on track in St. Louis. Kevin Hayes, Brandon Tanev and Dustin Byfuglien also scored, and Connor Hellebuyck made 25 saves.

David Perron, Vladimir Tarasenko and Alexander Steen scored for the Blues, and Jordan Binnington made 23 stops.

ISLANDERS 4, PENGUINS 1

Jordan Eberle scored for the

third straight game, Robin Lehner stopped 25 shots and New York stunned Pittsburgh to take a 3-0 lead in its best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarterfinal.

Brock Nelson added his second goal of the playoffs, Leo Komarov scored the first postseason goal of his career and Anders Lee also scored for the Islanders, who have pushed the star-laden Penguins to the brink of elimination.

Garrett Wilson scored Pittsburgh's lone goal, a first-period deflection past Lehner that gave the Penguins the lead.

Matt Murray finished with 32 saves for the Penguins, who need a win in Game 4 on Tuesday to avoid being swept.



AP PHOTO

Last year's Masters champion Patrick Reed helps Tiger Woods with his green jacket after Woods won the Masters golf tournament Sunday, in Augusta, Ga.

WOODS

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Woods won his 15th major, three short of the standard set by Jack Nicklaus. It was his 81st victory on the PGA Tour, one title away from the career record held by Sam Snead.

"A big 'well done' from me to Tiger," Nicklaus tweeted. "I am so happy for him and for the game of golf. This is just fantastic!!!"

It was the first time Woods won a major when trailing going into the final round, and he needed some help from Francesco Molinari, the 54-hole leader who still was up two shots heading into the heart of Amen Corner.

And that's when all hell broke loose at Augusta.

Molinari's tee shot on the par-3 12th never had a chance, hitting the bank and tumbling into Rae's Creek for double bogey. Until then, Molinari had never trailed in a round that began early in threesomes to finish ahead of storms.

And then it seemed as though practically everyone had a chance.

Six players had a share of the lead at some point on the back. With the final group still in the 15th fairway, there was a five-way tie for the lead. And that's when Woods seized control, again with plenty of help.

Molinari's third shot clipped a tree and plopped straight down in the water for another double bogey. Woods hit onto the green, setting up a two-putt birdie for his first lead of the final round.

The knockout punch was a tee shot into the 16th that rode the slope just

by the cup and settled 2 feet away for birdie and a two-shot lead with two holes to play.

Xander Schauffele failed to birdie the par-5 15th and scrambled for pars the rest of the way for a 68. Dustin Johnson made three straight birdies late in the round, but he got going too late and had to settle for a 68 and a return to No. 1 in the world.

Brooks Koepka, one of four players from the final two groups who hit into the water on No. 12, rallied with an eagle on the 13th, narrowly missed another eagle on the 15th and was the last player with a chance. His birdie putt on the 18th from just outside 10 feet never had a chance, and he had to settle for a 70.

Wood finished at 13-under 275 and became, at 43, the oldest Masters champion since Nicklaus won his sixth green jacket at 46 in 1986. That for years has stood as Augusta's defining moment.

This was one he is sure to at least rival it.

"This is definitely, probably one of the greatest comebacks I think anybody's ever seen," Koepka said, before rattling off Woods' total PGA Tour victories and 15 majors.

Is the Nicklaus record back in play?

"I think 18 is a whole lot closer than people think," Koepka said.

Koepka and Molinari both faced Tigermania in the majors and held their own, Molinari at Carnoustie to win the British Open, Koepka last summer at Bellerive to win the PGA Championship.

Molinari went 49 straight holes without a bogey, a streak that ended on the seventh hole. It was the double bogeys that cost him, and the Italian was gracious as ever in defeat.



AP PHOTO

Tiger Woods' mother Kultida Woods wipes away tears as he hugs his daughter Sam and son Charlie behind the 18th green after winning the Masters. "To let them see what it's like to have their dad win a major championship, I hope it's something they'll never forget," Woods said.

■ NHL

No easy shifts as first-round heats up

Stanley Cup playoff matches proving to be hard-fought, physical contests

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP HOCKEY WRITER

It wasn't long after celebrating Craig Smith's overtime goal that P.K. Subban zeroed in on the cold reality of Nashville's playoff series against Dallas.

"There are no easy shifts out there, no easy games and no easy plays," he said. "It's hand-to-hand combat out there."

