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# Town-hall tonight, detailing \$120 million citrus project

By TED CARTER

ARCADIAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

Seeking to ease nuisance concerns of nearby residents over a proposed agricultural processing plant, principals of Delray Beach-based Nuco Citrus LLC will be on hand for a town-hall-style gathering tonight.

They will detail plans for a \$120 million plant to convert citrus peels and other juice-making leftovers to pectin and other marketable oils. Details on hiring for the approximately 110-person workforce also likely will be available.

The gathering is from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Turner Agri Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan St. Company executives will answer questions and a video explaining the project and environmental and nuisance safeguards will run on a loop.

The processing plant planned for 194 acres on the south side of State Road 72 west of Arcadia could open by the end of the year. But first, county commissioners must approve a special exception to put it on land zoned for agriculture. The target for opening is October, said Michael Taber, DeSoto County economic

development specialist.

"They want to be open and ready for harvest season of 2019," Taber noted.

The plant would be the first in the United States to make pectin, a soluble fiber that helps thicken food and is found in everything from gels and laxatives to lozenges, and even cigars.

Some would-be neighbors, however, say they fear the operation could be more of a nuisance than the nearby Peace River Citrus juice plant that operates several months a year. The gathering organized by Nuco may help fill an information void the neighbors

say they have encountered since seeing a posting for a special exception on the property.

"Nobody knows anything about this," frustrated resident Marla Johnson said in an interview last week. She said this week she and her neighbors will turnout tonight at the Turner Center.

Taber said he lived in the vicinity of the proposed location for 20 years. The plant will fit in well, he insisted.

It will sit on about 25 of the 194 acres Nuco Citrus is buying. Taber said he expects only the

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# Welcoming the newest First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden

By CAROL MAHLER

ARCADIAN HISTORY EDITOR

First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden on Sunday celebrated the first worship service in its new church at U.S. Highway 17 and Senate in south DeSoto County. Every seat in the sanctuary was filled, and a nearly equal number occupied the overflow — a total of more than 800 church members and guests. First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden dates to the late 1870s.

"I hope we get this kind of crowd every Sunday," said Larry Hudson, who married Sylvia in the old church at 9500 S. Hull Road.

Greg Sullivan, associate and youth pastor, said the new building is the 20-year vision of Pastor Wayne Earnest.

"He wanted to move the church from the back roads to the main highway," Sullivan said.

Gene Harber, project manager and self-proclaimed custodian, said the facility is 21,000 square feet and that "lots of good people have worked on it. We're like marathon runners," he said, "passing the torch from one hand to another. I just happened to be one of those at the end."

Secretary and Ladies Ministry leader Barbara Sullivan said that the ministry team has been together for nearly 20 years. "It's rare to keep a team together for that long," she said.

After Hurricane Charley in 2004, the church began to grow — from about 70 to 200 members in one year. Greg Harber said, "Pastor Wayne encouraged us to get out of the pews and into the community."

Lifelong church member Charles Fort



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FORT OGDEN

The new First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden in south DeSoto County opened officially on Sunday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE DESOTO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### First Baptist Church of Fort Ogden, circa 1880

The Baptists organized in 1878 in Fort Ogden, and they built this first wooden sanctuary near the Fort Ogden Cemetery no later than 1881. Also holding services in that church was the Methodist congregation, organized in 1879. In 1884, Ziba and Florida King donated a parcel of land to the Methodists and his estate in 1901 to the Baptists. The second church built on Hull Road burned in November 1957, and was rebuilt in 1959.



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# It's DeSoto County Fair time!

The DeSoto County Fair starts Friday, runs through Feb. 9. This year's theme is "Country Pride Countywide" and features Arnold Amusements returning to the Midway, with some 50 rides and funhouses, games, food vendors and other goodies for the kiddies

and mom and dad. Check the DeSoto County Fair Association's social media for livestock, performance, pageant and event schedules, as well as pricing and other details. DeSoto County Fairgrounds: next to the old rodeo arena off U.S. Highway 17 in Arcadia.



PHOTOS BY JIMMY PETERS

Arnold Amusements' crews prepare rides and other attractions for start of the DeSoto County Fair, which runs Friday through Feb. 9. The traveling carnival originated in Traverse City, Mich., works the southeast in winter months.



Jr. Miss and Miss DeSoto Pageant are scheduled for Friday's fair opening. The Madness to Midnight special starts at 8 p.m.



Check for senior/student discounts, arm-band specials and other cost-saving ideas before heading out for the fair. Survey social media for details.



Arnold rides and attractions are inspected by local and state agencies prior to opening at an event.



Music, livestock shows, food, games, farm exhibits, pageants and rides, a thousand fun directions to go at a county fair.



Midway workers readying for Friday's opening. Arnold formed in 1980 and works the southeast U.S. in winter months.

**Corrections:** A page 20 photo in the Jan. 24 Arcadian/"Mosaic interview: Part 2" incorrectly identified a Mosaic Fertilizer waste byproduct site known as a gypstack as a Clay Settling Area. Last week's Arcadian incorrectly stated that from the 1920s until World War II only two houses stood in Villa Rica Park; the page 1 article should have specified that only two were constructed in the north half of the new subdivision. We regret the error.

# Passion for fashion, successful social event

By CAROLYN ADAMS  
ARCADIA WOMAN'S CLUB

A wonderful turnout on a cool and rainy Saturday for the annual Arcadia Woman's Club fashion show. More than 40 women enjoyed the show hosted by women's apparel retailer BonWorth, its Port Charlotte shop. Models for the fund-raising benefit were Babs Ames, Odette Flanagan, Linda Groman, Susan Mealy and Nancy Osgood. Thank you, ladies! Your fashions were wonderful and you did a great presentation.

After the fashion show, there was a terrific choice of salads and desserts. It was a nice warm gathering of ladies from many parts of this country discussing various times in our lives; very relaxing and comfortable.

There were gift baskets and local donations for the raffle. We would like to thank the many donors: About Flowers, Eli's Western Wear, Franklin Nail & Spa, Persnickety and Pizza Hut. The door prize was a beautiful flower arrangement won by Donna Stakey.

The Arcadia Woman's Club looks forward to our Feb. 9 membership drive. It begins at 10 a.m. 2288 NW American Legion Dr., Arcadia. 863-494-2966.



BonWorth fashion modeled at the Arcadia Woman's Club benefit.



Luncheon friends Nancy Osgood and Jeanne Lloyd at Saturday's benefit.



PHOTOS BY PRISCILLA MCDANIEL

Arcadia Woman's Club fashion show committee members are Iris Varner, Dorathea McCall, Babs Ames and Odette Flanagan. The show hosted by fashion retailer BonWorth/Port Charlotte was Saturday.

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# Welding on wheels, what a concept, did I say pink?

By **JIMMY PETERS**

ARCADIAN HOMETOWN EDITOR

Pink hair, a nice smile, a warm greeting, that's what I encountered arriving at the welding shop.

Did I mention pink hair? That, I was not expecting.

Farren Grimes and her fiance/ business partner, Charlie Van Houten, opened their welding business four years ago. Before hanging their shingle, the couple had struggled at their respective jobs, putting in the extra hours needed to fund a business start-up. But on June 29, 2015, they took the plunge and opened State of The Arc Mobile Welding Services, an installation, fabricator and custom welding business.

Charlie said, "I started welding when I was 12; my first project was a go-kart frame."

Over the years Charlie evolved, spending time watching experienced welders ... and learning the craft. He has since worked for several companies as a professional welder.

Farren spent the last four years learning the craft from Charlie, and has become an excellent welder in her own right. In fact, her first job was on a dump-truck bed. The weld four years later on vehicle with lots of motion and banging around holds tight. Together they have built the business to where they weld for clients across central Florida.

Can you imagine owning a large piece of farm equipment that needs repair sitting in the middle of an orange grove 30 miles from town? That's where State of The Arc Mobile Welding saves the day. Farren and Charlie pack up their mobile welding gear, drive to the site and make the repairs, saving the equipment owner transportation costs and a lot of time.

They weld just about every kind of material in the field; steel, aluminum and stainless steel. They use a MIG gun with a wire feeder, which makes the job go much quicker and results in a cleaner weld than the old rod system. One of the most common emergency repairs is on steel boat trailers that have broken down. Farren told me this story: "We were getting ready to pull our boat out of the water at the boat ramp in El Jobean, and the tongue on the trailer in front of us broke. We were able to weld it back together on the spot ... and we all got home."

"A lot of the welding that we do is more like an art. We've built fancy gates from drawings, and we have to adjust the perspective so it looks right, especially when we get into arched gates. The biggest gate we have built so far was for Budwiser, it was 49-foot long. We've also built gates and done other work for Florida Power, Ball Gas, Island



Farren holding a decorative piece she welded for a homebuilder.



Farren and Charlie square up the corner of an aluminum gate for welding.

Groves, Johnson Ag," Charlie added.

"My father," Farren recounted, "told me your gonna cry, your gonna want to shut it down. But stick with it and one day it will all be worth it. Finally this past year it's all worth it."

That sounds like good advice to me.

This is not just a story about a welding company that has become successful. It's also about two people who had a dream, believed in themselves and each other, and they stuck to it through the tough times.

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Farren Grimes welding the corner of an aluminum gate.

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# Viewpoint

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## OUR VIEW

### High on DeSantis's decision

**OUR VIEW:** Newly elected Gov. Ron DeSantis continued to lay out a refreshing, new path when he announced support for measures that would finally bring smokable marijuana into the state's medical marijuana dispensaries.

It was an abrupt split with the policies of his predecessor and fellow Republican, Rick Scott, now Florida's junior senator.

In addition, the fact that DeSantis announced his intentions with attorney John Morgan at his side was a signal of bipartisanship. Morgan, who led the crusade for a constitutional amendment allowing medical marijuana, had once floated the possibility of race for the Democratic nomination for governor.

Politics aside, DeSantis simply did the right thing. By abandoning the regressive policies of Scott and the previous Legislature, he is honoring the obvious wishes of Florida voters and signaling respect for doctor-patient relationships in health care.

An overwhelming 71 percent of voters approved a constitutional amendment to permit marijuana to be sold to people with debilitating diseases, including cancer, multiple sclerosis, HIV/AIDS and post-traumatic stress disorder. The amendment was rightfully assumed to include the common form of marijuana that could be smoked.

The Legislature refused. Despite protests from Morgan, et al., they carved out smokable marijuana and allowed only prescriptions in pill, oil, edible and vape form. Smoking marijuana remained illegal, even for those with a doctor's prescription.

The 2017 enabling legislation signed by Scott also restrained trade of a legitimate industry by capping the number of medical-marijuana licenses and dispensaries in the state.

When proponents sued, the Scott administration went a step further and appealed court judgments that held the restrictions unconstitutional. It was a bogus argument that clearly contradicted voter intent.

DeSantis said just that at a press conference flanked by Morgan and Republican leaders.

"What the Florida Legislature has done to implement the people's will has not been done in accordance with what the amendment envisioned," DeSantis said.

He further also sent a message that was both compassionate and libertarian:

"Whether they (patients) have to smoke it or not, who am I to judge that? I want people to be able to have their suffering relieved. I don't think this law is up to snuff."

Specifically, DeSantis said he would simply drop the state's lawsuit and end the misguided ban if the new Legislature failed to authorize smokable marijuana. He also called for an end to restrictions to vertical integration of the marijuana industry. By greatly limiting the number of growers and dispensaries in the state, the law overly restricted the fair, efficient marketing of a legal product, one appropriately left to the discretion of physicians and qualified patients in need of pain relief.

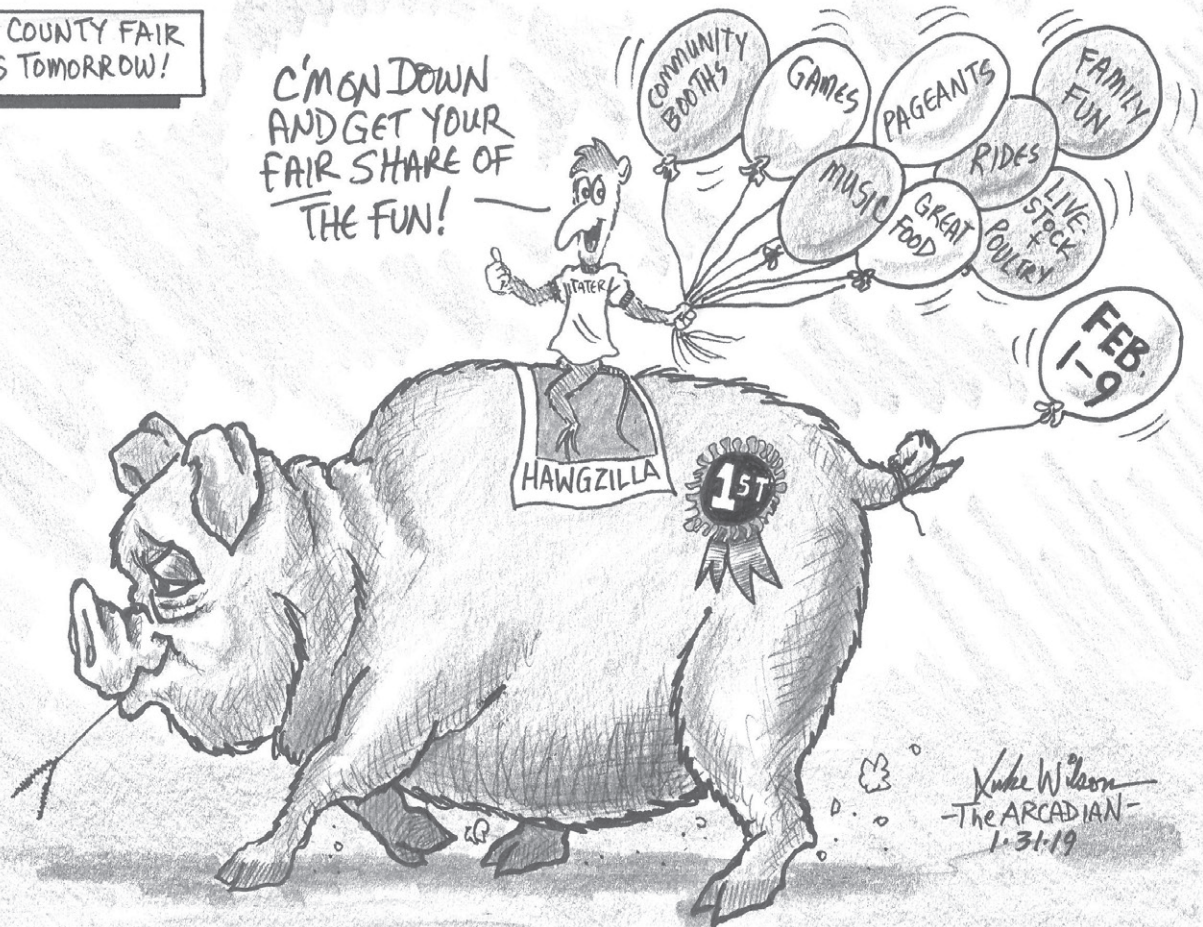
This is a welcome turn of events—again, one that signals the new governor's willingness to quickly shift from policies that contradict the clear will of 71 percent of the voting public.

