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DeSoto rejects waste hauling rate hike, provider cited high costs

By CRAIG GARRETT
ARCADIAN EDITOR

DeSoto commissioners on Tuesday rejected a rate-hike request by Womack Sanitation, the county's trash hauling provider.

But the firm's president could still find friendlier ears sometime this year, perhaps in July, the DeSoto Board of

County Commissioners agreed after denying Robert Womack's rate increase appeal. He was asking for up to 18 percent, or about \$23 more a year for average customers. DeSoto's fiscal year begins July 1.

Understanding that rubbish price hikes are in order—Womack Sanitation has gone in DeSoto County without step or inflationary increases since

2015—Commissioner Elton Langford warned of other costs DeSoto's budget would incur such as insurance hikes this year of \$325,000, for example, he said.

"I'm asking you to withdraw [your] petition," Langford told Womack, who appealed during Tuesday's hearing. "I'm not putting you off ... but I hate to pile everything at one time."

Womack's rate request, however, was no surprise. In a May workshop, he laid his cards on the table: Arcadia had already agreed to bump its household rubbish pick-up rates, and his fuel, labor and equipment costs rocket forward, Womack explained, adding that his 15-worker firm had not pushed

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Empty classes, full bellies, DeSoto's summer food programs

By CRAIG GARRETT
ARCADIAN EDITOR

From school bus drivers to principals, each knows the look of "that" kid.

The youngster off the morning bus makes a hard beeline for the school cafeteria—his or her sole mission is to load up on cereal or hotcakes.

Or both. Nothing speaks like an empty belly, school workers will tell you.

That morning meal is likely the first nutritious food since yesterday's school lunch, or the evening take-home snacks placed in their backpacks during class so as to not embarrass them.

The issue of hungry children in DeSoto County runs so deep that schools this year will consider evening meals, said Adrian Cline, the district's superintendent.

So, what happens when these high-risk kids in summer lose that critical food safety net for a couple of months? It's back to the classroom, or other spots decided as important to meet the demand, school officials said.

The DeSoto district runs a breakfast/lunch program for children in summer programs, but also at strategic spots such as the Arcadia Housing



Roderick Woodard mans a station at Memorial Elementary. Some 500 kids will pass the foodline each day.

Authority, the county library, a housing complex for migrant workers and a county park. This is the first year DeSoto food service staff have coordinated the program: Sarasota County in conjunction with All-Faiths Food Bank and the Feeding America program did the job for years. The DeSoto school district, however, took control, using federal funds and other sources to pay staff and travel costs, to feed hundreds of kids and, in some case, their families. Meals are prepared in Sarasota County, brought to DeSoto,

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Memorial Elementary youngsters in summer classes get a warm meal, fruit and a drink. For some, it's the only nutrition for the day.



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Paul Speer in the 1930 rodeo parade.



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 Top row, from left: Wesley Atkins, Sponsor; Jessie Bing, Sponsor; Charles Brown; "Smitty"; Grant McDaniel; James Reed; Bud Terrell; Booker T. Hill, Manager-Coach; Dan Jones, Manager-Coach. Bottom row, from left: Joe Blandin; "Poppa" Brown; Wendell Campbell; Horace Hudson; Eddie Roe; Winifred "Brother" Jones; James Blandin; unknown.

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Remembering dads on Father's Day, 'they broke the mold'

By CAROL MAHLER

ARCADIAN HISTORICAL CORRESPONDENT

Father's Day was first celebrated by wearing a white rose in memory of a deceased father ... or a red rose for a living one.

Edmund Vance Cooke (1866-1932) referred to this custom in a syndicated article and poem published in the Ocala Evening Sun on June 20, 1914. He announced that the holiday "has now been officially recognized by both houses of Congress and the anniversary will be observed in enough cities to make it a national festival."

However, it was President Richard M.

Nixon in 1972 who established Father's Day as a national holiday on the third Sunday in June.

In 1909, Sonora Louise Smart Dodd (1882-1978) of Spokane, Washington, had tried to establish Father's Day in June (her father's birth month) as an officially recognized holiday. She wanted to honor her father, William Jackson Smart (1842-1919), whom she helped in raising her five younger brothers after her mother Ellen Victoria Cheek Smart (1851-1898) died in childbirth. Listening to a sermon about Mother's Day inspired her efforts.

Charlotte Hill Carter recounted a memory of her father, Booker T. Hill

(1916-2001), that was published in the DeSoto County Historical Society's "Recollections II." She wrote, "I had begged and pleaded to go with my daddy, not truly understanding the nature of the event. [I heard] 'Play ball!' 'Batter up!' To a 5 year old, this sounded like a strange language. I was surrounded by a sea of people as I stood on the tips of my toes trying to see my daddy. I looked and saw my daddy getting ready to bat. I was so happy. I can't remember if he hit the ball.

"The Arcadia Dodgers played that Sunday afternoon at home. The Sunday baseball games were a major sports and social event for African Americans in many small towns and cities across the country. Arcadia, Florida, was no exception."

Paul Preston Speer (1892-1972) was 45 years old and Arcadia's mayor when his son Ray was born. He said, "What he valued most was honesty and integrity. I can remember him telling me over and over that I was going to have to make many decisions when I was a man. He said, 'You've got to decide in your mind what's right and do what's right,' and he meant that and lived that philosophy."

P. P. Speer (as he was known) served as mayor 1929-1931 and 1959-1967; president of the city council 1969-1971, and City Recorder 1937-1947. When the new Army National Guard Armory was built in 1968, he suggested that the city use the old building as a recreation center, and so the Speer Center was

named in his honor after his death.

Contrasting his father with today's politicians who often seek positions for the power and money, Ray said, "Daddy believed that you ran for public office to serve. Many a time I saw him run on that platform ... and when he didn't win, it always broke his heart."

A resident of Glades County, Tom Gaskins said, "Sometimes when I talk about dad, I mention that old saying 'when they made old so-and-so, they broke the mold.' When they made my dad, they didn't use a mold. He plowed his own furrows. He did his own thinking. It did not bother him to venture out into new territory, or he would never have done the different things he did."

Born and raised in Arcadia, Thomas Gaskins Sr. (1909-1998) held 17 U.S. patents. His son said, "You can look them up on the internet, including one for the George Foreman grill with every little detail about it including the tray underneath that catches the grease ... I always not only respected but was also amazed at my dad's inventive mind."

Thomas Sr. established the Cypress Knee Museum in Palmdale, Florida, and invented articles crafted of cypress knees and a turkey call. "I spent most of the day making [turkey calls]," Tom said. "I first started working on them when I was 12 years old."

Tom's grandfather and great-grandfather—also named Thomas

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Come and enjoy this night with your family!

ARCADIAN



JROTC cadets take command at Camp Miles

By **JIMMY PETERS**

ARCADIAN HOMETOWN CORRESPONDENT

The sun was just coming up when I arrived at Camp Miles, the 1,280-acre scouting camp in Punta Gorda where over 250 JROTC cadets from DeSoto, Manatee, Collier and Sarasota counties were holding their annual summer camp.

Only a few brave cadets and retired military leaders were out this early. Suddenly, like a swarm of dive bombers, they hit — No-See-Ums! They were in my hair, on my arms with their tiny, itchy stings. Luckily, as soon as the sun was fully visible, they were gone.

Following that unpleasantness, I met Lieutenant Colonel Ronald Baynes and we headed straight for the messhall. Baynes is in charge of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or JROTC, at DeSoto County High School. During our meal, Baynes explained what's happening: "During this three-day camp, the kids will learn confidence, leadership and team-building—they will be taken out of their comfort zone and learn to be part of a team."

He further explained that "specifically, cadets will learn land survival, archery, canoeing for water confidence, High COPE, which is an acronym for 'Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience,' which teaches confidence and tests strength and agility, Low COPE, which teaches problem-solving and team-building, and, finally, land navigation using a compass and a map."

We finished our breakfast, then toured in, out and around the long tables that filled the hall, meeting cadets from DeSoto County. I found them energized and eager to get on with the day's activities.

As Baynes and I toured the different events, I observed our country's future discovering how to build and become part of a team. They were learning to develop a respect for each other. They were also being pushed both physically and mentally beyond what they thought were their limits. Cadets arriving at camp are split from their familiar groups, so they had to learn to interact and communicate with others they didn't know, thus building socialization skills, important stuff for down the road into adulthood.



Then I watched high school students rappel from a 50-foot tower, young girls traversing 3-foot sections of 4x4 beams suspended 40 feet in the air, then crossing a rope lattice to a zipline and down.

Not something I volunteered to learn alongside these brave kids.

As part of a confidence and team-building exercise, each cadet had to climb to a platform and fall backward into the arms of their teammates. In all of the "High" events, cadets were tethered to safetylines, and throughout the exercises every move was controlled by experienced instructors.

All JROTC instructors are retired Army officers or NCOs. The summer camp is totally funded by the U.S. Army through the JROTC program, so the camp cadets have no personal expense.

I was very impressed with both the concept and the cadets taking part in the exercises at Camp Miles, and would heartily recommend JROTC to every high school student.

It provides a great place to belong, as well as a place to form positive building blocks for the future.



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JROTC cadets from DeSoto High School include (front); M'alee Sauvey, Lissanadro Garcia, Matthew Morgan, Zoey West and Lynzee Bowling. (Second row); Ashlynn Gibson, David Wilson, Carlos Ramirez, Damian Pierce, Macey Grews, Sierra Smith and Dakota Gearheart. (Back row); David Neads and Deacon DeFilippo.



Sierra Smith (foreground) learns with other cadets to tread water without using hands.



Cadets cross a difficult swing traverse, then a rope lattice and down the zipline to complete the High COPE course.



Battalion Executive Officer M'alee Sauvey smiles for the camera.



Damian Pierce and Matthew Morgan participate in a team building exercise called Group Juggle.



LTC Baynes with the morning KP crew that includes Searra Smith, Macy Grews, Carlos Ramirez and David Needs.



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OUR VIEW

Crime trends
continue down
throughout US

OUR POSITION: Local crime statistics reflect national trend.

When Gov. Rick Scott announced at a press conference recently that Florida's crime rate had declined again last year, he was happy to draw connections to hikes in public safety funding and police programs. Local officials puffed chests too.

It was good news. That is undeniable. Good news for Florida and Southwest Florida, which also recorded decreases.

But we shouldn't be too quick attribute good crime stats to specific state or local programs. Trends here roughly mirror national statistics.

And the reason?

There are plenty of theories, but no one really seems to know.

The most recent statistics from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement showed that while population numbers slowly climb, overall crimes in DeSoto County, for example, dropped nearly 14 percent from 2016 to 2017, and Charlotte County dropped 12.6 percent, from 3,062 in 2016 to 2,675 last year. Violent crime and burglary/larceny also dropped.

Sarasota County decreased 5 percent, from 8,987 in 2016 to 8,513 total crimes this year. Punta Gorda's overall rate went up 17 percent, but the crime rate weighted for population was below the county as a whole. North Port saw a decrease of 5 percent.

A spokeswoman for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office attributed the decrease to "intelligence-led policing."

Which is both honest and wise.

The rate of violent crime in the United States is "dramatically lower" than the peaks of the 1980s and early 1990s, NPR reported last year.

"In 1991, for example, the rate was 785 per 1,000—roughly double what it was in 2016," NPR said. The murder rate, nationally, was the lowest in decades.

Forbes reported the rate of violent crime victimization dropped 71 percent from 1994 to 2013. FBI statistics indicate property crime rates declined by half from 1993 to 2016. The Bureau of Justice Statistics puts the decrease at 74 percent, according to the Vox website.

Crime is way down. And why?

Explanations vary widely. Among the theories:

- More police and better policing techniques. (Except that a Brennan Center study attributed only a 0-10 percent crime decrease in the 1990s to higher numbers of officers. And the popular "broken windows" policing policy has been discounted statistically.)
- The deterrence of the death penalty. (Except crime rates have dropped in states without the death penalty.)
- Increased prosperity in a growing economy and. (Except that crime rates also dropped, unexpectedly, during the Great Recession.)
- Tougher sentences that keep offenders behind bars. (Except states with lower incarceration rates have experienced the similar declines.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inconsistencies with the DeSoto
County's Comprehensive Plan

Development Director Earl Hahn has done excellent work for DeSoto County: his efforts resulted in the handsome new fire station on W. Cypress Street. However, I must object to the report he and his staff prepared for Mosaic's application to rezone 14,000 acres in Pine Level from A-10 (agricultural) to PM-I (phosphate mining-industrial).

In considering the 15 factors provided in the Land Development Regulations

(Section 20-1498) to judge the application, he chose a literalist interpretation that serves neither our residents or government. The report stated repeatedly that the application was only a zoning change, and zoning does not cause allowable activities. The claim is literally correct; however, it is irrelevant. Owners do not apply and pay for a change of zoning unless they intend to use the land as allowed under the new zoning. The allowable activities are what should be critiqued.

Even Mosaic recognized this truth: its

presentation to the Planning and Zoning Commission dealt solely with phosphate mining. Two members of the commission judged that the "best management practices" employed by Mosaic to strip-mine phosphate will violate more than half of the factors: inconsistent with the County's Comprehensive Plan; create an isolated district, traffic congestion, and drainage problems; adversely influence living conditions, property values, and improvement/development of adjacent

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GRITS & PIECES

A thought or two about dads for Father's Day

I think I speak for many men when I say that being a father would be a lot easier if it came with an instruction booklet, preferably illustrated. There's lots of trial-and-error endeavors and adventures, and the good side of that is that it makes for some interesting stories to tell the grandkids, right?

Sure, the dad is the one out there tinkering with the lawn mower in the garage, the one who teaches his children to throw a ball and catch a fish, and that's not a remark against mothers, as many of them can and do the very same thing. It's a parental thing, and since Father's Day is this Sunday, that's what I'm talking about.

He also checks for monsters under the bed just before the lights get turned out. I felt safe as a little boy and never worried about that, but later in life thought, what if he did find a monster under there? I should've done that with my girls, and crawled halfway



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under there and started screaming, making monster noises, and pretending one had hold of me.

Maybe not, now that I think of the possible consequences.

Dad is the guy who controls the TV remote during football and NASCAR seasons, the one who keeps his family safe from snakes and spiders, and who gives everyone a pretty scenic tour when visiting new places because he'd rather chop off his big toe and soak his foot in alcohol before stopping to ask for directions. He's easy to buy for as well, and never seems to mind getting

extra sets of sockets, ugly ties that he tries not to wear, and another bottle of cologne to add to his 47-bottle collection.

The years begin to sneak by, and one day the dad is wondering why he can't relate to his teenage children who are suddenly strangers. Truth is, they're doing what teenagers are supposed to do, struggling to let go of childhood and navigate their way into adulthood, that strange, scary world that they'll have to reside in for the rest of their lives.

And it's a journey for all, for parents have to find a way to relate to their children as young adults. It can be a struggle, but those families who have good communication are rewarded with wonderful new relationships.

Adjustments come for all, including the dad. He begins to realize that he can't do all the things he once did, and

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First Small Town Poetry & Cultural Festival

COMPILED BY ARCADIAN STAFF

The first Small Town Poetry & Cultural Festival will be held July 7-8 in Arcadia at Louis C. Anderson Park.

Presented by The Art Of Community, it is a historic step towards the cultivation of the arts in the African-American, Caribbean and Hispanic communities throughout the region, said Sarahca Peterson, The Art of the Community's president.

This multicultural event has five primary objectives: economic development, arts education, community empowerment, equal accessibility to the arts and entertainment, and unity, she said.

Committed to fostering positive relationships while building bridges, festival sponsors understood the cautionary position of the Arcadia City Council, which had first considered recommending against granting a permit for the event at its June 5 meeting.

It was decided that the festival should be allowed, however. Festival members were "ecstatic over the decision to not let those fears stop the march of progress," Peterson said. "The depths of what happened [June 5] is a milestone for TAOC, and it is reshaping, reinvigorating and redefining our ability to be open for change."

This event will be full of cultural music, poetry, dance, art and food; the type of simple, grass-roots community building goes hand-in-hand with the city's commitment toward redevelopment, Peterson said. Corporate sponsors and investors such as Millions2Billions record label, King Intelligence and Security Services Inc and Strong Arm Radio are coming aboard with a vision of infusing cultural arts and entertainment into small towns, such as Arcadia and beyond, to encompass the Southwest Florida as a

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Pet owner of the week: Meet Arcadia's Chicken Lady

The *Arcadian* is featuring DeSoto County pets and pet owners in this occasional series. This week's guest is Kathi Coombes, Arcadia's Chicken Lady.

Question: Tell us about your chickens, how did you get involved?

Chicken Lady: "I have always been around chickens. On our farm when I was little they were a part of life and food. I was taught to process my own chickens at a young age. We had our pet chickens for eggs and some were our eating chickens. So, I grew up with chickens and lots of other animals around. From there, I have just always had a backyard flock! My family lived in Tampa for a few years for work and I took the risk and had illegal chickens and ducks in my backyard then even, haha!"

"I recently lost my oldest chicken who was hatched in 2004; they live a nice long time, 15 years is nothing for a healthy bird."

Question: Are chickens friendly? What's their best attribute?

Chicken Lady: "They are very friendly. They can be your best friend, just like



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Kathi Coombes is Arcadia's Chicken Lady.

your dog or cat! Even a lot of roosters are friendly. They all have their own personality just like any other animal out there. They are very smart, they can be trained, and people even use them as service pets

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where school workers distribute and serve the meals.

"It was time to see if we were able to take over," said Sheerynne Iverson, associate director for DeSoto Schools Food Service, or the unofficial "head lunch lady" overseeing the operation. Her 43-person kitchen staff during school feeds some 4,700 kids ... each day.

Software and hard thinking keep that operation in smooth order, said Iverson, a nutritionist by training.

"It is a challenge figuring out what [students] are going to select," she said, smiling.

Even with so much hunger in DeSoto County, this summer's food campaign started with a whimper, offsite workers reported. The Arcadian Housing Authority, for example, planned 100 or

so meals on June 4, the first day. But a handful of kids arrived and staffers had to trash the rest. But that has changed—30-50 kids are fed daily at Arcadia Housing, Monday-Thursday, and more will begin to show. The schools hum along because kids are in summer programs.

Summer meals, said Becky Sue Mercer, Arcadia Housing Authority's executive director, are vital.

"Sadly for some children," she said, "that hot lunch is the only meal made available to them that day."

It's Monday's first lunch call at Memorial Elementary School. Teachers, a principal and a DeSoto County sheriff's deputy welcome kids in classes receiving a complimentary and nutritious meal. The youngsters buzz through the lunch line, emerge with a black carton cradling a burrito, some fruit and a drink. Smiling kids over a plate of food is a good thing.

"As a parent, [you're] happy to help a hungry child," Iverson said of the

program.

Blocks away under a pavilion at Brewer Park, Dian Burge and Stephanie Adcock have unloaded a van. The pair, school district workers whose pay is covered by federal funds or other reimbursements, will serve from heated trays. The children get a meat/meat alternative such as dairy, bread, grains, veggies, fruit and milk. The menu follows the government's MyPlate food standards. The idea is good food builds clear and healthy minds, at least that's

the goal.

The two women are also instructed to not turn anyone away. If a mom and her underage kids bring a qualified child to the lunch, for instance, it wouldn't make sense having the others watch.

"They can eat too," Iverson said.

Along with the Casa San Juan Bosco migrant complex, the Arcadia Housing Authority, Brewer Park and the DeSoto Public Library, Memorial Elementary, DeSoto Middle, an early childhood and



DeSoto staffers Tosha Jones (left) and Natylyn Flemming work lunch meals at the Arcadia Housing Authority community room.



District employees Dian Burge (left) and Stephanie Adcock work the Brewer Park pavilion for the summer.



Youngsters can load up on healthy foods.



Ella Epps (left) and Fontella Luther are DeSoto employees choosing to work the summer schedule. Their pay is subsidized by federal programs or nonprofits.



Excited youngsters choosing good food at Memorial Elementary.



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- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other Relations Raising Relations meets monthly on the second Thursday from 9-11 a.m. at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St.
- The DeSoto County Veterans Council meets the second Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. For details, call Ron Jones at 941-806-7108.
- TEAM Arcadia meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at Mary Margaret's Tea & Biscuit, 10 S. Polk Avenue. The purpose of TEAM Arcadia is to unite community organizations and coordinate community improvement efforts.
- DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon every second Thursday monthly at the Family Service Center annex, 310 W. Whidden St., Arcadia. Lunch is available for \$6 at 11:30 a.m.
- Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity meets at 6 p.m. second Thursday monthly at the SunTrust Bldg., second floor, 10 S. Desoto Ave. Call 494-4118 or email desotohabitat@embarqmail.com for more information.
- Free blood pressure screenings administered by DeSoto Memorial Home Health at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., every second and fourth Thursday from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Senior Friendship Centers — 494-5965. Daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Crafts 9:30-11 a.m., 2nd and 4th Thursdays Free Blood Pressure Screenings by Desoto Memorial Home Health. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Donations appreciated but no one is turned away. Not interested in scheduled activities? We have a large assortment of games, puzzles, cards, crafts, books, movies, discussion groups and guest speakers.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 9 a.m. to noon every Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St. Mt. Zion AME Church holds its Spring Bazaar and Health Fair April 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 256 S. Orange Ave. Spaces are available for \$10. Free refreshments. 863-244-1783
- The DeSoto Public Library hosts Adult Coloring sessions every Thursday at 1 p.m. Bring your own work or see what the library has for you to color.
- Kiwanis meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at Beef O'Brady's.
- The only Narcotics Anonymous now meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church in Arcadia. For information, call Curtis at 244-2884.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., daily coffee and conversation 9-10 a.m. Crafts or games in the Activity Room from 10-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hr. advance notice; call 494-5965.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St.
- DeSoto County Library story time is at 3 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 7 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- Prescription Assistance is available at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

FRIDAY

- Coffee with the Mayor, third Friday of every month.
- MAPP committee and VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) meet at 9 a.m. third Fridays at the Family

Service Center, 310 W. Whidden St.

- Senior Friendship Centers — 494-5965. Daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Low-Impact Exercises 9:30-10 a.m., Bingo 10-11 a.m. 50 cents to play two cards - additional cards 25 cents. Win Prizes. Lunch served at 11:30 a.m. Donations appreciated but no one is turned away. Not interested in scheduled activities? We have a large assortment of games, puzzles, cards, crafts, books, movies, discussion groups and guest speakers.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St.
- Arcadia Quilt Club meets from 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays at the Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.
- The DeSoto Public Library shows a free movie for seniors every Friday at 1 p.m.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St. daily coffee and conversation 9-10 a.m. Low impact exercises from 9:30-10 a.m. On your own in the activity room from 10-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hour advance notice. Call 494-5965.
- iPads and eBooks - Instruction and assistance with questions about using your digital devices at 3 p.m. every Friday at the DeSoto Public Library.
- Walk & Talk: gentle exercise and conversation at 8 a.m. every Friday at the DeSoto Public Library.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Hispanic meets at 7 p.m. at 426 N. Brevard Ave., next to El Charro Rest.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 900 W. Oak St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Arcadia/Nocatee Group meets at 7 p.m. at Nocatee Methodist Church, 4502 S.W. Welles Ave.
- Square Dancing classes are held at the Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, from 7-9 p.m. every Friday. Robert at 813-601-1834 or Mary at 941-380-5336 494-2749 for information.
- Faith Mission provides free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.

SATURDAY

- The Democratic Women's Club of Desoto meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Beef O' Brady's, 1703 E Oak St.
- DeSoto County Library children's movies are offered at 10:30 a.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave. every Saturday. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 993-4851 for more information.

SUNDAY

- Give Dad a special treat! AMVETS Post 60 will host a Father's Day Breakfast on June 17 from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee and juice for only \$3.50 a plate. Open to the public.
- Community Resource Center at the Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Information available on local, out-of-town, and state agencies and programs serving the needs of DeSoto County residents. Stop by and check out the large array of brochures for residents of all age groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 900 W. Oak St. (State Road 70) at 8 p.m. Sunday.
- Hispanic Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. Sunday at 426 Brevard Ave. next to El Charro Restaurant.

MONDAY

- AMVETS meet at 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Post 60, 2846 S.W. Highway 17 in Arcadia. For more information contact Tim Martin at 990-0185.
- DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 6:30 p.m. third Monday monthly at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 N.E. Roan St.

- The DeSoto County Fair Association meets at 7 p.m. third Mondays monthly in the fair office on Heard Street.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St.
- All Faiths Food Bank and Sarasota County School District distribute free meals every Monday and Wednesday through August), 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St. Call 494-2543 for details.
- Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry meets at 6:15 p.m. Monday at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave. All are welcome.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., daily coffee and conversation 9-10 a.m. Movie of the Week or games in the Activity Room 9:30-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hr. advance notice; call 494-5965.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. at 8 p.m. Monday at 327 W. Hickory St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Brown Baggers Group meets at noon Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Prescription Assistance is available at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic, 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. To make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

TUESDAY

- The public is invited to the Charlotte Sierra Club's monthly meeting, always on the third Tuesday of each month (except during the summer). Meeting location is the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Bldg., 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte. For more information, call Allain Hale at 941-423-2713.
- The Republican Party of DeSoto County Executive Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at Magnolia's Seafood and Grill. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and takes place in the restaurant's rear seating area. For more information call Ted at 990-2888.
- Arcadia City Council meets at 6 p.m. at the Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.
- The Vietnam Brotherhood/Echo Company meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays at Post 60, 2846 S.W. Highway 17 in Arcadia. For more information call Tim Martin at 990-0185.
- DeSoto Public Library has a monthly Library Book Club at 3 p.m. Group book discussion open to everyone.
- DeSoto Memorial Hospital offers free blood pressure screenings from 3 to 4 p.m. in the DeSoto Memorial Hospital McSwain Room. Call 494-8432 for details.
- The AA District 5 committee business meeting is held at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church, 4200 S. Biscayne Dr., North Port. Visit <http://aadistrict5.org> for details.
- Tuesday Night Quilters meet twice monthly at the Turner Civic/Ag Center from 5:30-7 p.m. For more info call 494-4652.
- The DeSoto Public Library hosts Legos for children every Tuesday at 3 p.m.
- The Peace River Woodcarvers meet at 8 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Arcadia. For information, call Dale Weese at 941-740-4790.
- The only Narcotics Anonymous now meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church in Arcadia. For information, call Curtis at 244-2884.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St.
- The Faith Mission holds a conversational English class from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. A coloring club is available for kids during the class.
- Rotary Club of Arcadia meets at noon every Tuesday in the McSwain Room at DeSoto Memorial Hospital.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 9 a.m. to noon every Tuesday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., daily coffee and conversation 9-10 a.m. Group games 10-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hr. advance notice; call 494-5965.
- Every Tuesday night, line dance class at the Palace Dance Hall (17N). Beginners welcome. \$3 donation. For more info, call Jennie Martin at 494-2749.
- Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 1509 E. Oak St. For details visit www.weightwatchers.com and "find a meeting" or call 800-651-6000.
- DeSoto County Library holds Lego time at 3 p.m. Tuesdays at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition meets at 8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.
- AA Hispanic Group meets at 8 p.m. at La Clinica, 1901 10th Ave.
- Prescription Assistance is at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.
- Suncoast Community Blood Bank is open from noon to 6 p.m. today at 710 N. Brevard Ave. (U.S. 17 North), Arcadia. For more information, call 993-9366.

WEDNESDAY

- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- The Arcadia Writers Group meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Arcadia Village

in the Cantina Clubhouse, in the small dining room. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.

- The First Marine Division Association meets at 11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday at Family Table Restaurant, 14132 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Call Carl Jones, 941-493-1408 for more information.
- DeSoto County Traffic Safety Team meets at 1:30 p.m. third Wednesdays monthly at the DeSoto County Commissioners room, 201 E. Oak St., Arcadia.
- Hearing Loss Association demonstrates amplified listening devices from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. third Wednesdays monthly at Charlotte County Cultural Center, 2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte. For more information about HLA meetings, call 941-624-2947.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free meals every Wednesday 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St. Low impact exercises from 9:30-10 a.m. Let's Talk Food - share recipes, coupons, tips, research, dietary from 10-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hr. advance notice; call 494-5965.
- Hour of Power Prayer time is held at noon at Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 N.E. Turner Ave.
- AA "Brown Bagger" meetings are offered every Wednesday at noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity meets at 8 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 900 W. Oak St. (State Road 70).
- "Art for Kids" is at 3 p.m. every Wednesday in the DeSoto County Library's children's wing. This free program, sponsored by the DeSoto County Arts and Humanities Council, is for elementary school-aged children.
- Prescription Assistance is available at the DeSoto County Health Department Clinic Location: 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Call to make an appointment or for more information, call 491-7580 ext. 256.

THURSDAY

- Are you a mother of a child with special needs? Would you like to connect with other mothers going through similar situations? Join us the third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. for a time to connect and fellowship at Pine Creek Chapel, 1267 S.W. Pine Chapel Dr. in Arcadia. For more information, call or text Heather at 444-0817
- The All Faiths Food Bank will distribute free food to those in need on the third Thursday of each month, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the 7th Day Adventist Church, 2865 SE Ami Drive.
- The regular meeting of the Arcadian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners is held at noon on the third Thursday of every month at the Arcadia Housing Authority, 7 Booker T Washington Road. Call 494-4343 for details.
- The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center, 2200 Roan St., Arcadia. Anyone interested may attend. Talk in for the meetings is at 147.180+ DARC repeater.
- Family Safety Alliance for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties, sponsored by Department of Children and Families, meets at 4 p.m. third Thursdays monthly at Lakewood Ranch Northern Trust Bank's community room, 6320 Venture Drive, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call Kerri Gibson at 941-316-6129.
- DeSoto County Historical Society Research Library is open in the Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden Street: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays (except for the second Thursday of the month), and second and fourth Saturdays, and by appointment.
- The John Morgan Ingraham House museum, 120 W. Whidden St., is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursdays, except the second Thursday, and second and fourth Saturdays.
- The All Faiths Food Bank distributes free food 9 a.m. to noon every Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St.
- Mt. Zion AME Church holds its Spring Bazaar and Health Fair April 14, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 256 S. Orange Ave. Spaces are available for \$10. Free refreshments. 863-244-1783
- The DeSoto Public Library hosts Adult Coloring sessions every Thursday at 1 p.m. Bring your own work or see what the library has for you to color.
- Kiwanis meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at Beef O'Brady's.
- The only Narcotics Anonymous now meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at St. Edmund's Church in Arcadia. For information, call Curtis at 244-2884.
- Friendship Center, 219 W. Oak St., daily coffee and conversation 9-10 a.m. Crafts or games in the Activity Room from 10-11 a.m. Lunch available with a 48-hr. advance notice; call 494-5965.
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Sex predator to spend 20 years in prison

Ramiro Heberto Saucedo, 45, was sentenced to 20 years in state prison on a charge of sexual battery by a person in custodial position with a victim between the ages of 12 and 18. Saucedo pleaded no contest and was adjudicated guilty. He was also designated as a sexual predator under Florida statute.



SAUCEDO

According to records from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, DCSO opened the case in July 2015 when they received notice from an out-of-state police department about a female child having been raped by Saucedo while they lived in Florida.

According to the out-of-state report, the child lived with her mother and her mother's boyfriend, Saucedo, for 10 years. The girl said when she was 10 years old, Saucedo called her inside, followed her into her room, removed her clothes and raped her. Afterward he said if she told anyone about it, "I'll make sure you're sent away and never see your family again."

In 2005, the Florida Department of Children and Families initiated an investigation into allegations that Ramiro was sexually abusing a child. The arrest report indicates that, when DCF began to investigate the claim, Saucedo and his wife threatened the children that if they cooperated with the investigation, they would either be shipped back to Guatemala or placed in an orphanage. DCF concluded they did not have sufficient evidence, and closed the case.

The victim said Saucedo continued to rape her approximately twice a week for 10 years. He forced her to perform other sexual acts, threatening to harm a disabled family member if she did not comply. He also committed sexual battery on other females in the household.

At age 16, the girl became pregnant with his child. DCF concluded at that time there was evidence of sexual battery and turned the case over to DCSO. Although authorities tried to question her about the baby at that time, she was afraid of Saucedo and refused to answer any questions.

When detectives followed up, the girl — who by that time had had a baby — denied it was Saucedo's child and would not identify the baby's father.

In 2015, DCSO followed up with DNA samples concluding that, based on DNA results, it was 99.99 percent likely Saucedo was the baby's father.

Saucedo was arrested and jailed on July 29, 2015. Saucedo was sentenced on May 30 and was transferred to the Department of Corrections on June 6. His projected release date is July 23, 2035.

Stewart gets 3-year sentence for drugs, fraud and forgery

Carl Anthony Stewart, 39, of Lehigh Acres, was sentenced in May to three years in prison on multiple charges including drugs, fraud, forgery and theft.

According to documents from the Arcadia Police Department, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, in August 2016, an APD officer noticed a car on Martin Luther King Jr. Street that had no tag light, so he conducted a traffic stop. As he spoke with the driver, another officer saw the passenger, Stewart, throw a baggie containing a green leafy substance on the floor of the car. Stewart told the officer the bag contained K2 "Spice," not marijuana.

An officer searched the car and found a coffee can in the back containing a clear baggie holding a white substance, which tested positive for crack cocaine, and a pill bottle containing five hydromorphone



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hydrochloride (Dilaudid) pills.

Stewart was arrested for two counts of possession of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription.

In Nov. 2016, Stewart deposited a check for \$7,450 in First State Bank of Arcadia, then tried to withdraw money from the ATM but was unable to do so. Three days later, he returned to the bank and wrote himself a check for \$7,000, which the bank cashed. Two days later, the bank realized the deposited check had been written on a closed SunTrust account.

A detective interviewed the owner of the forged check and learned she did not know Stewart and had never been to Arcadia. She said she lost some checks from a closed account when she was moving.

The detective then spoke with Stewart, who said he had met a woman (whose name he could not remember) at a party and sold her a car for \$5,000. He claimed she wrote him the check for a larger amount and asked him to give her the extra over \$5,000.

Stewart claimed the detective could not find the car registered under his name because he never registered it, having bought it "on the side of the road" and could not remember where or from whom. He was charged with grand theft, forgery and uttering a forged instrument.

In April 2017, a woman said Stewart was trying to break into her residence by kicking the door in. As a deputy responded, he saw Stewart going out the back door and driving away. The woman ran out, pointing and saying, "Get him; he just beat me!"

The deputy followed Stewart's car and tried to put handcuffs on him, Stewart ran away and the deputy said if he didn't stop, he would have to Tase Stewart. He was finally able to cuff and transport Stewart.

The deputy also learned Stewart's driver's license was revoked several years ago and he was listed as a habitual offender.

Stewart was sentenced on May 14 on charges of habitually driving on a suspended license, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, resisting or obstructing an officer without violence, grand theft between \$300 and \$5,000, forgery, uttering a false instrument, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Stewart was transferred to the Department of Corrections on June 6 to begin serving a three-year sentence. His anticipated release date had not been determined yet.

He served a previous sentence of one year and eight months on charges of possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended or revoked license and fleeing to elude arrest.

Jenkins to serve two years on theft, weapons charges

Dale Lee Jenkins Jr. was recently sentenced to two years in state prison on charges of theft, dealing in stolen property and possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon, followed by two years of drug offender probation.



JENKINS

According to records from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections,

in January 2018, a woman was seen stealing lighters from a gas station in Nocatee. A deputy spoke to the woman in a nearby parking lot and had her get out of the car she was driving. Jenkins, a passenger in that car, was told to stay put.

By the time the deputy returned, Jenkins had left with the car. Another deputy pulled the car over and questioned Jenkins, who was known not to have a valid license. He also saw an open container of alcohol in the car. He was placed under arrest and told the deputy he would find marijuana in his pocket.

After Jenkins was taken to the jail, the first deputy reviewed video from the store and observed Jenkins taking beverage cans and other items and placing them in his pants or a pocket. He was then seen taking other items and sliding them up his jacket sleeve and leaving the store without paying.

On March 11, a woman who lived on S.W. Sable Avenue reported her laptop was missing. She said Jenkins was living on her property and sometimes used the laptop and suspected he had taken it. Jenkins denied taking it.

DCSO learned Jenkins had sold her laptop to someone for \$60 who found it was too complicated and the next day sold it to someone else for \$80.

Deputies returned to the woman's house and found Jenkins trying to hide under the house. He had a blue straw in his hand which was later found to contain methamphetamine. He claimed the owner knew he had the computer but denied selling it to anyone.

On March 22, a deputy driving along Hillsborough Avenue driving very slowly, and he could see the driver, Jenkins, was not using a seat belt. He conducted a traffic stop and Jenkins admitted he did not have a license. As he searched Jenkins incident to arrest, he found a switchblade-type knife in Jenkins' pocket. Under Florida law, this type of weapon is not allowed to be carried in a concealed manner, and further, as a six-time convicted felon, Jenkins is not permitted to carry a concealed weapon.

On May 18, Jenkins was adjudicated guilty without trial and sentenced to serve two years in prison on charges of dealing in stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a concealed weapon by a convicted felon, driving on a suspended license, and petty theft (third conviction). His projected release date is March 28, 2020.

He had been sentenced to prison three times before, dating back to 2002, on charges of burglary and grand theft, all out of DeSoto County.

Schock sent to prison for possession of meth

Steven Gregory Schock, 43, of Quincy, Florida, was sentenced to a year and a day in state prison on a drug charge.

According to records from the Arcadia Police Department, DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, on Oct. 5, 2016, an APD sergeant noticed a car at a red light with an expired tag, so he pulled the car over in a traffic stop. When he asked the driver, Schock, for his papers, he learned Schock's license had



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been suspended.

He placed Schock under arrest for driving on a suspended license and, in searching him incidental to the arrest, he found a baggie in Schock's pocket containing a white substance that tested positive for methamphetamine.

Schock was placed on drug offender probation in Nov. 2017 for three years. However, he violated the conditions, so probation was revoked and on May 18, he was sentenced to state prison. His projected release date is Jan. 13, 2018.

On March 6, he was also sentenced to prison by Highlands County for a year and five months on charges of grand theft auto and possession of methamphetamine.

Previously, in 2011, he was sentenced for a year and eight months for possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, driving on a suspended license and child neglect.

Rettel sentenced to four years on drug charges

Justin Matthew Rettel, 32, was sentenced on May 18 to four years and six months in state prison on charges of petty theft, sale of a counterfeit controlled substance, distribution or sale of imitation drugs, sale of methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a church, and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. In addition, his drug-offender probation was revoked.




RETEL

According to records from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, in May 2016, a Confidential Informant made arrangements to meet Rettel in order to purchase methamphetamine from him. Rettel told the CI to meet him at a laundromat near Mexican Billiards. The CI gave Rettel the agreed-upon money, but Rettel was reluctant to hand the drugs over directly to the CI. Instead, he placed a bag on a window ledge in front of the laundromat, telling the CI he was going to place the bag there for the CI to pick up. Rettel expressed some concern that the CI might be working with law enforcement. The CI picked up the plastic bag, which contained 4.4 grams of a crystalline substance that was later tested and found not to be meth, but epsom salts. Based on the transaction, a warrant was issued for his arrest on charges of possession of an imitation drug and sale in lieu of a controlled substance.

In April 2016 a CI met Rettel for the purpose of purchasing methamphetamine from him. Rettel had directed the CI to meet him in the parking lot of Burger King

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Our family wants to extend our deepest gratitude to our community. Your thoughts, prayers, and support during this very difficult time in our lives have assisted to ease our pain. Randy lived



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his life to the fullest, never passing on an opportunity to show others his compassion. He worked, loved and played with all his heart. Please accept our sincere appreciation as we continue to heal.

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Sheriff Potter endorses Rick Scott

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has rolled out the endorsements of 55 of Florida's 66 elected sheriffs for his Republican U.S. Senate bid against Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson.



POTTER

Democratic sheriffs listed by the Scott campaign include DeSoto County's James Potter, David Hardin of Glades County, Harrell Reid of Hamilton County, Steve Whidden of Hendry County, Lou Roberts of Jackson County, Eddie Joe White of Liberty County, Gator

DeLoach III of Putnam County, Sadie Darnell of Alachua County and Sam St. John of Suwanee County.

Nine sheriffs listed by the Scott campaign are Democrats and four others are independent or no party affiliation, according to the Florida Sheriffs Association directory. Most are from counties that vote Republican in presidential elections and statewide races.

Florida has 67 counties. Sheriff is an elected position in 66 of them, with Miami-Dade County appointing a chief law-enforcement officer whose title is Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Arcadia Elks 1524, Flag Day

Arcadia Elks 1524 holds a Flag Day ceremony today starting at 6 p.m.. It is a tradition in the national organization that brings together families and those interested in celebrating Old Glory.



Today's event at the Elks Lodge,

1028 W. Oak, will offer refreshments following the ceremony that reportedly originated in 1885. Flag Day recognizes the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 and was officially established by Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress in August 1949 designating June 14 as National Flag Day. 993-0011 (after 4 p.m.)

Take Stock in Children celebrates

DeSoto County family and friends joined June 7 at the South Florida State College Highlands Campus to recognize Take Stock in Children mentors and to honor the accomplishments of 31 Take Stock student scholars who had just graduated from high schools in DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands counties.

