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Arcadia Bike Fest, throttled up for Saturday

By CRAIG GARRETT
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Notice to outlaw bikers: Steer clear of Arcadia this Friday and Saturday.

Organizers of the first Arcadia Bike Fest instead wish to attract the Moose Riders, veteran, service club and Christian motorcycle chapters, the nine-to-fivers and retirees on their three-wheelers and Slingshots.

Friday at 6 p.m. is a downtown motorcycle parade, Saturday's fun at noon opens at the downtown Tree of Knowledge Park with a barbecue contest, morphs outward to a tent city of Harley-Davidson products and gear, stunt shows, bike judging, a Daisy Duke bike wash, beverage booths and stage performers such as Maiden Cane and The Copperhead Band.

Police, volunteers and signage along U.S. Highway 17 will direct riders downtown. Several blocks will close to auto traffic. Proceeds to the host Arcadia Main Street

Program benefit kids at the holidays, for instance. Things shut down Saturday at 9 p.m. Nearby campgrounds and limited hospitality are available to those staying the night.

Weekend bike festivals such as those in Cape Coral and Englewood are more about weekend warriors and their families, said Pam Ames, a Bike Fest organizer with the host Arcadia Main Street Program and the owner of downtown shop for women.

"It will allow people to see what's here in Arcadia," Ames said.

"To take in our charm," added Andrea Jeter, Arcadia Bike Fest's marketing coordinator.

Arcadia needed a marketing nudge to draw from a wider radius in south Florida, especially at night. Motorcycle events feel like a good fit, said Ames, who last Monday was visited by Elizabeth Brown, a marketing manager with Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson in Port Charlotte. The mega-dealership is a chief sponsor



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Arcadia Bike Fest organizers Pam Ames with Arcadia Main Street Program (left), Miles Christian-Hart, Elizabeth Brown, marketing manager for Bert's Black Widow Harley-Davidson in Port Charlotte, and Andrea Jeter with Arcadia Main Street Program surveying the downtown district for vendor placements and other details for the event that runs Friday night and Saturday from 12-9 p.m.

of Arcadia Bike Fest and will bring to bear, Brown said, its small army of new Harleys, sales people and promotional products.

All family friendly. Details are at arcadiamainstreet.com, use the Events pulldown option.

Why was the school named Smith-Brown?

By CAROL MAHLER
ARCADIAN HISTORY CORRESPONDENT

This column will present answers to historical research questions posed to the DeSoto County Historical Society. Longer versions of these articles will be published in the Society's "Recollections" books. If you have a question or an answer, contact Carol Mahler, 863-445-0789, carolmahler3@gmail.com.

More than one person has asked why the school for

African-Americans in Arcadia was called "Smith-Brown."

The late, longtime history columnist for the Arcadian and local author Howard Melton (1920-1917) wanted to discover the origin of the school's moniker. He interviewed Thomasena Morgan Floyd in 1987 and asked her. A graduate of Smith-Brown and then a teacher, she said that the "Smith" part of the name was for C. H. Smith, who served as Superintendent of Public Instruction 1924-1929, and for

J. H. A. Smith, who had a bachelor of science degree from Florida A&M College, and served as principal.

According to the "History of Smith-Brown School 1892-1950," edited by Hattie J. Allen and Thomasena Floyd, in 1921 with J. H. A. Smith as principal, the school was organized from a grammar school to a junior high school. The name changed from Arcadia Grammar School to Smith-Brown Junior High School. No record of this transformation

was found, however, in the meeting minutes 1921-1929 for the DeSoto County Board of Public Instruction — now the school board.

In the 1926 Arcadia Polk's City Directory, James H. A. Smith was listed as the principal of the Arcadia Grammar School. His appointment was noted in the minutes for the Aug. 1, 1927, meeting of the Board of Public Instruction.

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Charlotte Hill Carter with a framed Trojans sweatshirt worn by her brother, James Hill, when he was a Smith-Brown student and fan of the football team. They donated the shirt and frame to the DeSoto County Historical Society.



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This concept by Hoyt Architects would restore the 1960 Smith-Brown School gymnasium to full use by the Arcadia/Sarasota Boys & Girls Club in coming years. A campaign to raise funds is underway. Adjacent buildings have other programs for DeSoto kids and families. Locals had wondered at the origin of the school's name.

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Newt Keen

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scaled back. Evaluation of educational progress is important, but too much time and expense has been placed on one-size-fits-all assessment, instead of individualized instruction.

Democratic candidates believe that everyone should have the opportunity to live in a clean, sustainable environment. Programs protecting our air and water should be restored. Further, Democratic candidates understand that climate change is already impacting our environment and our economy, especially in agriculture, tourism, and energy consumption. These changes can no longer be ignored. The growing frequency and intensity of storms already affecting DeSoto County will have serious consequences for generations. New jobs in renewable energy open every day, and Democratic candidates know that we don't have to choose between a strong economy and drinkable water.

Democratic candidates know that America is a land of opportunity. They will work to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to live healthy lives, with the skills and education they need to be productive members of our communities, in a clean, safe environment.

Newt Keen is DeSoto County Democratic Committee executive director

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Republicans support: a smaller government and lower taxes, legal immigration and border security, your right to keep and bear arms (Second Amendment), the presumption of innocence rule of law, and the unborn child's fundamental right to life.

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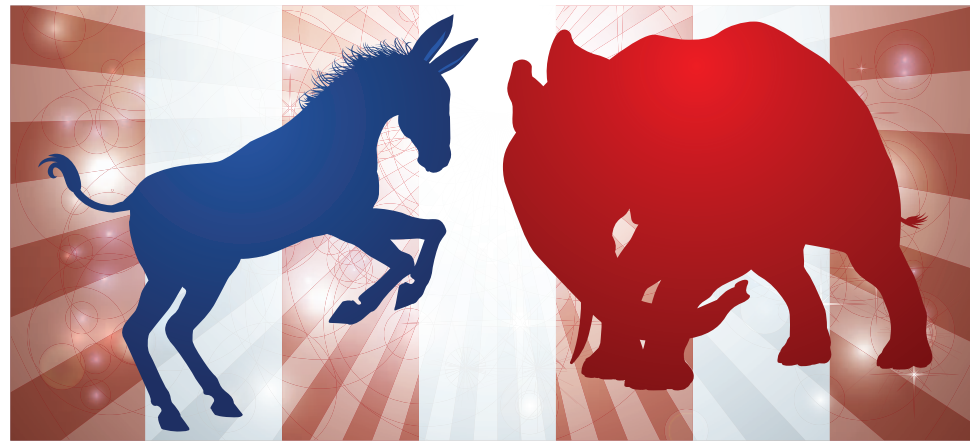
Rights Act(s) of 1866, 1870, 1871, 1875, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which was filibustered by the Democratic Party for 83 days.

Republicans believe in free enterprise, which has brought this nation's current employment opportunities, economic growth and prosperity. A Democrat congress will end our nation's current prosperity, as will that of a Democrat candidate for governor, who plans a major increase in taxes on Florida corporations.

A Democrat victory will result in the reinstatement of failed liberal policies, grind government to a halt, and allow them to pursue politically motivated smear campaigns, just as they did with Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

Republicans must remain united and stand up for our conservative values — protect the Second Amendment, build the wall, and defend life.

Vote Republican — it's that simple! DeSoto County Republican Executive Committee



Nation without an anchor, what must I do?

Terrorism, mass killings, violence, hatred ... what's going on? Still reeling from the recent pipe-bomb threats, we were shocked by the Pittsburgh synagogue shooter saying, "All Jews must die!"

And what about the poster pasted on trash cans in New York City, showing a white woman wearing a red Trump hat, holding a Bible in her hand — with a giant X marked across her?

Before that we had the ricin toxin mailings and the backlash against Senator Susan Collins for her reasoned argument defending Justice Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court: "Their attempts to intimidate me ... are becoming more intense with each passing day."

We must wake up and ask, what's wrong, God?

Author Ralph Nault suggests: "The heart of our nation is sick, affecting the entire country — our cities, our towns, our people. We have a serious decline in values, morals, and honesty. It's sad, but we don't seem to be aware of how sick we are!" (www.ralphnault.com)

You say, "I am rich, and have become



Judith Doctor

wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked — Revelation 3:17

Lost our moorings

Our nation was founded on religious and spiritual freedom, but it seems that we have lost contact with our spiritual heritage: heart-based faith. Because of this, we are unable to deal with the problems we face.

We give lip service to a creed, follow ethical principles, or belong to a church, yet remain "indifferent" and untouched in our inner core. Lacking real faith in a living God, we are unable to draw up the living water Jesus promises and previous generations

relied upon.

In "The Book of Virtues," William J. Bennett writes, "A human being without faith, without reverence for anything, is a human being morally adrift."

In the midst of this spiritual vacuum, ungodly forces have moved in and convinced us to take prayer out of schools, remove the Ten Commandments from the public square, and tear down our historic symbols. We kill our unborn children, confuse our youth about what is a father, a mother, a wife, a husband, a girl, a boy, and allow our sacred symbols like the flag to be taken from us.

Over a half century ago Dr. Carl Jung warned, "The individual who is not anchored in God can offer no resistance on his own resources to the physical and moral blandishments of the world." ("The Undiscovered Self")

Destroying our foundation

Forces are at work trying to destroy the foundation upon which we have thrived: The Constitution and Bill Of Rights. They want to take away your freedom to speak, to stand up for what you believe, and to live your faith at home and in the public square.

For years we have seen a concerted effort to rob us of individual rights and separate us from our heritage of optimistic faith. If they succeed, there is nothing to hold back the totalitarian forces that our founders left their homes to escape.

Sheltered by our humanitarianism and sense of justice, subversive groups are spreading their destructive lies. Jung suggests the only way to stop

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ARCADIAN HOMETOWN CORRESPONDENT

Artist

Valeana Stephans was 3 when her mom brought home a set of paints. From that day forward Valeana was hooked, and she hasn't put down a brush since.

She works today in oils, watercolor, print-making, pastels, woodworking and sculpture. Valeana has a deep background in art, receiving her bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from the University of North Carolina, and she's headed to Hunter College in New York City for her master's degree.

Valeana explained, "My primary medium is oil, and my genre of painting is Realism with an emphasis on Abstract Expressionism. I focus on Narrativism, so my paintings are very large scale, and they tell a story. This has been my style for the past six to seven years."

Valeana lives in New York City but she'll visit with family for the next three or four months here in Arcadia. "I'm doing well in New York City, but I want to get involved with the (local) Arts Council and the community while I'm here. I'm anxious to see what it's like being an artist in Arcadia, Florida," she added.

In my short interview with Valeana, I found her to be friendly, outgoing, and very well spoken. Most important, her artwork is fantastic. I know we will see and hear much more from Valeana Stephans here in Arcadia and the years to come as she flourishes.



Flutist

While walking along Oak Street during the new second Saturday Tater Hill Show, I was drawn to the sound of a flute coming from a small gathering on the sidewalk in front of the iron gates at the downtown Arcade, the pink building. As I approached, there he was, a man in a straw hat, a blue cowboy shirt, and flipflops ... playing a silver flute. Despite the contradictions of a classical instrument and the country artist, this was no ordinary flutist ... one could tell that he was an accomplished musician.

His name is Matt Nipper. And, yes, he is accomplished, having studied as the youngest student accepted for the master's program with Trevor Wye at the Royal Northern College of Music in England. Matt later took part in an international festival in Prague. Then in 1998 back in the states he joined the Green Bay Symphony, and later substituted at the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. This is a serious musician ... in a straw hat and flipflops, playing beautifully.

But though the music was amazing and that his dress didn't match a wonderful talent, it was the happiness that



Matt Nipper studied in England at the Royal College of Music.

Matt brought to the faces in the crowd that affected me most. They were completely engrossed in the joy of the here and now. And that's what makes life worthwhile, special occasions such as these you happen to discover.

Great photographs and amazing visit. Thanks, Matt. And only the best in your career, Valeana.



New Yorker Valeana Stephans will visit family in the coming months here in Arcadia.



Valeana shows her work to passersby at the Tater Hill Show on second Saturdays.



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OUR VIEW

Community has been generous to Panhandle

Ask and ye shall receive. That must be how victims of Hurricane Michael feel as caravans of supplies continue to arrive. Hopefully they can see the light at the end of a long, dark tunnel, thanks to aid from all over Florida and even outside our state's borders.

And, there are likely fewer places that have done more to give some kind of relief than right here in DeSoto, Charlotte and Sarasota counties.

As we wrote a few days ago, we expected people here to understand the grief and destitution our fellow Floridians in the Panhandle are dealing with. Many of us here faced the same heartaches when Hurricane Charley slammed us in 2004. In other words we feel their pain.

And we responded.

Spearheading the relief efforts were DeSoto Fire Rescue crews volunteering to assist other agencies where Michael hit, for instance. Also, members of the Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association stepped up. Its membership—led by people such as Charlotte County commissioner and builder Bill Truex, Jim Sanders, Jay and John Carlson, Garrett Kizer, Danny Nix, Bob Miller, Mike Barrett, Mark and Kathy Kemeny and Rick Ilmberger—have taken several truck loads of supplies to the Panhandle. And, they're not finished yet.

"If I ever thought of leaving Charlotte County for some reason, this is why I would not," said Donna Barrett, executive officer of the CDBIA. "I am so proud of people in the building industry. Our members started putting a plan in place as soon as Michael picked up speed.

"We were going to send two trucks and all of a sudden it became eight trucks. We sent water, diapers, an enormous amount of clothing—so much they don't want anymore—paper towels, wipes, and gas cards. They still need stuff we normally would not think about like can openers, charcoal, lighter fluid, tarps...."

Jay Carlson, chairman of the Florida Building Commission, said being able to help is rewarding.

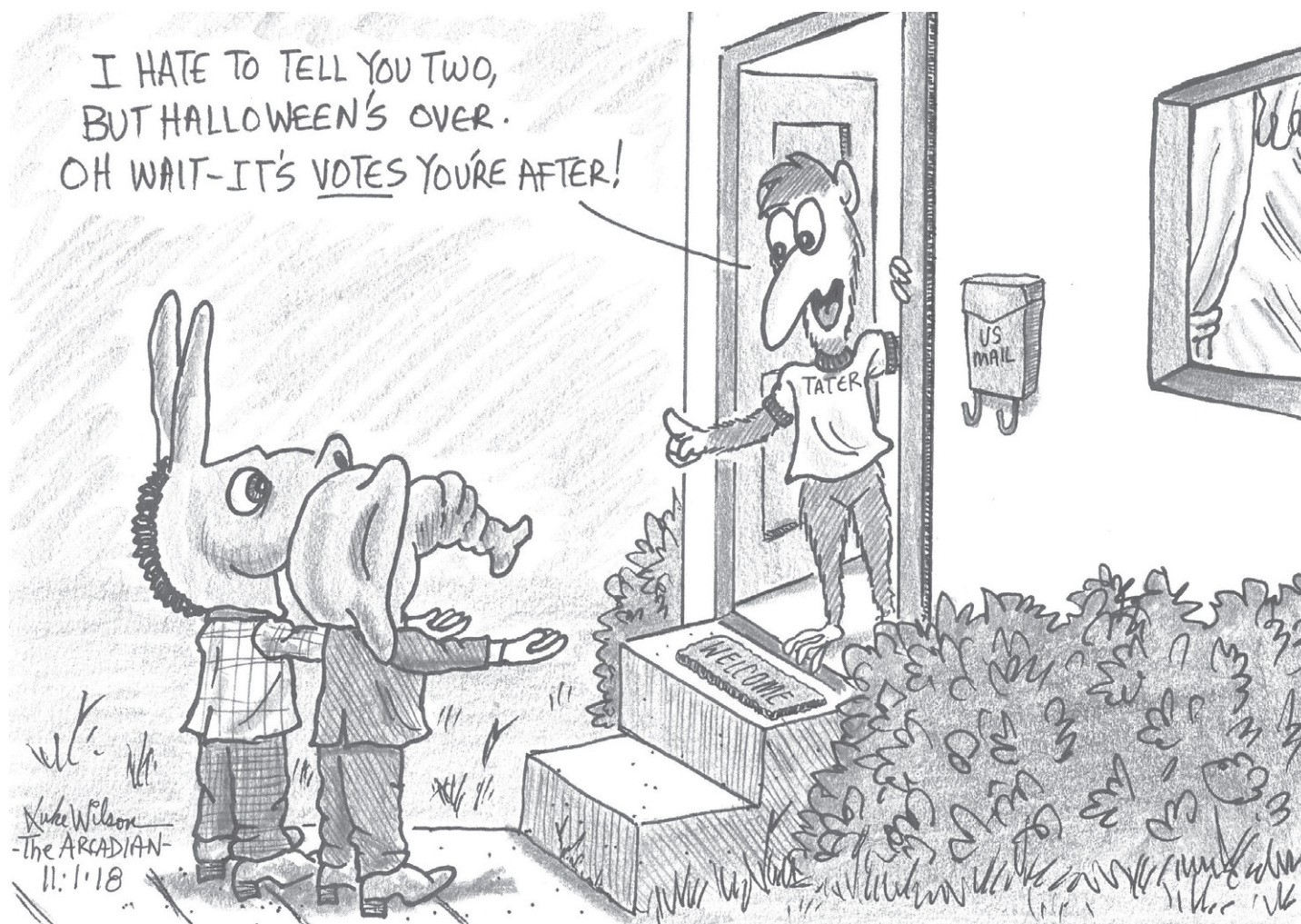
"It just tugs at my heart," he said. "We have such a great community here. We were thankful for the help we got after Charley and we're just paying it forward. We knew the community would respond, but we never expected this kind of response."

The building community is certainly not alone. Punta Gorda sent members of its Utility Department to Springfield, Florida, to help that town, about 10 miles east of Panama City, recover. That crew is fixing water or wastewater transmission lines that are leaking or broken. Some of the Punta Gorda crew are also in Marianna, Florida, lending a hand. DeSoto crews slept in their vehicles or cleaned destroyed fire stations as those firefighters handled their community's search-and-rescue work.

Before they left, Punta Gorda's crews took up donations in the Home Depot parking lot and received truckloads of stuff from the community.

Some sent something more personal.

Barrett said many survivors of Hurricane Charley penned inspirational



GRITS & PIECES

A trip down memory lane, and riding in style

I was watching television this past week and on the program there was a guy siphoning water with a hose, by mouth. What do you think it reminded me of? If you're around my age or older, it was siphoning gasoline from a vehicle. And by mouth, of course—remember the taste of that stuff? Oh yeah, and we jokingly called the short pieces of hose that some of us carried around "Georgia credit cards." No explanation needed.

And that got me to thinking about other car-related stuff that seems to have gone by the wayside. Remember steel bumpers and bumper jacks? Now days when you buy a car, you get a flat little doodad that passes for a jack, and it's nowhere near as cool. A full-sized spare is rare these days, long replaced by that skinny tire we call the donut. Pitiful.

Try talking to young folks about your cars of yore, and they all but picture Fred Flintstone's feet-powered caveman vehicle. They weren't *that* old, but were much cooler than what's around today. For instance, they may have had sleek tail fins and metal hood ornaments. And those big, heavy-duty, menacing grills that you could see grinning sinisterly from a mile away. And who needed air-conditioning, when you could roll down your windows by hand? If that wasn't enough, you'd push out the little vent windows to manipulate the air flow. Remember those?

I was telling my grandson the other day about my old cars and a lot of this came to mind. Remember having "four on the floor" or "three on the tree?" Talking about that can get you funny



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looks. How about push-button transmissions—whose car had one of those? Tell a kid you used to hide an extra key in the breather and he won't have a clue. Or just mention that it took two keys back in the day; one for the ignition and one for the trunk.

I think back on full service "fillin' stations" as we called them, when you could fill your tank for five bucks and have your oil checked and windshield washed. You'd pull up and the attendant would ask, "Reg'lar or Ethyl?" Of course "Ethyl" was fuel containing a tetraethyl lead compound and sold as "anti-knock" gas that eliminated an actual knocking sound in the motor. Remember gas stations having signs advertising "No knock gas?" Or how about the company that used the slogan "Put a tiger in your tank!" And some stations gave away gifts for filling up, such as dish sets that you collected, piece by piece.

The good old days of the shade-tree mechanic are all but gone, thanks to automobile manufacturers who have designed engines that are impossible to work on. I'm no mechanic by any stretch of the imagination, but back in the day I could at least identify what was under my hood. Now I can't even fit my hand into the engine area to do anything.

Used to be a grease monkey could sit on the fender with his feet down next to the motor, to get at whatever he was working on. Not anymore, for sure.

It was nothing to swap out air filters, change your own oil, gap your spark plugs, change out your distributor cap and wires, solenoid, points ... but with today's cars, you're lucky to even have some of that stuff. Remember running out of gas and after you'd add some to the tank, you'd pour a little in the carburetor so it would fire up? How about having to push your car off manually, with the clutch in until you got some speed up and you'd let up off the clutch for it to crank? Nearly all vehicles today have automatic transmissions and fuel injection, so young folks may not know what a clutch or a carburetor even are.

Today's cars have computers and more bells and whistles than an airplane cockpit, it seems. All is well until the computer quits, and then you're dead in the water. Of course, it's nice these days to hook your car up at the repair shop and have the problems pinpointed exactly, thanks to electronic technology. But I have known a few grease monkeys that could stick the blade end of a screwdriver against a running motor, lay their ear to the end of the handle, and be able to pretty much diagnose what was wrong after listening for a minute. Those were the days.

Gone are the great rides of yore whose gas caps were hidden behind flip-down license plates. Oh yeah, remember license plates that identified the county

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Answer to life's most important question

He was a college student struggling with honest questions about life here and hereafter. His search had taken him away from the childhood beliefs instilled by his parents. Intriguing philosophical and cultic arguments appealed to his desire to be known to his supposed intellectual friends as a deep thinker in search of truth. Finally, however, he was forced to face life's most important question: "Did Jesus Christ rise from the grave?"



Roger Campbell

This searching student wasn't the first to conclude that faith rises or falls with the resurrection. Paul, the apostle, thought by many to have been one of the greatest thinkers ever, said apart from the resurrection all preaching would be a waste of time, all faith a delusion and every grave a place of despair. But Paul didn't allow his readers to remain long in limbo on these life and death issues, writing "But now is Christ risen from the dead," reminding all doubters that more than

five hundred people then living had seen the risen Christ.

The crucifixion of Christ had been difficult for His disciples to accept or understand but shouldn't have taken them by surprise. On one occasion, He had called them together and revealed that upon reaching Jerusalem He would be betrayed, mocked, whipped, put to death and on the third day following these events rise again. He had said that His suffering and death would fulfill Old Testament prophecies. (Luke 18:31-33)

But when the crisis came, these frightened ones forgot his words and faithlessly fled for their lives. Strangely,

the eyewitnesses of the resurrection were at first reluctant to believe. While the enemies of Jesus remembered His promise to rise again, His friends seem to have forgotten it. Matthew Henry, the noted Bible commentator, concludes this is because hate is keener sighted than love.

Perhaps. Even the women who made their way to the tomb that Sunday morning had somehow missed the message. They were carrying spices to anoint and preserve the body of the one who had declared that death wouldn't be able to hold Him in its icy grip. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up," He had said. But there they were on a journey of unbelief.

What changed the minds of these sincere but doubting women? An early morning earthquake and an empty tomb. (Matthew 28:2)

Moments after the earth began to move beneath their feet they discovered that the stone placed at the

mouth of the tomb had been rolled away, ending their doubts forever. The reality of the resurrection made these women missionaries who were soon on their way to tell the disciples the good news that Christ had risen.

Faith often follows fearful experiences. Trust frequently follows trembling times. Truth finally triumphs over error. The Living One is our Source of peace and strength in any of our world-shaking losses because His resurrection shouts that death doesn't get the last word after all!

The disciples would soon be reunited with the One they loved; providing a sure guarantee ... that the same will be true for you and me.

Roger Campbell was an author, a broadcaster and columnist who was a pastor for 22 years. A new book containing over one hundred of his best columns, "Everywhere You Go There's a Zacchaeus Up a Tree," is now available at your local or online bookseller. Contact us at rcministry@ameritech.net.

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them is through "the critical reason of a single, fairly intelligent, mentally stable substratum of the population."

Yet scarcely seven percent of Americans have independent minds, Dr. Paul Tournier claims. This means it's possible to control the opinion of a vast majority of the nation. ("The Meaning of Persons")

Socialist Erich Fromm opined that "the majority of people are suggestible, half-awake children, willing to surrender their will to anyone who speaks

with a voice that is threatening or sweet enough to sway them."

We need to understand that when our emotions are aroused, we are unable to listen to the voice of reason, the insights and reflection of thinking people, or the voice of God within us.

Motivated by hatred

Underlying these vicious attacks is a hatred that says we do not have a right to live, at least not in their presence.

This hatred is directed toward anyone who loves and affirms life; who loves others more than themselves; and who loves American values of independence,

individual responsibility, and personal freedom.

Have you noticed how they try to destroy good people by assassinating their character with words, by deceptive reporting, by deformation of truth, by distorting everything they say?

We must recognize these forces — anti-God, anti-Semitic, anti-Christian — that are working deep within our institutions, our media, our colleges and schools.

Shortly after the fall of communism, a Romanian woman told me how one night she ran to the bridge to drop her beloved typewriter into the Danube River because agents were coming to seize it. Her crime?

A passion to write and publish Christian material for children.

This is where we are headed — unless we wake up, go to Jesus Christ, and ask Him, what I must do?

"Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God." (Revelation 3:2)

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Community calendar

NOVEMBER

NOTE: All phone numbers are in Area Code 863 unless stated otherwise. To add, remove or change any listing in the Community Calendar, email arcadian.editor@gmail.com or call 494-0300. Listings are free for nonprofit and noncommercial organizations.

■ TODAY

- The Chamber of Commerce Early Bird Breakfast is held the first Thursday of every month. Locations are announced by the Chamber.
- The Family Safety Alliance meeting for DeSoto, Manatee and Sarasota counties is held the fourth Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. at the McClure Center, 4215 Concept Court, Lakewood Ranch. For information, call 941-316-6009.
- 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 Friendship Centers, 219 W. Oak St., offer daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1 p.m., crafts 9:30 a.m., second and fourth 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.
- 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.
- 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 3:30 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.

■ FRIDAY

- Arcadia Main Street is hosting Bike Fest on Nov. 2-3. For information, call Arcadia Main Street at 494-2020.
- The All Faiths Food Bank will distribute produce to those in need on the first and third Friday of every month (Sept. 7 & 21, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 21) from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Arcadia Housing Authority, 7 Booker T. Washington Road.

• The Senior Friendship Centers, 219 W. Oak St., offer daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1 p.m., low-impact exercises start at 10:00 a.m., Bingo 10 a.m., 50 cents to play two cards — additional cards 25 cents. 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.
- 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.
- 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.

• 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 or 494-2749 for information.

■ SATURDAY

- Week of the Family — Nov. 3-10. Each day throughout the week, churches and organizations are planning free events for families. They range from a Family Stress Relief Night, co-sponsored by the Health Department, Healthy Families and Step-Up Suncoast on Monday night to a Diabetes Prevention and Control Seminar (offered in both English and Spanish!), co-sponsored by the Health Department and the Florida Dept. of Health Closing the Gap Program on Tuesday to kid's activities all week at the Library. For details, call 990-0387.
- Arcadia Main Street is hosting Bike Fest on Nov. 2-3. For information, call Arcadia Main Street at 494-2020.
- Boaters Get-Together meets at 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month at Nav-A-Gator Grill, 9700 S.W. Riverview Circle (off Kings Hwy/CR. 769). For more information, call 941-627-3474.
- 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

- Bicycling Adult Group Ride. Meet Sunday mornings at the Winn-Dixie parking lot at 7:45 a.m. Ride departs at 8 a.m. All riders must wear an approved bicycling helmet and obey all FL traffic safety laws. Moderate level ride—12 to 15 m.p.h.—10 to 30 mile rides. Faster riders may ride at their own pace if desired, slower riders will not be left behind. Have fun, meet and talk with other riders, enjoy the ride! For more information, contact: gypsygirlrides513@gmail.com.
- 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

- Healthy Start DeSoto together with Healthy Families and Step Up Suncoast are presenting an event called Family Stress Relief Night on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 to be held at Suntrust Bank Conference Room upstairs from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- 4-H county council, leaders and volunteers meet at 6 p.m. the first Monday of each month at the DeSoto County Turner Center extension office.
- The Arcadia Garden Club meets at noon on the first Monday of each month Oct. through June at its office, 1005 W. Magnolia St. Bring a covered dish to share.
- The Senior Friendship Centers, 219 W. Oak St., offer daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1p.m. Low-impact exercises start at 10 a.m. 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.
- All Faiths Food Bank distributes free meals every Monday and Wednesday, 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.
- 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

- Healthy Start DeSoto along with the FDOH Closing the Gap Program is holding 2 events on Tuesday, Nov. 6 on the topic of Diabetes Prevention and Control. Classes will be held at the public library here in Desoto — Spanish class 10 a.m.-noon and English class 2-4 p.m.
- 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.
- SunCoast Blood Bank holds a blood drive: every Tuesday, noon-5 p.m. at Winn-Dixie every Friday, 9 a.m.-noon at Habitat for Humanity, 114 N. Polk St. For details, call 1-866-97-BLOOD.
- The Senior Friendship Centers, 219 W. Oak St., offer daily coffee and conversation 9 a.m.-1 p.m., movie day 9:30-11:30 a.m., 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 DeSoto Public Library hosts Legos for children every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- DeSoto County Library new informal group, Tuesday's Threads at 2 p.m. Whether you need help with simple sewing tasks, or love working with fiber of any kind—knitting, crocheting, quilting, garment making, macramé—drop in, share, get help, show what you're doing. 125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Call 993-4851 for more information.
- 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.