Subban and the Central Division-winning Predators needed to work overtime just to even things with the Stars at a game apiece, and the Colorado Avalanche got a sudden-death goal from Nathan MacKinnon to tie up their series against the Western Conference top-seeded Calgary Flames. In the East, the defending Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals needed extra time to take a two games to none lead on the Carolina Hurricanes, and the Boston Bruins are going blow-for-blow with the Toronto Maple Leafs in series that's all square and looking like it could be a classic.

None of these first-round series are going to be easy — even for the Capitals, who will go into a madhouse Monday (7 p.m. ET, CNBC) for the first Hurricanes home playoff game in a decade.

"Absolutely no quit in that team," Washington

coach Todd Reirden said Sunday of Carolina. "They're not going away."

This isn't a time of year for shrinking from challenges, and the Bruins showed in their Game 2 against the Maple Leafs that they're not going anywhere. As the series shifts to Toronto, the Maple Leafs will be without center Nazem Kadri for at least Game 3 (7 p.m. ET, NBCSN), who has an in-person hearing with the NHL's department of player safety earlier in the day for cross-checking Jake DeBrusk in the face.

Kadri was suspended three playoff games for boarding Boston's Tommy Wingels when these teams met in the first round a year ago and could be banned for the rest of this series, if not longer. It's no surprise the tensions are high between the Bruins and Maple Leafs.

"Things were getting pretty amped up there towards the end of the game and a lot of emotions, and that's what playoff hockey is all about," Bruins agitator extraordinaire Brad Marchand said after Game 2. "It's going to happen on both sides. There's going to be a lot of physicality the rest of the series."

The Capitals will try to keep up the physicality against the small and quick Hurricanes,



AP PHOTO

Boston Bruins defenseman Connor Clifton gets pushed close to his own net by Toronto Maple Leafs center Nazem Kadri during a scrum in the third period of Game 2, Saturday, in Boston. Boston won the game 4-1 to tie the series at 1-1.

who have shown they can come back on Washington. Center Jordan Staal said, "We're right there," and there's no shortage of belief that they can make it a series.

"I don't think we played our best game," center Sebastian Aho said. "It's just trying to believe that when we play our best, we have a better chance

to win."

Stars-Predators is anyone's series going into Game 3 Monday night in Dallas (9:30 p.m. ET, NBCSN). Each of the first two games was decided by a goal, and players expect the low-scoring trend to continue as the series wears on.

"It's not obviously open like the regular season,"

Stars goaltender Ben Bishop said. "Everybody finishes checks, everybody's going 110 percent. It's not going to be that up-and-down style that you're used to."

Bishop clearly isn't watching Avalanche-Flames, which finally opened up in Game 2 after a shutout by Calgary's Mike Smith in

the series opener. Led by MacKinnon, captain Gabriel Landeskog and now-healthy Mikko Rantanen, Colorado looks like it can push the Flames with the series shifting to Denver for Game 3 (10 p.m. ET, CNBC)

"We've always had the confidence in this room," forward Matt Nieto said.

Thrown in the fire: Avs sign Makar

Colorado signs UMass defenseman one day after they lost Frozen Four championship



AP PHOTO

Massachusetts defenseman Cale Makar looks to shoot on Minnesota-Duluth goalie Hunter Shepard during the NCAA Frozen Four championship Saturday, in Buffalo, N.Y. Makar was signed by the Avalanche, Sunday.

By **PAT GRAHAM**
AP SPORTS WRITER

DENVER — Cale Makar is about to jump from one post-season run straight into another.

The 20-year-old defenseman signed a three-year, entry-level deal with the Colorado Avalanche a day after his Massachusetts squad lost in the Frozen Four championship game.

Makar, who's from Calgary, could make his NHL debut Monday in Game 3 of a playoff series against the Flames. The series is tied at a game apiece.

The 6-foot, 192-pound Makar was the fourth overall pick by Colorado in the 2017 draft. Makar recently won the Hobey Baker

Memorial Award as college hockey's top player after a season in which he had 49 points, including 16 goals, over 41 games.

Along the way, Makar became the first defenseman in history to lead Hockey East in overall scoring. He also broke the UMass single-season school record for points by a defenseman, eclipsing the previous mark of 41 set by Thomas Poeck in 2003-04.

"He is a game-changing type of player who made a lasting impact on the UMass hockey program," general manager Joe Sakic said Sunday in a statement. "We are excited to have him join our team."