The 31 graduates completed the journey to receiving their high school diplomas with the help of their Take Stock mentors. Many of the Take Stock scholars began participation in the program when they were in middle school.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide program that provides children with a mentor and a two-year state college scholarship. The Take Stock staff also help the student obtain financial assistance for housing, transportation, and other expenses. In return, the student signs a contract to earn at least a grade of C in every class, graduate from high school with good attendance records, maintain good behavior in school, and have no involvement with



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Take Stock grads from DeSoto County High School include Lorena Lara, Katelyn Jordan (pictured), David King, Kalyn Murray, Brenda Perez and Destiny Pelham.

law enforcement or drugs. The SFSC Foundation serves as the lead agency for Take Stock in its service area of DeSoto, Hardee and Highlands counties. The district TSIC has graduated 438 students since its establishment in 1996. 863-784-7343, Irene.Castanon@southflorida.edu

Good to the last drop

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With closing of The Last Chapter Coffee House & Cafe in downtown Arcadia, the famed Brew Crew poses for a final group photo on June 7. Brew Crew members had met there for about seven years. The group is reconvening at the Arcadia American Legion Post on Wednesdays and Fridays, starting at 8 a.m.



Fore everyone!

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Among changes that include a netted driving range, course upgrades and the addition of PGA pro Jeff Gibson as director of operations, golf clinics at Arcadia Municipal Golf Course are underway at the historic tract. Shown is a ladies golf seminar that includes Charlotte Sulkowski (center) and Beverly Miller. Arcadia Code Enforcement Officer Carl McQuay (background) figured why not squeeze in an extra bucket as Gibson worked with the women. Kids are also encouraged to participate in Summer Junior Golf Camps at Arcadia Municipal that begin June 18 and July 23. The weeklong camps with instruction run daily and include lunch. Scholarships are available. Ages 7-17. 494-4223.



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OBITUARIES

John Benevides Jr.

John Benevides Jr. was born June 13, 1944, and passed away on May 14, 2018.

Mr. Benevides, also known to his friends as "Pops," was born in Middleboro, Mass., to John and Edith Benevides. He is survived by his wife, Valerie, of Arcadia, Fla., and brother, Bill Nickerson, of Sarasota, Fla., sons Kenneth and David, and daughter Tiffany, and two grandchildren.

John also had two stepsons, Calvin Ronald and Kenneth Marlin, one step-daughter, Amanda Marlin, five step-grandchildren, two of whom they were raising as their own, Amilia and Circlin Marlin. He also leaves many nieces and nephews.

John Benevides graduated from Sarasota High School and worked as a Sarasota County sheriff's deputy. He was a train supervisor for Ringling Bros. Circus and retired from the DeSoto



County Highway Dept. John was active in the FOE 3482 in Venice, Fla., where he served as president and past president, and was a member of First Baptist Church, Arcadia.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. (Saturday) June 23, followed by a luncheon at First Baptist, 1006 N. Brevard Ave., Arcadia.

Steven Andrew Edwards

Steven Andrew Edwards, 68, of Lutz, Fla., passed away on May 28, 2018, after a long battle with diabetes and its complications. He was a 1967 graduate of DeSoto County High School.

After serving as proud member of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Edwards worked for Publix for 33 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jean, step-son Bruno, sister Judy (David) Osborne, of California; brothers Doyle (Irene) Edwards, of Arcadia, and Alan (Karen) Edwards, of Ocala, Fla. He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert (Bob) Edwards, of Arcadia.

Future interment will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

Herbert Lee Stewart Jr.

Herbert L. Stewart Jr. of Arcadia, Florida, died on June 7, 2018, at Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. He was 80.



Mr. Stewart, also known as "Spunky," a nickname given him by his grandmother, was born on Jan. 23, 1938, in Fort Ogden, Florida. He was the oldest of six children born to Herbert and Jessie Mae Stewart.

Herbert served in the U.S. Army from 1956-1959. After time in the military, he attended Florida A&M University, where he majored in industrial arts and minored in mathematics. After obtaining his bachelor's degree, he returned to Arcadia, Florida, and began teaching mathematics and woodshop at Smith Brown High School.

In January 1966, he married Virginia Perry. They moved to Alexandria, Virginia, in 1968, where Herbert began a new

career with the federal government in Washington, D.C. During this time Herbert attended George Washington University, where he obtained his master's degree in business administration. Herbert was driven and career-focused, as well as a dedicated family man who never shied away from a hard day's work to provide for his family. He continued to have a successful career working for the federal government that spanned over 33 years as director of personnel with the U.S. Coast Guard's Department of Transportation until his retirement in 1999.

In 2006, Herbert moved back to his hometown of Arcadia, where he spent the remainder of his life. Herbert enjoyed fishing, traveling and spending time with family.

Herbert is survived by his five children: Clayton, Rhonda Daphne, Patrick and Alexandra; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his sister, Phyllis Davis. Herbert will also be forever remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and dear friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11 a.m. June 16, 2018, at Pleasant Hill

OUR VIEW

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- Less exposure of children to lead after the Clean Air Act. (Yes, that is a reputable theory.)
- The decrease in alcohol consumption. (Same.)

• Fewer unwanted children born following Roe v. Wade in 1973. (See above.)

The problem with all is that research is, as the Atlantic magazine put it, "inconclusive."

"There's no real consensus among scholars about what caused one of the largest social shifts in modern American history," the magazine

wrote. It is "a mystery."

It is doubtful many taxpayers would be eager to unravel specific state or local law enforcement programs or decrease police staffing to reflect the overall drop in crime. Fear of crime is a powerful voter-motivator. Studies also show public perception of the prevalence of crime is far higher than reality. A

Pew Research Center study found 57 percent of Americans in 2016 believed crime had risen since 2008; in fact, it underwent a double-digit decline.

Nevertheless, it is worth contemplating whether law enforcement budget trends should be brought in line with the crime-rate decline, considering cost-benefit correlations.

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Politics in the arena, visiting the Grimsley campaign

District 26 Florida Sen. Denise Grimsley, a 2018 Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Republican candidate, was at the Mosaic Rodeo Arena on Tuesday for a local fund-raising event. The host committee included David Carlton, Jimmy and Tamme Fussell, Cynthia Hall, Tom and Jan Hollingsworth, Mac and Mary Pete Martin, Cary and Kay Mercer, Ann Ryals and Hilary Holley, who is with the Grimsley campaign.

DeSoto County voters, both Democrats and Republicans, attended the evening's event to support Denise Grimsley's candidacy. Others attending included deSoto County Commissioner Elton Langford, DeSoto Sheriff James Potter and several members with the DeSoto County High School FFA, including vice president Molly McKettrick. The entire group stodd to hear Webb Holley, a spirited and cute 2-year-old, belt out the National Anthem.

Currently, there are four Republicans, (Grimsley, Matt Caldwell, Mike McCalister and Baxter Troutman) and two Democrats (Jeffrey Porter and David Walker) actively campaigning for the 2018 Florida Commissioner of Agriculture cabinet position. Adam Putnam, the current commissioner, is term-limited and cannot seek a third term, but is a 2018 candidate for Florida governor.

A closed primary election will be held Aug. 28, with early voting beginning Aug. 18 through Aug. 25. Each county Supervisor of Elections may choose to add one or more of the following days: Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and/or Aug. 26. Voters may register for the primary until July 30. The general election is Nov. 6, 2018.



Republicans and and Democrts at the Grimsley benefit in Arcadia.



Denise Grimsley.



Denise Grimsley and Elton Langford.



Molly McKettrick.



Lenora Brewer and Mac Martin.



Troy Hughes, Denise Grimsley and Jimmy Fussell.



Elton Langford, Jimmy Fussell and Troy Hughes.



Jim Potter and Denise Grimsley.



Lindsay Turner Mason, Laura Wheeler and Matthew Charles.

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that he's waited too long to do some of the other things he was going to get around to someday. He may feel like a failure to himself and a disappointment to others, but he still has his pride and might feel challenged when well-meaning loved ones offer to help him do any number of things or encourage him to slow down and take it easy.

Dad has his routines, his outlook, his easy chair, his habits (good and bad), and the notion that he's head of the family, though secretly, I think it's by common consent that it's a shared position. He slips comfortably and with great pride into the role of grandfather,

gradually turning loose of some things so he can focus on these new little people that keep popping up in the family. And he loves that.

He thinks back about his own father, remembering special times and events, and if he's lucky, he can still hear his voice echoing among the memories. He wishes he'd spent more time with his dad, and by the time he's a grandfather, wishes he'd taken more time with his own children. The years wait for nobody, sweeping by and taking missed opportunities with them.

There's no time like today to be a better dad or for you to spend more time with yours, if you're blessed enough to still have him.

May God bless our fathers, dads, and daddies, past and present, and may we always be proud to be their children.

PET

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where they can't have a dog or cat!

"Did you know they make chicken diapers for those apartment kept chickens? Haha ... yep, they sure do!"

Question: Advice to first-timers thinking about raising poultry?

Chicken Lady: "Find a local farmer to buy birds from; they are healthier, you can normally see the living conditions, and they haven't been shipped through the mail, which can have a high death

rate. Local farmers are the future of your community. Just make sure you see what conditions the birds are living in. If the breeder/hatcher cares about the animals they are raising, it will show in their farm!"

Question: For those thinking poultry people are slightly off-center, what would you tell them?

Chicken Lady: "Some of us are haha ... who are we kidding here?!"

"But so are people with their dogs, cats, horses, and so on. We love our birds and all of our animals. Chicken people love their birds just like an extended part of their family, just like Fido!"

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Where the networks set the bar

By S.L. FRISBIE
NEWS COLUMNIST

Two leading comedians made headlines in May for their insulting remarks.

One was cashiered last week for a racist remark made on Twitter about Valerie Jarrett, a member of President Obama's staff.

The other survived without criticism from his employers earlier in the month for a crude, vulgar attack on President Trump on network TV.

Roseanne Barr took her punishment when ABC canceled her popular TV

show. Her only defense: "I'm not a racist, just an idiot." She also said she was leaving Twitter.

Stephen Colbert made no apology for comments that should have gotten him yanked off the air by CBS no matter who he was talking about. He defends his remarks as "a joke."

For my part, I am not a fan of either Barr or Colbert.

And I couldn't care less what their political leanings are; they are actors, not political philosophers, and their opinions

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LETTERS

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property; unnecessary and "out of scale."

I hope the county commission will disregard this literalist report and the resulting recommendation and instead judge the application on the zoning change's allowable activity: strip-mining phosphate.

Carol Mahler
Arcadia

Loves Luke Wilson's satire

I love Luke Wilson's satire on protesters. His cartoons are cute ... or apropos, too; throughout the years he has entertained us.

I'm with him protesting overly ambitious anti's, especially paid professional ones. I'm pro-Publix supporting someone who is pro-agriculture, since the company supports farmers by buying their products daily. They're probably pro-ranchers, too, since they supply meat for us carnivores. Hooray!

Can you publish a book of Luke Wilson's past columns? He's as funny as Lewis Grizzard was years ago.

Pat LaBree
Arcadia

Mosaic opponents: Do your research

To all you anti-Mosaic people, y'all need to stop and think about what you are doing. Do you not realize that phosphate is a need for all of you. It is in our laundry soap, toothpaste etc. I don't know about y'all, but I like clean clothes and I love my teeth and want to keep them. I know people who have worked in the mines for years and years and they dang sure ain't glowing. There is nothing that is going to hurt you, or it wouldn't be done.

This will also bring in jobs for a lot of people and they will be able to live because it's not a small pay, like people working at McDonald's. Why don't y'all do your research and find the facts before you knock Mosaic. They do so much for our schools. A lot more than the [Florida] lottery was supposed to do. So do your research and stop fighting something that is good.

Debby Taylor
Arcadia

Wear Purple on June 15

Living in Southwest Florida, we all know and love many older adults. For most of us, the thought of someone abusing or taking advantage of our elders is heartbreaking. And yet, the National Council on Aging estimates that one in 10

older Americans has been the victim of some sort of abuse.

Older people are vital, contributing members of our community who should be treated with respect and dignity. As a society, we have confronted and addressed the scourge of child abuse and domestic violence. In the same way, we can find solutions to address elder abuse.

That's why World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is so important. This June 15, communities all over the world will highlight the issue of Elder Abuse. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and communities to raise awareness about the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elders. It was established in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, the World Health Organization, and the United Nations.

As a community, we can become more alert to the signs of abuse. Most of us would notice signs of physical abuse, like unexplained bruises, cuts, or sores. But we may not be as adept at noticing the red flags of emotional abuse, like withdrawal from normal activities. We may not notice when our elders are being financially exploited by a friend, neighbor, or caregiver who fail to provide for an elder's needs. And we may turn our heads to signs of neglect like poor hygiene or dangerous living conditions.

Of course, there are actions we can take to both prevent and report abuse. Simply being a friendly visitor to an older neighbor is a great start. If you know someone who is a caregiver for an elder, provide them with emotional support. And if you suspect an elder is being abused, make a call to the abuse hotline at 800-96-ABUSE. Your call is completely confidential and could save a life.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida offers free elder abuse prevention education programs to the community. If you'd like someone to come speak with your group, organization, or community about how to identify and report elder abuse, call our toll-free helpline at 866-413-5337.

There's one more thing you can do: the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is asking the community to WEAR PURPLE on June 15 in support of elder abuse prevention. Why purple? Because we associate the color purple with royalty, dignity, and respect—the same words we should be using to describe our elders.

So open your eyes (and your closet) to the issue of elder abuse on Friday. With more than 415,000 seniors making their homes in Southwest Florida, your awareness of this issue has never been more important.

Sherry Young
Elder Abuse Prevention coordinator
Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida

POETRY

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whole.

The Art Of Community is a not-for-profit organization with a cultural arts initiative. Its goals are to introduce,

cultivate and spread the importance and benefits of the arts throughout the Southwest Florida region. Its mission is to utilize the arts as a means to revamp, redevelop and cultivate thriving communities that foster creativity, diversity and inclusion with economic growth. theartofcommunityfl@gmail.com/www.theartofcommunityfl@gmail.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners of DeSoto County, Florida will consider the adoption of an ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 6:30 until 10:30 p.m. and on Wednesday July 25, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon and from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as it may be heard. This hearing will be held in the County Commission Meeting Room 103, Administration Building, 201 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with County Code of Ordinances sections 20-1401, 20-1402 and 20-1404. The subject of this ordinance is as follows.

Ordinance Amending Official Zoning District Atlas (RZ 2016-05). An Ordinance of the DeSoto County, Florida Board of County Commissioners amending the Official Zoning District Atlas identified in Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Land Development Regulations Article II, Zoning Districts and Requirements, Section 20-31, Establishment of Zoning Districts; granting to the Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC an Official Zoning District Atlas amendment (RZ 2016-05) changing from Agricultural 10 (A-10) to Phosphate Mining-Industrial (PM-I) the zoning district of a 14,057.50±-acre site generally located north of SW Adams Road, south of the DeSoto/Hardee County line, west of NE CO RD 661, and east of the DeSoto/Manatee County line; and providing for an effective date.



Members of the public may appear and be heard on the matters to be considered. If you want to appeal any decision of the Board of County Commissioners, you will need a record of the proceedings, and may need to arrange for the preparation of a verbatim record which includes testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A complete copy of the draft ordinance may be inspected and copied at the Office of the County Administrator in Suite 201 of the above-stated address between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, or on the County's webpage at www.desotobocc.com.

If special accommodations are required in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals should contact the County Administrator's Office by calling 863-993-4800 at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

Tournament begins for adult softball league

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

The rest of the teams are playing games this week that were canceled due to rain and then next week the league tournament begins. The teams play Tuesday and Thursday night on the fields behind the Miss DeSoto complex on North Arcadia Street.

The Dirty Sanchez Machine Shop softball team played Peace River Campgrounds softball team in their final regular season game—and came away with an impressive run-rule win.



Peace River Campground first baseman William Hall tries to put a tag on Lenny Lempenau.



The Dirty Sanchez Machine Shop softball team picked up a win in their final game before the league tournament begins.



Rigoberto Villafuerte picks up another hit for Dirty Sanchez.

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Peace River Campground first baseman William Hall tries to put a tag on Lenny Lempenau, who over ran first base trying to get back on a flyout.



Manni Munoz, former soccer star at DeSoto County High School, uses his speed to beat out a ground ball for a hit.



Rigoberto Villafuerte picks up another hit for Dirty Sanchez.



Orlando Sanchez flips the ball to his brother Enrique at second base for the final out in the third inning to retire the Peace River Campgrounds softball team.



Orlando Sanchez drops down to try to get a smaller strike zone.



The 2018 Peace River Campground softball team.

Bulldog tee-ballers place second in Lakeland, next stop is Sebring

District 7 tee-ballers took second place at June 2-5 districts at Lakeland. The Bulldogs are invited to play a state tourney on July 14 in Sebring. Team manager is Brandon Shirley, with assistant coaches Tara Chaney, Ashley

Killmon and Manny Morales. These kids played a total of six games in four days, Hardee ended up winning the tournament, the only team to which the Dawgs lost, finishing with a 4-2 record. Good luck in Lakeland!



District 7 Bulldogs's leadership is manager Brandon Shirley (left), assistant coaches Tara Chaney, Ashley Killmon and Manny Morales. Players are Chase Shirley (standing left), Landen Gross, Brycin Warram, Blaine Bryant, Jake Safford and Jordan West. Pictured in the front row are Landon Contreras (left), Alex Morales, Cash Chaney, Myles Killmon, Johnny Baker and Kiptyn Alley.



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The Bulldogs finished with a 4-2 record.



Tee-ballers racked up six games in four days, a tough schedule made sweeter with a trophy ceremony.

Summer sports in Arcadia, more going on than imagined

By **STEVE KNAPP**

ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Many people say there isn't anything to do in Arcadia, especially during the summer.

If you are an athlete or even if you just like to watch sports, however, there are

many options within city limits.

Last Thursday, for instance, I saw many athletes of all ages from 4 to 44 having fun and keeping in shape. I got to the high school too late to see the high school and middle school girls volleyball teams practice ... but there were many other things going on.

There was a high-school-age track-and-field team practicing. In the field next to them, the Bulldog football team was going through conditioning workouts for their upcoming season. After the football workouts, several of the players went directly to the gym to play basketball.

On the softball field was a group of young softball players going through drills. They looked as if they may have

been some players from the Shockers club team and from the DeSoto softball program.

At the adult softball field on North Arcadia Street behind the Miss DeSoto softball complex, there was a make-up game between the Peace River Campgrounds team and the Dirty

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DeSoto County High School football players leave the field after attending a conditioning workout.



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Trade wars, bugging out, white hats and full bladders

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Trade wars could impact Florida

Following the U.S. government's announcement of a 25 percent tariff on steel and 10 percent on aluminum from the EU, Canada, and Mexico, retaliatory tariffs may be forthcoming.

While Canada has announced additional tariffs on American orange juice, fungicides, insecticides, cucumbers and other American products, and the EU has announced additional tariffs on imported products, Mexico has announced immediate retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products including apples, grapes and blueberries. The EU has also announced it may levy additional tariffs on cranberries, cranberry juice and orange juice.

Meanwhile, India has threatened tariffs on cashews and apples.

Keep on (not) trucking?

A new regulation due to go into effect June 18 may worsen the trucking shortage impacting growers. The National Potato Council is petitioning President Trump and the Department of Transportation for revisions and an extension. The regulation in question dates to 2015, when Congress approved the MAP-21 Transportation Bill. One provision "simply" requires that trucks use electronic logging devices (ELDs) rather than paper logs, making long-standing hours-of-service record-keeping requirements more transparent. It was originally due to be implemented by Dec. 18, 2017.

Implementing this new federal

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regulation has been anything but simple, however.

Many state and federal regulations oversee truck drivers operating in the U.S. One regulation is a federal hours-of-service limitation, and the current version has been in effect since 2011.

They limit the number of hours a trucker can drive before being required to take a break. There are also maximum weekly hour limitations.

Due to the perishable nature, the hours-of-service regulations contain an agricultural exemption, in effect during each state's designated planting and harvest seasons and is constrained by a 150-mile distance from the source of an agricultural commodity.

A number of organizations are pushing for Congress to take a new look at the hours-of-service regulations, to ensure they provide the intended level of safety without unnecessary overreach.

DeSotoians with Florida property

The Florida Forest Service has announced that the Longleaf Pine Landowner Incentive Program is now accepting applications from eligible, non-industrial private forest landowners through July 13.

The goal is to increase Longleaf pine ecosystems in Florida by helping non-industrial, private forest landowners make the investment required to

establish and maintain this valuable ecosystem. The program offers incentive payments for completion of timberstand improvement, invasive species control, prescribed burning, planting Longleaf pine, native plant understory establishment and mechanical underbrush treatments. The program is offered for private lands in these Florida counties: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla and Washington in Northwest Florida, and Alachua, Bradford, Brevard, Citrus, Clay, Lake, Levy, Marion, Orange, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter and Volusia in central Florida.

Longleaf pine forests are native to the southeastern United States and are among the most diverse ecosystems in North America. Longleaf pines provide high quality wood products and are highly valued for their resistance to damage by insects, disease, wildfire and storms.

Bug treatments through Fla. Dept. of Ag

As noted in the June 7 *Arcadian*, the Oriental fruit fly has been trapped several times in Florida since 1964 with the most recent time being in August 2015, and each time it has been successfully eradicated. This species is considered one of the most serious of the world's fruit fly pests due to its

potential economic harm.

To eradicate this pest, treatment is being conducted in a 1.5-square-mile area around the fly detections. This treatment consists of attracting male flies to bait which consists of an attractant, an insecticide and a thickening agent. The flies are killed when they feed on the bait. The mixture is applied every other week to the upper portion of utility poles, trees and inanimate objects for a period of two lifecycles of the fly (approximately 60 days) past the date of the last detection. A third lifecycle (approximately 30 days) after the treatment is complete, and no additional fly has been detected, is also required to declare eradication. freshfromflorida.com, 888-397-1517

Miami man's problem: full bladder, bad gas

Florida's Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement earlier this month arrested Osvaldo Jares Hernandez, 25, of Miami for using counterfeit credit cards to fill a bladder truck with illegally purchased fuel to then be sold on the black market. A bladder truck is retrofitted with hidden tanks that hold high volumes of fuel.

Law officers investigating the black-market sale of fuel observed the bladder tank in Jares Hernandez's vehicle at a gas station in Land O'Lakes and engaged Hernandez at the pump. A search uncovered 19 counterfeit credit cards, one of which was used to purchase the fuel.

The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement protects Florida's agriculture and consumers in support of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. freshfromflorida.com



Ten-year-old Jett Kellogg drops a bunt during practice before the All Star team goes to Bartow to play.



Colton Hay volunteers with the DeSoto County Youth Football league.



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The Five-0 team from the DeSoto Mens Basketball League won their game against No Signal to finish up a busy sports schedule in Arcadia.

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Sanchez Machine Shop team. Of course, the playground equipment was busy next to the field. The basketball court was in use, as the "No Signal" team warmed up before their game in the DeSoto Mens

Basketball League later that night.

As I drove to Bowers Stadium to watch the DeSoto County Youth Football teams practice, I passed a soccer game with adult men playing in an open field next to a church.

After watching the DCYF teams practice, I went to Brewer Park to see the 9- and 10-year-old All Star team get in another practice before they began

tournament play on Saturday in Bartow. As I got back into my car, I noticed a small group of youth soccer players practicing in the field and also another group of young basketball players using the courts.

Finally, I arrived at the high school to watch the DeSoto Mens Basketball League games to finish out the night.

I saw players such as Keimar Richardson, Ethan Redden and Bubba Mele, who played on the Strive 4 Success team. They had been at the football conditioning workout and then went straight to basketball practice and then played two games in the league.

And I thought I had a busy day!

NETWORKS

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are no more important to me than those of athletes who take a knee during the playing of the National Anthem.

Whether Barr deserved to be fired is

a question I have not pondered. Her bosses at ABC said she did; in doing so, they set a standard.

That Colbert could get by with his remarks — I cannot even find an acceptable way to paraphrase them — is commentary on how tasteless his network has allowed him to become. In doing nothing, his bosses also set a

standard.

It is difficult to overlook the fact that Barr was fired by her left-leaning network for making a remark directed at a liberal president's staff member, while Colbert went unpunished by his left-leaning network for a gutter-level rant against a conservative president.

I find it hard not to believe that the

targets of the offensive remarks was a significant factor in the action — or inaction — of the two networks.

Each set the bar for their own organizations.

S. L. Frisbie is retired. He gives Roseanne Barr points for announcing that she is leaving Twitter. There is a message in there for President Trump.

Mosaic rezoning voices, what July portends

DeSoto's planning commissioners voted 3-2 to recommend the rezoning of Mosaic Fertilizer property from agriculture to mining. The June 5 hearing brought many voices to the decision, many of which will attend the July 24-25 public hearing to rezone before the DeSoto Board of County Commissioners.

The *Arcadian* is publishing what some of those involved in the controversial topic say about mining and the future of DeSoto County.

Judy Kirkpatrick, DeSoto County planning and zoning commissioner

Here are points I wish the public was aware of concerning the Planning & Zoning Commission and the decision:

1) The Planning Commission has no power. Zero. None. As appointed volunteers, we assist the county commissioners by reviewing staff reports and making recommendations based on information supplied by staff, applicants and the public. To quote the county's Code of Ordinances: "The report and recommendations of the Planning Commission shall be advisory only and shall not be binding upon the Board of County Commissioners."

2) Our charge is to follow planning regulations that apply to this beginning step on the zoning change request path. One important part of our process is reviewing the 15 factors from our Code of Ordinances, along with staff responses to these factors. These are general guidelines, not fixed rules. Our involvement is merely the opening of a door to an applicant's zoning

change request. There are many steps down this path to a final decision by the county commissioners.

3) Opinions and feelings cannot come into play during this process. We must follow regulations and use only expert evidence when making decisions. We all have our opinions. My homesite is within 350 feet of Mosaic owned property and the railroad will be less than a quarter mile away. I have an opinion, as well.

4) There are currently three vacancies on the Planning Commission Board. I would invite any county resident to apply for one of these volunteer positions.

Andy Mele, Suncoast Waterkeeper, Bradenton Beach

What transpired at the June 5 Desoto County Planning Commission hearing on a rezone of 14,000 acres, from Agriculture to Mining, was a deeply flawed exercise in circular reasoning that could usher in a generations-long era of economic despair, environmental devastation and the demise of the county's culture and character.

Earl Hahn, County Development Director, presented a staff report—since removed from the county website—that exonerated the rezone from having any impact whatsoever upon the 15 requirements that must be satisfied in order to earn a rezone. In other words, perfect compliance with the county's Comprehensive Plan and LDR.

Hahn accomplished this through magic thinking, by claiming that a



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rezone cannot possibly have any influence on the Comp Plan, or on quality of life, or traffic, or drainage problems, or breaching toxic clay ponds, or any of the 15 requirements, because it is merely an administrative act. A piece of paper. He claimed—and three commissioners agreed—that "This policy is not applicable to a rezoning application," hence such impacts will be taken up

during the application process for the Master Mine Plan some time in 2019. The rezone, it is clearly implied, is a mere formality.

The flaws in this logic are readily apparent. Sure, the physical piece of paper doesn't create traffic or toxic clay spills that drive people out of their

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By the numbers: downtown Arcadia's progress, 'a tremendous crossroads'

As the Arcadia Main Street Program enters another year as a nonprofit organization in Arcadia, we realize that Historic Downtown Arcadia is at a tremendous crossroads.

Every year the district draws thousands of visitors that generate much needed revenue to the community, as a whole. Downtown also represents tremendous investments in the community through sales tax, infrastructure and buildings. Businesses and institutions in downtown Arcadia also represent one of the largest employers, as a whole, in the community and DeSoto County, as well as one of the greatest supporters of local charities as a single entity representing the district.

Downtown Arcadia has a wealth of assets and resources available to it that range from historic district designation, to proximity to Interstate-75 and being the

crossroads of U.S. Highway 17 and State Road 70. Maintaining an active and healthy downtown core results in quality of life and economic benefits that will be felt across the community, including:

- Increased revenues
- Enhanced property values
- The utilization of vacant space
- Attraction of private investment
- Leverage of private dollars for grants to the community
- Additional goods and services being offered to residents
- Strengthening of private businesses

The Main Street Approach was created by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1977, to address the daunting task of declining downtowns in communities of every size across the country. Each designated Main Street Program

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Twenty years in Arcadia: The evolution of DeSoto County business

By DUWAYNE KELLER
ARCADIAN BUSINESS COLUMNIST

I've always been a big believer in people. My passion is to help others grow—for the past 20 years, I've done this by providing leadership and professional development training in DeSoto County and the rest of Southwest Florida.

Many people are familiar with the famous Dale Carnegie name, and some might even have read his book, including his 30 persistently relevant principles for winning friends and influencing people, from Principle 4 (Become genuinely interested in other people) to the simple but effective Principle #5 (Smile). His principles have changed my life, and even more importantly, they've helped me impact my local

community. Personally, I strive to live my life by Dale Carnegie Principle 17: Try honestly to see things from other people's point of view.

Earlier in my career I was a high school and college basketball coach, and taught biology, physical education and sociology. When I decided to move on from working with young people, I moved into a role where I knew I'd be able to leave a lasting impression on the business community, and live principles I've found to be professionally and personally rewarding. Having a business where I'm in control, with the ability to positively shape people's lives, has always been a priority for me.



KELLER

Most importantly, I've enjoyed a fascinating inside look watching the business community, and local professionals and leaders, grow and evolve since I began offering Dale Carnegie's training curriculum in DeSoto County in 1978.

One of the most interesting people I've met through my business was Tom Lipe, a well-known fixture in DeSoto County. Tom also worked at Dale Carnegie for many years, in Miami and South America, before opening a franchise in Tallahassee. He was one of the most positive people I have ever met. He was the human example of the Dale Carnegie principles and was a true mentor. When I look back on my career in DeSoto County, he's one of the main people who opened my eyes to so many possibilities.

DeSoto County is filled with stories like these, people who work hard to transform themselves personally and professionally, and I continue to be humbled by the positive change all around us in southwest Florida. Doing business in a close-knit community has helped me build relationships with corporations and small businesses, and people often call me for information and advice on what's going on in their lives. I'm almost like a counselor or therapist at times, for CEOs who don't have anyone else to talk to.

The principles behind the training have changed my life and who I am for the better—my confidence level, communications skills, sales and management ability. When I had the

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Selby House thanks Pizza Hut

Mental Health Community Centers/Selby House in Arcadia is celebrating a generous partnership with Pizza Hut in Arcadia.

Each month, Pizza Hut delivers fresh, large-pan pizzas to Selby House, feeding approximately 30 individuals attending programs to manage their mental-health recovery during the twice-monthly delivery process. This generosity equates to \$1,200 in the last year alone.

Program director Rick O'Connell says:

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Robert Smith, restaurant general manager from NPC International, greets Rick O'Connell, Selby House program director, at the Arcadia Pizza Hut.



ARRESTS

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in Arcadia. At the location, the CI bought 2.9 grams of meth at a spot about 300 feet from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

In August 2016, Rettel went to the Walmart store, filled a cart with products from the meat department, and existed the store without going to any checkout counter to pay for the merchandise. He was detained by a Walmart employee who asked him why he failed to pay for the items in his cart. Rettel admitted to the employee and to a sheriff's deputy he had taken the meat because his food stamps had been taken away from him and he wanted to feed his family. He had 36 items in the cart totaling \$288.69.

Following the arrest, Rettel was placed on probation, but subsequently violated the terms of his probation. The court thus sentenced him to four years and six months in state prison and revoked his probation. His projected release date has not yet been made available.

According to the Department of Corrections, Rettel was previously sentenced in 2011 to serve a year and nine months in prison for possession and sale of methamphetamine and cocaine and trafficki8ng in stolen property.

Flynn sentenced for destroying evidence

William Kenneth Flynn, 62, will be spending two years and two months in state prison on a charge of tampering with or destroying evidence.

According to records from the DeSoto County Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, on March 3, DCSO was called to Live Oak RV Park on S.W. U.S. Highway 17 to deal with an intoxicated person.



FLYNN

The man, Flynn, said he had been dropped off there by a Charlotte County deputy and was trying to get home. The DeSoto deputy offered to give him a ride to Nocatee, where he lived on S.W. Miami Avenue.

As he walked with Flynn to the passenger side of the car, Flynn began to empty his pockets. The deputy heard something that sounded like glass fall and strike the ground. When he pointed his flashlight in that direction, the deputy saw it was a glass pipe typically used to smoke methamphetamine, now broken in two.

Flynn stepped on both parts of the pipe and the deputy told him to step away. Flynn claimed the pipe was there before. Later, though, he said he had used the pipe to smoke meth and had lied about it because he panicked.

Residue in the pipe tested positive for meth.

Flynn was arrested on charges of destroying evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia, along with three counts of violation of probation. On May 16, he was sentenced to serve two years and two months in state prison on the destruction of evidence charge, and was transferred to the Department of Corrections on June 6. His projected release date is April 30, 2020.

Flynn served in prison previously, including a 15-year sentence on charges of attempted armed robbery and arson in Charlotte County, and a 10-year sentence for attempted armed robbery also out of Charlotte County.

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

- Meagan Faye Arndt, 24, Largo, FL. Charges: two counts of possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of a harmful new legend drug without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$3,620.
- Tyler Ray Carlan, 26, Dayton, OH. Charges: driving while license

is suspended and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$620.

- Jeffrey Llewlyne Corbitt, 52, FCCC, Arcadia, FL. Charge: battery on staff of Florida Civil Commitment Center. Bond: none.
- Brian Jay Dearth, 45, 200 block of S. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- Kimberly Susan Haywood, 47, North Fort Myers, FL. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Kyle Travis Robertson, 28, North Fort Myers, FL. Charge: possession of a weapon or ammunition by a convicted felon. Bond: \$7,500.
- Andrew White, 33, Bowling Green, FL. Charges: five counts of failure to appear. Bond: none.
- Chiquita Lynn Woodson, 31, 1700 block of S.W. Harlem Circle, Arcadia FL. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Jake Edward Elvebo, 30, 4500 block of N.W.E. State Road 70, Arcadia. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession or use of drug equipment and violation of nonresident driver's license. Bond: \$2,120.
- Isabella Josephine Harper, 19, Orlando, FL. Charges: possession or more than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
- Leslie Lavon Henderson, 48, 2500 block of S.W. Charlotte St., Arcadia. Charge: driving while license is suspended. Bond: \$120.
- Dianne Dawn Reed, 39, 200 block of S.W. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft. Bond: \$120.
- George Chester Shaver Jr., 45, 6800 block of S.W. Albritton Road, Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$500.
- Felicia Genice Wilson, 55, Orlando, FL. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$500.
- Joel Zavala, 24, 1700 block of N.E. Bora Ave., Arcadia. Charges: DUI with alcohol or drugs and refusal to submit to DUI testing after suspension of license. Bond: \$1,000.
- Thomas Everett Butler, 48, 7100 block of N.W. County Road 661, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and criminal mischief with \$1,000 or more in damage. Bond: \$9,000.
- Torrance Jermane Cowart, 43, 1100 block of S.W. Rainbow Ave., Arcadia. Charges: three counts of sale of cocaine within 1,000 feet of a school, church or other prohibited location. Bond: \$60,000.
- Sandra Lynn Marie Frazier, 27, Sebring, FL. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Darius Demengus Jenkins Jr., 20, Avon Park, FL. Charge: battery. Bond: \$2,000.
- Holly Jean Jones, 33, Dayton, OH. Charge: grand theft auto and failure to redeliver hired motor vehicle. Bond: \$3,000.
- Steven Guy King, 24, 1100 block of S.W. Nomie Drive, Arcadia. Charges: domestic battery by strangulation and assault. Bond:

- \$1,620.
- Anel Marc Jr., 31, Fort Myers, FL. Charges: felony battery, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and child neglect without great bodily harm. Bond: \$3,000.
- Joseph Dwayne Perry, 49, 7100 block of S.W. Oak Creek Road, Fort Ogden. Charges: directing a missile into a dwelling, building, aircraft or vehicle and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. Bond: \$35,000.
- Otis Levon Blandin, 49, Wauchula. Charge: driving while license is suspended for third or subsequent offense. Bond: \$1,500.
- Catarina Juan Francisco, 36, 1000 lock of Maple St., Arcadia. Charges: driving without a valid license and hit and run by leaving the scene of an accident with property damage. Bond: \$240.
- Margarita Suarez Camacho, 41, 1800 S.E. 1st Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.
- Jose Antonio Cruz, 21, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$1,000.
- Warren Cooper Jr., 54, 1200 block of S.W. Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Sheldon Gerread Pearsall, 46, 400 block of Screen St., Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$1,000.
- Dylan Austin Roy, 23, Punta Gorda. Charge: disorderly conduct by brawling in public. Bond: \$120.
- Kerry Alan Shirley, 54, 2300 block of S.E. Red Baron Drive, Arcadia. Charge: out-of-state warrant. Bond: none.

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

- Robert Ellis Lutz, 36, 5100 block of N.E. Sandy Road, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession or use of drug paraphernalia, driving while license is suspended for third or subsequent time, and DUI with alcohol or drugs. Bond: \$22,500.
- Cody Allen Smith, 27, 1800 block of N.W. Goat Hill Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation or community control. Bond: none.
- Timothy Ryan Thomas, 29, 11000 block of S.W. U.S. Highway 17, Arcadia. Charges: knowingly driving while license is suspended or revoked and violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Eugene Wilson Connell, 21, 2700 block of N.W. Lancing Drive, Arcadia. Charge: carrying a concealed weapon or unlicensed electronic device. Bond: \$2,500.
- Bobby Ray Thigpen, 26, 1900 block of Lee Camp Road, Arcadia. Charge: DUI with alcohol or drugs and driving while license is suspended, second offense. Bond: \$6,000.

—Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman



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DeSoto for anything in three years. The firm has 9,400 customers and makes more than 1 million yearly collections.

"I need help sustaining the services [we're] giving right now," Womack said on Tuesday. Concessions from DeSoto commissioners would put his firm "on the right path," he added.

Langford's remark that Womack customers need and respect the service but didn't want to pay more for it, triggered a post-meeting Q&A. Turns out Womack's costs to

run the trash-hauling firm his father started in 1970, and that he expects son Luke to someday operate, are astonishing—a front Michelin tire will run \$1,200, for example, rear tires \$500 each. And he'll maybe get 5,000 miles on those tires, he said.

A Mack truck stickers at \$300,000, he added, logs about 2.5 miles per gallon. His trucks also have GPS tracking and chassis cameras for odd occurrences. A motorist, for instance, had blamed a sidestreet collision with a Womack truck on curbside crews, or "slingers" in the trade, when a chassis camera clearly showed the motorist plowing into the

idling truck's backside. Thankfully, no injuries in that mishap, he said.

And the work crews sometimes find rubbish piled at the curb, will carry items for disabled seniors, and operate on precision schedules.

Commissioners rejecting Womack's petition couldn't agree enough on his firm's reputation for prompt and courteous service.

Yet, DeSoto is "getting hit with a lot of things right now," commission Chair Jim Selph said of budget considerations. "Let us get through what we need to get through."

And with that, the meeting was gaveled closed.



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Robert Womack at Tuesday's DeSoto BOCC hearing with son, Luke.

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3116 NOTICE OF ACTION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION CASE NO: 142017DPO00176 IN THE INTEREST OF: A.H. 5/17/2002 Minor Child

NOTICE OF ACTION (TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS)

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WITNESS my hand as Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 31st day May 2018. NADIA K. DAUGHTREY as Clerk of Court By: Melinda Corbut As Deputy Clerk Publish: June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018 402853 3583548

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 14-2017-CA-000574 REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE, Plaintiff,

vs. ROCCO A. FOSTER, et al., Defendants,

NOTICE OF ACTION

To Defendant: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES OR OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST JOHN H. FOSTER, ROCCO A. FOSTER, TIMOTHY A. FOSTER, HAROLD J. FOSTER, JANE E. DAVIS, SUSAN WIGHT, PEGGY A. FOSTER, SHIRLEY A. ADCOCK, BECKY A. JOHNSON, TRINA HOWARD, and all others whom it may concern, You are hereby notified than an action to foreclose a mortgage lien on the following property in DeSoto County, Florida: Lot 14, Block B, FOREST PINE ESTATES, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 9, Page 20, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Michael C. Caborn, Esquire, Windereedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 329 Park Avenue North, Second Floor, Winter Park, Florida 32789, on or before 30 days from the date of the 1st publication, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint

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or petition. 49.09, Fla Stat. This Notice of Action shall be published once during each week for two (2) consecutive weeks under 49.10(c), Fla. Stat. DATED on 5/10/2018. NADIA DAUGHTREY Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Bridgette Rios. As Deputy Clerk Publish: 6/14/18 and 6/21/18 322311 3585620

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3120 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION IN RE: ESTATE OF PHILLIP SCOTT OLIVE Deceased. File No. 2018-CP-000037 Division Probate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Philip Scott Olive, deceased, whose date of death was January 3, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSOTO County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is June 14, 2018. Attorney for Personal Representative: JOSHUA O. DORCEY (FBN 0043724) THE DORCEY LAW FIRM, PLC 10181-C Six Mile Cypress Pkwy. Fort Myers, FL 33966 Telephone: (239) 418-0169 Fax: (239) 418-0048 E-Mail: josh@dorceylaw.com Secondary E-Mail: dee@dorceylaw.com Personal Representative: Scott Olive P.O. Box 152164 Cape Coral, FL 33915 Publish: June 14 & 21, 2018 402926 3585772

3122 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2017CA000297AXMA CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. KENNETH L. CHILDRESS; ROBIN L. CHILDRESS; DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 05/17/18 and entered in 2017CA000297AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE is the Plaintiff and KENNETH L. CHILDRESS; ROBIN L. CHILDRESS; DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA are Defendant(s). Nadia K. Daughtrey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am, on 07/03/18, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 8, BLOCK "B", OF THE MEADOWS OF ARCADIA, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 19, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 3850 SE COUNTY RD #760A ARCADIA, FL 34266

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2018.