DeSoto Church Directory

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 <p>Calvary BAPTIST CHURCH Celebrative Worship Challenging Bible Study Connection With People Sunday School/Life Groups 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Family Contemporary Worship 10:45 AM - Noon 863-494-4345 www.cbcarcacia.org</p>	<p>North Hillsborough Baptist Church (253 N. Hillsborough Ave.) Pastor Ellis Cross 863-494-3455 Worship 11:00 AM Evening Worship 6:00pm Wednesday 6:30pm Thursday Youth Group 6pm</p>	 <p>North Hillsborough Baptist Church Presents Our Annual CANDY!!! FALL FESTIVAL GAMES!!! Saturday November 10th • 11am - 4pm 253 N. Hillsborough Ave. - Arcadia, FL FREE! FREE! FREE! Food and Drinks, Games, Bounce House, Face Painting, Sand Art, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Cake Walk, Snow Cones and Tons of Fun!! Friendly Costumes Welcome (No Scary Ones Please)</p>	<p>First Church of the Nazarene A LIGHTHOUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR 85 YEARS 132 W Gibson Street Arcadia FL 34266 863-491-1422 Rev. Steve Johnson Sunday Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am The VOICE of God will never contradict the WORD of God</p>	<p>Grace Lutheran Church, LCMS 1004 W. Oak Street Rev. Anthony Arias Pastor Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM All Welcome!</p>
<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 209 West Hickory Street 494-4434 Rev. Bill Teng Mission: "Take Jesus with you wherever you go" Worship: 11:00am Traditional Worship Casual, Family Oriented Sunday School 9:45 a.m.</p>	 <p>Oak Hill Baptist Church Arcadia, Florida 5104 NW Oak Hill Ave. 863-494-6224 REV. JERRY WATERS Sunday School 9:30 am Sunday Worship 10:45 am and 6:00 pm Wednesday 6:30 pm for Prayer Group, Youth & Children</p>	 <p>St. Edmund Episcopal Church 125th Anniversary Celebration November 17th 327 W. Hickory St., Arcadia 863-494-0485 Sundays 8am & 10am Misa en espanol Dom 6:00 pm www.EpiscopalArcadiaFl.com</p>	<p>See Your Church in this spot Call Tami at 494-5201 for more details.</p>	 <p>Fort Ogden United Methodist Church 6923 SW River St. 863.494.3881 Sunday Worship 10:00AM Nursery & Children's Church Provided Monday AA & AL Anon 7:30PM Wednesday Bible Study 11AM-6PM</p>
<p>See your Church in this spot Contact Tami 494-5201 for more information</p>	<p>PINE LEVEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHRIST CENTERED, CHRIST LED. 9596 Pine Level St., Arcadia 863- 494-0044 9am Children Church 9am Contemporary Service 10am Sunday School 11am Traditional Service Wednesday Adult, Youth & Children's Programs 7 PM Nursery Always Available www.pinelevelumc.com</p>	 <p>Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church "THE CHURCH IN THE ORANGE GROVE" SUN. SCHOOL 9:45AM WORSHIP 11:00AM EVENING 6:00PM WEDNESDAY 6:30PM 2865 SW CR 661 ARCADIA, FL 34266 863-993-5568</p>	<p>Trinity United Methodist Church "To know Christ and to make Him known" 304 W. Oak Street • 494-2543 Sunday Morning Worship Starting at 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Sun. 4:30 p.m. UMYF Wed. 6:30 pm Bible Study Nursery Available Pastor Louie Mabrey View Service at: trinityarcadia.com</p>	<p>See your Church in this spot Contact Tami 494-5201 for more information</p>

UF ag projects hit \$166 million

Funding for research projects from federal, state and private sources at the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences hit a record \$166 million in fiscal year 2017-2018.

Grant support underwrites programs that include feeding a hungry world, improving nutrition among at-risk populations and ensuring sufficient safe water for a growing global population. As just a few examples of the bigger projects that received funding, UF/IFAS scientists received more than \$15 million to fight citrus greening, although that total is spread amongst many research projects, according to the UF/IFAS Research office. Another \$10.6 million is earmarked for an obesity prevention project and \$8.54 million is going to fund a forage for livestock program in Africa.

The total of \$166,246,487 is up 54 percent from the \$107,455,703 received in 2016-2017, according to the UF/IFAS Research office.

Dümmen Orange's approach

After experiencing issues with Xanthomonas in 2017 that affected the begonia supply in the North American market, Dümmen Orange has deeply invested in new disease-reducing production methods. Recent efforts have focused on defining and implementing improvements to ensure a reliable, quality supply of begonia cuttings for spring 2019.

In late September, a group of industry members visited the Dümmen Orange Las Mercedes production farm in El Salvador to observe the company's recent begonia production stock improvements. Hosted by the Dümmen Orange Greencare Phytosanitary team, the group included root-and-sell operations, brokers, finished growers. The growers invited were all deemed begonia specialists and had experienced significant setbacks due to the Xanthomonas issue. During the visit, Dümmen Orange highlighted the time and work it had put in to address the Xanthomonas issue and reduce the potential for any additional disease problems.

Xanthomonas occurred due to conditions that resulted in a plant disease triangle: pathogen presence, a primed host, and a favorable environment. With just one or two of these elements, the disease wouldn't have taken hold. But, with all three, it was the perfect storm. There were two possible root causes: The disease was latently present and due to climate conditions the infection became visible; or there was undetected contamination in the first wave of symptomatic plants.

When a pathogen is found, Greencare implements an incident plan that prevents shipping of infected material

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and guides how to clean up the stock, including extra hygiene measures, intensified scouting, isolation of suspected plants, and strict uprooting measures.

Lessons have been learned, and production processes have been improved to keep begonia production moving forward.

Laura Drotleff is editor of Greenhouse Grower

Flower bulb pioneer is gone

Dr. August (Gus) Albert De Hertogh, 83, died Oct. 26 in Raleigh, NC. Gus, the son of Belgian immigrants, was raised in Chicago.

Gus's research on flower bulbs began at Michigan State University in 1965. Dutch exporters came to the U.S. seeking answers on challenges with flower bulbs. Dr. De Hertogh accepted the challenge and spent the next 35 years researching flower bulbs. In 1978, he moved to North Carolina State University to head the Department of Horticulture and moved the flower bulb research with him. He is recognized as a world authority and freely shared his bank of knowledge with scientists and growers around the world. His many contributions included the development of shipping procedures, protocols for handling bulbs upon arrival in the U.S., bulb cooling processes, and protocols for forcing bulbs out of season. He was able to take an age-old industry and advance it into a new age with many economic opportunities. He was instrumental in expanding the world market of flower bulbs. He

also pioneered university-industry partnerships.

He is survived by his wife Mary Belle, children Mark, Michelle, Jennifer, Mary Moore, Susan, Jay; grandchildren Mark, Lori Beth, Drew, Patrick, Aaron, Claire, Addison, and great-grand daughter Caroline.

He will be missed by family and friends. He helped changed the world and make it a more beautiful place.

Laura Drotleff

Beeline toward vectoring solutions

Bee Vectoring Technologies International Inc. (BVT) and Biobest Group NV are endeavoring on a global technology sharing agreement that enables both companies to accelerate efforts to bring bee vectoring solutions to growers worldwide. Bee vectoring systems use managed bee hives to efficiently deliver naturally derived plant treatment products for crop protection and enhancement while at the same time providing pollination of the target crop.

Through bee vectoring, a highly targeted application of natural plant treatment products can be efficiently and effectively delivered to the flower of a crop. According to Biobest, this practice can result in a marked reduction in over-sprays, water use, and overall handling, while at the same time effectively protecting the crop and thus increasing crop productivity. The goals are to provide growers with increased marketable yields, better crop protection, and a healthier natural solution

that the consumers worldwide are demanding.

Biobest has worked in collaboration with the research group of Professor Guy Smaghe to develop a bumblebee hive equipped with dispenser technology commercialized under the name Flying Doctors. It has brought fully registered solutions to market in Europe since 2013 and is in a rapid commercialization phase with initial focus in the U.S. market.

Paul Rusnak is Senior Managing Online Editor for the U.S. Horticulture Group at Meister Media Worldwide

Florida roasted vegetable ratatouille (healthy eating)

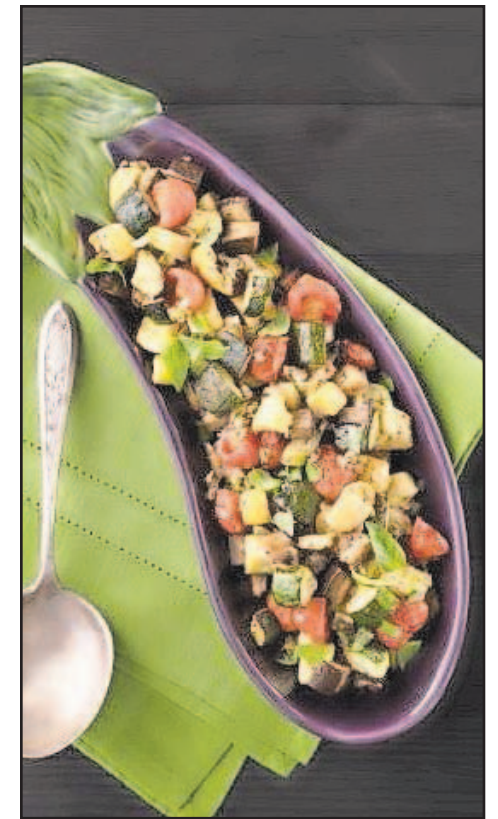
Ingredients:

- 1 Florida eggplant, large dice
- 1 Florida zucchini, large dice
- 1 Florida yellow squash, large dice
- 1 pint Florida cherry tomatoes
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4-6 leaves basil, torn
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- Sea salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Prep all ingredients as stated above. In a baking pan add the cherry tomatoes, one tablespoon olive oil, and salt and pepper; mix to coat and set aside. In a separate baking pan add all the remaining ingredients, 1-2 tablespoons of olive oil, and salt and pepper. Do not add the basil at this point. Place both pans in the oven for about 15 minutes, or until desired tenderness. Remove the pans and combine ingredients into one bowl. Add torn basil leaves. Serve as a side or as an entrée over brown rice.

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Florida roasted vegetable ratatouille

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

- Jimmy Alan Angelico, 27, 2000 block of N.W. Windy Pine Ave., Arcadia. Charges: unarmed burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, criminal mischief with under \$200 of property damage and grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$9,120.
- Jeremy Bernard Daniels, 29, 300 block of S. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.
- Charles Dwayne Davis, 24, no address, Arcadia. Charge: criminal mischief with property damage over \$2,000. Bond: \$1,500.
- Brandi Lei Lewis, 38, Crystal River, FL. Charges: grand theft auto and driving on a suspended license for third or subsequent instance. Bond: \$3,000.
- Alfredo Martinez Rodriguez, 27, 1800 block of S.E. DeSoto Landing, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$1,000.
- Justine Van Kleef, 48, 1000 block of S.W. Fletcher St., Arcadia. Charge: grand theft between \$300-\$5,000. Bond: \$1,500.
- William Daniel Crosby, 34, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving on a suspended license. Bond: \$120.

POLICE BEAT

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

- Diniella Karpowecz, 25, 2000 block of N.E. Snow Ave., Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$100.
- Armando Laureano Ramirez, 24, 800 block of N. Lee Ave., Arcadia. Charge: DUI with .15 BAC or with person under 18. Bond: \$500.
- Tatiana Peviera, 22, 200 block of N. Hernando Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.
- Sherman Young, 46, 500 block of Sunset Ave., Arcadia. Charges: violation of domestic injunction and criminal mischief with damage between \$200-\$1,000. Bond: \$1,000.
- Sierra Irene Anders, 19, Palmetto, FL. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
- Lydia Lynell Cummings, 20, Bradenton, FL. Charges: possession of a controlled substance without a prescription and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$2,000.
- George Mac Golloman Sr., 45, 1800 block of S.W. Harlem Circle, Arcadia. Charges: trafficking cocaine

between 28 grams — 150 kilograms, possession of marijuana with intent to sell or deliver, possession or use of drug equipment and two counts of possession of a synthetic narcotic with intent to sell or deliver. Bond: none.

- John Wesley Jones, 38, no address, Arcadia. Charge: possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$500.
- Phillip Warren Porter, 26, Decatur, AL. Charge: felony larceny between \$20,000-\$100,000. Released on recognizance.
- Nathaniel Robert Wedig, 33, Sarasota, FL. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$2,000.

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

- Jessie Tyler Holt, 37, 3000 block of N.E. Hurst Drive, Arcadia. Charges: grand theft auto and battery. Bond: none.

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

- David Arthur Blackney, 51, 100 block of Golden Oak Road, Zolfo Springs. Charge: driving on a suspended or revoked license. Bond: \$250.
- Martin Lee Byers, 31, 2500 block of Garza Road, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

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Susan Mary Sharkey

Susan Mary Sharkey, of Arcadia, Fla., left this world for her eternal home in heaven on Oct. 7, 2018.



Susan was born March 15, 1952, in Chelsea, Mass.

Ms. Sharkey was raised in Peabody, Mass., and moved to Sarasota, Fla., in the early 1970s. She made Arcadia home in the early 1980s. No matter where she called home, Susan enjoyed lifelong, forever friends that she always kept close. She had a storied life growing up on the outskirts of Boston. She was a switchboard operator in the late 1960s, a protestor of the Vietnam War, lived across the hall in an apartment complex from a group of men that eventually formed the band Boston, and taught David Bowie how to crack crab legs while working the luxury suites at the former Foxborough Stadium. She found her way to Florida after answering a help-wanted ad for a resort in Sarasota. She loved Sarasota and worked at the Crescent Club, among others, for many years.

Life brought her to Arcadia, where she finally put down roots. She walked through the doors of Slim's Deep South BBQ, resume in hand, in the early 1990s, and was there until her retirement just this past June. Sue loved the Florida Keys and would slip away every chance she could. She recently went on a fabulous trip to Summerland Key where she spent time snorkeling, visiting Key West, and hanging out at the pool with good friends. Sue also loved the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo, the

New England Patriots, and enjoying cold beer with good friends. Above all, Susan loved her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Allison Sharkey, and two beautiful grandchildren, Keegan and Kendall Casady. They were the shining light of her life. Sue is also survived by her sister Sherrill (Bobby) Zeuli, brother Kevin (Jody) Sharkey, nephews Bobby and Matthew, and nieces Caitlin and Alex. She was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Marian Sharkey, whom she loved dearly and remembered often; also by a brother, Stephen Sharkey; a nephew, Christian Sharkey; and by the love of her life, Robert "Bobby" Floyd.

You will be missed, my friend.

A gathering of family and friends will be (Saturday) Nov. 3, 2018, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home Chapel, 50 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia.

Catherine Suzanne D'Alessandro

Catherine Suzanne D'Alessandro (née Hirt), 56, of Atlanta and formerly of Chicago (Hinsdale), St. Louis



(Clarkson Valley) and Tampa (Carrollwood), passed away on Oct. 23, 2018, at home with a firm faith and tender heart, surrounded by her loving family after a valiant, nine-month battle with kidney cancer. She is

survived by her husband of 30 years, Beatty, and their daughter, Natalie of St. Louis, and son Dave (fiancée Katherine Hoots) of Boston. She is also survived by her brother, Greg Martin (Jane) of Arcadia, Fla., beloved

cousin Debby Grove (John) of Atlanta, her aunts Sandy Pipkins (Larry) of Lake Toxaway, N.C., and Donna Bradshaw (David) of Seminole, Fla., her uncle Kenny Crews (Linda) of Fort Myers, Fla., sisters-in-law Bee Everett (Jim) of Treasure Island, Fla., and Bobbi Taman of Tampa, Fla., as well as nephews Jerry Martin, Chris Martin and Jay Taman; nieces Erica Martin Ashley, Gail Martin Sparks, Laura Hayes, Janette Taman Scharf, Helena Hayes Fiallos, Kara Martin Steacy, Alex Marie Taman, and Anne Elise Swenson. She is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Alberta Crews Hirt, her father, William F. Hirt, and her brother, Jarell Martin.

Cathy was a descendant of the Crews family, Florida pioneers who settled Hardee and DeSoto counties in the 19th century. Her grandfather, Carroll Crews, was the decades-long elected police chief of Arcadia, Fla. After the birth of her children, Cathy devoted herself to her family on a full-time basis. She was very active in charity work as the vice president and, ultimately, president of the Graybar Family Foundation for over 12 years. She was an active member of the Parents Council at Washington University in St. Louis. She volunteered at Chaminade College Prep and St. Joseph's Academy while her children attended there. She worked for both George W. Bush presidential campaigns. She was a longtime parishioner at St. Brigid, St. Isaac Jogues and St. Clare of Assisi Catholic churches.

Ms. D'Alessandro brought kindness and a refined eye for beauty to everything she touched. She was an expert at attracting hummingbirds to her gardens. She was an avid bird-watcher who took trips to follow the migration

of the whooping cranes across Illinois. Her garden was her canvas, and it was always beautiful. She created a warm and loving sanctuary for her family in her home. Her dinners around the table were always filled with delicious food and laughter. Holidays in her home were magical. She made every moment with her family elegant and special but, at the same time, seemingly effortless.

The family would like to thank the Rev. Neil Herlihy, physicians Kelly Ahn, Omar Kucuk, Viraj Master, Louis Aliperti, Daniel Refai, Rema Rindler, Dale Strasser, Samuel Milton and the many other doctors, physician assistances, nurses, and medical staff at Winship Cancer Institute, Emory Rehabilitation Hospital and Emory Medical School. We would also like to thank the compassionate team of nurses at Longleaf Hospice, especially Denise Shields.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek, Ga., at 11 a.m. Nov. 3, 2018. The family will receive friends after that service at The Country Club of the South. The family will receive friends in St. Louis on Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. at the St. Louis Club in Clayton, Mo., and in Tampa on Nov. 10 at Palma Ceia Country Club from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. as guests of Peg and Jay Trezevant.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Graybar Family Foundation or the Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University in Atlanta. Online condolences may be expressed at www.crowellbrothers.com. Arrangements by Crowell Brothers Funeral Homes & Crematory, 5051 Peachtree Ind. Blvd., Peachtree Corners, Ga. 30092, 770-448-5757.

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Right: Frances Pooser celebrated her 100th birthday at the Arcadia Oaks Assisted Living facility. The former school teacher on Thursday was given a bouquet and gifts from her friend Dr. Vaidy Nathan (pictured). Check the Oct. 25 Arcadian for details about Ms. Pooser's amazing and impactful life in her hometown. Nathan is a family doctor with Millennium Physician Group.

One century young



Miss DeSoto Fastpitch Softball Halloween Bash



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8U-Grey staff and players, scaring their opponents on and off the field.



The 12-U squad rockin' it, nerd style.



Miss DeSoto Fastpitch Softball players, coaches and family enjoyed Saturday at the Halloween Bash in North Port. Team here is the 8U-Blue squad.

Meet the Teacher profiles, making a difference

The DeSoto Educational Foundation offers an occasional Meet the Teacher profile of DeSoto County educators in the Arcadian. This week meet Kathy Severson.



SEVERSON

Teacher: Kathy Severson
Born: Birmingham, Alabama

History working with students: "I have worked for the School District of DeSoto County since December 1990, with the exception of four years when I took off due to the birth of my

second child. All of my time, as a teacher, has been with the Division of Career, Technology & Adult Education."

Education: Vestavia Hills High School, Vestavia Hills, Ala. College/degrees: University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala., bachelor's degree, K-12 Special Education; American College of Education, Indianapolis, Ind., master's degree, educational leadership

Family: "I have been married to my husband, Lars (50), for 27 years. We have two children, daughter Katie (25), and son Taylor (21)."

Hobbies and interests: "I enjoy spending time with my family. We love to vacation at Destin Beach and are avid Alabama fans!"

Why I became a teacher: "As a result of my 4th grade teacher, Ms. Duke. As a child, I soon realized that I wanted to be like Ms. Duke and experience the same enthusiasm for life, the apparent love that she had for her students, and the desire that she had to make sure that each of us found some kind of success every day while we were in her class."

"She instilled these three things in

me and, as a result, they have remained constant reminders for me. Because of her and her influence as my teacher, I have always strived to achieve the same love and passion throughout my life and career as Ms. Duke did in hers."

Most rewarding moments as a teacher: "As a teacher in adult education, one of the most rewarding moments for me is when I get to celebrate with students that once believed they would never graduate from high school ... but as a result of their hard work and dedication now hold their GED diploma in their hands."

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HCW Foundation: Remembering the Smith-Brown School

By **CAROL MAHLER**

ARCADIAN HISTORY CORRESPONDENT

The HCW Foundation invites everyone to “Remembering the Smith-Brown School, in honor of Charles Washington.” The event is at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, 319 S. Lee Ave. Refreshments will be served.

The nonprofit Foundation was established by Charles Washington (1951-2018) to honor his mother, Helen Copeland Washington (1925-2003), “by establishing a permanent historical

record of early African-American settlers and their culture in DeSoto County.”

An integral part of that is the Smith-Brown School. Founded in 1892, under Florida’s separate but equal segregation laws, the school originally offered only elementary education. In 1921, it became a junior high school, and in 1938, the first senior high school class of three graduated.

A new building was constructed in 1946 from 8,000 cement blocks made by the teachers, students, and parents. After integration, the school was closed

in 1970. Hurricane Charley in 2004 damaged the long-vacant structure, and it was demolished.

Teachers such as Coach Richard Bowers and his wife Martha Bowers — and former students such as the Rev. Samuel Morgan Jr., Class of 1957, Pleasant Hill pastor, president of the DeSoto County NAACP and member of the Southwest Community Coalition, and Charlotte Hill Carter, Class of 1958 — will share recollections during a panel discussion moderated by James Lee Faison III. They will also recount memories of Charles Washington. The

audience can ask questions or share reminiscences.

The HCW Foundation Steering Committee has rededicated itself to achieving Washington’s vision. They unanimously elected Faison as the organization’s second president.

The HCW Foundation’s mission is “to collect, preserve, and share information about African-American history and culture in DeSoto County and to provide a museum and education center for community outreach.” Brenda Johnson, 239-220-8037, helencw2003@gmail.com.

DeSoto Dems at downtown “friend-raiser”



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The DeSoto County Democratic Executive Committee held a meet-and-greet event at MyShelly’s Kitchen in downtown Arcadia on Oct. 18. Community members had the opportunity to meet with several state and local candidates and to discuss issues. BOCC candidate Mark Anderson (left) shared his vision at the event.

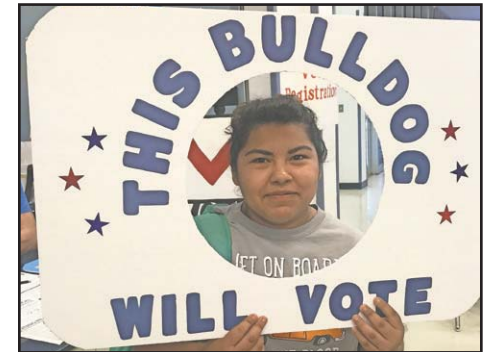
Rock the Vote at DeSoto High



Organizers include DeSoto educators Courtney Gammad (left) and Shameka Hollimon (right).

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The Democratic Executive Committee, in conjunction with the DHS “Rock the Vote” organization, held a non-partisan voter registration drive on Oct. 5. Rock the Vote is a national organization whose goal is to engage and build the political power of young people. DHS organizers of the event were educators Shameka Hollimon and Courtney Gammad. Students assistants were Yuliana Delgado, Antonio Nazario, and Samantha Reyes. Volunteers from the DEC were on hand to assist.




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DMS Bulldogs end season with huge win, 36-16

By STEVE KNAPP
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

For the third straight year the DeSoto County Middle School football team ended their season with a win. The 36-16 win over Sebring gave the Bulldogs a 3-4 record for the season. Two of their four losses were to Hardee, a team that only gave up one touchdown this year.

The Bulldogs used a combination of a strong defense and a ground game that moved the ball very well. The Bulldogs were able to pick up yardage through the air when quarterback Lane Fullerton was given time to find a receiver—Fullerton had two touchdown passes and the Bulldogs scored twice on running plays and once on defense.

The Bulldogs showed their muscle in the first quarter when the Blue Streaks faced a fourth and one at the DeSoto nine-yard line. Caleb Adams and Jake Owens teamed up to stuff the runner for a loss to keep the teams scoreless at the end of the first quarter.

DJ Tompkins plunged in from the two-yard line and Jamari Redding added the two-point conversion to put the Bulldogs on top, 8-0. The drive was highlighted by a 26-yard gain by Craig Mitchel and a crucial nine-yard pass to Sully Hay for a first down to keep the drive alive.

After the Streaks tied it up, the Bulldogs marched down the field on a 61-yard drive. With plenty of good runningbacks, they fed the ball to

Tompkins and Redding like a hungry man at Thanksgiving. Tompkins ripped off a 17-yard gain followed by Redding's 12-yarder and then a 13-yard pick-up for Redding.

Fullerton found Austin Evans at the pylon from 22 yards out to give the Bulldogs a 16-8 halftime lead after Redding's two-point conversion. DeSoto built upon the lead with a touchdown pass to Gershon Galloway midway through the third quarter to take a 23-8 lead going into the final 10 minutes of play.

Jamari Redding's fourth-quarter heroics

Sebring tried a fake punt early in the fourth quarter as they tried to get back in the game. The punter was brought down on his own 28. Redding took the rock into the end zone on the first play to give the Dawgs a 29-8 lead.

Thirty-two seconds later Redding found paydirt as he picked off a pass and went virtually untouched 38 yards for the final Bulldog points of the game. Redding also had another interception and carried it 62 yards before he was tackled at the Sebring 25 in the final minute of the game.

Redding scored two touchdowns, one on offense, one defense. He was 2-2 in two-point conversions and had two picks in the game. "Yes, this was probably the best game I've ever had. It feels great to finish with a win," said Redding.

Redding says he likes playing as a



DeSoto's Caleb Adams (25) and Jake Owens get a big stuff on a fourth-and-one attempt for Sebring.

runningback, but has become more excited about playing defense, particularly defensive end. He is one of the many talented eighth-graders looking to make the varsity team next season.

After head coach Kent Reed had a cooler of ice water dumped on his head in the closing moments of the

game, he talked to his team.

"I'm proud of what this football team did tonight. We finished the season at 3-4 but we know we are better than that. We've had our ups and downs, but you guys put in the work and got better. As long as you had fun, that's the bottom line."



Fifth-quarter players gather for a photo with their coaches after the 36-16 win over Sebring.

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The Bulldogs' Austin Evans hauls in a 22-yard touchdown pass giving the Bulldogs a 16-8 halftime lead.



DeSoto's Andy Garibay follows in his big brother's footsteps, as he also puts pressure on the Sebring quarterback. Garibay caught and brought him down for a loss.



A happy bunch of eighth-graders who have played their final game in the middle school and will move up to the JV and varsity team next season.

Left: Head Coach Kent Reed gets a cooler of ice water dumped on him as the game winds down and the Bulldogs beat Sebring 36-16.



DeSoto receiver Andrew Shea and the Sebring safety collide on a pass with no penalty called.



DJ Tompkins cuts inside and bulls his way over the goal line for the Bulldogs' first touchdown in the 36-16 season-ending win.



Bulldog coach Jamar Jones looks happy after also having a cooler of water dumped on him in the 36-16 season-ending win.



Bulldog quarterback Lane Fullerton pitches to Jamari Redding in the 36-16 win over Sebring. Fullerton had two touchdown passes and Redding ran for two more.

DeSoto SPORTS EXTRA

Bulldogs come up short in 100th game against Wildcats

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

The Football Gods and ghosts of players past gathered last Friday night to watch the 100th meeting of the oldest rivalry in Florida, as the Hardee Wildcats took a hard-fought win over the Bulldogs, 15-6.

As those gods and ghosts huddled high in the sky, their conversation may have been like this.

"This is a milestone game, lets make it special for everyone. Lets give the teams perfect weather to play in and lets fill Bulldog Stadium with loud cheering fans. We'll have a sea of blue and orange filling the bleachers and even the extra bleachers brought over for the game. We'll have the Wildcat fans lining the fences from the goal line all the way around the field over to the concession stand.

"On the home side of the field, we'll put even more fans. We will also fill that side of the stadium with loud cheering fans all dressed in their blue and white. The fans will also line the fences, sometimes 2-3 deep to get a glimpse of the game. Also lets honor the seniors playing their final home

game as a Bulldog too.

"We won't forget the bands as they belt out their school songs and the cheerleaders will keep the players and fans whipped up into a wild frenzy. Lets make the game resemble one of the early games played 97 years ago. We'll have an old-fashioned, smash-mouth football game. A real rock-em-sock-em kind of game.

"Lets make it a defensive struggle with a few of the modern parts of the game thrown in too. We'll have them throw a few passes and let a couple of them get intercepted. Lets have a couple of fumbles mixed in too. Don't forget a trick play or two, like maybe a fake punt for both teams that result in a first down.

"Lets keep the game close and not be decided until there's a safety with 1:33 left in the game to decide the winner. Lets let the home team, an underdog, win the game and give the Wildcats their first loss of the season."

And that's where the Football Gods and ghost of players past disagreed ... it was the visiting Hardee Wildcats who came out with a tough 15-6 win.

Now we need to fill in the holes of the game that the Football Gods and



ARCADIAN PHOTO BY STEVE KNAPP

Thirteen DeSoto High seniors at midfield for the coin toss before Friday's historic game.

ghosts of players past planned up. It was the Bulldogs dominating the first quarter.

With less than three minutes of the game gone, quarterback Arnold "Bubba" Mele had great protection from his line and had time to set up and throw the football over 55 yards—and it landed in the waiting arms of Nate "Skinny" Maybell. The 49-yard touchdown strike put the Bulldogs on top. A missed two-point

conversion gave DeSoto a 6-0 lead after the first quarter.

It was the first time all season Hardee had trailed at the end of the first quarter, only the second time at the end of any quarter.

The Wildcats got their second possession of the first quarter at the two-minute mark. Their first drive was of the three-and-out variety. The

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Saddle Club's Spooktacular Parade of Costumes

By PRISCILLA MCDANIEL

ARCADIAN HALLOWEEN CORRESPONDENT

The Arcadia All Florida Saddle Club at its first-ever Spooktacular Parade of Costumes had 33 entries, most but not all on horseback. Impartial judges—Dee Johnson, Alan Wilson, Jennifer Santere and Pam Andre—had the chore of picking four winners. Contestant got a number and paraded before the judges twice—from what I could see this wasn't going to be an easy task. The four categories were prettiest, scariest, funniest and most original.

Winners received a \$25 gift certificate from Eli's Western Wear and a first-place silver plate. After the procession of contestants, judges huddled to make their decisions:

Most original was a tie with Helena Gill on foot with her horse Lady, their costumes a bar of soap and a loofah, and Emma Southerland on her horse Felix, their costumes a hula party.

Most scariest was Cheyanne Smith on her horse Dill, the costume from the movie "The Ring."

Most prettiest went to Emmy Layendecker on her horse Priss (hmm, I've been called that a few times), her costume Starlight, Starbright.

Most funniest went to Camden Leal on his horse Lady B, his costume a jackass

After the costume parade, it was back to barrel-racing. I suggest that if you've nothing to do on fourth Saturdays, head to the arena at 1299 SE Hargrave St. Don't pack a lunch or bring anything but your chair/favorite beverage, just not alcoholic. They have homemade chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries and drinks for sale at a very reasonable price. Sit back, enjoy the night air and watch some pretty darn good barrel-racing. Admission is free.