Makar helped the Minutemen reach the title game before

they were knocked off 3-0 by Minnesota-Duluth on Saturday night. Perhaps knowing it would be his final time in a UMass sweater, Makar couldn't bring himself to take it off and wore it to the podium.

"I'm so very honored and humbled to put this jersey on every single game," Makar said. "Our practice jerseys, as well. I'm so fortunate that I chose this school, under such a great staff."

"It's just a sense of pride now. As I touched on, we brought so much respect to this crest. This program is no longer an embarrassment. Everybody can look at us as a program that's going to be successful for years."

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hercog beats Swiatek in Lugano final

LUGANO, Switzerland (AP) — Winning her first title since 2012, Polona Hercog beat 17-year-old Iga Swiatek 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in a rain-delayed Samsung Open final on Sunday.

In the 17th singles final on the WTA tour this season, Hercog was the 17th different player to lift a trophy.

Hercog had to wait out a 75-minute, opening-set rain delay in the Swiss Alps before winning her

first title in almost seven years. That was in another clay court event, at Bastad, Sweden.

The 28-year-old Slovenian clinched by breaking serve when Swiatek sent a forehand long.

Swiatek, the Wimbledon junior champion playing in just her third main draw, got the quick break in the deciding set before Hercog won six of seven games for victory.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Garin captures US Men's Clay Court Championship

Chilean tennis pro captures first APT World Tour title

HOUSTON (AP) — Christian Garin of Chile won the U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship on Sunday for his first ATP World Tour title, beating Casper Ruud of Norway 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3 at River Oaks Country Club.

Nearly six years after winning the French Open juniors title, the 22-year-old Garin finally broke through on the tour, spoiling Ruud's bid to become the first Norwegian winner.

"Casper's a really solid player," Garin said.

"His forehand is getting better every day. It was a really intense match. What I did well today was to keep playing my game, every game of the match. I think I am playing my best tennis right now."

Garin got the decisive service break for a 4-2 third-set lead when, ripping a blistering forehand approach shot, he coaxed Ruud into popping up a backhand volley he easily put away. Garin then easily served out in cool and breezy, but sunny

conditions.

"I'm disappointed because it was a very close match and one break in the last set went his way," Ruud said.

"I had some chances at 2-all. I tried to stay aggressive and play my game. I made a couple of unforced errors, but I can't be too disappointed because I went for winners and it was a great match overall."

Garin will crack the top 50 in the world ranking for the first time.

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76° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

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

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Apalachicola	73	54	s	75	57	pc
Bradenton	77	60	s	85	65	pc
Clearwater	73	61	s	82	68	pc
Coral Springs	86	68	pc	82	70	pc
Daytona Beach	79	58	pc	79	63	pc
Fort Lauderdale	87	72	pc	82	73	pc
Fort Myers	84	60	pc	88	63	pc
Gainesville	79	52	s	85	59	pc
Jacksonville	77	50	s	79	58	pc
Key Largo	85	73	pc	81	73	pc
Key West	84	76	pc	85	76	pc
Lakeland	81	55	s	86	62	pc
Melbourne	83	62	pc	81	69	pc
Miami	88	71	pc	83	71	pc
Naples	83	65	pc	88	66	pc
Ocala	77	49	s	83	58	pc
Okeechobee	84	54	s	83	60	pc
Orlando	82	58	s	85	63	pc
Panama City	73	54	s	77	60	pc
Pensacola	73	56	pc	76	62	pc
Pompano Beach	87	72	pc	82	74	pc
St. Augustine	76	58	s	76	64	pc
St. Petersburg	75	60	s	84	67	pc
Sarasota	79	60	s	86	64	pc
Tallahassee	74	46	s	82	54	pc
Tampa	77	60	s	85	67	pc
Vero Beach	83	62	pc	81	67	pc
West Palm Beach	84	67	pc	80	71	pc

TIDES

Point	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	Today 2:23p	7:39a	--	7:26p
Tue.	1:00a	8:24a	2:40p	8:26p
Englewood	Today 1:00p	5:55a	11:37p	5:42p
Tue.	1:17p	6:40a	--	6:42p
Boca Grande	Today 11:35a	4:30a	10:37p	4:12p
Tue.	11:56a	5:14a	11:41p	5:14p
El Jobean	Today 12:07a	8:08a	2:55p	7:55p
Tue.	1:32a	8:53a	3:12p	8:55p
Venice	Today 11:15a	4:34a	9:52p	4:21p
Tue.	11:32a	5:19a	11:02p	5:21p