For doctors, patients and families dealing with illness and hoping for an alternative to opioid pain relief—as well as a state struggling with the devastating impact of opioid addiction—this was a sensible, compassionate step.

We are confident the Legislature will get in step with DeSantis and act quickly to end the medical marijuana restrictions. As they should.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Jan. 17 history article fixes

In his article "Anatomy of a ghost town, 'one third sawdust and two-thirds fleas'" in the Jan. 17 Arcadian, Dr. Ross M. Tucker is correct that Pine Level received national attention during the Sarasota "vigilantes" trials in 1885. However, some of his facts are incorrect. Nine to 12 men were indicted for the murder of Charles Abbe and Harrison T. "Tip" Riley. Contrary to the outcome detailed by Dr. Tucker, "eight men were tried; three men sentenced to death; four to life; one acquitted," according to Jane Snyder Matthews in her 1983 book "Edge of Wilderness: A Settlement History of Manatee River and Sarasota Bay." She noted that two escaped from the Pine Level jail; one

was pardoned; and by 1892, all had been released from prison.

Dr. Tucker states that none of the original buildings remain in Pine Level; however, the Pine Level Methodist Sanctuary is the old school purchased by the church in 1923. He mistakenly writes that "the first floor of the jail [is] now used for a schoolroom" and of a "hanging tree, where justice was dispensed behind the courthouse." History records no execution by hanging in Pine Level.

In 1914, the Seaboard Air Line Railway built a subsidiary line called the East and West Coast Railway that roughly paralleled State Road 70. Despite its name, the tracks from Bradenton never extended farther east than Arcadia. The seeming surge of growth that Dr. Tucker

cites in the early 20th century is for New Pine Level, a station on the line two miles northeast of the original townsite.

For his information, Tucker relied on the "Historical Archaeology of the Pine Level Site (8DE14), DeSoto County, Florida" by Jana J. Futch, the thesis she wrote to earn her master's degree at the University of South Florida in 2011. However, he did not mention that she also authored the DeSoto County Historical Society's National Register application for the 40-acre Pine Level townsite; nor did he acknowledge that Pine Level was listed in 2014 in the National Register. It has the honor of being one of the Register's seven "Reconstruction Era" sites.

Carol Mahler  
Nocatee

## GRITS & PIECES

### Battle of the Bulge: Tips on how to waist away

About three months ago I shared a column about dieting. The battle of the bulge is yet raging and my waistline isn't thinning as much as my patience is. Such is the struggle, especially when you're starting to get a bit long in the tooth, and your remaining years are anything but golden.

I keep forgetting that there's a second part to the process of losing weight, and it's called exercise. C'mon, isn't starving oneself torture enough? Why should I have to get all sweaty as well?

Apparently jumping to conclusions doesn't burn any calories and doesn't count as exercise. If I do any pull-ups, it's when I'm either pulling up the table to eat, or pulling up my britches that keep wanting to go south on me from dieting. Some people do lunges. I lunge for the TV



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remote sometimes. And as far as doing crunches, I fall off the wagon and crunch on a few potato chips now and then. I've heard that doing squats is good for me. I don't even do doody-squats, so I'm pretty sure I wouldn't enjoy those other ones.

I know, I should get out and walk. Especially since I only live a couple of blocks from a walking track here in town. I've walked a lot in my past, but as the years pile up on me, I'm more inclined

to amble or mosey, which might be a Southern thing, and I'm all right with that. I do walk about a half mile a day to fetch Grandson No. 2 from school, so that counts in my book. For additional exercise, I pick up trash along the way that generates daily, it seems. Who knew that pigs could drive and would litter wherever they go?

I could jog, but I hear that's not good for your knees. Not good for the eyes of others to see me doing that, either. Instead, I'll settle for jogging my memory, but that might require some help. Speaking of help, I know that those working out with free weights often have a buddy to "spot" them as a safety precaution. I would say that if a buddy

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# Watch history unfold, Mahler performs original songs

By **CRAIG GARRETT**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Writer and historian Carol Mahler will perform her original song “Nancy Whidden McCullough’s Lament,” about the Paynes Creek incident of July 17, 1849, and “Child, Do Not Be Born,” about the Second Seminole War (1835-1842) during the Fort Chokonikla Re-enactment, which is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Feb. 1-3, at Paynes Creek Historic State Park, 888 Lake Branch Road, in Bowling Green.

Following the Indian Removal Act of 1830, the Second Seminole War was the longest, bloodiest, and most costly of the wars of “Indian removal.” On August 14, 1842, U.S. Army Col. William Jenkins Worth issued “General Order 28,” announcing that “hostilities with the Indians within this Territory have ceased.” One of the boundaries for the reservation given to the Seminoles was Peace River.

In April 1949, the Kennedy-Darling Co. established an Indian trading post on Hatse Lotka, later renamed Paynes Creek, a tributary of Peace River about nine miles south of Fort Meade. George S. Payne, a 32-year-old native of Cornwall, Connecticut, managed the store. He hired Dempsey Whidden, 21-year-old son of James W. Whidden, to help him. Dempsey suggested that his sister, Nancy Whidden McCullough, cook and clean for them, so Payne hired her husband, William. The couple also brought their infant daughter Elizabeth.

On July 17, 1849, four Seminole renegades visited the trading post. They eventually attacked and killed Payne and Whidden. William and Nancy McCullough were wounded as they escaped, and the trading post was burned. Subsequently, Fort Chokonikla was built on the site, and Paynes Creek became George Payne’s namesake.

Recreated by state park staff and volunteers, the Fort Chokonikla Re-enactment portrays that sequence of events at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The event starting Friday includes vendors with period-specific arts and crafts, children’s activities, black-powder demonstrations and food.

The event also includes vendors with period-specific arts and crafts, children’s activities, black-powder demonstrations and food. Mahler will have her books to sell and sign as well as publications by the DeSoto County Historical Society.

In addition, the Paynes Creek Historic State Park Visitors Center includes a museum that details the lives of Seminole Indians and pioneers in the 19th century. The entrance fee is \$3 per vehicle, \$2 each for pedestrians or bicyclists. Contact: adam.dunham@dep.state.fl.us, 863-375-4717.

The Kennedy-Darling Co. established an Indian trading post on Hatse Lotka, later renamed Paynes Creek.



# Good heavens: Bright comets in 2018

By **VICTOR C. ROGUS**  
ARCADIAN SCIENCE EDITOR



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Comet 46P/Wirtanen as seen from Sedona, Arizona, on Dec. 15, 2018.



It is felt that short-period comets come from regions in the outer solar system.

Last year was a time of some pretty remarkable comets. First, we had Comet 21/P Giacobini-Zinner, a short-period comet with an orbit around the sun of about 6.5 years, earning the designation “P” for periodic. Discovered in 1900 by Michael Giacobini in Nice, France, its return in 2018 saw it brighten to a magnitude of +8-+9. But in years past outbursts from this comet have brightened it to a magnitude of about +5. Comet 21/P Giacobini-Zinner is small — only about 1.24 miles in diameter — but it passed very close to the earth: only about 0.39 Astronomical Units (or about 36,252.765 miles) away from us, a short distance in astronomical terms.

Another comet from 2018 was 38P/Stephan-Oterma, a rather obscure short-period comet that only reached a magnitude of about +8 or +9.

Short-period comets are basically categorized into two groups: “Halley” type and “Jupiter” type. Halley-type comets have an orbit of greater than 20 years but less than 200 years. The most famous of these being Comet Halley, having a sun orbit of 76 years. Jupiter-type comets have an orbit of less than 20 years. Short-period comets are so named because they return to our skies in a relatively short period of time. But like a moth around a flame, each time they orbit our sun, they lose material and slowly burn up. Long-period comets can take thousands or even millions of years in their orbit. Comet 38P/Stephan-Oterma has an orbit of some 37 years and was discovered by Jerome Coggia at the Marseilles Observatory in January 1867.

Comet 46P/Wirtanen, another short-period comet, made its closest approach to earth in 70 years this past mid-December. It has a sun orbit of 5.4 years and was discovered by Carl A. Wirtanen in 1948 at the Lick Observatory, California.

To my eyes, none of these comets

came within the realm of naked eye visibility. At least 7x50 binoculars or larger were required to see them.

Over the centuries comets were seen as omens, either good or bad for us here on earth. Augustus Caesar became emperor of Rome around the same time a great comet appeared in the sky, for instance, and this was widely seen as a sign that his reign would be blessed by the Roman gods.

Comets are comprised of three parts — a nucleus, a coma and a tail. The comet’s nucleus is often described as a “dirty snowball.” The coma develops around the nucleus as the comet nears the sun, giving the comet a fuzzy or hairy appearance. The tail grows as solar winds blow particles off the comet. The tail is always seen opposite the sun.

So if comets are seen as messengers or omens predicting news for the people of the earth, where do they come from? It is felt that short-period comets come from the Kuiper belt. That is a region in the outer solar system — beyond the eight major planets — that contains many small bodies. It is similar to the asteroid belt. But long-period comets are said to come from a theoretical place outside our solar system called the Oort cloud, home to millions of icy bodies (theorized by Dutch astronomer Jon Oort), where a gravitational tug from a passing body can send a flurry of these icy bodies into space, some of them towards our sun where they become trapped in an orbit in the sun’s gravity.

I had the opportunity last year to photograph two of these comets from my driveway under dark Sedona, Arizona, skies. The third one, comet 38P/Stephan-Oterma, will still be visible this year, where it will be in the constellation Lynx and nearly circumpolar, or above the horizon, and in a better position for photography.

Former Arcadian Victor C. Rogus (F.R.A.S.) is a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, living in Sedona, Arizona.

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**TODAY**



• **DeSoto County Literacy Council** holds a volunteer tutor training workshop at Family Service Center, 310 W Whidden St., Arcadia, trains volunteers to teach adults conversational English and basic literacy. Feb. 1, 8 and 15, 8:30 a.m.

993-1333, leave a message.  
 • **AA Second Tradition Anniversary Night**, last Thursdays, 7 p.m., St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St.  
 • **DeSoto County Historical Society Research Library**, open Ingraham Seed House, 120 W. Whidden St., Arcadia, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursdays (except second Thursdays), second and fourth Saturdays, and by appointment.  
 • **John Morgan Ingraham House museum**, 120 W. Whidden St., open 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursdays, except second Thursdays, and second and fourth Saturdays.  
 • **Senior Friendship Centers**, 219 W. Oak St., Arcadia, daily coffee and conversation, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., crafts 9:30 a.m., second and fourth Thursdays free blood-pressure screenings. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Donations appreciated but no one

is turned away. Assorted games, puzzles, cards, crafts, books, movies, discussion groups and guest speakers.  
 • **All Faiths Food Bank** free food 9 a.m.-noon Thursdays, Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St., Arcadia.  
 • **DeSoto Public Library** Adult Coloring sessions 1 p.m. Thursdays. Bring your own work or see what the library has for you to color. 125 N. Hillsborough, Arcadia.  
 • **Kiwanis**, 6 p.m. Thursdays, Beef O'Brady's, 1703 E. Oak, Arcadia.  
 • **Narcotics Anonymous**, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 p.m.-8 p.m. St. Edmund's Church, Arcadia. Curtis, 244-2884.  
 • **All Faiths Food Bank**, free food 6-10 a.m., Monday-Friday, Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St., Arcadia.  
 • **DeSoto County Library**, story time, 3:30 p.m., 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia.

993-4851  
 • **Faith Mission**, free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition**, 7 p.m., St. Edmund's Episcopal Church, 327 W. Hickory St., Arcadia.  
 • **Prescription Assistance**, DeSoto County Health Department Clinic, 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Appointment/information, 491-7580 ext. 256.

**FRIDAY**



• **Senior Friendship Centers**, 219 W. Oak St., Arcadia, daily coffee and conversation, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., low-impact exercises 10 a.m., Bingo 10 a.m., 50 cents to play two cards—additional cards 25 cents. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Donations appreciated but no one is turned away. Assorted games, puzzles, cards, crafts, books, movies, discussion groups and guest speakers.  
 • **All Faiths Food Bank**, free food 6-10 a.m., Monday-Friday, Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St., Arcadia.  
 • **Arcadia Quilt Club**, 9-11:30 a.m. Fridays, Palace Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle, Arcadia.  
 • **DeSoto Public Library**, free movie for seniors, Fridays at 1 p.m.  
 • **iPads and eBooks**, Instruction and assistance with questions, 3 p.m. Fridays at the DeSoto Public Library, 125 N. Hillsborough, Arcadia.  
 • **Walk & Talk**: gentle exercise and conversation, 8 a.m. Fridays, DeSoto County Public Library, 125 N. Hillsborough, Arcadia.  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Hispanic**, 7 p.m., 426 N. Brevard Ave., next to El Charro restaurant (420 N. Brevard, Arcadia).  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Second Tradition**, 8 p.m., Grace Lutheran Church, 900 W. Oak St., Arcadia.  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Arcadia/Nocatee Group**, 7 p.m., Nocatee Methodist Church, 4502 SW Welles Ave., Arcadia.  
 • **Faith Mission**, free lunches for anyone in need, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 1109 S.E. 9th St., Arcadia. Donations gratefully accepted.  
 • **Square dancing** classes, Palace Square Dance Hall, 1627 N.E. Floridian Circle,

7-9 p.m., Fridays. Robert, 813-601-1834, Mary, 941-380-5336/494-2749.

**SATURDAY**

• **Boaters Get-Together**, 1 p.m., first Saturdays, Nav-A-Gator Grill, 9700 S.W. Riverview Circle (off Kings Hwy/C.R. 769), DeSoto County. 941-627-3474.  
 • **DeSoto County Library**, children's movies, 10:30 a.m. Saturdays, at 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia. Children must be accompanied. 993-4851.

**SUNDAY**



• **Bicycling Adult Group Ride**, Sundays, Winn-Dixie parking lot, 7:45 a.m. Ride departs 8 a.m. Must wear approved bicycling helmet and obey Florida traffic safety laws. Moderate level ride—12 to 15 m.p.h.—10 to-30 miles. Faster riders own pace, slower riders not left behind. [gypsygirlrides513@gmail.com](mailto:gypsygirlrides513@gmail.com).  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Serenity Group**, Grace Lutheran Church, 900 W. Oak St. (State Road 70), 8 p.m. Sundays.  
 • **Hispanic Alcoholics Anonymous**, 7 p.m. Sundays, 426 Brevard Ave., next to El Charro restaurant (420 N. Brevard, Arcadia).