Hope to see you all there!



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Tied for most original were Helena Gill and Lady for their soap bar and loofah costumes. Emma Southerland and Felix also wowed the judges with their hula party outfits.



Emma and Felix tie for most original at the Saddle Club's first Spooktacular Parade of Costumes.

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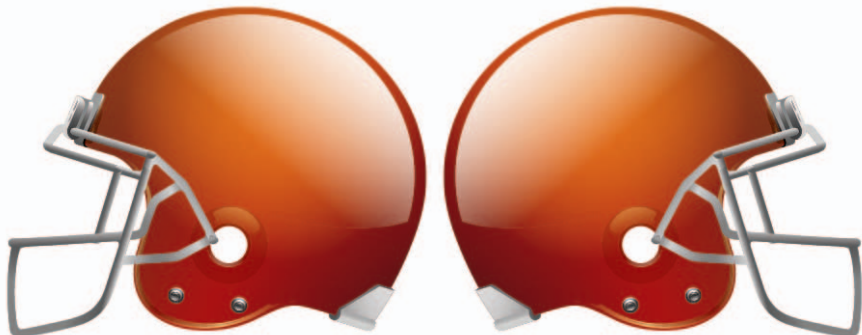


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2018 DeSoto County Bulldogs Varsity Football Schedule

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY
8/17	7pm	Cardinal Mooney (Kick Off Classic)	L 20 - 30
8/31	7pm	Avon Park	L 13 - 27
9/7	7:30pm	Mulberry	W 43 - 0
9/14	7:30pm	Lemon Bay	W 24 - 22
9/21	7pm	North Port	W 20 - 9
9/28	7pm	Southeast	W 28 - 3
10/5	7pm	Lake Placid	W 16 - 8
10/12	7:30pm	Booker	L 6 - 19
10/19	7:30pm	Bayshore (Homecoming)	W 43 - 31
10/26	7:30 pm	Hardee (Senior night)	L 6 - 15
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Cyclists can earn respect on the road

By **KAREN SMOKE**

ARCADIAN BICYCLING CORRESPONDENT

Every bicyclist serves as an example and as an educator to other drivers on the proper way to share the road. A good way to earn respect on the road is to ask for what you deserve; take what you're offered. Communicate with other drivers to let them know you have the same right to use the road they have. Drive your bicycle defensively, not timidly, and not aggressively. Let drivers know where you are going by using hand signals and your lane position.

Motorists unaccustomed to sharing the road with cyclists will pull out in front of cyclists, make right turns in front of cyclists, blow their horn when they are on your back tire. When it happens, shrug it off. If it happens repeatedly or you are injured, try to get a license number and report it. Be proactive by showing motorists what you need from them. Don't hug the shoulder, ride generally about three feet from the edge of the pavement. That way, when a motorist approaches and wants to pass you, he will need to move into the adjacent lane. Should he still attempt to pass without giving three-foot clearance, you have space to move

over. When crossing in front of a motorist stopped at an intersection, raise your hand with your fingers spread, palm facing the driver to indicate you expect him to stay there until you pass. Give a friendly wave as you go — and you've just educated another driver.

The three most common motorist errors that result in accidents with cyclists are: turning left in front of an oncoming cyclist who is riding through an intersection; failing to obey a stop signal, pulling in front of a cyclist; and passing a cyclist then immediately turning right across the cyclist's line of travel. Anticipate these common errors, be prepared to alter your course if necessary. Shout "stop" as you take the necessary evasive action.

The leading cyclist error is failing to stop. Yes, those stop signs do mean stop. Some states allow cyclists to use a rolling stop — that is after checking there is no other traffic, a cyclist may roll through a stop — but Florida does require cyclists to make a full stop. It is contrary to the self-propelled nature of a bicycle, and cyclists will roll through stops — just don't get caught, or worse, get hit doing it, because the error will be on you.

Most cyclists have never had any

formal training in proper cycling, nor are they aware that such training is available. Therefore, many of them commit violations out of ignorance. Many motorist infractions are also out of ignorance of the law and an unintentional failure to see cyclists. There are plenty of educational tools on the internet, a good ones are: cyclingsavvy.org and www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety. The Florida Bicycle Association is another good source — floridabicycle.org.

Other ways to earn respect are to ride big — wear bright colors and a helmet, equip your bike with flashing strobe lights, white for the front, red for the rear, that may be used at any time. Drive your bike as if you were a car: ride with the flow of traffic, on the right side of the lane unless you are preparing to make a left turn. In making turns, signal and move into appropriate position when traffic allows.

Generally, each driver should follow the rules of yielding, such as at four-way stops where the motorist first to stop or if two or more vehicles arrive at the same time, vehicle on the left yields the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right. However, if you are offered a yield by a motorist waving you on, take the lead as

long as there is no other traffic and it is safe to do so.

Want to ride with others? A new cycling group meets up on Sunday mornings at the Winn-Dixie parking lot. Gather near the retention pond at 7:45 a.m. Ride departs at 8 a.m. Ride is for adults only and all riders must wear an approved bicycling helmet. All bikes must have sound tires and proper brakes, use of rear view mirrors and flashing lights encouraged. The ride will be a moderate level ride — 12 to 15 m.p.h., 10 to 30 mile rides — we will build distance as the season progresses. Faster riders may ride at their own pace if desired, slower riders will not be left behind.

All riders must obey Florida traffic-safety laws. Each rider is responsible for their own safety. Ride organizers accept no responsibility for other riders, and all riders must sign a liability release. Rides suspended when temperature is below 50 degrees, rain or wet conditions, or poor visibility. If you love the feel of pavement rolling beneath your wheels...this is the group for you. Have fun, meet and talk with other riders, enjoy the ride! For more information, contact gyrgyzgirlrides513@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY

FROM PAGE 4

letters to send to the Panhandle with the truck drivers. They were to be given to people stranded in homes with no electricity, or no roof—people who may see little hope for their future.

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you lived in with numbers that started with your population ranking? My first car, a 1966 Opel Kadet had the plate number 34D-1, and the "D" indicated the weight of the vehicle.

Tell your grandkids that you remember when seatbelts were optional, and they'll think you're crazy. Or tell them

you could nap on the shelf below the rear window as a kid, and it wasn't illegal. The radios were push-button, and the dial was only AM, and one day you were really riding in style when you installed an eight-track tape player! And who can forget the button on the floorboard that switched your headlights to bright?

I could go on and on about tires with inner tubes, suicide knobs on steering wheels, windshield wipers with only

two speeds, glasspack mufflers, mandatory yearly car inspections, dash clocks, fuzzy dice dangling from rearview mirrors, and substituting coat hangers for your radio's antenna, but you get the point. Those were simpler, better times, and I'm thankful to be reminded of them every time I see an old car still on the road.

Now, if only I could stick out my thumb and hitchhike back to yesteryear...



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Dual Special Needs Plan, 2 million Americans are enrolled

About a third of people eligible for Medicare have opted to get their benefits through a Medicare Advantage plan (Part C). These plans are offered by private health insurance companies approved by the federal government. Medicare Advantage plans combine doctor and hospital coverage in one plan and most include Part D prescription drug coverage as well. They can also offer additional benefits above and beyond what's covered by Original Medicare (Parts A and B), such as dental, vision, and hearing coverage.

A Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) is a special type of Medicare Advantage plan that provides health benefits for people who are "dually eligible," meaning they qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

Anyone who meets the eligibility



Charlotte Nymark

criteria for both Medicare and Medicaid is qualified to enroll in a DSNP. More than 2 million people are enrolled in DSNPs in 2017, which represents 3 percent of all people enrolled in Medicare.

Medicare and Medicaid are important sources of health care benefits for millions of Americans, but the programs can be confusing and tough to navigate. This is especially true for people eligible for both programs. By

coordinating these benefits, DSNPs can make it simpler for people to navigate the health care system. DSNPs encourage everyone involved in providing care—including primary care doctors, specialists, hospitals and case managers—to work together, which can help improve health as well as the health care experience.

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To learn more about DSNP plans, you can visit with me at Arcadia's Walmart through Dec. 7, or you can call me.

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DeSoto County business of the week

By CRAIG GARRETT
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Early voting in DeSoto County ends Saturday at 3 p.m. Check for the correct voting precinct. Polls open for the general election on Nov. 6 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

DeSoto County resumes recycling

Irma caused the suspension of a household recycling in DeSoto County. More than a year later, the county has resumed the program, said Henry Grimes, director of DeSoto County Environmental Services. The issue was in Hardee County, which was impacted by the hurricane leaving behind so much debris and rubbish that it stopped accepting recycling from its neighbor, Grimes said. Things are back on track, although plastics are no longer taken, things such as plastic soda/water/beer/liquor bottles, milk jugs and plastic grocery bags, for instance. Glass items are accepted. Cans and bottles must be rinsed, however, Grimes said, due to contamination issues. The DeSoto County Landfill is at 3268 SW Dishong Ave. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Details are at desotobocc.com (Departments pulldown/landfill), 993-4829, cwiliams@desotobocc.com.

DMH Foundation's Saturday Golf Tourney

The DeSoto Memorial Hospital Foundation's 19th Annual Golf Tournament is Saturday at Kingsway Country Club in Lake Suzy. There is time to register to play or provide sponsorships. The \$65 per player fee includes breakfast, BBQ lunch and more. Proceeds benefit the hospital's healthcare programs. Bonnie 863-494-4949, 863-244-4949.

Veterans Appreciation Week runs Nov. 4-12

Third annual Veterans Appreciation Week runs Nov. 4-12 in DeSoto County. Opening ceremonies on Sunday at the Arcadia Elks Lodge begin at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5 p.m. The week is capped Nov. 12 with a Veterans Day Parade starting at 9 a.m. on Oak Street in the downtown district. Other events are at the DeSoto County courthouse and at veteran group buildings. Select merchants also offer discounts to veterans. Details at 863-491-8574, 993-0083.



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U.S. Highway 17 and M.L. King Jr. is a dangerous intersection that Arcadia hopes will change with a traffic signal.

MLKing Jr./U.S. Highway 17 traffic light?

It's like a shooting gallery at the intersection of M.L. King Jr and U.S. Highway 17 in Arcadia, police report. Traffic mishaps, pedestrians crossing against oncoming vehicles, bicyclists racing back and forth, all contribute to a series of accidents and injuries at the intersection crossing five lanes.

Arcadia and DeSoto County have turned to state lawmakers for help, asking the Florida Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic/engineering study and to consider a traffic light at the cross-street, said police Marshal Matthew Anderson. His agency is also asking for street lighting to illuminate the area, which would allow drivers to better spot traffic and pedestrians at the corner.

"Knock on wood there have been no life-threatening injuries," Anderson said, "but the problem needs to be addressed."

Florida lawmakers representing DeSoto County are being contacted to lean on state agencies to get involved. Karen Whaley with state Rep. Ben Albritton's office said: "I have contacted out Legislative Affairs director with (FDOT) and sent him all the injury reports," she said.

Arcadia patrols the westside of the Highway 17 corridor, DeSoto County the eastside. Both agencies report pedestrians crossing five lanes with little regard for motorists. And drivers

often accelerate leaving Arcadia, picking up speed just at the MLK Jr. intersection, a formula for disaster. A possible fix is adding pedestrian lanes across Highway 17 with crosswalk flashing lights to signal and stop drivers, said Anderson, adding that Arcadia police have delivered those in dangerous crossing situations to their homes. "I'm tired of near-misses," he said.

St. Edmund Episcopal Church history featured

The DeSoto County Historical Society meets at noon Nov. 8 at St. Edmund the Martyr Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St. Free and open to the public, the meeting features the 125-year history of the church. Lunch, including a beverage and dessert, is \$6 at 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall, built as the original sanctuary in 1897. Society president Norma Banas at noon conducts a short business meeting with election of officers. The presentation with a tour of the 1930 church follows. www.historicdesoto.org, 863-266-5774.

Health and wellness support

Need that extra nudge to get back on track? The new Health, Wellness and Fat Loss Support Group meets 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak at Orange. Regain the health you lost

or keep the one you have by attending these one-hour sessions that focus on several topics relating to overall wellness. Everything makes a difference. Classroom is next to the church elevator off the parking lot.

Former Arcadia patrolman files class-action against city

A former Arcadia police officer has filed a federal class-action civil suit against his former employer, the city of Arcadia. Brandon Bierman seeks compensation under the federal Fair Labor Standards Act for the police department's failure to pay him overtime and for wage and hour violations. Arcadia had earlier filed a civil action against Bierman for failing to fulfill contract terms: he left the Arcadia PD this year before completing a three-year contract, according to Arcadia City Attorney T.J. Wohl. Non-certified officer candidates hired by the city must finish three years if they're paid and put through cadet training and undergo added training during probation, plus equipment costs in that timeframe, Wohl said. Bierman left Arcadia PD as a corporal to work as a deputy for the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office. Arcadia wants more than \$15,000 in compensation. Bierman's federal class-action civil suit exceeds that figure. His lawyer, Benjamin Yormak of Bonita Springs, did not return calls for comment.

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 Aries, it is remarkable what you can accomplish if you just focus. Without any distractions, tasks that have been piling up can disappear in an afternoon.

TAURUS • Apr 21/May 21
 Take the initiative on a project and you could be surprised at just how much that will work in your favor, Taurus. It's time to get out of the shadows and into the spotlight.

GEMINI • May 22/June 21
 Gemini, after a few early bumps, things will be smooth sailing for you for the remainder of the week. This is the perfect time to kick up your feet and put it on auto pilot.

CANCER • June 22/July 22
 An opportunity to escape the humdrum of the week and really let loose presents itself this week, Cancer. Just keep your eyes on the prize until that moment arrives.

LEO • July 23/Aug 23
 A misunderstanding has the potential to alter your course, Leo. Take this unforeseen development in stride and things will ultimately work out.

VIRGO • Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, there is always a master plan and sometimes you are not privy to all the information that illustrates that. Be patient until all is revealed to you in the coming days.

LIBRA • Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, information you received may not have been entirely accurate. You have to parse out the facts from the fiction to get the true story. This may take a little time.

SCORPIO • Oct 24/Nov 22
 Something you believe to be irreparable can be fixed after all, Scorpio. This is good news and will spark a beneficial change in your outlook.

SAGITTARIUS • Nov 23/Dec 21
 Learning a new skills is always helpful, Sagittarius. Do not be afraid of new knowledge. Embrace all of the information you can get to improve yourself.

CAPRICORN • Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, mistakes happen no matter how careful you are. How you recover from the situation is a true indication of the person you are. Show humility and grace.

AQUARIUS • Jan 21/Feb 18
 Aquarius, you may have to change your communication tactics when dealing with a particular person. A rift that can be resolved through calm and considerate discussion.

PISCES • Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, it may take a little time, but with patience you can tackle a difficult project that has had you bogged down. Don't procrastinate.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER 28
 Bill Gates, Entrepreneur (63)

OCTOBER 29
 Winona Ryder, Actress (47)

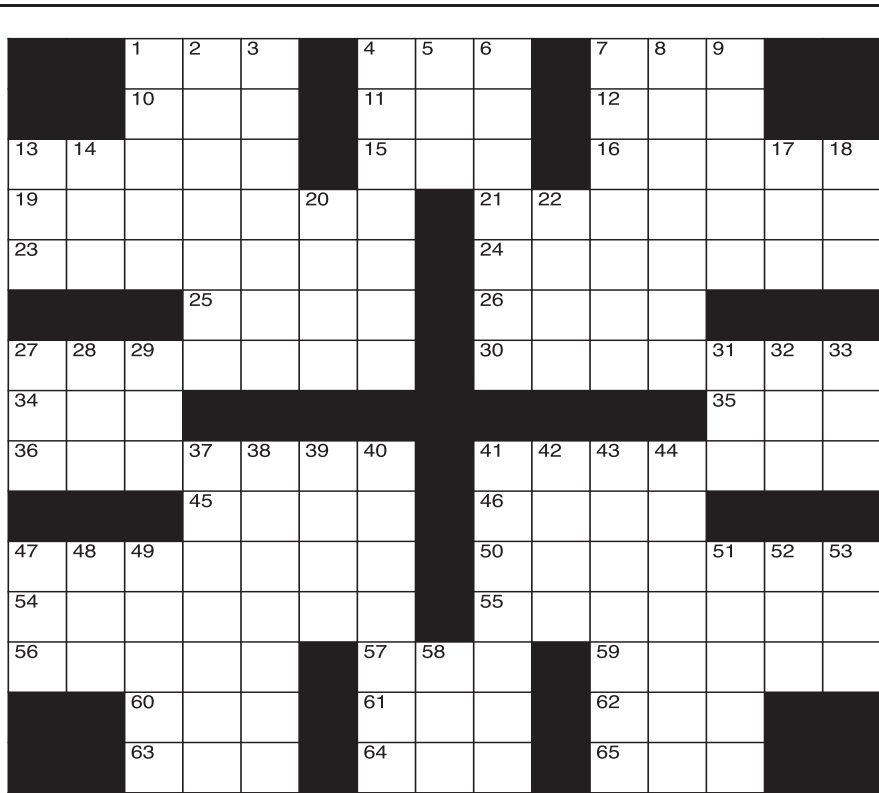
OCTOBER 30
 Ashley Graham, Model (31)

OCTOBER 31
 Vanilla Ice, Rapper (51)

NOVEMBER 1
 Anthony Kiedis, Singer (56)

NOVEMBER 2
 Kendall Schmidt, Actor (28)

NOVEMBER 3
 Anna Wintour, Editor (69)



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Expresses weights (abbr.)
- 4. Pounds per square inch
- 7. Central Time
- 10. One who speaks for others
- 11. Aussie TV station
- 12. Swiss river
- 13. A way to improve
- 15. Awesome!
- 16. Appeal to
- 19. Satisfy
- 21. The Emerald Isle
- 23. Quick passages
- 24. Love of humankind
- 25. Fleshy beak covering
- 26. Type of sword
- 27. Basketball stat
- 30. Makes unhappy
- 34. The Princess can feel it
- 35. Bar bill
- 36. Of one
- 41. Prom accessory
- 45. Jai __, sport
- 46. Assist in wrongdoing
- 47. Small hill
- 50. Erases
- 54. Fill with motivation
- 55. Part of your face
- 56. Novelist Coelho
- 57. Francisco is one
- 59. Narrow space between two buildings
- 60. Soak
- 61. Proofreading mark
- 62. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 63. Time zone
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Baseball stat

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Sharp mountain ridge
- 2. Types of lenses
- 3. Informs
- 4. Partial paralysis
- 5. Helps little firms
- 6. Alphabetical lists
- 7. Danced about
- 8. Set out
- 9. Trick's partner
- 13. Second sight
- 14. Disfigure
- 17. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 18. Tooth caregiver
- 20. Wrongful act
- 22. __ Nui, Easter Island
- 27. Away from
- 28. Member of Congress (abbr.)
- 29. Car mechanics group
- 31. When you plan to get there.
- 32. Bother incessantly
- 33. One point east of due south
- 37. Small giveaways
- 38. "MASH" actor Gould
- 39. A type of habitat
- 40. Refined delicacy
- 41. Inflection of the voice
- 42. Follow orders
- 43. Discharge
- 44. Of the stars
- 47. Briefly place into
- 48. Present in all living cells (abbr.)
- 49. Take illegally by force
- 51. Genus of moth
- 52. Midway between east and southeast
- 53. Bashful
- 58. French river

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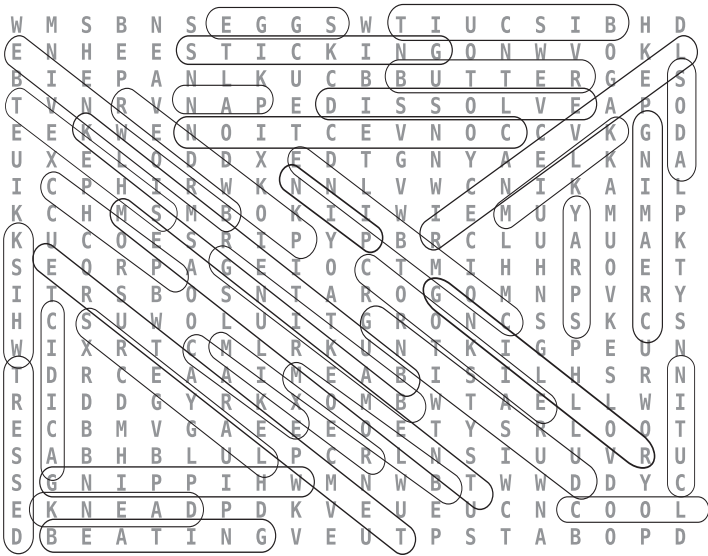
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- MEASUREMENT
- MILK
- MIXER
- PAN
- PIN
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ANSWER:

SMITH-BROWN

FROM PAGE 1

C. H. Smith (1893-1958) was Cook Hall Smith, son of Dr. Chesterfield Harvey Smith (1856-1910) and Lilla Cook (1857-1924). In 1916, C. H. married Grace Moselle (1896-1980) of Dade City. He taught there and in Chipley, Florida, before he returned to Arcadia and worked as an electrician with his brother-in-law, Thomas Mitchell, in the Mitchell and Smith Co. In the 1921 Arcadia Polk's City Directory, the company was "Mitchell and Smith Electrical Contractors and Supplies" on S. DeSoto Avenue. That year Smith bought out Mitchell and rebranded the firm to the Smith Electrical Co.

The "Brown" part of the name honored two people as well: Lillian R. Brown, the only black teacher with a college degree when she taught at the Smith-Brown School, and Charles Brown, who served as the chairman of the school trustees.

Two men named Charles Brown lived in southwest Arcadia in the 1920s: the husband of Lillian Roux Brown and the husband of Minnie L. Brown. Minutes of the Board of Public Instruction do not list the school trustees, but other records may.

Charles W. Brown and Lillian are recorded in the 1926 city directory living at 230 S. Lee Ave. With Raney Miller, Charles owned and operated Brown and Miller Groceries at 247 S. Orange Ave. Lillian was also listed separately, living at 230 S. Lee Ave., and working as a teacher at the Arcadia Grammar School in the Odd Fellows Hall, 222 S. Lee Ave. (The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows was founded in 1843 as a social and mutual-aid organization for African-Americans since they were not welcome to join other fraternal groups such as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1819.) The "History of Smith-Brown School" included Lillian — and her sister Maude Roux — with the faculty members serving between 1892-1950.

In 1950, the Hardee County Board of

Public Instruction built a new school for African-Americans. First called Wauchula Junior High School, the school was named for its principal, Lillian Roux Brown. She remained principal until 1956. During integration, the building became the Lillian R. Brown Elementary School, and in 1966 became "a migrant receiving center for grades one through nine." (www.hardee.k12.fl.us)

In the 1940 U.S. Census, Lillian and Charles Brown are living at 326 S. Dade Ave. and are the owner and manager of a restaurant. In a 1989 article about Arcadia's black pioneers, Verlene Hickson included Charlie Brown's Restaurant. Charlotte Hill Carter remembered that the Browns lived next door and owned the house that Carter's family rented. When she was a child, Mr. Brown was blind and liked to listen to the radio. Mrs. Brown was only home on the weekends, she said.

The husband of Minnie L. Brown (1884-1975), Charles Brown, age 44, was enumerated as a hotel cook in the 1920 U.S. Census. Their daughter Clara, age 19, attended school, and the household included three roomers. In the 1921 city directory, Brown was a cook, living with his wife and Clara, a laundress, at 414 W. Palmetto Ave. He later worked as an insurance agent, according to the 1926 city directory, lived with his wife, daughter and Burrell Brown at the same address ... plus a roomer — principal James H. A. Smith.

Charles and Minnie Brown seem to be absent from the 1930 U.S. Census. However, in 1940 U.S. Census Minnie L. Brown was listed as the owner and manager of a funeral parlor. She was a widow, as was her now 37-year-old daughter, Clara Fort. In 1960, she sold Brown's Funeral Home to her grandson Eugene Hickson Sr., and he renamed it Hickson's Funeral Home. It is still in business today.

"Remembering the Smith-Brown School in honor of Charles Washington" panel discussion starts at 7 p.m. Nov. 9 at Pleasant Hill Christian Church, 319 S. Lee Ave. Details page 11.

Lady Bulldogs win Heartland Conference Championship

By STEVE KNAPP

ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

It was a pretty simple storyline for the DeSoto County Middle School softball team as they faced Sebring in their final game of the season. Win, and they are champions of the tough Heartland Conference. Lose, and they fall into a three-way tie with Hardee and Sebring for the top spot.

The Lady Bulldogs put an exclamation mark onto a fine season with a 13-7 win over the Blue Streaks to bring home the championship. The only blemish to their 9-1 record was a loss in the second game of a doubleheader against Hardee.

The Bulldogs pounded out 15 hits and made good use of the six Blue Streak errors and eight walks and hit batters. They started slowly ... but put a big five-spot on the board in the third, along with a crooked number in every inning after that.

It looked like it could have been a long night for the Lady Bulldogs, as they squandered an opportunity to score first. With a base hit and two infield singles, bases were loaded with the 4-5-6 hitters coming up. A strikeout, fielder's choice and a runner thrown out at the plate trying to score on a passed ball kept the Bulldogs off the board.

Alexis Puga led off the second with a triple, the first of her three extra-base hits—but was thrown out also attempting to score on a passed ball. Three of the first four outs in the game were at the plate.

A walk and an error put two more runners on ... but they were left stranded as the inning ended with a flyball. The Bulldogs left a total of 13 runners on base in the six-inning game. Twice they left the sacks juiced, which kept the game closer than it should have been.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, DeSoto finally got something going in the third. After two walks and a hit batter, the Streaks brought in a new pitcher. Hailey David singled in Kaylie Rhoden, who had walked to open the inning. A double by Puga drove in two more and a walk to Erin Jones reloaded the bases.

David scored on a wild pitch and Andrea Welker followed with a run-producing single to plate Puga and put a five-spot on the scoreboard.

DeSoto scored two more in the fourth on run-scoring doubles by Kali Patton and Puga. The fifth saw two more go on the board after the Streaks had scored three times to cut the DeSoto lead to 7-5. The Bulldogs scored both runs on just one single, but a pair of errors and bases on balls helped the cause.

DeSoto put the game away with four runs in the sixth. Sebring again had two errors to help the Bulldogs score. A single by Emery Skinner, a double off the bat of Rhoden and singles by Layna Taylor and Kali Patton each plated a run. Rhoden went the distance in the circle to get the win.

Puga led the Bulldogs with a 3-5



ARCADIAN PHOTOS BY STEVE KNAPP

It was eighth-grade night at the game with Sebring. Kali Patton is with her parents, Bueford and Kara Patton; Hailey David was accompanied by her mom, Jennifer Rinaldi; Kaylie Rhoden was with her parents, Ronnie and Natalie Rhoden; and Layna Taylor is shown with her parents, Amanda Irby and Derek Taylor.



Coach Pam Omar talks to her team just after they beat Sebring to win the Heartland Conference Championship.



DeSoto shortstop Kali Patton is pumped up and does a dance at second after her double knocked in a run. Patton and Alexis Puga each drove in three in the 13-7 win.



Alexis Puga is out trying to score on a passed ball after leading off the inning with a triple. Puga led the Bulldogs with three hits and three RBI in the 13-7 win over Sebring.



Bulldog catcher Erin Jones fires to first to get the batter on a failed bunt attempt.

game with a soft linedrive to short. "Ya, that wasn't suppose to happen. I wanted to get a hit in my last time up," said Puga.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOXSCORE				
	AB	R	H	RBI
Emery Skinner	5	1	2	0
Kaylie Rhoden	3	2	2	1
Layna Taylor	4	2	2	0
Kali Patton	3	1	2	3
Hailey David	5	2	2	1
Alexis Puga	5	1	3	3
Erin Jones	3	0	0	0
Andrea Welker	2	2	1	0
Allie Griffen	4	2	1	1
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Emery Skinner led off the game for DeSoto with a base hit, but was forced at the plate for the first out.

WILDCATS

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Bulldogs were able to control the ball—as they were successful on a third-and-12 run for a first down—along with other third-down conversions of 14 yards and 12 yards.

The Wildcats took a 7-6 lead on the first play of the second quarter. A back went in motion and the defense had a breakdown and the Wildcat receiver caught a screen pass and went 40 yards for the score.

The Bulldogs had a pass intercepted in the Hardee end zone to stop a scoring drive. After the DeSoto defense held, the Wildcats had a pass on a fake punt to keep their drive going. That soon came to an end as Kawassmi Wilson recovered a Hardee fumble on the Bulldog 12-yard line.

On a third and long, Mele was intercepted again, this time at the 50-yard line. It was not a bad play, since the Bulldogs were deep in their own territory. And unlike a punt, it wasn't returned. Hardee stretched their lead to 10-6 with a 47-yard field goal at the half.

The second half was played mostly on the DeSoto side of the field, as the Wildcats flipped the field and kept the game in DeSoto territory. After a three-and-out to begin the second half, they punted to the Bulldogs's 30. Hardee recovered a fumble on the Bulldog 45 and punted to the DeSoto 20. After a DeSoto first down, they faced a fourth and three. A six-yard run on a fake punt by Tony Blanding kept the Bulldogs in possession of the ball. After the Bulldogs failed to move the ball, they had a short punt to the Hardee 38. The Wildcats moved

the ball into Bulldog territory and the drive stalled as they kicked a 26-yard field goal to take a 13-6 lead with just under two minutes to play.

The Bulldogs had three possessions in the fourth quarter starting at their own 20, three, and 10-yard lines. The last possession resulted in a safety to give the Wildcats their 15-6 win.

The Wildcats had been averaging 41 points in a game while giving up just five per game as they raised their record to 9-0. The 15 they scored on the Bulldogs was the second lowest for them. They were tied with Sebring at 14 before winning 29-28 in overtime.

DeSoto ends their season tomorrow night at Lakewood Ranch with a 7:30 game. Take the short drive over to the game to watch the boys in blue finish out the season with a win that would make them a very impressive 7-3 for the season.



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DeSoto's Trayvis Smith makes the stop on former Bulldog Ellis Hodges in the fourth quarter of Friday's 15-6 loss.

Jerks, snobs and tasers (Grammar Guy)

"I always correct people when they call an initialism that is not an acronym or an acronym. Although, I think I come across a bit like a snob or a jerk, or both." — Rick, Fishers, Ind.