Nadia K. Daughtrey As Clerk of the Court By: Bridgette Rios As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941)861-7400, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Publish: June 14, 21, 2018 331723 3586403

3122 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2018CA000046AXMA JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. ELTA M. JOHNSON A/K/A ELTA M. TEAGUE JOHNSTON; EDWARD B. TEAGUE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 05/17/18 and entered in

2018CA000046AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, is the Plaintiff and ELTA M. JOHNSON A/K/A ELTA M. TEAGUE JOHNSTON; EDWARD B. TEAGUE; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, are Defendant(s). Nadia K. Daughtrey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am, on 07/03/18, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 3, BLOCK F, ROYAL HOWARD SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 65 AND 65A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 201 BRIDLE PATH ARCADIA, FL 34266-3305

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2018.

Nadia K. Daughtrey As Clerk of the Court By: Bridgette Rios As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941)861-7400, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Publish: June 14, 21, 2018 331723 3586405

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3122 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2018CA000036AXMA CIT BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. VINCENT KOENIG; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VINCENT KOENIG N/K/A BONNNIE J. KOENIG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **05/17/18** and entered in 2018CA000036AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein CIT BANK N.A. is the Plaintiff and VINCENT KOENIG; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VINCENT KOENIG N/K/A BONNNIE J. KOENIG; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are Defendant(s). Nadia K. Daughtrey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am, on **07/03/18**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOTS 14 AND 15, BLOCK 4, RIO VISTA SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 1.**

Property Address: 916 WEST IMOGENE STREET ALCADIA, FL 34266

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2018.

Nadia K. Daughtrey
As Clerk of the Court
By: Bridgette Rios
As Deputy Clerk

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941)861-7400, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 2017CA000611AXMA JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. MASTERSON, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NORTH SHORE AT KINGSWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; STEVEN MASTERSON; KERRY MASTERSON; ROBERT MASTERSON; JOSEPH MASTERSON, et al. Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **04/16/18** and entered in 2017CA000611AXMA of the Circuit Court of the TWELFTH Judicial Circuit in and for DESOTO County, Florida, wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH F. MASTERSON, DECEASED; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NORTH SHORE AT KINGSWAY CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; STEVEN MASTERSON; KERRY MASTERSON; ROBERT MASTERSON; JOSEPH MASTERSON are the Defendant(s). Nadia K. Daughtrey as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 11:00 am, on **06/26/18**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT 905, NORTH SHORE AT KINGSWAY, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM, FILED JUNE 20, 1997, IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 386, PAGES 563 THRU 719 INCLUSIVE, AS AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 392, PAGE 266; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 396, PAGE 997; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 397, PAGE 548; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 403, PAGE 83; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 586; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 588, OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 590; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 594; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 596; AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 407, PAGE 600, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO, AS DESCRIBED IN THE DECLARATION.

Property Address: 12144 SW EGRET CIR, APT 905 LAKE SUZY, FL 34269-8728

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2018.

Nadia K. Daughtrey
As Clerk of the Court
By: Bridgette Rios
As Deputy Clerk

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Sarasota County Jury Office, P.O. Box 3079, Sarasota, Florida 34230-3079, (941)861-7400, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

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3130 NOTICE OF SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2017CA000451 ZOPHIA ZAK RHODES, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE ZOPHIA ZAK RHODES REVOCABLE TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 15, 1993, Plaintiff,

3130 NOTICE OF SALE

vs. **CHAR'D RANCH, LLC, a Florida Limited Liability Company, Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to an Amended Uniform Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated June 4, 2018 entered in the above entitled cause in the Circuit Court of DeSoto County, Florida, I will sell the property situate in DeSoto County, Florida, described as: Parcel of land lying in Sections 3 and 4, Township 39 South, Range 23 East described as: Commence at the South 1/4 corner of Section 3, Township 39 South, Range 23 East; thence N. 0°33'11" E., along the centerline of County Road #761 (formerly S.R. #761) along the 1/4 Section line, 3023.58 feet to the P.O.B.; thence continue same line, 330.0 feet; thence S.89°49'11"W., 660.0 feet; thence S.88°02'34" W., 2019.83 feet to a point on the West line of said Section 3; thence N.89°20'32" W., into section 4, Township 39 South, Range 23 East, 1478.09 feet; thence S.0°32'06"W., 1914.79 feet; thence S.89°14'19"E., 1479.16 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of said section 4; thence N.0°32'06" E., along East line of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, 1320.36 feet to the Northeast corner of said Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4; thence N.89°49'08" E., into Section 3, 1339.21 feet to an iron pipe; thence S.0°33'41" W., 415.0 feet; thence N.88°50'23" E., 542.76 feet; thence N.1°30'09"E., 405.60 feet; thence N.89°49'11" E., 128.37 feet; thence N.0°33'11" E., 330.0 feet; thence N.89°49'11"E., 660.0 feet to P.O.B., less right of way to County Road #761 (formerly S.R. #761) along East side.

The above described land includes the following Lots in Florida Townsite Company, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 53, Public Records of DeSoto County, Florida. Portion of Lots 19, 20 and 29; All of Lots 30, 31 and 32 of Section 3; and a portion of Lots 27, 38 and 43; All of Lots 25, 26, 39, 40, 41 and 42 of Section 4.

at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, except as set forth hereinafter, on July 10, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter at www.charlotte.real-foreclose.com in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes.

NOTICE: Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

NOTICE: "If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provisions of certain assistance. Please contact Jon Embury, Administrative Services Manager, who office is located at 350 E. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950, and whose telephone number is (941)637-2110, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711."

NADIA K. DAUGHTERY
Clerk of Court
By: BRIDGETTE RIOS
Deputy Clerk
Publish: JUNE 14, 21, 2018
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2017CA000580AXMA CLUBSIDE VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC, a Florida non-profit Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES,

3130 NOTICE OF SALE

GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST BARBARA SPINELLO, DECEASED, ET AL, Defendant(s),

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated on June 5, 2018, entered in **Case No. 2017CA000580AXMA** in the Circuit Court in and for DeSoto County, Florida wherein CLUBSIDE VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC., is Plaintiff, and **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, OR AGAINST BARBARA SPINELLO, DECEASED, ET AL,** is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at **11:00 A.M. on July 12, 2018** in accordance with section 45.031, Florida Statutes, at: Desoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, the following described real property as set forth in the final Judgment, to wit:

UNIT B-4, PHASE 3, CLUBSIDE VILLAS, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE PAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, AT PAGES 68A-68D OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND BEING FURTHER DESCRIBED IN DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM FILED IN O.R. BOOK 237 AT PAGES 304-348 AS AMENDED BY AMENDMENTS THERETO ADDING SUBSEQUENT PHASES, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 12217 SW KINGSWAY CIRCLE, LAKE SUZY, FL 34269

Dated at Desoto County, Florida this June 7, 2018
Florida Community Law Group, P.L.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs. **BENJAMIN CONNORS, et al Defendant(s).**

CASE NO.: 14-00204
DIVISION: NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 27, 2018, and entered in Case No. 14-00204 of the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for DeSoto County, Florida in which Wells Fargo Bank, NA, is the Plaintiff and Benjamin Connors aka Benjamin J. Connors, Sandra Connors aka Sandra L. Connors aka Sandra Louise Connors aka Sandra Connors, Any And All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through,

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Under, And Against The Herein named Individual Defendant(s) Who are not Known To Be Dead Or Alive, Whether Said Unknown Parties May Claim An Interest in Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Or Other Claimants are defendants, the DeSoto County Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the DeSoto County Courthouse, 115 Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266; www.desotoclerk.com, DeSoto County, Florida at 11:00AM on the 28th day of June, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:

LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK P EL-DORADO PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5 PAGE 71 IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1993 SHADOW MASTER DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME IDENTIFIED BY VIN NUMBERS 146M7660A AND 146M7660B.

A/K/A 1213 SE ESMERALDA ST, ALCADIA, FL 34266

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Hillsborough County, Florida this 30th day of May, 2018

___/s/ Brittany Gramsky
Brittany Gramsky, Esq.
FL Bar # 95589
Albertelli Law
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 23028
Tampa, FL 33623
(813) 221-4743
16-014941

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.

Please contact the DeSoto County Court's ADA Coordinator at 115 E. Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266, (863)993-4876 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

To file response please contact DeSoto County Clerk of Court, 115 E. Oak Street, Room 101, Arcadia, FL 34266,

Tel: (863) 993-4876; Fax: (863) 993-4669.
Publish: June 7, 14, 2018
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3132 TAX DEEDS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **GERACI-KING TRUST** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 810 Issuance Date: JUNE 1, 2016 Tax Deed File Number 18-11-TD Description of Property: LOTS 911, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION 1, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT

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COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS.

Names in which assessed: **PRESTON V & LEONA M PHELPS**
849 CHEROKEE BLVD
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **JUNE 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2018.
NADIA K. DAUGHTREY
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: RHONA BRANTLEY, Deputy Clerk
Publish: 05/24/18, 05/31/18, 06/07/18, 06/14/18
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **GERACI-KING TRUST** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 811 Issuance Date: JUNE 1, 2016 Tax Deed File Number 18-12-TD

Description of Property: LOT 933, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION 1, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS. Names in which assessed: **RILEY W CONNELLY ESTATE**
355 LISA CIR
TEA, SD 57064

All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **JULY 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.
NADIA K. DAUGHTREY
CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: RHONA BRANTLEY, Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **GERACI-KING TRUST** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows: Certificate Number: 808 Issuance Date: JUNE 1, 2016 Tax Deed File Number 18-13-TD Description of Property: LOT 628, PEACE RIVER ESTATES, SECTION 1, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 1, LESS RESERVED MINERAL RIGHTS. Names in which assessed: **ANTHONY K S LAM**

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117 17TH AVE NE STE #101 CALGARY ALBERTA, T2E 1L7 CANADA
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **JULY 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**
Dated this 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.
NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: RHONA BRANTLEY, Deputy Clerk
Publish: 06/07/18, 06/14/18, 06/21/18, 06/28/18
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 542
Issuance Date: MAY 31, 2016
Tax Deed File Number 18-15-TD
Description of Property: LOTS 13, 14 AND 15, BLOCK 3, G.H. BUNKER'S SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 22.
Names in which assessed: AMANDA F CHILDS
816 S MONROE AVE
ARCADIA, FL 34266
All of said property being in the County of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **JULY 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**
Dated this 4TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.
NADIA K. DAUGHTREY CLERK OF COURT
DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: RHONA BRANTLEY, Deputy Clerk
Publish: 06/07/18, 06/14/18, 06/21/18, 06/28/18
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given that **IDE TECHNOLOGIES INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate Number: 152
Issuance Date: JUNE 1, 2016
Tax Deed File Number 18-16-TD
Description of Property: LOT 40, BLOCK "A", SPRING LAKES ADDITION TO DESOTO PEACE RIVER HEIGHTS, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 14, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA. TOGETHER WITH A 1981 SCHUL DOUBLE WIDE MOBILE HOME. IDENTIFICATION #S176525A AND IDENTIFICATION #S176525B. TITLE #19498599 AND TITLE #19498600. RP #R036554 AND RP #R036555.
Names in which assessed: CHRISTOPHER M ROSS
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6030 HOUSEHOLD GOODS

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OVAL DINING TABLE, No chairs \$30 863-494-1237

WALNUT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER/TV STAND \$50obo. 863-494-3190

ROUND DINING ROOM wood pedastal table w/4 chairs excellent condition \$150 OBO 863-494-3190

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TWIN BEDROOM SET White, dresser w/mirror, night stand, mattress w/box spring Clean!! \$295 941-202-9172

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SWIVEL CHAIR Palm leaf design \$25 941-202-9172

6060 COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

COMPUTER DESK \$50 863-494-3652

6065 CLOTHING/JEWELRY ACCESSORIES

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6070 ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES

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6131 FIREARMS

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CROSSROADS

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is encouraged to use a Four Point Approach in building a cohesive program. Those four points are Design, Membership, Promotions and Economic Vitality.

The purpose of a Design Committee is to encourage quality building rehabilitation, signage and public improvements of the downtown area. It is the goal of the Design Committee to make the downtown area an aesthetically appealing environment for local residents and visitors.

Design Committee will:

- Maintain welcome sign at Oak Street and SR 70 east
- Maintain flower pots and plants
- Maintain the benches
- Host a downtown Community Clean-Up/Beautification Project
- Encourage design guidelines for historic buildings, by reviewing codes, ordinances and regulations
- Implement a façade demonstration project on one building downtown

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to build consensus and cooperation among many groups, businesses and individuals who have a role in the revitalization process of the downtown area. This committee will also encourage members to participate in the activities set forth by the program, thereby increasing the likelihood of membership renewals.

Membership/Organization Committee will:

- Be an advocate for the downtown area, spreading the word of what the program is all about
- Increase membership each year by at least 20
- Host quarterly "Main Street Mixers" to encourage networking among members
- Develop a newsletter to keep all members informed of the activities
- Develop and maintain the Main Street website and Facebook, etc.
- Develop a fundraising packet
- Develop a volunteer base for downtown events

Promotion takes many forms, but the goal is to create a positive image that will rekindle community pride and improve consumer and investor confidence in your commercial

district. Advertising, retail promotions, special events, and marketing campaigns help sell the image and promise of Main Street to the community and surrounding areas. Promotions communicate your commercial district's unique characteristics, business establishments, and activities to shoppers, investors, potential business and property owners, and visitors.

Promotions Committee will:

- Continue to promote the downtown through events
- Develop and maintain a brochure promoting events, Arcadia's History and downtown members
- Work with Membership Committee to encourage the use of the web Site/Facebook for information regarding activities and events
- Encourage and promote more retail business in the downtown area

Economic restructuring strengthens your community's existing economic assets while diversifying its economic base. This is accomplished by retaining and expanding successful businesses to provide a balanced commercial mix, sharpening the competitiveness and merchandising skills of business owners, and attracting new businesses that the market can support. Converting unused or underused commercial space into economically productive property also helps boost the profitability of the district. The goal is to build a commercial district that responds to the needs of today's consumers.

Economic Development will:

- Collect information for a building and business inventory
- Include vacant buildings on the Main Street website
- Develop a business recruitment package
- Complete surveys of visitors, consumers and business on their views of downtown Arcadia
- Work closely with the Design Committee to keep downtown esthetically pleasing
- Continue hosting "Coffee with the Mayor"
- Encourage the Arcadia City Council to deem the downtown area as part of a Community Redevelopment Area, or CRA
- Pam Ames is president of Arcadia Main Street. 17 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia. arcadiamainstreet.com*

BUSINESS

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chance to take over the office from the previous owner, I jumped on it. Now, as I look forward to my next adventure, my 20 years helping professionals grow and develop in and around Arcadia feels like it passed

incredibly quickly. My hope for my beloved community is that my neighbors are able to find a career even half as rewarding as mine, and one that positively shapes who they become.
Duwayne Keller has been teaching business leaders in Arcadia and Southwest Florida how to grow their networks and better lead in the community for nearly 23 years.

SELBY

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"Members always look forward to Pizza Hut, and will remind me that day this is 'pizza day.' Support like this coming from a local business lets them know the community appreciates the effort it takes for them to make their recovery work."
Arcadia Pizza Hut general manager Rob Smith said: "We at Pizza Hut enjoy giving back to the community, to the people who take care of us. At our new location, we try to make sure we take

care of our guests with great prices, quality food, and giving people the "WOW" experience. To the people of Arcadia, we appreciate your business and look forward to many more years of great service."
For more than 40 years, Mental Health Community Centers has offered evidenced-based, specialized education, wellness and recovery programs, peer-assisted liaison, and employment support programs that have enabled individuals with mental illness to develop sustainable life skills, restore healthy lifestyles and resume more productive roles within the community. mhcci.com

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REMEMBERING

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Gaskins—were also inventors, as is Tom himself.

Libby Baker Brown remembered special times with her father, Claude Baker Sr. (1920-2004). She wrote, “My dad always worked away from home when I was young, and he came home for the weekend. That weekend was like Christmas to my brother Claude and myself. My dad always brought us a special gift. One time it was a watermelon. Another time it would be a writing pad from a hotel where he had stayed. No matter what it was, it was always given with love and received by my brother and me with joy and anticipation. And Daddy was always the best dad in the world.”

“He was very active and quite busy,” Lewis Parker wrote about his father, Thomas Marion Parker (1923-1976), a U.S. Air Force veteran (1942-1945) and former state representative (1949-1950). He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rotary Club, PTA, and Boy Scouts.

“My father was an educator with 27



Thomas Parker was a loving father believing in education and expecting excellence from his children.

years in DeSoto, including as principal [Memorial Elementary School] and finance director when he retired in 1975,” Lewis noted. “My father was ‘old school’ and a stern disciplinarian. He believed in education and expected excellence ... He exposed us to a variety



Thomas Gaskins established the Cypress Knee Museum in Palmdale, Florida,

of musical entertainment, including classical music, as well as the hits of the day and the musicals that were popular during that era. He encouraged my participation in the Boy Scouts and other extracurricular activities

“The most significant thing that I can think of is that 40 plus years after his death, I still miss him. I cannot

begin to tell you how many times during my life that I wished he were alive so that I could ask his opinion on something. I also have wished that my sons could have gotten to know him, because my grandfathers were both in my life, and we did a lot of things that are fond memories. So, I miss that for them.”

MOSAIC

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homes. But the actions it permits do create those direct impacts. Rezoning is the first door that must be opened for Mosaic to mine some 25,000 total acres in Desoto County. The act of rezoning makes mining possible, whereas, without rezoning, it would not be possible. Therefore, rezoning is directly responsible for the impacts of mining. That's a no-brainer.

What is not so readily apparent, but is more destructive to the county's independence, is the fact that if the BOCC approves the rezone, believing it to be a mere formality, it will have crossed the threshold for a Bert Harris Act lawsuit, one that will run into the billions. That's how much profit Mosaic anticipates in return for its \$3 million rodeo arena.

The biggest weakness in Hahn's bending-over-backward logic is this: if, as he appears to be claiming, a rezone must be approved because it has no bearing on the established, documented impacts of the proposed activity allowed by the zoning change (!), then each and every rezoning application in county history should have enjoyed the same immunity, and no rezones should have ever been denied, because if one rezone has no impact on anything, none of them do.

I would be willing to bet money, however, that the county has denied rezones. Any prior denials will conclusively affirm that, yes, rezones do have concrete, direct impacts, sufficient to elicit a denial.

I urge the Board of County Commissioners to assert governmental integrity and independence by reviewing this matter before they take the dais to consider this rezone application, so that justice can prevail without being forced through a legal challenge.

The biggest problem with the Planning Commission was one of almost total ignorance. That is not intended as an insult. The permit process creates an avalanche of dense administrative language and quasi-factual red herrings, with very little reality behind it. Mosaic willfully cultivates ignorance, because when elected officials see what phosphate strip-mining does to a community, they will deny. Planning Commissioners did not know what a CSA is, and had clearly never seen

photographs of what mining does to the land.

Please don't make your public spend half their precious testimony, as we had to do at the Planning Commission, just to bring you up to speed on mining, and how the phosphate process actually works. You need the facts.

Heather Nedley, Mosaic Public Affairs Manager

We appreciate the thoughtful and thorough consideration given by staff and the Planning Commissioners to our re-zoning application. Being a good neighbor is important to our company and, over time, we hope to earn the trust of our neighbors who voiced concerns about the rezone. We look forward to a long and productive partnership with the county that supports the local economy, delivers an essential product to farmers, protects the environment, and does right by our community.

Henry Kuhlman, community activist, Hardee County

Are you reading the Facebook page Wake Up Desoto? It has been up less than a week. The top post has 1,845 people reached in 14 hours over night. One post of the mining map of Bone Valley titled “Three Votes Determine the Fate of Desoto” has 4,980 people reached (not boosted) in three days. You might want to read the post on Commissioners Decision Tree, it is a great explanation of how the game is being played in D (DeSoto County).

I keep hearing this but have not had time to do research. I'm told from multiple sources that the incidence of ALS and brain cancer in Hardee and mined out areas of Polk (250,000 acres) are multiple times higher than baseline averages. A retired doctor from Watson Clinic is one person that has said this. Two speakers last evening (June 5) have direct experience living next to Riverview Gypsum Stack and in Mulberry. There was an expert witness (forensic geologist and hydrologist) speaker last night that spoke to this also. This is an area that D needs to explore now.

You may have looked at Wake Up Hardee. This page is about nine years old. It's mostly about exposing corruption and stopping the flow of public money before they can get the scams going. We have about \$15,000,000 trapped in cash they



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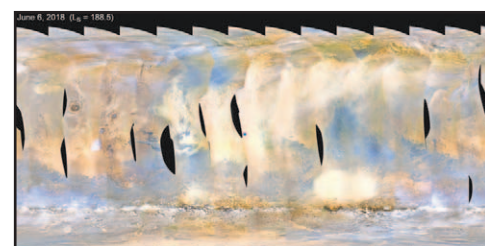
cannot divert because of our use of public records laws and lawsuits. My only interest in D is stopping

Mosaic now. If they get three votes on July 24, D is as dead as Hardee and southern Polk.



AP PHOTOS

Surrounded by ice, commercial fishing boats are docked in their slips after more than a week's worth of frigid weather froze the harbor in Lake Montauk in Montauk, N.Y., on Jan. 7, 2018. Only a few commercial boats remain in Montauk harbor during the winter months fishing for species such as porgy, tilefish, monkfish and black sea bass.



NASA/JPL-CALTECH/MSSS VIA AP

This composite image made from observations by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter spacecraft shows a global map of Mars with a growing dust storm as of June 6. The storm was first detected on June 1. The blue dot at center indicates the approximate location of the Opportunity rover.

NASA rover knocked out in huge dust storm on Mars

By MARCIA DUNN
AP AEROSPACE WRITER

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA's seemingly unstoppable Mars rover Opportunity has been knocked out by a gigantic dust storm that is enveloping the red planet and blotting out the sun.

Officials said Wednesday they're hopeful the rover will survive the storm, which already covers one-quarter of Mars and is expected to encircle the planet in another few days. It could be weeks or even months, though, until the sky clears enough for sunlight to reach the Martian surface and recharge Opportunity's batteries through its solar panels.

For now, Mars' oldest working rover is stuck in the middle of the raging storm, in round-the-clock darkness.

"By no means are we out of the woods here," said John Callas, the Opportunity project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. "This storm is threatening, and we don't know how long it will last, and we don't know what the environment will be like once it clears."

Flight controllers tried late Tuesday night to contact Opportunity, but the rover did not respond. The storm has been growing since the end of May with unprecedented speed.

NASA launched the twin rovers Opportunity and Spirit in 2003 to study Martian rocks and soil. They landed in 2004. Spirit hasn't worked for several years. Opportunity, however, has kept exploring well past its expected mission lifetime.

AP INVESTIGATION: LOCAL FISH ISN'T ALWAYS LOCAL

By ROBIN MCDOWELL,
MARGIE MASON and
MARTHA MENDOZA

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

MONTAUK, N.Y. — Caterers in Washington tweeted a photo of maroon sashimi appetizers served to 700 guests attending the governor's inaugural ball last year. They were told the tuna was from Montauk.

But it was an illusion. It was the dead of winter and no yellowfin had been landed in the New York town.

An Associated Press investigation traced the supply chain of national distributor Sea To Table to other parts of the world, where fishermen described working under slave-like conditions with little regard for marine life.

In a global seafood industry plagued by deceit, conscientious consumers will pay top dollar for what they believe is local, sustainably caught seafood. But even in this fast-growing niche market, companies can hide behind

murky dealings, making it difficult to know the story behind any given fish.

Sea To Table said by working directly with 60 docks along U.S. coasts it could guarantee the fish was wild, domestic and traceable — sometimes to the fisherman.

The New York-based company quickly rose in the sustainable seafood movement. While it told investors it had \$13 million in sales last year, it expected growth to \$70 million by 2020. The distributor earned endorsement from the Monterey Bay Aquarium and garnered media attention from Bon Appetit, Forbes and many more. Its clientele included celebrity chef Rick Bayless, Roy's seafood restaurants, universities and home delivery meal kits such as HelloFresh.

As part of their investigation, reporters staked out America's largest fish market, followed trucks and interviewed fishermen who worked on three continents. During a bone-chilling week,



A fishmonger pulls boxes of whole tunas from an airline shipping container in New York on Dec. 18, 2017. More than 90 percent of all seafood that ends up on U.S. dinner tables is imported.

they set up a time-lapse camera at Montauk harbor that showed no tuna boats docking. The AP also had a chef order \$500 worth of fish sent "directly from the landing dock to your kitchen," but the boat listed on the receipt hadn't been there in at least two years.

Preliminary DNA tests suggested the fish likely came from the Indian Ocean

or the Western Central Pacific. There are limitations with the data because using genetic markers to determine the origins of species is still an emerging science, but experts say the promising new research will eventually be used to help fight illegal activity in the industry.

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Primary election lesson for GOP: Don't cross the president

By LISA MASCARO and MEG KINNARD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Don't cross President Donald Trump.

That's the lesson many Republicans are drawing from Rep. Mark Sanford's surprise defeat Tuesday in his primary election in South Carolina. The victor, state Rep. Katie Arrington, repeatedly highlighted Sanford's criticism of the president.

The outcome is a cautionary tale for Republicans in Congress who try to work with Trump while also maintaining their independence. One wrong turn — or in Sanford's case, many — and they could face the wrath of a president who is quick

to attack detractors as enemies, even in his own party.

"That's ultimately what the race devolved down to, which was, was I Trump enough?" Sanford told reporters on Capitol Hill.

"It's a very tribal environment right now," he said. "Are you for or against Trump?"

He said he hoped his defeat would not dissuade other members from speaking out against Trump. Agreeing to disagree is "a sign of health in our political system."

Sanford is the second incumbent House Republican to lose a primary this year, though the defeat of Rep. Robert Pittenger in North Carolina came despite his staunch support for the president.

Still, Sanford is only the latest casualty in

the intra-party conflict that has roiled the GOP in the Trump era. Trump is known to remember slights from lawmakers.

Rep. Martha Roby, for example, was forced into a runoff last week in Alabama after her opponents seized on her own rift with the president. In 2016, after the release of a tape in which candidate Trump bragged about grabbing women, Roby said she wouldn't vote for him for president.

Recent results have a message, said Rep. Barry Loudermilk in neighboring Georgia. Be a team player or Trump will support someone who will be.

"It doesn't make me nervous, but it probably gives pause to someone who want to openly criticize the president," he said.

Trump celebrated Sanford's defeat on Twitter, claiming success in ousting a foe. In a highly unusual move for a president, he had tweeted an endorsement of Arrington on Tuesday afternoon when polls were still open in South Carolina.

"My political representatives didn't want me to get involved in the Mark Sanford primary thinking that Sanford would easily win — but with a few hours left I felt that Katie was such a good candidate, and Sanford was so bad, I had to give it a shot," he said.

The transformation of the GOP under Trump makes some lawmakers uneasy.

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Chilean police raid Catholic Church offices amid abuse probe

By PATRICIA LUNA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTIAGO, Chile — Police and prosecutors raided Roman Catholic Church offices in two Chilean cities Wednesday looking for files, investigative reports and documents related to a sex abuse scandal that has damaged the clergy's reputation in the South American country.

The surprise raids targeted the headquarters of Santiago's Ecclesiastical Court and the bishop's office in Rancagua in the O'Higgins region, where 14 priests are accused of having had sexual relations with minors.

"In Chile, we are all subject to common justice," said

prosecutor Emiliano Arias, who led the raid in Santiago.

Cardinal Ricardo Ezzati, the archbishop of Santiago, said church officials "gave the prosecutor all the requested documentation." He added that they are "available to cooperate with the civilian justice system in all that is required."

In May, all of Chile's 30-plus active bishops offered to quit over their collective guilt in failing to protect Chile's children from priests who raped, groped and molested them.

Wednesday's raids came as two leading Vatican investigators — Archbishop Charles Scicluna and Spanish Monsignor Jordi Bertomeu — are in Chile to investigate

the sexual abuse of minors committed by clergy.

Scicluna and Bertomeu earlier put together a 2,300-page report that prompted Pope Francis to realize he had misjudged the Chilean situation.

On Monday, Francis began purging Chile's Catholic hierarchy over the avalanche of sex abuse and cover-up cases, starting with accepting the resignations of the bishop at the center of the scandal and two others. More heads were expected to roll.

A Vatican statement Monday said Francis had accepted the resignations of Bishop Juan Barros of Osorno,

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AP PHOTO

Archbishop Charles Scicluna, center left, and Monsignor Jordi Bertomeu, center right, are protected by security guards as students demand that the Catholic church investigate cases of sexual abuses inside the Catholic University of Chile, after a press conference at that same University in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday.

Aid group refuses migrants from US Navy ship

ROME (AP) — Italy escalated its quarrel with France over migration Wednesday, challenging the bordering country to take in more asylum-seekers and demanding an apology after the French president accused the new Italian government of irresponsible behavior for refusing entry to a rescue ship with hundreds of migrants aboard.

Interior Minister Matteo Salvini chided French President Emmanuel Macron by name during a speech before Parliament's upper chamber, while Italian news reports said a meeting between Macron and Italian Premier Giuseppe Conte planned for Friday now was in doubt.

"I speak in the name of a government, but I also have the aim of speaking for a people who have nothing to learn from anyone about generosity, volunteerism, welcome and solidarity," Salvini, the leader of the anti-migrant League party, said to applause in the Senate chamber.

In other signs of the continuing clash, Italy summoned the French ambassador for consultations, canceled a planned

meeting between finance ministers and warned that diplomatic relations between the two European Union members had been compromised.

Italy has received both criticism and praise for turning away the Aquarius rescue ship over the weekend as it made its way across the Mediterranean Sea carrying 629 migrants. Rome says the rescue vessel's passengers never were in danger and argues that other European countries must share the work of welcoming would-be asylum-seekers.

Two Italian naval vessels are escorting the ship to Spain after the Socialist government of new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez offered the Aquarius safe harbor Monday.

The Aquarius and two Italian ships that took on some of the 629 passengers are expected to arrive in Valencia on Saturday night, weather conditions permitting, said SOS Mediterranee co-founder Sophie Beau, whose charity operates the aid ship. If the timeline holds, that would be a week after the Aquarius first sought permission to dock in Italy.

The port of Valencia



AP PHOTO

This photo released on Tuesday shows stranded migrants aboard the SOS Mediterranee's Aquarius ship and MSF NGOs, as they are transferred to Italian ships to continue the journey to Spain in the Mediterranean Sea.

is some 930 miles from where the vessel had been on standby.

"It's a relief for everyone, our teams and of course above all for the survivors, to know that they are finally allowed to head to a safe port in Europe," Beau told reporters in Marseille, France.

Lashing out at the French government, Salvini said France had taken in only a fraction of the 9,816 migrants it had pledged to accept under a 2015 EU relocation plan. The EU plan, which was intended to relieve pressure on Italy and Greece, has largely flopped, with only a handful of coun-

tries receiving their share

of newcomers. "So I ask President Macron to pass from words to action and tomorrow morning, welcome the 9,000 France promised to welcome as a sign of concrete generosity and not just words," Salvini said.

France has admitted 635 migrants under the terms of the plan, according to EU figures.

The line Italy drew with the Aquarius appeared to be a tactic by the populist government sworn in this month to force Europe's hand at a summit of EU leaders in Brussels set for June 28-29.

Italy for years has complained that it has been left

largely alone to manage Europe's migrant crisis, but the new government says its firm stance has finally gotten the point across.

"I think we've never been so central and so heard as we have been over the last hours," Salvini told the senators, adding that sympathetic officials from Germany and elsewhere had contacted him to applaud his position.

Salvini also accused France of having turned back 10,249 migrants at Italy's northern border since January, "including women, children and disabled people." The border crossing point at Ventimiglia has been the scene of protests and desperation for years as France refused to let in migrants, many of them seeking to reach family in France or Germany.

Austria's conservative Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, who since December has led a coalition government with the anti-migration Freedom Party, proposed the idea Wednesday of an "axis of the willing" — made up of Rome, Vienna and Berlin — to cooperate in tackling illegal immigration.

Salvini has accused European aid groups of essentially operating tax services for Libya-based human traffickers and said Italy will now refuse their rescue ships entry.

Italian maritime vessels that have picked up Europe-bound migrants in the Mediterranean still are entering the ports; on Wednesday, an Italian coast guard vessel docked in Catania, Sicily with 932 migrants on board.

Still at sea were 41 migrants rescued Tuesday by the U.S. Navy vessel Trenton, which was in the Mediterranean for what the U.S. 6th Fleet said was a routine operation. German aid group Sea-Watch said the migrants were picked up after their rubber dinghy sank and the Navy also had recovered the bodies of 12 people.

Sea Watch confirmed it had space and food for 41 passengers, but said it declined to take the migrants from the U.S. Navy ship because Italy had refused to assign the group's rescue vessel a port where it could dock.

The U.S. Sixth Fleet said it was coordinating with its partners on where the migrants will go next.

No Coke, No Pepsi: Bottlers leave Mexican city hit by crime

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans are among the biggest soda drinkers in the world, so residents of the southern city of Ciudad Altamirano were worried when first Coca-Cola then Pepsi closed their distribution centers amid drug gang extortion demands.

Guerrero state security spokesman Roberto Alvarez said Wednesday that while Pepsi hasn't explained why its

distributor in the steamy city closed over the weekend, authorities are "not ruling out that criminal groups have been pressuring (the company) to extort money from them."

That was largely the reason why a Coca-Cola plant there closed in March.

In the absence of Coke and Pepsi, a Ciudad Altamirano resident said the local drug gang is allowing two trucking companies to bring in soda from nearby cities at percent higher prices.

Military collects donations, teaches Rio police about phones

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A military intervention in Rio de Janeiro state includes seeking private donations for cash-strapped police forces, ordering officers to put away their smartphones while patrolling and encouraging businesses to invest because security is improving, the general in charge of the mission said Wednesday.

Gen. Walter Souza Braga Netto, head of the military takeover of security in the state, made the comments in

a speech during a forum on the intervention.

President Michel Temer ordered the military response in February after muggings and robberies were caught on camera in affluent parts of Rio during Carnival celebrations.

Braga Netto said 375 motorcycles had been donated to the police, and the military was repairing police vehicles and had provided three armored cars to an elite squad of officers known by the Portuguese acronym BOPE.

The general also said the military was working to change police habits. He put up a photo of an officer looking at his smartphone.

Al-Qaida's Mali branch releases video of 2 female hostages

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — An agency that monitors jihadist websites says al-Qaida's Mali branch has released a video of two hostages.

SITE Intelligence Group said the video released Wednesday on Telegram by the Mali-based Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen shows French aid worker Sophie Petronin and Colombian nun Gloria Cecilia Narvaez.

Petronin was kidnapped

in late 2016 in Gao, Mali. Narvaez was seized near Mali's border with Burkina Faso in February 2017.

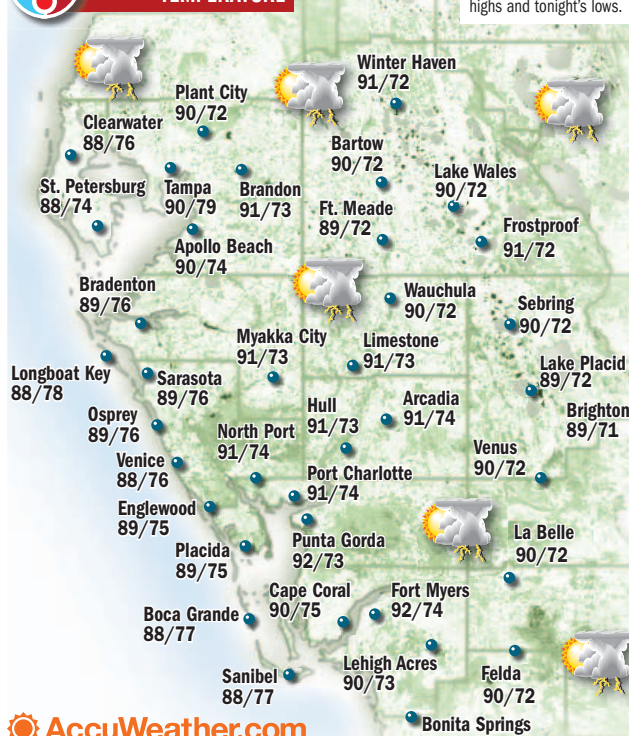
The footage shows the two women together, with Narvaez providing care to Petronin. SITE Intelligence Group says Petronin addresses her son and expresses a wish to reunite with her family.

Narvaez addresses Pope Francis, asking for intervention for the sick Petronin.

In January, the insurgents released a video of Narvaez, with an extremist narrating an appeal for the payment of her release.

TODAY / TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
 A stray afternoon t-storm HIGH 91° 55% chance of rain	 Mostly cloudy and humid LOW 74° 15% chance of rain	 Humid with some sun; a stray p.m. t-storm 91° / 74° 45% chance of rain	 Mostly cloudy and humid 92° / 75° 25% chance of rain	 Mostly cloudy and humid with a t-storm 93° / 74° 50% chance of rain	 Chance for a thunderstorm in the afternoon 91° / 74° 30% chance of rain	 A morning shower; cloudy, humid 90° / 75° 45% chance of rain

86° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE



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PORT CHARLOTTE

Venice through 2 p.m. Wednesday

Temperatures			
High/Low	92°/73°	Normal High/Low	92°/72°
Record High	98° (1977)	Record Low	67° (1990)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Wed. 0.00"
Month to date 0.03"
Normal month to date 2.66"
Year to date 10.29"
Normal year to date 15.90"
Record 2.99" (1978)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Wednesday

Temperatures			
High/Low	91°/72°	Record High	97° (2004)
Record Low	60° (1960)	Precipitation (in inches)	24 hours through 2 p.m. Wed. 0.00"

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	1.98	0.88	1.80
Feb.	0.66	0.94	2.52
Mar.	0.53	0.80	2.38
Apr.	1.15	1.59	2.03
May	15.98	2.74	2.50
Jun.	1.91	14.79	8.92
Jul.	9.02	8.22	14.22
Aug.	13.12	6.84	15.60
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83
Year	22.21	60.36	50.74

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Apalachicola	88	76	t	87	76	t
Bradenton	89	76	t	89	77	sh
Clearwater	88	76	t	88	76	sh
Coral Springs	87	74	sh	89	75	t
Daytona Beach	90	73	t	88	74	pc
Fort Lauderdale	87	74	pc	88	75	t
Fort Myers	92	74	t	92	74	t
Gainesville	89	74	t	88	72	t
Jacksonville	88	74	t	88	73	t
Key Largo	85	78	pc	87	77	pc
Key West	86	81	pc	88	82	t
Lakeland	87	73	t	89	73	sh
Melbourne	90	75	sh	90	75	t
Miami	87	75	pc	89	77	t
Naples	89	75	t	91	76	t
Ocala	90	72	pc	88	73	sh
Okeechobee	88	71	t	88	71	t
Orlando	92	72	t	91	73	t
Panama City	86	74	t	86	77	t
Pensacola	87	73	t	88	75	t
Pompano Beach	88	75	sh	89	75	t
St. Augustine	89	73	t	88	72	t
St. Petersburg	88	74	t	89	75	sh
Sarasota	89	76	t	89	77	sh
Tallahassee	88	71	pc	87	70	t
Tampa	90	79	t	91	79	sh
Vero Beach	89	71	t	89	71	t
West Palm Beach	87	74	pc	87	74	t

CONDITIONS TODAY

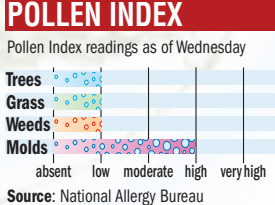
UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

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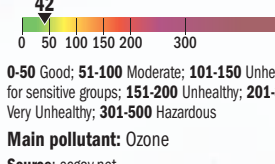
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RealFeel Temperature is the exclusive AccuWeather.com composite of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

POLLEN INDEX



AIR QUALITY INDEX



TIDES

Location	Today		Fri.	
	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	5:47a	9:09a	3:19p	11:46p
Englewood	4:24a	7:25a	1:56p	10:02p
Boca Grande	3:28a	6:04a	12:38p	8:47p
El Jobean	6:19a	9:38a	3:51p	---
Venice	7:20a	12:15a	4:37p	10:13a

MARINE

Wind direction	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland chop
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	ESE	6-12	0-1 Light
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	SW	4-8	0-1 Light

SUN AND MOON

Day	The Sun Rise	The Sun Set	The Moon Rise	The Moon Set
Today	6:34 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
Friday	6:34 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	7:26 a.m.	9:29 p.m.
First	Jun 20		Full	Jun 28
Last	Jul 6		New	Jul 12

SOLUNAR TABLE

Day	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Today	6:42a	12:26a	7:14p	12:23p
Fri.	7:48a	1:33a	8:20p	2:04p
Sat.	8:56a	2:41a	9:27p	3:12p

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

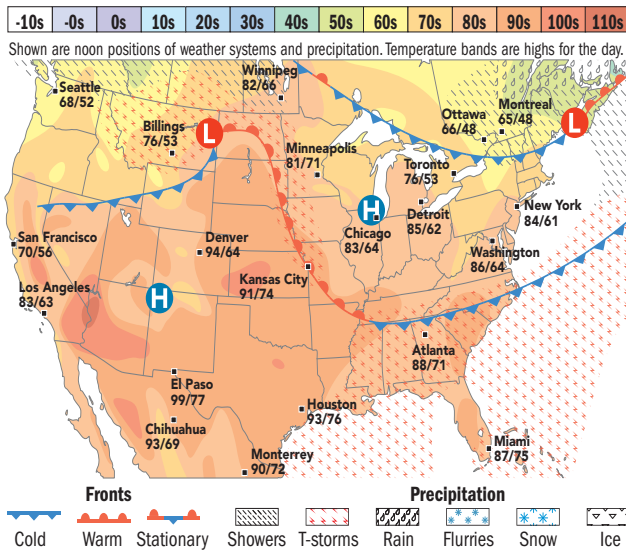
WEATHER HISTORY

A cloudburst on June 14, 1903, near Heppner, Ore., caused a flash flood on Willow Creek that killed more than 200.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: How do you guess how far away lightning has struck using thunder as a guide? A: Every 5 seconds between the lightning and the thunder is 1 mile.