MARINE

Point	Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	NNW	8-16	1-3	Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	NNW	10-20	4-7	Heavy

SUN AND MOON

Item	Today	Rise	Set
The Sun	Today	7:05 a.m.	7:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:04 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	
The Moon	Today	4:05 p.m.	4:35 a.m.
Tuesday	5:11 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

Time	UV Index	RealFeel Temp
8 a.m.	1	67
10 a.m.	4	75
Noon	9	83
2 p.m.	9	86
4 p.m.	4	85
6 p.m.	1	79

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Sunday

Category	Index
Trees	absent
Grass	absent
Weeds	absent
Molds	absent

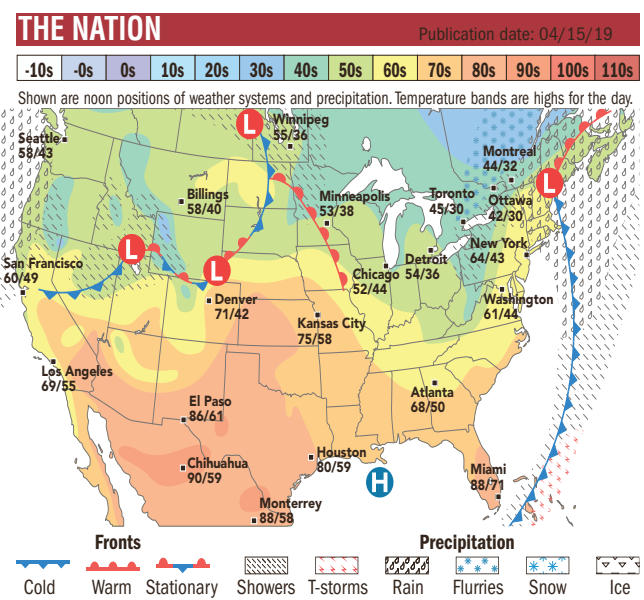
AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Sunday

Index	Category
52	Good

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Q: What is a cooling wind from off the ocean called?
A: A sea breeze



U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High 90° at Titusville, FL Low 3° at Cotton, MN

City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	77	51	s	70	44	pc
Anchorage	47	34	s	47	34	s
Atlanta	68	50	s	77	56	s
Baltimore	58	40	pc	69	50	s
Birmingham	58	40	pc	53	39	sh
Boise	57	42	sh	59	40	sh
Boston	68	42	r	61	42	pc
Buffalo	44	32	sn	49	38	pc
Burlington, VT	61	35	r	51	33	c
Charleston, WV	54	37	s	77	52	s
Charlotte	66	43	s	73	54	s
Chicago	52	44	pc	66	51	c
Cincinnati	57	42	pc	75	55	s
Cleveland	52	40	sn	64	53	c
Columbia, SC	72	44	s	75	52	s
Columbus, OH	54	40	pc	72	54	pc
Concord, NH	65	34	r	55	32	pc
Dallas	80	57	s	77	63	c
Denver	71	42	pc	71	42	c
Des Moines	66	49	s	75	58	c
Detroit	54	36	pc	60	46	sh
Duluth	47	34	pc	58	39	c
Fairbanks	51	31	c	53	28	pc
Fargo	49	36	pc	59	42	pc
Hartford	67	37	r	62	40	pc
Helena	52	32	c	49	35	sh
Honolulu	84	69	pc	85	70	sh
Houston	80	59	s	80	67	c
Indianapolis	56	44	pc	74	55	pc
Jackson, MS	74	47	s	79	54	pc
Kansas City	75	58	s	79	62	c
Knoxville	62	41	s	77	52	s
Las Vegas	84	60	s	66	56	sh
Los Angeles	69	55	s	65	51	pc
Louisville	61	48	pc	78	59	s
Memphis	72	54	s	76	61	s
Milwaukee	51	41	pc	56	42	c
Minneapolis	53	38	pc	62	47	c
Montgomery	73	47	s	81	52	pc
Nashville	66	48	s	79	58	c
New Orleans	75	58	r	79	66	pc
New York City	64	43	r	65	50	pc
Norfolk, VA	68	48	pc	69	57	s
Oklahoma City	78	57	s	76	60	c
Omaha	74	51	s	76	57	c
Philadelphia	64	41	pc	67	53	pc
Phoenix	89	64	s	76	58	sh
Pittsburgh	49	36	c	65	54	pc
Portland, ME	63	38	r	53	36	c
Portland, OR	54	44	sh	61	48	c
Providence	68	39	r	61	42	pc
Raleigh	64	42	r	71	53	s
Salt Lake City	57	45	sh	52	41	sh
St. Louis	67	54	s	79	61	pc
San Antonio	82	61	s	80	66	c
San Diego	67	57	s	65	54	sh
San Francisco	60	49	sh	64	47	pc
Seattle	58	43	c	59	49	sh
Washington, DC	61	44	pc	71	56	s