**MONDAY**



• **4-H county council, leaders and volunteers**, 6 p.m., first Mondays, DeSoto County Turner Center extension office, 2150 NE Roan.  
 • **Arcadia Garden Club**, noon, first Mondays, October-June, 1005 W. Magnolia St., Arcadia. Bring a covered dish to share.  
 • **Senior Friendship Centers**, 219 W. Oak St., Arcadia, daily coffee and conversation, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Low-impact exercises 10 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. Donations appreciated but no one is turned away. Assorted games, puzzles, cards, crafts, books, movies, discussion groups and guest speakers.  
 • **All Faiths Food Bank**, free food 6-10 a.m., Monday-Friday,

Center for the Needy, 161 S. Orange St., Arcadia.  
 • **All Faiths Food Bank**, free meals, Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St., Arcadia. 494-2543.  
 • **Women of Worship "WOW" Women's ministry**, 6:15 p.m. Mondays, Freedom Fellowship Christian Ministries, 1528 NE Turner Ave. All welcome.  
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous Brown Baggers Group**, noon, Mondays, Trinity United Methodist Church, 304 W. Oak St., Arcadia.  
 • **Prescription Assistance**, DeSoto County Health Department Clinic, 1031 E. Oak St., Arcadia. Appointment/information, 491-7580 ext. 256.

**TUESDAY**

• **Arcadia City Council**, 6 p.m., Margaret Way Building, 23 N. Polk Ave., Arcadia.  
 • **Vietnam Brotherhood/Echo Co.**, 7 p.m., first and third Tuesdays, Post 60, 2846 SW Highway 17, Arcadia. 990-0185.  
 • **DeSoto Public Library**, monthly Library Book Club, 3 p.m. Group book discussion, open to everyone. 125 N. Hillsborough Ave., Arcadia.  
 • **DeSoto Memorial Hospital**, free blood pressure screenings, 3-4 p.m., McSwain Room. 900 N. Robert Ave. Arcadia. 494-8432.

**WEDNESDAY**

• **St. Paul's Knights of Columbus**, meets every first Wednesday of the month, at 7:30 p.m., at the parish hall.  
 • **The DeSoto Arts and Humanities Council Board**, of directors meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m., usually at South Florida State College but call or visit [desotoartscouncil.org](http://desotoartscouncil.org) to verify location.  
 • **The AA Serenity Group Business Meeting**, is held at 7:15 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Grace Lutheran Church, 1004 W. Oak St.  
 • **The Arcadia Writers Group**, meets from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Arcadia Village in the Cantina Clubhouse, in the small dining room. For more information, call Sarah Hollenhorst at 244-1663.  
 • **The Retired Law Enforcement Association of Southwest Florida**, meets first Wednesday monthly at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 23300 Harper Ave., Port Charlotte. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; meeting is at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 941-423-0902.

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# Probation violations land woman back in jail

Marnie Rae Quave, 36, of the 12600 block of Lake Suzy Ave., Lake Suzy, went back to the DeSoto County Jail after violating the terms of her probation.



QUAVE

According to records from the DeSoto County Sheriff's Office, Clerk of Court and Department of Corrections, Quave had been arrested in 2018 for habitually driving after her license was suspended or revoked, and two

counts of battery on a person 65 or older.

In July 2018, Quave pleaded no contest to the charges. Judge Hall withheld a determination of guilt and, instead, put her on two years of drug offender probation.

The probation order included several terms and limitations, including a requirement that she complete a residential program and observe a curfew. She enrolled in a Teen Challenge program but, after several months, she voluntarily withdrew from the program. Here whereabouts were unknown and an arrest warrant was issued on Jan. 8.

She was picked up in Lee County and brought back to the DeSoto Jail on Jan. 18.

She had been arrested on April 7, 2018 after a deputy spotted her allegedly driving over the speed limit. When he pulled her over, he learned her driver's license was suspended and she was listed as a "habitual traffic offender."

She was again arrested on May 31 after her father reported she argued with him over keys and she struck him on his arm. He had a visible bruise with a cut. Finally she was arrested on June 23 after her father stated she had argued with him and hit him in the face and back.

Quave was jailed on three counts of violating probation and is being held without bond.

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

- Robert Lee Allen Jr., 20, Pompano Beach, FL. Charge: grand theft between \$5,000-\$10,000. Bond: \$10,000.
- Clarence Lorad Edmonds, 30, 1000

**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.*

block of S.E. Maple Drive, Arcadia. Charges: sexual assault with a weapon and victim age 12 or older, kidnap or false imprisonment of adult or child under 13, attempted crime against a person by an act which would have caused death, and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Brooke Elaine Edwards, 25, 2800 block of N.W. Haile Dean Road, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Dean Arthur Felty, 58, 2300 block of S.E. Cessna Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Kyle Houston Freeland, 31, no address, Arcadia. Charges: two counts of grand theft between \$300-\$5,000, resisting recovery of stolen property and possession or use of drug equipment. Bond: \$4,000.

- Joseph Wayne Kersey, 40, 6000 block of S.W. Sable Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Ariel Kaylynn Lindgren, 20, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Jackie Steve Palon, 22, 11200 block of S.W. Cedar Ave., Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- William Kalyn Pugh, 31, 2300 block of S.E. Red Barron Road, Arcadia. Charges: retail theft under \$100 and violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Dewaybe Deanthony Thompson, 28, Lehigh Acres, FL. Charges: 8 counts of violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Deniqua Sharice Wallace, 26, no address, Arcadia. Charges: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, and aggravated battery. Bond: \$8,500.

- Shawn David Anderson, 39, North Fort Myers. Charges: two counts of failure to appear. Released on recognizance.

- Donald Lamar Brantley, 21, 6000 block of S.E. Airport Road, Arcadia. Charge: battery. Bond: \$50.

- James Delbert Dunkin, 35, no address, Arcadia. Charges: driving on a suspended license and possession or

use of drug equipment. Bond: \$620.

- Jose Angel Pureco Garcia, 24, 6700 block of S.W. Pensacola Ave., Arcadia. Charge: driving without a valid license. Bond: \$120.

- Joshua Cortland Ritch, 30, 100 block of Oak Ridge Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

- Sarah Marie Stewart, 30, 6600 block of N.W. Pine Hurst Drive, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams or marijuana, possession or use of drug equipment and driving on a suspended license. Bond: \$1,120.

- Melissa Kay Teague, 38, 3800 block of N.W. Valencia St., Arcadia. Charge: driving on a suspended license. Released on recognizance.

- Timothy Lee Evans, 24, no address, Arcadia. Charges: felony domestic battery by strangulation and resisting or obstructing an officer without violence. Bond: none.

- Lucas Anthony Landis, 38, 400 block of N. Volusia Ave., Arcadia. Charge: petty theft, third or subsequent offense. Bond: not stated.

- Richard Morales, 48, 3100 block of S.W. Fender Ave., Arcadia. Charges: driving on a suspended license, third or subsequent offense, and resisting an officer by refusing to sign and accept a citation or post bond. Bond: \$1,620.

- Shelly Lynn-Garcia Sanchez, 35, 1000 block of S.E. Maple Drive, Arcadia. Charge: violation of probation. Bond: none.

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

- Steven Lee Manus, 30, 2900 block of S.W. Wallace Ave., Arcadia. Charge: disorderly public intoxication. Bond: \$2,500.

- Nicholas Paul Dename, 48, no address, Arcadia. Charges: possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession or use of drug paraphernalia. Bond: \$4,000.

- Jose Jesus Hernandez Sanchez, 44, 2300 block of S.W. Lois Ave., Arcadia. Charge: knowingly driving on a suspended or revoked license. Bond: \$1,000.

- Leodegario Gutierrez Mejia Jr., 25, first block of Park Place, Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: none.

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

- Ricardo Castillo, 23, 9500 block of S.E. English Ave., Arcadia. Charge: contempt of court for failure to report under offender work program. Bond: none.

**The Hardee County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest:**

- Ashley Leilani Campbell, 22, 300 block of N. 16th Ave., Arcadia. Charge: failure to appear. Bond: \$5,000.

— Compiled by Susan E. Hoffman

**ROADWATCH**

**Desoto County**

**State Road 70** from North Pasco Avenue (westbound) and South Luther Avenue (eastbound) to Turner Avenue — Watch for nighttime/overnight lane closures and pedestrian detours as crews work on sidewalk and curb and gutter. This project includes widening and resurfacing, drainage improvements, curb, gutter, sidewalk and signalization. Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC is the contractor. Expected completion is summer 2019.

**Hardee County**

**U.S. Highway 17** from north of 3rd Street East to the RV Park Entrance in Zolfo Springs — Watch for workers close to the road and trucks entering and leaving the roadway. This project includes milling and resurfacing, drainage improvements, curb and gutter, signing and pavement marking and signalization. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida LLC. Expected completion is Fall 2019.

**Highlands County**

**State Road 70** near the DeSoto County line — Crews will be installing utility poles at the back of the right-of-way. Motorists should use caution and watch for crews working on State Road 70 from the DeSoto County line to U.S. Highway 27.

## Get your Valentine's date just right

Chivalry isn't dead — yet. Follow these tips to make sure your Valentine's date wants to smooch you into oblivion at the end of the night. After all, yours truly was quite the dating doyen prior to shifting my interests to grammar.

For instance, women love it when you open doors for them. They love it when you open jars for them. However, women don't like it when you open their mail and read it before they get home from work. They also aren't too happy when you open their medicine cabinets to check which prescriptions they're taking. Trust me.

Now that you're getting your dating life figured out, I want to tell you how to properly write dates. Perhaps your shortcomings in writing dates correctly

Columnist

**Curtis HONEYCUTT**

are having an effect on whether or not you're getting romantic dates. It could be.

Anyway, according to the AP Stylebook, you should use figures for dates and years, and don't use -st, -nd, -rd, or -th with dates. So, you shouldn't write February 14th or February fourteenth; always write February 14. You wouldn't write Nineteen hundred and eighty-five (although that's one of my favorite Wings songs); you should always write out 1985.

As if that weren't enough

mind-blowing clarity on writing dates, I have more rules to lay on you. When it comes to months, they are always capitalized. The months of March, April, May June and July should never be abbreviated, but you should abbreviate the remaining months when they're followed by a date (e.g., Feb. 14). The correct abbreviations for these months are Jan., Feb., Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec.

Add -s (but no apostrophe) after numbers when you're writing decades or centuries (e.g., the 1900s). Do add an apostrophe when you're writing a decade if numerals are omitted (e.g., the '20s).

I'm going to throw this in because I'm sure you're wondering: the word February comes from a Roman festival

of washing and purification (called Februa) that happened every spring. It was previously known as Lupercalia, which was a violent, sexually charged fertility festival. In the late fifth century A.D., Pope Gelasius replaced this pagan holiday with St. Valentine's Day, which remembers the martyrdom of St. Valentine on Feb. 14, 269.

If you want to speak the language of love to your sweetheart, make sure you know how to write dates the right way. Otherwise, the only dates you'll be getting are the kind that are less-good versions of raisins.

Curtis Honeycutt is a nationally award-winning syndicated humor writer. Connect with him on Twitter (@curtishoneycutt) or at curtishoneycutt.com.

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# Don't waste winter's wonders, season of new beginnings

Most of us start longing for spring shortly after Christmas. And for many good reasons: the anticipation of returning songbirds, signs of new life bringing their annual previews of resurrection, flowers pushing up green hands through the still cold soil announcing brighter days ahead and weather forecasts of fair and warmer replacing wind-chill factors. Even those who live in year-long warmer climes can't resist looking forward to the season of new beginnings.

Standing in line at the post office, I heard a man grumbling about the cold weather. My efforts to brighten his mood were to no avail until I reminded him of the calendar's steady march to the first day of spring. "I never thought of it that way," he said breaking into a smile.

Looking forward to spring makes winter seem shorter. No matter how cold it may be at the moment, those who focus on the promise of spring know that just beyond the snow balmy breezes blow.

Sound good?

Enjoy the anticipation.

But don't waste the wonder of winter.

In these parts, this has been a week of mind sticking winter scenes.



Roger Campbell

Freshly fallen snow made one feel the whole world was clean. Pines were heavily powdered and heaps of white on our birdfeeders gave them the appearance of Swiss chalets. Now I understand why God comforted Job in his many afflictions by reminding him that He was the creator of snow. (Job 38:22)

Taking in the view from my window one morning, I gave thanks for our Lord's handiwork and found myself wanting to capture this strikingly beautiful winter scene and remember it as long as possible. Winter's wonder made me realize the importance of squeezing the most out of life. This moment is an important occasion. Don't waste it complaining about the weather. Rise each morning thanking God for clouds or sunshine, heat or cold, and you are sure to have a better day.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the

best day of the year. He only is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with worry, fret and anxiety."

Each moment has eternal value and we are all stewards of seconds.

The Psalmist was so conscious of time's fast flight that he recorded the following prayer: "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." (Psalm 90:12), adding, "O satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." (Psalm 90:14)

Most of us have been prodigals with time and foolishly spent a possession that is far more valuable than money. Give thanks for the prospect of sunny days ahead, but don't spring forward too quickly. Enjoy the wonder of winter because it is where we are today. And, whatever the season, faith sees today as the best day of the year.

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](mailto:rcministry@ameritech.net).

## OBITUARIES

### Virginia Belle Snipes

Virginia Belle Snipes, 82, was born April 23, 1936, and died on Jan. 19, 2019, at Florida Memorial Hospital in Daytona Beach, Fla. Arrangements are being handled by Hickson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Arcadia, Fla.

### Shawn P. Gallagher

Shawn P. Gallagher was born March 22, 1970, and died Dec. 20, 2018. He was the son of Bo Gallagher and Mary Ann McLain of Arcadia, Florida.



Mr. Gallagher was a 1988 graduate of DeSoto County High School and served in his hometown with the U.S. Army National Guard in the early 1990s. He worked for many years as a heavy equipment operator.



He is survived by his mother, Mary Ann McLain; brothers, Lee (Laurie) Gallagher and Steven (Sara) Gallagher; three step-children he thought the world of: Carrie (Robert Jr.) Shaver, Samantha (Nathan) Roan, all of Arcadia, and James (Diana) Tidwell of W. Va. Also numerous other family includes nieces, nephews and his grandchildren.

A 3 p.m. memorial service is planned for (Saturday) Feb. 2 at the American Legion Post K-11, 2124 NW American Legion Dr., Arcadia.

# Who's telling the truth, does truth matter?

Conflicting voices are swirling all around us. He's lying! No, she is. Caught in the midst of craziness, we wonder which voice is telling the truth. Or does it even matter?

It's interesting how a book comes along at the right time, just when we need it. In the early 1980s, psychiatrist M. Scott Peck's "The Road Less Travelled" was such a book.

On the bestseller's list for many weeks, it not only helped us to understand mental and spiritual growth, but also gave us tools to solve our problems, thus reducing pain in our lives.