Rick, you bring up a great point. Are you a snob, jerk, or both? When you wear your gold-rimmed monocle to the grocery store, it's a bit over the top. So, maybe you're a snob with jerk-like tendencies.

Regarding your grammar distinction, let's tackle it head-on. Most people probably think they know what an acronym is, but let's review. An acronym is an abbreviation where the abbreviation is formed from letters of other words,

usually the first letter of each word. This abbreviation (to be considered an acronym) needs to be pronounceable as its own word. Examples include NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), radar (Radio Detection and Ranging), SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics), and taser (Thomas A. Swift's Electric Rifle).

If you are pronouncing the abbreviation as its own word, your resulting word is an acronym. On the other hand, if you're pronouncing the letters of each word, you've got an initialism on your hands. Examples of initialisms include DVD (digital versatile disc), FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation), and FYI (for

your information). Initialisms are traditionally capitalized.

Now things get murky, thanks to the internet. Are internet slang abbreviations like LOL (laughing out loud) and ROFL (rolling on the floor laughing) acronyms or initialisms? I've heard people pronounce each of these abbreviated phrases using just the letters as well as spoken phonetically. In the case of ROFL, the acronym version rhymes with "awful." And, with the proliferation of texting and social media commenting, these abbreviations are increasingly not capitalized. In fact, if you capitalize them, you might be accused of being an old person.

As popular usage of the term acronym has expanded to include initialisms, I wouldn't be surprised if dictionaries follow suit to include initialisms in the definition of acronyms (much like figuratively has been added as a definition under literally). Does that make it right? Not necessarily. But, if you're going to constantly correct people about it, you'll probably be called both a snob and a jerk — even though you're right.

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Gas prices declining, for now

The average price in Florida for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.71, which is 5 cents less than last week, 11 cents less compared to last month, and 31 cents more than a year ago. Gas prices are being pushed lower due to seasonal demand, winter-blend fuel, and falling crude prices. As motorists settle into the fall driving season, which will likely decrease demand for cheaper-to-produce winter blend gasoline, pump prices will likely continue to decline into next week.

At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI decreased 26 cents to settle at \$67.59. Crude prices have mostly fallen this week, following release of EIA's weekly petroleum report that showed crude inventories increased for the fifth consecutive week. Domestic crude inventories gained 6.3 million bbl to

total 422.8 million bbl — a level not seen since the beginning of the driving season in June, according to EIA's latest data. Continued growth in domestic crude bbl held in storage will likely cause prices to decline temporarily. However, with pending U.S.-imposed sanctions on Iran's crude exports set to go into effect on November 4, lower crude prices may be short-lived as global supply tightens — amid robust global crude demand — later this fall.

On average, Florida motorists spend \$41 for a full tank of gasoline, \$4.50 more than this time last year. Most expensive gas price averages: Panama City (\$2.90), Crestview-Fort Walton Beach (\$2.83) and West Palm Beach-Boca Raton (\$2.82). Least expensive gas price averages: Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater (\$2.60), Orlando (\$2.61) and Punta Gorda (\$2.62).

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4. All entries must be received in our office by December 7, 2018 at 5 p.m.
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Migrant caravan rests in south Mexico, asks for buses



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Trump kicks off rally blitz with grievances, immigrant fears

By JILL COLVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ESTERO, Fla. — President Donald Trump on Wednesday kicked off his final campaign rally blitz before the midterm elections by accusing the media of sowing division and stoking fears about illegal immigration.

Trump's rally in Estero, just outside Fort Myers, was the first of 11 events he will hold across eight battlefield states over the next six days as he tries to bolster Republican turnout and counter Democratic enthusiasm heading into Election Day, which will determine whether the GOP retains control of Congress.

The president continued the grievance airing that has long been a fixture of his rallies, seizing on news reports about protests during his Tuesday visit to Pittsburgh, where he paid his respects to the 11 people killed at a synagogue in the worst anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history.

He said any protests there were small and far away from him, and he called reporting to the contrary "fake and make-believe."

A small group of protesters was within earshot of Trump outside the synagogue, and hundreds more were kept blocks away by police. Some community leaders had asked Trump not to make the trip.

"The left-wing media doesn't want to solve problems. They want to stoke resentment," Trump claimed, adding: "It has to stop."



AP PHOTOS

President Donald Trump reacts as supporters wave signs during a rally Wednesday in Estero.



President Trump, left, shakes hands with gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis.



Florida Gov. Rick Scott, right, hugs President Donald Trump during a rally Wednesday.

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Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect charged in 44-count indictment

By LEONARD GREENE
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Pittsburgh synagogue shooting suspect Robert Bowers was officially charged Wednesday in a 44-count indictment accusing him of heinous hate crimes in the murders of 11 people killed during a worship service.

After storming into the Tree of Life synagogue

heavily armed with Glock .357 handguns and a Colt AR-15 rifle Saturday, Bowers, 46, made clear his desire to "kill Jews" before opening fire on the assembly, gunning down parishioners that included a 97-year-old woman, authorities said.

Six others were also wounded in what was described as the deadliest attack on Jews in the U.S.



BOWERS

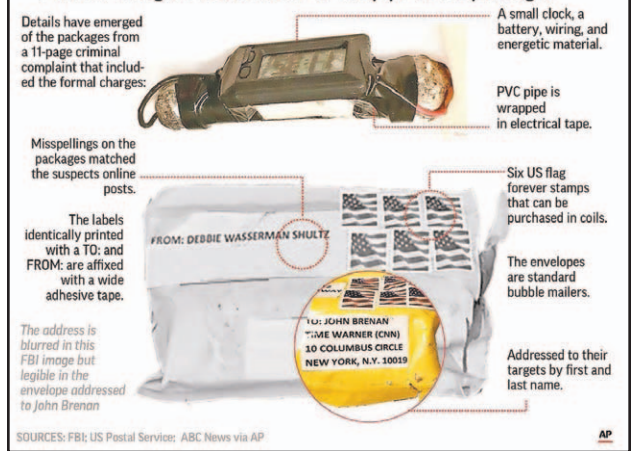
"Today begins the process of seeking justice for the victims of these hateful acts, and healing for the victims' families, the Jewish community, and our city," U.S. Attorney Scott Brady said.

"Our office will spare no resource, and will work with professionalism, integrity and diligence, in a way that honors the memories of the victims."

Charges against Bowers, a truck driver with a litany of anti-Semitic social media posts, include obstruction of

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Federal charges reveal details of the pipe bomb packages



Details have emerged of the packages from a 11-page criminal complaint that included the formal charges:

- A small clock, a battery, wiring, and energetic material.
- PVC pipe is wrapped in electrical tape.
- Six US flag forever stamps that can be purchased in coils.
- The envelopes are standard bubble mailers.
- Addressed to their targets by first and last name.
- The address is blurred in this FBI image but legible in the envelope addressed to John Brennan.
- Labels printed with a TO: and FROM: are affixed with a wide adhesive tape.
- Misspellings on the packages matched the suspects online posts.

SOURCES: FBI; US Postal Service; ABC News via AP

Pipe bomb suspect searched targets, photos online

By CURT ANDERSON
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Pipe bomb suspect Cesar Sayoc searched for addresses of his targets online and had photos of many of them on his cellphone, including one of Michelle Obama's driver's license, federal prosecutors said in a letter outlining more evidence against him.

The letter sent by Justice Department prosecutors in New York to a Miami federal judge also says Sayoc began plotting the "domestic terror attack" in July while living in his van. The old white vehicle was plastered with photos praising Donald Trump and targeting his critics, depicting some of Sayoc's alleged opponents with red crosshairs on their faces.

The FBI says Sayoc ultimately mailed 15 improvised explosive devices to prominent Democrats, Trump critics and media outlets before he was arrested in the van last week.

The 56-year-old Sayoc faces five federal charges in Manhattan carrying a combined maximum sentence of 48 years behind bars, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors said in the letter to U.S. Magistrate Judge Edwin Torres that Sayoc should remain jailed without bail. A detention hearing is set Friday in Miami, as well as a hearing on when Sayoc should be sent to New York to stand trial. Additional charges are likely, they said.

"Because of the powerful proof that the defendant perpetrated these acts, he poses a substantial danger to the community. In light of the consequences at issue and the likelihood of conviction, the defendant is also a substantial flight risk. Therefore, pretrial detention is appropriate," the letter says.

Among Sayoc's online searches for addresses, prosecutors said, were for former President Barack Obama, former

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Video shows 'fight club' organized by teachers at day care center

By JIM SALTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — A St. Louis day care center is under fire after a video surfaced showing preschoolers punching each other in what appeared to be a fight club organized by teachers.

KTVI-TV obtained video taken at Adventure Learning Center in December 2016. It shows small boys wearing oversized green Incredible Hulk fists punching each other, including in the head. At one point, a teacher jumps up and down in apparent excitement.

The only person seen trying to break up a fight is another preschooler.

Police and state inspectors investigated. Both teachers were fired but no charges were filed and the center was allowed to remain open.

The mothers of two of the children are suing. The case goes to trial in December.

Phone calls Wednesday to Adventure Learning Center went unanswered. A woman who answered the phone at another Adventure Learning Center in the St. Louis area declined to comment.

The video was captured by the 10-year-old brother of one of the participants, who was in an adjoining

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'Obamacare' sign-ups begin today amid stabilizing premiums and more choice

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Affordable Care Act's sixth sign-up season opens Thursday amid stabilizing premiums and more choice for consumers.

Nationally, average premiums are going up only by low single-digit percentages for 2019. In some states, and for some types of plans, premiums will decline. Fewer areas will see increases.

Insurers also are expanding their participation.

Health care ranks among voters' top concerns going into next

week's midterm elections.

A year ago, it wasn't even clear if former President Barack Obama's signature program would survive repeated efforts by President Donald Trump and Republicans to repeal it.

There have been changes. It might be more difficult finding help in enrolling, after the Trump administration sharply scaled back funding for sign-up counselors known as "navigators." Even so, independent community groups still guide consumers through the paperwork.



AP PHOTO

Contractor Mike Hewitt is a self-employed home remodeling contractor covered by Obamacare who is planning to renew, fell off a roof a few years ago and he says he was lucky that he was covered by the ACA because it allowed him to get treatment for a shattered heel and torn arm muscles.

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Florida poll shows Nelson-Scott and DeSantis-Gillum races too close to call

By ANTHONY MAN
SUN SENTINEL

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A poll of Florida likely voters released Tuesday — one week before Election Day — shows the critical races for Florida governor and U.S. Senate are too close to call.

Democratic gubernatorial nominee Andrew Gillum and Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson have slight leads over their Republican opponents — but they're so close that the races effectively are tied, in the poll conducted by Suffolk University for the USA Today Network.

A different poll, released Tuesday by the University of North Florida, reported the same result in the Senate contest, but a bigger lead for Gillum in the gubernatorial race.

The numbers:

- Gillum, 45 percent; Republican gubernatorial nominee Ron DeSantis, 44 percent, in the Suffolk University/USA Today poll.

Another 8 percent were undecided and 2 percent refused to respond. A potentially decisive factor: Four other candidates whose names will appear on the ballot — one Reform Party candidate and three with no party affiliation — received a combined total of 1.4 percent.

In the University of North Florida poll, Gillum had 49 percent to 43 percent for DeSantis, with 7 percent undecided.

- Nelson, 45 percent; Republican senatorial nominee Rick Scott 43 percent, in the Suffolk University poll.

Another 10 percent were undecided and 2 percent would not respond.

UNF reported 47 percent for Nelson, 46 percent for Scott and 7 percent undecided.

— Republicans and Democrats have largely made up their minds in both races and overwhelmingly favor their party's nominees. The Suffolk poll reported

many independent voters — 23 percent in the governor's race and 27 percent in the Senate race — are undecided. UNF found a smaller share of undecided independents, 13 percent in the governor's race and 10 percent in the governor's race.

Michael Binder, faculty director at UNF's Public Opinion Research Lab, estimated that 19 percent of the ballots in the election will be cast by no party affiliation voters or people registered in various alternative parties.

Suffolk University polled 500 likely voters and people who said they've already voted using live callers to cell phones and landlines. The poll, conducted from Thursday through Sunday, has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

The UNF Public Opinion Research Lab used live callers from Oct. 23 to Oct. 26. It said the survey of 1,051 likely voters has a

margin of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The Suffolk University/USA Today Network poll found that Gillum led DeSantis among women (50 percent to 38 percent), young voters (50 percent to 34 percent), black voters (81 percent to 4 percent), and Hispanic voters (52 percent to 36 percent).

DeSantis led among men (51 percent to 40 percent), older voters (61 percent to 31 percent), and white voters (53 percent to 37 percent).

UNF and Suffolk are both highly regarded pollsters. Pollster ratings from statisticians at fivethirtyeight.com give UNF an A-minus rating and Suffolk a B-plus rating.

In the 2016 presidential election, Suffolk University's poll showed 1.4 percentage point lead for Republican Donald Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton. Trump won the state by 1.2 percentage points.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Police search for clues in slayings of 2 aspiring rappers

MIRAMAR, Fla. (AP) — Investigators in Florida are trying to determine who killed two aspiring rappers whose bodies were riddled with gunshot wounds when a friend drove them to a hospital's emergency room.

Miramar police spokeswoman Tania Rues said that 21-year-old Anthony Williams and 19-year-old Christopher Thomas were last seen alive at 3:20 a.m. on Oct. 26 in Fort Lauderdale.

Early voting in Florida surges past 2014 totals

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — More than 3.4 million people in Florida have already voted, surpassing the number who voted early or by mail four years ago.

New statistics released Wednesday by the state Division of Elections show registered Republicans still have the edge, casting

1.43 million ballots compared to nearly 1.37 million by registered Democrats. More than 592,000 voters with no party affiliation have voted.

There are more than 13 million registered voters in Florida, where the governor's office and a Senate seat are in play.

Alabama man fatally hit by tractor-trailer in Florida

JAY, Fla. (AP) — Florida authorities say an Alabama man has been killed by a tractor-trailer that ran him over while he was cleaning the vehicle's undercarriage.

The Pensacola News Journal reports a Florida Highway Patrol release says 59-year-old Craig Sullivan was run over Tuesday morning by 43-year-old Anthony Mincey, of Georgia.

It says the vehicle's shipment was removed and Mincey was told to pull the vehicle forward. It says Mincey was unaware Sullivan still was beneath the vehicle. Sullivan was hit by the tractor-trailer and airlifted to a hospital where he died from his injuries.

An investigation is ongoing.

Walmart throws surprise shower for homeless baby born in wake of hurricane

PANAMA CITY, Fla. (AP) — The family of a baby who spent his first night out of the hospital in a Walmart parking lot after Hurricane Michael just got a surprise baby shower.

The happy event happened at a Walmart near the store where the family hunkered down in those dark days following the Category 4 storm.

Wilmer Capps, his wife Lorrainda Smith and their baby Luke were surprised on Tuesday after they were told to show up at the Walmart for a hurricane recovery meeting.

They were greeted with the best news they've had in a while: a year's supply of diapers, a food voucher, and a cake with rubber duckies on it

that said, "Walmart loves Luke." "It was a real big surprise," said Smith, a Panama City native.

The family's home was damaged, as was much of the Florida Panhandle city. On baby Luke's first night out of the hospital, the family hunkered down in the back of their pickup in the parking lot, because they were low on gas and fearful of driving at night with a curfew in place.

After that night, they got help finding a room in a hotel where several Walmart employees were staying. Other store workers and a company truck driver have helped them with necessities since then.

"These people needed help.

The baby needed to be cool. You could tell they were all three hot and tired and hungry. We offered everything we had," said Nick Davis, the Walmart truck driver, who met the family at the hotel when he brought a mobile shower unit for the company employees. The hotel didn't have electricity or running water at that time. "I was just trying to ease their mind. They were very stressed out."

The family is staying in another hotel now, having received two free weeks. Smith isn't sure what they'll do long-term; Capps is looking for work.

"We're taking it day by day, minute by minute," she said.



AP FILE PHOTO

Lorrainda Smith feeds two-day-old Luke out of the back of her pickup while preparing to spend the first night out of the hospital with her newborn and husband Wilmer Capps in a parking lot in Panama City, Fla., after their home was badly damaged from Hurricane Michael.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Bomb injures 3 Russian security officers; attacker dead

MOSCOW (AP) — A man set off a bomb at the entrance of the local branch of Russia's main intelligence agency in a northern city Wednesday, injuring three security officials and killing himself, authorities said.

The man entered the local branch of the FSB intelligence agency in Akhangelsk and removed the improvised explosive device from a bag, causing it to detonate, the National Anti-Terrorist Committee said.

The explosion killed the man and injured three FSB officers. It was not immediately clear if the man had meant to just leave the bomb or had also intended to die.

Russian investigators later identified the attacker as a local 17-year-old man and said they are treating the attack as an act of terrorism.

Akhangelsk governor Igor Orlov had earlier reported one death but did not indicate that that was the attacker. Authorities cordoned off the area around the FSB office and boosted security measures at all public offices in the city.

The FSB and other security have been targeted in the past in another region, the North Caucasus, mostly by Islamist insurgents.

Pakistan court acquits Christian on death row for blasphemy

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A Christian woman who spent

eight years on death row under Pakistan's blasphemy law was acquitted and ordered released Wednesday by the country's top court, a ruling that raised fears of violence by religious extremists who held angry protests over the verdict.

Asia Bibi was in an undisclosed location for her safety, and her lawyer said he expected that she would soon leave the country. France and Spain have offered asylum to the 54-year-old mother of five, who is a Roman Catholic.

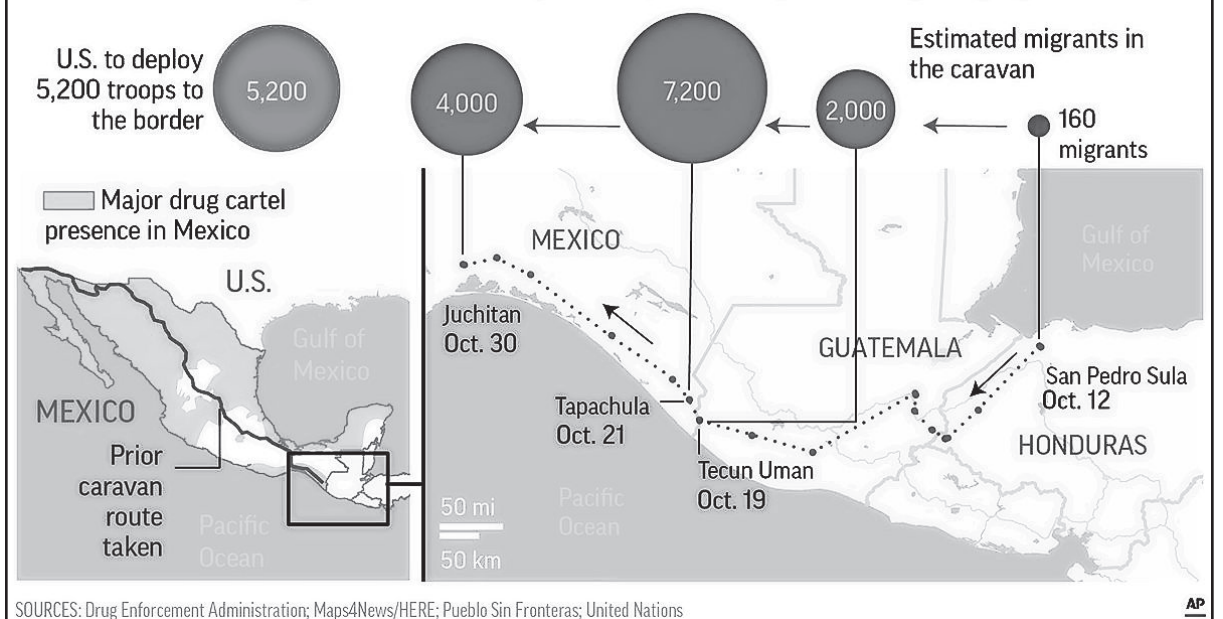
The verdict was seen as a hopeful sign by Christians in Pakistan, where the mere rumor of blasphemy can spark lynchings. Religious minorities, who have been repeatedly targeted by extremists, fear the law because it is often used to settle scores and to pressure minorities.

Salman Taseer, the governor of Punjab province, was shot and killed by one of his guards in 2011 for defending Bibi and criticizing the misuse of the law. The assassin, Mumtaz Qadri, was hanged for the crime, but later was hailed by religious hard-liners as a martyr, with millions visiting a shrine set up for him near Islamabad. Shahbaz Bhatti, Pakistan's minister for minorities, was killed later that year after demanding justice for Bibi.

Bibi, who has been held in solitary confinement on death row since 2010, was accused of blasphemy after she quarreled with two fellow female farm workers, who refused to drink from a container used by a Christian. A few days later, a mob accused her of insulting Islam's Prophet Muhammad, leading to her initial conviction.

Migrant caravan faces major hurdles on a long trek

The Pentagon plans to add troops to the Southwest border in anticipation of a slow-moving caravan of Central America migrants who banded together for protection against the region's gangs.



Weary migrant caravan rests in south Mexico, asks for buses

JUCHITAN, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of weary Central American migrants in a caravan that has advanced 250 miles into Mexico but remains far from the U.S. border hope they won't have to walk anymore, at least for a while.

Representatives of the group sought Wednesday to negotiate use of dozens of buses to carry the migrants hundreds of miles ahead, as the caravan took at least a day off from the grind of walking and hitching rides in packed trucks from small town to small town.

But as of the afternoon, there was no outward sign they'd had success in finding buses to carry them.

Organizers say the buses, if they do materialize, would take the estimated 4,000 migrants to Mexico City for meetings with legislators, not to the still-distant U.S. border, though some would probably continue to the border after reaching the capital.

A second, smaller group of 1,000 or so migrants who forced their way into Mexico on Monday was trailing some 250 miles back. They spent Tuesday night in the city of Tapachula.

Behind them, a third group of migrants from El Salvador had already made it to Guatemala, and on Wednesday a fourth group of about 700 Salvadorans set out from the capital, San Salvador, with plans to walk to the U.S. border, 1,500 miles away.

The caravans combined represent just a few days' worth of the average flow of migrants to the United States in recent years. Similar caravans have occurred regularly over the years and passed largely unnoticed, but U.S. President Donald Trump has seized on them to try to make border security a hot-button issue less than a week before midterm elections.

The Pentagon has announced it will deploy 5,200 troops to the Southwest border, though federal law restricts the military from engaging in law enforcement on U.S. soil. So their role would largely

be limited to activities such as providing helicopter support for border missions, installing concrete barriers and vehicle maintenance, rather than detaining migrants.

Trump said Wednesday that the number could go as high as 15,000. He also tweeted: "We will NOT let these Caravans, which are also made up of some very bad thugs and gang members, into the U.S. Our Border is sacred, must come in legally. TURN AROUND!"

Worn down from long miles of walking and frustrated by the slow progress, many migrants have done just that, dropping out and returning home or applying for protected status in Mexico. The initial group is significantly diminished from its estimated peak at more than 7,000 migrants. A caravan in the spring ultimately fizzled to just about 200 people who reached the U.S. border at San Diego.

Mexican Interior Secretary Alfonso Navarrete Prada said about 2,300 have applied to stay in Mexico under a government plan, and hundreds more have accepted assisted repatriation.



AP PHOTO

Sisters Rotana, left, and Tala Farea, whose fully clothed bodies, bound together with tape and facing each other, were discovered on the banks of New York City's Hudson River waterfront on Oct. 24. The Farea sisters from Saudia Arabia, Rotana, 22 and Tala, 16, had been living in Fairfax, Virginia, and were reported missing in August.

Mystery deaths: Saudi sisters taped together washed ashore in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Police investigating the mysterious deaths of two Saudi Arabian sisters whose bound bodies washed up on New York City's waterfront on Oct. 24 say it appears they were alive when they went into the water.

New York City police said Wednesday that 16-year-old Tala Farea and 22-year-old Rotana Farea were last seen Sept. 24 in Virginia, where they lived, and appear to have traveled together to New York.

Investigators haven't determined how the sisters died. They say there were no obvious signs of trauma.

The sisters' mother told detectives that a Saudi official called her the day before the bodies were discovered and said the family had to leave the U.S. because her daughters had applied for political asylum.

The NYPD says there's no known nexus between the sisters' death and the Saudi government.

Justices weigh \$8.5M settlement with \$0 to 129 million Google users

By MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court struggled Wednesday over what to do about an \$8.5 million class-action settlement involving Google and privacy concerns in which all the money went to lawyers and nonprofit groups but nothing was paid to 129 million people who used Google to perform internet searches.

The justices considered objections to the settlement in a case involving Google searches people do about themselves. The lawsuit argues that Google sends website operators potentially identifying information when someone clicks on a link produced by a search. The suit says the practice violates users' privacy under federal law.

The issue at the court concerns the rare instances in which courts approve a "cy pres" settlement, roughly translated as near as possible, and find it's impractical to send money to the very large class of affected people.

Google agreed to settle the class action for users of its search function between 2006 and 2014. Of the \$8.5 million, \$2.1 million eventually went to lawyers, \$1 million paid administrative costs and \$5.3 million was set aside for six organizations that deal with internet privacy issues. Four of the groups are affiliated with universities, while the other two are the World Privacy Forum and AARP.

The three individuals who initially sued received \$5,000 each, but the millions of Google users they represented received nothing. If all 129 million people had been paid, they would have gotten 4 cents each.

Settlements in which class members get no money at all are rare, class action expert and Harvard law professor William Rubenstein wrote in a court filing. Rubenstein counted 18 such settlements

stretching back to 1995.

Theodore Frank, representing himself and other objecting Google users, said that if the court were to uphold the settlement, it would create "perverse incentives for class counsel to divert money away from their clients and to third parties."

The justices seemed to approach the case from several different angles, making it hard to see how it would be resolved.

Chief Justice John Roberts, among the justices who appeared most critical of the settlement, tended to sarcasm in asking whether AARP was an appropriate recipient of some of the money. "As if this is only a problem for elderly people?" Roberts asked.

The chief justice also raised questions about Google's involvement in the process of picking the recipients of the money, including a group it had previously contributed to. "Well, don't you think it's just a little bit fishy?" Roberts asked lawyer Jeffrey Lamken, who supported the settlement on behalf of the individual plaintiffs and the class.

Less than a month removed from his tumultuous confirmation with its allegations of sexual misconduct, Justice Brett Kavanaugh said he understood why people would object to the information about their searches being provided to websites. "I don't think anyone would want the disclosure of everything they searched for disclosed to other people. That seems a harm," Kavanaugh said.

The justices' understanding of the technology at issue in their cases can be imperfect. On Wednesday, Andrew Pincus, the lawyer representing Google, had to explain several times that the initial lawsuit was over referrer headers, information that is sent to a website when someone clicks on a link suggested by a Google search.

Trump administration restricts technology exports to Chinese semiconductor maker

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration has imposed restrictions on technology exports to a state-supported Chinese semiconductor maker, citing national security grounds amid a mounting tariff battle.

The controls imposed Monday on Fujian Jinhua Integrated Circuit Co. reflect concern Chinese competition could drive American technology suppliers out of business, leaving the military without secure sources of components.

Beijing has spent heavily to build up Jinhua and other chip makers as part of efforts to transform China into a global leader in robotics, artificial intelligence and other technology industries.

The United States, Europe and other trading partners say Beijing's tactics violate its market-opening obligations. American officials worry they might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

President Donald Trump has imposed tariffs of up to 25 percent on \$250 billion of Chinese goods in an effort to pressure Beijing to roll back those plans.

Jinhua is completing "substantial production capacity" for integrated circuits, possibly using U.S. technology, which "threatens the long-term economic viability of U.S. suppliers of these essential components of U.S. military systems," said a Commerce Department statement.

The company was added to the department's "Entity List," which will require it to obtain an export license for all software, technology and commodities, the Commerce Department said. It said such applications "will be reviewed with a presumption of denial."

That "will limit its ability to threaten the supply chain for essential components in our military systems," Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in the statement.

China's foreign ministry said it hoped foreign governments would treat Chinese companies "reasonably and fairly."

"We hope the United States will do something

that serves the two sides' interest and helps improve mutual trust, instead of the other way around," said a ministry spokesman, Lu Kang.

Calls to Fujian Jinhua's offices rang unanswered Tuesday and there was no immediate response to an inquiry made through their website.

The order marks the second U.S. action this year blocking technology exports to a Chinese buyer.

ZTE Corp., China's second-biggest maker of telecoms equipment, faced possible bankruptcy this year after Washington imposed a seven-year ban on sales of U.S. technology to the company over its exports to Iran and North Korea.

Mafia hit man suspected in Whitey Bulger's slaying

BOSTON (AP) — A Mafia hit man who is said to hate "rats" is under suspicion in the slaying of former Boston crime boss and longtime FBI informant James "Whitey" Bulger, who was found dead hours after he was transferred to a West Virginia prison, an ex-investigator briefed on the case said Wednesday.

The former official said that Fotios "Freddy" Geas and at least one other inmate are believed to have been involved in Bulger's killing. The longtime investigator was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Authorities have not disclosed the cause of death.

Among the many

unanswered questions after Bulger was found dead on Tuesday: Why was he moved to the prison? And why was a frail 89-year-old like Bulger — a known "snitch" — placed in the general population instead of more protective housing?

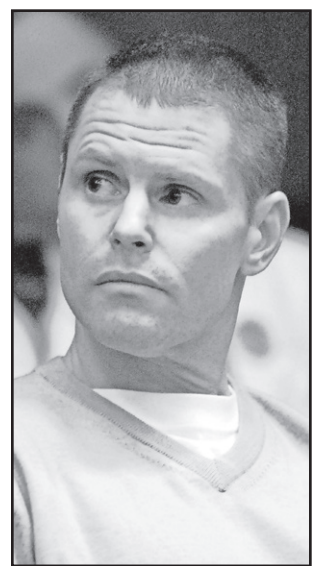
Geas, 51, and his brother were sentenced to life in prison in 2011 for their roles in several violent crimes, including the 2003 killing of Adolfo "Big Al" Bruno, a Genovese crime family boss who was gunned down in a Springfield, Massachusetts, parking lot.

Private investigator Ted McDonough, who knew Geas, told The Boston Globe: "Freddy hated rats." "Freddy hated guys

who abused women. Whitey was a rat who killed women. It's probably that simple," McDonough told the newspaper, which first reported that Geas was under suspicion.

"What I don't understand is why the Federal Bureau of Prisons would transfer a super high-publicity inmate, who is a known snitch, to general population of a high-security prison," said Cameron Lindsay, a former federal prison warden who now works as a jail security consultant. "You've got to be smarter than that."