THE NATION



U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 106° at Needles, CA Low 25° at West Yellowstone, MT

City	Today			Fri.			City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	93	66	pc	89	68	sh	Jackson, MS	88	70	pc	90	70	t
Anchorage	67	52	s	58	49	r	Kansas City	91	74	s	95	76	s
Atlanta	88	71	pc	89	70	t	Knoxville	88	65	c	90	65	pc
Baltimore	84	60	s	82	59	s	Las Vegas	106	80	s	100	76	pc
Billings	76	53	pc	65	52	pc	Los Angeles	83	63	pc	77	60	pc
Birmingham	88	69	t	91	70	pc	Louisville	87	66	c	89	69	pc
Boise	76	54	s	77	55	pc	Memphis	94	75	pc	94	76	pc
Boston	78	57	s	72	60	pc	Milwaukee	78	61	pc	79	68	pc
Buffalo	75	55	s	78	57	pc	Minneapolis	81	71	pc	88	76	pc
Burlington, VT	66	50	sh	77	54	pc	Montgomery	88	72	t	91	71	t
Charleston, WV	83	57	pc	86	60	pc	Nashville	91	68	c	93	70	pc
Charlotte	91	69	pc	89	67	pc	New Orleans	88	77	pc	89	77	t
Chicago	83	64	pc	88	72	pc	New York City	84	61	s	78	62	s
Cincinnati	83	61	pc	86	65	pc	Norfolk, VA	87	69	pc	82	67	pc
Cleveland	81	58	s	81	61	s	Oklahoma City	92	70	s	91	69	s
Columbia, SC	91	72	pc	91	71	t	Omaha	92	78	t	97	78	s
Columbus, OH	82	61	pc	85	64	s	Philadelphia	84	62	c	80	59	s
Concord, NH	75	50	pc	77	50	pc	Phoenix	109	85	s	91	74	t
Dallas	97	77	pc	95	76	s	Pittsburgh	79	55	s	80	56	s
Denver	94	64	s	92	63	pc	Portland, ME	75	50	pc	75	54	pc
Des Moines	85	72	s	92	70	pc	Portland, OR	69	52				

Fed raises key rate and sees possible acceleration in hikes

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve took note of a resilient U.S. economy Wednesday by raising its benchmark interest rate for the second time this year and signaling that it may step up its pace of rate increases.

The Fed now foresees four rate hikes this year, up from the three it had previously forecast. The action means consumers and businesses will face higher loan rates over time.

The central bank raised its key short-term rate by a modest quarter-point to a still-low range of 1.75 percent to 2 percent. With the economy now nine years into an expansion, the move reflects the steadiness of growth, the job market's strength and

inflation that's finally reaching the Fed's 2 percent target level.

Economists said the Fed left little doubt that it's prepared to increase the pace of its credit tightening to guard against high inflation later on.

"The labor market is getting tighter, and price pressures are picking up," said Greg McBride, chief financial analyst at Bankrate.com. "The Fed is prepared to be quicker about pushing rates higher."

It was the Fed's seventh rate increase since 2015, and it followed an increase in March this year.

The announcement helped resolved a debate in financial markets over whether the Fed under Jerome Powell, who succeeded Janet Yellen as chairman in February, might see a need to signal

a possible acceleration in rate hikes. The statement the Fed issued Wednesday after its latest policy meeting ended suggested that he does.

Besides raising its projection for rate increases this year from three to four, the Fed removed a key sentence from the previous statement that had been viewed as foreseeing a need to keep rates low for an extended period. The Fed's new projection for the pace of rate hikes shows four this year, three in 2019 and one in 2020.

At a news conference, Powell sought to portray the Fed's actions as evidence mainly that the economy is doing well and not that the central bank is eager to accelerate its rate increases.

"The economy is in great shape," Powell said.

He acknowledged that the Fed is hearing concerns from some business executives about the Trump administration's combative trade policies, including anecdotal cases in which companies have postponed hiring or major purchases.

But Powell added, "For now, we don't see that in the numbers at all." Trump has slapped tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, has threatened additional tariffs on Chinese imports and has directed his administration to consider further duties on imported cars. Those moves have inflated steel and aluminum costs.

Powell appeared at ease Wednesday in fielding questions ranging from the intricacies of monetary policy to banking regulation and even to whether marijuana should be

legalized. (He said that as Fed chairman, he had no position on that.)

And he announced that in the interest of public transparency, he will begin next year to hold a news conference after each of the Fed's eight policy meetings each year, rather than only once a quarter.

"This does not signal anything about the future pace of interest rates hikes," the chairman cautioned.

Since the Fed began holding quarterly news conferences in 2011, it has announced major policy moves only at the quarterly meetings, which have all been followed by a news conference by leader of the Fed.

The central bank's new median forecast projects the Fed's benchmark rate at 3.1 percent by the end of 2019, up from 2.9 percent

in the previous forecast. For 2020, the Fed foresees a median of 3.4 percent. That means that by then, it thinks its key rate will finally exceed the 2.9 percent it sees as neutral — as neither stimulating nor restraining growth. Should the Fed's expectations prove accurate, its policy would then be intended to slow the economy.

The Fed now envisions stronger growth this year — 2.8 percent, up from the 2.7 percent it predicted in March. Unemployment, now at an 18-year low of 3.8 percent, would drop to 3.6 percent by year's end and to 3.5 percent in 2019 and 2020 — levels not seen in 49 years. Inflation by the Fed's preferred gauge would hit its 2 percent target this year and edge up to 2.1 percent over the next two years.

New Yellowstone boss named following predecessor's ouster

By **MATTHEW BROWN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BILLINGS, Mont. — A new superintendent was named Wednesday to Yellowstone National Park, one of the crown jewels of the park system, after his predecessor said he was being forced out by the Trump administration following a dispute over bison.

Cameron "Cam" Sholly will replace Dan Wenk, who has been superintendent since 2011, according to the Department of Interior.

Wenk planned to retire next March but was told last week he would be gone by August. He said

his ouster followed disagreements with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke over the size of the park's world-famous bison herds.

Ranchers and state livestock officials in neighboring Montana, where Zinke served as a U.S. representative before he became Interior secretary, have long pushed to reduce the size of the herds because of concerns over the disease brucellosis. About half of Yellowstone's bison test positive for the disease, which can cause animals to prematurely abort their young.

Park biologists contend the population of more than 4,000 bison is



AP PHOTO

This undated photo provided by the National Park Service shows Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke, right, as he congratulates Cameron "Cam" Sholly who was named the new superintendent to Yellowstone National Park, on Wednesday.

sustainable. But Zinke and his staff have said the number is too high, Wenk said, and have

raised concerns that Yellowstone's scenic Lamar Valley is being damaged by overgrazing.

The Interior Department has not commented on Wenk's claims.

Sholly served as Midwest regional director for the park service since 2015, where he was involved in reintroducing wolves to Isle Royale National Park, oversaw a \$380 million renovation of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis and worked to improve relations with American Indian tribes, according to the Interior Department.

Sholly could not be reached immediately for comment. In a statement put out by the Interior Department, he said he was honored to have the chance to work at

Yellowstone, established in 1872 as the first national park.

Yellowstone covers 3,400 square miles straddling the borders of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho. Its erupting geysers, cascading waterfalls and abundant wildlife attract tourists from around the world.

More than 4 million people visited in each of the past three years and last month was the park's busiest May on record. That's put an increasing strain on its natural resources and led to frequent conflicts between people and wildlife, including visitors injured by grizzly bears, bison, elk and other animals.

Comcast challenges Disney with \$65B bid for Fox

NEW YORK (AP) — Comcast made a \$65 billion bid Wednesday for Fox's entertainment businesses, setting up a battle with Disney to become the next mega-media company.

The bid comes just a day after a federal judge cleared AT&T's takeover of Time Warner and rejected the government's argument that it would hurt competition in cable and satellite TV and jack up costs to consumers for streaming TV and movies. The ruling signaled that Comcast could win regulatory approval, too; its bid for Fox shares many similarities with the AT&T-Time Warner deal.

Comcast says its cash bid is 19 percent higher than the value of Disney offer as of Wednesday. The Wall Street Journal and others reported earlier that Comcast had lined up \$60 billion in cash to challenge Disney for media mogul Rupert Murdoch's company. Disney's offer was for \$52.5 billion when it was made in December, though the final value will depend on the stock price at the closing.

"This is a golden offer that will put considerable pressure on (Disney CEO Bob) Iger and Disney to step up their game on another bid," GBH Insights analyst Dan Ives said. "This is even higher than the Street thought, which speaks to Comcast really wanting these key assets."

The battle for Twenty-First Century Fox comes as traditional entertainment companies try to amass more content to compete better with technology companies such as Amazon and Netflix for viewers' attention — and dollars.

If the Comcast bid succeeds, a major cable distributor would control even more channels on its lineup and those of its rivals. That could lead to higher cable bills or make it more difficult for online alternatives to emerge, though there is not yet evidence of either happening following other mergers. For Disney, a successful Comcast bid could make Disney's planned streaming service less attractive, without the Fox video.

Content is becoming more important as ways to deliver content proliferate. Cable companies like Comcast are no longer competing only with satellite alternatives such as DirecTV, but also stand-alone services such as Netflix and cable-like online bundles through Sony, AT&T and others.

Disney already started its own sports streaming service and plans an entertainment-focused one late next year featuring movies and shows from its own studios, which include Marvel, Pixar and "Star Wars" creator Lucasfilm.

With the Fox deal, Disney would get more content for those services — through the studios behind the Avatar movies, "The Simpsons" and "Modern Family," along with National Geographic. Marvel would get back the characters previously licensed to Fox, reuniting X-Men with the Avengers.

Comcast, meanwhile, has been leading the way in marrying pipes with the entertainment that flows through them. It bought NBCUniversal's cable channels and movie studio in 2013 and added Dreamworks Animation in 2016.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Trump declares oil prices too high, blames OPEC

(AP) — President Donald Trump blames OPEC for oil prices that he says are too high, and no doubt many Americans feel the same way. But it's more complicated than that.

Crude has more than doubled since bottoming out below \$30 a barrel in early 2016, causing U.S. motorists to face the highest gasoline prices since late 2014.

On Wednesday, the national average for a gallon of regular stood at \$2.91, up 25 percent from a year ago, according to the AAA auto club. "Oil prices are too high. OPEC is at it again. Not good!" Trump tweeted Wednesday morning.

OPEC is the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Members of the cartel, led by Saudi Arabia, and other big producers including Russia have played a role in reversing the plunge in crude prices that started in 2014. They have shown discipline in limiting production since the start of last year, helping push up the benchmark price of international crude.

Coaches killed in school shooting to receive ESPY awards

MIAMI (AP) — The ESPYs are breaking tradition for this year's Best Coach Award, awarding it posthumously to three Florida high school coaches who died shielding their students from gunfire.

Family members of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School heroes Aaron Feis, Scott Beigel, and Chris Hixon will receive the honor during the award show on July 18 in Los Angeles, the ESPN network announced Wednesday.

Man attempting to shoot raccoon shoots himself

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Police say a 67-year-old Colorado man attempting to shoot a raccoon on a utility pole shot himself in the lower leg instead.

The shooting was reported just after midnight Tuesday.

Colorado Springs police say the man was taken to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police say the man told them he was using a handgun to shoot at the raccoon. Besides the leg wound, police say the man likely faced a citation for prohibited use of a weapon.

Florida: No 'red flags' from those improperly given permits

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam says nearly 300 people who improperly received concealed weapons permits from his department did not pose a risk to public safety.

Putnam's department last year revoked concealed weapons permits from 291 people after discovering that an employee had failed to complete all of the required background checks. The error was not widely known until it was reported last week.

Putnam on Wednesday maintained there was no "red flags" with the 291 people. They had passed criminal background checks but had been flagged for other reasons.

He said that if any of the 291 people had been arrested after receiving their permits his department would have been notified by law enforcement.

Citing confidentiality laws, the department has refused to disclose the identities of the people whose permits were revoked.

Developer defends school-shooting game

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — The developer of a school-shooting video game is vowing to continue selling it online as parents of slain children and other mass shooting victims work to get the game wiped off the internet.

The "Active Shooter" game was created by Anton Makarevskiy, a 21-year-old developer from Moscow, Russia, and is being marketed by his entity Acid Software. Acid said in a Twitter posting Tuesday that it will not be censored and cited free expression rights.

The game is branded as a "SWAT simulator" that lets players choose between being an active shooter terrorizing a school or the SWAT team responding to the shooting. Players can choose a gun, grenade or knife, and civilian and police death totals are shown on the screen. Acid had been selling an early version of the game online for \$20 and plans to release a new version next month.

Acid recently set up two websites for "Active Shooter" after the game was removed from the webpages of video game marketplace Steam

and crowdfunding site Indiegogo, which is refunding contributors. The removals followed complaints and online petitions by anti-gun violence advocates including parents of children killed in school shootings in Parkland, Florida, and Newtown, Connecticut.

The new webpages, however, were shut down Tuesday night by Bluehost, the Burlington, Massachusetts, company that hosted the new sites, according to Acid, which vowed to get them back up and running.

Representatives of Bluehost did not return a message seeking comment.

Bluehost was asked to remove the sites in an online petition organized by Sandy Hook Promise, an anti-gun violence group formed by parents whose children were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown in December 2012. Twenty first-graders and six educators were shot to death at the school, including Nicole Hockley's son, Dylan.

The game also was recently condemned by parents of children killed at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Ata Berdye, of Seattle, who is helping Makarevskiy promote the game, told The Associated Press in emails Tuesday that the new sites generated about 300 free downloads of a demo version in less than a day.

San Francisco elects first African-American woman as mayor

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco Supervisor London Breed emerged victorious Wednesday to become the city's first African-American woman mayor after narrowly defeating a rival who was seeking to become the first openly gay man in the position.

It took eight days of counting after Election Day for Breed to build a large enough lead to claim the city's top job. With about 250,000 ballots tallied, she led former state Sen. Mark Leno by 2,177 votes with only about 6,700 left to count.

Leno called Breed to congratulate her on the victory and later she appeared briefly before reporters and cheering supporters on the steps of City Hall. She said she was humbled, honored and looking forward to serving as mayor.

STOCKS LISTING CHANGE - REQUESTS WELCOME!

Mutual funds listings will run on Saturdays.

The Sun Newspaper is tweaking the way stocks are listed in the daily paper. We will continue to run a wide range of stocks, but we're trying to eliminate stocks

our readers don't want. If you do not see your stock in the paper, please let us know and we will put it in the listings. Email the name of the company and the symbol to nlane@sun-herald.com, or call 941-206-1138. You can leave the stock name and symbol on voice mail. If you reach voice mail, please leave your contact information so your call can be returned.

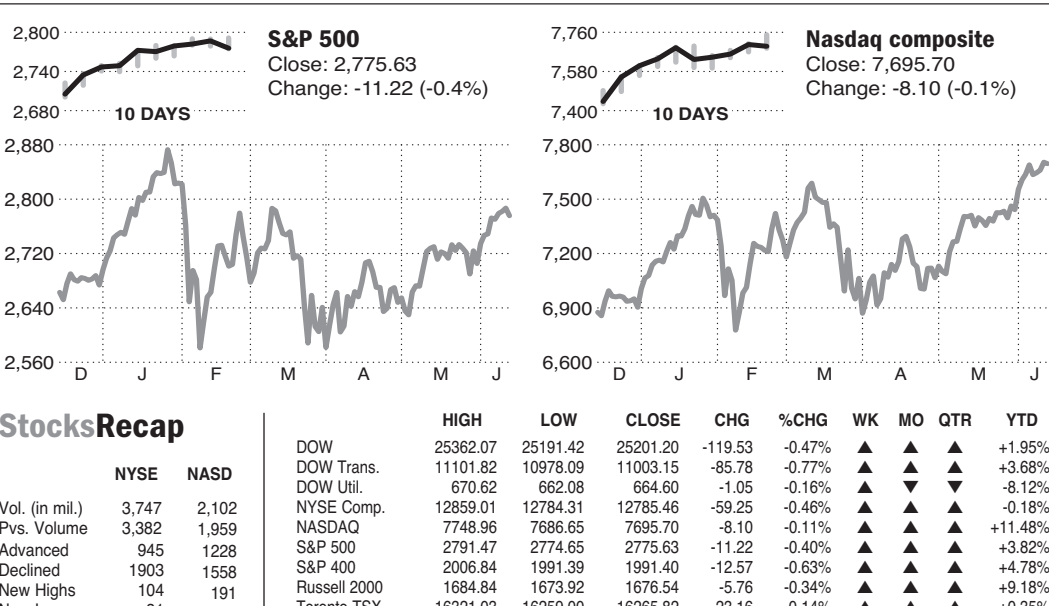
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Money & Markets

Combined Stocks

From the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg	BKS	BarnesNob	5.85	-4.5
ABM	ABM	31.11	+0.02	ABX	BarrickG	13.05	-11
ADT	ADT Inc n	8.05	-24	BAX	Baxter s	74.58	-77
AES	AES Corp	13.13	+0.09	BTE	BaytexE g	4.25	-0.2
AFL	AFLAC s	45.68	-0.06	BZH	BeazerHM	15.02	-94
AGNC	AGNC Inv	18.78	-13	BDX	BeckDck	232.26	-1.38
AKS	AK Steel	4.77	-0.03	BBBY	BedBath	20.05	-34
AMCX	AMC Net	63.48	+1.84	BMS	Bemis	42.69	-2.9
T	AT&T Inc	32.22	-2.13	BRKB	BerkH B	194.55	-72
AVH	AV Homes	21.45	-0.05	BBY	BestBuy	73.26	-34
EQH	AXA EqH n	21.63	+2.25	BSTI	Best Inc n	12.34	-19
ABT	AbbotLab	62.63	-2.9	BIG	BigLts	42.19	-0.3
ABEV	Abbev	97.58	+3.33	BIOC	Biocept rs	2.5	-0.3
ANF	AberFilt	26.00	-64	BCRX	Biocryt	5.68	-0.6
ACAD	AcadiaPh	16.16	-1.49	BIIB	Biogen	306.91	+72
AXDX	AccelrDiag	21.85	+2.0	BPMX	BioPhmX	.25	...
ACN	Accenture	163.02	+1.8	BKH	BkHillsCp	56.67	+3.3
ARAY	Accury	4.60	+1.15	BKI	BkKight n	52.20	-10
ATMI	ActiniumP	4.8	+0.2	BLK	BlackBerry	12.33	...
ADVI	ActivBlz	76.67	+7.3	BME	BkHlthSc	38.59	+10
ADNT	Adient n	47.54	-2.57	MUA	BkMunSt	13.15	-0.4
ADBE	AdobeSv	256.13	+3.54	BX	Blackstone	33.04	-2.2
AESJ	AEI	61.83	-3.54	HRB	BlockHR	24.29	-5.31
AMD	Amd	16.32	+4.7	APRN	BlueApr n	3.05	-0.1
ACM	Aecom	33.90	-5.1	BA	Boeing	363.85	-6.77
ANW	AegeanPM	.93	-0.0	BKNG	BookingHl210636	26.64	-2.64
AVAV	AeroViron	60.00	+1.25	BWA	BorgWan	48.39	-7.2
AET	Aetna	187.42	+6.74	SAM	BostBea	279.50	+5.70
GNMX	AeviGeno	1.30	+0.6	BOSX	BostonSci	31.73	-2.11
AGEN	Agenu	2.85	+0.2	BOX	Box Inc n	26.15	-10
A	Agilent	66.26	-0.6	BYD	BoydGM	36.88	-2.5
AYR	Aircastle	20.91	-2.4	BND	Brandwy	16.07	-33
AKAM	AkamaiT	80.95	+3.8	BGF	BrightStr	18.81	-0.3
AKER	AkersBio	.40	-0.04	BGG	BrightFl n	46.18	+14
AGI	AlamosGld	5.97	+0.05	EAT	Brinaker	49.53	+49
ALK	AlaskaAir	61.64	-6.4	BMY	BnMySq	53.46	+33
ALSK	AlaskaCom	1.64	-0.8	BTI	BritATob s	49.50	+20
AA	Alcoa Cp	48.35	-9.4	BRX	BrimorP	17.26	-4.2
ALXN	Alexion If	118.20	+6.6	AVGO	Broadcnc	263.58	+2.15
BABA	Alibaba	206.62	-2.46	BR	Broadgrf	115.74	-4.9
ALG	AllieqTch	28.48	-4.0	BKD	Brookdale	9.15	+0.2
ATI	AllegiantT	149.30	-2.35	BP	BrkInfra s	38.36	+3.5
AGN	Algerian	170.23	-7.3	BIP	Brunswick	67.63	-8.1
ALLE	Allete	72.12	-2.3	BPL	Buckeye	36.82	-5.4
AMMA	All MNA n	.37	+0.1	BG	BungeLd	70.99	+1.0
ARLP	AlliancePS	19.85	...	CA	CA Inc	37.06	+2.0
AB	Alliber	29.30	+0.5	CBA	CBS A	54.26	+1.88
LNT	AlliantEq s	39.17	+1.2	CF	CF Inds s	44.31	+7.6
ALSN	AllisonTm	41.20	-4.4	CMS	CMS Eng	43.09	-2.1
MDRX	AllscriptH	12.06	-0.4	CNI	CNI Ind	11.80	-0.9
ALL	Allstate	93.27	-2.3	CNO	CNO Finc	17.79	-0.9
ALLY	AllyFinl	26.38	-3.9	CNK	CNK Resc	17.03	-0.7
ALLY	AllylramP	102.86	-30.5	CRX	CRISPR n	50.0	-23.4
GOOG	AlphabetCl134	79.45	+3.3	CSX	CSX	66.13	-6.2
GOOGL	AlphabetA 114	23	-3.96	CVR	CVR Ring	22.90	+0.5
AOD	AlpTrdV	8.97	...	CYS	CVS Health	64.41	+2.06
ATA	Altaba	80.83	-7.9	CYS	CYS Invest	7.29	-0.5
AUSA	Alice n	17.66	-0.4	COG	Cabot&G 23	85	+26
MO	Altria	57.43	-4.5	CDNS	Cadence	44.58	+0.7
AMZN	Amazon	1704.86	+6.11	CZR	CaesarsEnt	11.60	-3.3
AMBA	Ambarella	43.22	-6.0	CLM	Cal-Maine	50.50	+12.0
AEE	Ameren	55.76	-3.0	CHY	CaiaCVHf	12.59	-0.7
AMX	AMFutMI	6.40	+0.3	CAMP	Callamp	22.48	+2.6
ATW	AMOVill	15.54	+1.5	CRF	CallRef rs	38.16	-18.0
AAL	AmerAirlines	42.92	-4.9	CPE	CallPet	38.75	-3.5
ACC	AccCampus	42.83	+3.3	CWT	CallonP	10.44	-2.6
AEO	AEGroup	24.21	-3.0	CLMT	CalumetSp	7.95	-0.5
AEP	AEP	63.46	-1.1	CPT	CamdenPT	89.10	-1.87
AXP	Axp	100.02	-7.1	CCJ	Cameco g	11.99	+13
AMH	AhmRent	20.96	-1.0	CCB	CampSp	35.50	+3.7
AIG	AimlntGr	54.70	+4.6	CWH	CamWpnt n	23.91	-1.0
AWR	AmStwer	55.30	-1.0	CM	CBIG g	89.13	+6.0
AWK	AmTsxWr	136.46	+6.88	CNI	CdnNR gs	83.33	+1.3
APU	AmWirWks	78.93	-5.5	CNO	CdnNR gs	33.00	-0.7
AMP	Amerigas	41.51	-4.3	CAP	CapOne	96.01	-2.6
AMP	Ameriprise	146.16	-7.1	CSO	CapSenL	11.09	+0.2
AME	AmeriBn	90.66	+2.62	CMT	CapsteadM	9.09	-0.7
AME	Ametek	75.33	-4.2	CPST	CapStrTur	1.47	-0.4
AMGN	Amen	183.68	-1.39	CAH	CardHLth	50.20	+6.5
FOLD	Amgen	16.06	+1.3	KMC	CarMax	73.09	-7.6
APH	Amphenol	91.05	+1.8	KMX	CarlMarv	63.83	+1.66
ANR	Anadarko	71.28	-0.7	CRC	CarPro	56.79	-0.3
ANDI	AnalogyDev	101.05	-9.7	CRZ	CarpzTech	27.91	+3.2
ADV	Anderson	138.57	-7.4	CASA	CasaSys n	18.37	-6.6
AU	AngloIad	8.64	+0.6	CAT	Caterpillar	54.71	-2.78
BUD	ABInVest	97.80	+1.5	FUN	CentFid	66.35	-1.7
NLY	Annaly	10.42	-1.0	CELG	Celgene	77.38	-0.9
AR	AnteroRes	20.16	+1.7	CLDX	CelldxTb	60	-0.5
ANM	Anthem	236.30	+4.62	CVC	CenovusE	9.78	-0.3
ANH	Anworth	5.04	-0.2	CNE	Centene s	124.67	+9.6
APA	Apache	43.32	+5.6	CNP	CentRR 25	17.51	-1.3
AIVN	Apollonv	5.71	-0.4	COV	CenterPnt	25.64	+2.7
AAPL	Apple Inc	190.70	-1.58	CTL	CentLink	15.54	-4.1
AMAD	ApidMat	50.98	+1.2	KOOL	CescaTrs	5.4	+0.4
AAOI	ApidOptoel	45.58	+0.6	CHTR	ChartCm n	285.02	-5.96
APRI	AplicusT rs	.38	-0.7	CHGG	ChemG	28.50	-5.4
WTR	AquaAM	33.14	-4.1	CHFC	ChemFid	58.15	-1.5
ARLZ	AraleZph	.46	+0.4	CM	Chemours n	49.78	-3.0
ARMK	Armark	39.72	+3.7	LNG	CheniereEn	64.08	-7.7
ARBK	ArborTr	9.94	+0.5	CHK	ChesEng	4.76	-0.5
ARCB	ArcoBest	48.15	-1.45	CHX	Chevron	127.07	-0.1
MT	Arcofom	33.94	+7.2	CHS	Chicos	8.52	-2.5
ADM	ArchDun	45.28	+1.8	ZNH	ChinaSoAir	56.85	-5.6
AROC	Archrock	11.55	-2.0	CMG	Chiptole	45.70	-0.0
ARCC	Arconic	17.97	-0.3	CB	ChubbLd	132.72	+4.0
ARNC	ArcoRes	16.89	-0.2	CHD	ChurchDwt	64.63	-0.6
ANES	AresMgmt	20.90	-3.5	CIEN	CienaCorp	24.82	+0.1
ANET	AristaNet	281.14	+6.50	CIGN	Cigna	176.18	-2.64
ARRY	ArrayBio	17.79	-5.3	CINF	CinFin	69.67	-3.9
ARW	Arrow	78.28	-0.5	CIR	Circo	44.18	-1.78
ASNA	AscenaRtl	4.29	-0.8	CRUS	Cirrus	37.99	+0.5
ASH	Ashtand	79.04	-4.5	CSCO	Cisco	44.01	+0.7
ASZ	AshtandZ	36.18	+0.2	C	Citigroup	67.29	-3.2
HOME	ATHomGr n	38.14	-2.1	CFG	CityFinc	41.84	-3.7
ATH	Athene n	46.47	+1.15	CLX	CleanSyl s	105.84	-7.7
ATO	ATMOS	84.58	-7.3	CITX	CleanEng	2.90	-0.7
ADP	AutoData	140.34	+1.04	CLF	CleyCliffs	8.79	-0.6
AVY	AveryD	106.56	-8.5	CLDX	Clixor	126.99	-6.2
AVR	AvisBud	42.15	-6.5	CLR	Cloudara n	15.47	-0.3
AVA	Avista	52.63	-0.3	KLO	ClovioONC	45.03	+2.97
AVX	Avon	1.48	-0.7	CO	CocaCola	44.18	-2.3
AXON	Axovant n	4.08	-0.2	CCE	CocaCEur n	39.44	+6.5
AYTU	AyudaBio	30	+1.0	COE	Coer	8.03	-0.8
BGS	B&G Foods	30.40	+0.1	CRH	CognizTch	78.02	-2.3
BGT	B2gold g	2.67	-0.1	CTSH	ConSIQR	11.67	-2.5
BTB	BB&T Cp	53.79	-2.1	COF	ConStPrt	27.36	+2.6
BCE	BCE g	42.38	-1.5	COL	ColSIOP	63.06	-6.7
BGCP	BGC Pts	11.29	-0.8	CLNS	ColNthS n	6.06	-0.4
BBL	BHPBil plc	46.49	-0.8	CMCSA	Comcast s	32.32	-0.6
BPT	BP PLC	46.01	-1.1	CMA	Comercia	95.88	+1.1
BWP	BP Prc	26.75	-6.0	CTM	CmpTack	7.30	+0.7
BIW	B&W Ent n	2.42	+0.3	CCTL	Comtech	32.35	+5.5
BIDU	Baidu	270.00	+2.58	CAG	ConAgra	37.95	+2.5
BHGE	BakHUGE n	34.06	-4.8	CXO	ConchoRes13160	2.26	-0.2
BOPC	Balchem	99.13	-7.7	CNDT	Conduent n	20.75	+0.2
BLL	BallCorp s	37.11	-7.1	CR	ConWRsv	64.59	-1.7
BALD	BallardCr	3.13	-0.8	CONO	ConocoPhl	69.62	+1.9
BAC	BkofAm	28.84	-0.6	CNSL	ConSolCom	12.58	-1.9
BMO	BkMntM	78.34	+2.6	ED	ConEd	72.43	-0.5
BKO	BkNYMel	57.32	-3.5	ETZ	ConstAI 229	23	-4.8
BNS	BkNova g	58.58	+4.3	CLR	ContRes	65.03	-0.7
CTB	CooperTire	26.75	-1.5	CTE	CooperTire	26.75	-1.5



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	25362.07	25191.42	25201.20	-119.53	-0.47%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.95%
DOW Trans.	11101.82	10978.09	11003.15	-85.78	-0.77%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.68%
DOW Util.	670.62	662.08	664.60	-1.05	-0.16%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	-8.12%
NYSE Comp.	12785.01	12784.31	12785.46	-59.25	-0.46%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.18%
NASDAQ	7249.96	7686.65	7695.70	-8.10	-0.11%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+11.48%
S&P 500	2791.47	2774.65	2775.63	-11.22	-0.40%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.82%
S&P 400	2006.84	1991.39	1991.40	-12.57	-0.63%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.78%
Russell 2000	1684.84	1673.92	1676.54	-5.76	-0.34%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.18%
Toronto TSX	16321.03	16259.00	16265.82	-23.16	-0.14%	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+0.35%

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg	TOT	TorDbk gs	58.45	+2.8
RAD	RiteAid	1.70	-0.02	TOT	Total SA	61.38	+4.9
ROK	RockWAut	178.83	-1.38	TM	Toyota	135.41	+8.6
COL	RockColl	137.64	-7.78	TSCO	TractSupp	75.22	-5.6
ROG	Rogers	121.41	+7.6	TRX	TransEntx	3.57	-0.6
ROKU	Roku n	43.43	+1.97	TRU	TransUn n	71.64	-0.6
ROP	Roper	285.50	-8.3	TRV	Transcon	12.35	-0.8
ROST	RossStrs	84.29	-2.02	TRG	Travelers	129.72	-1.4
RDC							

Taking wine and sleep aids together is a dangerous mix

DEAR DR. ROACH: I write to you to try to understand the effects of commingling large amounts of wine — normally a bottle or more — then taking a capful of over-the-counter sleep medicine. He is 78 years old, in EXCELLENT health. The wine revs up his mind, so he takes the sleep aid. It worries me that this could be harmful. He sometimes wakes up with feelings of vertigo in morning. I attribute the cause to the mixing of the above. He doesn't listen to my worry. What, if any, are the effects of doing the above? — K.S.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: It's the wine that is a big issue. A bottle or more of wine is far above the threshold of dangerous drinking for health. With that much regular alcohol intake, even small amounts of some over-the-counter medications can become more dangerous, especially at age 78, when some of the body's systems do not act as quickly as they once did.

A capful doesn't sound like much, but for most liquid OTC medications, 1 tablespoon is 25

mg of diphenhydramine. This can indeed cause excess sedation on top of the alcohol. It is especially true for someone who is 78 years old. Vertigo in the morning sounds like his body's way of trying to tell him he's getting too much.

DEAR DR. ROACH: In your recent answer regarding proper hand-washing, you stated, "These germs are not killed by the gel and need to be washed off the hands with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds."

My question is why "warm" water is necessary. For the

temperature of the water to have any therapeutic effect, it would have to be too hot to tolerate. The procedure of washing one's hands with water and soap, mechanically, removes germs. The temperature is immaterial. Aside from comfort, is there any reason to use warm water?

I would hate to think that someone would forgo washing because only cold water was available. — D.G.

ANSWER: Warm water is better able to dissolve particles on the hands. The temperature is not designed to kill the bacteria.

However, it turns out that washing your hands with any temperature water (cold, warm or hot) is just as effective, at least in terms of getting rid of bacteria. Washing in too-hot water can cause irritation to the skin, but you can use whatever temperature you like, for at least 20 seconds. I thank D.G. for questioning conventional wisdom.

DEAR DR. ROACH: As a vegetarian, I decided to take a B

complex vitamin pill three times per week. These pills contain very large amounts of various vitamins, e.g. 6,667 percent of thiamine, 1,176 percent of riboflavin, 125 percent of niacin, 250 percent of vitamin B-12, etc. Do vegetarians need these vitamins in a pill form? Do these amounts do me more harm than good, keeping in mind that I take only one pill three times per week? — K.S.

ANSWER: Being a vegetarian often is an excellent choice for health; however, people who are strictly vegan will not get adequate vitamin B-12 without taking supplements. Vegetables are good sources of other B vitamins, so just the B-12 is needed. More than 100 percent of the B-12 is not harmful. If you notice your urine is yellow/green, that's your body just getting rid of the excess of the other B vitamins in the tablet, especially the thiamine.

The B-12 dose you're taking is fine for three times a week. Many vegetarians take larger amounts, but it is not usually necessary.

Retired man gives his own generation total silence

DEAR ABBY: My husband, who is retired, now prefers to talk exclusively to people under 21. He says he is "mentoring" them, though I haven't seen any indication of this.



Dear Abby

He says he has no interest in talking to people our age, so when we get together with our friends, who are mostly our age, he says practically nothing. When I asked why, he said he prefers to impart his knowledge to younger people.

Mostly they show little interest in being with him. What, if anything, should I do about this? — Concerned In The Midwest

DEAR CONCERNED: I can imagine few pastimes less appetizing than socializing with someone who "imparts knowledge" by talking down to them.

Consider talking to him about your concern that he is socially isolating himself from contemporaries, because the longer he continues, the less welcome he will find himself. However, until he comes to that realization and decides to fix it, do not expect anything to change.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are proud parents

of two adult daughters. They both graduated from a local university. Our rule was if they were to complete their education locally, they had to continue to live at home.

Now, our goddaughter "Justine" is in community college and planning to transfer to a four-year college. I was told recently that she's been trying to convince her boyfriend to get a place together.

We have been contributing financially toward our goddaughter's education. My husband and I feel that it's a waste of money just so they can "play house."

Should this be my concern or should I let it go? — Her Godmother

DEAR GODMOTHER: Explain that you would be uncomfortable subsidizing her if she lives with her boyfriend because it's not how you raised your children.

Here's to the American flag

Dear Readers: Today, June 14, is FLAG DAY. Flag Day commemorates the selection of our official flag of the United States, the familiar, rousing and stirring Stars and Stripes! — Heloise



Hints from Heloise

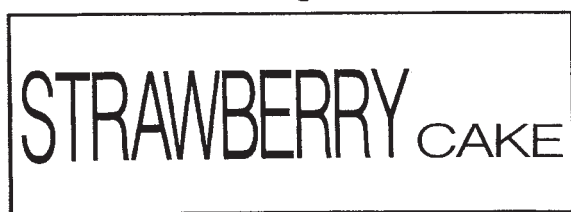
Dear Heloise: What's the difference between mayonnaise and salad dressing? — Julie H. in Dallas

Julie, let's look at them. Mayonnaise is made of oil, vinegar and eggs. Salad dressing is made with soybean oil, vinegar, eggs, corn syrup and spices like paprika, mustard and garlic. The base ingredients are the same, but salad dressing

typically is tangier and sweeter than mayonnaise. Calorically speaking, 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise is about 90 calories, with 10 grams of fat, while salad dressing is around 40 calories, 3 to 4 grams of fat. The difference often comes down to taste preference! — Heloise

WHATZIT?

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



SOLUTION: Strawberry shortcake

JUMBLE

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

CYDAE

LDANB

BONGOL

EYLLVA

Answers tomorrow

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.

Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's Jumbles: ROBIN LOUSY TENANT ASTRAY
Answer: How many guards protect the New York Harbor statue? They're not — AT LIBERTY TO SAY

KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

1-		3+	1-
8X			
	36X	4	2÷
1			

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CHALLENGING

1-	5	5-	3÷		3-
	2÷		5	54X	
3+		10X			
	2÷	3	6+		120X
5		2÷			
5-			10+		

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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

2	12X	3	4
8+	3	2	4
3-	4	3	1
2÷	1	4	2

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 like the wide, open ocean (4)	_____
2 large serving plates (8)	_____
3 maker of a puzzling cube (5)	_____
4 gruff, throat-clearing noise (8)	_____
5 like a multipart couch (9)	_____
6 vehicle on the links (4)	_____
7 iOS voice (4)	_____

SI	VA	CH	SE	BIK
RR	ON	RU	RT	AR
CA	GE	CTI	ST	PH
RS	RI	UM	HA	AL

Wednesday's Answers: 1. BLOSSOMING 2. MIRE 3. DRUMSTICK 4. BURCH 5. INVERNESS 6. JACKED 7. MICROPHONE

Challenger

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

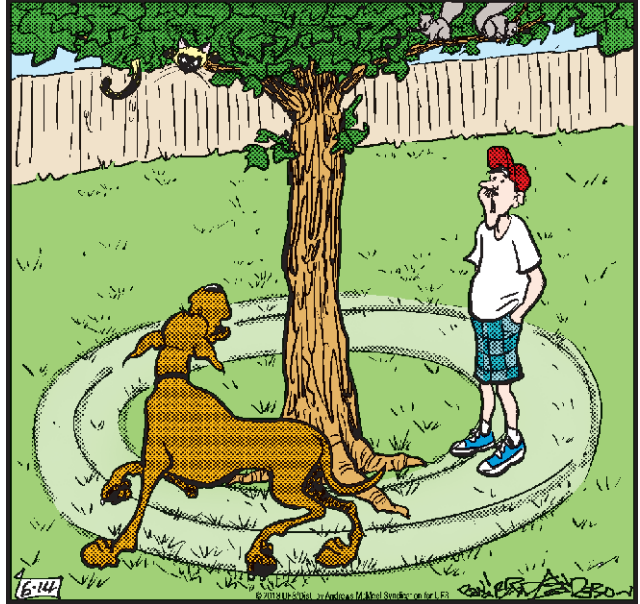
Today's Challenge

Time	6 Minutes				
	7 Seconds	1			7
Your Working Time	Minutes		3		7
	Seconds	5	7	12	7

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6	7	9	9	31
1	6	1	1	9
8	9	9	6	32
3	9	9	6	27
18	31	28	22	27

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"No, I don't think we need to cut down the tree."