### Commitment to truth

Dr. Peck found that if we are to enjoy good mental health, we must be committed to truth—no matter the cost. Since we live in a real world, he reasoned, we must come to understand the reality of the world as best we can. Otherwise we will make both personal and national decisions based on false beliefs, distortions, deceptions—and



Judith Doctor

outright lies. And these decisions will affect our lives for many years.

Truth refers to what is real, genuine, honest, not concealing anything. Truth is reality, the quality of being true to life, not merely seeming, pretending, imagining. It's authentic, absolute, essential, and ultimate.

Opposite of truth is falsehood, that which is unreal, not genuine or authentic. When we believe something that is not true, we call it a lie. Telling the truth means that we avoid such distortions as lies, fictions, or misrepresentations, and instead keep close to the facts or to things as they really are.

Although post-modern constructionists say there is no such thing as

absolute truth, the Bible emphasizes the importance of truth: Truth will make us free (John 8:32), whereas lying will cause us to wither and dry up. (Proverbs 19:9)

King Solomon, one of the wisest men, said: "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart so you will find favor and good report." (Proverbs 3:3-4)

### Lies affect our physical and mental health

Research verifies this. Our commitment to truth be open to truth, receive truth, think truth, speak truth — deeply impacts both our psychological and spiritual health.

According to a University of Notre Dame University study, honesty benefits us physically and mentally. When study participants told three fewer minor lies, they had an average of four fewer mental-health complaints, such as feeling tense or melancholy. They

also experienced three fewer physical complaints, such as sore throats or headaches.

One of the roots of emotional ills and neuroses (anxiety, panic, depression, compulsions, phobias) is an interlocking system of lies we believe. Being very conflicted adds an inordinate amount of stress to our lives. A professor at Loyola University in Chicago says, "When you find that you don't lie, you have less stress."

Deceiving others also affects our sense of well-being. If we tell white lies, exaggerate, stretch the truth, or exhibit any other type of falsehood, it causes something negative to happen within us.

The founder of an addiction treatment program for physicians said to me, "We cannot help anyone if he or she does not have the capacity for psychological honesty—to be totally honest with themselves and with others about their lives."


### Lack of honesty destroying fabric of America

One of the core values in our country has always been our word. Our word meant something. If we gave our word, it could be trusted. Our word reveals who and what we are.

Today the word of our leaders has been undermined so badly that nobody trusts anybody. We have lost our trust with many of our politicians, preachers and priests, pundits, and the media. As basic trust is being destroyed, the fabric that holds America together is unravelling. Many Romanian friends have told me what it was like growing up in a country where you could trust no one: You learned to stay silent and close your heart to people around you — praying that the secret police would not come knocking on your door.

Each of us must watch over our words to make sure they are honest. Is your word trustworthy?

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# Budget disaster kit in 20 Weeks: Week 4

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Amateur radio, also known affectionately known as ham radio, is a hobby that brings people, electronics and communication together by a multitude of various methods. You can take this hobby as far as you want to go with it, experimenting, developing new techniques or just chatting with friends near or far, all without (or with, in some cases) the internet or cellphones. It’s fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need.

You can get started with a little investment of time and almost no money required. Although they largely police their own with pride, ham-radio operators in America are regulated by and operate under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which issues



**Brian Newhouse**

licenses in accordance with Part 97 of the Federal Code of Regulations. There are three levels of amateur radio licenses; Technician, General, and Amateur Extra, each with progressively more access to frequencies and modes of operation. The test for the technician level is a mere 35 questions, all available for review online via a simple web search, and there is no longer a requirement to know Morse code, which was once a deterrent for some. You do not have to be a communication engineer to enjoy the hobby, either ... and it can be enjoyed by young and old alike. In fact, the youngest person to be licensed in the U.S. was only nine years old!

Hams hone their skills year round by passing messages and participating in regularly scheduled radio nets. But hams really shine when disasters strike, jumping into action and volunteering their services to emergency management agencies such as ours here in DeSoto County. The DeSoto Amateur Radio Club (DARC) serves our area by

running auxiliary communications for the county during declared emergencies and at other times, as needed. They meet on third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2200 NE Roan St., Arcadia. For more information about becoming a ham radio operator, or the club or other upcoming club event or meeting, contact retired DeSoto County Emergency Manager Doug Christ at kn4yt@yahoo.com, or Brian Newhouse at the EOC. You can also check out DARC’s website at <http://www.desotoarc.org> for a plethora of other valuable information.

Information is knowledge and knowledge is power. In an emergency, your power or ability to send or receive the right information at the right time could be the key to thriving or merely surviving ... or worse. Amateur radio is another tool you can put in your All-Hazards Disaster Kit to help keep you and your loved ones safe. Remember, your survival is your responsibility and as always, if you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

For questions or more information about the emergency management programs available in DeSoto County, please call 863-993-4831 or email [eoc@desotobocc.com](mailto:eoc@desotobocc.com).

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Here is this week’s shopping list for your kit. Shopping lists are just a guide. Please adjust to your family’s needs. Always check expiration dates. Make the item last as long as possible (at least through Nov. 30) and be sure to check in next week for our next shopping list.

### Items to purchase

- 1 gallon of water
- 1 can of meat
- 1 canned fruit
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 can of ready-to-eat soup
- 1 package of disposable plates
- 1 package of disposable utensils

*Per person*  
This list was adapted from a series by Candi Kelly, Manatee County Emergency Management.

*Brian Newhouse is emergency management coordinator for DeSoto County Emergency Management*

## LUKE

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spotted me eating a donut somewhere, he'd be a good buddy not to rat me out.

Workout clothes are not part of my wardrobe. I may own a couple of sweatshirts,

but that's in name only. I don't wear them to sweat in, but to stave off cold weather, like any sensible person would. And you can forget about me owning tights or anything resembling what some call bicycle pants. Nope, I ain't forcing myself into anything that's tight enough to crack a flea on, for all to see. And you're welcome.

Some folks work out by sparring with others or smacking a punching bag around. About the only fight-related activities I partake in are fighting sleep or fighting hunger pangs. Oh yeah, and I battle my conscience every time I walk past my fridge. Alas.

I'm having some success and am at the

half-way mark of my goal. A few more pounds and I will reward myself with a Dairy Queen Blizzard. Don't judge, please. That'll just frustrate me more and I might have to eat two of them.

To sum it all up, I have a favorite T-shirt that says it best: “Exercise? I thought you said ‘Extra fries!’”



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# Mazda's base CX-9 loaded with value

By **LEN INGRASSIA**

ARCADIAN AUTO CORRESPONDENT

Mazda is known for adding value to its cars and SUVs and the second generation CX-9 takes center stage for 2019 with technology upgrades, re-tuned suspension and more sound-deadening material to quiet the ride.

But is it enough to gain market share over popular rivals, some offering lower prices and more cargo? After a week of test driving the flagship crossover, we think it has promise.

**Pros:**

- Compliant ride
- Great value
- Peppy turbo

**Cons:**

- Stingy cargo space
- Can get pricey
- Cramped third row

Trim levels include the base Sport with a value starting price of \$32,280; Touring, Grand Touring and top of the line Signature flirting with a \$50k sticker.

It is worth noting the Sport is not stingy when it comes to a long list of standard equipment, including keyless entry, push-button start, blind-spot monitoring with rear cross-traffic alert, automatic emergency braking and lots more.

New this year is the availability of Apple Car Play and Android Auto with the Touring trim and above. The infotainment system displays media on an 8-inch touchscreen and negates the need for factory navigation. Touring trim also comes with a safety suite of sophisticated gear, including full stop adaptive radar cruise, pedestrian detection and smart braking.

If luxury amenities are a must on your list, the Signature trim on our tester delivered to the nines for a lot less than

many luxury brands.

Its Lexus-like posh interior features stitched leather, rosewood interior trim with extra padding, genuine aluminum trim panels, supplemental interior lighting at center console, as well as exterior badging upgrades and LED grille accent lighting.

All trims share the power output built into its SkyActive-G 2.5T turbocharged four-cylinder engine. Mated with a six-speed transmission with selectable sport mode, CX-9 acts more like a six-cylinder with a spirited ride and suspension that hugs the road like a sports car.

In our independent testing, the CX-9 reached 60 miles per hour in 8.2 seconds, about average for this segment.

Mazda engineers deserve kudos for processing low-end torque and matching it to the driving habits of most crossover drivers. With 310 lb-ft of torque (power), the CX-9 is designed to deliver robust performance. We found the EPA fuel economy test averaging 23 miles per gallon spot on, as long as you fill up with premium fuel. Using regular 87 octane fuel will decrease results by about 3 mpg.

There is generous room up front with supportive power-seat adjustments. Second-row passengers have generous head and legroom with adjustable seat backs, as well as fore and aft movement.

That's it for comfort, though third row seating is best suited for small children or, better yet, folded flat for needed cargo space.

With all-wheel-drive available across the lineup, the CX-9 system counteracts wheel slippage using a sophisticated sensor adjusting power to wheels up to 200 times per second. Combining this technology with a spirited engine and suspension system keeps the crossover firmly planted



PHOTOS BY LEN INGRASSIA

The 2019 Mazda CX-9 in optional Snowflake White Pearl is set off with upgraded 20-inch alloy wheels and LED grille accent lighting.

while cornering, braking and straightaway travel.

Contact independent automotive columnist Len Ingrassia at [lenscarcorner@comcast.net](mailto:lenscarcorner@comcast.net).

**What was reviewed**

2019 Mazda CX-9 AWD  
 Engine: Skyactive-G 2.5-turbo four cylinder, 250 horsepower  
 EPA rated mileage: 20 city, 26 highway, 23 combined  
 Assembled: Hiroshima, Japan; U.S./Canadian parts, 0 percent; major source of foreign parts, Japan, 90 percent. Country of origin—engine and transmission—Japan.  
 Crash-test ratings: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) awarded the Mazda CX-9 an overall five-star rating, with five being the highest. Side-impact protection was rated at five stars, with four stars for frontal crash



An impressive layout of dials and controls includes rotary control for infotainment system below gear shift, an armrest wide enough to be useful and an 8-inch color display for media, navigation and climate controls.

and rollover protection. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) had not rated the CX-9 as of this writing.

Warranty: 3-year/36,000 mile bumper to bumper; 5-year/60,000 mile powertrain.

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# E-cycles and adult trikes, an answer for senior mobility?

By **KAREN SMOKE**

ARCADIAN BICYCLING EDITOR

As we get older, issues of independence often revolve around mobility. Getting from A to B isn't so easy anymore. And then the dreaded question — should you really be driving a vehicle weighing a ton or more if you have physical impairments that may affect your driving abilities? Cycling may help stave off those nagging questions and help you maintain better health longer.

Can cycling — or an e-bike — be a solution? The answer is a very qualified ... maybe.

Adult trikes are popular with the senior set, and present less of a danger of falling than two-wheeled bikes and can be operated by people with slight balance issues. There are electric assist bikes that may help those without the stamina to power a regular bike.

But cycling demands a lot of cognitive skills. Statistically, cycling is inherently more dangerous than driving a car, and requires a greater level of concentration and skill sets.

If you are new to cycling, it would be best to check with your doctor before trying out a bike or trike. If you have medical conditions that affect your vision, balance, reaction time, or a condition that may cause sudden blackouts, cycling may not be an option for you.

Having safe routes to cycle is key to success. Will you be cycling on residential streets with low speed limits? If you will be cycling to do errands, is there a shared-use path to your destination? Do you have to cross any busy intersections? Will you ride on the street or on the sidewalk?

When riding on sidewalks, be prepared to yield to pedestrians. Be alert for cars coming out of driveways. Buildings,



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Adult tricycles come in many different configurations such as these recumbents with the tandem wheels in front and a single wheel in back, often referred to as a tadpole design. They are available with electric assist also, meaning you have a choice of pedal power, or several levels of motor assist.

hedges, parked cars may make you less visible to motorists, and they may not be expecting cyclists. The lower recumbent trikes are difficult to spot; equip your bike with an orange pennant. A red flashing light at the rear of your bike/trike and a white strobe in front will increase your visibility. If you are operating on a sidewalk, cross intersections as a pedestrian should. Use the crosswalk signal, if available. Be alert for turning vehicles. Communicate with other drivers—point where you are going and ask drivers for permission to cross. Cross only when you are sure drivers understand your intended route of travel. Above all, don't "jay-cycle" — don't dart out in front of vehicles, cross mid-block, or change lanes without signaling.

If you are using your bike or trike for shopping, have appropriate basket or racks and secure your purchases. On an upright trike, a backpack is good for lighter purchases. Be aware of how your load affects stability.

A bike or trike with electric assist may

extend your mobility and open up new possibilities for you. Electric bikes can achieve speeds of up to 20 m.p.h., and may have a range of less than five miles at full power, up to 20 miles or more with pedal assist. Use speed with caution, depending on where you are cycling.

Adult tricycles come in many different configurations and price ranges. Do some research and then visit area bicycle shops to check out the many options.



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If more upright riding posture is to your liking, there are three-wheel models that even fold for storage.

## AT A GLANCE

### Choosing an adult trike

- adulttricyclespro.com
- Best Adult Tricycles of 2018, Reviews & Top Picks
- sportsly.net
- 7 Best Adult Tricycles of 2018 for Boomers, Seniors & Handicapped People
- jonsguide.org
- 10 Stunning Adult Tricycle Reviews— Find Your Ideal One in 2019

### Making transportation decisions and finding alternative transportation

- flsams.org/findaride.htm
- Safety is Golden, Safe Mobility for Life Coalition
- aaaswfl.org
- 239-652-6901, Area Agency on Aging of SW Florida



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# Lady lifters do well in LaBelle, 'Stronger Everyday'

By STEVE KNAPP  
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

It is hard to tell who was happier at the regional weightlifting meet last Saturday in LaBelle.

Was it the Lady Bulldog lifters ... or coach Rayna Henry?

After tying for fifth place in the district meet the week before, the Bulldogs faced the best lifters from other districts in regional action. They didn't disappoint coach Henry, however, as the Bulldogs brought home three medals and finished just two points out of eighth place in the 18-team field. The teams came all the way from the Keys to Delray Beach in a very large regional.

M'alee Sauvey finished sixth and was surprised when her name was called for a medal. "I really didn't expect it because I didn't do my best today. I tried to lift heavier but couldn't get it," said the second-year lifter. She finished with a

total of 225 pounds.

Yasmeen Martinez is a junior in her first year of lifting. She had a very strong season capped off by her sixth-place finish at the regional meet. She reached a new PR (personal record) in the bench press at 115 pounds. Martinez totaled 230 pounds. Her big smile showed her pride in what she had achieved in her first year in the sport.

"I was really surprised because I scratched twice on my clean and jerk ... but in my last lift I got 115 pounds. My max is 120. But next year I'll pass that, for sure," said Martinez.