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Tue.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	60	42	pc	62	44	c
Baghdad	90	64	s	88	63	pc
Beijing	81	50	pc	82	53	pc
Berlin	53	34	pc	55	38	pc
Buenos Aires	70	49	c	73	57	pc
Cairo	72	59	sh	76	58	s
Calgary	51	29	pc	53	34	c
Cancun	84	74	t	86	75	s
Dublin	48	41	sh	51	40	sh
Edmonton	46	24	r	52	29	pc
Halifax	51	38	r	43	34	c
Kiev	48	42	sh	53	41	sh
London	56	46	pc	57	43	c
Madrid	77	44	t	71	49	pc
Mexico City	83	54	s	83	55	s
Montreal	44	32	c	48	30	pc
Ottawa	42	30	c	49	28	c
Paris	60	45	pc	55	43	sh
Regina	56	27	s	57	32	s
Rio de Janeiro	86	76	t	83	74	t
Rome	66	46	s	64	46	pc
St. John's	41	29	r	51	27	sh
San Juan	87	75	s	87	74	r
Sydney	73	61	pc	75	62	pc
Tokyo	68	52	pc	65	55	s
Toronto	45	30	sn	51	34	r
Vancouver	53	41	c	54	44	r
Winnipeg	55	36	c	61	36	s

CHINESE GRAND PRIX

Hamilton, Bottas run 1-2

Mercedes' team sweeps third straight double

By STEPHEN WADE
AP SPORTS WRITER

SHANGHAI — Mercedes has gone 1-2, 1-2, 1-2 in the first three races of the new Formula One season, a great start for the sport's dominating team.

Lewis Hamilton and teammate Valtteri Bottas completed their third straight double in Sunday's Chinese Grand Prix. That kind of start has not happened since 1992 when Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese went 1-2 in the first three races.

"As a team, we didn't expect to have three 1-2s," Hamilton said. He acknowledged there's been some luck involved, particularly two weeks ago in Bahrain when Ferrari's Charles Leclerc should have won, but was undone by late engine trouble.

"I think we're over-delivering a little bit at the moment," Hamilton said. Sunday's race turned out to be over in the first 30 seconds.

Second on the grid, Hamilton beat pole-sitter Bottas to the first turn and then led for the entire 56 laps. It was Hamilton's sixth victory on the Shanghai circuit. It was also the five-time and defending champion's 75th career victory, which moved him into the lead in the overall standings after three races.

The next is in two weeks in Baku,

Azerbaijan. Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari was third ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Leclerc. "The start is really what made the difference," Hamilton said. "And after that it was kind of history."

The Mercedes 1-2 streak — two wins for Hamilton and one for Bottas — comes despite early hints that Ferrari had more flat-out speed.

"You can see it is still very close between us all," Hamilton said. "We have no idea how the next race is going to turn out."

Bottas acknowledged he was done in by his slow start, with Hamilton racing ahead out of the first turn.

"I think I lost it in the start, honestly," Bottas said. "It's a shame about the start. It's small details, but it's early days in the season. But we've done three perfect weekends so far."

The 21-year-old Leclerc of Monaco was upset after 10 laps when his Ferrari team ordered him to let Vettel pass. Vettel was in fourth at the time and Leclerc was third.

"Let Sebastian by. Let Sebastian by," the team radio told Leclerc. He replied, clearly irritated: "But I'm pulling away" as he backed off and watched Vettel pass.

Ferrari team head Mattia Binotto told reporters earlier in the week that preference

would be given to the four-time champion Vettel over Leclerc. At least early in the season.

"If there is any 50-50 situation where we need to take a decision, the advantage would have been given to Sebastian, simply because Sebastian has got most of the experience," Binotto said.