Cryptoquip

6-14

OV VIM HIZFMGM QMGVOKQOFV

Z HSDBUMVMUC ZAFSQMJ DC

GSKB JKDBUZFAG. ZV ROG

RSF - VSF JZGQMAOQJ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN HE HELD THE FINAL WOOD STRIP TO BE INSTALLED FOR THE PLASTER BASE, HE HAD THE LAST LATH.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals C

SPORTS SLEUTH • **TEAM SPORTS**

U A E X V T Q O M J H F C A Y

Y E K C O H E C I W R L U R P

N L J (P A I N T B A L L) T H F

D B Z X V R G L W L L A E T G

R Q O M E N Y F L A K B K I N

H F D C I Y O A B A B T C Z I

P Y C L W G B D L V B E I T L

R O R Q U T N G O E N K R L R

S U L T O A K I U H R S C F U

C D C O H E S S O R C A L I H

A Z F X L L A B E S A B W V K

Wednesday's unlisted clue: BANK

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: PLAYED ON HORSEBACK

Baseball	Football	Kickball	Rugby
Basketball	Handball	Lacrosse	Soccer
Cricket	Hurling	Paintball	Tug of war
Curling	Ice hockey	Relay race	

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). This thing you want to do — you're not totally prepared for it, nor will you ever be. Go on anyway. No one else was prepared when they started this either. All of the insiders had similar feelings to the ones you're having right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's an excellent day to strictly reject the extreme limits that people will claim exist. They'll say, "Impossible." They'll say, "Never." How do they know? It's better to err on the side of optimistic fantasy and possibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Many scientists believe early humans made music before they could make speech, and that love songs were part of our primal culture. Whether or not that's true, today you'll be deeply moved by a melody.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To give something a name is to claim it in some way. Try this with feelings today and you'll create a bridge between emotion and thought, closing the problematic gap that was keeping you from moving forward.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone has the same 24 hours in a day. Those who say, "I

don't have time," are really saying, "This is not a priority to me right now," which is a more empowering bit of language both to hear and to say.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The occurrence you don't find ideal, and possibly think of as terrible, may actually be the best thing happening in your life right now. It's strengthening you, and it's also saving you in some way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll try and enjoy the unfolding moment. And when you can't seem to quite get there, you'll still be able to go along, knowing that the big picture is coming together nicely and you'll appreciate all of this later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If something won't bother you a month from now, don't let it bother you now. If it won't please you a month from now, don't buy it, commit to it or do it now. Use time in your decision-making process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A conflict-free life is so pleasant! Of course, there's no story there. Stories need conflict. If you happen to get friction instead of an easy life today, rejoice in the knowledge that it'll be something people want to hear about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The appearance of confidence is indistinguishable from actual confidence. Both states will produce similar results. So however you feel, put on your brave face.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What is best for all? With so many different people spouting various opinions, the question seems complex — until you realize that most people are speaking out of self-interest. Who is really after the good of the group?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Education can be extremely expensive, or it can be free. Those who have access to a library or the internet have access to the top minds that have ever lived. You've an excellent reason to take advantage of this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 14). People think highly of you and will promote you in ways you will love and also be slightly challenged by, as it sets up an expectation. Don't worry: You'll get there, with the same optimism and dedication you used to arrive at the place you are right now. You'll discover treasure in July. Your legacy will expand in September. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 18, 33 and 28.

Thursday, June 14, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ A 6
 ♥ Void
 ♦ A 9 7 4 3
 ♣ J 10 9 7 4 2

EAST
 ♠ Q J 10 8 4
 ♥ J 9 8 6 4
 ♦ Q J
 ♣ Q

WEST
 ♠ 9 5 3
 ♥ A K 10
 ♦ K 10 6 5 2
 ♣ 6 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K 7 2
 ♥ Q 7 5 3 2
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A K 8 3

The bidding:
SOUTH 1♥
WEST Pass
NORTH 1NT
EAST Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♦

Many years ago, NY Mets pitcher Ray Sadecki showed up at our local duplicate club on Long Island. In conversation, he told us that bridge was commonly played in the Mets clubhouse. Their best player? Tom Seaver! Anytime a celebrity identifies as a bridge player, the whole bridge world seems pleased. The current "buzz" creator is Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft. He

is always quiet and cordial when he shows up at a bridge tournament, but his presence lends a sense of "occasion" to the tournament. Bridge players are always happy to see him. Gates was South in today's deal.

Gates won the opening diamond lead with dummy's ace and led a club to his ace, felling the queen. At this point, Gates could have cross-ruffed his way to 12 tricks, with nine trump tricks and three side winners. This was a matchpoint event, however, and he hoped for a lucky lie of the red suits that would give an overtrick. He ruffed a heart, led a club to his king, and ruffed another heart. The fall of the king was noted.

Gates ruffed a diamond and then ruffed another heart. The fall of the ace gave him a twelfth trick with the queen of hearts, and a 4-3 diamond split would give him another trick. He ruffed another diamond and learned that the overtrick was not possible from this point. He cashed the established queen of hearts and claimed his slam. Nicely done!

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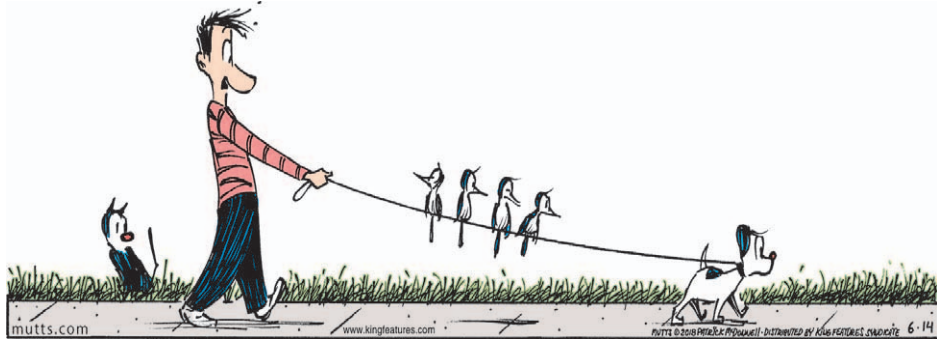
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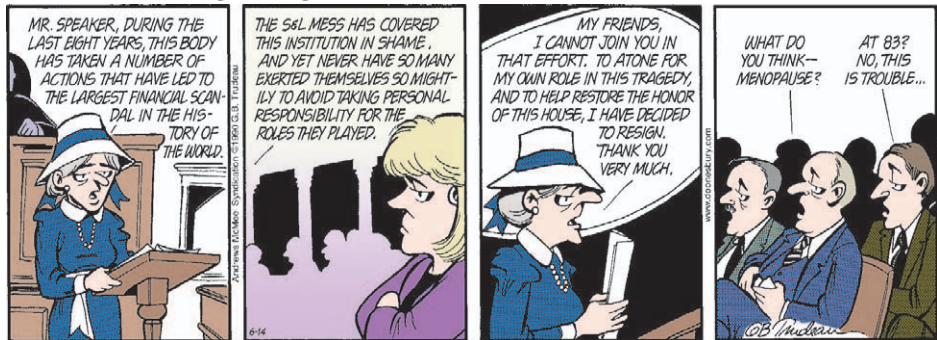
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Tiber city
- 5 Country bumpkin
- 10 Egg custard with a caramel topping
- 14 Zone
- 15 Ms. Verdugo
- 16 Theater section
- 17 Close by
- 18 Sponsorship
- 19 Disagreeable task
- 20 Wobbles
- 22 Harms
- 24 Chick's parent
- 25 Kind of instinct
- 26 Hesitated
- 30 Makes beloved
- 34 War god
- 35 Theatrical work
- 37 Smell
- 38 Campers, for short
- 39 Moon or planet
- 40 "Norm —"
- 41 In — (as found)
- 43 — and dined
- 45 Citrus tree
- 46 Passed by
- 48 Most promising
- 50 Not allow
- 51 Resinous deposit
- 52 Loud squawkers

DOWN

- 1 Declaim
- 2 Extravagantly
- 3 Layered cookie
- 4 Vegan's no-no
- 5 Pined
- 6 Cheers for matadors
- 7 Frat-party fixture
- 8 Phillips
- 9 University town
- 10 Pasta dish
- 11 Hanker for
- 12 The chills
- 13 Capone foe
- 21 Always, to
- 23 Soggy ground
- 26 More than bad
- 27 Excedrin rival

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- 28 Landscape
- 29 Automaton
- 30 Hearth residue
- 31 Hawk's lair
- 32 Lots and lots
- 33 Clay-target sport
- 36 Son of Prince Valiant
- 42 Scold
- 43 Really liked (2 wds.)
- 44 Wallet stuffers
- 45 Permit
- 47 — Paulo
- 49 Folk-song mule
- 52 Late summer fruit
- 53 In addition
- 54 Hayworth of old movies
- 55 Mediocre (hyph.)
- 56 Sandler or Arkin
- 57 Japanese clog
- 58 Distinctive periods
- 59 Ruler of Venice
- 62 Pvt.'s superior

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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Solution to 6/13/18

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

1. Three and two do a scuba adventure (1)
2. Peddle a blackboard writing stick (1)
3. Gaunt impostor (2)
4. Angle a leg-extending circus prop (1)
5. Gentler discoverer of something lost (2)
6. "This Is Us" actress Moore's M&M's (2)
7. Noticeably superior ad circular (2)

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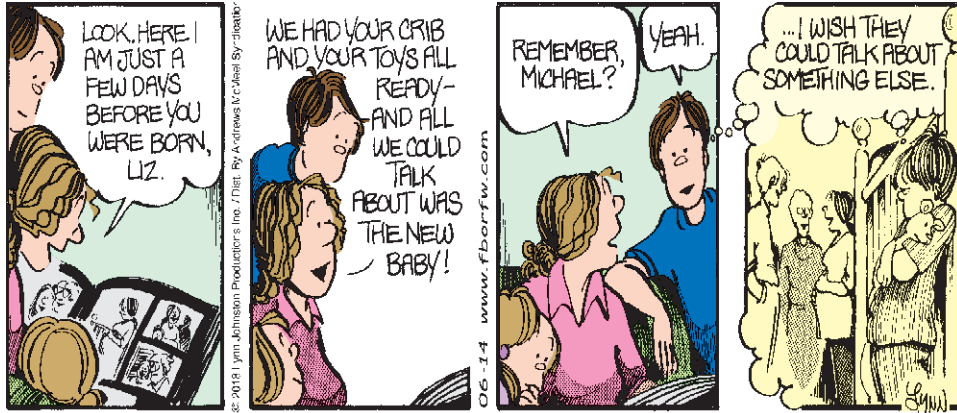
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 5. KINDER FINDER 6. MANDYS CANDIES 7. STANDOUT HANDOUT

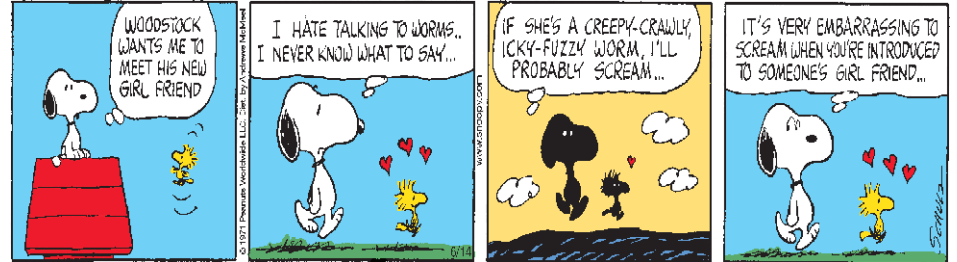
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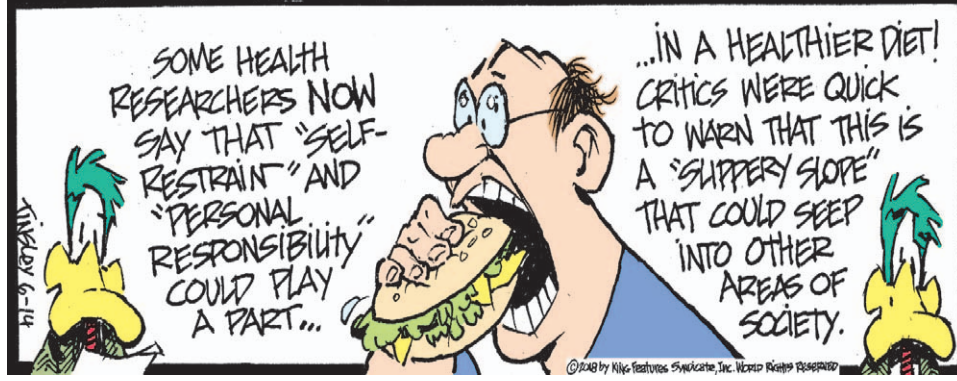
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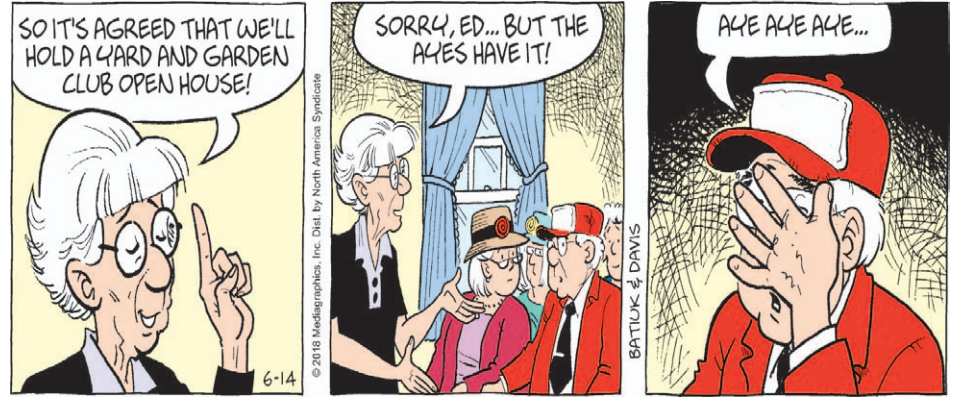
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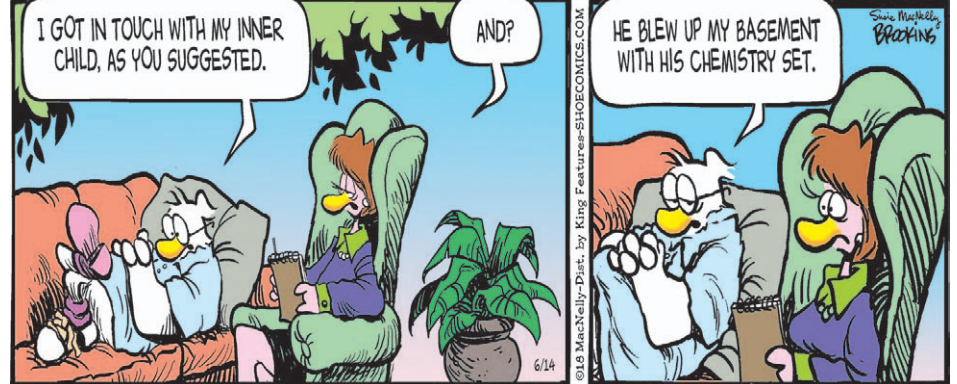
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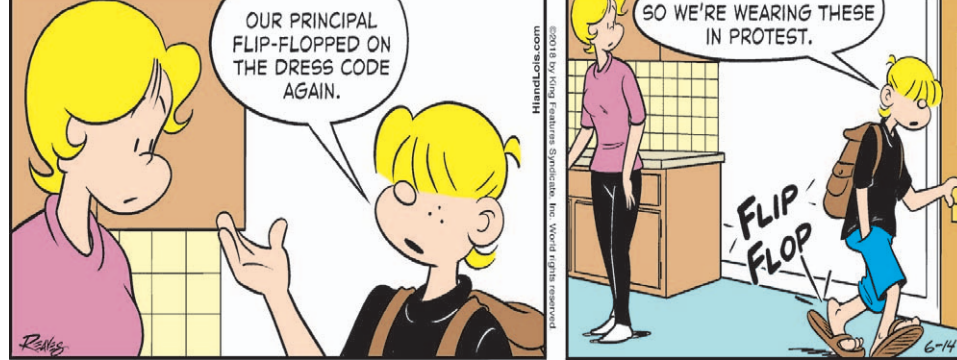
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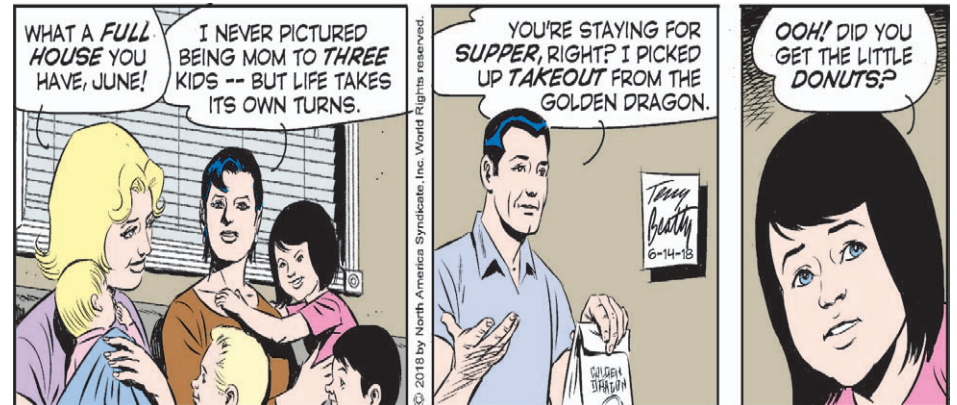
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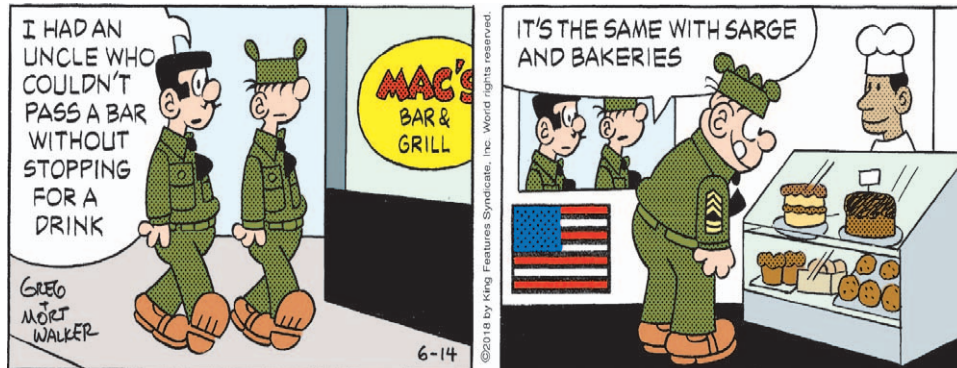
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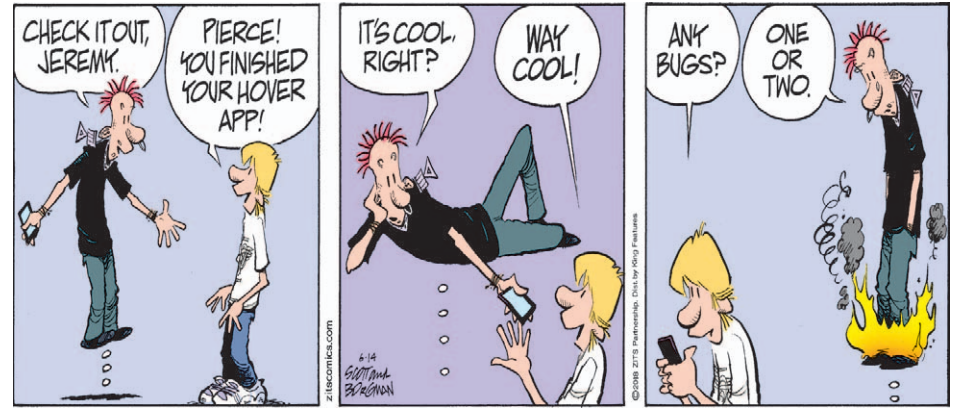
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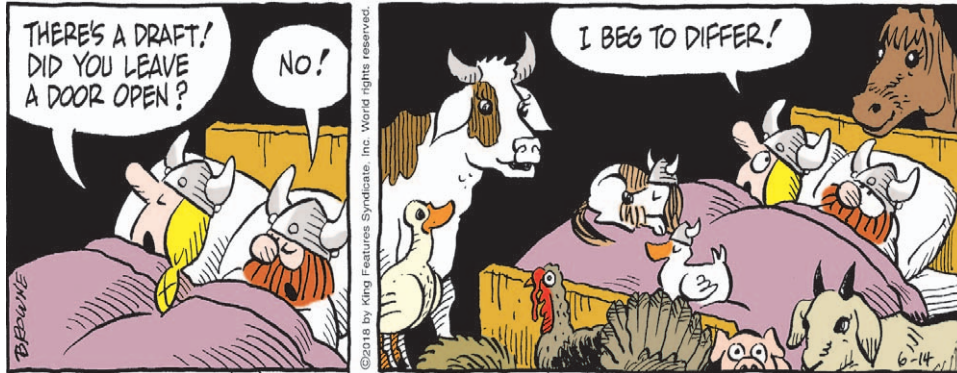
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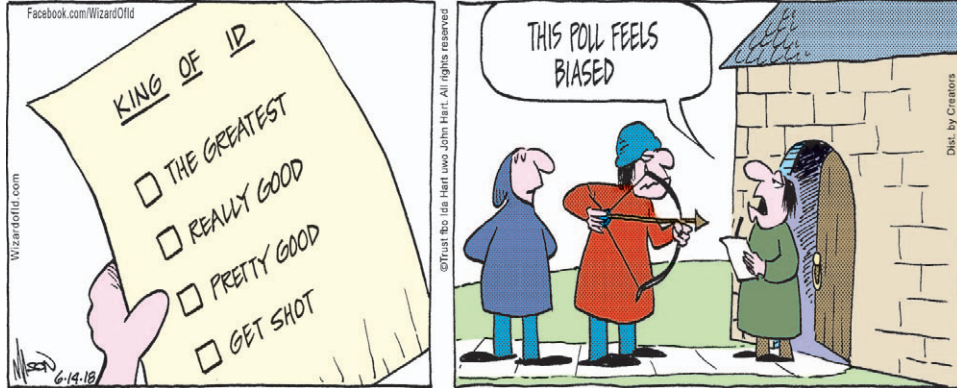
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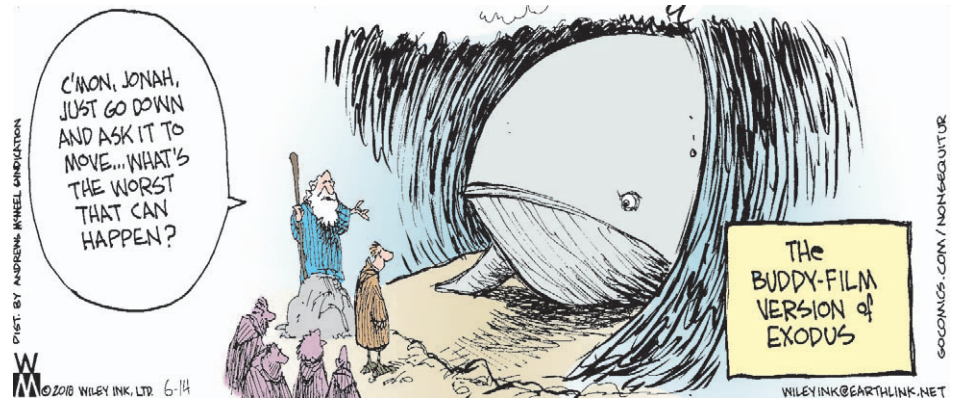
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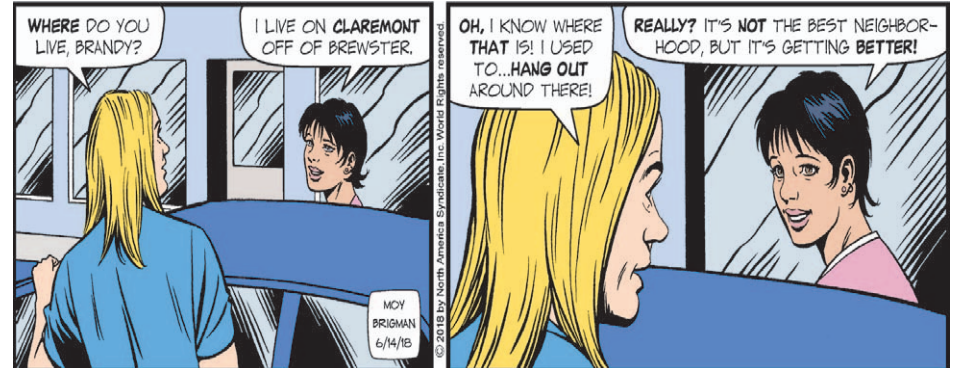
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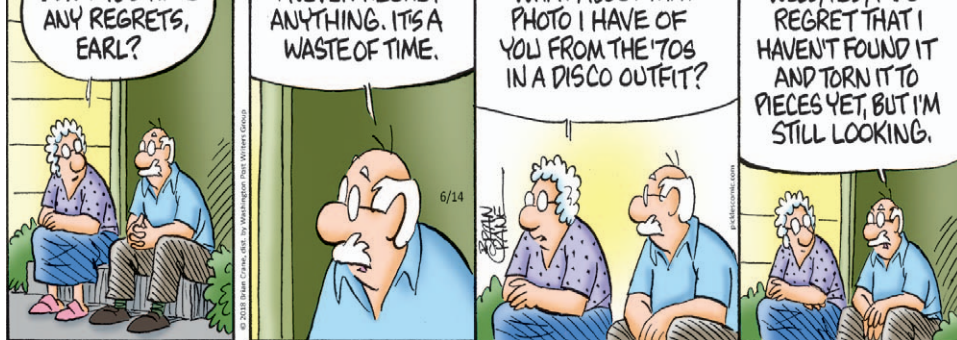
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Congress moves to ban child sex dolls, robots

By **TIM JOHNSON**

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. House on Wednesday approved a ban on the importation and trafficking of anatomically correct child sex dolls and robots that “normalize sex between adults and minors.”

The proposal was approved in the House by a voice vote and now moves to the Senate.

“These dolls can be programmed to simulate rape. The very thought makes me nauseous,” said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, a Virginia Republican.

Child sex dolls are one niche of a nascent robotic sex industry that has generated debate about the ethics of the use of lifelike machines for sexual activity. It is a subject that turns from squeamish to outright revulsion for many when it touches on child sex dolls and robots.

“Once an abuser tires of practicing on a doll, it’s a small step to move on to a child. My bill takes necessary steps to stop

these sickening dolls from reaching our communities,” said Rep. Dan Donovan, a New York Republican who sponsored the legislation.

The child sex dolls are imported from China, Hong Kong and Japan, often labeled as mannequins or models to avoid seizure by authorities. No current U.S. law specifically bans the importation and sale of the sex dolls.

Sex robots are increasingly lifelike, composed of silicon fleshlike material, some with basic artificial intelligence that allows conversations based on moods.

The bill is called the CREEPER Act, which stands for Curbing Realistic Exploitative Electronic Pedophilic Robots Act.

The proposal says the obscene dolls and robots “are customizable or morphable and can resemble actual children. The dolls and robots normalize submissiveness and normalize sex between adults and minors.”

Goodlatte said he was “distracted” that the problem of

child sex dolls even exists.

“I am saddened that there are people in this world who would create realistic child sex dolls and distraught that there are people in this world who would buy them,” Goodlatte said.

“Customers can order bespoke dolls, providing pictures of specific children they would like the doll to resemble. They can indicate a preferred facial expression such as sadness or fear,” he said.

A change.org petition in support of the CREEPER Act has received more than 166,700 signatures.

The rate of child sexual abuse in the United States is difficult to determine because it often goes unreported. The Department of Health and Human Services has found nearly 3 million cases referred to agencies for investigation of child abuse annually, and believe that more than 8 percent involved sexual abuse.

A smattering of social scientists say the child sex dolls may reduce pedophilia, but Goodlatte said

there is no scientific literature to support that view.

“To the contrary, these dolls create a real risk of reinforcing pedophilic behavior and they desensitize the user causing him to engage in sicker and sicker behavior,” Goodlatte said.

Attendees at CES, the huge annual consumer electronics show in Las Vegas in January, flocked to a show with robot pole dancers.

Newer adult sex robots, some manufactured in the United States, have detailed facial expressions and allow limited conversations. One prototype sex robot, Roxxy by True Companion, has programmable personalities, such as “Wild Wendy,” “Mature Martha” and “Frigid Farrah.”

In an article in the Journal of Internet Law in December, two researchers described “Frigid Farrah” as the most disconcerting because it has a setting in which the doll rejects all advances and encourages the user to rape her.

ALMANAC

Today is **Thursday, June 14**, the 165th day of 2018. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day.

Today in history

On **June 14, 1943**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette*, ruled 6-3 that public school students could not be forced to salute the flag of the United States.

On this date

In **1775**, the Continental Army, forerunner of the United States Army, was created.

In **1777**, the Second Continental Congress approved the design of the original American flag.

In **1954**, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a measure adding the phrase “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Today’s birthdays

Actress **Marla Gibbs** is 87. Country-rock musician **Spooner Oldham** is 75. Rock singer **Rod Argent** is 73. President **Donald Trump** is 72. Singer **Janet Lennon** is 72. Rock musician **Barry Melton** is 71. Rock musician **Alan White** is 69. Actor **Eddie Mekka** is 66. Actor **Will Patton** is 64. Olympic gold medal speed skater **Eric Heiden** is 60. Singer **Boy George** is 57. Rock musician **Chris DeGarmo** is 55. Actress **Yasmine Bleeth** is 50. Actor **Faizon Love** is 50. Actor **Stephen Wallem** is 50. International Tennis Hall of Famer **Steffi Graf** is 49. Actor **Torrance Coombs** is 35. Actor **J.R. Martinez** is 35. Actor-singer **Kevin McHale** is 30. Actress **Lucy Hale** is 29. Pop singer **Jesy Nelson** is 27. Country singer **Joel Crouse** is 26. Actor **Daryl Sabara** is 26.

Bible verse

“For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.”
— 1 Corinthians 4:20.

The Christian life is more than just talk. It's a life to live under the power and authority of the Lord. Are you a living example of the power of God?

Senators seek to soothe relationship with Canada

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators from both parties sought to mend a frayed relationship with Canada during a closed-door meeting Wednesday with Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland.

The meeting involving members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee follows President Donald Trump calling Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau “dishonest” and “weak” after the Group of 7 (G7) summit in Quebec over the weekend.

Democratic Sen. Bob Menendez says he made clear to Freeland that Democrats cherish the relationship with Canada and disagree with Trump’s claim that Canadian steel and aluminum are a national security threat.

FBI: Wisconsin woman recruited on behalf of IS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Federal authorities allege a Wisconsin woman hacked social media accounts to recruit on behalf of the Islamic State group.

Waheba Issa Dais, 45, of Cudahy is charged with providing “material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization.”

According to an FBI affidavit, Dais also provided instructions on how to make explosives, biological weapons and suicide vests.”

Dais, a native of Jerusalem, was allowed to come to the U.S. in 1992 without a passport because of her marriage to a U.S. citizen. The couple divorced in 2003, according to court records. She is now a lawful permanent resident who the FBI believes does not work outside of the home.



AP PHOTO

Rare sightings of big bug draw fans

ONONDAGA, N.Y. (AP) — Students from Japan and a researcher from New Zealand are among the scientists and hobbyists flocking to central New York for rare sightings of a big bug.

The area’s cicada brood emerges once every 17 years.

The Post-Standard says the eastern U.S. is one of three places in the world with periodical cicadas. The others are the Pacific Ocean island of Fiji, where cicadas emerge every eight years; and northern India, where they emerge every four years.

US resumes destroying obsolete chemical weapons

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Army has resumed destroying obsolete chemical weapons at a Colorado depot after a nine-month shutdown for repairs.

Officials said Wednesday the \$4.5 billion plant began a gradual restart this week. It could take 60 days to return to full operation.

The plant at the Pueblo Chemical Depot is destroying 780,000 shells containing 2,500 U.S. tons of liquid mustard agent. The United States agreed to eliminate all its chemical weapons under an international treaty.

The plant began operating in 2016 but encountered a series of problems including a leak in a storage tank and vibrations that threatened to damage pumps. Most operations stopped in September.

N.M. governor supports family separation policy

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez supports the federal government’s decision to separate children from parents who cross the border illegally, she said in an interview during a visit to the border.

Martinez, who was in Santa Teresa for the opening of a manufacturing plant Monday, said she backs the Trump Administration’s zero tolerance effort, the Albuquerque Journal reported. The Republican is a staunch supporter of tougher border enforcement.

Federal officials approved separating parents from children earlier this year as part of a pilot program in the El Paso Border Patrol sector, which includes all of New Mexico.

FISH

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Some of Sea To Table’s partner docks on both coasts, it turned out, were not docks at all. They were wholesalers or markets, flooded with imports.

The distributor also offered species that were farmed, out of season or illegal to catch.

“It’s sad to me that this is what’s going on,” said chef Bayless, who hosts a PBS cooking series. He had worked with Sea To Table because he liked being tied directly to fishermen — and the “wonderful stories” about their catch. “This throws quite a wrench in all of that.”

Other customers who responded to AP said they were frustrated and confused.

Sea To Table owner

Sean Dimin stressed that his suppliers are prohibited from sending imports to customers and added violators would be terminated.

“We take this extremely seriously,” he said.

Dimin also said he communicated clearly with chefs that some fish labeled as freshly landed at one port were actually caught and trucked in from other states. But customers denied this, and federal officials described it as mislabeling.

The AP focused on tuna because the distributor’s supplier in Montauk, the Bob Gosman Co., was offering chefs yellowfin tuna all year round, even when federal officials said there were no landings in the entire state.

Almost nightly, Gosman’s trucks drove three hours to reach the New Fulton Fish Market, where they picked up

boxes of fish bearing shipping labels from all over the world.

Owner Bryan Gosman said some of the tuna that went to Sea To Table was caught off North Carolina and then driven 700 miles to Montauk. That practice ended in March, he said, because it wasn’t profitable. While 70 percent of his yellowfin tuna is imported, he said that fish is sold to local restaurants and sushi-bars and kept separate from Sea To Table’s products.

“Can things get mixed up? It could get mixed up,” he said. “Is it an intentional thing? No, not at all.”

Some of Gosman’s foreign supply came from Land, Ice and Fish, in Trinidad and Tobago.

The AP interviewed and reviewed complaints from more than a dozen Indonesian fishermen who said they earned \$1.50 a day, working

22 hours at a time, on boats that brought yellowfin to Land, Ice and Fish’s compound. They described finning sharks and occasionally cutting off whale and dolphin heads, extracting their teeth as good luck charms.

“We were treated like slaves,” said Sulistyono, an Indonesian who worked on one of those boats and gave only one name, fearing retaliation. “They treat us like robots without any conscience.”

Though it’s nearly impossible to tell where a specific fish ends up, or what percentage of a company’s seafood is fraudulent, even one bad piece taints the entire supply chain.

Dimin said the labor and environmental abuses are “abhorrent and everything we stand against.”

For caterers serving at the ball for Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, who

successfully pushed through a law to combat seafood mislabeling, knowing where his fish came from was crucial.

The Montauk tuna came with a Sea To Table leaflet describing the romantic, seaside town and the quality of the fish. A salesperson did send them an email saying the fish was caught off North Carolina. But the boxes came from New York and there was no indication it had landed in another state and was trucked to Montauk. A week later the caterer ordered Montauk tuna again. This time the invoice listed a boat whose owner later told AP he didn’t catch anything for Sea To Table at that time.

“I’m kind of in shock right now,” said Brandon LaVielle of Lavish Roots Catering. “We felt like we were supporting smaller fishing villages.”

CHURCH

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Bishop Gonzalo Duarte of Valparaíso and Bishop Cristian Caro of Puerto Montt. He named a temporary leader for each diocese.

Barros, 61, has been at the center of Chile’s

growing scandal ever since Francis appointed him bishop of Osorno in 2015 over the objections of the local faithful, the pope’s own sex abuse prevention advisers and some of Chile’s other bishops.

The report exposed evidence that the Chilean hierarchy systematically covered up and minimized abuse cases, destroying

evidence of sex crimes, pressuring church investigators to discredit abuse accusations and showing “grave negligence” in protecting children from pedophile priests.

Those findings opened a Pandora’s Box of new accusations that led Francis to become the first pope to refer to a “culture of abuse and

cover-up” in the Catholic Church.

The raids in Chile were reminiscent of the police search carried out in 2010 at the headquarters of the Catholic Church hierarchy in Belgium, which prompted Pope Benedict XVI to intervene and protest the “deplorable” intrusion in the Catholic Church’s legal process.

Belgian police took away computers and hundreds of files amid rumors that church leaders were continuing to cover up abuse cases. The raid prompted a Catholic panel investigating abuse to shut down in protest, saying Belgian authorities had betrayed the trust of nearly 500 victims who made complaints to the panel.

ELECTION

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It’s “becoming a cultish thing, isn’t it?” said retiring Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee, who has an on-off relationship with Trump. “And it’s not a good place for any party to end up with a cult-like situation.”

To be sure, the president’s track record of picking winners and losers in elections is not perfect.

He also backed Gov. Henry McMaster, who replaced Nikki Haley in South Carolina, but McMaster was forced into a primary runoff with Greenville businessman John Warren.

And Trump famously backed Roy Moore, the former Alabama judge accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls, in a special election earlier this year that delivered the state’s first Democrat to the U.S. Senate in a generation.

But Trump’s preference for populist candidates

like Corey Stewart, the Confederate-statue-supporting Republican who won the GOP nomination for Senate in Virginia on Tuesday, increasingly seems to be remaking the GOP, if not Congress, in his image. Stewart will face Sen. Tim Kaine, the Democratic Party’s 2016 vice presidential nominee, in the fall.

As former Speaker John Boehner said recently, “There is no Republican Party. There’s a Trump Party.”

Recent polls have found that more than 80 percent of Republican voters approve of the job Trump is doing, and that makes GOP lawmakers hesitant to criticize him.

“Yes, of course it’s his party,” said Doug Heye, a former top House GOP leadership aide who is now a party strategist. “That’s only more true today, given his high popularity among Republican voters.”

He said lawmakers would be wise to keep their differences with the

president low-key and within the range of policy, not personality, so as not to alienate Republican primary voters protective of the commander in chief. “What they will not support is someone they view as going after the president personally,” Heye said.

Sanford, the former South Carolina governor, had never lost an election before Tuesday, even after a high-profile extramarital affair with a woman in Argentina. But he was never a strong Trump fan.



AP PHOTO

Firefighter **David O’Keeffe** helps rescue a **Saint Bernard** named **Whiskey** from a roof above an entry door of a home in **Spring Lake Park, Minn.**

ODD NEWS

‘Roof, roof!’ Dog rescued from overhang roof at his home

SPRING LAKE PARK, Minn. (AP) — “Roof! Roof!” He was practically begging to be rescued.

Firefighters in the Minneapolis suburb of Spring Lake Park on Friday managed to help a 180-pound Saint Bernard named Whiskey who had gotten stuck on the small roof of the overhang at a side door of his home.

The homeowner’s mother was housesitting when Whiskey pushed out a window screen and jumped onto the second-story overhang.

She and police tried to coax him back inside with dog treats, but to no avail, so firefighters with a ladder truck were summoned. One firefighter on a ladder and two inside eventually managed to pull Whiskey safely into the house.