Iyona Wesley is also a junior in her first year as a lifter. Wesley had a 120 in the bench and tied her PR with 130 pounds in the clean and jerk. Her 250 total was the highest for any DeSoto lifter at the meet, good for fourth place and giving the Bulldogs four points in team standings. Wesley's pride and sense of achievement were evident with her

ear-to-ear smile.

"Oh, I made it." That was her first reaction to hearing her name called as the fourth best lifter in the region. "I was surprised. This is my first year and I can't wait to lift again next year," said Wesley.

Perhaps the biggest smile and sense of achievement came from first-year coach Henry. You could tell that she didn't want the season to end. The way she and the team had bonded, and the fun and excitement that the girls had brought to her, was evident.

"I am excited, ecstatic, overwhelmed and amazed. All of the above," Henry said. "I didn't watch the scoring that much, so I was surprised to see us get three medal winners. Happy isn't even the word I can use to describe how I feel right now. It's way beyond that. I could cry tears of joy right now. It's been a great season, it really has."

A full team consists of 20 lifters—the Bulldogs finished their season with

just 13. More lifters will make the team better. To achieve what the team has done this season with just 13 lifters was a strong tribute to the girls and coach Henry.

Weightlifting is a sport that will help you in every other sport that you play, but also helps with overall fitness. It is a sport where you not only compete against other lifters, but against yourself to improve your own weights. The sport allows interaction with lifters from other schools as they wait their turn to lift.

It is a sport and also a social club with plenty of room for other girls for next season. "I've been recruiting for next year and other coaches and teachers have been talking to girls too. It will only make us stronger as a team with more members. Did you see our motto?" said Henry.

She turned around and showed the back of her T-shirt. It read: "Stronger Everyday."



Sixth-place winners Yasmeen Martinez and M'alee Sauvey flank fourth-place winner Iyona Wesley.



The Bulldog Lady Lifters missed eighth place by just two points out of an 18-team field. Members include (standing) Breanne Tew, Iyona Wesley, Coach Rayna Henry, M'alee Sauvey, (front row) Yasmeen Martinez and Sarah Milstead.



DeSoto County weightlifting coach Rayna Henry keeping her bookwork as the meet progresses.



Yasmeen Martinez gives everything to get the bar over her head at regionals.

Iyona Wesley looks at the judge as she successfully cleans and jerks 130 pounds. Her total of 250 pounds was good for fourth place at the regional meet last Saturday.



Sarah Milstead is ready for the final phase of the clean-and-jerk lift.



Breanne Tew concentrates before her attempt at the clean and jerk.



M'alee Sauvey entertains other lifters at regionals in LaBelle.

# DeSoto SPORTS EXTRA

## Freethrows difference in 61-57 win over Mustangs

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

The DeSoto County varsity basketball team shot an incredible 10-13 from the freethrow line in last week's 61-57 win over Community Christian. And they needed every point from the charity stripe to overcome a seven-point Mustang lead at the half and scored 22 points in the fourth period for the come-from-behind win.

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Kawassmi Wilson is covered by the Mustang defender but manages to break free and score two of his nine points last week in DeSoto's 61-57 win.



Nate Maybell takes it to the hoop in the comeback for the Bulldogs. DeSoto's 22 points in the fourth period gave them a sweep over Community Christian in their three meetings.

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## Sophomore steals the show on DeSoto senior night

By **STEVE KNAPP**  
ARCADIAN SPORTS EDITOR

Bulldogs's head coach Jose Garcia started all nine of his seniors in their final home game before districts begin. They battled to a 0-0 tie at the half with Hardee. The Bulldogs lit up the second half with five goals, however, giving the Bulldogs a 5-1 win.

"In the second half, I put in my starting lineup ... and we got things going, then. I was glad to give all of the seniors

some playing time in their final game," said Garcia.

It was seniors Rudy Delgado and Daniel Villafuerte that found the back of the net with enough to give the Bulldogs the win. It was sophomore Eduardo Maldonado, however, putting the game away with his hat-trick.

"It felt really good," Maldonado said. "This is my first year on varsity and I've scored some goals—but never had a hat-trick on varsity. I've got five or six goals this year now."



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The DeSoto County class of 2019 has nine seniors on the boys soccer team. The seniors went out with a 5-1 win over Hardee in their final regular season home game.

# JV hoopsters rein Mustangs, 43-35



Tony Blanding drives on the Mustang defender for two of his 13 points. The Bulldogs led 22-15 at the half on their way to a 43-35 win over Community Christian.



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Garrett Leath splits Mustang defenders and drives to the hoop in DeSoto's 43-35 win.

# Bulldogs lose to Port Charlotte



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Cassie Valdovinos, Lupita Manriquez and Micaela Ruiz all go after a free ball in the 8-0 loss to Port Charlotte.

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The game was in doubt until Nate Rowe dropped a pair of freethrows with the Bulldogs ahead 59-57 with just seven seconds left to play. Those two key points iced the win and gave Rowe 10 points for the game, five in the fourth period.

Arnold Mele led the Bulldogs with 15, including seven of those points in the fourth-period rally. Skinny Maybell finished just behind Mele with 14 points, five of those also coming in the final eight minutes.

"That was a great team win, guys. You believed in yourself and in each other. I'm

proud of that win; they're a good basketball team and you fought back to win," coach Darrel Nicklow told his team after the game.

It was the third time these two teams met this season. DeSoto won them all, but the games got closer each time. The Bulldogs won by 13 in their first meeting, five the next time, then the four-point win to complete the sweep.

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Arnold Mele gets congratulated by Nate Maybell (35) and Fred Fields for making the first of two freethrow attempts in the fourth period. The Bulldogs were 10-13 from the line in the 61-57 win. That freethrow gave Mele 15 points for the game, edging Maybell's 14.



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## PROJECT

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plant's driveway will be visible from the highway.

Don't expect much noise or odors or ground vibrations, he said, though Nuco engineers concede their modeling shows noise decibels above acceptable standards.

Said Taber, "The process for how they operate and design" the facility "is less noise and less odor than even the juice plant."

Taber said he lived live next to the juice plant and never had a problem with it.

The deeply sandy soil should keep down vibrations from the plant, according to Taber. The closest home will be 1,214 feet from the plant, Nuco told county planners.

"As far as the environmental impact, it is a water-intensive process," Taber said. "They will recycle about 90 percent of their wastewater. Mostly, it be sprayed on a watermelon field connected" to the site.

Nuco says the discharge into the spray fields will be designed to maintain effluent quality within Florida Department of Environmental Protection standards.

Specific elements of the plan for treating and disposing of wastewater from the pectin-making process have not been fully decided. Nuco says plans likely will include an aeration pond and clarifiers for sludge removal.

The physical waste from production of the pectin and other oils will be processed as high-protein cattle feed for farms in the area, Taber added.

Since the plant will get most of its pectin-producing material from the Peace River Citrus processing, at least early on, Nuco wants to build across SR72 from it.

Speculation is that Nuco wants to build a conveyor belt below the highway. DeSoto officials say they have heard the

rumors but note a below-road conveyor is not in current plans. Instead, the plan is to deliver the citrus product by truck from the nearby juice plant, they say.

The rank-and-file worker wage is expected to be between \$20 and \$25 an hour, according to Taber, who said the county is working to establish a processing-plant training specialty at South Florida State College, with a campus in DeSoto County. The program would be a workforce feeder for conventional juice plants as well as newly arrived pectin producers, according to Taber.

The economic development specialist said he expects new taxes from the pectin plant will appeal to county commissioners when they consider whether it merits a special exception to build on agri lands. Processing plants are among uses eligible for such special exceptions. "They are taking a huge burden off the residents paying taxes," Taber said, projecting that annual taxes to the county will be in the \$4 million range.

Some of that would be adjusted the first three years, Taber in describing the main incentive the county offered Nuco to select DeSoto over sites in Georgia and California.

He said his office will propose abating about \$700,000 in taxes the first three years of operation. The discounts would apply to assessments on the value of equipment, Taber said.

Before deciding on the special exception, county commissioners will learn whether the Planning and Zoning Commission thinks the project meets land-use rules, is environmentally sound and merits approval. The planning panel is scheduled to consider the special exception at its Feb. 5 meeting. County commissioners are scheduled to consider the land-use exception at their Feb. 12 meeting. Commissioners will hold a public hearing before taking the vote.

**You should know: Noise concerns**  
DeSoto County's land-use planning

staff has recommended granting a special exception for a \$120 million pectin processing plant on agriculturally zoned land on the south side of State Road 72 outside Arcadia.

The approval recommendation, however, carries conditions, chief of which is a mandate that developer Nuco Citrus LCC come up with a way to lower noise volume below levels suggested by the company's current models.

County planners noted their trepidations in advising approval of the project considering all the unknowns surrounding it as the first to be built in the United States.

"Notwithstanding, as this facility is the first of its kind and there are no other facilities to which it can be compared, staff has concerns based upon the so-called 'law of unintended consequences,'" planners said in noting why they set conditions for the project.

County commissioners will consider the request from Nuco Citrus at their Feb. 12 meeting. They first will receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, which is to consider the special exception on Feb. 5. Public hearings will precede the vote of the planning panel and county commissioners.

Nuco could have avoided the conditions the planning staff set had it sought a rezoning of its 194-acre parcel to light industrial. But asking for a special exception opened the door for the county to set specific conditions for approval.

In response to questions from county planners, Nuco consulting engineer Thomas C. Yonge of Golder Associate's pledged that designers of the plant equipment would incorporate noise-reduction mechanisms into the machinery or come up with suitable sound barriers.

"During the final design and procurement process, NUCO will specify that the vendors use equipment that can meet the required noise levels or

provide noise-abating hosing/structures if necessary to reduce equipment noise," Yonge said in a reply to county officials.

Earl Hahn, DeSoto's development director, said Tuesday the pledge "is not much of a guarantee" and said he will insist that Nuco report to the county annually on metered noise levels from the plant.

County planners say Nuco predicts sound pressure levels ranging from 72 dBA, a measure of sound detected by the human ear, to about 88 dBA. Based on emails received from Nuco, county officials say the vendor supplied equipment sound pressure levels range from a low of around 72 dBA to a high of about 88 dBA. Acceptable sound levels for residential in daytime are 55 dBA and 45 dBA at night.

"The overall noise level from the project will be calculated at the time of final design," Yonge said in his report to planners.

The approval condition specifies that the distance of sound travel be measured at 300 feet or more from Nuco's property line. The nearest dwelling is reported to be slightly more than 1,200 feet from the property line.

County planners also assessed traffic impacts of the proposed project, concluding that current highway infrastructure is sufficient to handle new traffic the project generates. Nuco will build two access-ways on SR72 to get traffic in and out of the plant. One will be for trucks heading to loading and unloading areas of the plant and the other for direct access for employees to the facility's parking areas.

"The Nuco project," planners said, "will not result in an impact to State Road 72, or State Road 70 road segments and the anticipated 262 calculated daily trips (maximum) are not anticipated to result in an impact on the current road segment."

— Ted Carter

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## CHURCH

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said, "It's a good friendly church, it always has been. I've been coming here all my life." He likes the new building because it shows the growth of the congregation.

At Sunday's celebration, Greg Sullivan gave the announcements beginning with the first verse of Psalm 122: "I was glad when they said unto me, Let's go into the house of the Lord." He thanked many workers and volunteers after he noted that not everything was finished. Indeed, before the service usher Charles Brandon said, "Yesterday, at this time, there was nothing in [the sanctuary]. When I left here at 4 p.m., they were still working on the tile in the baptistry."

Sullivan introduced Dr. Wayne Bryant of the Florida Baptist Convention, who noted that Florida is the fastest growing state, with 1.2 million baptists and 3,200 churches. He said that the new building was a commencement as well as a culmination, and that he would "walk right beside you into the future." He will conduct an old-fashioned revival at the church March 10-13.

Then two were baptized. Ten years ago, the first candidate had participated in the "baby dedication service" at the ground-breaking for the church. An older adult was also baptized.

Music minister Josh Hausman mentioned that he had been asked him if he was nervous about performing at the celebration. He said, "No. We serve the same God as we did in the old church."

Pastor Earnest said that Ralph Hamilton — a patriarch of the old church — and Olivia Beverly made sure that the Ryals family Bible, encased in plastic, was buried eight feet beneath where he stood at the pulpit. He said, "They wanted to ensure that from this place will be preached the

Word of God."

Designated for the building fund, the offering was collected by ushers while Alyssa Pomerleau sang and then Kathy Pinkerton played the grand piano. The facility cost \$4.5 million, and the congregation hopes to pay off the debt in five years. Iglesias Cristiana, a Spanish church at 1218 S. Hillsborough Ave., purchased the old building for \$100,000. The pastor promised to join First Baptist in its "Vision 2020 ... to reach every home in DeSoto County," Pastor Earnest said. "The Spanish pastor promised to take care of the Spanish community, and we'll take care of the rest."

Pastor Earnest said that the new church was a "good start." He compared it to Solomon's Temple, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. In contrast to that structure, he told the congregation, "You are the church," and reading 1 Corinthians 3:9-16: "... You are God's building ... Know you not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

A fried-chicken dinner in the fellowship hall followed the service, and several of the 18 classrooms were transformed into dining rooms to accommodate the crowd.

Longtime member Gordon Hay remembered praying for the soldiers during World War II. He said, "This is where I was raised. We knew everyone — where they lived, how many kids they had. It's bigger now, but it still has that old feeling."

Fay Collins said, "I've been coming to this church before I was born." She is married to Vernon Collins. Her mother, Josephine Edwards, who married Alton Lanier, used to sing with her sisters in the church. "We're family here," Fay said.

Sure enough, her first cousins Lilly Mae Winn and Charles Collins had traveled from Avon Park to attend the special occasion.



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# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



## Hometown hero: Brad Turner, Tennessee's cabinet appointee

By **CRAIG GARRETT**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Brad Turner has been sworn in by Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee as the third Commissioner for the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Born in Orange Park, Florida, Brad spent his formative years as a teenager with his parents, Bill and Sharon, and brother, Brent, in Arcadia. After graduating from DeSoto County High School, Turner accepted a baseball scholarship to Trevecca Nazarene College in Nashville. He graduated from Trevecca with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998.

Since 2008, Turner has been a client services director for a Nashville healthcare company. Turner also served as Rutherford County commissioner since 2010.

Brad has been married to Rebecca since 1999 and they have a daughter, Kinsley, who was born in 2006. They have lived in Rutherford County since 2003 and have called Tennessee home for over 20 years.