Despite benefiting from team orders, Vettel was not thrilled with his finishing position.

"I'm happy to be on the podium," he said. "It's tough. We tried to stick with them. But we just couldn't. They were too quick right from the start."

He was asked about the team orders and didn't give a straight answer in the post-race press conference sitting alongside Bottas and Hamilton.

"I'm not sure I want to answer," he said, chiding some reporters for taking his words out of context. "I thought I was faster in the car," he said. "I was asked if I could go faster. I answered that I felt I can. Obviously the objective was to try to catch Mercedes. At that point the gap was already quite big."

Hamilton has 68 points after three races followed by Bottas (62), Verstappen (39), Vettel (37) and Leclerc (36).

The race was billed as the 1,000th in Formula One history dating from the first race in 1950 at the Silverstone circuit in England.

NASCAR

Truex Jr. holds off Logano at Richmond

First victory over a short track for driver, sixth win in nine races this season for Gibbs

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Martin Truex Jr. had about 40 laps to go and Clint Bowyer closing fast.

In a race to see who could preserve their car best, Truex outlasted Bowyer and then held off a four-lap charge by Joey Logano to win the NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond Raceway on Saturday night.

"I was struggling the last 40 laps," Truex said. "I was just real, real tight that last run. I just had to hold him off. Being out front was important tonight."

Because he did, Truex gave Joe Gibbs Racing its sixth victory in nine races this season and won for the first time in his career on tracks shorter than a mile.

"At the end of the day, we drove up to him and you get terrible tight behind people," Bowyer said.

Truex led a race-high 186 laps and regained the lead for the last time after green-flag pit stops that started with just more than 80 laps to go. With about 40 to go, Bowyer challenged with what seemed like a faster car, but Bowyer finally relinquished the second spot to Logano, who also seemed to have the faster car of the top two.

Truex expertly



AP PHOTO

Martin Truex Jr. turned back Clint Bowyer's challenge, and then Joey Logano in the last four laps, to win at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Va., Saturday. Truex led 186 laps.

navigated lapped traffic and never let him pass to win for the first time in 81 starts in the Cup series on a short track. It's his 20th career victory and 17th in the last four seasons.

"It means a lot to finally break through," Truex said in victory Lane. "I hope it was a helluva show. It sure was fun behind the wheel."

Logano held on for second. Bowyer was third and Kevin

Harvick fourth, giving Stewart-Haas Racing two top-four finishers. Local favorite Denny Hamlin was fifth.

"We were close, just not close enough," Logano said. "Ran out of time there. ... Fun race, just gosh. Three weeks in a row I felt like we had a car that could win the race and we haven't won. That's a little frustrating, but when you're frustrated with second, that's a good sign."

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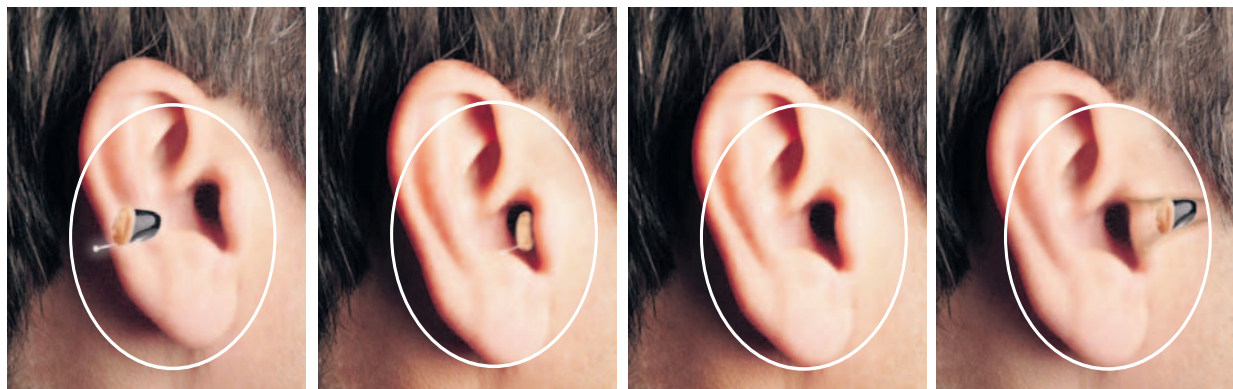
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- 7** **Patients** are not people we argue with. They are people we listen to in order to understand their unique needs.
- 8** **Patients** are people who bring us their needs. It is our job to identify and fill those needs.
- 9** **Patients** are deserving of the most courteous and attentive experience we can give them.
- 10** **Patients** are not just a part of our practice, they are a part of our family.