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Money Market Funds

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Northern Institution	48	1.59	Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.81	State Street Insti U	18	1.33	UBS Select Treasury	20	1.59	Western Asset Prime	26	1.53	FidSpNJ	46	.86
Northern Institution	48	1.59	Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.91	State Street Instit	18	1.72	UBS Select Treasury	20	1.61	Western Asset Tax Fr	8	.02	FidSpNY	16	.86
NorthernInstreas	49	1.63	Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.66	State Street Instit	18	1.64	UBS Select Treasury	20	1.34	Western Asset Tax Fr	8	.48	FidTEDiY M	32	.53
NorthernUSGV	46	1.44	Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.71	State Street Instit	24	1.60	UBS Select Treasury	20	1.65	Western Asset US Tre	48	.81	FidAZ	14	.65
OppCshResN t	34	1.20	Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.36	State Street Instit	29	1.61	UBS Tax-Free Institu	9	.94	WstnUSTRN	48	1.21	Fid TECR	32	.28
OppenhCshB p	34	1.21	Rydex U.S. Government	27	.74	State Street Instit	18	1.60	UBS Tax-Free Investo	9	.67	WstnInstLqRsl	33	1.85	FidTxEtM	32	.78
OppenhCshC p	34	1.20	SEI DITGovA	28	1.50	State Street Instit	18	1.42	UBS Tax-Free Preferr	9	.98	WstnPmLq	33	1.56	FidTaxExpPortS	30	1.00
OppCshRes	34	1.20	SEI DITGVIA	39	1.60	State Street Instit	29	1.34	US Government Money	24	.79	WstnInstUSTR	48	1.62	FinSq TEF	17	.39
Oppenheimer Governme	33	1.23	SEI DITTrsA	34	1.51	State Street Instit	18	1.70	US Government Money	24	1.50	WstnPmUSTR	48	1.36	FstAmTFA	15	.99
Oppenheimer Instit	40	1.68	SEI DITTrIA	34	1.58	State Street Instit	24	1.62	USAAU Mull	20	1.58	Wilm GovSel	36	1.44	FstAmTxFy	17	.69
Oppenheimer Instit	40	1.62	STI CshRes	22	1.44	State Street Instit	20	1.92	USAAU Treas	42	1.47	Wilm TrAdm	34	1.19	FstAmTxFObil	17	.84
Oppenheimer Instit	40	1.61	STIC Prime Portfolio	13	1.63	State Street Instit	20	1.90	VALIC MmKll	36	.01	Wilm TrSvc	34	1.03	FstAmTFObZ	17	.94
OppMMF d A	33	1.23	STIC Prime Portfolio	13	.92	State Street Instit	20	1.73	VALIC MmKll	41	.01	Wilm TrSvc	34	1.44	GenNJMu	20	.41
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.45	STIC Prime Portfolio	13	1.24	State Street Treasu	24	1.72	VANGAdmTry	57	1.79	Wilm GovAdm	36	1.19	GenNYMu	13	.48
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.45	STIC Prime Portfolio	13	1.51	SunAMMA	38	.01	VangFl	51	1.76	Wilmington U.S. Gove	36	1.04	GnMuB p	9	.12
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.50	STIT Liquid Assets	17	1.79	T. Rowe Price Govern	32	1.54	VangPr	46	1.96	WilmUSGov	36	1.54	GnNYMuB p	13	.07
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.60	STIT STIC Prime Por	13	1.49	T. Rowe Price Insti	38	1.82	VangPrInst	46	2.02			GnCaImu	8	.37	
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.60	STIT Government & Ag	24	1.65	T. Rowe Price Tax-Ex	34	.92	Voya Government Mone	12	1.41	AIMTx	11	.09	JPMMuMMP	6	.68
PIMCO Government Mon	6	1.60	STIT Government & Ag	24	1.38	TDAM California Muni	25	.23	Voya Government Mone	12	1.39	AmC CATH	14	.63	JPMorganCA	6	.42
PNC Government Money	33	1.53	STIT Liquid Assets P	17	1.86	TDAM Insti U.S. Gov	42	1.35	Voya Government Mone	12	.42	AmC TF	8	.65	JPMorganNY	6	.51
PNC Gov A	33	1.50	STIT STIC Prime Port	11	1.76	TDAM Insti U.S. Gove	42	1.60	Voya Government Mone	12	1.40	BMO TaxF I p	9	.96	JPMorganTF	11	.70
PNC Gov I	33	1.61	STIT Tax-Free Cash R	13	.64	TDAM Institutional T	40	.74	Voya Liquid Assets P	13	1.26	WMO TaxF Y	9	.71	JPMorgTFPr	11	.56
PNC TrA p	39	1.50	STIT Tax-Free Cash R	11	.85	TDAM Institutional T	40	1.29	Voya Liquid Assets P	13	1.51	BLMunFpCpCS	8	.86	JPMTxTrFr p	11	.44
PNC Tr I	39	1.60	STIT Treasury Obliga	34	1.67	TDAM Institutional U	42	.95	Voya Liquid Assets P	13	1.11	BLMunFpCpCS	26	.50	JPMorgTFAgcy	11	.89
PNC Treasury Plus Mo	45	1.50	STIT Treasury Obliga	34	1.63	TDAMMMlnV	52	1.41	Voya Money Market Po	13	1.46	BRLM Mu	26	.98	JPMTxTrFrInst	11	.94
PNC Treasury Plus Mo	45	1.40	STIT Treasury Obliga	34	1.42	TDAMMMKPr	52	1.41	Voya Money Market Po	13	1.31	BRF NYMuni	7	.86	NYTxFRMI	23	1.89
PW PACE P	18	1.21	STIT Treasury Portfo	22	1.35	TDAM Money Market Po	52	1.51	WA Select Tax Free R	8	.87	BRFCAMuni	6	.75	NorthernMuni	6	.91
PhoenixMM A	19	.01	STIT Treasury Portfo	22	1.62	TDAM Money Market Po	52	1.31	WF 100% Treasury Mon	34	1.63	CashActTXEMgd	24	.77	NorthernMun	7	.77
Pioneer U.S. Governm	...	1.25	Saratoga Advantage T	1	.01	TDAM Municipal Portf	38	.42	WF Government Money	23	1.67	FIMMTxExIl	30	.90	PremierTxEx	6	.97
Pioneer U.S. Governm71	Saratoga U.S.Governm	1	.01	TDAM New York Munic	10	.28	Wells Fargo 100% Tre	34	1.53	FIMMTxExG	30	.70	SchwAMTTx	21	.61
PionrCs	...	1.10	SaratUGSGrV	1	.01	TDAM U.S. Government	25	.97	Wells Fargo A	14	1.50	FIMMTxExI	30	1.05	SchwNYMuVa	18	.78
PremGvMPP	23	1.65	SchwBACR-Pr	20	1.48	TDAMUSGv	25	1.07	WFCashInAd	15	1.79	FedCAMuniSv	30	.64	SchwNYMuSV	18	.53
PremierPort	19	1.91	SchwBACR	20	1.41	TIAA-CREF Inst	46	.02	WFCashInst	15	1.92	FedCAMU WS	30	.69	SchwTxFValAd	21	.83
Premier Portfolio Pe	19	1.37	SchwBChsRes	13	1.33	TIAA-CREF Money Mark	46	.02	Wells Fargo Cash Inv	15	1.99	FedGAMUCS p	13	.62	ShwbTE	14	.72
Premier Portfolio Pr	19	1.61	SchwB Governmen Mo	6	1.37	TIAA-CREF Money Mark	46	.02	Wells Fargo Fd, Tre	25	1.44	FedAMAMUCS p	31	.62	SchwBtEx	14	.82
Premier Portfolio Re	19	1.75	SchwBlnv	25	1.73	TIAACREF Ret	46	.01	WFGovAdm	23	1.48	FedAMAMuniSv	31	.68	SchwB CA	17	.60
Premier Portfolio Re	19	1.04	SchwBRetAdv	26	1.73	TIAA-CREF Ret	46	.02	WFGvMMA	23	1.22	FedMunFpCpCS	21	1.58	ScudTCschInst	24	.97
PrimeObTR	29	1.47	SchwB Retirement Go	23	1.62	TRowSumCR	41	1.61	Wells Fargo Heritage	15	1.98	FedMunFpCpCS	38	.93	TDAMCAmu	25	.33
PrumMarD	18	1.23	SchwB Treasury Obli	8	1.38	TRowPRF	32	1.41	Wells Fargo Heritage	15	1.68	FedMunFpCpCS	28	.79	TDAMMuni	38	.52
PrumMnZ	18	1.39	SchwB U.S. Treasury	7	1.28	TRowUST	33	1.42	WellsFargol 10	34	1.33	FedNYMuCSv	37	.67	TDAMNYMu	10	.41
Prudential Governmen	18	1.23	SchwValAdv	31	1.76	Thriv Mm Inst	34	1.48	WellsFargolnsCsh	15	1.62	FedNYMuCSv	37	.69	TRowSumMu	37	.82
Prudential Governmen	18	1.19	SchwValAdvUlt	31	1.91	Thriv MmK A	21	1.32	WellsFargolnsGv	23	1.32	FedNYMuCSv	37	.44	TRowCA c	33	.54
Prudential Governmen	18	1.23	SchwMM	1	1.29	TreasObTR	24	1.12	Wells Fargo Money Ma	14	1.89	FedNYMuCsl	37	.11	TRowNY c	25	.62
PrulnInstM A	24	1.89	Schw UST	7	1.08	Treasury Obligatns	23	1.62	Wells Fargo Money Ma	14	1.59	FedPAMUCsSv	18	.50	TRowTE c	34	.86
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	SentinelGovA	8	1.13	Treasury Portfolio P	49	1.58	Wells Fargo Municipa	5	.91	FedTaxFObWS	30	.99	USAATxEx	20	.65
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	StFrmMMLGA	35	1.45	U.S. Government Mone	36	.64	WellsF100TRA	34	1.23	FedTxFrObS	30	.74	VangNJ	49	1.03
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.28	U.S. Government Mone	36	1.4	WellsFargo TrsyS	25	1.33	FedNYMuSv	13	.47	VangCA	25	.97
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.28	U.S. Government Mone	36	1.84	WellsFargoTrsyA	25	1.18	FidCAX	6	.93	VangPA	24	.99
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.28	U.S. Treasury Money	33	1.48	WellsFargoTrsyI	25	1.58	FidCA	20	.64	VangNY	24	.98
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.35	UBS Prime Investor F	19	1.55	WFGvMMinst	23	1.61	FidCT	37	.74	VangTXEx	28	1.04
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.35	UBS Prime Preferr	19	1.86	Western Asset Govern	33	1.28	FidMA	33	.68	WFAMUCshM	5	1.01
Putnam Government Mo	16	.01	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.34	UBS Prime Reserves F	19	1.82	Western Asset Govern	33	.77	FidMI	32	.61	WFA MuCsMmV	5	.98
Putnam MMA	19	1.54	State Farm Money Mar	35	1.35	UBS RMA Government M	21	1.32	WA GvTRsV	33	1.18	FidMUM	36	.85	WFNATnStM	6	.96
Putnam Money Market	19	.01	StInstnLRs	20	1.98	UBS Select Governmen	21	1.67	WAInstGvlnst	33	1.62	FidNJ	48	.67	WFNTFMMSv	6	.73
Putnam Money Market	19	.01	State Street Insti L	17	1.35	UBS Select Governmen	21	1.36	WalInstGvlnst	48	1.56	FidNY	20	.71	WellsFargoNat	6	.88
Putnam Money Market	19	.01	State Street Insti T	24	1.33	UBS Select Governmen	21	1.63	Western Asset Insti	33	1.80	FidOH	49	.72	WellsF NTFA	6	.58
PutnmMmC t	19	.01	State Street Insti T	24	1.68	UBS Select Governmen	21	1.61	Western Asset Insti	33	1.57	FidPA	18	.67	WstnTFR N	8	.33
RBCGV RBCL1	24	1.60	State Street Insti T	29	1.69	UBS Select Prime Inv	21	1.60	Western Asset Insti	33	1.57	FidSpCA	19	.85	WstnInstTFR	8	.92
Retail Prime Obligat	18	1.97	State Street Insti U	18	1.67	UBS Select Prime Pre	21	1.94	Western Asset NY Tax	5	.47	FidSpMA	33	.85	WstnNYTxR N	5	.32

Tax Exempt

Toronto stocks

Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	High	Low	Last	Chg
AHCResources	115020	13.28	13.02	13.14	+0.7	ChoiceREITU	100300	.07	.07	.07	-.12	iShares\$ P60	303152	24.21	24.13	24.13	-.03
AdvOil Gas	89404	4.09	4.00	4.05	+0.4	ChorusAvatio	62117	12.15	11.90	11.99	-.97	iShrsCapEng	78766	12.75	12.60	12.62	-.08
AeconGroup	99326	15.55	14.92	15.38	+0.55	CorusEntBo	85938	6.81	6.93	6.97	-.18	lamgoloCorp	99204	7.79	7.59	7.75	+0.17
AlacerGoldJ	63508	2.52	2.36	2.50	+0.7	CrescentPnt	187477	10.04	9.84	9.87	-.06	ImperialOil	97030	43.33	42.51	42.88	-.02
AlamosGoldA	18280	7.83	7.60	7.75	+0.4	CrewEnergy	74460	2.27	2.16	2.17	-.07	InMedPharmace	103574	.90	.87	.90	+0.02
AlgonquinPwr	159592	12.60	12.37	12.47	+0.2	CromosGroup	59663	9.31	8.60	9.28	+5.0	InterPipeline	135558	24.69	24.09	24.12	-.48
AlimentarBSV	66154	54.10	53.63	53.85	-.17	DetourGoldto	101864	10.42	10.12	10.29	-.13	IvanhoeAo	330711	3.41	3.05	3.09	-.28
AltaGas	149234	26.07	25.51	25.79	-.46	ECNCapitalCo	114420	3.63	3.55	3.62	+0.2	KatangaMng	895277	1.55	1.32	1.35	+0.04
Aphralinc J	29360																

Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by year-to-date percent return.

By Total Net Assets

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Total Assets, Percent Return/Rank, YTD, 5-Yr, Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by total net assets.

By 4-Week Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by 4-week percent return.

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Continuation of the Top 20 Mutual Funds table, listing funds like Vala m, ValAdm, WithApprStrA m, etc.

Mutual Funds

Main Mutual Funds table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rtk, etc. Includes sections like Arbitrage, Ariel, Aristotele, Artisan, etc.

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Mutual Funds

Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk						
CorEqY	LB	30.89	+1.9	+5.9	+116/D	EuropeanGrlnv b	ES	39.60	-1.3	-3.7	+4.3/C	InvGrlnC m	AL	17.26	+9.0	+2.1	+6.6/D	MitMglsCnsC m	XY	12.83	-3.0	-1.6	+2.0/E
CptlApprecA m	LB	40.51	+3.5	+7.9	+9.2/D	EuropeanSmCoa b	ES	16.42	-6.0	-1.0	+11.1/A	InvGrlnC	AL	17.51	+1.0	+2.5	+7.5/B	MitMglsMdt1 b	CA	13.74	+1.1	...	+4.6/C
CptlApprecC m	LB	31.42	+3.4	+7.5	+8.4/D	Exch	LV	585.57	-4.2	+2.7	+7.7/C	InvestorBalA m	MA	15.55	+6.6	+1.3	+5.7/C	MitMglsMdt5	CA	13.72	+1.1	...	+4.6/C
CptlApprecL m	LB	40.68	+3.5	+8.0	+9.5/D	FllngRtA m	BL	7.58	+2.2	+2.1	+3.8/B	InvestorBalC m	MA	15.29	+6.6	+1.0	+5.1/D	MitMglsMdt6	CA	13.77	+1.1	-2.2	+4.6/C
CptlApprecR3 b	LB	44.58	+3.5	+7.7	+8.9/D	FllngRtC m	BL	7.55	+2.2	+1.8	+3.6/D	InvestorBall	MA	15.59	+7.7	+1.5	+6.0/C	MitMglsMdtC m	CA	13.76	...	-4.2	+3.5/D
CptlApprecY b	LB	45.93	+3.5	+7.8	+9.2/D	GlbCorEqA m	WS	16.30	-1.2	+6.0	+6.3/D	InvestorGrwthA m	XM	21.37	+1.2	+3.3	+8.9/A	MitMglsMdt1 b	AL	16.52	+7.7	+2.7	+7.4/C
CptlApprecY	LB	47.05	+3.5	+8.0	+9.6/D	GlbCorEqC m	WS	15.48	-1.3	+3.0	+5.8/D	InvestorGrwthC m	XM	19.96	+1.2	+3.0	+8.3/C	MitMglsMdt5	AL	16.50	+7.7	+2.7	+7.5/B
DiscpEqHLsIA	LG	16.32	+1.8	+5.8	+11.4/D	GlbGrA m	WS	31.87	...	-3.4	+4.1/E	InvestorGrwthH	XM	21.83	+1.2	+3.4	+9.2/A	MitMglsMdt6	AL	16.57	+7.7	+2.5	+7.0/C
DiscpEqHLsIB b	LG	16.13	+1.8	+5.6	+11.1/D	GlbLWIEqYldA m	WS	14.45	+2.6	+4.6	+5.3/E	LCapGrA	LG	43.70	+4.1	+16.2	+16.1/A	MitMglsMdtGrC m	AL	16.54	+5.9	+2.2	+6.3/D
DivandGrA m	LV	25.99	+7.1	+1.1	+8.6/A	GlbRIESTIA m	GR	13.45	-1.1	-2.1	+4.0/D	LCapGrL	LG	44.12	+4.1	+16.3	+16.3/A	NatIRest1 b	SN	13.27	-1.8	+3.9	+1.4/C
DivandGrHLsIA	LV	25.08	+6.8	+3.8	+8.8/A	MidSmMidCpGrA m	SW	19.77	+6.2	-1.2	+4.7/E	LargeCapValueA m	LV	15.67	+1.5	-5.0	+4.3/B	NewOpps1 b	SF	31.21	+4.8	+8.7	+10.2/C
DivandGrHLsIB b	LV	24.26	+7.7	+1.3	+10.1/A	GldPrCmlsIA m	SP	3.75	-3.1	-9.9	+2.7/E	LargeCapValueL	LV	15.42	+1.6	-4.0	+10.9/A	RegionalBankC m	SF	29.80	+9.9	+8.0	+18.3/A
DivandGrI	LV	25.87	+7.7	+1.2	+9.9/A	GldPrCmlsIlnv b	SP	3.78	-2.8	-9.6	+2.8/E	LdrDrdBdA m	CS	9.97	+2.2	+3.0	+10.0/C	RIEstSec1 b	SR	12.19	+6.6	-1.6	+6.6/A
DivandGrR3 b	LV	26.31	+7.7	+1.0	+9.2/B	GrAllcA m	AL	16.27	+9.8	+1.6	+6.2	LdrDrdBdR6	CS	9.99	+2.2	+5.0	+14.2/B	RIEstBd1 b	IP	11.07	-1.1	-1.3	+1.4/C
DivandGrR4 b	LV	26.50	+7.7	+1.1	+9.6/B	GrAllcC m	AL	16.07	+8.8	+1.3	+5.5	MCapValA m	MB	39.75	+2.3	+9.0	+7.1/D	SmCoVal1 b	SB	29.73	+2.7	+4.5	+12.7/A
DivandGrR5	LV	26.62	+8.1	+1.3	+9.9/A	GrandlncC m	LV	27.24	+2.2	+1.3	+9.0/B	MCapValC m	MB	38.18	+2.2	+7.0	+6.5/D	StratIncOppsA m	MU	10.47	-9.0	-2.1	+2.2/D
DivandGrY	LV	26.62	+7.7	+1.2	+10.0/A	HCA m	SH	37.01	+2.4	+4.1	-7.7/E	MCapValL	MB	40.21	+2.3	+1.0	+7.3/C	StratIncOppsC m	MU	10.47	-1.0	-2.4	+1.5/E
EmMktsLdDbtl	XP	5.93	-4.2	-5.9	+2.2/B	HClnv b	SH	37.02	+2.4	+4.1	-7.7/E	MCapValL	MB	40.72	+2.3	+1.1	+7.6/C	StratIncOppsl	MU	10.47	-9.0	-2.0	+2.5/C
EmMktsLdDbtY	XP	5.89	-4.2	-6.0	+2.3/B	HYA m	HY	4.09	+1.2	-3.4/D	MidCapEqYltyI	MG	53.72	+2.7	+5.7	+8.9/D	TRIPNAV	CI	13.20	-1.1	-2.1	+1.9/B	
EqInC m	LV	19.85	-2.2	-1.8	+9.1/B	HYC m	HY	4.08	+1.1	-5.2	+2.7/E	MidCapGrwthA m	MG	32.11	+3.0	+10.2	+9.7/D	TxFrBdA m	ML	9.61	+2.2	-6.0	+2.5/D
EqInC m	LV	19.72	-3.2	-2.2	+8.3/C	HYMuniA m	HM	9.99	+4.6	+6.0	+3.5/D	MidCapGrwthC m	MG	25.38	+3.0	+10.0	+9.2/D	USGblLdrsGrA m	LG	49.39	+2.8	+8.7	+12.3/C
EqIncl	LV	19.75	-2.0	-1.7	+9.3/B	HYMuniB m	HM	9.99	+4.6	+5.4	+5.4/A	MidCapGrwthH	MG	36.89	+3.0	+10.3	+10.0/C	USGblLdrsGrC m	LG	41.81	+2.7	+8.3	+11.5/D
EqInclR4 b	LV	19.90	-2.2	-1.9	+9.0/B	HYMuniC m	HM	9.96	+3.3	+3.0	+4.6/B	MktExpnEnhdA m	SB	12.03	+3.4	+6.2	+11.1/B	USGblLdrsGrL	LG	52.95	+2.8	+8.8	+12.6/C
EqInclY	LV	20.05	-1.7	+1.7	+9.4/B	HYMuniD m	HM	9.98	+2.2	+4.0	+3.8/C	MktExpnEnhdI m	SB	12.05	+3.3	+6.3	+11.0/B	USGblLdrsGrM	LG	11.56	+3.2	+1.0	+14.8/B
FllngRtA m	BL	8.72	+1.1	+1.8	+3.9/B	IntermTrmMnlncA m	MI	10.96	+1.1	-4.2	+2.5/B	MortgBackdScA m	CI	18.47	+1.1	-1.1	+1.5/C	USHYBd1 b	HY	19.20	+3.0	+3.0	+4.7/B
FllngRtC m	BL	8.71	+1.1	+1.5	+3.2/D	IntllAlcA m	FB	11.98	-2.0	-1.9	+4.1/D	MortgBackdScL	CI	10.89	+1.1	-1.0	+1.8/B	sBlueChipGr1 b	LG	41.63	+3.0	+15.0	+17.7/A
FllngRtIlnclncA m	BL	10.05	+1.1	+2.0	+4.2/B	IntllGrA m	FG	35.12	-1.7	-3.2	+2.6/E	MortgBackdScR6	CI	10.89	+1.1	-9.9	+1.9/B						
FllngRtIlnclncC m	BL	10.05	+1.1	+1.6	+3.4/C	IntllGrC m	FG	32.22	-1.7	-3.5	+1.9/E	MunicipalncA m	MI	9.51	+3.0	-8.0	+1.9/D						
FllngRtIlnclncL	BL	10.05	+1.1	+2.0	+4.4/A	IntllGrR5	FG	35.69	-1.7	-3.0	+3.0/E	MunicipalncI	MI	9.44	+2.2	-7.0	+2.1/C						
FllngRtI	BL	8.73	...	+1.9	+4.2/B	IntllSmCoA m	FG	18.94	-3.0	-2.0	+7.9/D	NYTxFrBdA m	MN	6.68	+2.2	-7.0	+1.4/E						
FllngRtY	BL	8.71	...	+1.9	+4.3/A	LtdTrmMnlncA m	MS	11.20	+3.3	-1.1	+1.1/B	NYTxFrBdC m	MN	6.68	+2.2	-9.0	+8.8/E						
GblAlAsstA m	IH	10.74	-1.1	+1.1	+5.6/A	LtdTrmMnlncA2 f	MS	11.20	+3.3	-1.1	+1.3/B	NYTxFrBdD	MN	6.72	+2.2	-5.0	+1.7/D						
GblAlAsstC m	IH	10.58	-1.1	-3.3	+4.8/B	MidCpCorEqA m	MB	21.34	+2.2	-9.0	+5.0/E	RealtyIncomeL	SR	12.79	+2.2	-3.4	+4.0/D						
GblCptlApprecA m	WS	19.33	+1.0	+2.8	+5.6/D	MidCpCorEqC m	MB	12.61	+2.2	-1.3	+4.2/E	RsrchMktNetrlL	NE	15.15	-4.2	+3.0	+5.0/D						
GblCptlApprecC m	WS	17.66	+1.0	+2.4	+4.8/E	MidCpCorEqR b	MB	20.43	+2.2	-1.0	+4.8/E	ScapEqA m	SB	53.23	+3.4	+7.2	+11.8/A						
GblCptlApprecL	WS	19.39	+1.0	+2.9	+5.9/D	MidCpGrA m	MG	41.77	+2.4	+10.6	+7.9/E	ScapEqC m	SB	39.73	+3.4	+7.0	+11.2/B						
GblEqInC m	WS	12.99	-4.2	+2.2	+6.3/D	MidCpGrC m	MG	31.19	+2.3	+10.3	+7.1/E	ScapEqL	SB	61.43	+3.4	+7.4	+12.1/A						
GblGrHLsIA	WS	30.99	+2.4	+1.7	+14.0/A	ModA m	MA	13.67	+7.0	+9.0	+5.1/B	ScapEqR5	SB	61.60	+3.4	+7.4	+12.3/A						
GblGrHLsIB b	WS	30.68	+2.4	+1.0	+13.0/A	ModAlcC m	MA	13.67	+6.8	+6.8	+6.3/B	ScapEqR6	SB	61.60	+3.4	+7.4	+12.3/A						
GblRIAsstA m	IH	9.67	+1.5	+2.5	+3.8/D	MunilncA m	ML	13.13	+1.1	-3.3	+3.2/B	SHDurlBd1	CS	10.67	+1.1	-3.0	+5.5/D						
GblRIAsstC m	AL	12.52	+7.7	+2.9	+4.9/E	NYTxFrlnC m	MY	15.30	+2.2	-4.0	+2.5/C	SHDurlBd6	CS	10.67	+2.2	-2.0	+8.0/D						
GblRIAsstL	AL	12.52	+7.7	+2.9	+4.9/E	PETXFrlnC m	MP	16.09	+2.2	-2.0	+3.0/B	SmCpBldA m	SG	27.26	+5.3	+17.8	+17.2/A						
GrOppsA m	LG	50.39	+6.6	+17.8	+14.8/B	QualncA m	CI	11.52	...	-2.0	+1.2/D	SmCpBldI	SG	31.22	+5.3	+17.9	+17.5/A						
GrOppsC m	LG	32.33	+6.5	+17.4	+13.9/B	RIEsttA m	SR	20.53	+4.0	-3.2	+5.6/B	SmallCapCoreR5	SB	59.08	+4.4	+10.9	+11.5/B						
GrOppsHLsIA	LG	45.39	+6.7	+18.1	+15.4/A	RIEsttC m	SR	20.39	+3.3	-3.6	+4.8/C	SmallCapGrwthA m	SG	19.07	+6.0	+18.6	+17.4/A						
GrOppsHLsIB b	LG	43.56	+6.7	+18.0	+15.1/B	SP500IldA m	LB	30.17	+1.9	+4.5	+11.5/B	SmallCapGrwthH	SG	21.04	+6.1	+18.8	+17.7/A						
GrOppsL	LG	52.63	+6.6	+18.0	+15.0/B	SP500IldC m	LB	29.07	+1.8	+4.1	+10.7/C	SmallCapGrwthL	SG	21.66	+6.1	+18.9	+17.9/A						
GrOppsR4 b	LG	53.13	+6.6	+17.8	+14.7/B	SP500IldY	LB	30.55	+1.9	+4.6	+11.8/A	SmallCapValueA m	SV	30.86	+3.3	+6.8	+8.9/C						
GrOppsY	LG	56.12	+6.6	+18.0	+15.2/A	SeCoA m	SB	18.99	+1.2	+1.1	+8.5/D	SmallCapValueL	SV	32.72	+3.3	+6.9	+9.1/C						
HCA m	SH	36.30	+3.7	+8.3	+6.2/B	SeCoC m	SB	15.95	+1.1	+7.7	+7.7/D	SmallCapValueR5	SV	32.75	+3.3	+7.0	+9.3/C						
HCC	SH	29.62	+3.7	+7.9	+5.4/B	SHtBdA m	CS	8.48	+2.2	-1.1	+1.4/B	SmallCapValueR6	SV	32.79	+3.3	+7.0	+9.4/C						
HClHLsIA	SH	24.37	+3.7	+8.5	+6.6/A	SHtBdC b	CS	8.47	+2.1	-1.0	+1.0/C	SmtRetr2020A m	TE	19.68	+3.3	+1.1	+5.1/B						
HClHLsIB	SH	38.09	+1.7	+8.5	+6.1/B	SmtRetr2020I	TE	19.68	+3.3	+1.1	+9.3/B	SmtRetr2020J	TE	19.68	+3.3	+1.1	+6.0/B						
HCY	SH	41.43	+3.8	+8.4	+6.8/B	SmtRetr2020R5	TE	19.78	+3.3	+2.2	+6.3/E	SmtRetr2020R5E	TE	19.78	+3.3	+2.2	+6.5/C						
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Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk	Name	Obj	NAV	4-wk Rtn	YTD Rtn	3-yr Rtn/Rk
Incr b	MU	11.95	-3	-1.6	+4.4/A	GridxA m	LG	25.22	+2.8	+9.4	+14.2/B	Russell	EM	20.86	-2.9	-1.4	+6.8	GrStk	LG	70.35	+3.4	+12.3	+15.9/A
InflRspMIstns	XY	8.76	-3	+1	+3.5	ImpactBdA m	CI	10.07	...	-2.2	+12/D	InvEmergMktsS	GR	33.68	+7	+4	+4.7	GrStkAdv b	LG	68.70	+3.4	+12.1	+15.6/A
InvGdCpBdAdm b	TW	10.04	-7	-3.3	+3.2	Principal						InvGbrRtEstSecS	WS	11.14	+10	+3.1	+8.5	GrStkR b	LG	66.39	+3.4	+12.0	+15.3/A
InvGdCpBdC	TW	10.04	-7	-3.2	+2.4	CAMnA m	MF	10.33	+1	-1.1	+3.3/A	InvIntDvMktS	FB	41.12	-2.0	+1	+5.5	Grandcnc	LB	29.41	+1.1	+3.6	+11.2/B
InvGdCpBdDns	TW	10.04	-8	-3.1	+3.6	CorPlusBdA m	CI	10.54	-1	-2.7	+15/C	InvIntvncBdSctS	CA	20.61	-1	-2.5	+1.4	HyADM m	HY	8.55	+2	-6	+4.4/B
InvGdCpBdP	TW	10.04	-7	-3.2	+3.5	CorPlusBdlns	CI	10.53	-2	-2.6	+19/B	InvLPBalStrA m	MA	11.36	-7	+5	+4.8	HthScI	SH	77.00	+4.2	+9.5	+6.2/B
LngDrTlRtFltns	CL	10.25	-3	-5.2	+4.7/B	CorPlusBdJ m	CI	10.61	-2	-2.7	+15/C	InvLPBalStrB m	MA	11.08	-7	+3	+4.0	InfProtBd	IP	11.71	-1	-1.0	+13/C
LngTrmCrdtI2	CL	11.34	-1.3	-6.2	+5.1/A	CptIAPrcA m	LB	64.44	+2.0	+4.7	+10.5/C	InvLPBalStrS	MA	11.52	-6	+7	+5.0	InsAfrMdlEst d	MQ	6.65	-4.9	-2	+1.4/D
LngTrmCrdtInstl	CL	11.34	-1.3	-6.2	+5.3/A	CptIAPrcC m	LB	50.04	+1.9	+4.3	+9.6/D	InvLPBnsrvStrA m	XY	9.70	-3	-4	+2.7	InsCorPlus	CI	10.02	-2	-2.2	+2.0/B
LngTrmUSGvtA m	GL	5.88	+4	-5.1	+2.3	DiversIntnl m	FB	13.55	-2.0	-1.3	+5.7/B	InvLPBnsrvStrC b	XY	9.57	-4	-8	+1.9	InsEMBD d	EB	8.37	-2.3	-5.2	+5.9/A
LngTrmUSGvnt2	GL	5.88	+4	-5.0	+2.5	DiversIntnlJ m	FB	13.79	-2.1	-1.2	+5.8/B	InvLPPEqGrStrA b	AL	13.65	-1	+2.0	+6.7	InsEMEq d	EM	40.44	-2.5	-1.6	+10.6/A
LngTrmUSGVtlns	GL	5.88	+4	-4.9	+2.6	EqInC m	LV	31.61	+5	+1.0	+9.9/A	InvLPPEqGrStrC b	AL	12.17	-2	+1.7	+5.9	InsFlngRt d	BL	9.99	+2	+1.8	+3.9/B
LowDrA m	CS	9.73	-1	-7	+7	EqInC m	LV	30.76	+4	+6	+9.1/B	InvLPPEqGrStrS	AL	13.73	-1	+2.2	+7.0	InsFlngRtR d	BL	9.98	+2	+1.6	+3.7/B
LowDrAdmin b	CS	9.73	-1	-6	+8	GvthQualBdA m	GI	10.06	-1	-1.7	+5/C	InvLPGrStrA m	AL	12.79	-2	+1.5	+5.8	InsGlbFocedGrEq d	WS	13.22	+2.7	+10.8	+15.8/A
LowDrC m	CS	9.73	-1	-8	+4	HYA m	HY	7.31	+5	-3	+4.8/B	InvLPGrStrC b	AL	12.30	-2	+1.2	+5.0	InsGlbGrEq d	WS	29.97	+1.9	+8.5	+12.5/A
LowDrI2	CS	9.73	...	-6	+1.0	HYC m	HY	7.38	+4	-6	+4.0/C	InvLPGrStrS	AL	12.97	-2	+1.6	+6.0	InsHrY d	HY	8.71	+1	-6	+4.6/B
LowDrIInstl	CS	9.65	+2	-2	+1.1	HYlns	HY	9.69	+5	+7	+4.1/C	InvLPModStrA m	CA	10.40	-8	-1	+4.1	InsIntlCorEq d	FV	14.15	-1.5	-1.5	+5.9/A
LowDrInst	CS	9.73	...	-1.8	+1.1	InCA m	CI	9.29	+1	-1.4	+2.0/B	InvLPModStrC b	CA	10.23	-7	-4	+3.4	InsIntlGrEq d	FG	25.08	-3.3	-8	+6.4/C
LowDrInstb	CS	9.73	...	-1.8	+1.1	InCA m	CI	9.29	+1	-1.4	+2.0/B	InvLPModStrS	CA	10.17	-7	-4	+3.3	InsIntlGrEqR d	LG	43.31	+3.1	+15.0	+18.0/A
LowDrInstESGlns	CS	9.43	+1	-4	+9	IntlProtlns	IP	8.45	-1	-9	+1.4/C	InvShrDrBdS	CS	19.95	-2	+2	+1.3	InsLgCpGr	LG	42.31	+3.4	+14.6	+18.3/A
LowDrInstESGlns	CS	8.50	...	+4	+3.1/A	IntlEMA m	EM	29.46	-2.8	-1.7	+7.7/B	InvStratBdS	CI	10.49	-2	-2.5	+1.6	InsLgCpVal	LV	23.47	+6	+4	+9.3/B
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Fisherwoman Courtney Jane Kempf with her catch-and-release snook. Reportedly, she baits her own hook, casts her own rod and gets annoyed if anyone tries to help. #girlsfishtoo



Seeing red again

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK • JOSH OLIVE

It's ba-aack! Red tide has returned to the Charlotte Harbor area and has been killing fish along beaches from Venice to Sanibel, and in the Gasparilla Sound area.

If you weren't expecting this, you should have been. Warm weather combined with a major injection of nutrients from freshwater runoff was of course going to lead to a red tide bloom. Just like it did last time we saw similar conditions, and the time before, and the time before that.

We've been through the drill, but let's cover the basics. Dark water, even if it has an orange or reddish tint, is not red tide. See Capt. Ralph Allen's column on page 12 for more talk about dark water. Red tide can cause water to be cloudy or dark, but usually it's not visible to us.

A red tide bloom is caused by rapid reproduction of *Karenia brevis*. *Karenia* is a dinoflagellate, a type of microscopic organism that has some plantlike features (such as chlorophyll) and some more animal-like (a whiplike tail that allows them to swim). In small numbers, they pose no problem. When nutrients are abundant, they can quickly increase a thousandfold or more.

Karenia kills fish in two ways. First, the organisms produce a poison called brevetoxin, which is released when individual dinoflagellates die and

start to decompose. Second, that decomposition (and the decay of fish and other animals killed by brevetoxins) uses oxygen, and in areas of heavy die-offs there will be much less oxygen in the water, which can kill anything that has survived the red tide itself.

Both of these effects have a delayed reaction, which is why there's usually a waiting period between nutrients being flushed to the Gulf and a red tide outbreak.

Karenia is a marine organism and needs salty water. It grows best in water with a salt content of 25 to 40 parts per thousand. The Gulf averages about 35 ppt. In the upper Harbor, the water is about 10 ppt right now — too fresh for *Karenia* to get a reasonable foothold, although incoming tides may carry both dinoflagellates and dead fish far up into the river mouths.

Red tides are natural occurrences and have been recorded here for hundreds of years. There is nothing we can do to stop them. However, it's become clear in recent years that we're seeing more blooms that last far longer than they did historically. Science demands evidence rather than anecdote, but this much is obvious: Something is encouraging the red tide to stick around, and when changes like this happen it's usually us.

What can we do? We already know what gets *Karenia* growing — big doses of nitrogen and phosphorus. Our rivers drain Central Florida and are naturally high in phosphorus, so the likely culprit is nitrogen. Where does nitrogen come from? From fertilizer runoff, from septic tanks leaching into groundwater, and from sewage (treated and untreated).

Identifying the problem (or at least a big part of the problem) isn't difficult. Doing something about it is. Removing nitrogen and phosphorus from wastewater is possible, but not cheap. Converting septic tanks to sewers is possible, but not cheap. Developing policies that reduce household and agricultural fertilizer runoff is possible, but not cheap (and gets more expensive the more you want to reduce it).

And none of these things will change on their own. They all require action by regulators and legislators. Political will to enact such changes is lacking. It's much easier to continue "studying" the problem than to make decisions that will be unpopular because they cost money.

Where do we go from here? Nowhere — unless someone is willing to force the issue. Would you like to help with that? Read Capt. Rex Gudgel's column on page 9.

Thoreau's 'Walden' now a video game

By Dylan McGuinness
Associated Press

Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influence of the earth — err, game.

Henry David Thoreau wrote those words — most of them — in his seminal book, "Walden." They make up the objective of a video game that seeks to translate his exploits in the woods of Concord, Massachusetts, into a playable digital reality.

"Walden, a Game" is adapted from the book and launches Tuesday on PlayStation 4. It has been available on computers for almost a year.

"Obviously it's an odd or unique idea for a game," said Tracy Fullerton, who conceived the idea and led the team that created it at the University of Southern California's Game Innovation Lab.

Fullerton told The Associated Press that "Walden" is one of her favorite books, and she thinks its meaning — a tale of escaping technology to appreciate nature — is topical today.

"It seemed to be a kind of game that he was

playing," Fullerton said. So she created one to mimic it.

Fullerton acknowledges the irony of trumpeting nature in a video game but said she hopes the game will be more contemplative than others.

Players drop in with a half-built cabin on the shores of Walden Pond. From there, they can essentially decide everything they do over eight seasons (Thoreau thought a year was better divided into eight parts than four), which takes six hours of real time.

They can finish building the house and toil in the fields, or they can venture out into 70 acres of virtual nature.

The objective is to find the right balance between survival — players can't die, but they can faint — and fulfillment. As players seek more inspiration from nature, interacting with animals and trees, the actual game world becomes more colorful and more physically beautiful, Fullerton said.

The team at USC spent more than a decade creating the game, she said. Team members consulted literature and history experts to ensure the accuracy of its portrayals, and the

game's sound designer recorded all of its audible elements in the real Walden woods.

It's available for free for teachers, and a curriculum is available online, but Fullerton said the game's primary purpose is entertainment.

Joseph Simpson, a software developer from Ohio, said he reads Walden every year and discovered the game while reading about Fullerton.

"I immediately, without hesitation, bought it and started playing it," he said. Simpson said the essence of the book has been implemented into the game in a way that doesn't corrupt it with too many objectives or missions.

"I may not have to read Walden this year because I can play the game," he said.

Experts on the textual version of "Walden" also were intrigued.

Robert Hudspeth, a former president of the Thoreau Society and an English professor at the Claremont Graduate University in California, said he has heard of the game but hasn't played it.

"I will say, however, that anything that might spark an interest in Thoreau's writing is welcome," Hudspeth said. "If playing a game stimulates the players to go to the books, then I'm all for it!"

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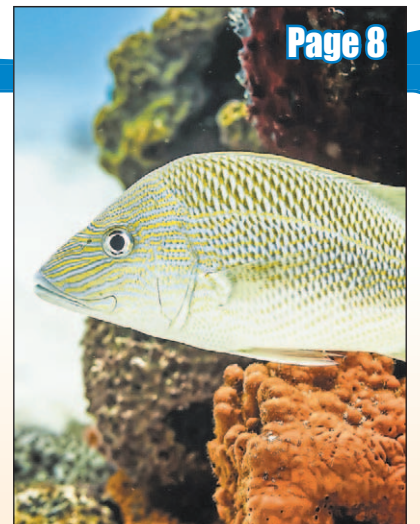
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ANGLING 101 ROBERT LUGIEWICZ

Fish for the table

One of the most common complaints we hear in the shop is people who are trying to catch fish for the table and failing. What's a hungry fisherman to do?



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PRAIRIE CREEK REOPENS

Prairie Creek Preserve (1900 Duncan Road, Punta Gorda) has reopened.

LIVE OAK POINT CLOSED

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

PLACIDA FISHING PIER CLOSED

The Placida Fishing Pier (13120 Pier Road, Placida) will be closed until further notice due to damage from a recent fire. Please visit Ainger Fishing Pier (1385 Beach Road, Englewood), El Jobean Fishing Pier (5001 El Jobean Road, El Jobean) or Boca Grande Fishing Pier (5810 Gasparilla Road, Placida).

ENGLEWOOD FISHING CLUB

The Englewood Fishing Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. June 14 at the Rotonda West Association building (646 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West). This month the club will host Justin Stiver speaking on free-diving our reefs. For more information and directions, go to EnglewoodFishingClub.net.

WETLANDS POLICY MEETING

The Charlotte County Community Development Department has scheduled a roundtable meeting to discuss proposed revisions to surface water and wetlands-related policies and land development regulations. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. June 14 in the main conference room of the Building Construction Services building (18400 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte). The public is invited to attend the meeting and provide input about the current wetlands-related policies and land development regulations.

COMMUNITY NIGHTS AT KING FISHER FLEET

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

DADS CRUISE FREE

King Fisher Fleet, headquartered at Fishermen's Village (1200 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda), invites all dads to cruise for free in honor of Father's Day. We think dads deserve more than just one day of celebration, so we are offering free cruises for moms all of Father's Day weekend. Here's the schedule: Friday, June 15: 90-minute Sunset Cruise, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 16: Full day Cabbage Key, 9 a.m.; 90-minute Harbor Tour, 2 p.m.; 90-minute Sunset Cruise, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 17: Full day Cabbage Key, 9 a.m.; full day Cayo Costa, 9 a.m.; 90-minute Harbor Tour, 2 p.m.; 90-minute Harbor Tour, 90 minutes: 4 p.m.; 90-minute Sunset Cruise, 7 p.m. All dads cruise free on all of the above listed cruises with paid accompanying ticket. Advance reservations are recommended. For more info about the special Father's Day offer, call 941-639-0969.

AMERICA'S BOATING COURSE

America's Boating Course is being offered by the Venice Sail and Power Squadron at the Waymire Training Center (1450 Lucaya Ave., Venice). Class will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 16 and 23. Subjects covered include docking and undocking maneuvers, required and suggested equipment, Rules of the Road, Florida regulations, using a trailer (including backing), PWC operation and handling emergency situations. A State of Florida boating safety ID card (required for anyone born after Jan. 1, 1988) will be issued at the successful completion of the course. Fee for the course is \$50 per student, with a discount for additional family members. Registration is required; call 941-244-8331 for info or to sign up.

ONGOING EVENTS

FISHIN' FRANK'S FISHIN' CLUB: Learn all about fishing Charlotte Harbor. Meetings are held the second Tuesday and Wednesday of each month at Luigi's Italian Restaurant (3883 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte). Reservations are required; call 941-625-3888 for more info or to sign up.