**Arcadian:** Share information about your time in DeSoto County. Your memories.

**Turner:** "To this day, I still mention or think about Arcadia and DeSoto County every day. There are so many memories to share, it's impossible to mention all of them. Off the top of my head, I would say my time playing baseball in high school and summer league ball with the Watermelon Bandits, reading the Arcadian newspaper, Nocatee market, Pine Level, the good folks at the Arcadia Church of the Nazarene, all of the friends I have made that I am still in contact with by phone or social media, Friday night football games, living off of Joshua Creek road in the country, the watermelon pageants and the DeSoto County Fair, the



PHOTO PROVIDED

**Tennessee cabinet appointee and hometown success Brad Turner with a Florida keepsake.**

Arcadia Rodeo (granddaddy of them all!) Christmas Card Lane, and the smell of the orange blossoms. All of it brings back very fond memories. I am always proud to tell people where I spent my formative years and the impact the good people of Arcadia had on my life. It has not, and will not ever, be forgotten."

**Arcadian:** How did you get to the Volunteer State?

**Turner:** "I was offered and accepted a baseball scholarship after high school to play at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. Afterwards, my wife and I settled down in Rutherford County, just outside of Nashville."

**Arcadian:** Share what you've been doing, what political roles you've played.

**Turner:** "For the past 10 years, I've been the director of Client Services for

HealthStream Inc., which is a Nashville-based healthcare company providing solution-based services for healthcare organizations around the country.

"I've also had the honor of serving as a Rutherford County commissioner since 2010, where I chaired the Steering, Legislative and Governmental Committee, and was appointed as a member of the Ethics committee in 2012. I also served as the commissioner chaplain. Previously, I also chaired the Historic Smyrna Zoning Commission. I was also able to advocate on behalf of young children with disabilities as a member of the State Interagency Coordinating Council for the Tennessee Early Intervention System."

**Arcadian:** Commissioner Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, describe that position and its role in the state.

**Turner:** "The commissioner of the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is a member of Gov. Bill Lee's cabinet. As commissioner, I will lead the state agency responsible for the administration and oversight of community-based services for approximately 8,000 people with intellectual disabilities as well as 4,000 people through the Family Support Program. The department supports these services with approximately 1,400 employees. In addition, it operates 37 state-operated community homes for people with intellectual disabilities in all three regions of the state, three seating and positioning clinics, a mobile clinic, and the Harold Jordan Center. The Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities is the first state service delivery system to receive Person-Centered Excellence Accreditation through the Council on Quality and Leadership, and has been

nationally recognized for its leadership in expanding employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

"In this role, I look forward to working with everyone to make sure we are doing the best we can to serve people and their families in all corners of the state."

**Arcadian:** "You have a personal interest in the disabled. How has that shaped you, as a parent and a decision-maker?"

**Turner:** "To say it has been impactful would be an understatement. As a decision-maker it has allowed me to better understand needs, anticipate future needs, recognize societal areas for improvement, identify service gaps, and recognize we have a long way to go to reach the goal of full inclusion and understanding. As a parent of a special needs child, it has been an incredible journey of joy. You take the time to recognize small milestones that other parents may dismiss. You understand the unique bond of love you share with your child that is unbreakable, and you find a new level of care that you never knew existed. Your child becomes your hero, and they influence you in ways you can't even imagine."

**Arcadian:** Advice for those considering public service?

**Turner:** "Do it! We need individuals who feel not only the call to service, but for them to act on it. I remember meeting with commissioners Ed Johnson and Jerry Hill in Arcadia, Sheriff Vernon Keen, school board member Bobby Heine and others who answered the same call when I was there. Work to create the government you envision for your town and community. Don't let an opportunity pass you by that later on in life, during some reflection, you say to yourself, 'I had the chance to make a difference and I didn't.' If you feel called, answer the call and you will not regret it!"

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Habitat for Humanity HomEd classes

Homeownership can be complicated. That's where Habitat for Humanity can help.

Specific education classes can be a requirement for agencies such as Habitat, lenders, HUD and Fannie Mae. Habitat offers two choices for improving your home-buying and owning knowledge. Arcadia-DeSoto County Habitat for Humanity in Arcadia offers no-cost monthly HomEd classes including such topics as: Budgeting, How to Save on Your Electric Bill, Home Owners Insurance, Home Security and Fire Safety, First Aid and even Time

Management, Gardening, and How to Stop Procrastinating.

Classes are helpful to homebuyers of any income level, even previous owners, and are especially valuable to those with credit problems or have never established credit. Habitat for Humanity also offers the "HomeReady" course, a full-day (8 hours) class providing homebuyers with the education certificate required for SHIP funding. Instructors cover all aspects of home buying, from budgeting for down payments to maintaining a new home. This class requires a \$25 registration fee and attendees must register in advance. The next one is scheduled for Feb. 9. Do you have an idea for a class? Would you

like to teach a class? Call Habitat today and let them know your idea and/or specialty. 863-494-4118

#### Florida's Endangered Landscapes, SFSC Museum of Florida Art and Culture

South Florida State College Museum of Florida Art and Culture is presenting an exhibition called Vanishing Florida: Photography by Kevin Boldenow in the lower lobby of the Alan Jay Wildstein Theater for the Performing Arts on the SFSC Highlands Campus in Avon Park, Feb. 6-May 8. Those interested in Boldenow's work may meet the photographer during the exhibition's opening

reception at 1 p.m. Feb. 21 in MOFAC.

Boldenow's photography captures Florida's endangered landscapes. He has described his work as "a look outside our surroundings. Harming nature inflicts damage on all of us and does away with a piece of our soul."

MOFAC is in the Wildstein Center at SFSC, 600 W. College Dr., Avon Park. The museum is open to the public on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 12:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment for group tours. Patrons of the Wildstein Center may visit the museum one hour prior to matinee and evening performances. 863-784-7240, email stepem@southflorida.edu or visit mofac.org.

## Plane fun: Arcadia Municipal's big Saturday event

By **GEORGE CHASE**  
FRIENDS OF ARCADIA AIRPORT INC.

From a Friends of Arcadia Airport web posting by George Chase

Today's (Jan. 19) pancake breakfast fly-in was probably the biggest we have ever held. A few years ago we counted 85 aircraft arriving for one of our breakfasts. Today, our city administrator counted 75 on the field. However at that point there had been a number fly-in and depart already, so we think we broke our record, for sure. Thanks to all that flew in to join us for pancakes. The line got a bit long at times,

overwhelming our ability to keep up the pace. We served over 200 meals in less than 2 hours! We are planning to make a few changes to avoid that backup in the future. We are limited mostly by the power available in the hangar. With 3 coffeepots, a fridge and microwave, we are maxed out.

We had planned a dinner for all our campers to attend. Had a 50-passenger coach set to take them. Next a concert around the campfire with three talented singers ready to entertain our guests. However the weather put a wrench in all of that, as pilots had to leave early to get ahead of the rain and wind slated



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**Line around the building for a yummy pancake breakfast.**

for Sunday morning. So the Saturday evening festivities had to be canceled. Special thanks to Mr. Hector Barajas and the Reef & Beef restaurant for their continued support of our events. Thanks also to Luke Wilson, Keith Mathys and Terry Stewart for offering to provide the concert for us and to

all of you for dropping in to X06 today to show your support for Friends of Arcadia Airport, Inc.

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 CALL FOR SEALED BIDS SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

**BID OPENING INFORMATION**

Date: February 20, 2019  
 Time: 1:30 p.m.  
 Place of Bid Opening: FDOT – 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requests sealed bids from interested parties for the following:

FDOT will dispose of property located on the West side of SR 35 (US 17) between Nelson Street and SW M.L. K. Jr. Street, Arcadia, Desoto County, Florida. The property is vacant land consisting of 18,767 square feet and is zoned B-3, General Business Commercial. Current permissible access would be granted on SR 35 (US 17).

Sealed bids must be delivered by Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. to the FDOT, Right of Way Property Management, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 or sent by U.S. mail to FDOT, P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831-1249, Attention: Toni Miller, M.S. 1-66. No bids will be accepted or considered after Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m., on the aforesaid date.

The sealed bid opening will be at the FDOT, 801 North Broadway, Bartow, Florida 33830, on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.

Bid packages are available upon request. Contact Toni Miller, at (863) 519-2540 or via email at toni.miller@dot.state.fl.us.

**3116 NOTICE OF ACTION**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case No.: 19DR14  
 Division: Family  
Sandra Fay Castaneda,  
 Petitioner,  
Rigoberto Castaneda  
Guadarrama,  
 Respondent

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR**  
 Dissolution of Marriage with Children  
 TO: Rigoberto Castaneda  
Guadarrama  
 Respondent's last known address: Unknown, Mexico

**YOU ARE NOTIFIED** that an action for Dissolution of Marriage with Children has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any to Sandra Castaneda whose address is 915 East Charles St., Arcadia, FL 34266 on or before February 11, 2019, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against

**3116 NOTICE OF ACTION**

you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
 Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.  
 You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Designation of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
**Dated: January 11, 2019**  
**NADIA K. DAUGHTREY**  
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Dated: January 3, 2019  
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 By: -s- Craig O'Connell, Division Representative  
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**3130 NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:**  
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 70W111 Felisha Phelps Household Goods  
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 31S013 Michael L Powers Household Goods  
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**The public sale will be conducted at Easy Mini Storage, 4599 N.W. Hwy. 70, Arcadia, FL 34266, at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday February 7, 2019. Units will be sold to the highest bidder. Open door sale, cash only. A cleaning deposit will be taken. (863) 993-2220.**  
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**3130 NOTICE OF SALE**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANDREA M. GEYER-BEEBE, Deceased.

CASE NO.: 2018CP000134  
 PROBATE DIVISION

**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

The administration of the estate of ANDREA M. GEYER-BEEBE, Deceased, File No. 2018CP000134, is pending in the Circuit Court for DeSoto County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 115 East Oak Street, Arcadia, Florida 34266. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal Representative, venue, or jurisdiction of this court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the Decedent and other persons having claims or demands against Decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is January 31st, 2019.  
 PAUL BENNETT SEUSY, P.A.

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**3132 TAX DEEDS**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED**

Notice is hereby given that **IDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC** the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:  
 Certificate Number: 1522/16  
 Issuance Date: JUNE 1, 2016  
 Tax Deed File Number 19-01-TD  
 Description of Property:

THE EAST 1/2 OF LOTS 15 AND 16, BLOCK 24, KING AND BAKER SUBDIVISION, AS PER MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA, PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 105 AND IN PLAT BOOK C-5, PAGE 63.

Property Address:  
 1106 SE HARGRAVE STREET  
 Names in which assessed:

ROSA ISELA HERNANDEZ  
 1712 PEACH DRIVE  
 ARCADIA, FL 34266

All of said property being in the county of DeSoto, State of Florida. Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the South Courthouse Door on **FEBRUARY 20, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.**

Dated this 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.  
 NADIA K. DAUGHTREY  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 DESOTO COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 By: RHONA BRANTLEY, Deputy Clerk  
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**3138 OTHER NOTICES**

**\*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

**Florida Department of Transportation Project**

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 21, 2019 for the following Proposals:

**E1S30-R0** – Striping, Pavement Markings, & RPM's in Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Hardee, & Highlands

3138 OTHER NOTICES

Budget Amount: \$500,000.00

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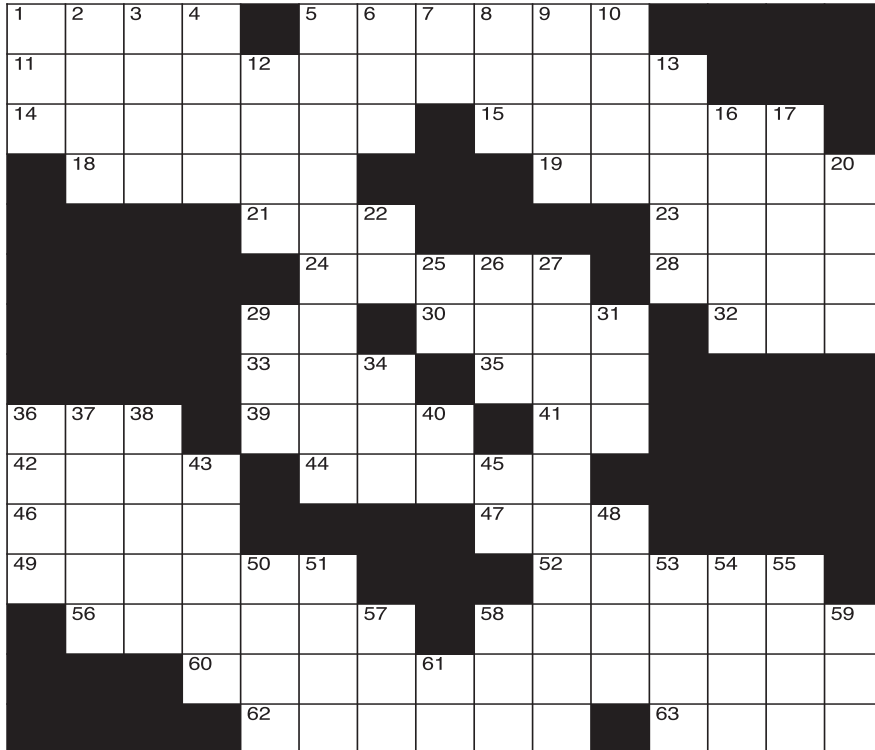
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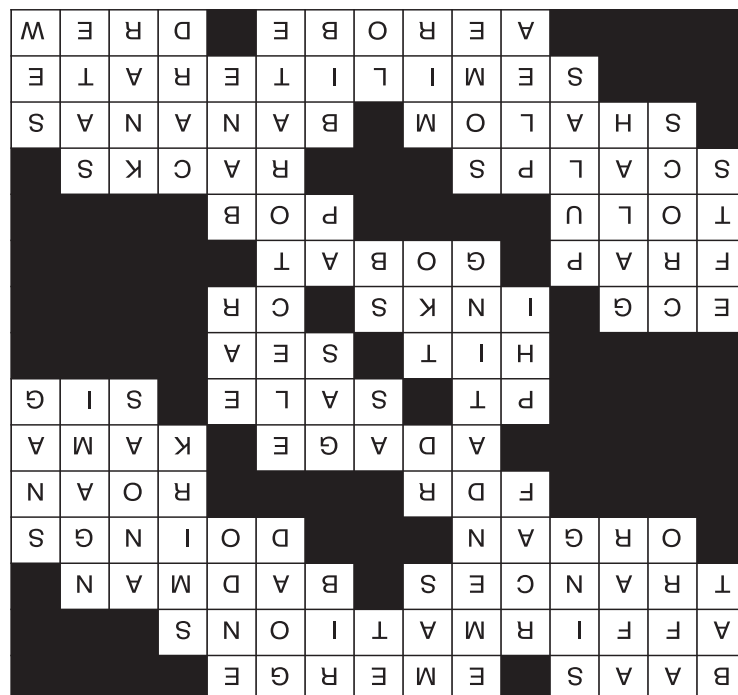


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A Night Among the Stars honors the commitment of DeSoto County educators, staff and its many contributors.

# A Night Among the Stars, saluting our finest

By **SARA WALKER**  
DeSoto County  
Educational Foundation, Inc.