He added: "If I was the warden of Hazelton, I would have never, ever allowed him to be put within my general population. It is just too risky."



AP PHOTO

In this April 14, 2009, photo, Fotios "Freddy" Geas appears in court in the Al Bruno murder case, in Springfield, Mass.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

Facebook, Instagram ban far-right Proud Boys and founder

NEW YORK (AP) — The far-right Proud Boys and their founder, Gavin McInnes, have been banned from Facebook and Instagram because of policies against hate groups.

McInnes called the ban censorship in an email Wednesday. He said "the left" is "ramping up the hysteria with fake news" ahead of next week's elections.

The Southern Poverty Law Center uses the hate group label for the all-male Proud Boys. But the group identifies as "western chauvinists" and say they "refuse to apologize for creating the modern world."

Man arrested on suspicion of food tampering at Target

PHOENIX (AP) — A man was arrested and accused of food tampering after he allegedly poured liquids into a freezer case at a Target store, authorities said Wednesday.

Police said David Clare Lohr Jr., 48, was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of adding a harmful substance to food and that investigators believed he was involved in previous potential tampering incidents at five other Target stores in Phoenix and three suburbs.

Nobody required medical treatment as a result of the Tuesday incident, said Capt. Rob McDade, a Phoenix Fire Department spokesman. Target said in a statement that no illnesses related to contaminants have been reported to the company.

A Target employee called police after seeing a person pouring liquid in the store, said Sgt. Mercedes Fortune, a police department spokeswoman. Target personnel were on the lookout for possible tampering attempts because of the previous incidents, at least some of which occurred earlier in October, Fortune said.

California dam spillway will be ready for rain

OROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — California water officials said Wednesday that the \$1.1 billion spillway at the nation's tallest dam will be in full working order if it's needed this winter, nearly two years

after it was damaged and thousands were forced to flee.

Crews have finished pouring concrete on the main spillway at Oroville Dam, though it still needs to cure for a month and other work is necessary before it can be used, the California Department of Water Resources announced. Crews will also continue pouring concrete on an adjacent emergency spillway.

Both spillways at the dam crumbled and fell away during heavy rains in early 2017, prompting fears a catastrophic release of water. State officials had assured the public for days leading up to the failures that the dam could handle rising waters amid persistent and heavy rains.

Then on Feb. 12, 2017, officials ordered an immediate evacuation, fearing that a concrete weir that holds water in the lake could collapse within an hour.

Officials said in September that the cost for reconstruction had ballooned to \$1.1 billion and said the figure could still rise. The water agency plans to ask the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pay 75 percent of the repair costs after the project is finished. The rest would be borne by State Water Project customers.

Woman in wreck saved after 6 days in Ariz. desert

PHOENIX (AP) — A woman spent six days in the Arizona desert after her car veered off a highway, surviving injuries from the crash and getting rescued after someone noticed a broken fence, authorities said Wednesday.

The Department of Public Safety said two state transportation workers and a rancher were corralling a cow along a highway on Oct. 18 when they saw a break in a fence outside the historic Western town of Wickenburg, about an hour's drive northwest of Phoenix.

As they inspected the damaged fence, they spotted a mangled car entangled in a mesquite tree. A DPS trooper responded but did not find anyone in the vehicle. The group followed human tracks to a riverbed for about 500 yards and found a 53-year-old woman severely dehydrated and with serious injuries.

According to the trooper, the woman recounted how she was

driving on U.S. 60 on Oct. 12 when she lost control of her car. The vehicle went through the fence and dropped 50 feet landing in the tree.

She stayed inside her car for several days before trying to walk toward some railroad tracks to find help, but she was too weak to make it, authorities said. She was airlifted to a hospital.

Debt companies to pay \$9M to settle suit over illegal calls

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Debt collection companies have agreed to pay \$9 million and curb illegal phone-calling practices to settle a civil lawsuit brought by prosecutors in California.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office says the deal with Allied Interstate, parent company iQor Holdings and affiliated firms was approved by a judge Tuesday.

The lawsuit alleged the companies engaged in illegal debt collection practices including calling consumers with excessive frequency and failing to stop calling even when told they had reached a wrong number.

The settlement sets strict phone call parameters over the next five years.

The judgment includes \$8 million in civil penalties plus \$1 million to reimburse prosecutors for the costs of investigating and filing the case.

Damage from Florence in North Carolina at \$17B

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — State officials now say the damage in North Carolina from Hurricane Florence has approached \$17 billion, an increase from a previous estimate.

The Office of State Budget and Management said in a news release the latest figure is based on new data from the N.C. Department of Insurance. The previous figure of \$13 billion was based on estimates and projections.

A news release from Gov. Roy Cooper's office said damage from Florence is historic compared to previous storms in North Carolina. Hurricane Matthew in 2016 caused \$4.8 billion in damages. When adjusted for inflation, 1999's Hurricane Floyd caused between \$7 billion and \$9.4 billion in damages.

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

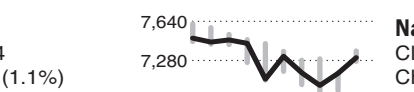
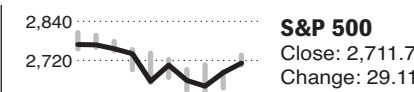
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Money&Markets

Combined Stocks From the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

Table of stock prices with columns: Tkr, Name, Last, Chg. Includes sub-sections A-B-C, D-E-F, and G-H-I.



Stocks Recap table with columns: NYSE, NASD, Vol. (in mil.), Pvs. Volume, Declined, New Highs, New Lows.

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Low-dose aspirin taken daily as a preventative measure

DEAR DR. ROACH: I wondered what your reaction is to the recent study suggesting that taking an 81-mg aspirin daily has no/little benefit for anyone who has not already experienced heart disease or blood vessel issues (stroke) and may pose more risk in the form of stomach bleeding than benefit?

I have been taking the low-dose aspirin daily as a preventive measure for a number of years based on some bad family heart history (my dad's two brothers and my brother all had quadruple bypass surgeries at age 50). Dad had bypass surgery at age 84, though he did not have any prior identified heart issues. He is doing pretty well at age 93 today.

I'm age 64 and do not have any stomach/bleeding issues (nor have any identified heart issues), but do not want to continue the aspirin if there is more risk than likely benefit. — D.R.B.

ANSWER: There have been many studies on aspirin, and



Dr. Roach

although it is clear that people with known blockages in the blood vessels of the heart benefit from regular aspirin use, it remains unclear how much benefit (if any) exists for people without known heart disease. One large study decades ago showed such a large benefit that the study needed to be stopped, as it was considered unethical not to offer aspirin to everybody. Since then, there have been numerous studies that have been unable to confirm a benefit for people at lower risk.

In the current study, the subjects (a person in a study is a "subject" not a "patient") had far less cardiac "events" (such as heart attack or stroke) than expected, and even though the rate was slightly lower in the group taking aspirin, the results were neither statistically significant nor large enough to be clinically meaningful. The adverse event rate related to treatment was about 3 percent higher in the aspirin group.

The higher your risk of heart disease, the more likely you are to benefit from taking aspirin, but since there is always a risk, it should not be taken by people who are at low risk for heart disease. Family history is one risk, but blood pressure, cholesterol level, diet and exercise patterns, and smoking history also should be considered when balancing risks and benefits of aspirin. It's still not a straightforward decision for many people, and the new study didn't really help identify who benefits.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Should Americans be concerned that our medicines are being manufactured in foreign countries? — S.H.

ANSWER: The Food and Drug Administration regulates all drugs sold in the United States, and all drugs are required to meet the same standards.

However, there have been several recent high-profile incidents of contaminated pharmaceuticals and raw materials used for manufacturing coming from several countries. The FDA cannot perfectly regulate products coming from other countries, some of which do not have strong consumer protection laws or product liability laws. A very large proportion of drugs sold in the U.S. are made in or have ingredients made in countries, some of whose factories may not follow good manufacturing practices. We need better inspection in the short term, and reconsideration about the outsourcing of materials to the lowest-cost manufacturer.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- 1 leaves a position (7)
- 2 you blow into it (10)
- 3 longing (9)
- 4 concurs (7)
- 5 lure (4)
- 6 "Rules of Civility" author (6)
- 7 gets off the jet (8)

SOLUTIONS

PLA	VA	ES	TS	HAN
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Wednesday's Answers: 1. VEIN 2. BELIED 3. BORROWS 4. HYDRATES 5. BEDDING 6. TILLER 7. CHECKED

Reader is very concerned about co-worker's health

DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker I work closely with. Almost every day I hear her throwing up in the bathroom. Although it has been going on for years, it seems to have gotten worse.

I don't feel comfortable enough to bring this up to her, but something has to happen. Do I mention this to HR? Our boss runs his mouth a lot, and I don't know if I can say anything without it getting around. — Worried For Her

DEAR WORRIED: Talk to someone in HR and explain that you're concerned that a fellow employee (unnamed) may suffer from a life-threatening illness and need help. Let HR try to get her the medical intervention she so desperately appears to need.

DEAR ABBY: I am a young teenage dancer. My friends in dance class are wonderful except for one thing. Four of them hide in our dressing rooms, bathroom and anywhere else they won't be seen to smoke e-cigarettes.

My one close friend asked me once if I wanted to try it. When I said no, she knew better than to press further. Other friends keep telling



Dear Abby

me it's fun. I know if I did it and my parents found out, they would kill me. Plus, I don't want to get caught up in that deadly cycle.

What should I do? — Baffled At Ballet

DEAR ABBY: You are an intelligent young lady to recognize that "sampling" tobacco products can lead to addiction. Good for you!

When the government finally clamped down on the tobacco companies in an attempt to prevent yet another generation from becoming addicted, I thought that would be the end of it. Imagine my consternation when they came out with flavored vaping fluids to seduce more young people.

Rather than tell the teacher, talk to your parents about what's going on so they can quietly mention it to the parents of the other girls.

JUMBLE

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

LAGEE

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RIYFUP

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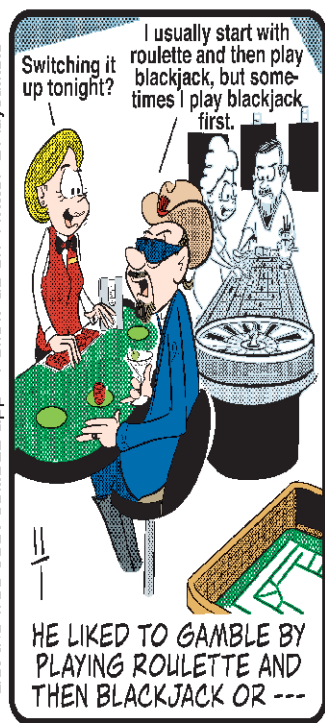
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Answer here:

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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.

Yesterday's Jumbles: THREW FLOOD SMOKER FIASCO
Answer: Sleepy Hollow's legendary horseman liked to relax before he had to — HEAD OFF TO WORK

KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

12X	3-		3+
	1-		
2÷	2÷		3
	3	3-	

CHALLENGING

5	3+		1-	48X
5-	3÷	40X		6
			5	1-
24X	11+		3+	4-
		6		1-
	13+			8+

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

8+	4	1	6X	2	2
1-	3	4	2	1	
2÷	2	3	12X	1	4
2	1	2	4	3	

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"Serving time in solitary is cruel and unusual punishment."

Cryptoquip

11-1

"BIBSGI BEXIE" GJVVE
CSJHPYIA EM THUIBETOSEI
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THE DEVOUT CATHOLIC GUY WANTED TO BUY SEVERAL PRAYER BEADS, HE WENT ROSARY SHOPPING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals S

SPORTS SLEUTH

SPORTS WITH A CLOCK

J T Q O M J H F R C A Y W U Y
R E P B A S K E T B A L L N E
L J S H F D C M U B Z X V T K
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Wednesday's unlisted clue: TRICK

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

Basketball	Football	Mile run	Soccer
Bobsled	Ice hockey	Polo	Swimming
Bull riding	Lacrosse	Rugby	Wrestling
Field hockey	Luge	Slalom	

The home safety checklist

Dear Readers: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (www.CPSC.gov) has compiled a top-10 SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR YOUR HOME:

Smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors with fresh batteries are a must, as are ground-fault circuit interrupters in wet areas.

Your home should be well-lit inside and out, with nonslip flooring and no clutter in walkways. Devise two exit strategies to get out.

Combustibles should not be left by curtains, bedding and furniture. Have a professional inspect your chimney and furnace once per year.



Hints from Heloise

The CPSC recommends that your water heater be set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit to help prevent burns.

Finally, keep all medications in child-resistant bottles; matches and lighters must be out of reach, too. Safety is always priority one. — Heloise

WHATZIT?

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

F	O	R	T	U	N	E
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SOLUTION: Run out of luck

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best people to be around aren't the ones who nag you to be different; they are the ones who make you want to be better by modeling a different way of being.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you're the apprentice, and sometimes you're the master. To help another person give life to their dreams is a gift to you as well, and vice versa. The roles are interchangeable and equal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you learn today will light your way. Tomorrow will be better because of it. If there's some waiting around or a little stress, it's par for the course. Life is on track. Things are getting better.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Many appreciate what you do. Not everyone. The ones who get it really get it. Those are the ones you're aiming your best efforts toward. Keep company with those who uplift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll solve the problem by thinking less and feeling more. Imagine yourself as a coral-like

receptor, with the ocean flowing around and through you. As you move in response, how can it be anything but right?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are a few dynamics at play that are no longer ideal for you, to say the least. You can always make a change. That's an option you have; you just have to decide to take it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To have an awareness of your shadow side is a start. But to know that your shadow is actually just the flip side of the best that's in you is the golden ticket to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't underestimate the detrimental impact of too much seriousness. A deficit of fun is a drain on vitality. It may not be noticeable at first, but letting the levels get too low puts all that's good in jeopardy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't forget your manners. You almost never do, and that is among the reasons you'll be chosen for today's task, which calls for someone who can be reliably polite.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are a few options on the table, one of which

seems particularly appealing if not for the fact that it will take a very long time to realize. Don't let that deter you. The time will pass no matter what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Nothing develops a person quite like traveling. And you needn't go far. Even a visit inside the next-door neighbor's house will fortify you. The important part is that you learn about others. Ask questions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If silliness is a skill, it's an important one. People need silliness. It takes a certain amount of confidence to risk being seen as foolish. And it involves an instinct for guessing what will make the other person laugh.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 1). You've weathered storms of all sorts, and now it's time to revel in emotional sunshine. Not one to let life overwhelm you, you'll make an exception in matters of love. Developments in your personal life inspire special events, travel and the integration of other families and friend groups. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 18, 3, 33, 28 and 50.

Thursday, November 1, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES
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BREAKING THE RULE

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH		EAST	
♠ K Q 5 3	♥ K Q	♠ 9 7 4 2	♥ 8 7 3
♦ A Q J 7 6 3	♣ 8	♦ 5 2	♣ K 10 7 5
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ A 10 6	♥ 6 5 4 2	♠ J 8	♥ A J 10 9
♦ K 10	♣ A J 9 4	♦ 9 8 4	♣ Q 6 3 2

The bidding:
NORTH 1♦
EAST Pass
SOUTH 1♥
WEST Pass
NORTH 1♠
EAST Pass
SOUTH INT
WEST Pass
NORTH 3NT
EAST All pass

Opening lead: Four of ♣

There are many rules regarding correct card play at bridge. One of these concerns the correct card to play when returning partner's suit. The rule says that you should play from "present count," meaning that if your current count, after playing one card already, is even, you should return a high card to tell partner that you have an even number of cards remaining in the suit. Alternatively, should you have an odd number of cards remaining, you should return a low card. When partner knows how many cards you have in the suit, he will also know how many cards declarer has in the suit. There are cases, however, when this rule must be broken.

Today's deal is from a team game at the recent World Championships held in Orlando. At one table, East won the opening club lead and returned his five of clubs, showing an odd number of cards remaining in the suit. Declarer played low and West could not take more than three club tricks plus the ace of spades. The lucky position in diamonds allowed declarer to emerge with nine tricks.

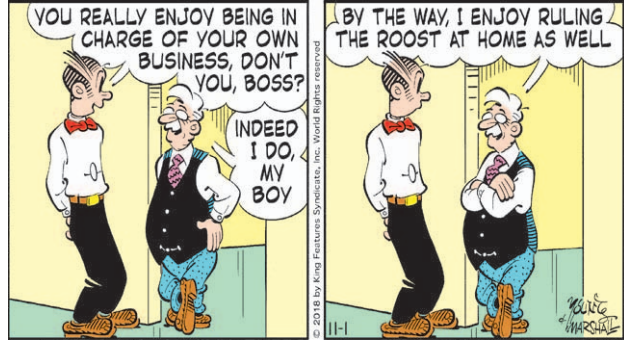
At this table, Italian expert Giorgio Duboin realized that he would never regain the lead and this would be his only chance to return partner's suit. He broke the rule and played back the 10 of clubs. This smoothly allowed the defense to take the first four club tricks. That, plus the ace of spades, meant down one for declarer. Well done!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper. Please send your e-mail responses to tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



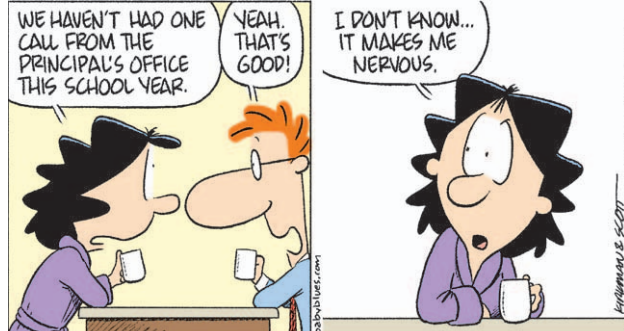
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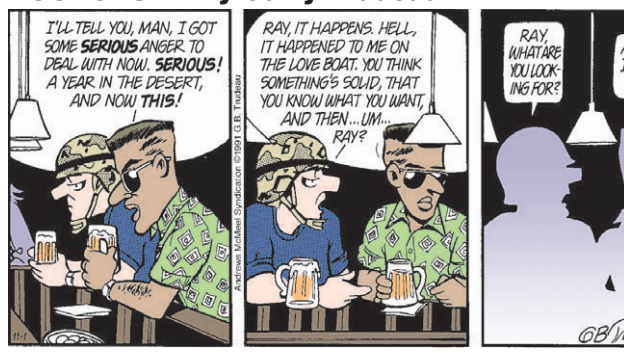
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DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



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).

Rating: BRONZE

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Solution to 10/31/18

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WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE

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

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- Lobster "hand" imperfection (1)
- Courageous comedian Chappelle (1)
- "Modern Family" star Bowen surely (2)
- Cad's lunch and dinner (1)
- Has contempt for stickers on roses (1)
- More muck-splattered cramming pupil (3)
- Property defacers' public disgraces (2)

ANSWERS: 1. CLAW FLAW 2. BRAVE DAVE 3. JULIE TRULY 4. HEELS MEALS 5. SCORNS THORNS 6. MUDDIER STUDIER 7. VANDALS SCANDALS

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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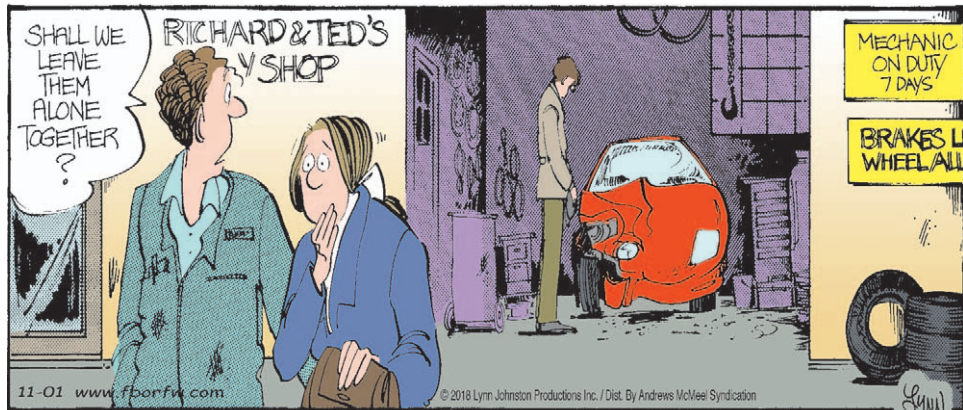
ACROSS

- Vortex
- Takeoff
- Surfeit
- Hula-dance feast
- Abdul or Zahn
- Gael republic
- Leafy algae
- Gets going
- Well-groomed
- Lingerie item
- Crawling insect
- Rumple
- No future —
- Jai —
- Internal organ
- Students
- Kid around with
- Sunbathing risk
- Throw off heat
- Hwys.
- Gainsay
- Livy's eggs
- Sourdough strikes
- Type of lock
- Gauge
- Is an omen of
- Four-baggers
- Approve
- Silent
- Have second thoughts about
- Um cousins
- Reproached oneself for
- Holland export
- Not yet ignited
- Piece of land
- Organ part
- Buck the system
- Laird's household
- Canary tidbit
- Circumvent
- A piece of cake
- Moose kin
- Sword fight
- "Soft Watches" artist
- Affluent ones
- Ankle injury
- Enamel
- Depose
- Pamplona cheer
- Go-getters spot (2 wds.)
- Real
- Rests
- Range in Russia
- Chapeau's place
- Galley slave's tool
- Before marriage
- Condor's abode
- Hone a razor
- Pitcher — Martinez
- Beam
- Respite
- Wax theatrical
- Sell down the —
- Bright objects
- Glittering
- Innately (2 wds.)
- Blew fiercely
- Family member
- Hug
- Barely make it
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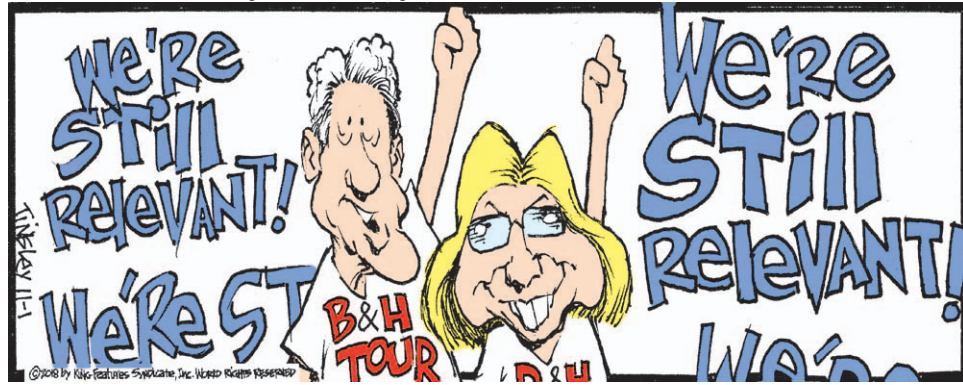
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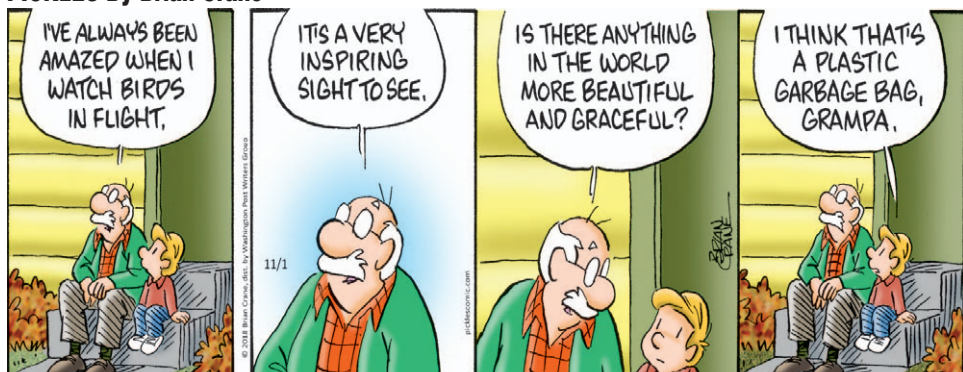
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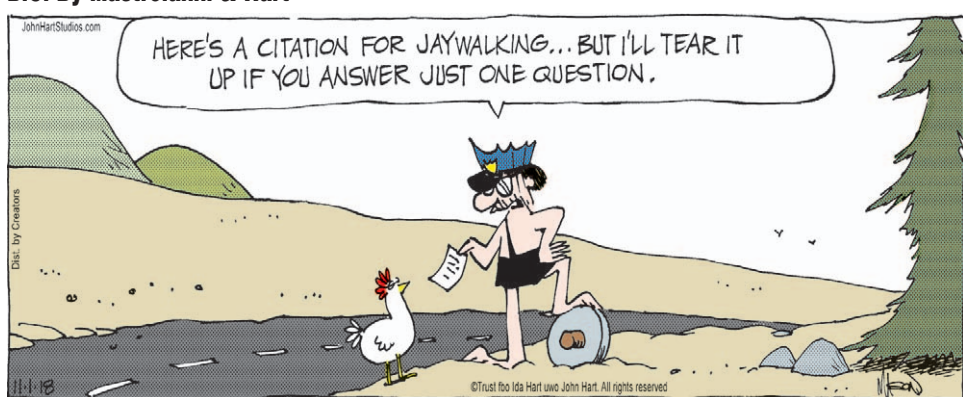
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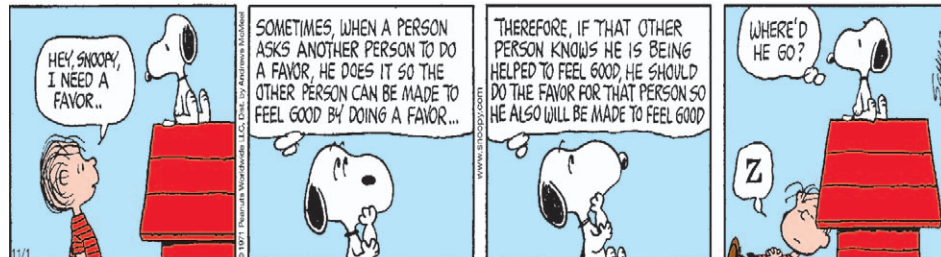
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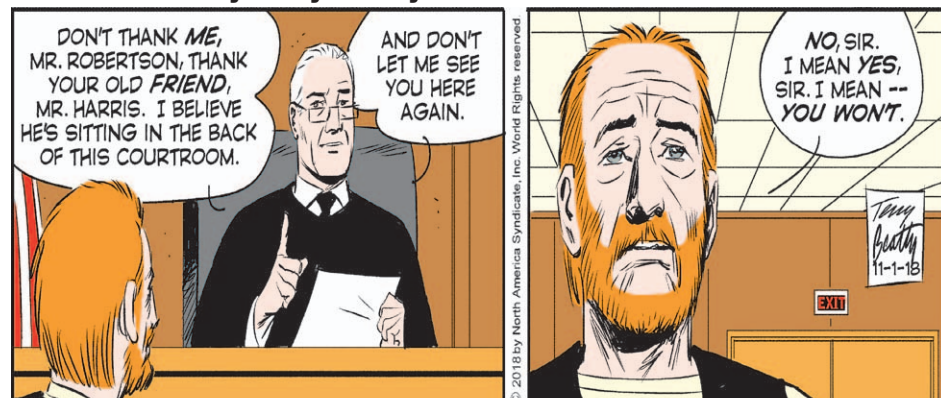
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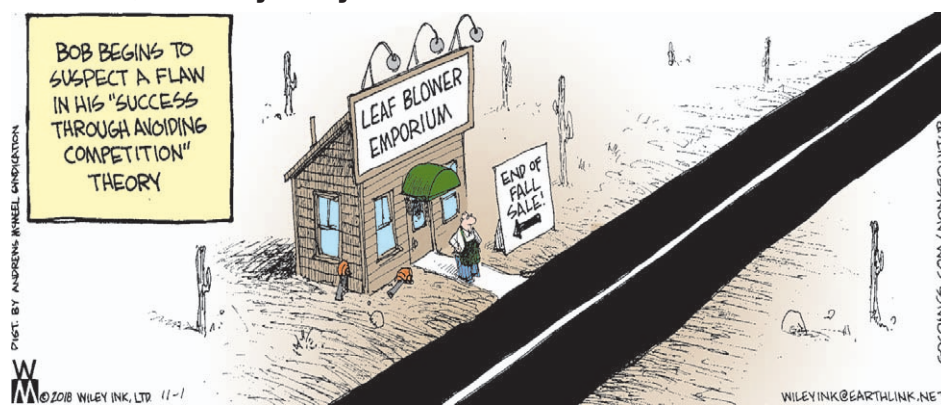
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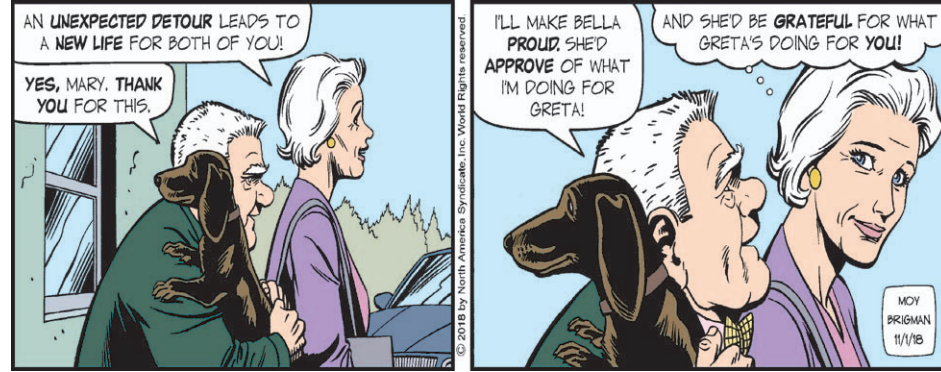
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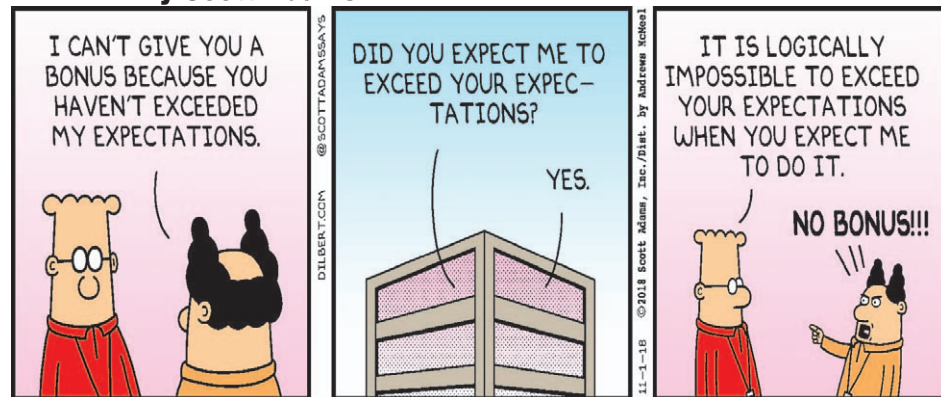
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Church covered up Iowa priest's abuse of 50 boys

By RYAN J. FOLEY
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FORT DODGE, Iowa — A Roman Catholic diocese acknowledged Wednesday that it concealed for decades a priest's admission that he sexually abused dozens of Iowa boys — a silence that may have put other children in danger.