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

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

HANG OUT WITH SCRUB JAYS: Spend the morning with the scrub jays at Oscar Scherer State Park (1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey) from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. This

unique Central Florida experience includes a nature walk to see the park's diverse ecosystems, native flora and fauna. Call 941-483-5956 for info.

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

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

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

CALOOSAHATCHEE SEAGRASS GARDENING

The Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program and the Calusa Waterkeeper are working with partners (including Johnson Engineering and Sea & Shoreline Aquatic Restoration), local residents and volunteers to replant seagrasses in the tidal Caloosahatchee River. The kick-off event with dignitaries will begin at 10 a.m. June 18 in Centennial Park (2101 Edwards Dr., Fort Myers). Remarks will then be followed by a 15-minute demo of the plants and exclusion cages that will be used. After the demo, volunteers will travel by boats to go to actual planting locations. This project is to restore the tidal Caloosahatchee River's submerged aquatic vegetation communities. The species planted are *Ruppia maritima* (commonly known as ruppia) and *Vallisneria americana* (commonly known as tape or eel grass). Aquatic vegetation is an important part of estuarine ecosystems, providing vital reproductive and nursery habitat for fish in addition to food for grazers such as manatees and turtles. The Caloosahatchee River historically supported vast seagrass beds. However, much of the coverage has been lost in recent years due in part to alterations in water flows. The project will entail creating planting areas covered by herbivore exclusion cages to protect the seedlings while they are getting established, in five locations on the north and south shores of the Caloosahatchee River between the I-75 and U.S. 41 bridges. CHNEP and Calusa Waterkeeper staff and volunteers, along with staff from Johnson Engineering and Sea & Shoreline, will be installing the plantings and cages, as well as participating in the ongoing maintenance and monitoring efforts. For more info, contact John Cassini at 239-245-9954.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CHEC

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC) will be once again conducting week-long summer camps at both Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood) and their Alligator Creek site (1941 Bunt Store Road, Punta Gorda). Each camp will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost for each camp is \$150 or \$135 for CHEC members. Pre- and post-care will be available at additional cost. Camps themes and dates at Cedar Point Environmental Park (ages 8-13) are: "Learn to saltwater fish," June 18-22. Camps themes and dates at the Alligator Creek site (ages 6-12) are: "Full STEAM ahead," June 18-22. For more information, call Cedar Point Park at 941-475-0769 or the Alligator Creek site at 941-575-5435, or go to CHECFloida.org

SUMMER SAILING CAMP

Learn to sail or improve your skills on beautiful Lemon Bay this summer. Registration is now open for youth ages 10-17 at the Englewood SKY Family YMCA (701 Medical Blvd, Englewood). Camps provide supervised instruction in the fundamentals of sailing and boat handling, as well as safety, seamanship and environmental awareness. Instruction is provided by adult U.S. Sailing-certified instructors. The ability to swim is a prerequisite. Camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Sessions are June 18-22 and July 9-13. Cost is \$135 per session, with a \$10 discount for Y or ESA members. Camps are held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park (210 Winson Ave., Englewood) and are limited to 22 participants each. For more information, contact Laurie O'Gara at 908-310-7975

or the Englewood SKY Family Y at 941-475-1234, or visit EnglewoodSailing.org.

PLANT SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

The Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society invites the public to join them June 30 for a leisurely walk in the shade at Lemon Bay Park (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood) to a wildfire area to check out the new plants sprouting after the fire. The society promotes the preservation, conservation and restoration of the native plants and native plant communities of Florida. Meetings, field trips and special events are free and open to the public. For more info, contact trail guide Al Squires at 941-769-3633 or AHSquires1@comcast.net.

FISHIN' TALK RADIO SEMINAR

The next event in the Fishin' Talk Radio seminar series will be held July 3 at Gasparilla Marina's Waterside Grill (15001 Gasparilla Road, Placida). Seminars are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month and are hosted by the boys from Fishin' Talk Radio. Topics vary depending on how the fishing is going, but you're guaranteed to learn something useful — and if you have any questions you want answered, bring 'em with you. Come out at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy dinner and drinks with Capt. Josh Olive and Capt. Mike Myers (you buy your own); the talk gets started at 6:30 p.m. For more info,

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

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

PEACE RIVER PADDLING: Join a guided kayaking trip on the Peace River. Free if you bring your own kayak, or rent equipment for \$25 per person. Paddle with an experienced guide and explore remote areas of the Peace River. These trips are intended to be easy paddling for everyone to have fun, meet people with similar interests, and enjoy the outdoors. We paddle from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday if weather permits. Meet at the Nav-A-Gator (9700 SW Riverview Circle, Lake Suzy) 30 minutes prior to departure. Sign up by calling Steve Burroughs 813-857-4634. Trips are provided by KayakEcoTours.com.

call Capt. Mike at 941-416-8047 or Josh at 941-276-9657.

SALTWATER FISHING 101

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

FREE VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is conducting free vessel safety checks in Englewood. They'll make sure the safety equipment mandated by federal and state regulations is onboard. If an inspected vessel is found to be safe, a "Seal of Safety" decal is awarded to the boat owner and affixed in a prominent location. For more info or to schedule an appointment, call Bill Shaw at 941-474-2705 or email ShawCo1@att.net. Visit Flotilla87@CoastGuardEnglewood.com for more info and a

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DO NOT FEED THE PELICANS

Florida Administrative Code 68A-4.001 (4): The intentional feeding or the placement of food that attracts pelicans and modifies the natural behavior of the pelican so as to be detrimental to the survival or health of a local population is prohibited.



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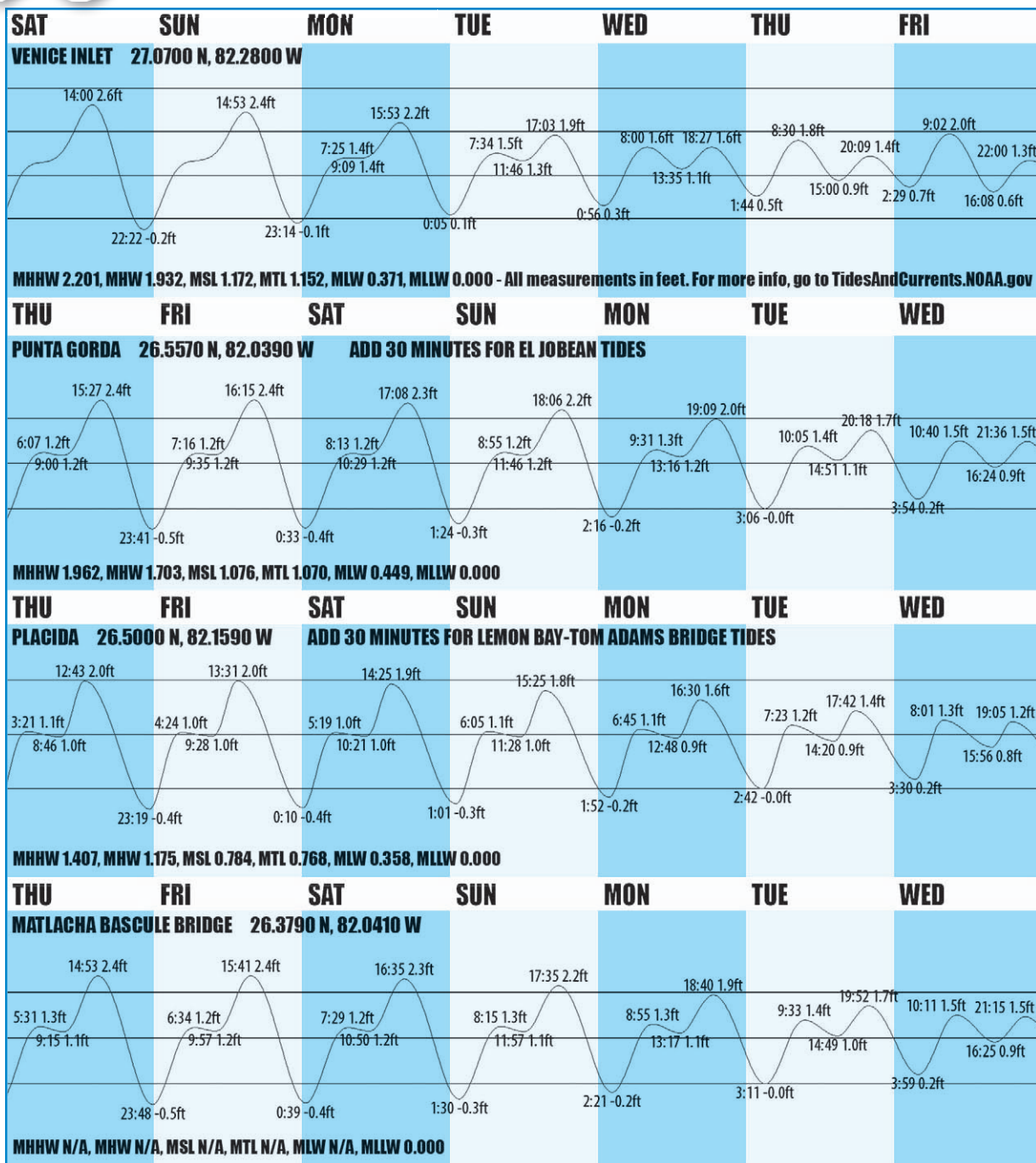


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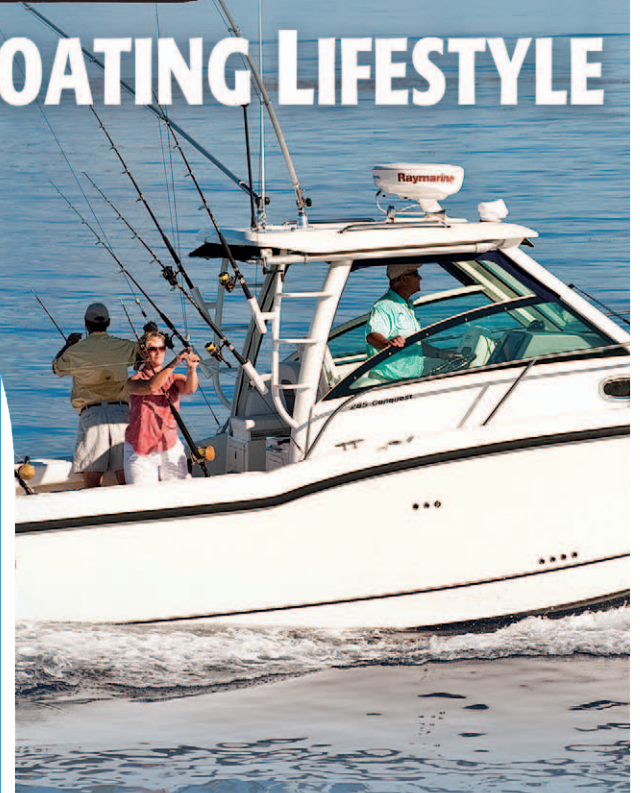
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Sunday	High Tide 14:53 2.4 Low Tide 23:14 -0.1	Friday	High Tide 7:16 1.2 Low Tide 9:35 1.2	Friday	High Tide 4:24 1.0 Low Tide 9:28 1.0	Friday	High Tide 6:34 1.2 Low Tide 9:57 1.2
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WaterLine FISHING RULES

State and federal regulations for Southwest Florida waters as of May 1, 2018. All bag limits are per harvester per day. Other limits may apply. For full rules, visit MyFWC.com/fishing and GulfCouncil.org/fishing_regulations.

LICENSES

Resident saltwater or freshwater: Annual \$17, 5-year \$79. **If you fish from shore in salt water only, a license is required but it is free.** A combo license for both freshwater and saltwater fishing is \$32.50 annually.

Resident senior: If you are a Florida resident age 65 or older, your driver's license or ID card replaces your fishing license. Gulf reef survey (Note 14) and tarpon are tags still required.

Nonresident saltwater or freshwater: 3 days \$17, 7 days \$30, annual \$47. **Free shore fishing license not available for nonresidents.**

Annual permits (required only when a license is required): Snook \$10, lobster \$5

SALTWATER FISH

Almaco Jack

Bag limit 100 pounds in state waters, limit 20 in federal waters; notes: 9,11,14

Amberjack, Greater

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

Amberjack, Lesser & Banded Rudderfish

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

Barracuda

Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties only: Slot 15" to 36"; bag limit 2 per harvester up to 6 per vessel; may possess one per vessel over 36"; notes: 1,5

Black Drum

Slot 14" to 24" (may possess 1 over 24"); bag limit 5; notes: 5,7,8

Black Sea Bass

10" min.; bag limit 100 pounds; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,15

Bluefish

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

Blue runner

Bag limit 100

Cobia

33" min.; bag limit in state waters, 1 per harvester **up to 2 per vessel**; bag limit 2 per harvester in federal waters; notes: 1,5

Dolphin (Mahi mahi)

State waters bag limit 10 per harvester or 60 per vessel, whichever is less; notes: 5,15

Flounder, all species

12" min.; bag limit 10; notes: 2,5,7,8,15

Grouper, Black

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

Grouper, Gag

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

Grouper, Goliath (Jewfish)

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

Grouper, Red

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

Grouper, Scamp

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

Grouper, Snowy & Yellowedge

No size limit; bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

Grouper, Warsaw & Speckled Hind

No size limit; bag limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10

Grouper, Yellowfin & Yellowmouth

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

Grouper, Coney, Graysby, Rock Hind, Red Hind (Strawberry) & Tiger

Bag limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,15

Hogfish

14" min.; bag limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,7,9

Mackerel, King (kingfish)

24" min.; **bag limit 3;** notes: 1,5

Mackerel, Spanish

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

Mullet, Striped & Silver

Bag limit, Feb. 1-Aug. 31, aggregate 50 per harvester or 100 per vessel, whichever is less; Sept. 1-Jan. 31, aggregate 50 per harvester or per vessel; bag limit also applies to bait mullet; possession of striped mullet prohibited in Punta Gorda between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. Nov. 1-Feb. 29 (see <http://bit.ly/urExej>); notes: 15

Permit

Slot 11" to 22" (over 22" — may possess 1 per harvester up to 2 per vessel); bag limit 2; hook and line gear only in state waters; spearing legal in federal waters; see <http://goo.gl/pU5Wug> for rules in Special Permit Zone south of Cape Sable; notes: 1,5,6,7

Pompano, Florida

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

Pompano, African

24" min.; bag limit 2 per harvester or per vessel; notes: 1,5,6,7

Porgy, Red (Champagne)

Bag limit 100 pounds; notes: 4,5,7,9,15

Redfish (Red Drum)

Slot 18" to 27"; bag limit 1 per harvester up to 8 per vessel; off-the-water transport limit 6 per person; illegal to harvest **or possess** in federal water; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

Sailfish

63" min. from tip of lower jaw to center of fork; bag limit 1; notes: 5,6,16

Sea Trout, Spotted

Slot 15" to 20" (may possess 1 over 20"); bag limit 4; notes: 2,5,6,7

Sharks

State waters, no size limit on sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth & smooth dogfish; 54" min. on bull, nurse, spinner, common thresher, blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle & shortfin mako; **species not listed are prohibited.** Federal waters, 54" min all species except sharpnose and bonnethead; **for federally prohibited species see <https://goo.gl/envCwD>**; bag limit in state waters 1 per harvester up to 2 per vessel; bag limit in federal waters 1 per vessel; **inline circle hooks required when fishing for sharks in federal waters;** notes: 1,5,6,7,8,16

Sheepshead

12" min.; bag limit 15 (**8 as of July 1, up to 50 per vessel in March & April**); notes: 2,5,7

Snapper, Cubera

Slot 12" to 30" (over 30" — may possess 2 per harvester up to 2 per vessel); bag limit 10 if under 30"; **fish over 30" not included in aggregate snapper limit;** notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

Snapper, Mangrove (Gray)

10" min. in state waters; 12" min. in federal waters; bag limit 5 in state waters, 10 in federal waters; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

Snapper, Lane

8" min.; bag limit 20 in federal waters or 100 pounds in state waters; **not included in aggregate snapper limit;** notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11

Snapper, Mutton

18" min.; bag limit 5; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

Snapper, Red (American)

16" min.; bag limit 2; **recreational season open June 11-July 21 for state and federal waters; federal charter season open June 1-July 22;** notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,13,14

Snapper, Schoolmaster

10" min.; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

Snapper, Vermilion (Beeliner)

10" min.; bag limit 10; **not included in aggregate snapper limit;** notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11,14

Snapper, Blackfin, Dog, Queen, Mahogany, Silk & Yellowtail

12" min.; bag limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

Snook

Slot 28" to 33"; bag limit 1; season closed Dec., Jan., Feb., May, June, July, and Aug.; \$10 snook permit required to harvest when license is required; state regulations apply in federal waters; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

Tarpon

Bag limit 1 per harvester per year; \$51.50 tag required to harvest or possess, which is legal only in pursuit of an IGFA record; for seasonal Boca Grande Pass rules, see <http://bit.ly/16zrDj>; state rules apply in federal waters; notes: 6,7,8

Triggerfish, Gray

State and federal waters: 15" min.;

bag limit 1; open March 1-May 31 and Aug. 1-Dec. 31; notes: 1,4,5,7,11,14

Tripletail

15" min. (**increasing to 18" July 1**); bag limit 2; may be harvested by hook and line only; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

Wahoo

Bag limit 2; notes: 1,5,15

Lionfish

Kill on sight; no size or bag limits

UNREGULATED SPECIES

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

NO-HARVEST SPECIES

In addition to the species previously listed, harvest of bonefish, Nassau grouper, spotted eagle rays, manta rays and sawfish is prohibited.

Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYDlz> for full rules, including more no-harvest species.

NOTES

1. Measured fork length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with mouth closed to the center of the tail).

2. Measured total length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side).

3. Bag limit zero for captain and crew of for-hire vessels on a paid trip.

4. Reef fish gear rules apply. Anglers must use inline circle hooks when using natural baits, and must possess a dehooking device. Venting tool not required. Also, cannot be taken by powerhead in the reef fish stressed area (see <https://goo.gl/KqP2Ab>).

5. Must remain in whole condition (head and tail intact) until landed ashore. Removal of gills and internal organs OK. **Cannot be used as cut bait.**

6. Harvest by spear, gig or bow prohibited.

7. Use of multiple hooks (more than one point on a common shank, like a treble hook) in conjunction with natural bait prohibited.

8. Harvest by snatching prohibited.

9. Reef fish; illegal to use as bait in federal waters. In state waters, legal-size reef fish may be used as bait but must remain in whole condition and count against bag limit.

10. Included in aggregate 4 grouper bag limit.

11. Included in 20-fish reef fish aggregate bag in federal waters (includes vermilion snapper, lane snapper, almaco jack, gray triggerfish and all tilefish species).

12. Closed Feb. 1-March 31 in federal waters outside 20-fathom break **ONLY.**

13: Included in aggregate snapper bag of 10 fish.

14: Participation in Gulf Reef Fish Survey required to harvest. See <http://bit.ly/15D6Hip>

15. No bag limit in federal waters.

16. HMS permit required to target or harvest in federal waters; see <https://goo.gl/bbmLXL>

FRESHWATER FISH*

Largemouth Bass: Bag limit 5, no min. size limit. Only one fish can be longer than 16" (tournaments may apply for a permit allowing participants to weigh more than one over 16")

Sunfish (all species excluding crappie): Aggregate bag limit 50

Crappie: Aggregate white/black bag limit 25

American Eel: Min. 9"; bag limit 25

Butterfly peacock bass: Max. 17", bag limit 2 (may possess one fish over 17")

Grass carp: Must be released immediately.

Other exotic fishes: Keep and eat or otherwise destroy; may not be used as live bait.

Unregulated species: No bag or size limits on bowfin, pickerel, catfish and gar (see below).

Prohibited species: Alligator gar, sturgeon.

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

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Red tide has killed some fish around the area, but the fishing is still good. Beach **snook** reports have been good around Stump Pass. The Venice jetties have had a lot of rolling **tarpon**, which are tough to hook, but also a mixed bag of **snapper**, **snook** and **bluefish**. If you want to hook **tarpon**, try the beach from Stump Pass to the jetties (up to 4 miles out) and offer them crabs, threadfins, pinfish and DOA Bait Busters.

GULF & OFFSHORE

The action has been great, mostly out past 70 feet. Deepwater anglers going after **red snapper** are also getting **red porgies**, **scamp** and **mahi**. Keeper red snapper are coming from 40 miles out, but there are bigger ones deeper. **Gag grouper** reports have been slow in shallow water but good past 100 feet — if you can avoid the snapper.

BEST BET

Get out on the Gulf if you can — that's where the action has been.

JIM
FISHERMAN'S EDGE
Grove City
941-697-7595

Decent **redfish** reports are coming from Lemon Bay, with fair numbers of overslot fish. The Bay has also been producing **snook** and **trout** anywhere the water quality is good. **Pompano** have been caught in the surf and in the passes. **Sharks** are abundant, with some big ones in Boca Grande Pass and smaller ones all over. **Tarpon** action has been decent in the Pass also, with good numbers hooked in the dark on live baits.

It's been slamming out there. In state waters, the **lane snapper** have been doing pretty well. **Red snapper** are coming in closer than in years past, with some of the guides who don't have reef permits coming in with a few. **African pompano** and **mahi** have been caught, mostly way out there.

Head out onto the Gulf for a mixed bag of **snapper** — **lanes**, **mangs** and **yellowtails** are all biting in 70 to 100 feet.

JEFF
CAPT. TED'S TACKLE
Port Charlotte
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(6/7 report) Juvenile **tarpon** are playing in the canals (and sometimes the bigger ones show up). Only a few **trout** have been reported, mostly because anglers have other targets, but MR17 Mirrolures are working. Catch-and-release **snook** are entertaining people on the beaches, in the passes and deep in the backwaters. Topwater lures and live bait are good. **Redfish** reports are steady if not furiously fast. Freshwater **bass** are actively feeding and getting fat on frogs.

Red snapper, **gag** and **red grouper** have been caught at 30 to 50 miles. Red grouper are abundant closer, but they're all short. If you drop jigs, you may catch **amberjack**, **African pompano** or **bonito**. Send down smaller baits out here or on the nearshore reefs for a mixed bag of smaller **snapper**. A few **cobia** have also been around.

Tarpon action is hot and heavy, with most of the fish still stuck in the Pass. Some days they're on all day; some days not til evening. Crabs and DOA Bait Busters are the way to go.

FRANK
FISHIN' FRANK'S
Charlotte Harbor
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Keeper **mangrove snapper** are eating live shrimp on chartreuse hooks around Pirate Harbor. Small **trout** are abundant on the east side of the Harbor; popping corks are key. Warehouse Point has had some keeper **trout** very early in the day. **Pompano** are doing pretty well outside the bars; try the north end of the west wall and Myakka Cutoff with jigs or spoons. **Redfish** may also be around eating cutbait. **Tarpon** are around the 20-foot holes.

Red snapper fishermen have had mixed reports. The guys who are doing well are in at least 120 feet fishing octopus and squid, **Mahi** are hanging out 20 feet underneath parked boats. Schools of **Spanish mackerel** are still around.

Lane and **mangrove snapper** reports have been killer on natural hard bottom 6 to 8 miles out. You'll also find some on the artificial reefs. Just don't let a storm get between you and land.

CHUCK
LAISHLEY MARINE
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Scattered red tide reports are coming from Placida and around Boca Grande Pass. If you're feeling it, move. The **snook** bite is great with smaller fish all over the bars; bigger fish are off the beaches and in the passes. Some good **snapper** are in the Harbor. **Redfish** reports have been scattered, but you can try cutbait in 3 to 5 feet of water. Juvenile **tarpon** are in the canals and around El Jobean. Watch for **cobia** in the open Harbor.

Kingfish have been caught trolling along with **Spanish mackerel** and a few **blackfin tuna**. **Snapper** and **grouper** are best in at least 80 feet. A few **African pompano** have come in from the deeper wrecks. Peanut **mahi** are at 20-plus miles. Watch for **sailfish** in the same areas. **Cobia** might show up anywhere, so keep a freelined bait out.

Fish are on the move due to freshwater inflows and red tide. Be prepared for whatever out there.

CAMERON
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Spanish mackerel have been hitting trolled bucktails and spoons around Alligator Creek Reef. Outside Cape Haze, small **bull** and **blacktip sharks** are eating cut mullet. **Snook** and **tarpon** of all sizes are eating silver mullet around El Jobean.

Red grouper are eating over hard bottom in 90 feet of water. Squid and sardines work; live pinfish are better. **Mangrove snapper** are on the wrecks from 45 to 90 feet. Live shrimp or whitebait works best, and don't forget the chum. A handful of permit have been caught on crabs over the wrecks.

Target the spillways with small X-raps or DOA TerrorEyz in gold. A tan streamer fly will also work. Expect a mixed bag of **snook**, **tarpon** or **bass**.

JESSE
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Red tide reports have been few here in Pine Island Sound, although we do have a harmless yellow algae bloom inshore and offshore. **Trout** action has been good on soft plastics in about 4 feet of water. Some **snook** have been caught around the Bokeelia piers at night on jerkbaits. Some bigger **mangrove snapper** have been showing up inshore. **Redfish** are cruising flats and eating cutbait. **Tarpon** are scattered all over from the passes to the rivers.

Lane snapper and **red grouper** have been good in 40 to 100 feet of water (deeper for bigger ones). **Little tunny** are thick around baitfish pods. **Mangrove snapper** are taking fresh cut fish from 30 feet out. For **red snapper**, expect to go out 45 to 50 miles. Drop a slab of little tunny for them. **Gag** reports have been fewer than expected.

Barracuda are common over the wrecks. Feed them freelined live baits on stinger rigs or troll with 'cuda tubes.

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- When fishing a mangrove shoreline, retrieve any gear that gets caught in the trees. Line, lures and hooks are death traps for birds. If they fall into the water, they can be harmful to many other species and also to boat engines.
- Be careful about spraying herbicides if you live within a mile of the Harbor, river or a canal. Especially in the rainy season, runoff can quickly carry poisons right into the Harbor. Limit your use to dry days, or avoid it altogether.
- Don't pull up or trim mangroves growing in canals unless absolutely necessary. These will be fishing hotspots in the future.

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THE FISH COACH'S TIP OF THE WEEK: As red tide reports have been popping up in Gasparilla Sound and other spots near the Gulf, we're also hearing horror stories of entire wells full of bait turning up dead. As you drive your boat along, it's easy to run through a patch of red tide and not even realize it — there's often no visible warning, and unless it's been aerosolized by wave action you probably won't smell it. But even a small amount of brevetoxin (the gill-paralyzing poison red tide produces) will kill your bait in seconds. It's not a good situation: If you run the well pump, you might kill your bait. If you don't run the well pump, you'll definitely kill your bait. A good solution: A 12-volt aerator, which you can run in combination with a recirculation pump to keep your bait healthy. As a precaution, limit yourself to about half of your usual bait-carrying capacity, since aeration alone is not as efficient as pumping in outside water. — *As the Fish Coach, Capt. Josh Olive offers personalized instruction on fishing techniques. To book your session or for more information, go to FishCoach.net, email Josh@FishCoach.net or call 941-276-9657.*

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Fish for the table



ANGLING 101 • ROBERT LUGIEWICZ

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Grunts are often one of the most common fish on the reefs. They're also among the best for eating.

One of the most common complaints we hear in the shop is people who are trying to catch fish for the table and failing. Snook season is over, redfish are tough to find, sheepshead have mostly vanished until next winter. Sure, there are some trout around, and maybe a cobia if you get lucky. But that's pretty slim pickings. What's a hungry fisherman to do?

Don't worry, I have good news: There are many more edible fish in our water than just those "most-wanted" gamefish. Really — even for you picky folks who insist on fish that has no flavor.

One way to get a mess of fish is to head out to the Gulf. Grunts are usually abundant on our artificial reefs, and they're one of the mildest fish to be found in our waters. As a bonus, they're easy to catch. Shrimp or pieces of squid will entice them to bite.

While you're out there, you may also catch lane and mangrove snapper, and if you get into water 50 feet or deeper, vermilion snapper become more likely.

On the reef edges, where rubble gives way to sand, squirrelfish (sand perch) are often abundant. While they're better known as a bait for grouper or tarpon, bigger squirrelies (say 8 inches or more) are fine table fish.

Sugar trout (aka silver perch) will also take small baits over reef edges.

All of these fish are on the smaller side, which leads some people to not think of them as eating fish. But if you can change how you think about how the fish you eat are prepared, it's no problem. We've been programmed to believe fish should be served as boneless, skinless fillets — but that's just one way.

Whole dressed fish are a great alternative. Scale the fish, gut them, then remove the heads and fins if you like (or just the gills). These dressed fish can be baked or fried. When cooked, the meat slides easily off the bones. Not only do you get much more meat from small fish this way, but the flavor is much improved.

Canal anglers in both salt and fresh water can also get in on this. As the rainy season picks up, sand bream, tilapia and Mayan cichlids will all be hungry and aggressive in brackish water. They make great panfish. In the surf, whiting have been fairly abundant if not incredible, and that's another easy and tasty small fish.

Of course, some people simply refuse to eat fish this way. That's OK; I have options for you too. Barracuda are often thought of as trash fish, but the truth is barracuda have some of

the mildest and cleanest white meat you could ever ask for. People get freaked out about ciguatera poisoning, but the chances of that are pretty remote. To be safe, stick with 'cudas less than about 30 inches.

Amberjack are fun sportfish but also great to eat. I'm not a big fan of eating fish, but AJs are one of my favorites. Sure, you can smoke them. Or, you can just cut away any red meat (right away, before you freeze or cook the fillets) and the remaining white fish will be delicious grilled, baked or broiled.

Don't have an offshore boat? No problem. Spanish mackerel have been readily available in the lower half of the Harbor. These fish get a bad rap because people confuse them with those nasty canned jack mackerel, which are not remotely the same — jack mackerel isn't actually a mackerel at all.

For best flavor, ice your macks as soon as they come in the boat. Slush is better than just chunks of ice. Keep them iced until you fillet them, and again remove any red meat. Spanish do not freeze well, so enjoy them fresh (you can refrigerate for one day, but that's about it). If you have too much, share with friends. Baking and broiling are best for these slightly oily fish.

Gafftopsail catfish are quite good on the table. If you like freshwater catfish, you'll like sailcats. Hardhead catfish — the ones with the shorter spines — are hit or miss. Some will be good, some will taste like low tide. I'd skip them, but sailcats are totally different.

There are lots of small sharks around, and they're good fish to eat. Blacknose, sharpnose, blacktip and bonnethead sharks are all very edible and have no minimum size limit. Be sure you know how to ID a shark before you kill it, though. Sharks have to be gutted and iced right away, or the meat will have a cat pee smell.

Don't kill one if you can't take care of it properly. Any of these fish is better fresh. Frozen fish are for landlubbers. Why do you need bags full of fish in the freezer? If you live here in Southwest Florida, and you have a boat (or better, a friend with a boat), then you always have access to fresh fish — as long as you're not too picky for your own good.

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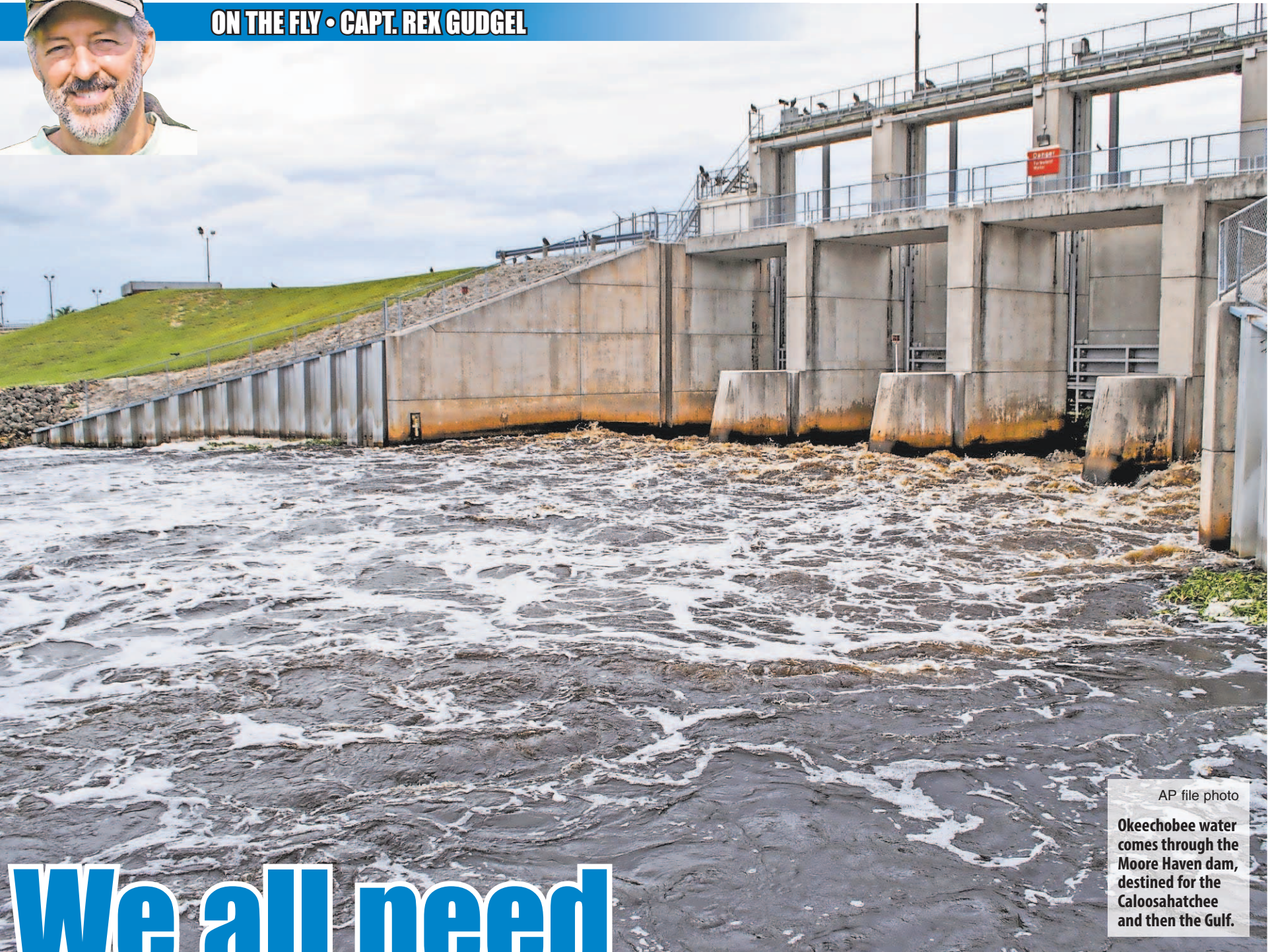
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ON THE FLY • CAPT. REX GUGDEL



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Okeechobee water comes through the Moore Haven dam, destined for the Caloosahatchee and then the Gulf.

We all need clean water

If you've been watching the news or keeping up with the Charlotte and Lee county angling communities on social media, you know we have a problem. Due to the massive amount of water May rainfall dumped on Central Florida, the Lake Okeechobee floodgates have been opened.

Water releases from Okeechobee and runoff from the local watershed are pushing 3.5 million gallons of water per minute into the Caloosahatchee River and headed toward the Gulf of Mexico. A photo released by Sanibel Island from Jim Szabo from San-Cap Aerial reveals the nearly immediate impact that can be seen from above the water by a drone.

The water releases from Lake Okeechobee began June 1 at an increased rate much higher than usually seen during early June. "Generally, we start to see the water get darker in late June or early July, so this was a little earlier this year," James Evans, Sanibel Island's Director of Natural Resources said. "We really like to see those flows maintained below 2,800 cubic feet per second."

"This needs to be a rallying for our community to take action," Capt. Daniel Andrews of Captains for Clean Water said of the most recent early summer releases. "We all know what happens when the water gets brown. It's the middle of tarpon season. When something like this happens, it's really frustrating."

Captains for Clean Water is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that advocates for the elimination of harmful, large-scale Lake Okeechobee discharges into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River estuaries by restoring the natural flow of Lake Okeechobee water south into the Everglades and Florida Bay. The group says restoring the natural southern flow of Lake Okeechobee water is essential to the survival of those estuaries, the health of the Everglades, and the long-term viability of the Biscayne Aquifer, South Florida's largest drinking water source.

Andrews said the Everglades Agricultural

Area storage reservoir is one key piece of a solution that sent advocates to Washington D.C. asking for federal funding.

At the Sanibel Sea School, students know only of a Gulf of Mexico impacted directly by water releases for their entire lifetime. "They've never seen a pristine San Carlos Bay," says Dr. Bruce Neill, the school's executive director. "They've never known a world without releases."

The school is dedicated to teaching children and adults about marine ecosystems. Neill calls historical flow restoration an opportunity best explained to younger people as an improvement on what they know. "Look at the joy in (the Gulf), and wouldn't it be nice if it were even cleaner than this?"

"We have lots of work to do it is a very large and complex problem, which tends to make people throw up their hands and say, 'I can't fix it,' which means I might as well do nothing," says Neill. "We have to do a little bit every day, every week, every month to impact change. This is something we have to live with for the next two decades or so. We're not going to be able to stop this instantaneously."

What can you do today? Well, the first step is simple: We all need to get on board with these guys — there is no more time to waste. Go to the Captains For Clean Water Facebook page and read what is going on. Watch the videos. See how much work these guys and their organization have done and continue to do. Stay informed, be active, make phone calls — and share all of this with your friends and social network. Get the word out now!

Stay fly.

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Reader Photos



Jackie White with a big black drum caught on a crab at the I-75 bridge over the Peace River.



Aaron Wagner of Punta Gorda Isles caught this 36-inch red snapper in 1,200 feet 50 miles west of Key West.



Jake Labraun caught and released this tiger shark in the Gulf.



Andy Thompson with a catch-and-release Myakka River snook.



Stevie Sorrentino speared this huge black grouper, estimated at 80 pounds (it bottomed out a 60-pound scale).



Justin Dober hooked up this 27-inch Spanish mackerel while trolling the west wall in 6 feet of water.



Dave Servis from Punta Gorda with a keeper red grouper caught aboard the Jersey Devil.



Ray Herigodt had a big red day aboard the Magic Wacker.



Kallie Williams of Warren, Pa., caught a 46-inch king mackerel out of Stump Pass.



Kavin Banks seems pretty pleased about his king mackerel.



Nicholas Kammerer caught this 41-inch Myakka River snook on a freeline tilapia.

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AROUND CHARLOTTE HARBOR • CAPT. RALPH ALLEN



Brown ain't bad

Here it comes. Fresh water from Lake Okeechobee is now being channeled into the Caloosahatchee River. Water releases from the big lake began two weeks ago when the Army Corps of Engineers opened the floodgates at the Moore Haven Lock, which is essentially the beginning of the Caloosahatchee River.

Not only did the opening of the floodgates send large quantities of fresh water rushing down the river towards Southwest Florida, it also initiated a deluge of media coverage related to the freshwater releases. Unfortunately, some of that media coverage fails to paint an accurate picture of the situation.

Let's try a word association exercise. When you hear the term "fresh water from Lake Okeechobee," what pops into your mind? Do you smile and think about the great fishing in the lake and all the wildlife that lives there, or do you scowl and think about all that ugly brown polluted water that's reportedly ruining our coastal environment?

I suspect that most local residents and many of our visitors will have the negative reaction. That's not surprising since almost every story we read or watch that mentions the water releases includes the phrase "polluted water from Lake Okeechobee." And there are all those aerial photos and videos, which show dark brown plumes of water flowing into the aquamarine Gulf. Ugly.

But the lake is really not in bad shape. Water quality in Lake Okeechobee is not perfect, but the big lake is generally pretty healthy. The fisheries there are thriving, and wildlife abounds.

When I was in Glades County a few weeks ago I had the chance to talk to a number of long-time fishing guides. They all said pretty much the same things: The fishing is good, and there is no sign that it's declining. One even made this bold statement: "I've been guiding here for 30 years and the fishing is as good now as it's ever been." Don't you wish that our older Charlotte Harbor saltwater guides could make similar statements?

Many Floridians who have not gone to the lake and actually experienced it are of the

opinion that it's a stinking cauldron of horrible pollution — an unfortunate and inaccurate view that's fueled by media coverage of the effects of freshwater discharges from the lake on the estuaries on each Florida coast.

So what is the deal with the water in Lake Okeechobee, and why is there such an uproar when fresh water from the lake is poured into the Caloosahatchee River?

There is no doubt that humans have messed up the water in all of Florida, including that which flows into and out of Okeechobee. We dredge and straighten waterways, we dig canals, we build dikes and dams, we fill in wetlands, we take water out of the system for our own use, and we dump things into the water that do not belong there. The result is that our fresh water does not flow as nature intended and is not of the same quality that it was a few hundred years ago.

The drainage into, out of and around Lake Okeechobee is a good example of a significantly altered system which does not function the same way it did before humans started tinkering with it. Two of the largest changes that we've made to the lake's water flow are the construction of a huge dike around the lake, and the digging of deep, straight channels which connect the lake to Florida's east and west coasts at Stuart and Fort Myers.

The dike was created primarily to protect against storm-driven water surges, which in the past sloshed out of the lake to inundate nearby low-lying communities and killed thousands of people. The deep channels on each side of the lake are part of the Okeechobee Waterway, a navigation route designed so boats can cut across the state without having to travel all the way to the southern tip of the peninsula.

Prior to construction of the dike around the lake, water flowed into and out of Lake Okeechobee at many different locations. Most of outflow headed generally south, then veered southwest towards Florida Bay, spreading out in a shallow, miles-wide sheet of slow moving water that could nearly cease during the winter dry season but which would pick up steam

during the rainy summer months. This is what created the Florida Everglades, which was pretty much a huge marsh.