The DeSoto County Education Foundation, Inc., recently hosted its annual employee recognition event, A Night Among the Stars, for employees of the School District of DeSoto County. Supt. Adrian H. Cline at the Turner Center congratulated all of the nominees.

The six countywide nominees for the 2020 DeSoto County Teacher of the Year, five Rookie Teacher of the Year nominees, and fifteen School Related Employee of the Year nominees were all recognized for their commitment to DeSoto county education and career excellence.

Kayla Patton (West Elementary School) was awarded the 2020 DeSoto County Teacher of the Year. She was presented with a \$5,000 check from the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union. A \$1,000 check, funded by the Suncoast Credit Union, was presented to the DeSoto County Rookie Teacher of the Year, Kathryn McDonald (Memorial Elementary School). Winner of the School Related Employee of the Year, Elizabeth Vollmer (Finance Department), was presented with a \$2,500 check from the MIDFLORIDA Credit Union. Other sponsors of this event included Mosaic, Albritton Insurance Services, the School District of DeSoto County and VALIC.

Another outstanding group of teachers were also recognized for being named FLDOE 2017-2018 High Impact Teacher. To be included in the list, teachers were scored by their VAM, or value added means, which measures the amount of impact a teacher's instruction has on student learning. High Impact scores consist of the three previous school years. The 2017-2018 list is based on data from 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017.

The following teachers were recognized at the event: Jayne Arrington, Asya Bond, Cynthia Cluas, Michelle Doughty, Teresa Johnson, Michael Kaluzavich, Ivelisse Mendez-Soto, Emily Morris, Eric Shea, Deanna Smith, Jennifer Swartz, and Jeffrey Wildt.

To learn more about the DeSoto County Education

Foundation, Inc. programs to recognize the contributions of outstanding classroom teachers and education support personnel, visit [www.desotoeducationfoundation.com](http://www.desotoeducationfoundation.com).



Kayla Patton is joined by her family—brother Austin, sister Aubree and mother Marilyn—in celebrating the Teacher of the Year award.



West Elementary educator Kayla Patton (center) was named the 2020 DeSoto County Teacher of the Year.



School-related Employee of the Year nominees included Andrew Garner (left), Darius Williams, Martha Valenzuela and Jamie Atherton.



Teacher of the Year nominees included Amanda Beeler (left), Andrea Kennedy Faircloth and Rebecca Yochim.

# Meet Karla Hernandez: DeSoto County's Extension director

By **CRAIG GARRETT**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR



**HERNANDEZ**

Karla Hernandez has joined the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) as the DeSoto County Extension director and livestock agent. Her mission is to deliver research-based programming and educational resources focused on supporting agricultural and livestock producers in DeSoto County. In her position, Hernandez will work with the county and local growers to provide research-based programming in the competitive livestock area of UF/IFAS. One of her top responsibilities will be to build strong relationships with producer groups, agribusiness and other agencies to identify ongoing and emerging needs of cow-calf seedstock producers and agriculture in general.

Her background includes training and experience in forage production, native grasses, and small animal nutrition. Hernandez received her doctorate in Agronomy, and Plant Science from South Dakota State University; she received her master's and her bachelor's in Animal Science from University of Puerto Rico. Her doctorate research focused on the evaluation of prairie cordgrass for biomass production on marginal land in South Dakota and Kansas.

Hernandez is excited to become more involved in the community and looks forward to meeting with local stakeholders. You are encouraged to call or stop by the DeSoto County Extension office to say "Hello!" The office is at 2150 NE Roan Street or call her directly at 863-993-4846.

**Arcadian:** Share your background and how you came to DeSoto County.

**Hernandez:** "I am an animal and plant scientist looking for new venues

to educate the public, producers, and stakeholders. I have worked with Extension as the Forages Field Specialist for South Dakota State University for a period of six years. As a mother of two young girls, I was passionate to search for better opportunities that could bring us closer to home; Puerto Rico. DeSoto County offered that opportunity to build a resilient extension program with the collaboration from the community and other members."

**Arcadian:** What things will you focus on? What are the issues?

**Hernandez:** "It is my mission to develop and disseminate unbiased, research-based, up-to-date information and resources in support to producers in DeSoto. My work will be focused on livestock production, forages, and agriculture in general. As the county extension director, I will have a major responsibility leading our office and staff members into a successful path where we can establish solid

relationships with associations and producers. I am on the stage of detecting issues for the county. I have prioritized developing a needs assessment and developing relationships with pertinent stakeholders."

**Arcadian:** Any trends nationally that play out in DeSoto County?

**Hernandez:** "No, not that I know of. However, one of my goals for DeSoto County is to be recognized by other organizations for our work and leadership."

**Arcadian:** What do you tell others entering your field, what's your advice?

**Hernandez:** "Agriculture is a very extensive field. It is always changing. I like to tell others that getting into this field requires passion, desire to learn, and the ability to establish relationships to build a strong system. I always like to reinforce that commitment is crucial and willingness to work in a team environment makes the difference."

# Family Album

## FAMILY ALBUM PHOTOS

Send us a photo to celebrate a birth, birthday, engagement, wedding, anniversary, etc. The Arcadian will run it free. We must have it no later than noon on Monday. Bring your photo to the office or e-mail to Arcadian.editor@gmail.com

## Heartland Senior Games deadlines near, one ends today

By NEIL SIMPSON

HEARTLAND SENIOR GAMES

Men and women fifty and better wanting to compete in the Heartland Senior Games bowling, mah jongg or cycling need to submit their registration forms by today.

Those planning to take part in bridge, track & field, swimming or tennis are reminded that the deadline for getting registration forms to South Florida State College is Feb. 7. Registration forms can be picked up at any SFSC campus, or can be downloaded from the SFSC website, [www.southflorida.edu/heartlandgames](http://www.southflorida.edu/heartlandgames). Games begin Feb. 2, running through the month.

### Bridge

Feb. 21, Tanglewood, Sebring  
Bridge was introduced to the Heartland Games in 2016. Pat Reich of Tanglewood has presided over the tournament each of the past three years and is cheerfully doing so again this year. Bridge-enthusiasts will gather at Tanglewood in Sebring to enjoy a day of "party bridge."

Hometown America will be providing players with coffee and donuts when they arrive in the morning. A light lunch will be served, thanks to sponsors. Medals will be awarded to the top three in each age/gender bracket.

### Track & Field

Feb. 23, Avon Park High School  
South Florida State College is again fortunate to have Chet Brojek as meet director for the Senior Games track & field meet. Brojek taught English and history and coached students at Avon Park for 35 years. He has continued to work with young athletes since his retirement in 2003. He really knows how to keep a meet moving along and, with the help of his assistant, Lee Pearson, will be sure to push competitors to complete all events before it gets too hot.

Morning events take place in the following order but may well start earlier than the tentative start time shown:

- 8 a.m., 5K
- 9 a.m., discus and shot put
- 10 a.m., long jump and high jump
- 11 a.m., 800m and 200m
- 12 p.m., 400m, 100m, 50m

Athletes may compete in as many as six of the events listed above.

### Swimming

Feb. 25, Highlands County YMCA, Sebring

Mike Batiato, CEO of the Highlands County Family YMCA in Sebring, has welcomed back seniors to compete in the pool at the Justin K. Ward Aquatic Center. Swimmers may sign up for maximum of six of the following events:

- Backstroke, 50, 100, 200
- Breaststroke, 50, 100, 200
- Butterfly, 50, 100, 200
- Freestyle, 50, 100, 200, 500
- Individual Medley, 100, 200

Amanda Followell will be on hand to help with swimmer safety and timing. Amanda has been the aquatics coordinator at the YMCA since last April. A graduate of Lake Placid H.S., Followell wasn't a competitive swimmer but has been a lifeguard since 2004. In her current role she is responsible for lifeguards, swim lessons and summer camp.



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**Bridge coordinator Pat Reich plays weekly at Sun n Lake and Tanglewood.**



**Earl Maslin is coordinator of the Heartland Senior Games tennis tournament.**

Seniors who have never visited the YMCA should drop by to check all programs offered. The Silver Sneakers program is held daily from Monday to Friday. Water aerobics takes to the pool Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and line dancers can be found dancing up a storm Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The Highlands County Family YMCA is always buzzing with activity and offers many more classes for residents of all ages.

### Tennis

Feb. 26, 27 and 28, Thakkar Tennis Center, Sebring

Veteran tennis coordinator Earl Maslin will be overseeing the Heartland Senior Games competition for the umpteenth time. Singles will be on the clay courts on Tuesday (Feb. 26), while doubles take over on Feb. 27. On Feb. 28, the 2019 Heartland Games will wrap up with mixed-doubles tennis.

Maslin coordinates the event, competes all three days and has gone on to represent the Heartland at both the Florida Senior Games and the Nationals.

The Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring will be home for the tournament. The Thakkar Center established with the generous support of Dr. Thakkar, an avid tennis player. Dr. Thakkar and his partners, Dr. Patel and Dr. Avalos, are Gold sponsors of the 2019 Heartland Senior Games.

## Tiny Changes: Breathe life and health into your choices!

*In 1954, Kitty Kallen, who lived to be 94, recorded her big hit song, "Little Things Mean a Lot." Of course she was singing about remembering birthdays, bringing flowers and a hand on a shoulder. But when we think of good health, little things mean a lot too.*

Hello, to you (by now, I hope) well-hydrated readers! From the outset, I said my broad goal was to encourage you to stop doing certain things that are harming you, and inspire you to start doing various things that are greatly beneficial. Most of these things, good and bad, are actually small things, important things, easy to do but not so easy to remember. This is why getting into the habit of a morning routine is so vital.

Overall, good outcomes are based on what we are doing and what we are failing to do, most often both. For example, am I working far too many hours and also failing to get sufficient sleep? Am I increasing stress by hurrying constantly? Does this cause me to fail to breathe properly, which reduces delivery of oxygen to my cells? This is especially important as we reach our golden years.

Each tiny decision becomes important because of the domino effect and cumulative effect of all the health-related choices we make on a day-to-day and even moment-to-moment basis. Many small things that seem unimportant at the time can result in dramatic changes over the course of our lives and, by extension, our entire families. None of us will live forever, but our choices have a powerful effect on our vitality and quality of life in the present and future. The rule of cause and effect is fundamental and never goes away.

Personally, I have a litmus test question which I always try to ask myself. "Is this getting me closer to, or farther away from, my goals?" It's a pretty simple question and the trick is to be truthful and act conscientiously, despite normal feelings, wants and desires for immediate gratification.

Being personally responsible for one's health isn't that popular these days when too many people are looking for a pill, potion, or some other quick fix to repair something that they themselves damaged due to a lack of knowledge or inattention. It's clearly



Marilyn McConnell

better to have an active, conscious plan not to abuse your body in the first place — or choose now, if you haven't already, to stop the destruction. Don't ride the elevator all the way down to the flooded basement. Stay as high up as you can and head for the floors above.

Alrighty then ... here is this week's good health tip which is really a CALL TO ACTION:

When you make this a habit, it will have very positive long-term effects as you age. A bonus is that it combines stretching and breathing so that you are getting multiple benefits from just a five-minute investment in your wellness.

Each morning, right after you've used the restroom and had your "first thing" water, sit on your bed with your legs straight out in front of you and explore your current range of motion as you breathe deeply. Inhale and reach; first up, then out, then over ... stretch in all directions to the point of resistance as you focus on filling your lungs quickly and completely, then holding that breath while you count to seven, as you reach and extend your range of motion. Then, exhale slowly and completely. Repeat. As you do this, you will feel your muscles stretching and releasing. As soon as you get tired of stretching an area, move on to another area and direction. Simply explore to the limit of your current flexibility while breathing deeply. The important thing is to drink your water and then give yourself this five-minute gift of breathing and stretching as you start each day.

Make it a great day. Be kind to one another, and to yourselves.

*Marilyn McConnell is a wellness expert who, over three decades in Toronto and Chicago, has helped people with personal presentation, weight loss, longevity, organization, downsizing and related lifestyle design. She now lives in Arcadia, much closer to her immediate family. 312-659-2424*

## Many happy returns!



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**Madolyn Smith (seated/center) is working on the next century of birthdays, having celebrated No. 101 with her extended family and friends in town at the Arcadia Oaks Assisted Living center. Many happy returns.**

## You made the grade!



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**There are rewards for effort. Some 300 DeSoto Middle School students learned this important lesson on Friday with a special luncheon celebrating their successes in the classroom. Staff provided a McDonald's treat for those whose report cards showed academic excellence. Congratulations to these top performers!**



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# Meet Andy Pursell: performer shoots for the stars

By **CRAIG GARRETT**  
ARCADIAN EDITOR

Singer/songwriter Andy Pursell is on the rise. An Arcadia native, he has recorded and worked in Nashville and recently performed in town at the Mosaic Arena. Pursell is sharing some background and career goals with our readers.

**Question:** Tell us your background, how you got into music

**Pursell:** "Growing up in the small town of Arcadia, I was raised on rock and roll on my mother's side and '50s and '60s music on my father's. The country side of music came from my friends I grew up with. As you grow up in a small town, you have to make your own fun—driving backroads, hanging out in orange groves and cow pastures is what we did."

"With these factors in place, it was the perfect formula of the style of music I write and sing about. I got my first guitar at the age of 18 and took a few lessons all over the state to learn the basics. While learning the guitar, I was working on a career as a power lineman. I worked long hours, never losing sight of what I wanted to do. As time went on, I ended up writing my first song called the 'Fan's.' As I have learned in the music industry, it all starts with a song. And that it did! I played the 'Fan's' song to a couple of guys I worked with and they inspired me to try and get it played on the radio. So I pursued a recording studio."

"At this time, my music career started to take flight. We were working in Bradenton on a tropical storm named Debby who hit the state in 2012. I remember it was midnight and the whole service center I worked at knew I was looking for a studio. One of the crews gave me a call that night and said they were on a call in Palmetto where a customer's power line was taken down by a tree. This customer happened to be Mr. Del Couch, who is known in the area for helping musicians find their dreams. My co-workers gave me his number and we hit it off! At that time he was starting a music foundation called the Del Couch Music Education Foundation. Some of his board members are Rick Derringer, who is known for the

song 'Hang on Sloopy' and Jeff Cook of the Alabama band; that's just to name a few.

"He gave me a lot of opportunities, not only teaching me how to set up a concert venue's sound, but the opportunity to play in front of a live audience. What really sparked the Foundation was an American Idol contestant, Sam Woolf, who was a Foundation member and a local to Bradenton. He took fifth place in the 2014 season. As I grew with the Foundation and now with an American Idol, I got the opportunity to play at some big events such as the local seafood festivals, an opening act for Kansas, The Doobie Brothers, Rick Derringer, Thompson Square and many more. I played solo for a couple years at venues all around the Bradenton area. In my spare time, which was slim, I was able to write a few more songs. In 2014, I took the plunge and called up Nashville to record. I recorded my first three songs I ever wrote at Direct Image (studio)."