The Rev. Jerome Coyle, now 85, was stripped of his parish assignments in the 1980s but never defrocked. And it was not until this week, after The Associated Press inquired about him, that he was publicly identified by the church as an admitted pedophile, even though the Diocese of Sioux City had been aware of his conduct for 32 years.

The diocese recently helped Coyle move into a retirement home in Fort Dodge, Iowa, without informing administrators at the Catholic school across the street.

In 1986, Coyle reported

his "history of sexual attraction to and contact with boys" to Sioux City's bishop, revealing that he had victimized approximately 50 youngsters over a 20-year period while serving in several Iowa parishes, according to a private letter written in February by the diocese vicar general and obtained by the AP.

The diocese told the AP on Wednesday that it never contacted police or informed the public after Coyle's admission.

"The diocese admits it could have been handled better," diocese spokeswoman Susan O'Brien said. But she said the policies in place at the time did not call for notifying police or the public.

Instead, the diocese at the time announced without explanation that Coyle was taking a six-month medical leave of absence. Church officials transferred him to a treatment center in New



AP PHOTO

This August 2010 photo shows retired Catholic priest Jerome Coyle in Albuquerque, N.M.

Mexico, the Servants of the Paraclete, where other accused priests nationwide were once commonly sent.

Coyle was stripped of his ability to lead Mass and otherwise function as a priest. But he never faced further punishment and lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, until recently, retaining the title "father" and collecting financial assistance from the diocese.

In 1986, the diocese was aware of one complaint against Coyle from a

college student but did not have that man's name, O'Brien said. That individual and another now-adult victim have come forward in recent weeks, and their allegations against Coyle will be reported to police, she said.

His total number of victims could be higher than 50 because the diocese remains "uncertain of an accurate number," O'Brien said.

Coyle is unlikely to be prosecuted for any of his long-ago offenses because the statute of limitations has run out. He has not been named in any civil suits, and O'Brien said the diocese has never paid a settlement related to him.

He has not been publicly accused of molesting any minors in the past three decades, but lawyers and detectives are looking into what he has been up to since 1986. Fort Dodge police interviewed Coyle and searched his apartment last month after

being tipped off that he was living near a school.

Coyle declined to comment Friday after answering the door at his apartment.

The bishop to whom Coyle reported his abuse, Lawrence Soens, retired in 1998. A review board later found that Soens himself had abused students when he was a priest and parochial school principal.

As a member of the clergy, Soens was not a mandatory reporter — someone obligated to tell police about child abuse allegations — under Iowa law. But critics said he still should have called authorities, sought to have Coyle defrocked, alerted the public and asked victims to come forward. Soens's whereabouts are unknown.

Unlike other dioceses, Sioux City has never released a list of priests who have been credibly accused, despite calls from victims to do so.

GOP senators seek pause in US-Saudi nuclear technology talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Republican senators urged President Donald Trump on Wednesday to suspend negotiations with Saudi Arabia on a potentially lucrative atomic energy agreement following the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Lawmakers led by Marco Rubio of Florida said in a letter to the president that they had reservations about the transfer of nuclear power technology even before the Oct. 2 slaying of Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. They warned they would work to block an agreement from securing congressional approval if the administration pushes ahead.

They noted their concern over Saudi Arabia's refusal to consider a nuclear energy agreement that would prohibit the kingdom

from pursuing uranium enrichment and plutonium processing "that can bring a nation within weeks of producing a nuclear weapon." The United Arab Emirates accepted the standard in a 2009 civil nuclear pact with the U.S.

The letter also was critical of the leadership of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, although the senators don't mention him by name. Saudi Arabia has changed its narrative about Khashoggi's killing several times, eventually admitting that Khashoggi died inside the consulate and only recently acknowledging that Turkish evidence shows his killing was premeditated.

The letter was also signed by Sens. Cory Gardner, Colorado; Rand Paul, Kentucky; Todd Young, Indiana; and Dean Heller, Nevada.

CHARGED

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free exercise of religion resulting in death, and using a firearm to commit murder during a crime of violence.

He also faces charges of attempting to kill people

exercising their religious beliefs, and civil rights charges related to injuring several police officers who responded to the attack.

"These alleged crimes are incomprehensibly evil and utterly repugnant to the values of this nation," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a statement.

SIGN-UPS

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And in a change that takes effect Jan. 1, those who decide to opt out of health insurance won't be penalized come tax time.

Consumers have until Dec. 15 to sign up through HealthCare.gov.

Mike Hewitt plans to re-enroll. "God bless Obamacare," said the self-employed remodeling contractor from Austin,

Texas. The first year he signed up under the ACA, Hewitt fell off a roof he was working on, shattering his left heel and tearing an arm muscle. "It allowed me to get good health insurance to fix my body," said Hewitt, who's in his 50s. He believes the coverage has been worth the \$290 he pays monthly in premiums.

About 10 million people have private policies through HealthCare.gov and state-run insurance

markets, with roughly 9 in 10 getting taxpayer-financed help to pay their premiums. An estimated 12 million more are covered through the ACA's Medicaid expansion, aimed at low-income adults.

Income-based tax credits to help pay premiums remain available. The HealthCare.gov website and call center will be up and running. Coverage is available even if you don't qualify for financial help, but many cannot afford to

continued making comments about wanting to kill Jews, even though some of the nurses and doctors who treated him were Jewish, according to hospital officials.

Bowers was released from the hospital hours before his first court appearance Monday. He

remained jailed without bail.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh's devastated Jewish community endured a second day of funerals for victims of the hateful rampage. Melvin Wax, 87, and Irving Younger, 69, were among the victims being laid to rest Wednesday.

SUSPECT

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Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, billionaire George Soros, California Sen. Kamala Harris, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, former Attorney General Eric Holder and for "cnn building." The FBI recovered explosive devices sent to

all of them, among others. Sayoc's cellphone contains photos of some of his alleged intended victims, the letter adds, including Soros, the homes of Obama and former Vice President Joe Biden, and the driver's license belonging to Michelle Obama.

The laptop computer found in the van also has a file with the address in

Sunrise, Florida, of the office of U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, former chairwoman of the Democratic National Committee. That office was used as the return address on the packages containing the pipe bombs, according to the FBI. The computer file was labeled "Debbie W.docx".

In addition, prosecutors

said the FBI so far has found DNA evidence linked to Sayoc from 10 of the improvised explosive devices and fingerprints on two of the mailing envelopes.

Sayoc was arrested last Friday outside a South Florida auto parts store after the pipe bombs began surfacing around the country. None of them

"Medicare for All" plan, saying Democrats are out to destroy Medicare. Republicans haven't backed off their vow to repeal "Obamacare."

After repeal failed last year, the Trump administration and GOP-led Congress continued to chip away, making changes that could lead to fewer people enrolling. If younger, healthier people stay out of the market, it will increase taxpayers' cost of covering those who remain.

exploded and no one was injured, but investigators say they contained real explosive material.

"The defendant also placed shards of glass in several of the IEDs for the apparent purpose of maximizing harm to his intended victims through the detonation of the devices that he had mailed," prosecutors wrote.

VIDEO

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room. He sent the video to his mother, who called the center's director. The director stopped the fighting and both teachers

were fired.

The day care center's own cameras captured more than 30 minutes of fighting, KTVI reported.

Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner's office declined to prosecute. A statement on Wednesday cited poor

judgment by the adult supervisors but "insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that any laws were violated." Spokeswoman Susan Ryan said there was no evidence that any of the children were injured.

But in the lawsuit filed in January, one of the mothers said her son "continues to suffer injuries to his body, as well as mental anguish."

State regulators increased inspections after the incident and follow-up

visits found other violations, but nothing that merited closing the center, KTVI reported. A spokeswoman for the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services did not respond to phone and email messages.

ALMANAC

Today is **Thursday, Nov. 1**, the 305th day of 2018. There are 60 days left in the year. This is All Saints Day.

Today in history

On **Nov. 1, 1952**, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb, code-named "Ivy Mike," at Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

On this date

In **1512**, Michelangelo's just-completed paintings on the ceiling of the Vatican's Sistine Chapel were publicly unveiled by the artist's patron, Pope Julius II.

In **1765**, the Stamp Act, passed by the British Parliament, went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In **1861**, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln named Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan General-in-Chief of the Union armies, succeeding Lt. Gen. Winfield Scott.

In **1870**, the United States Weather Bureau made its first meteorological observations.

In **1936**, in a speech in Milan, Italy, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an "axis" running between Rome and Berlin.

In **1949**, an Eastern Airlines DC-4 collided in midair with a Lockheed P-38 fighter plane near Washington National Airport, killing all 55 people aboard the DC-4 and seriously injuring the pilot of the P-38.

In **1950**, two Puerto Rican nationalists tried to force their way into Blair House in Washington, D.C., in a failed attempt to assassinate President Harry S. Truman. (One of the pair was killed, along with a White House police officer.)

In **1968**, the Motion Picture Association of America unveiled its new voluntary film rating system: G for general, M for mature (later changed to GP, then PG), R for restricted and X (later changed to NC-17) for adults only.

Ten years ago: Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain plunged through the final weekend of their marathon race for the White House; McCain poked fun at his campaign's financial shortcomings and his reputation as a political maverick in an appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Machinists union members ratified a new contract with The Boeing Co., ending an eight-week strike.

Today's birthdays

World Golf Hall of Famer Gary Player is 83. Country singer Bill Anderson is 81. Actress Barbara Bosson is 79. Actor Robert Foxworth is 77. Magazine publisher Larry Flynt is 76. Country singer-humorist Kinky Friedman is 74. Actress Jeannie Berlin is 69. Music producer David Foster is 69. Actress Belita Moreno is 69. Rhythm-and-blues musician Ronald Khalis Bell (Kool and the Gang) is 67. Country singer-songwriter-producer Keith Stegall is 64. Country singer Lyle Lovett is 61. Actress Rachel Ticotin is 60. Rock musician Eddie MacDonald (The Alarm) is 59. Apple CEO Tim Cook is 58. Actress Helene Udy is 57. Rock singer Anthony Kiedis (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 56. Pop singer-musician Mags Furuholm (a-ha) is 56. Rock musician Rick Allen (Def Leppard) is 55. Country singer "Big Kenny" Alphin (Big and Rich) is 55. Singer Sophie B. Hawkins is 54. Rapper Willie D (Geto Boys) is 52. Country musician Dale Wallace (Emerson Drive) is 49. Actress Toni Collette is 46. Access-talk show host Jenny McCarthy is 46. Rock musician Andrew Gonzales is 46. Actor David Berman is 45. Actress Aishwarya Rai is 45. Rock singer Bo Diddley is 43. Actor Matt Jones is 37. Actress Natalia Tena is 34. Actor Penn Badgley is 32. Actor Max Burkholder is 21.

Bible verse

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." — 1 Peter 3:12.

Jesus can either be the Savior or Judge of your life. Only you can make that choice. I encourage you to give Him your life. I'm glad I did.

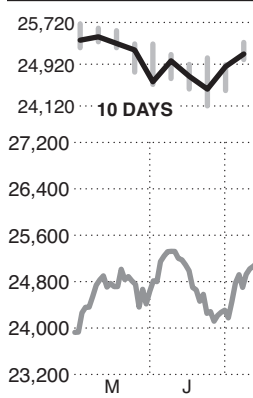
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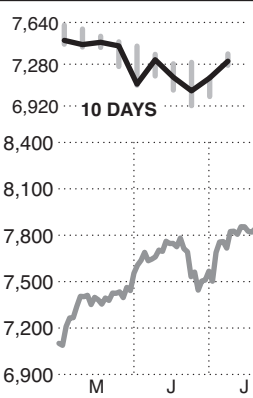


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Nasdaq composite
Close: 7,305.90
Change: 144.25 (2.0%)

How to read the stock tables

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- 1 — Name of stock.
 - 2 — Ticker Symbol company trades under.
 - 3 — Dividend: A distribution of the company's earnings to shareholders, usually consisting of stock dividends, interest on bonds, or short-term capital gains on the sale of securities usually paid quarterly in the form of cash or stock.
 - 4 — Div. Yield: The dividend divided by the stock price. It helps gauge how well the stock is paying, compared to other investments such as CDs, bonds or savings accounts.
 - 5 — Price to earnings ratio: The price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. PEs are used to gauge the relative worth of a company's stock. When compared to other companies in the same industry, the companies with the lowest PEs are generally earning higher profits.
 - 6 — Range of closing prices in last year.
 - 7 — Sales in thousands (10 = 10,000 shares), and closing price.
 - 8 — Last trading price of the day.
 - 9 — Percent change for the year.
- ▲▼ Arrows, indicate new highs or lows.
Underline: indicates top 100 stocks by volume rank.
Bold stocks, designates which stocks have gone up or down 5%.

StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	5,012	2,781
Pvs. Volume	5,031	2,533
Advanced	1698	1798
Declined	1125	1144
New Highs	15	44
New Lows	122	133

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	25336.55	25008.82	25115.76	+241.12	+0.97%	▲	▼	▼	+1.60%
DOW Trans.	10370.31	10182.43	10191.18	+16.61	+0.15%	▲	▲	▲	-3.97%
DOW Util.	740.64	729.22	733.84	-8.74	-1.18%	▲	▲	▲	+1.45%
NYSE Comp.	12306.04	12198.65	12208.06	+78.12	+0.64%	▲	▲	▲	-4.69%
NASDAQ	7368.49	7270.63	7305.90	+144.25	+2.01%	▲	▲	▲	+5.83%
S&P 500	2736.69	2705.60	2711.74	+29.11	+1.09%	▲	▲	▲	+1.43%
S&P 400	1841.16	1824.52	1825.10	+5.57	+0.31%	▲	▲	▲	-3.97%
Wilshire 2000	28227.32	27933.04	27980.90	+311.26	+1.12%	▲	▲	▲	+0.67%
Russell 2000	1526.33	1508.82	1511.41	+4.77	+0.32%	▲	▲	▲	-1.57%

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Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High Low	Vol	1000s	Last	YTD %Chg
- A -									
AAAC Hldgs	AAC	12.96 5.38	824	5.51	-38.8	
AAF	AIF	...	...	...	58.96 9.1	...	...	...
ABB Ltd	ABB	...	...	...	28.67 19.08	...	...	...
ABM	ABM	...	...	...	28.17 16.20	...	...	...
ADT Inc n	ADT	...	...	...	9.84 6.93	2404	7.74	-10.5
AES Corp	AES	...	...	...	11 15.84	9.86	9371	14.58
AFLAC s	AFL	...	...	...	104.24 13	48.19	41.41	4085
AG MtgeIT	MITT	...	...	...	2.00f 11.6	9 19.95	16.31	198
AG Mtg pfA	MITTpa	...	...	...	2.06 8.1	...	26.00	24.88
AG Mtg pfB	MITTpb	...	...	...	2.00 7.9	...	25.79	23.75
AGCO	AGCO	...	...	...	30 1.1	24	75.95	49.50
AI Belo	AHC	...	...	...	62 7.0	...	5.80	4.25
AK Steel	AKS	...	...	...	17 6.80	342	13735	3.70
AKM Ent	AMC	...	...	...	68 3.5	...	21.45	10.80
AMCON	DIT	...	...	...	72 9	100.00	77.00	84.00
AMN Hlt	AMN	...	...	...	20 68.20	37.71	793	50.62
ARC Docu	ARC	...	...	...	15 4.68	1.62	8.0	2.28
ASA Group	ASA	...	...	...	04e 5	...	12.18	8.18
AT&T Inc	T	...	...	...	2.00 6.5	6	39.32	28.85
AT&T 66 n	TBB	...	...	...	...	26.72	23.61	112
A10 Ntwks	ATEN	...	...	...	...	8.25	5.51	618
AU Optron	AUO	...	...	...	18e	...	4.76	3.40
AVX Cp	AVX	...	...	...	46 2.8	...	21.48	14.51
AXA Eq n	EQH	...	...	...	13p	...	19.67	17.03
AZZ Inc	AZZ	...	...	...	68 1.5	18	56.05	39.50
Aarons	AAN	...	...	...	12 3	11	56.00	34.29
AbbottLab	ABT	...	...	...	1.12 1.6	29	74.15	53.61
AbbVie	ABBV	...	...	...	3.84 4.9	14	125.86	79.26
AberFrtz	ANF	...	...	...	80 4.1	11	29.69	11.62
AbdAsPac	FAX	...	...	...	42 10.7	...	5.09	3.91
AbdAustEq	IAF	...	...	...	70e 13.5	...	6.77	5.05
AbdnChile	CH	...	...	...	58e 9.1	...	9.64	6.13
AbdGblInc	FCO	...	...	...	84 10.2	...	9.48	7.80
AbdEmsmC	ABE	...	...	...	21e 1.4	...	15.82	13.81
AbdGChina	GCH	...	...	...	03e 2	...	14.02	11.79
AbdnInteq	ISL	...	...	...	35e 1.1	...	21.97	18.33
AbdJapnEq	JEQ	...	...	...	48e 8	...	9.89	7.17
AbdnLatA	LAQ	...	...	...	121e 1.8	...	30.00	25.20
AbdSngFd	SGF	...	...	...	109e 8.0	...	13.89	12.22
AcadIBD50	FFTY	...	...	...	...	35.94	31.69	32.13
AcadiaRtt	AKR	...	...	...	108 3.9	48	29.67	21.34
Accenture	ACN	...	...	...	2.92 1.9	25	175.64	141.47
AccorBrd	ACCO	...	...	...	24 3.0	14	14.63	7.39
AcmeUs	ACU	...	...	...	44 2.5	19	25.55	15.31
AccornInt	ATV	...	...	...	...	38.86	13.50	10
ActiniumP	ATNM	...	...	...	...	87	33	991
Act Rep n	GOP	...	...	...	...	23.61	19.92	22.40
Act Dem n	DEMS	...	...	...	...	21.58	20.11	21.08
Act TxR n	TAXR	...	...	...	...	23.79	19.42	3
Actualt	ATU	...	...	...	04 2	...	31.00	21.50
Acuity	AYI	...	...	...	52 4	14	186.99	109.98
Acushnet n	GOLF	...	...	...	...	27.87	16.91	231
AdaDvsEq	ADX	...	...	...	132e 1.3	...	16.82	14.30
AdamsNR	PEO	...	...	...	132e 1.1	...	21.48	16.90
AdmRsc	AE	...	...	...	88 2.2	...	50.59	35.81
Adecaogr	AGRO	...	...	...	...	10.63	6.93	1082
Adient n	ADNT	...	...	...	110 3.6	...	85.32	28.24
AdtalemG	ATGE	...	...	...	3.16 7	20	56.45	30.71
AdvAuto	AAP	...	...	...	24 2	28	171.50	78.81
AdvDisp n	ADWS	...	...	...	...	27.93	21.50	715
AdvDrains	WMS	...	...	...	32 1.2	24	33.50	18.20
Advntech	ASIX	...	...	...	...	46.51	26.87	141
AdvClayCv	AVK	...	...	...	1.13 8.1	...	16.50	13.60
AdvClnh	LCM	...	...	...	84 10.9	...	8.74	7.65
AdvDorWr	AADR	...	...	...	32e 7	...	64.00	44.30
AdvFhwIT n	HYLD	...	...	...	3.54e 9.5	...	37.20	35.62
AdvSewT n	CSW	...	...	...	...	24.13	17.55	18
AdvS Kor n	KOR	...	...	...	...	32.42	29.18	29
AdvSmcFit	SCAP	...	...	...	...	32.69	26.00	26.94
AdvPacFlt	FLRT	...	...	...	1.56e	...	50.64	48.52
AdvSage	HOLD	...	...	...	41e 4	...	103.68	97.35
AdvNtIMS	MINC	...	...	...	134e 2.8	...	48.74	46.31
AdvStargG	VEGA	...	...	...	...	32.34	29.58	1
AdvGLEch	GIVE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
AdvDBLInc	DBLV	...	...	...	47e 7	...	75.63	62.40
AdvMetek	MATH	...	...	...	...	35.56	31.84	33.00
AdmMGBd	FWBD	...	...	...	73e 2.9	...	27.29	24.00
AdmMdlnt	FWDI	...	...	...	37e 1.4	...	33.10	25.32
AdmMddM	FWDD	...	...	...	18e 4	...	57.19	49.06
AdvActBear	FDGE	...	...	...	...	8.58	7.22	618
▼Aecom	ACM	...	...	...	...	11	39.90	29.23
▼AegeanMP	ANW	...	...	...	08 7.5	3	5.10	60
Aegon	AEG	...	...	...	25e 4.1	...	7.48	5.80
Aegon cap	AEH	...	...	...	1.59 6.3	...	26.52	25.00
Aegon 6.5	AED	...	...	...	1.63 6.4	...	26.83	24.45
Aegon fit	AEB	...	...	...	77 3.3	...	25.49	22.47
Aegon42	AEK	...	...	...	2.00 7.9	...	27.04	25.50
AerCap	AER	...	...	...	...	8	58.30	48.10
Aerocentr	ACY	...	...	...	...	3	17.34	12.05
AerohiveN	HIVE	...	...	...	...	6.50	3.54	356
▼AerojetR	AJRD	...	...	...	...	37.70	24.41	3855
Aerota	AET	...	...	...	2.00 1.0	19	206.66	164.52
AffirmGnt	AMG	...	...	...	120 1.1	9	216.99	102.27
Agilent	A	...	...	...	60 1.9	76	75.00	60.42
Agnicog	AEM	...	...	...	44 2.6	43	49.80	32.18
AgreeRtt	ADC	...	...	...	2.16 3.8	29	59.36	43.74
▼Air Inds	AIRI	...	...	...	60 50.0	...	1.95	1.20
AirLease	AL	...	...	...	40 1.0	5	50.70	36.46
AirPC	APC	...	...	...	4.40 2.9	23	175.17	148.44
AirPrt wI	APD/WI	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aircastle	AVR	...	...	...	1.12 5.8	7	25.30	18.66
AlaPw pf Q	ALPpQ	...	...	...	1.25 5.0	...	27.05	23.10
AlamoGp	ALG	...	...	...	44 5	23	120.58	79.85
▼AlamosGld	AGI	...	...	...	02 5	...	7.04	4.06
AlaskaAir	ALK	...	...	...	128 2.1	8	76.06	57.53
Albnyln	AIN	...	...	...	68 1.0	31	82.20	55.80
Albermarle	ALB	...	...	...	134f 1.4	16	144.99	86.75
Alcoa Cp	AA	...	...	...	...	18	62.35	33.08
AlexB Inc	ALEX	...	...	...	28 1.4	27	29.99	19.14
▼Alexanders	ALX	...	...	...	18.00 5.7	...	436.80	322.65
AlexREE	ARE	...	...	...	3.72 3.0	27	134.37	114.00
AixRE pfD	AREpD	...	...	...	1.75 5.1	...	37.59	33.12
AlexcorG	AXU	1.79	90	224	
AlgonPw n	AGN	51f	...	11.34	9.45	
Alibaba	BABA	42	211.70	130.26	
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P-Q

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Tax Exempt

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Toronto stocks

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Treasury bonds

Table of Treasury bond market data with columns: Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld. Lists various Treasury bonds and their yields.

FOOTNOTE: Rate- The annual interest rate the Treasury bond provides to investors. Date- The month and year the bond will expire. Bid- The price investors will pay for the bond. Ask- The price at which investors will sell. A bond price is expressed as a percentage of its original purchase cost of \$1,000. The whole numbers and the decimals which represent 32nds of a point must be converted to dollars and cents; for example, 103.18 equals \$1,035.63. Chg- The change between the preceding day's final bid price and the final bid price from the day before. Yld- The annual percentage return to the investor, based on the bond's current price, if the bond is held until it matures. K- Taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens. n- Treasury note. p- Treasury note; taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens.

Mutual Funds

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables

Here are the 4,300 biggest mutual funds listed on Nasdaq. Tables show the fund name, sell price or net asset value (NAV), daily net change and weekly net change. Underlining highlights the funds ranked in the top 20% in each of the last 5 years:

Name: Name of mutual fund and family. Obj: The fund's objective group. Abbreviations listed below. NAV: Net asset value. Chg: Net change in price of NAV from previous day. Rtn: The fund's total return, or percent change in NAV for the time period shown, with

dividends reinvested. If period longer than 1 year, return is annualized. Rank: Fund's letter grade compared with others in the same objective group; an A indicates fund performed in the top 20 percent; an E, in the bottom 20 percent.

Fund Objectives: AL: Allocation - 70-85% Equity, AM: Multialternative, BL: Bank Loan, BM: Bear Market, CA: Allocation - 30-50% Equity, CC: Consumer Defense, CD: Consumer Cyclical, CH: China Region, CI: Intermediate-Term Bond, CL: Long-Term Bond, CR: Mid-Term Bond, CS: Short-Term Bond, CV: Convertibles, DP: Diversified Pacific/Asia, EB: Emerging-Markets Bond, EE: Energy, EI: India Equity, EM: Diversified Emerging Markets, ES: Europe Stock, FA: Foreign Small/Mid-Value, FB: Foreign Large-Blend, FF: Foreign Large-Futures, FG: Foreign Large-Growth, FO: Foreign Small/Mid-Blend, FR: Foreign Small/Mid-Growth, FV: Foreign Large-Value, FX: Foreign Currency, GI: Intermediate Government, GL: Long Government, GR: Global Real Estate, GS: Short Government, HM: High-Yield Muni, HY: High-Yield Bond, IB: World Bond, IC: Trading-Inverse Commodities, ID: Industrials, IE: Trading-Inverse Equity, IH: World Allocation, IP: Inflation-Protected Bond, IS: Trading-Miscellaneous, JS: Japan Stock, LB: Large Blend, LC: Trading-Leveraged Commodities, LE: Trading-Leveraged Equity, LG: Large Growth, LO: Long-Short Equity, LP: Energy Limited Partnership, LS: Latin America Stock, LV: Large Value, MA: Allocation - 50-70% Equity, MB: Mid-Cap Blend, MG: Mid-Cap Growth, MI: Muni National Intermediate, ML: Muni National Long, MQ: Miscellaneous Region, MR: Miscellaneous Sector, MS: Muni National Short, MU: Multi-Sector Bond, MV: Mid-Cap Value, MY: Muni New York Long, ND: Trading-Inverse Debt, NE: Market Neutral, NT: Nontraditional Bond, PJ: Pacific/Asia ex-Japan Stock, RI: Target-Date Retirement, RR: Preferred Stock, SB: Small Blend, SC: Communications, SF: Financial, SG: Small Growth, SH: Health, SI: Muni Single State Intermediate, SL: Muni Single State Long, SN: National Resources, SP: Equity Precious Metals, SR: Real Estate, SS: Muni Single State Short, ST: Technology, SU: Utilities, SV: Small Value, TA: Target-Date 2000-2010, TD: Target-Date 2015, TE: Target-Date 2020, TG: Target-Date 2025, TH: Target-Date 2030, TI: Target-Date 2040, TJ: Target-Date 2045, TK: Target-Date 2050, TL: Target-Date 2055, TN: Target-Date 2060, TW: Corporate Bond, TV: Tactical Allocation, UB: Ultrashort Bond, VD: Trading-Leveraged Debt, VL: Stable Value, VO: Volatility, WS: World Stock, XM: Allocation - 85% Equity, XO: Infrastructure, XQ: Target-Date 2060+, XR: Option Writing, XS: Long-Short Credit, XP: Emerging-Markets Local-Currency Bond, XY: Allocation - 15-30% Equity. Data based on NAVs reported to Morningstar by 6 p.m. Eastern.

Table with columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rk. Lists mutual fund performance metrics.

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ON THE COVER

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Rob Bennett, Jr. caught this 75-pound wahoo on a flat-lined cigar minnow 90 miles out of Big Pass.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK • CAPT. JOSH OLIVE

How do you feel about WaterLine? I run into a lot of people who tell me how much they enjoy the magazine, but I always ask them the same question: What could we be doing better? Sometimes I get an answer, but not usually. "It's perfect!" they say.

However, I know better. There are many changes that could be made, and a lot of them could be for the better. But that's not really my place to make that decision. I'm just the publisher. I'm steering the ship — but really, you're the ones who are in control. The readers run the show. While I'm at the wheel, I'll go where you want to go.

Now, how am I going to figure out what you want if you won't tell me? As I've done before (way back in 2012), I'll do it by asking you — yes, you — to fill out a survey. Over the past few weeks, we've been crafting a survey that will tell us what you think of the job WaterLine is doing and what you'd like to see changed. This survey will tell us what sort of outdoor recreation you enjoy and what you want to read about.

Surveys only work if the answers are honest, and people are more honest when they know their answers won't come back to haunt them. So ours has been set up to be anonymous. We're doing it through a service called SurveyMonkey, so you'll take the survey online (it'll work equally well on your computer, phone or tablet). We're asking some pretty specific questions, but

we're not collecting any data that will identify you personally — not even an IP address.

When you get to the last question, you'll be asked for a name and a phone number or email address. And that's where you'll say, "Dangit, he said they didn't want my personal info!" We don't. Really. The survey is fairly long, so to encourage you to take the 15 to 30 minutes required to fill it all out, we're bribing you.

I have five \$50 Publix gift cards (mmmm — Pub subs) to give away to random survey takers, but I can't hand them out without some way to contact you. The contact info will be kept separate from your answers and will be used only for letting you know you've won a gift card in the drawing. And if you don't trust it, that's fine — you can just leave that part blank.

In fact, you can skip any question in the survey. But we're trying to get a clear picture of who our WaterLine readers are, and the more you fill out, the better we can understand you. The better we understand you, the closer we can match WaterLine to your wants and needs. And since we're trying to understand what our readers want, please don't share the survey link with people who don't read the magazine. I know we'll get some anyway, but I'm hoping to get mostly actual readers since we'll be making future changes based on these results.

I'm really looking forward to seeing the results from this survey. I have an idea of how



things will go, but I know there will be lots of surprises as well. I'll be sharing some of the information with you in future editions of the magazine. And now that we are partnering with SurveyMonkey, you can expect to see shorter surveys popping up every now and then here in WaterLine.