Is Audibel the right choice? Ask our patients.



Steve Peet

"When my wife ordered me to come to Audibel to get aids, I fought her at every turn. Finally, I gave in and lucky I did! The aids have been a godsend for me! They help me so much and I cannot go without them."



Felicia Vick-Mitchell

"Audibel's hard work, dedication and going above and beyond for me are indescribable, and I am and will forever be thankful."



Albert Marcantonio

"I am so completely satisfied with all aspects of my association with Audibel – beginning with the friendly service from the front desk, to the professionalism in the overwhelming examination equipment room."



Dorothy Kenesie

"My new Audibel hearing aids are beautiful and wonderful! I can hardly feel them and can't even see them. It's almost like my own natural hearing is back."



Eileen Wood

"I have been pleased with everything and the best of all is that I can hear and understand others, including the telephone."



Thomas Coughlin

"I had hearing aids for approximately 4-5 years. I had purchased these from Audibel and continued to go there for service. My experience has been OUTSTANDING."



Helen Morse

"I didn't realize how poorly I was hearing until I started wearing Audibel aids. I love them and they have made a big difference in my everyday life."



Bonnie Novak

"My hearing aids have brought about the most remarkable change to my life. Since I purchased them I feel more confident when I'm out in a crowd because I don't feel like I'm missing out on anything."



Carolyn Roberts

"I want to thank Audibel for giving me back my hearing. At age 81 I wasn't the easiest listener. The specialist was very patient bringing me through the process."



Douglas Willis

"I wish I would have come in a long time ago, but I kept putting it off – now I'm so glad to be able to understand and enjoy things around me. I can hear the birds sing and talk to my wife, grandkids, and kids."



Marjorie & Charles Johnson

"We have never had hearing tests like the specialist at Audibel gave us. We now hear sounds we never heard before."



Frances Ingallinera

"I have had hearing aids for about 40 years. For TV I relied on closed captioning. Since I have been wearing the new aids, I find myself listening to TV and not relying on the captioning."



Catherine Brownell

"They are small, comfortable, adjustable, and let me know when I need batteries. I would highly recommend Audibel."



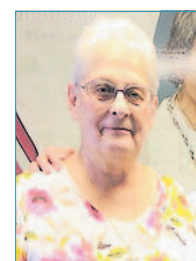
Terry Muse

"The personnel are so friendly and helpful. I would recommend Audibel to anyone looking for a rewarding experience – easy, affordable and hassle FREE."



Bobby Giggelman

"I am hearing sounds I haven't heard in years. I am able to enjoy being around people and hear complete conversations. You never know how much of life you miss when you can't hear."



Janice Clark

"Any problems incurred are handled with a friendly attitude and properly dealt with too. Complete satisfaction with the hearing aids and the expertise and kindness of my specialist."



James Hoyt

"I first began wearing Audibel hearing aids when I was a professor and traveled internationally to teach. Audibel provided me an international number and representatives in many nations to help me if I encountered issues while travelling and teaching abroad. I have found all staff members to be helpful and accommodating."



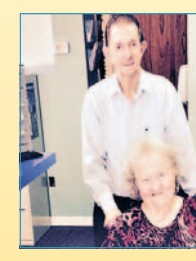
Brent Tharp

"Losing some of my hearing was devastating and depressing for me. I was plagued at an early age – running into my adulthood with chronic ear problems. I thought that was just how life was supposed to be. Until, I met the professional staff at Audibel!"



J. Michelle Cianfarra

"I lost a great deal of my hearing in a vehicle accident ten years ago. This new set of Audibel wireless, Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids have given me a better hearing experience with greater variety than I had with my last pair (which were not Audibel's). I feel refreshed since wearing my new Audibel hearing aids. I don't feel as if I'm relying on other means of communication as I was before. They have enhanced my living experience as I come in contact with others every day and can communicate better all because I hear so much better than I did before. The friendly staff are customer-service oriented and help me with my hearing challenges. Thank you for this experience."



Evelyn Straughn

"I am so glad I have Audibel Hearing Aids. I now know I have missed a lot by not hearing what goes on. I would recommend them to anyone and I'm very pleased with the ongoing help with any questions or concerns."

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