The designers of the dike figured that rather than provide numerous openings through the dike along the southern shore of the lake to mimic that natural flow, they could simply shunt a lot of the lake outflow down the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers. The plumbing would be much simpler, and would offer the added benefit of drying out a lot of what they considered to be useless swampland south of the lake — swampland which could then be put to good use for agriculture and/or residential development (other projects contributed to drying up the swamp too). And as yet another bonus, we'd have the ability to store or release lake water by opening and closing the floodgates whenever we wanted.

Which brings us to today. Much of the water outflow from the lake is controlled by humans rather than by nature. We have turned off most of the water flow which is required to keep the Everglades sheet flow and Florida Bay estuary intact. Instead, we have forced a bunch of that water to go where it never used to go — down the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers. We may eventually be able to spend enough money to change the system to something which somewhat resembles the original natural system, but it will be a slow, painful process that will probably not be completed in my lifetime.

The Corps has the job of controlling the level of Lake Okeechobee and the water outflows to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers. The job is not as simple as you might think: There are multiple groups of people affected by the level of the lake and by the river outflows, and they have very different opinions of how it should be managed.

Fishery and wildlife managers on the lake want one thing. Agricultural interests around the lake want another. Duck hunters want something else. Navigational interests, communities on Florida's east coast which get drinking water from the lake, residents that live around the lake that are concerned about devastating

floods, engineers responsible for the dike structure — all have differing, and sometimes conflicting, wants and needs.

Southwest Florida's coastal estuaries need fresh water to thrive. Nutrient-rich fresh water mixes with seawater in the estuaries to create the most productive type of ecosystem on the planet. But it's not a steady-state system. In peninsular Florida, there is a four-month rainy season and an eight-month dry season. The difference between the two is substantial: During our rainy months, we get precipitation at a rate that averages about four times higher than during the dry season.

Our estuaries expect to get a surge of rainwater runoff during the rainy season, and comparatively little during the winter dry season. When summer rains begin to fall there is a bunch of brown-colored, nutrient-rich fresh water which rushes into the estuaries and essentially fertilizes the system.

Look again at the photo on this page. That's Venice Inlet, which is located many miles away from the Caloosahatchee River. That brown-colored plume of water has nothing to do with Lake Okeechobee — that's just what happens in our estuaries during the rainy season.

Not every season is the same and there are years when the rains are extra heavy and our coastal waters turn a deeper brown, and years when the rains are lacking and the water doesn't get so dark-colored. The plants and animals which live in these estuaries must have at least some tolerance for varying amounts of fresh water influx, or they could not survive here.

There is no question that when too much water rushes down the Caloosahatchee River for too long a time, it has a negative — sometimes devastating — impact on the estuaries. The lower tidal portion of the Caloosahatchee, nearby Estero Bay, and the extreme southern portion of Charlotte Harbor see most of the effects. It's also an unarguable fact that when that water is of poor quality, primarily from a too-heavy nutrient load, that the estuaries suffer even more.

However, media reporting which points



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at a very visible cloud of brown water and claims that it's bad, polluted water from Lake Okeechobee and it's ruining our estuaries does a huge disservice to Floridians for a number of reasons.

One issue is that such lazy reporting gives our residents and visitors a misconception about how our estuaries are supposed to work. Brown water isn't bad — it's just brown. One part of the story that's almost always missing is that a certain amount of that brown river water is needed for our estuaries to function. In fact, there have been times when biologists and managers have pleaded with the Corps to release more water from Lake Okeechobee. That seldom makes headlines.

Another issue is that it's damaging to the thousands of people who make a living on or near Lake Okeechobee in the tourism or outdoor industries. Just about every fishing guide, boat tour operator and bait shop proprietor on the lake that I've spoken with spends time explaining to potential clients that the lake is alive and well, and they all worry about how many people just don't go to the lake because of the media reporting about water quality.

This issue isn't limited to just the lake itself. I have heard countless people say, "Oh, I see that the Lake Okeechobee water is ruining the Harbor here too." I have spent four decades explaining to people why Charlotte Harbor's water is a healthy brown in color, and it is very frustrating when inaccurate or incomplete reporting torpedoed that effort. For the record (and share this with your friends): No appreciable amount of water from the Caloosahatchee River reaches Punta Gorda.

But perhaps the most potentially damaging pitfall with blaming Southwest Florida's water woes on Lake Okeechobee is that it diverts attention away from finding solutions to serious issues in our own backyard. Did you know that most of the water in the Caloosahatchee River does not come from Lake Okeechobee? Even when the floodgates are wide open, lake water usually represents less than half the flow.

The majority of the water in the river enters

as runoff from the Caloosahatchee River watershed between the lake and Fort Myers. Lake Okeechobee water is high in nutrients, mostly phosphorous, and mainly as a result of agricultural operations around the lake. But the water that reaches the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River is much more heavily nutrient-laden than the water leaving the lake, and it includes high levels of nitrogen, which is a byproduct of sewage treatment.

Did you also know that there are multiple (I believe approximately a dozen) municipal sewage treatment plants which dump their treated wastewater into the Caloosahatchee River? And nobody seems to know exactly how many septic tanks are located in the Caloosahatchee River basin, but there are certainly tens of thousands and they may number more than 100,000.

If we invest years in railing against Big Sugar because we think the excess nutrients in the water in the Caloosahatchee River are all a result of "those guys" and don't worry about issues that are close to home, we may find ourselves to be little better off 10 years down the road. You've probably seen people picketing about upgrading sewage treatment plants and removing septic tanks? Which of these two important issues is most likely to result in a cost to the person doing the picketing?

This issue extends beyond the Caloosahatchee River basin. Septic tanks and sewage treatment plants which are minimally effective are found in the Peace River and Myakka drainages too, and in much of the rest of Florida. We have more than enough blame to go around, so when you're trying to come up with solutions to our water quality issues, don't focus on one small part of the problem and ignore the rest.

Let's go fishing!

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TEX-MEX GROUPEr

- 2 grouper fillets
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 2 fresh jalapeño peppers, sliced into rings
- 8 sprigs cilantro
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste

A clip-n-save seafood recipe provided by

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— Recipe from FishRecipe.org

Lay fillets in a glass baking dish. Drizzle evenly with olive oil and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper. Allow to sit at room temperature 1 hour. Transfer grouper to a non-stick skillet and pour lime juice mixture over fish. Scatter tomatoes, jalapeños, and cilantro over fillets. Cook over medium heat, about 6 minutes per side. Serves 2.

FISH PROFILE • RED GROUPEr

SIZE LIMIT: 20" min. (overall length)

BAG LIMIT (per harvester per day): 2 within the aggregate bag of 4 groupers

SEASON: Closed Feb. 1-March 31 seaward of 20 fathoms.

LOCAL AVERAGE SIZE: 2 to 8 lb

FLORIDA RECORD: 42 lb, 4 oz

WORLD RECORD: 42 lb, 4 oz

FOOD VALUE: Good but there are often encysted black parasites in the meat. Remove them with the tip of your fillet knife and don't tell anyone. Meatier texture than other groupers. Ideal for baking or broiling.

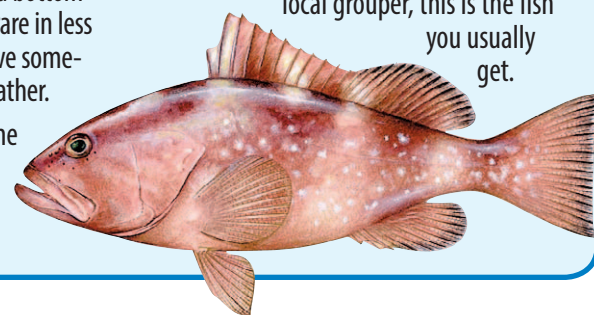
HABITAT: Reefs, wrecks and hard bottom in the open Gulf. Keeper fish are rare in less than 80 feet, though they do move somewhat closer to shore in cooler weather.

LEGAL METHODS: Hook and line or spearing. No snagging. Reef fish rules apply. Non-offset circle hooks are required when

using natural baits and a dehooking device must be available and used when needed.

FISHING TIPS: Red grouper are not picky eaters and will happily scavenge. All sorts of dead baits work well for them — sardines, herring, squid, various types of cut fish, even chicken (or chicken bones). Chum with menhaden milk will help get them eating, and fluorocarbon leader will get more bites. A trick for you: Try a heavy white bucktail jig with a large dark plastic worm for a trailer, fished right on the bottom around the reef edges.

NOTES: Most red grouper are harvested by commercial fishermen. If you buy fresh local grouper, this is the fish you usually get.



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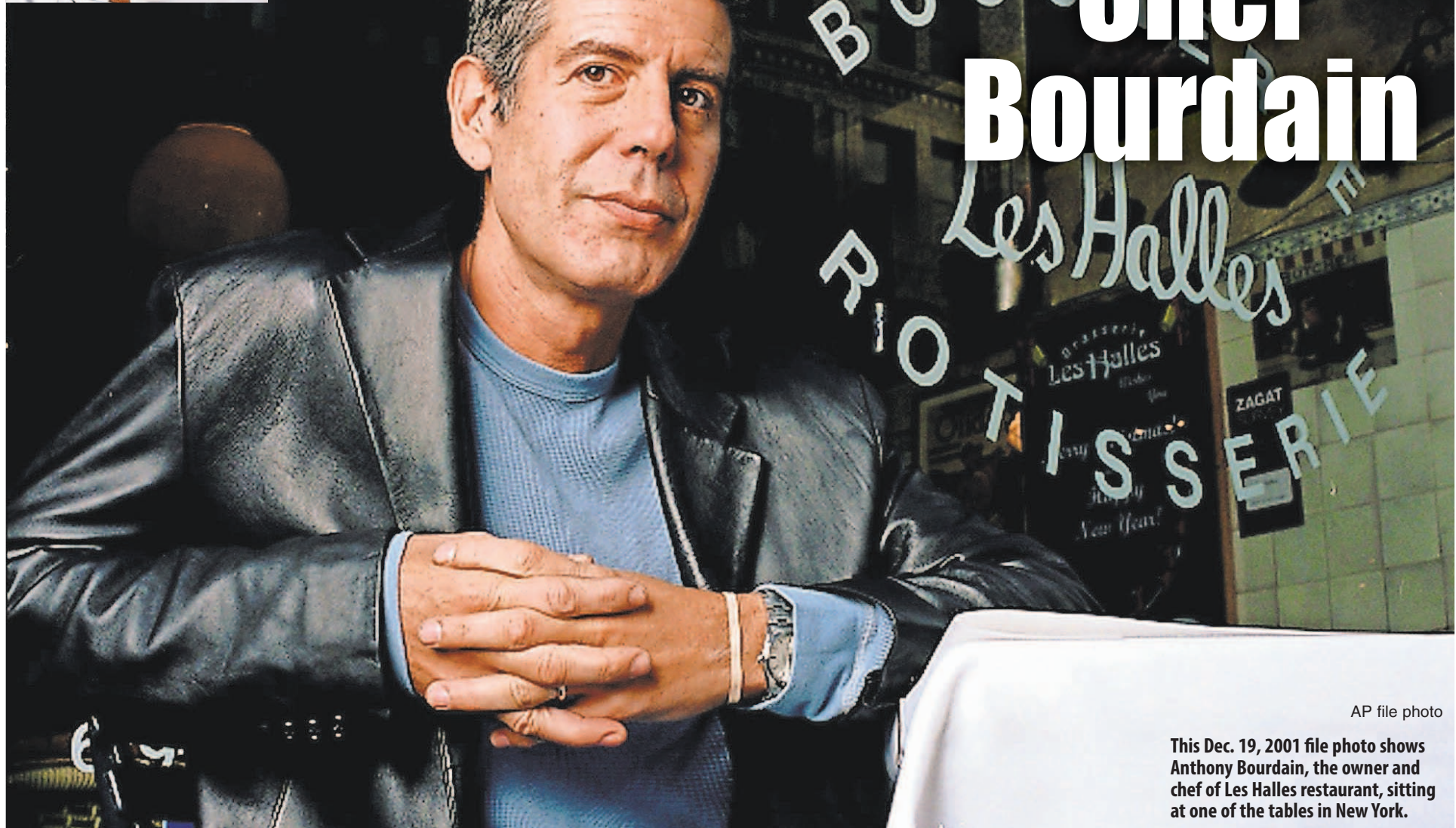
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FROM HOOK TO TABLE • CHEF TIM SPAIN



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This Dec. 19, 2001 file photo shows Anthony Bourdain, the owner and chef of Les Halles restaurant, sitting at one of the tables in New York.

The day I started writing this column I found out about Chef Anthony Bourdain passing away. I had to stop writing and find something else to do. I wanted to get my mind away from pondering what brought him to that point in his life to even consider something like taking his own life. I know we all have many things that we let live rent-free inside ours heads; however, I hope it never gets that bad for anyone close to me. I figure my demise will probably come from something silly, like being eaten by a gator or a flesh-eating infection after a barnacle scrape.

I never got to work with or even meet Chef Bourdain. If I had gotten to do either, that really would have been something to scratch off the old bucket list.

Chef Bourdain inspired me in many ways. First and foremost, he was a culinary genius. His writings about what it's like in a real kitchen were something I related to almost daily. To get to the level of running such a famed kitchen as Brasserie Les Halles in New York takes dedication, organization and a very good palate.

Reading his books and watching his shows made me want to be a better chef and try my hand at writing too. I loved the way he talked about the people he met and their everyday

way of life. I also enjoyed watching his shows and listening to him narrate the origins of dishes and how the food was prepared.

I love food and I admire all the places he experienced and different foods he got to taste. I liked seeing his reactions to tasting the dishes being made for him. Most of the time they were good reactions. I do recall I saw one of his shows in which iguana was being prepped by some local villagers. They handed him a plate, he smelled it, took one bite, spit it out and said something like, "This crap is awful." I almost spit my wine out through my nose because I was laughing so hard.

Anytime Chef Bourdain traveled, he managed to always bring our American culture with him and yet embrace the culture he was in at the same time. He always seemed tactful, joyful and insightful.

Chef Bourdain will forever be an American icon to me, just as much as Hemingway. Just wish he was still with us.

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WHOLE RED SNAPPER

- 2 medium Yukon potatoes, diced
- 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 red and 1 green bell pepper
- 4 crushed cloves of garlic
- 1 cup chicken or fish stock
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme leaves
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 whole red snapper, 2 to 4 pounds
- Juice of one lemon
- 4 sprigs flat leaf parsley

Scale snapper and remove organs and gill rakers, but leave otherwise intact; set aside. Core, seed and slice the peppers; set aside. Preheat oven to 400°F. In a medium sauce pot, blanch the potatoes for about 5 minutes on high heat. In another larger sauté pan, sauté peppers and onions until lightly browned. Add garlic and thyme. Stir with a wooden spoon to get the good stuff off the bottom of the pan. Add the stock and bring to a boil. After it comes to a boil, season the fish with salt and pepper. Add it and the potatoes to the large sauté pan, cover with foil and place it in oven for 30 minutes. Remove the foil and bake another five minutes to crisp the skin. Carefully remove to pan from the oven. Place the whole fish on a family-size serving dish. Arrange your vegetables around your fish; garnish with the parsley. Serves 3 to 6.

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— Inspired by
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Slow in body, slow in mind



WaterLine photo by Josh Olive

This big female Florida softshell turtle may not win many battles of wit, but she's an amazing animal — and her species has survived a very long time.

FLORIDA IS WILD • CAPT. JOSH OLIVE

Over the past month, I've pulled five big turtles off Charlotte County roads and seen a couple dozen more that got no assistance and didn't make their crossings. You might assume it's all the rainwater runoff that has the turtles on the move, but that's not the main reason. It's turtle nesting season, and most of the ones you spot hauling themselves across the highway are females full of eggs.

Turtles are not gifted when it comes to understanding traffic patterns. Softshell turtles in particular seem to be quite dim in this regard. They also seem to have a strange breed of contempt for their own offspring. A female softshell will sometimes crawl a couple hundred yards away from water, crossing a couple roadways, to deposit her eggs in a hole in the ground. When those tiny babies hatch, they have to take mama's route to get to the safety (well, sort of safety) of the water.

Why does she insist on placing them so far away? She has reasons, supposedly. Since we can't ask her directly, we have to make some assumptions.

First, turtle eggs don't do well in water. If the nest gets too wet, the eggs will drown. So she needs a high and dry spot. Turtles that pop out of the water, dig a hole next to the pond and call it good often lose the entire clutch to rising water. And remember, some areas of our rivers can rise 10 to 12 feet in an average rainy summer (and sometimes a good bit higher — looking at you, Irma).

Second, the eggs need to be someplace

they won't be found. Raccoons patrolling the water's edge would quickly locate and dig up a shoreside nest. The eggs would never last long enough for rising water levels to become a problem. Better to put them in a more random, out-of-the-way spot.

Third, Nature seems to just love trials by fire. It goes along with survival of the fittest: If a two-inch softshell hatchling has the strength, stamina, endurance and luck to survive a 500-foot dash to jump in the ol' swimmin' hole, that's probably a fit turtle. If it doesn't make it — well, it was probably going to be someone's lunch anyway.

But the cars — the cars just take the whole situation from necessarily difficult to needlessly cruel. A turtle, no matter what size, simply lack the instinct to avoid traffic. That means it's up to us to watch out for them. Many people don't watch for them or other wildlife on the roads. That's bad enough. But a disturbing number of our fellow drivers see them as some kind of real-life video game.

Why anyone would want to play "smash the turtle" is beyond my reckoning. And yet, about 2 percent of drivers in a 2012 study not only did so, but actually went out of their way to run over what has to be one of the least challenging animals to hit with a vehicle. (See the story at <https://goo.gl/ZacG9g>.) These are probably the same people who slap other people's babies and hate puppies. Really, this experiment seems

to me like a fine idea — it would help us clearly identify individuals who deserve to get kicked out of the gene pool.

I'm pretty much the opposite end of the spectrum. I've stopped traffic on 55-mph highways to take turtles off the road — when I can do so safely. When I can't, I've pulled off the shoulder and trotted back to collect them from the pavement. Sometimes people honk and wave or give thumbs up. Sometimes they gun their motors or flip birds. Whatever. I do it for the turtle, not for them.

However, I do not recommend other people follow my lead. Turtles are not grateful for this rescue. They will bite you if they can, and big ones can hurt. A snapping turtle might be able to chomp off a fingertip. Even if you don't get bit, they often urinate when picked up. And if you don't handle them right, you can cause injuries to the turtle.

If you decide to ignore all that, take the turtle off the road in the direction it was headed. If you put it back on the "safe" side, it will probably try to cross again — only with no crossing guard. Turtles are a special kind of stupid, and you have to work with that rather than try to fight it.

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Tarpon: What's the big deal?

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Tarpon fishing is an incredible experience, but it's not for everyone.



A LIFE ON THE WATER • CAPT. VAN HUBBARD

What's with the tarpon hype? Either you have the fever, or you don't. Like any addiction, the only way to start the habit is to try it. Maybe you're a future tarpon fiend and you just don't know it yet. How do you know how it feels if you've never tried it?

I've been hooked since I was a young man in high school, catching a few while snook fishing. Their beauty and power grabbed my soul and never let go. Many vacationers stumble upon them by accident on charter outings. Others just see them and have to try catching one.

Remember that these awesome silver kings are the reason we have big game fishing. Edison, Ford and other early Southwest Florida visitors were driven crazy seeing all the huge fish swimming everywhere, teasing them all over our waters. Silver kings created the need for big game fishing gear.

But tarpon fishing is not for everyone. It requires patience, usually. It's crazy because you can go out and bumble into a huge fish right away your first try — or you might spend years chasing that first hookup. It's fishing at its finest. All the thrills and the frustrations — everything you can dream of.

I had a group of businessmen from Sabal Trust down for two days to tarpon stalking last week. We sight fish the sometimes-visible fish from Charlotte Harbor around to our stunning Gulf beaches. The weather broke

for us Thursday and it was game on for our six-boat fishing adventure. We scattered to the four winds because everything had been stirred up by storms and a mild red tide bloom. I had assembled five other experienced local captains to share our tarpon experience with our friends.

They had a group to entertain and establish stronger bonds with. Boating allows time to bond. The fish were in full "show, tease and frustrate" mode. This is a guide's nightmare, but if you have lemons learn to make lemonade. Time allowed our guest to talk and get to know each other much better. Sabal Trust emphasizes that they are a team — teamwork is something they practice and live every day.

Lowe Morrison, our host, grew up fishing from his father's place on Little Gasparilla, so he knows how special this area and its fishing are. Lowe oversees the Sarasota Branch of Sabal Trust, so he and I put everything together with folks from The Villages to Sarasota. We emphasize the requirement of a quality experience for our guests. The fishing is important, but the happy, smiling faces of our guests are critical.

We were very frustrated by the lack of bites this trip, but very happy with the smiling faces of our entire crew as we enjoyed lunches at the Stump Pass Grille after both Thursday and Friday. Chef John and manager Dave made

sure we all enjoyed our lunches. Steven from the Lighthouse Baithouse was wonderful, and even opened early for us to get out at first light. It's great to have these beautiful resources available locally to accommodate our larger groups in style. Thank you, all of you — without your help, these events can't happen.

As I said, the fish were abundant but not cooperating. God only knows why. The only answer I can offer is they just weren't hungry. The thing about big fish like tarpon is they can be absurdly easy, absolutely impossible or anything in between. The Boca Pass bite for traditional fishermen has been good most evenings and nights. The fish are chased around in the daytime by the hotshot entertainers with great marketing. Their aggressive behavior scatters our silver kings and disrupts their natural behaviors.

The good news is the carpetbaggers don't pillage and plunder for long. They'll go back up north next month and we'll enjoy happy fish again. If the red tide doesn't mess everything up — which it might — we will enjoy awesome fishing soon. This crazy weather has disrupted everything recently, but I'm hoping things will return to normal soon.

If you haven't tried tarpon fishing, consider having a go at it. Talk with a few local guides and take the time to ask questions, allowing them to understand your specific needs and desires. We are not mind-readers, so please

help us realize what you are looking for and expecting. Remember that we are guides, not gods (no matter what some of my fellow captains think)! There is only so much we can do. Consider the guide's years of experience but note that we have some excellent younger local guides also. The old salts have extensive knowledge, but some of these young guns have their youth and a bit of wisdom too.

While I have been terribly spoiled by the good old days of the Boca Grande tarpon fishery, I do still love to tarpon fish. Even when they refuse to cooperate and just tease us, I anticipate that bite and awesome leap. The giant silver king launching into the blue sky above our Gulf waters, as "Papa" Hemingway experienced, still gets my juices flowing. What is life without things to look forward to? Having to work for the thrill just increases its intensity. Life is to be lived and we all need excitement.

Few things can compare to that first jump of a giant silver king. I sincerely hope you get the chance to experience it firsthand. You can't catch fish if you don't go fishin', so let's go fishin' soon.

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If not for a generous friend, Greg might have looked like this fishing his next tournament.

Good friends

In the fishing community, there are a lot of people who I consider friends. A few really stand out for various reasons, but one in particular is always there every time I need some assistance. This time, he has allowed me to borrow his boat while mine remains in the shop for fiberglass repair (you may recall the tale from the May 31 WaterLine).

I was in Arizona visiting my mom this past week. While I was there, I called a few times to check up on the boat. My guys at Hoppy's Marine got all the motor work done that I needed, but the gentleman who was going to do the fiberglass work wanted to go over a few things with me before he got started. That's all well and good, but I didn't have his phone number — and I was still out in Arizona so I couldn't meet up with him anyhow.

Later that night, I got a phone call from my buddy Van Soles. I was telling him about my frustrations with not having the boat for the tournament and he didn't even hesitate in asking if I wanted to borrow his. Naturally, because of the spot I was in, I accepted his offer and made plans to pick it up when I returned from Arizona. This is the same guy who bailed me out of trouble when I had two flat tires heading down to Okeechobee for a tournament years ago. He brought me the spare off his trailer so I could finish my trip to the lake. While I was happy to not miss the upcoming tournament, his act of generosity got me thinking.

I know how I am with my boat. Mind you, it's an older boat — a 2001 Ranger 522DVX with a 250 Mercury on the back. I love it. It runs great, I know where everything is at, and I know how everything is supposed to work. While Van also has a Ranger, which means everything should be in a similar spot, his is a lot newer than mine — a 2016 520Z.

He showed a lot of trust in me knowing that I would take care of his boat like it was my own. If Van ever needed a boat, I would let him use mine in a snap. I guess it shows the kind of bond you have with friends when they are willing to offer up their boat for you to use. I have to admit, I was extremely grateful to have a boat for the tournament.

Once I went over and picked it up, I decided I better run to the lake and make sure that

I could operate all the toys on the boat. The boat was a dream to drive. His being a 20-foot boat compared to my 22-footer, it was much quicker with the same horsepower on the back. But it handled great and I was able to find everything and make it all work, so that was a good thing.

Now the trick is finding some bass to catch during the tournament. Having the boat in the shop since I got home from the last tournament has not allowed me to get out on the water and do any practicing at all. While I was running Van's boat around the lake, I found the conditions out there have changed drastically. The water is way up due to the tropical storm that we had two weeks ago. There is hydrilla growing in spots where I've never seen it before, and the pads I clobbered bass in last year are either gone or locked in by the hydrilla. So, I guess it's a "go blind" kind of tournament tomorrow.

I will seek out the cleanest water I can find, get on the trolling motor and move until I find some. Hopefully that will happen early in the morning. In the summer months, we cut our club's fishing time down to 1 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. It's hot out there, and in most cases, no one is catching much in the afternoon. We are all just out there dying in the heat. As a club, we vote to determine what time we'll call it quits during the summer months.

But I know at least I will have the chance to go out and compete due to a good friend's willingness to help me out. Actually, I am looking forward to trying out the 20-foot boat. At the moment, I'm not sure if I want to stay with a bigger boat or scale down a bit. This will give me a great opportunity to see how Missy and I like a shorter but faster ride. Here's hoping that all goes well and I fill the livewells with a few big bass.

Big shout out to my buddy Van. Next time you qualify for the Classic, hopefully the karma will come back around and put you in a spot better than you had last time. Thank you, my friend.

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FISH PROFILE • BLACKNOSE SHARK

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SEASON: No closure.

LOCAL AVERAGE SIZE: 5 to 15 lb

WORLD RECORD: 41 lb, 9 oz

FOOD VALUE: A good table fish, on par with blacktip shark. Gut as soon as possible after capture, then ice well. Smaller fish can be filleted; larger ones are easier to cut into steaks. Remove skin before cooking.

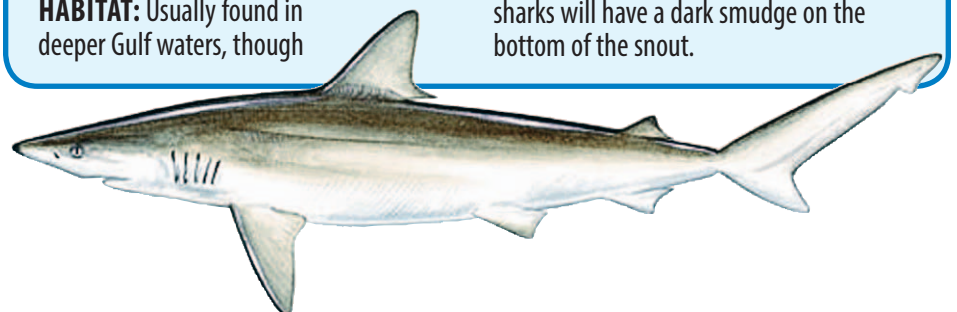
HABITAT: Usually found in deeper Gulf waters, though

they will follow baitfish or mackerel schools well up into the Harbor. Prefers high-salinity water.

LEGAL METHODS: Hook and line only. No treble hooks allowed with natural bait. No snagging.

FISHING TIPS: These are active predators and prefer live baits such as threadfins. They will also accept fresh bloody or oily cut baits (ladyfish, sardines, etc.) Rotten baits are rejected. When they are actively feeding, blacknoses will sometimes attack artificial lures, especially spoons.

NOTES: Blacknose sharks look a lot like blacktip sharks without the black tips on the fins. Most (but not all) blacknose sharks will have a dark smudge on the bottom of the snout.





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Wolves are the apex predator in the north woods, and without them everything else suffers.

Wolves returning to Michigan island

By Josephine Marcotty
Minneapolis Star Tribune

In an unprecedented effort to restore balance between predator and prey, the National Park Service and wildlife officials around the Great Lakes this fall will begin trapping and shipping the first of some two dozen wolves to Michigan's Isle Royale, where their numbers have dwindled to two.

It's the first time the National Park Service has moved to pre-empt natural dynamics in order to reset the ecological equilibrium in a wilderness area, which by federal designation is to be left largely untouched by human hands. But after three years of review and debate — and a decade of declining wolf numbers — park service officials said intervention was the better choice to prevent the overpopulation and eventual starvation of moose, which are eating the island down to bedrock.

"The consequences were trade-offs," said Phyllis Green, superintendent of Isle Royale National Park. "What you could lose in terms of wilderness character, you benefit in terms of keeping an ecosystem resilient and functioning, as it has been for the life of the park."

Wolves, which made their way to Isle Royale over an ice bridge from the mainland in the 1940s, once numbered as high as 50. But inbreeding, disease and a freak accident have knocked their numbers back to the single pair that roam the island today. Warmer winters have also produced fewer ice bridges in recent years, reducing the odds of new wolves wandering in.

The remaining two wolves, a father and daughter, have mated once, but the pup was visibly deformed and didn't survive its first year.

Meanwhile, with so few predators, the moose population has risen to 1,500 this year. That's not the highest on record, but without predators it could double in the next few years, according to an annual wolf and moose survey conducted by researchers from Michigan Technological University. They've been studying the island's predator-prey relationship since the 1950s.

Now the moose are devouring aquatic plants and other vegetation, and face eventual decline through starvation — a cycle that happened on the island before wolves arrived to keep their numbers in check.

"Now is the time to restore wolves and bring balance back to Isle Royale National Park," said Lynn McClure, senior regional director for the National Parks Conservation Association in a statement. "We encourage the National Park Service to act soon and bring more wolves to Isle Royale National Park so we might once again hear their unmistakable howls."

But not everyone agrees. Some wilderness advocacy groups argued that nature should be allowed to take its course.

Kevin Proescholdt, conservation director of Wilderness Watch, said nature has likely already determined that the island is too small to maintain a healthy wolf population, and that rapid turnover of species is characteristic of island ecosystems. Isle Royale, for example, was once home to caribou and lynx. Wolves are relatively new.

"This project is an immense manipulation in a designated wilderness that is supposed to be free of manipulation," he said.

Proescholdt said he also fears that it sets the tone for ways the National Park Service will deal with the significant impact of climate change on species across its system.

"The climate change precedent is very important," he said.

Seth Moore, wildlife manager for the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, said he's disappointed that the Michigan Tech predator and prey study, the longest running research of its kind, will not be completed in its original form. And he pointed out that the park service may be intervening sooner than it needs to because, despite warmer and shorter winters, ice bridges aren't done yet. In the last four years, three have formed between Minnesota and the island, and twice wolves have used them to cross to and from the mainland.

Nonetheless, now that the reintroduction is moving forward, Moore said the tribe is willing and eager to help.

"I'm equally opposed and excited at the same time," he said.

The plan calls for transporting 20 to 30 wolves over the next three to five years. They will be captured from around the Great Lakes to ensure a genetically diverse group of animals — preferably those with expertise in hunting moose.

Mark Romanski, chief of natural resources for Isle Royale National Park, said the park service will work with wildlife officials from Minnesota, Michigan, Ontario and tribal groups to trap and collar wolves, keeping packs intact as much as possible. They will be vaccinated and tested for diseases such as heartworm and parvo virus. To reduce stress, they will be transported immediately by boat or plane to the island. Individuals or packs will be let loose in different places to reduce conflicts once they get there.

The park service will also try to keep the newcomers clear of the two remaining wolves on the island in the hope that they can avoid territorial conflicts that could result in fights and serious injuries or deaths.

Green said the project will cost about \$660,000 overall. And it's a one-time shot. She said the park service and outside wolf experts believe the plan will give wolves the best chance of taking firmer hold on the island.

"We will let wolves be wolves for the next 20 years, and possibly longer if the genetics work," said Green.

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- 12 fresh basil leaves
- Black pepper to taste

A clip-n-save seafood recipe provided by



Clean the sardines by cutting a small incision along the belly and scooping out the innards with your finger. Remove heads and fins. Rinse thoroughly under cold running water and drain. Pat dry the sardines with paper towels. Sprinkle the fish with the pepper and garlic. Toss with the olive oil. Let sit for 15 minutes, turning once. Grill the sardines over hot coals a couple minutes on each side. Serve sprinkled with lemon juice and rind, some more pepper and fresh basil. Serves 2.

— Recipe adapted from All-Fish-Seafood-Recipes.com

SOLUNAR TABLES

What is a solunar table?

The sun and moon, even when they are out of sight, exert forces wild creatures can feel. These forces affect when fish and other animals feed. Weather and tide also play a role, but expect fish to be more active during the major and minor solunar times.

THURSDAY

Sunrise: 06:33
Sunset: 20:23
Moonrise: 02:16
Moonset: 14:15
Moon Phase
1% waxing
Major Times
00:59 - 03:01
13:09 - 15:15
Minor Times
07:34 - 08:38
19:06 - 20:06
Prediction: Excellent

FRIDAY

Sunrise: 06:33
Sunset: 20:24
Moonrise: 02:52
Moonset: 15:10
Moon Phase
3% waxing
Major Times
01:59 - 04:01
14:16 - 16:22
Minor Times
08:37 - 09:41
19:55 - 21:09
Prediction: Very good

SATURDAY

Sunrise: 06:34
Sunset: 20:24
Moonrise: 03:29
Moonset: 16:08
Moon Phase
9% waxing
Major Times
03:00 - 05:02
15:28 - 17:34
Minor Times
09:44 - 10:48
21:16 - 22:16
Prediction: Good

SUNDAY

Sunrise: 06:34
Sunset: 20:24
Moonrise: 04:07
Moonset: 17:08
Moon Phase
17% waxing
Major Times
04:00 - 06:02
16:26 - 18:32
Minor Times
10:43 - 11:47
22:15 - 23:15
Prediction: Average

MONDAY

Sunrise: 06:34
Sunset: 20:24
Moonrise: 04:48
Moonset: 18:11
Moon Phase
28% waxing
Major Times
04:56 - 07:35
17:21 - 19:27
Minor Times
11:39 - 12:43
23:11 - 00:11
Prediction: Average

TUESDAY

Sunrise: 06:34
Sunset: 20:25
Moonrise: 05:35
Moonset: 19:17
Moon Phase
39% waxing
Major Times
05:34 - 07:51
18:12 - 21:28
Minor Times
00:02 - 01:02
12:30 - 13:34
Prediction: Average

WEDNESDAY

Sunrise: 06:34
Sunset: 20:25
Moonrise: 06:27
Moonset: 20:23
Moon Phase
50% waxing
Major Times
05:34 - 08:40
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The following Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission field reports were recorded in April and May. Looks like the boys have been pretty busy — especially in Lee County. Do you suppose there are more violations down there, or is it more busts because more get checked? Things that make you go, “Hmmmmm ...”

DESOTO COUNTY

While on night patrol, Officers Kobs and Karr saw a truck driving slowly on a rural road. As the officers followed the truck they saw spotlights being shined out of the driver side and passenger side windows. After following the truck for several miles, the officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Inside the truck were three adults along with three loaded rifles all within reach of the occupants. All three guns were seized and placed in evidence. All three occupants of the truck were given a notice to appear for the display or use of a light in a place where deer might be found and in a manner capable of disclosing the presence of deer, along with the possession of firearms or other weapons customarily used for the taking of deer.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY

Officer Salem was on patrol when he came across two men near a canal on private property. Officer Salem walked around the side of their vehicle and saw three cast nets and a bucket on the bank of the canal. The men admitted they had caught some fish. After inspecting the bucket, Officer Salem found some brim, a bass, and tilapia. Neither of the men had a fishing license, and Officer Salem educated them on freshwater fishing regulations. Officer Salem issued two infractions for the license violations and warnings for illegal method of catching game fish.

Officers Zampella and Birchfield were on land patrol when they came across three men dragging a dead hog out of a local management area. Hunting season is closed and taking hogs is prohibited. The men were from out of state and said they did research on public hunting land so they could hunt hogs in Florida. The men all had a valid management area permit, but claimed they did not know it was illegal to hunt hogs on the area at that time. Officer Zampella found the men had entered the management area from a non-designated area. The men were issued citations for entering the management area from a non-designated area and warnings for taking a wild hog during a non-hunting period.

SARASOTA COUNTY

Officers Grenz and Ridgway were on water patrol just south of the Stickney Point Bridge and performed a boating safety and fisheries inspection on a vessel in the bay. During the inspection, it was discovered that one of the men on the boat caught and kept one 16-inch gag grouper. The subject was cited for possession of gag grouper undersized and out of season. He will have to appear in court for his violations.

Officer Brown was on land patrol around the Stickney Point Bridge. He performed a fisheries inspection on two individuals fishing from the bridge. During the inspection it was found that the individuals were over their bag limit of gray (mangrove) snapper. Furthermore, they were in possession of numerous undersized mangrove snapper. One subject was cited for possession of undersized gray snapper and was issued a



warning for being over the bag limit of gray snapper. He will have to appear in court for his violation.

LEE COUNTY

Officers Birchfield and Zampella were working water patrol near Boca Grande Pass. They saw two individuals on land walking back to the Gasparilla Island State Park parking lot carrying a heavy cooler and spear fishing gear. Officer Zampella docked the vessel and Officer Birchfield headed to the parking lot to conduct a resource inspection. The inspection revealed a speared, oversized 40-inch out of season snook. A total of six individuals were found spear fishing illegally within the state park and one did not have a fishing license. Multiple criminal citations were issued for the violations.

Officer Winton was on vessel patrol at the mouth of the Caloosahatchee River when he saw a fishing vessel returning from offshore waters. The vessel was stopped so that a fisheries inspection could be conducted. The captain stated that they had caught two red grouper as well as Spanish mackerel. The captain produced both red grouper, one of which measured well under the minimum size limit. Officer Winton searched the vessel and located an additional undersized red grouper in the live-well. The captain of the vessel was issued a notice to appear for the violations.

Officers Winton and Hazelwood were on water patrol in the Caloosahatchee River when they saw a vessel being operated with an expired registration. A vessel stop was conducted and they determined that the vessel was a rental boat. The officers went to the rental location and conducted a livery inspection. They discovered that the owner of the company had not transferred the registration of the involved vessel within 30 days of purchase, and did not have boating safety information displayed at the rental site as required by law. The owner was issued two notices to appear and two written warnings for the related violations.

While on water patrol in the Caloosahatchee River, Officers Winton and Hazelwood saw a vessel being operated without a registration decal. A vessel stop was conducted and the officers discovered that the subjects onboard had been fishing and were in possession of several spotted seatrout. Three of the seatrout measured below the minimum size limit. The operator of the vessel was issued a notice to appear for the violation and a warning for failure to display a registration decal.

Officers Hazelwood and Stapleton, along with Lieutenant Barrett worked a joint operation with

Lee County Sheriff's Office, Cape Coral Police Department, and the United States Coast Guard targeting marine sanitation and vessel safety violations. The four agencies patrolled areas with high numbers of houseboats and conducted inspections on several dozen boats. The operation yielded approximately 25 citations, and one arrest for boating under the influence.

Officer Hardgrove received a tip that someone was possibly illegally harvesting fish in a local canal. From a concealed location, Officer Hardgrove saw three people fishing on a boat and met them back at the boat ramp. During a fisheries inspection he discovered that the boat's owner had a revoked fishing license for prior violations. Lieutenant Ruggiero arrived to assist and the two officers discovered the boat was missing a hull number. Further investigation revealed that the boat had been fraudulently titled the previous year. The boat owner was arrested for multiple title fraud charges along with the charge for fishing with a revoked license.

Officer Stapleton was checking shoreline fishermen when he met two men shark fishing from a beach. While conducting a fisheries inspection, Officer Stapleton noticed a fish shaped object wrapped in aluminum foil. When he asked about it one of the men stated that it was “his snook” that he'd harvested several months earlier. It was evident the man intended to use the partially frozen snook as shark bait. However, the snook was several inches short of 28 inches total length, the minimum size limit. The man was cited for possession of an undersized snook.

Officer Hazelwood was patrolling near a popular fishing location when he spotted a man walking toward a fillet table carrying what appeared to be an undersized cobia. Officer Hazelwood approached the man and asked what he was doing with the fish. The man explained that he was going to fillet the fish. Officer Hazelwood measured the cobia and determined it was less than the required 33-inch fork length. Appropriate charges were filed.

Officers Hughes, Smith, and Alvis, along with Lieutenant Wells (SW Offshore Patrol Vessel crew) conducted a multiday shrimp boat detail off Collier and Lee Counties. The officers inspected a total of seven shrimp boats in state and federal waters. Additionally, the officers inspected 28 turtle excluder devices (TEDs). A TED inspection includes measuring the angle, bar spacing, grid length and width, leading edge, forward cut, stretched flap opening, length of flap below grid, and the length of the flap sewn down the side. A few minor violations were noted and the officers worked with the boat captains to correct the issues on site. As the officers were boarding one of the vessels, a crewmember ran into the cabin of the vessel and threw a glass jar over the side. One of the officers in the trailing FWC vessel recovered the item. It was a glass mason jar with a rock in it along with felony amounts of cannabis. The crew member was cited for interference and possession of felony amounts of cannabis.

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