Thank you for sharing with us and helping to make WaterLine the best local outdoor magazine anywhere.

Take the survey at <http://bit.ly/2ABv2ry> or <https://www.SurveyMonkey.com/r/7TP5FNT>, or simply scan the QR code above with your phone or tablet.

Just getting back to Southwest Florida?

Snook and redfish seasons are closed due to the red tide fish kills of this summer. They are tentatively scheduled to return to their normal seasons next May. Please do not harvest snook or redfish at this time! For more info, go to <http://bit.ly/2zgWTvm>.



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That's one saucy mullet



FROM HOOK TO TABLE • CHEF TIM SPAIN



WaterLine photo by Capt. Josh Olive

A small school of mullet swims in a shallow creek.

When I was little, my Dad would take my brother and me fishing in Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs. We would fish from the banks of the Peace River, usually with chicken liver as bait in hopes of catching some channel catfish. Often, we would see the mullet jumping in the river. I remember asking my Dad why they jumped out of the water, and he said, "To see if they made it to Zolfo yet." I believed that until I was about 10 years old.

I believe the actual reason mullet jump is to grab some air when they belly-flop back into the water. If they dive back in head first, they might be trying to get away from predators chasing them. Then again, I might be wrong. If you really want to know, you'll

have to learn to speak mulletese.

Growing up in Zolfo, we ate mullet regularly. My mom loved when Dad would save the roe because she liked to eat fried mullet roe. She said she preferred the roe over the mullet anyway. Myself, I don't mind the roe or the fish itself. However, I have to make a sauce to go with it, and that sauce has to have some zing.

When I lived in Tallahassee, I discovered a great sauce for mullet. It goes well with mullet any way you want it cooked. Up in the Panhandle, it seemed that smoking the mullet was the most common way of preparing it, but you can fry it, bake it or even have it poached.

After you decide how to cook your mullet, this sauce will be a good one to slap on top or dip it into. It's an easy sauce that is served cold, and only requires measuring tools and a food processor.

As I'm writing this, I'm wondering where all the mullet that is caught around here goes. I guess it must go up there, because I don't see it on many menus around here. If you're looking for it, it is on the menu at the Pioneer Restaurant in Zolfo, where it's served with a side of swamp cabbage.

Swamp cabbage is a favorite dish in Zolfo and the surrounding areas. It is made from the heart of sabal palm cooked down with salt pork, onions and sometimes a can of

evaporated milk until the palm is tender. Native Americans knew how to get the tasty heart out of the tree and passed that knowledge on to early Florida Crackers, whose descendants have carried the tradition along to today.

Mullet and swamp cabbage are both delicious, but together they're sublime. If you've ever wanted to eat like a true Cracker, serve these recipes together and get an authentic taste of Old Florida.

Chef Tim Spain is a Florida native and has years of experience cooking professionally, both in restaurants and in private settings. He offers private catering and personal culinary classes. For more information, visit ChefTimSpain.com or call 406-580-1994.

SWAMP CABBAGE

- 3 sabal palm hearts
- 4 ounces salt pork or white bacon
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 1/2 gallon water
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk

Cut palm hearts into quarter-inch slices. Fry pork in a jumbo iron skillet until rendered. Add palm hearts, sugar, water and butter to skillet. Bring to a boil then reduce heat and simmer for one hour or until cabbage is tender then add the evaporated milk. Simmer for five more minutes. Serve immediately.

A clip-n-save seafood recipe provided by



— Recipe by Chef Tim Spain

TREMPETTE POUR POISSON AU GOÛT FORT

- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp sugar
- A pinch of ground black pepper
- 1 tsp chopped raw onion
- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup chopped parsley
- 1 fresh clove garlic
- 1 tbsp prepared horseradish

Combine all ingredients in a food processor and blend until smooth. Keep it chilled until the point of service. Serves 6.

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WaterLine FISHING RULES

State and federal regulations for Southwest Florida waters as of Sept. 27, 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 Fla. resident 65 or older, your driver's license or ID card replaces your fishing license. Gulf Reef Fish Survey (see below) and tarpon tags are still required.

Nonresident saltwater or freshwater: 3 days \$17, 7 days \$30, annual \$47. Free shore fishing license not available for nonresidents.

Gulf Reef Fish Survey (required to harvest red snapper, vermilion snapper, gag, red grouper, black grouper, amberjack, almaco jack or triggerfish) (see note 14): No charge

Annual permits (required only when a license is required): Snook \$10, lobster \$5

SALTWATER FISH

ALMACO JACK

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

AMBERJACK, GREATER

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

AMBERJACK, LESSER BANDED RUDDERFISH

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

BARRACUDA

Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties only: Slot 15" to 36"; limit 2 (max. 6 per vessel; may possess one per vessel over 36"); notes: 1,5

BLACK DRUM

Slot 14" to 24" (may possess 1 over 24"); limit 5; notes: 5,7,8

BLACK SEA BASS

10" min.; limit 100 pounds; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,15

BLUEFISH

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

BLUE RUNNER

Limit 100

COBIA

33" min.; limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel); limit 2 in federal waters; notes: 1,5

FLOUNDER, ALL SPECIES

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,5,7,8,15

GROUPEL, BLACK

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

GROUPEL, GAG

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

GROUPEL, GOLIATH (JEWFISH)

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

GROUPEL, RED

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

GROUPEL, SCAMP

16" min.; limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10,12

GROUPEL, SNOWY & YELLOWEDGE

Limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,9,10

GROUPEL, WARSAW & SPECKLED HIND

Limit 1 per vessel; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10

GROUPEL, YELLOWFIN & YELLOWMOUTH

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

GROUPEL, CONEY, GRAYSBY, ROCK HIND, RED HIND (STRAWBERRY) & TIGER

Limit 4; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,10,12,15

HOGFISH

14" min.; limit 5; notes: 1,4,5,7,9

MACKEREL, KING (KINGFISH)

24" min.; limit 3; notes: 1,5

MACKEREL, SPANISH

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

MAHI (DOLPHIN)

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

MULLET, STRIPED & SILVER

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

PERMIT

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

POMPANO, FLORIDA

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

POMPANO, AFRICAN

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

PORGY, RED (CHAMPAGNE)

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

REDFISH (RED DRUM)

Closed thru May 10 in most areas, see map at <http://bit.ly/2NNpAtW>; Slot 18" to 27"; limit 1 (max. 8 per vessel); off-the-water transport limit 6 per person; illegal to harvest or possess in federal water; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

SAILFISH

63" min. from tip of lower jaw to center of fork; limit 1; notes: 5,6,16

SEA TROUT, SPOTTED

Slot 15" to 20"; limit 4 (over 20" — limit 1); notes: 2,5,6,7

SHARKS

State waters, no size limit on sharpnose, blacknose, blacktip, bonnethead, finetooth & smooth dogfish; 54" min. on bull, nurse, spinner, common thresher, blue, oceanic whitetip, porbeagle & shortfin mako; species not listed are prohibited. Federal waters, 54" min all species except sharpnose and bonnethead; for federally prohibited species see <http://bit.ly/2Qf3hdk>; limit in state waters 1 (max. 2 per vessel; limit in federal waters 1 per vessel; inline circle hooks required when fishing for sharks in federal waters; notes: 1,5,6,7,8,16

SHEEPSHEAD

12" min.; limit 8 (max. 50 per vessel in March & April); notes: 2,5,7

SNAPPER, CUBERA

Slot 12" to 30"; limit 10 if under 30" (over 30" — limit 2, max. 2 per vessel); fish over 30" not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

SNAPPER, MANGROVE (GRAY)

10" min. in state waters; 12" min. in federal waters; limit 5 in state waters, 10 in federal waters; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

SNAPPER, LANE

8" min.; limit 20 in federal waters or 100 pounds in state waters; not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11

SNAPPER, MUTTON

18" min.; limit 5; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

SNAPPER, RED (AMERICAN)

16" min.; limit 2; recreational season open June 11-July 21 for state and federal waters; federal charter season open June 1-July 22; notes: 2,3,4,5,7,9,13,14

SNAPPER, SCHOOLMASTER

10" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

SNAPPER, VERMILION (BEELINER)

10" min.; limit 10; not included in aggregate snapper limit; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,11,14

SNAPPER, BLACKFIN, DOG, QUEEN, MAHOGANY, SILK & YELLOWTAIL

12" min.; limit 10; notes: 2,4,5,7,9,13

SNOOK, ALL SPECIES

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

TARPON

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

TRIGGERFISH, GRAY

15" min.; limit 1; open March 1-May 31

and Aug. 1-Dec. 31 (closed until March 1 in all waters); notes: 1,4,5,7,11,14

TRIPLETAIL

18" min.; limit 2; may be harvested by hook and line only; notes: 2,5,6,7,8

WAHOO

Limit 2; notes: 1,5,15

LIONFISH

Kill on sight; no limits

UNREGULATED SPECIES

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

NO-HARVEST SPECIES

In addition to species previously listed, harvest of bonefish, Nassau grouper, spotted eagle rays, manta rays and sawfish is prohibited.

Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYDlz> for full rules, including more no-harvest species.

NOTES

1. Measured fork length (the straight line distance from most forward part of the head with mouth closed to the center of the tail).
2. Measured total length (the straight line distance from the most forward part of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail squeezed together while the fish is lying on its side).
3. Bag limit zero for captain and crew of for-hire vessels on a paid trip.
4. Reef fish gear rules apply. Anglers must use inline circle hooks when using natural baits, and must possess a dehooking device. Venting tool not required. Also, cannot be taken by powerhead in the reef fish stressed area (see <http://bit.ly/2xDjLVR>).
5. Must remain in whole condition (head and tail intact) until landed ashore. Removal of gills and internal organs OK. **Cannot be used as cut bait.**
6. Harvest by spear, gig or bow prohibited.
7. Use of multiple hooks (more than one point on a common shank, like a treble hook) in conjunction with natural bait prohibited.
8. Harvest by snatching prohibited.
9. Reef fish; illegal to use as bait in federal waters. In state waters, legal-size reef fish may be used as bait but must remain in whole condition and count against bag limit.
10. Included in aggregate 4 grouper bag limit.
11. Included in 20-fish reef fish aggregate bag limit in federal waters (includes vermilion snapper, lane snapper, almaco jack, gray triggerfish and all tilefish species).
12. Closed Feb. 1-March 31 in federal waters outside 20-fathom break ONLY.
13. Included in aggregate snapper bag limit of 10 fish.
14. Participation in Gulf Reef Fish Survey required to harvest. See <http://bit.ly/15D6Hip>
15. No bag limit in federal waters.
16. HMS permit required to target or harvest in federal waters; see <http://bit.ly/2R5mFe8>

FRESHWATER FISH*

- LARGEMOUTH BASS:** No min. size; limit 5. Only one fish can be longer than 16" (tournaments may apply for a permit allowing participants to weigh more than one over 16")
- SUNFISH** (all species excluding crappie): Aggregate limit 50
- CRAPPIE:** Aggregate white/black limit 25
- AMERICAN EEL:** Min. 9", limit 25
- BUTTERFLY PEACOCK BASS:** Max. 17", limit 2 (may possess 1 over 17")
- GRASS CARP:** Must be released immediately.
- OTHER EXOTIC FISHES:** Keep and eat or otherwise destroy; may not be used as live bait.
- UNREGULATED:** No limits on bowfin, pickerel, catfish and gar (exc. alligator gar).
- PROHIBITED:** Alligator gar, sturgeon.
- * Visit <http://bit.ly/10nYJQr> for full rules, including special management areas.

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HELPING KIDS FISH – IT'S OUR MISSION

Fish Florida, a non-profit organization, helps people, especially children, learn about fishing and Florida's environment. Families who fish spend quality time together and know how to protect Florida's marine fisheries and coastal habitats. Another great reason to learn fishing? Kids who spend time outdoors have less stress, better concentration, more creativity and higher self-esteem than those who stay inside.

HOW WE DO IT

You give, we give, kids fish. Every time someone buys a Fish Florida specialty license plate, featuring a sailfish, we get \$22. With that money, we support fishing and conservation education programs with donations of fishing equipment, grants, and scholarships. Anglers, boaters and others buy the Fish Florida plate for their cars, trucks and trailers. They show their support and dedication to the future of fishing.

BUY A FISH FLORIDA LICENSE PLATE

Purchase a Fish Florida license plate for your vehicle to support kids' fishing education and show your passion for fishing in Florida. The sailfish design looks great with any vehicle and boat trailer! The Fish Florida plate is available at your local tag agency.

DONATE

Another way to help is to give a gift certificate or make a donation. Every \$10 donation pays for a child to get his own fishing rod and reel. A \$30 donation pays for two children to get rods, reels and tackle kits! A \$100 donation sends a child to fishing summer camp. Thank you for helping our future anglers!



FishFloridaTag.org

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Bonito, little tunny, false albacore — whatever you want to call them, *Euthynnus alletteratus* are a blast on fly.

Fab fall fly fishing



STAY FLY • CAPT. REX GUDGEL

Autumn is normally a great time to be an angler in Southwest Florida — but we have some questions to be answered, don't we? Even though my summer fishing was very good, we don't know what the lasting effects of the red tide might be on our fall and winter fishing.

Despite the loss of fish life caused by the red tide, the fishing this summer and early fall has been pretty good. The fly rods on my boat stayed bent with tarpon ranging from 10 to 80 pounds, snook to 38 inches (with lots of little ones), scattered reds, and of course jacks and ladyfish. Now we should be adding the Gulf travelers — Spanish and king mackerel, bull redfish and bonito (false albacore) — to the list, but I guess we will just have to wait and see.

I have been out in the Gulf a few times lately and have seen lots of bait with ladies, jacks and birds busting it (which was so refreshing to see after the months of dead zone on the beaches). So far I have not seen the macks and bonito yet. However, I have heard good reports about bonito catches coming out of Sarasota, so maybe they'll be here soon.

How do you know when they get here? There are really three ways to find them. The easiest method is to look for birds diving into bait that the fish are pushing up and feeding on. The bird activity can be seen from great distances, so when you see this put the hammer down on the throttle and run to them. Shut down far enough away so you don't put the fish down. Try to make your approach upwind so you can drift to the school, or drop the trolling motor and try to sneak within casting distance.

The second way of finding these fish is a little harder. If you don't have the birds circling and diving, then you just have to see the fish busting and throwing water. On calmer days you can see this a long way off too, but with swells and or wind chop on the water, spotting fish breaking becomes more difficult. Once you do see them, approach them the same way as before.

There is a third way to find them, but fly fishermen rarely use it: Trolling. You can use a spinning rod rigged with a spoon, or a fly rod rigged with your fly of choice, and just slowly cruise until you get hit. Then simply stop and cast.

The leaders for these guys can be as easy as a seven-foot piece of 30-pound, or you can tie your leaders with tapers and wire to turn over better. Just remember you will

almost always get more bites without the wire. The presentation doesn't have to be "dry fly" perfect here; you are normally casting into bedlam. Just get it there, strip it out and hang on.

If you are mackerel fishing, a 6 weight with a large-arbor reel is great — but if you hook a 10-pound bonito, you may be in trouble. So, have an 8 weight on board. Mackerel are fast and fun, but bonito are basically small tuna that can reach speeds up to 40 miles an hour. Oh, yeah — it's finger-burnin' time! Keep your flies small, maybe 2 inches long. Clouser and anchovy patterns tied on No. 1 or No. 2 hooks are great.

If you need to let the blisters heal, head to the Harbor and backcountry. Despite our water problems, we have had plenty of fish to catch there all summer — snook, reds, trout, jacks, pompano, ladies, etc. An 8 weight will handle the snook and reds.

Tarpon will be in the Harbor until the cold fronts get too strong and frequent, then the residents will head up the rivers and the migrators will hit the Gulf and head south. For the most part, an 8 or 10 weight will handle these fish. Baitfish patterns 3 to 6 inches long tied on No. 2 to 2/0 in black and purple, tans and white, or olive and white have done the trick. You may find these fish rolling or busting bait, so keep your eyes open as you travel.

As our water gets cleaner and clearer through fall and winter, sight fishing is high on the list. Look for fish up along the mangrove edges in moving water. As it cools down, smaller baitfish, shrimp and crabs will be your flies of choice. In each my last four trips, we have had slams (trout, redfish and snook caught by one angler in one trip) on the boat, and a couple of grand slams (add a tarpon to the previous list) also.

We have had a huge batch of water problems this year, but we still have a lot of fish to catch. Mother Nature will heal herself if we give her a chance and help her out. We can start helping out right now by voting. Election time is here!

But don't vote blindly. Study the track records of these people who say they are the "ones for the job." You can research at VoteSmart.org, Ballotpedia.org and OpenSecrets.org (these are considered Florida legislative scorecards and money tracers). There are many different unbiased sites out there to choose from. Please choose a couple and just look at what these people have done, who they have taken

money from and how they have voted on amendments or issues. It's time we vote for what we want and need, not for a certain party.

Stay fly, and #WaterVoter.

Capt. Rex Gudgel is a fly fishing guide in the

Boca Grande area and an International Federation Of Fly Fishers Master Certified casting instructor. If you'd like to get casting lessons, book a trip or just need more fly fishing info, contact him at 706-254-3504 or visit BocaGrandeSlamFlyFishing.com or CastWithRex.com.



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GOT AN EVENT COMING UP?

We'd be happy to let people know. Email your info to Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com at least two weeks before the event. Submissions may be edited for length or clarity.

FREE FLY CASTING CLASS

West Wall Outfitters (3846 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte) will offer a free fly casting class at 9 a.m. Nov. 3. Even if you've never picked up a fly rod before, they'll have you casting well enough to actually catch fish in no time. No reservations required; call 941-875-9630 for more info.

ADULT CAN LEARN TO SAIL

Come learn to sail or refresh your skills with Englewood Sailing Association's adult snowbird class for those 18 and over. This popular four-day class will be held Nov. 5-8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. The only prerequisites are the ability to swim and the desire to sail. Class will be held at the ESA Sailing Center at Indian Mound Park (210 Winslow Ave., Englewood). Cost is \$175 per person and registration is now open at the Englewood SKY Family Y. ESA instructors are certified through U.S. Sailing and are trained in CPR and first aid. For more info, contact Craig Keller at 941-276-3115 or the Y at 941-474-1234 or visit EnglewoodSailing.org. Class size is limited.

UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY PROGRAM

Florida once had a much larger land mass than the one we currently enjoy. Over the centuries the waters from the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico have risen to such an extent that entire communities that once thrived in the warm Florida sunshine are now submerged under many feet of water. A SCUBA diver searching for fossilized shark teeth off Manasota Key recently came across some relics that were decidedly more human than nautical. As a result, archaeologists who specialize in underwater sites, are currently conducting an exploration of the area to learn more about the people who once flourished in an area that is now part of the bottom of the sea. Historian John McCarthy will present a program for the Lifelong Learning Institute Nov. 8 at 10 a.m. to explain the significance of this archaeological dig. For more info and registration, visit LifeLongLearning-Charlotte.org or call 941-637-3533.

DOWNTOWN SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT

The 4th annual Downtown Showdown will be held Nov. 10. This is a catch-photo-release slam tournament, with each team trying to measure the largest redfish, snook and trout (plus a mystery fish to be announced at the captains meeting). Team entry is \$300 for up to three anglers; 100 percent of entry fees will be paid out in prizes from first to fifth place. For full rules, go to <http://bit.ly/2DXMjy0>. To register or for more info, go to Downtown Bait & Tackle (120 Laisley Court, Punta Gorda) or call 941-628-1019.

BBQ TO GET VETS ON THE WATER

Suncoast One Titles and Closings will host a Veterans Day BBQ from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at Laisley Park (120 Laisley Court, Punta Gorda). There will be free food and drinks for veterans and their families, plus prizes and entertainment. The general public is welcome to attend; BBQ will be offered at \$5 a plate to raise funds for Veteran Excursions to Sea, a local nonprofit that takes veterans and their families fishing at no cost to them. For more info, call 851-428-0699 or email info@VeteranExcursions.com.

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY MEETS

The Mangrove chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet at 6:15 p.m. Nov. 13 at Lemon Bay Park (570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood). Sharon Whitehill, a retired professor of English from Grand Valley State University of Michigan, will present "Traveling Though Time with Trees." All meetings are free and open to the public. For more info, visit Mangrove.FNPSC.org or call 941-769-3633.

FLORIDA-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

The city of Venice will host a free Florida-Friendly Landscaping program from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19 in Council Chambers at City Hall (401 W. Venice Ave., Venice). Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Join Dr. Pat Williams and Wilma Holley from UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County to learn the principles behind a great Florida landscape. This program is part of the city council's directive for the City to develop an educational program for citizens on fertilizer usage, effects, and reduction methods. Open to the public; no reservations required. Informational handouts will be provided.

WADING TRIPS

Take a walk on the wet side! Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, Inc. will be conducting free seagrass adventure estuary wading trips at Cedar Point Environmental Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood) at 9 a.m. Nov. 23 and Dec. 12, 21 and 26. After an introductory program on aquatic environments, participants will walk a short distance to Lemon Bay where, using dip nets and hand viewers, they will wade into the shallow waters in search of the plants and animals that reside there. Free; pre-registration required. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 941-475-0769.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CRUISES

King Fisher Fleet, headquartered at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda, is now accepting reservations for Christmas Light Canal Cruises. These popular, family-oriented cruises tour residential canals to view Christmas lights, displays, and decorations on homes, boats, seawalls and docks. Christmas Light Canal Cruises run every evening from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31. There are three departures each night: 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m., and 9 p.m. and each cruise lasts one hour. Adult tickets cost \$20,

ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

WHAT'S THAT BIRD?: Volunteer bird interpreters share their expertise on ID and behavior of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and other avian visitors at Myakka River 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.

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.

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.

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. Trips are planned from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday if weather permits. Meet at Nav-A-Gator 30 minutes prior to departure. Sign up by calling Steve Burroughs 813-857-4634. Trips are provided by KayakEcoTours.com.

AUDUBON IN THE FIELD

The general public is invited to join members of the Peace River Audubon Society for a series of field trips and walkabouts. Field trips are half-day to full-day adventures. Bring a bag lunch, drinking water and sunscreen. Carpooling is available; inquire. Walkabouts are shorter trips, about two hours. Call the number listed for more information.

NOV. 6 WALKABOUT: "All About Birds." Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Peace River Wildlife Center (3400 Ponce de Leon Pkwy, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Barb Taylor, 717-968-6013.

NOV. 10 FIELD TRIP: Caloosahatchee Creek and Powell Creek Preserves. Meet at 8 a.m. at Caloosahatchee Creek (call for address). Coordinator: Barney Bontecou, 203-952-4048.

DEC. 4 WALKABOUT: Meet at Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park (15801 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda) at 8 a.m. Coordinator: Phyllis Cady, 941-286-7638.

DEC. 15 FIELD TRIP: Annual Christmas Bird Count. Various locations. Coordinator: Tony Licata, alicata@dcwis.com.

JAN. 1 WALKABOUT: Welcome in the New Year at Ollie's Pond (18235 Avon Ave., Port Charlotte) at 8 a.m. Coordinator: Dave Lancaster, 586-214-0203.

JAN. 19 FIELD TRIP: Celery Fields. Meet at 7 a.m. at Deep Creek Walmart parking lot across from Culver's (385 Kings Hwy,

Port Charlotte). Coordinator: Eleanor Marr, 941-624-4182.

FEB. 5 WALKABOUT: Punta Gorda Nature Park and Ponce de Leon Park. Meet at 4 p.m. at Nature Park (1555 Aquei Esta Drive, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Starr Zachritz 941-391-4446.

FEB. 23 FIELD TRIP: Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation. Meet at 7 a.m. at the far end of the Home Depot parking lot at Burnt Store Road and U.S. 41. Coordinator: Ron Mills, 941-575-6968.

MARCH 5 WALKABOUT: Night Hike. Meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hathaway Park (35301 Washington Loop Road, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Ron Mills, 941-575-6968.

MARCH 23 FIELD TRIP: Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area. Meet at 7 a.m. at the pay station (29200 Tuckers Grade, Punta Gorda). Coordinator: Dave Lancaster, 586-214-0203.

APRIL 2 WALKABOUT: "Birds, Buds, and Blooms." Meet at 8 a.m. at Amberjack Preserve (6250 Gasparilla Pines Blvd, Placida). Coordinator: Bob Winter, 941-828-2627.

APRIL 13 FIELD TRIP: Fort De Soto, St. Petersburg. Meet at 7 a.m. at Deep Creek Walmart parking lot across from Culver's (385 Kings Hwy, Port Charlotte). Coordinator: Mike Krzyzkowski, 863-244-2652.

SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

All outings are free and the public is invited. Donations to the Sierra Club always gratefully accepted. On paddle trips, participants must provide own watercraft and PFD, and be able to swim. For a full list of outings, visit GCHGroup.org.

BIKE WALTON RANCH with Allain Hale, Nov. 10, 9 a.m. to noon: Bring your bike and join us as we pedal from the entrance of Walton Ranch to the westernmost border of this working cattle ranch. Dirt bikes only. Bring lunch, water, shady hat and be in good shape. 941-423-2713

PADDLE PRAIRIE CREEK with Jamie Reynolds, Nov. 13, 8:30 to 11 a.m.: Bring your kayak and join Master Naturalist Jamie Reynolds as she leads us on this natural waterway studded with cypress, oaks, and palms. This creek is home to limpkins, ospreys, and kingfishers, and many other Florida native birds. 941-637-8284.

HIKE PRAIRIE SHELL CREEK PRESERVE with John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds, Nov. 15 & Dec. 19, 8:30 to 11 a.m.: Join two Master Naturalists as they lead us on an informational, easy nature walk in this protected area of scrub habitat in Charlotte County. The Florida scrub jay and gopher tortoise live here and we will discuss them. 941-637-8284.

PADDLE MYRTLE CREEK with Jim Story, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Join Florida Master Naturalist Jim Story as he leads us through a freshwater jungle to tidal Shell Creek and dam waterfall. 941-505-8904.

KAYAK AND HIKE SHELL CREEK with Rick Fried, Nov. 20 & Dec. 7, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Shell Creek is coming into bloom now and its banks are covered with lavender

climbing asters. With local resident and Florida Master Naturalist Rick Fried leading the way, we will enjoy a short nature hike at the turn-around point near the grove retention pond. 941-637-8805.

HIKE SHELL CREEK PRESERVE with John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds, Nov. 28, 8:30 to 11 a.m.: Join two Master Naturalists as they lead us through this area of longleaf pine flatwoods and hardwood hammocks along Shell Creek. 941-637-8284.

PADDLE LETTUCE LAKE with Rick Fried, Nov. 30, Dec. 17, Dec. 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: This is one of our most popular outings! We will kayak from Lettuce Lake, then take narrow, twisting channels that lead to the Peace River. We will stop to have lunch at the Nav-A-Gator Restaurant before returning to our cars via a different route. Bring lunch money. 941-637-8805.

KAYAK MYAKKAHATCHEE CREEK with Allain Hale, Dec. 1, 9 a.m. to noon: You must have good kayaking skills for this outing in North Port. It requires portaging over dams and may have tight conditions under low branches. 941-423-2713.

HIKE DEEP CREEK PRESERVE with John Phillips and Jamie Reynolds, Dec. 9, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.: Join two Florida Master Naturalists as they lead us on an informative exploration of this preserved area in Charlotte County, dominated by longleaf pine flatwoods, wetland marshes and hardwood hammock habitats. 941-787-4329.

KAYAK MYRTLE SLOUGH with Jim Story, Dec. 13, a.m. to 1 p.m.: Paddle through a freshwater jungle, then on to tidal Shell Creek waterfall and dam. 941-505-8904.

CHEC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Enjoy learning about and teaching others about nature? Looking for a fun and educational way to meet like minded people? Consider becoming a volunteer with Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center at Cedar Point Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood). Office volunteers work shifts from 8:30 am to noon or noon to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers can work one shift per week or just a shift a month. Volunteers are need as trail guides to lead guided nature walks through several local Charlotte County properties. These are usually from 9 to 11 a.m. on various days of the week. If interested, a training session will be scheduled. You will learn some plants, animals and interpretive techniques to help you lead these "walks in the woods". Contact Bobbi Rodgers at 941-475-0769 or Bobbi@CHECflorida.org.

CHEC FIELD TRIPS

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, in conjunction with the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department, will be conducting the following free programs in October. A complete list of programs can be found at ChecFlorida.org. Unless noted, all walks begin at 9 a.m. For directions or more info, call 941-475-0769.

NOV. 3: Join Carolyn Gregsak on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park (6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood).

NOV. 7, 20, 24, 28: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park (6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd, Englewood).

NOV 8: Explore "The Florida Scrub Jay in Peril: Learn what you can do about it" with Kate Borduas at 10 a.m. at Bayshore Live Oak Park (23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte). The Florida scrub jay — Florida's only endemic bird — is in real danger of extinction. Learn what you can do to help save what the Cornell Lab of Ornithology has called a "species of the century." Reservations advised.

NOV. 9, 12, 23: Join a CHEC naturalist on a guided walk through Tippecanoe II Mitigation Area (16259 Joppa Ave., Port Charlotte). This 150-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot.

NOV. 10: Join Denise Hart on a guided walk through the 81-acre Bill Coy/Buck Creek Preserve (5350 Placida Road, Englewood). The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

NOV. 11: Join Greg Brezicki on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park (6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood).

NOV. 13: Join Nancy Clayton at 8 a.m. on a birding walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 217-acre Amberjack Environmental Park (6450 Gasparilla Pines Blvd, Englewood).

NOV. 15: Learn how Southwest Florida is currently experiencing Climate Change with James (Jim) Beever, Planner IV for the SW Florida Regional Planning Council at 10 a.m. at Bayshore Live Oak Park (23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte). More severe tropical storms and hurricanes, significant losses of mature mangrove forest, water quality degradation, and increased harmful algae blooms have already damaged communities. Hear about Jim's work in climate change planning. Reservations advised.

NOV. 19: Join Jean Leavitt on a guided walk through 308-acre Tippecanoe Environmental Park (2400 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte). This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

NOV. 21: Join Kate Borduas on a guided walk through the old growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 125-acre Oyster Creek/Ann Dever Regional Park (6791 San Casa Drive, Englewood).

NOV. 23: Get wild and wet! Join Eileen Gerle at Cedar Point Park (2300 Placida Road, Englewood) on a seagrass adventure wading trip into Lemon Bay in search of marine organisms such as seahorses, crabs and juvenile fish. Registration required.

NOV. 29: Open your eyes to "Lichens: Masters of Symbiosis" with Kate Borduas at 10 a.m. at Bayshore Live Oak Park (23157 Bayshore Road, Port Charlotte). Lichens are all around us but might as well be invisible for all the attention they are given. Learn to love these intriguing organisms. Reservations advised.

tickets for children age 3-11 cost \$10, and tickets for anyone under 3 years old are free. Group pricing of \$18 is available for groups of 15 or more adults. For reservations or more info, call 941-639-0969.

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 Flotilla87atCoastGuardEnglewood.com for more info.



A LIFE ON THE WATER • CAPT. VAN HUBBARD

Reducing the impacts of red tide

Photo provided

While the abundant canals on Charlotte Harbor make waterfront living far more accessible, there's a down side.

Let's explore the facts of red tide. We hear so many varied "facts," and often they contradict one another. Many come from sources we want to trust. But many have agendas to promote. How do we determine what to believe?

Common sense is a good gauge here. We need to balance what we factually know with what makes sense. Consider how human impacts influence this natural phenomenon. After we educate ourselves, we need to decide how to proceed with addressing known sources of nutrients and other contributing factors. Please understand we can't just fix this. The better we comprehend these problems the sooner we can reduce impacts and alga blooms.

We know red tide is an alga, but it's easier to think of try to think of it like cancer: It's bad, and we don't really understand why or how it grows out of control. We certainly do have an impact by feeding it. How can we lessen its impacts? Feed it less. We don't have anything that we can kill it with effectively, at least not without killing everything else.

We can't control it either and certainly need more studies to gain factual knowledge. But we need to aggressively pursue solutions, not simply study it to death. One issue I'm concerned with is that each independent group works on its ideas. How can we get them to work together? Maybe require sharing under our current funding processes?

I believe we are much of our own problem. Look at where outbreaks occur. They start around dense population centers. Our creator balanced things. We have destroyed for profit and pleasure without consideration of the consequences.

We destroyed the natural wetland filters to build waterfront homes. Most have sea

walls that further reduce filtering. We dredged the ICW in early '60s, severely impacting natural water flows that flushed our bays. Most of us have green grass and landscaped yards that are fertilized for beauty without consideration of nutrients added to waters. We created thousands, yes thousands of miles of dead-end canals, effectively stagnant pools collecting nutrients. We have Sahara dust, Mississippi River nutrients, aquifer seepage and everything else as possible sources.

Most counties have minimum impact fees to encourage growth for profit. Charlotte County is controlled by pro-growth leaders. We elected them. We can also educate them about what this has done to cripple the sustainability of our economy. We absolutely need growth — but we also need to balance this with prudent restraints to maintain our environment!

Our property values support government spending and directly effect each owner. We can balance these challenges if we acknowledge and address them. County and regional planners must work together to understand the need to protect what we have left, and to restore what has been lost already. If we don't factor in the real impacts of new developments, it will destroy our property values. Plummeting property values take down the tax base, and then local governments will lack the funds to function. Scary, but something to consider.

What can we do to lessen such natural disasters? First, we must acknowledge that we will have disasters, and then build and plan to minimize human impacts to our land and waters. It's not unforeseeable that hurricanes and floods will occur here. Our infrastructure should be able to handle it.

We need to reduce and filter runoff waters

better than we do now. Observe how fast retention ponds cattails grow! This shows us how well they work and how much nutrients we contribute to these waters. Consider the impacts of all the chemicals and medications we flush and introduce to our waters. Sooner or later this to will catch up with us.

We need to look at ways to reintroduce flows to those dead-end canals and remove restrictions on natural water flows to our Gulf passes. Consider cutting a few direct flows from Cedar Point to Stump Pass. It's complicated but some significant improvements could be accomplished with minimum efforts.

How do we pay for all of this? Those impact fees. If we raise them, new construction will cost a little more — but it will also increase the value of existing structures. This is what balancing growth with its impacts and building a sustainable economy means.

Of course, this idea butts heads with big-money developments, but it's absurd that we could allow huge new waterfront projects without mitigating their impacts. It is to the long-term advantage of people who will buy in those development to be sure they add value to our economy without reducing quality of life. Everyone needs a cleaner, healthier environment — even the people who don't live here yet.

To resolve our problems, we must get the scientific facts, include common sense considerations, and work together to fix things. If not, we all pay the consequences. Many of us have our life savings tied up in our homes. We are risking everything if we don't educate ourselves and get real answers. We must hold our governing individuals and bodies accountable. We must show them we care and help them understand working solutions. Waving a sign

will not solve our problems. Yelling at our leaders is not the answer.

Please understand that only God can just fix this. It's not the fault of any one politician or leader. Big Sugar, agriculture, and Lake O are not the biggest nutrient contributors to Charlotte Harbor and Lemon Bay, as some would lead you to believe. That comes down the Caloosahatchee.

Look instead at what's upstream on the Peace River. Phosphate mining and its water usage, destruction of natural filtering, land destruction, and polluted gypsum stacks and tailing ponds — that's a huge issue that requires our attention. They are trying to dig up as much as they can before we hold them accountable. The fish and wildlife killed by their spills are as bad as red tide or worse. They have killed several rivers, several times. We have no idea what will happen after the last sinkhole mess.

I'm not saying we shut it down, but we can certainly require them to mitigate their impacts. They must pay to clean up leftover ponds and stacks. It will cut into their profits, but we absolutely must protect Florida's natural environments. Again, look for long-term sustainable practices that work for all of us. "Rape, plunder and then move on" is not a sustainable model.

Right now, I'm not seeing any red tide but others are. Let's stay on top of this, but let's try to do it without shutting down our already struggling local beach and waterfront economies. Thank you for caring. Let's work together to help.

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ONION-CRUSTED GROUPE

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 cups fresh or frozen corn
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp salt, divided
- 1 tsp fresh-ground black pepper, divided
- 1 tsp dried thyme, divided
- 4 6-ounce grouper (or other white fish) fillets
- 1/2 cup crushed french-fried onion rings

A clip-n-save seafood recipe provided by



Heat oven to 450°F. Combine 1 tablespoon of the olive oil with red and green bell peppers, corn, onion and 1/2 teaspoon each of the salt, pepper, and thyme in a large ovenproof pan. Roast mixture in the oven until the corn and peppers start to brown, about 12 minutes, stirring twice. Coat fillets with remaining 1 tablespoon of oil and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt, pepper and thyme. Top with crushed onion rings. Remove roasting pan from oven; spread corn-and-pepper mixture to sides of the pan. Place fillets in middle of pan; return to oven and cook 10 minutes until fillets are opaque in the center. Serve fillets on a bed of roasted vegetables. Yields 4 servings.

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INSHORE & FRESHWATER

ASHLEY L.

ECONOMY TACKLE
Sarasota
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Palma Sola and Perico Bay have been producing decent **snook**, including some keeper-size fish (although season is closed). Some smaller **trout** have been popping up, but the gators are oddly absent. The **tarpon** around the river mouths have mostly vanished; some are probably upriver but some have gone south.

GULF & OFFSHORE

Patchy red tide has been reported off the Sarasota beaches, but east winds and cooler weather are slowing it down. Lots of **tripletail** have been on the crab trap floats, but there haven't been as many traps out as usual. **Kingfish** are starting to show up, and there are major tournaments scheduled soon.

BEST BET

Redfish on the flats have been hungry. Live Target Pinfish are great but not cheap. Quarter-ounce gold spoons and topwaters are also doing the job.

MALCOLM

COOKS SPORTLAND
Venice
941-493-0025

Fishing reports have been tremendous. The jetties have been giving up **Spanish mackerel**, **mangrove snapper** and lots of smaller **snook** plus a few big ones. **Redfish** action has been good from Lemon Bay into Gasparilla Sound. Remember snook and redfish are closed. Water temperatures have been dropping fast in fresh water, but we're not in **speck** range yet. **Bass** are good, though.

Scattered red tide reports have come in but the fishing is good. Pods of bait off the beaches have been holding **jacks**, **ladyfish** and **Spanish mackerel**. The weather has kept most guys from heading farther out.

Those of you who have been waiting for it get good, it's gotten good. Head out or you're going to miss out.

JIM

FISHERMAN'S EDGE
Grove City
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Lemon Bay has been producing some nice **trout** and lots of smaller **snook** from Stump Pass up north of the bridge. Big wads of **jacks** have been cruising around the backcountry and in the passes. **Ladyfish** are on bait wherever you find it. Despite the recent chill, **tarpon** are still knotted up in Boca Grande Pass as migratory fish head south. **Pompano** and **sheepshead** have been good at the Tom Adams.

Spanish mackerel are off the beaches, and smaller numbers of **kingfish** are showing up off Manasota Key. **Cobia** have been reported around some of the reefs in south Sarasota County.

The **redfish** bite has been decent in Lemon Bay, but more consistent around Whidden Creek and into the shallows of Gasparilla Sound. South Gulf Cove has had some reds as well.

JEFF

CAPT. TED'S TACKLE
Port Charlotte
941-627-6800

The **snook** and **redfish** bites seem to be alternating. Reds are feeding on the incoming tides and snook are eating when it goes out. Both are hungry and will take scented soft plastics or natural baits. Plan your day around that. At the slack, head out into the deeper holes or near Boca Grande Pass and see if you can hook up with a **tarpon** on a DOA Bait Buster or threadfin.

Red grouper limits have been coming from 35 miles out. **Kingfish** reports have started to pop up. Anywhere you find crab traps, you'll find **tripletail**. Watch for patches of red tide, which have been around off the passes.

The **shark** bite is on fire. They're under the schools of bait and hanging around pretty much anywhere potential prey fish are. Be ready for fish up to 150 pounds.

ROBERT

FISHIN' FRANK'S
Charlotte Harbor
941-625-3888

Spanish mackerel are starting to come in the Pass and are as far up as Cape Haze. Some **ladyfish** and **bluefish** are also hanging out with them. **Redfish** and **snook** are all through the backcountry and along the mangroves; offer them shrimp, pinfish or soft plastic jerkbaits. The beaches and ICW have had some **pompano** and **flounder**; drag a jig along the bottom. A few **cobia** are on the west wall.

The bait is piling up at one to 15 miles offshore, and there are loads of predators taking advantage. **Spanish mackerel**, **bonita**, **jacks**, **kingfish** and **blackfin tuna** might be anywhere the bait is thick. **Permit** are on the wrecks, and so are **grunts** and **snapper**. **Barracuda** are heading south.

If you can, head offshore and enjoy the mixed bag of pelagics. It won't last forever.

CAMERON

RIO VILLA
BAIT & TACKLE
Punta Gorda
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Small to medium pinfish work well under corks and tossed in potholes for **snook**, **trout**, **redfish** and **flounder**. Small chunks of mullet and ladyfish will work also. Bass poppers like the Storm Chug Bug and Rapala Skitterpop work extremely well for trout and the occasional redfish and are often more effective than a walking plug. If the fish won't commit to the bite, switch to a MirrOdine.

No reports.

A DOA shrimp suspended about 15 inches under a popping cork will catch **trout** on the flats all day.

JESSE

OLD PINE ISLAND
MARINA & TACKLE
St. James City
239-283-2548

Redfish are ganged up around Bokeelia and south of the power lines in Matlacha. They're also mixed in with **snook** under the mangroves. Gulps, jerkshads, topwaters and frozen cutbait are all good. **Sharks** from small to medium are seemingly everywhere. Baby **tarpon** are still feeding on small stuff in the backwaters. **Mangrove snapper** are hungry in the canals.

Tripletail have been fairly abundant under the crab trap floats, but most are small so far. **Spanish mackerel** and a few **kingfish** have been off the beaches slashing bait. Out a few more miles we're seeing **bonita** and **blackfin tuna** doing the same.

Trout are taking Rapala Skitter Vs on the grassflats. There's a mix of sizes, so move if you keep catching smaller fish.

BOB

BAIT N WAIT
Fort Myers Beach
239-466-8737

(Oct. 25 report) **Jacks** and small **mangrove snapper** are coming from the local piers. There are a few **snook** in the surf, but more are around the mangrove islands and docks. Grassbeds off Bunche Beach have been holding **trout**; they're liking shrimp and soft plastics. **Sheepshead** are taking bits of cut shrimp around deeper pilings on the Sanibel Causeway and other bridges.

No reports this week.

Fish live shrimp around deeper mangrove shorelines for bigger **snapper**. Expect to wade through lots of short fish, though.

THE FISH COACH'S TIP OF THE WEEK: Matching the hatch — offering fish what they're already feeding on — is a basic tenet of angling. It's an important concept everywhere you go and for every species, but it's particularly crucial for Southwest Florida sheepshead fishing. If you ask for sheepshead advice, many people will insist you need fiddler crabs or sand fleas. Those are great baits — but only in areas those little critters live. Sand fleas are found at the beach. If you're fishing at the Venice jetties or a Gulf pier, they're an excellent choice. At El Jobean? Not so much. Same with small crabs. They're best around piers and under mangroves (and by the way, it's really wharf and mud crabs they eat, since fiddlers won't go into water more than a couple inches deep). That's why the top sheepee bait is shrimp, because shrimp can be found anywhere sheepshead can. — *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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Reader Photos



John Solinger with a mature male Lake Ida peacock bass.



James and Thomas Jurisko with the fat yellowtail snapper they caught on the headboat Sailors Choice out of Key Largo.



John Kasulaitis with an 18-pound snook he caught and released.



Sal Gagliardi with a snook caught near an oyster bar on a gold AquaDream spoon.



Steve Strodel of Punta Gorda with a 38-pound amberjack caught aboard the Jersey Devil.



Monster of the Week

Daz Jensen caught this huge South Gulf Cove trout on a fly as big as the fish's head.

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George Donahue caught and released this PGI snook from Uncle Ernie's dock.



Dave Agee caught this big jack while trolling in Oyster Creek. Cindy Madison assisted with the net.

A BASIC GUIDE TO THE WATERS OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST: 1-Bayshore Piers, 2-Lashley Pier, 3-Ponce de Leon Park Pier, 4-The Skating Rink, 5-Alligator Creek Reef (Charlotte Harbor Reef), 6-Matlacha Bridge, 7-Sanibel Lighthouse Pier, 8-Jug Creek, 9-The Phosphate Docks, 10-Danger Reef, 11-Gallagher Cut, 12-The Tailing Flats, 13-Placida Pier / Placida Trestles, 14-Ski Alley (western cut), Rag Alley (eastern cut), 15-Tom Adams Bridge/Ainger Pier, 16-El Jobean Pier, 17-Snook Haven, 18-Venice Municipal Pier, 19-Venice Jetties.

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ANGLING 101 • ROBERT LUGIEWICZ



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Land-based angling can lead to some impressive catches, like this redfish caught from the Bokeelia Fishing Pier.

Landlocked

With last weekend's cold front, we saw our first taste of winter's north winds making conditions less than ideal for boating on local waters. While you can almost always find protected areas to fish, it's getting to those areas that's the hassle. Let's face it: Running across choppy waters is no fun in a flats skiff.

For those of us fortunate enough to live on a canal, we sometimes have a whole other problem with post-frontal conditions. North winds can push a lot of water out of the canals, leaving too little to get your boat off the lift and into the water. Even if the chop doesn't bother you, you can't launch in mud.

What it comes down to is there are going to be days you might want to fish but taking the boat out is an iffy or impossible proposition. What can you do? Well, you can do what folks who don't own boats do: Fish from shore.

Now, I know some of you will look down your noses at that idea. "You want ME to fish from SHORE!?" That's fine. If you think you're too fancy to go out to the pier with the commoners, go hang out at the country club instead. For the rest of you, land-based fishing will be fun and offers a new angle on the sport.

Land-based fishermen actually tend to be a little more skilled than boat-based anglers. When you're fishing from a pier or shore, it's not like you can fire up the engine and go to the next bush or the next flat. When you have only a small area to fish, you've got to figure out how to get the fish in those spots to bite. It's harder to be really good under these conditions, but it will sharpen your skills.

Land-based fishing will also force you to pare down your gear to the essentials. On the boat, you can carry a whole lot of stuff. That's tough to do on the pier. What do you really need? It's way easier to carry one or two rods than five or ten. A bag of frozen shrimp weighs a lot less than a bucket of live ones.

A few packs of soft plastics and hooks fit in your pockets and you won't have to carry a tackle box.

Let's focus on some basic how-to: A longer rod makes it a bit easier to keep fish away from the pilings, so I wouldn't suggest anything under 7 feet (and longer is better). Dual-drag reels are handy to have, because you can set it down with no fears of a fish pulling it over the side. A bridge net is extremely useful for pulling fish up to you, especially when you hook a bigger one. Avoid bridge gaffs, because a gaffed fish is a dead fish.

Many newbie pier anglers use weights that are too heavy. In most cases, a half-ounce is sufficient. Much of the time, all you really need is a splitshot or two. If you're in strong current, go heavier if you must, but anything over an ounce is probably just too much.

Sometimes weighted rigs aren't the way to go. I like to start out with two rods, rigged differently — one with a float, one with a sinker. One will usually get more action than the other. When that's the case, I switch both rods to the more successful rig (unless things are really good, in which case I just want one rod to focus on).

Where should you fish? You'll see many people walk out to the end of a pier and cast out as far as possible. Deeper water, bigger fish — right? But a pier is a fish attractor, and many of the fish are right under your feet.

In fact, when targeting fish that like cover (mangrove snapper, sheepshead, snook, black drum, etc.), I prefer to fish the up-tide side so my bait gets carried under the pier. Areas that have more pilings or more cover are usually fishier. For fish that like open water — trout, sharks, cobia, mackerel — cast from the downcurrent side and let your bait drift away from the structure.

Look for eddies and ripple changes in current. Those can be subtle signs of dropoffs, oyster bars

or deeper spots below the water's surface, and those little spots can be fish magnets. These tiny areas are often the reason why some guys on the pier seem to catch all the fish. Some are so small that if you're 5 feet off, you're getting nothing. Of course, you have to fish the pier more than once or twice to figure these things out.

Another thing that takes time is figuring out how tides affect a particular spot. For example, do the trout bite better on the incoming or outgoing tide at this pier? How about the flounder? Are there even any flounder around? To get this kind of intel, simple observation is best. Watch other people fishing. Note who's being successful. Pay attention to their methods and specific locations. Don't try to push anyone out of the way, but when you have a chance, see if their techniques work for you.

For me, land-based fishing always reminds me of my childhood. It's that love/hate thing: I loved going fishing, but hated not having a boat to get to all those spots people talked about. But now looking back, I realize it wasn't so bad. I learned a huge amount because I was forced to deal with the constraints of fishing without a boat.

If I'd always been spoiled by having that boat ready to go, I think I would have missed out on a lot. Those of you who graduated from pier fishing to boat fishing will understand. Those of you who've always had the advantage of a boat probably don't get it. My advice to you is that you spend some time casting from the pier, bridge or beach. It will improve in ways you never expected.

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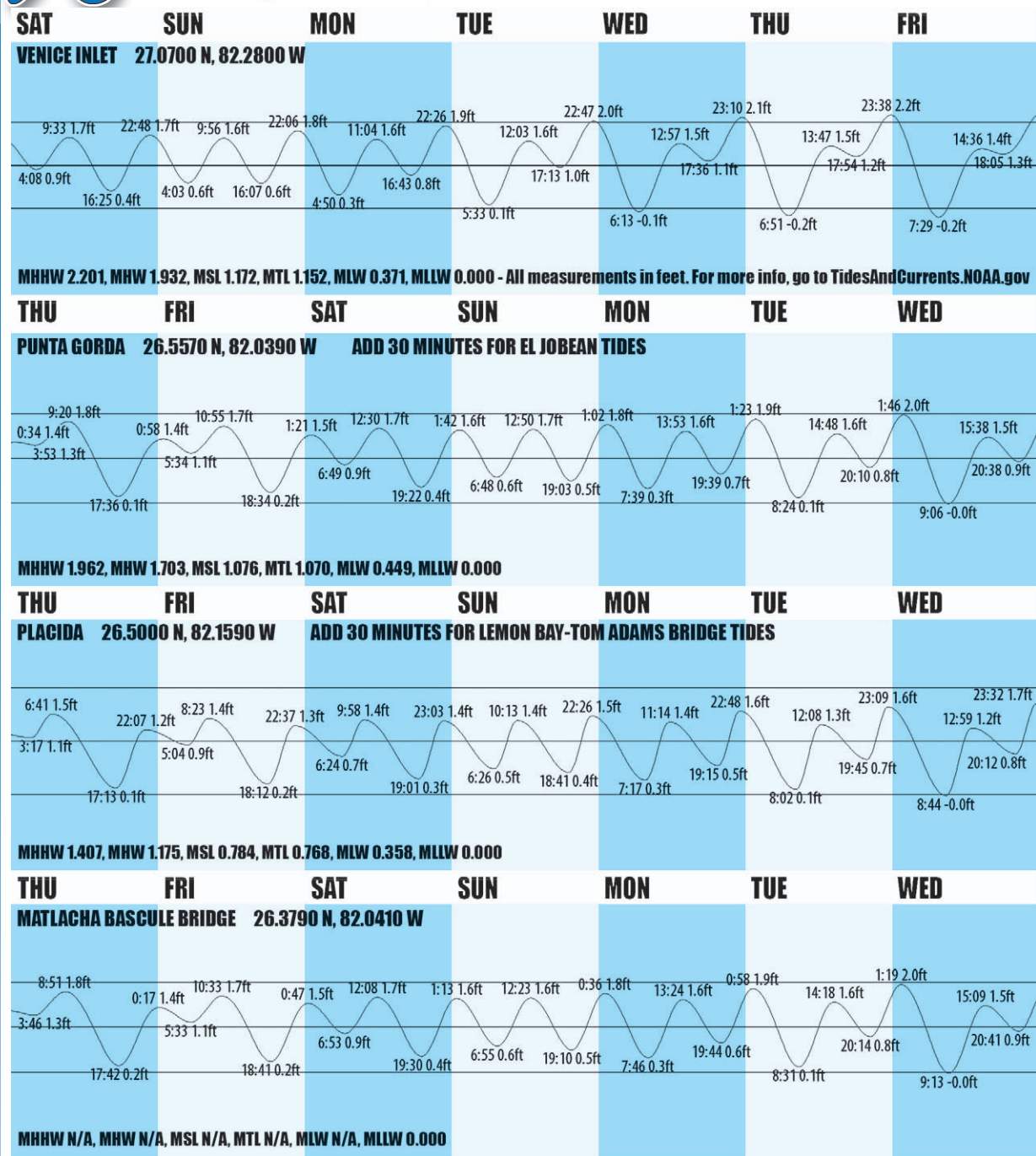
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	Low Tide	16:25 0.4		High Tide	9:20 1.8		Low Tide	17:13 0.1		Low Tide	17:42 0.2
	High Tide	22:48 1.7		Low Tide	17:36 0.1		High Tide	22:07 1.2			
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WHY IT MATTERS
Sea turtles are an important part of the ocean's food web. Hatchlings provide fat and protein to a wide variety of predators during their breeding seasons. Plus, we like sea turtles.

HOW WE HARM IT
Baby turtles can be killed if they can't make it to the water quickly or get confused by lights. Adult turtles are sometimes hit by boats or take baits meant for reef or open-water fish.

MAKING BETTER CHOICES
Avoiding harm to turtles is pretty easy if you follow these simple tips:

- During turtle nesting season (April through October), avoid disturbing females laying eggs on the beach. Don't shine lights on or near the beach, as this can disorient both adults and hatchlings. Avoid digging holes or trenches in the sand, as these can trap babies rushing toward the surf. Don't leave chairs or other debris on the beaches, either — they can tangle turtles.
- If you hook a turtle, use a long dehooking tool to remove the hook if possible. If not, cut the line as close to the turtle as you can. Sea turtles have very powerful jaws — be careful.
- Keep a close watch when boating in areas turtles are known to frequent. They have to surface to breathe and can be hit. Boca Grande Pass often has many turtles passing through.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD STEWARD AND HELPING TO MAKE OUR WATERS HEALTHIER — WE ALL NEED TO DO OUR PART!



Stick out your tongue and say 'Ugh!'



PRWC photo

That's not a stick protruding below this great blue heron's beak. That's its tongue. And no, that's not what it's supposed to do.

PEACE RIVER WILDLIFE CENTER
ROBIN JENKINS, DVM

At Peace River Wildlife Center, our primary mission is to rehabilitate orphaned and injured native Florida wildlife and get the healthy individuals back out into the wild as soon as we can. Sometimes getting them into rehab is even more of a challenge than getting them out.

For a month, we kept getting calls about a great blue heron that had a stick protruding from his neck. At each incidence, by the time we got a rescuer there, the bird was gone. We asked the caller to take a picture with their smartphone and send it to us, so we could get a better idea of what we were up against.

Sometimes these photos can tell us a lot. Like the time a landscaper called to report a "bald eagle" had walked into his equipment trailer and was just sitting there. The photo showed us a white fancy pigeon with fluffy foot feathers. I love this guy — because after I explained to him the identity of the bird, he was no less worried about it. We picked up the wayward pet and found its owner.

The fuzzy picture of the alleged great blue heron might have been a Sasquatch sighting for all I could tell, so the mystery continued. Eventually someone was able to lure the bird onto their lanai and trap it there until a rescuer got there.

The bird was finally transported to PRWC for an examination. What had looked like a stick from a distance, turned out to be the bird's tongue. We aren't sure how it happened, but the soft tissue behind the bird's bottom beak had been torn open, and his tongue had fallen through.

It had been like this for at least a month that we know of. Most of the soft tissue had healed around the tongue. What had started out as an inch-long lesion was now only a quarter of an inch. The area where the tongue protruded had stopped the healing process.

The heron was in pretty good shape. The fact that he wasn't thin or dehydrated made it clear that he had been eating well despite this injury. Luckily, we were able to retract his tongue up into his mouth without causing further damage. We kept him under

observation for a few days to make sure it wouldn't fall through again, but by then the hole was too small for that to happen.

Suturing the remaining hole wouldn't have helped, since the tissue had already granulated or healed along the edges. (It would be like sewing two of your fingers together; they won't become one finger.) The other option would be to "freshen" the edges of the lesion — cut the healed tissue off so the open lesions can be sutured and heal together. (Yes, if you really need to have your fingers grow together, this is how to do it.) This would require a potentially lengthy recovery, antibiotics, and force-feeding the heron.

Although the bird was able to eat with a gaping hole in his head in the wild, he refused to eat anything we presented to him in captivity. We already knew he wasn't particularly fond of our accommodations. Housekeeping terrified him, and he turned his nose up at everything room service had to offer. I've done time at that kind of hotel — and I'm here to tell you, an early check-out is the only cure.

In the spirit of doing no harm, we released the great blue heron back to his home territory. His human neighbors had been doing a pretty good job of keeping track of him for the month before he was admitted to PRWC, so we were confident that should he get into trouble, we would be notified.

To date, we haven't heard anything. As they say, no news is good news. Unless you work for the media, then no news is a good excuse to make up some inflammatory accusations that will sell more ads than actual boring stuff that happens to actual people. (Editor's note: She's talking about cable TV, not your friendly hometown reporters. Right, Doc? Right?)

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Peeled, halve lengthwise, seed and chop cucumbers. Sprinkle salt over cucumber pieces; allow to sit 1 hour. Strain liquid from cucumbers. Combine whipping cream, mustard, and tarragon in a saucepan over medium heat; add cucumbers and simmer 8 minutes. Pour wine into a large skillet over medium heat. Season with salt and add bay leaf. Bring wine to a boil. Lay tilapia in skillet, reduce heat to medium-low and cook until fish flakes easily with a fork, 8 to 10 minutes. Serve fish with cucumbers on the side. Serves 2.

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When the air temperature drops below 60 degrees over Charlotte Harbor.



Now it's autumn

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Yes, I know that fall officially arrived more than a month ago. And I know that the plants and animals around us have been changing behaviors for weeks as the change of seasons has progressed.

Even so, today is the first real day of fall for me. My change of seasons is not based on somebody's definition involving equinoxes or solstices, or even on the shortening of the days. It's based on when it feels like the seasons have changed.

Here's how I know that fall arrived today: As I write this, I have just gotten off the water from a first-light fishing trip. At sunrise, there was an actual chill in the air. I was very glad that I was wearing long pants and a jacket (for the first time since last winter). When the boat first jumped up on plane and the bow started to settle, my eyes watered enough that chilly tears blew back towards my ears. I did not quite see my breath, but I sure thought that I might catch a wispy glimpse at sunrise.

The chill, dry air was energizing and

rejuvenating — and the more so because it has finally banished an unusually long and hot summer. I wasn't the only one on the lake this morning who felt the change. The bass were really frisky today. Fish that had been only modestly interested in biting all summer were crashing baits with abandon.

These fish must not have ever read all the bass fishing how-to books that talk about how tough the fishing will be on the day after the arrival of a cold front. Not only were the fish chewing this morning, once hooked they fought hard and jumped big. Definitely feeling the change.

Now that fall has arrived, it's time to make a few adjustments. It will no longer be necessary to check the National Hurricane Center website every single day. I'll still sneak a peak once in a while just to be safe, but we can now stand down from our annual summer tropical weather watch. Even the weakest and puniest of cold fronts will unceremoniously brush aside any approaching tropical weather

systems, so jacket weather pretty well spells the end of our hurricane angst for about half a year.

It's also time to start being smart about planning trips to places such as Walmart and Publix. Very early or very late in the day are now the best times to visit these places, because at other times of the day our seasonal visitors clog the aisles and cause lines at the check-outs. And it's time to start crossing U.S. 41 at intersections with traffic lights — no more trying to sneak across at stop signs. But boy, are we glad to see the people in town!

Fishermen are trading kings. Silver king tarpon are leaving town, but king mackerel are showing up. And some of the year's best action on snook and redfish is usually found just when the weather changes. This year those fish will get a break, as both species have been designated as catch-and-release only for the entire winter.

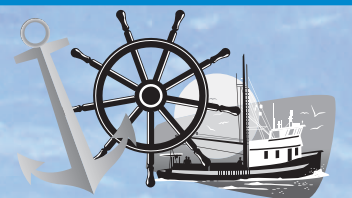
By the way, when your snowbird buddy shows up and starts dusting off his long-

idle fishing gear, you should mention the closures on snook and redfish harvest. The FWC's regulation booklets were printed before the closure was announced and therefore still list the seasons as open on these fish. And while the closures are shown on the FWC website, they are not given prominent placement and the details will be easily missed. As a result, anglers who were not in town when those closures were announced in the local media could easily miss that important detail and inadvertently harvest fish illegally.

And now I have to go make ready for a household tradition on the first chilly day of the year: Tonight, there will be a fire in the fireplace. Stay warm!

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