"The first day I was there—I will never forget—the session players that performed on my songs had played for national artists such as Kenny Chesney, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Luke Combs ... and many more. I couldn't believe it! We took a break and the producer Kenny Royster advised me that I was in the room with the Super Bowl of musicians. It's pretty amazing how you can strum a guitar, rhyme some words and create a song. The Nashville trip really got the ball rolling. I came back to Bradenton with some great songs. I put them up on iTunes and Amazon and shared them with the world. Since the songs came out, I've gotten an iHeartRadio channel and they've played on radio stations all around the United States."

"As for playing live, another show that helped me out was getting a random email to perform in the 2014 Acoustic Music Festival at the Tampa Hard Rock Cafe. I got to hold down the stage for an hour. It was pretty awesome!"

"It's been an amazing journey for the last couple years. I started a rockin' country band that in three years we've played all around the state, opening



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up for John Michael Montgomery, Clay Walker, took the headliner local act of the 2017 Suwannee River Jam, which we opened up for Billy Currington. In 2018, we opened for the Restless Heart band and kicked off the 2018 Suwannee River Jam—the headliner was Alan Jackson. We continue to work hard and take every opportunity that we can. The saying 'it takes a team work to make a dream work' is definitely true. I've surrounded myself with some great musicians, as well as family, friends and fans."

**Question:** Write your own stuff?

**Pursell:** "Yes. I currently write and perform all my originals. I'm more of an inspirational writer. I write about experiences that I have been through or have seen. Just recently I co-wrote a song with my sister, Stevie, which really turned out to be a great song! It's called 'Livin' in the Salt Life.' It's all about living around the salt water. Make sure you stay tuned! It will be released here pretty soon!"

**Question:** Did you model on a performer? And how do you find your own voice?

**Pursell:** "When I started playing solo, I really listened to a lot of Hank Williams Jr. and Waylon Jennings. I would say I trend to the vocals of Waylon and Hank Jr. and perform a lot like Garth Brooks, Luke Bryan, Neal McCoy. I love the energy that they put out to an audience."

**Question:** Just back from Nashville. How did that go?

**Pursell:** "The trip this time to Nashville was another trip to remember. I recorded some more original songs, and met some big music industry people. I can't wait to share the new songs! They will be released real soon! Nashville is a big city with a small-town vibe. There are some very talented people in that town. I think everyone playing in the honky-tonks there deserve a record deal."

**Question:** You're onstage. What's going on in your head?

**Pursell:** "When I'm on stage, I'm there to entertain and make memories. I'm always thinking that if we're not having a good time, then the audience is not having a good time. My motto is 'We are gonna make the grass dance and the asphalt hotter, give one ten or don't bother.' I tell that to the band all the time, to make sure we don't lose the energy. People come out to be entertained. We have to get them out of the real world for a couple hours; they don't need to worry about bills, family issues or work. They are there to have fun! Music is good therapy for people!"

**Question:** Goals this year?

**Pursell:** "To keep on grinding with the band, release new music and knock down any door that opens. I'm hoping to perform at new venues and gain more fans!"

**Question:** Advice for young performers, dreamers?

**Pursell:** "Not to quit, even when it gets real hard. When it gets hard to perform, that means you work harder. In the long run you will look back and say, 'I can't believe I made it.' Surround yourself with good and inspiring people, they will encourage you to keep going. Practice as much as you can and perform all around where you live; you will build up your fanbase and come across some great opportunities."

"And last but not least, you have to play for no pay a lot before you get paid ... and once you get your first dollar, you will say I can't believe I'm getting paid doing what I love!"

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**Dems make opening offer, with no money for Trump's wall**

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## Rand Paul awarded more than \$580K after neighbor's attack

### Boucher tackled senator, broke several ribs

By **BRUCE SCHREINER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul was awarded more than \$580,000 in damages and medical expenses on Wednesday in his lawsuit against the neighbor who tackled him and broke several of his ribs in a dispute over lawn maintenance. A jury in Bowling Green, Kentucky, deliberated less than



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two hours before delivering the award to the Republican lawmaker who had been attacked while doing yard work at his Kentucky home. Paul had testified during the three-day trial that he feared for his life as he struggled to breathe after Rene Boucher slammed into him in their upscale Bowling Green neighborhood in late 2017. The jury awarded \$375,000 in punitive damages and \$200,000 for pain and suffering, plus \$7,834 for medical expenses. Afterward, Paul said in a

statement that he hoped the verdict would send a "clear message that violence is not the answer — anytime, anywhere." Boucher's attorney, Matt Baker, said they would appeal. "We all expected that Sen. Paul would get a verdict in his favor," Baker said. "This far exceeds anything that we were expecting."



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AP PHOTO

**FBI and Pembroke Pines Police investigate a tunnel by a possible would-be bank robber which was discovered beneath the entrance to the Flamingo Pines shopping plaza Wednesday in Pembroke Pines.**

## Who dug tunnel under road toward bank?

### FBI and police investigating mystery

By **CURT ANDERSON**  
AP LEGAL AFFAIRS WRITER

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — The FBI and local police are investigating a Miami-area mystery: Who dug a narrow tunnel that burrowed beneath a road and pointed toward a quiet suburban bank branch office? FBI spokesman Mike Leverock said Wednesday that officials were notified after a motorist reported what looked like a sinkhole in a street near a Chase Bank branch in Pembroke Pines. Investigators found an entrance hole in a nearby wooded area that contained a small electric generator and some electrical cords. The tunnel led under the road toward the bank, a distance of about 50 yards and it was only about 2 feet wide.

"The only thing I've ever seen like this is in the movies. This is truly a unique case here," Leverock said. "It's very small, very claustrophobic." Investigators said the tunnel appeared to be dug by hand using tools such as a pickaxe, with a small wagon used to transport dirt and rock outside, Leverock said. A small ladder and a pair of muddy boots were also found inside. A cadaver dog determined there were no bodies inside the tunnel. It wasn't immediately clear how long the underground structure had been there. There was no robbery at the bank, no arrests have been made and no suspects were immediately identified. The bank remained open Wednesday, although some drive-up windows near the tunnel were closed.

## Polar blast envelops Midwest



AP PHOTO

**A deadly arctic deep freeze enveloped the Midwest, forcing widespread closure of schools, offices and prompting the U.S. Postal Service to take the rare step of suspending mail delivery to a wide swath of the region because of the cold.**

### Infrastructure strained by some of the lowest temperatures in a generation

By **MICHAEL TARM and COREY WILLIAMS**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A blast of polar air enveloped much of the Midwest on Wednesday, closing schools and businesses and straining infrastructure across the Rust Belt with some of the lowest temperatures in a generation. The deep freeze snapped rail lines and canceled hundreds of flights in the nation's third-largest city, which was as cold as the Arctic. Heavily dressed repair crews hustled to keep water mains and gas pipes working. Chicago dropped to a low of around minus 23, slightly above the city's lowest-ever reading of minus 27 from January 1985. Milwaukee had similar conditions. Minneapolis recorded minus 27. Sioux Falls, South Dakota, saw minus 25.

Wind chills reportedly made it feel like minus 50 or worse. Downtown Chicago streets were largely deserted after most offices told employees to stay home. Trains and buses operated with few passengers. The hardest commuters ventured out only after covering nearly every square inch of flesh against the extreme chill, which froze ice crystals on eyelashes and eyebrows in minutes. The Postal Service took the rare step of suspending mail delivery in many places, and in southeastern Minnesota, even the snowplows were idled by the weather. The bitter cold was the result of a split in the polar vortex, a mass of cold air that normally stays bottled up in the Arctic. The split allowed the air to spill much farther

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## E-cigs outperform patches, gums in quit-smoking study

More than 55% of U.S. smokers try to quit each year, about 7% succeed

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**  
AP HEALTH WRITER



WASHINGTON — A major new study provides the strongest evidence yet that vaping can help smokers quit cigarettes, with e-cigarettes proving nearly twice as effective as nicotine gums and patches. The British research, published Wednesday in the New England Journal of Medicine, could influence what doctors tell their patients and shape the debate in the U.S., where the Food and Drug Administration has come under pressure to more tightly regulate the burgeoning industry amid a surge in teenage vaping. "We know that patients are asking about e-cigarettes and many doctors haven't been sure what to say," said Dr. Nancy Rigotti, a tobacco treatment specialist at Harvard Medical School who was not involved in the study. "I think they now have more evidence to endorse e-cigarettes."

At the same time, Rigotti and other experts cautioned that no vaping products have been approved in the U.S. to help smokers quit. Smoking is the No. 1 cause of preventable death worldwide, blamed for nearly 6 million deaths a year. Quitting is notoriously difficult, even with decades-old nicotine aids and newer prescription drugs. More than 55 percent of U.S. smokers try to quit each year, and only about 7 percent succeed, according to government figures. Electronic cigarettes, which have been available in the U.S. since about 2007 and have grown into a \$6.6 billion-a-year industry,

are battery-powered devices that typically heat a flavored nicotine solution into an inhalable vapor. Most experts agree the vapor is less harmful than cigarette smoke since it doesn't contain most of the cancer-causing byproducts of burning tobacco. But there is virtually no research on the long-term effects of the chemicals in the vapor, some of which are toxic. At the same time, there have been conflicting studies on whether e-cigarettes actually help smokers kick the habit. Last year, an influential panel of U.S. experts concluded there was only "limited evidence" of their effectiveness. In the new study, researchers tracked nearly 900 middle-age smokers who were randomly assigned to receive either e-cigarettes or nicotine replacement products, including patches, gums and lozenges. After one year, 18 percent of e-cigarette users were smoke-free, versus 9.9 percent of those using the other products. "Anything which helps smokers to avoid heart disease and cancer and lung disease is a good thing, and e-cigarettes can do that," said Peter Hajek, study co-author and an addiction specialist at Queen Mary University of London. The study was more rigorous than previous ones, which largely surveyed smokers about e-cigarette use. Participants in this experiment underwent chemical breath testing. Funding for the study came from the British government, which has embraced e-cigarettes as a potential tool to combat smoking through state-run health services.

## Peace with the Taliban? Trump warned of Afghan pullout risks

By **DEB RIECHMANN**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Trump administration claims of progress in talks with the Taliban have sparked fears even among the president's allies that his impatience with the war in Afghanistan will lead him to withdraw troops too soon, leaving the country at risk of returning to the same volatile condition that prompted the invasion in the first place. Discussions between a U.S. envoy and the Taliban are advancing weeks



AP PHOTO

**Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers carry out an exercise during a live firing at the Afghan Military Academy in Kabul, Afghanistan.**

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## 30-year-old orca dies at SeaWorld

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A 30-year-old orca died Monday at SeaWorld's Orlando park after a brief illness, company officials said.

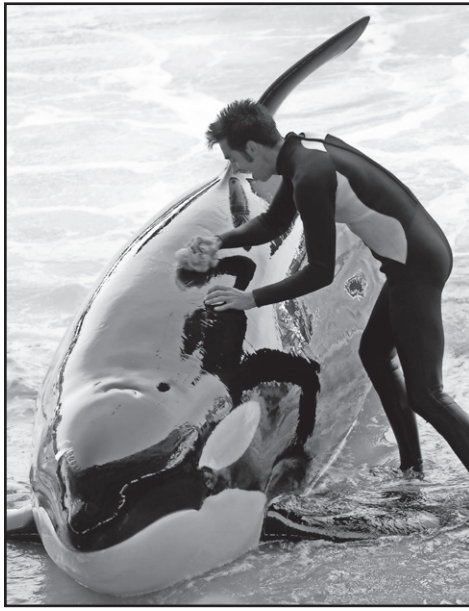
A cause of death won't be known until a post-mortem examination is conducted, according to SeaWorld.

Kayla began showing signs of discomfort on Saturday, and veterinarians began treating her based on what they found from a physical exam. Her condition worsened on Sunday and she was given around-the-clock care until her death, park officials said.

Kayla was among the last orcas at SeaWorld's Orlando park, as well as parks in California and Texas.

SeaWorld announced the end of its breeding program in March 2016, following years of pressure from animal rights protests and shifting public opinion about orcas being held in captivity. The protests intensified after the release of the 2013 documentary "Blackfish," which focused on the life of Tilikum, a killer whale responsible for killing trainer Dawn Brancheau when he dragged her into a pool in front of shocked visitors in 2010.

The movie implied that killer whales become more aggressive in captivity.



AP PHOTO

**Trainer Joe Sanchez, right, works with killer whale Kayla during the Believe show in Shamu Stadium at the SeaWorld Orlando theme park in Orlando.**

SeaWorld has 20 orcas left at its parks. There are five in Orlando, five in San Antonio, and 10 in San Diego.

## Suspect bought gun days before bank shooting

Police say Xaver shot five women in an apparently random act of violence

SEBRING, Fla. (AP) — The man who fatally shot five women at a Florida bank last week bought a gun several days before the shooting, authorities said Monday.

Zephen Xaver, 21, bought a 9mm handgun and ammunition just days before Wednesday's shooting at a SunTrust branch, Sebring police said in a news release. Testing is underway to determine if that gun was the same one used inside the bank, police said.

The shooting left four employees and one customer dead. Xaver shot the women in an apparently random act



XAVER

of violence, police have said. Prosecutors could seek the death penalty for Xaver, who faces five counts of premeditated murder.

Xaver was hired as a trainee prison guard at Avon Park Correctional Institution on Nov. 2 and resigned Jan. 9. No disciplinary issues were reported.

SunTrust has established a fund to offer financial support to the victims' families, the bank announced Monday.

"Through the SunTrust Foundation and Sebring Strong Survivors Fund, we are committed to supporting the families of the victims as they begin to recover," SunTrust Chairman and CEO Bill Rogers said in a statement. "The outpouring of support from the community has demonstrated the best of humanity in a time of tragedy."

The Sebring Strong Survivors Fund is a partnership between the SunTrust Foundation and the National Compassion Fund, a subsidiary of the National Center for Victims of Crime.

## Suspended elections supervisor resigns

Palm Beach County failed to meet deadlines during recounts after November election

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A suspended Florida county elections supervisor who failed to meet deadlines during recounts after November's election has resigned.

Susan Bucher, a Democrat, sent a letter Friday to the Republican Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis officially stepping down as Palm Beach County elections supervisor.

DeSantis suspended Bucher earlier this month, and the state Senate would have had the final say in whether she should have been permanently removed.

Bucher said in a statement that she resigned

because she doubted that she could get a fair hearing in the Republican-controlled legislative body.

"The laws and our Constitution need to be changed," Bucher said. "Florida elected officials should not be afraid to express their views and stand strong for their constituents without fear of being removed from office through fabricated allegations which would not stand up in a court of law."

Florida had recounts in statewide races for governor, the U.S. Senate and agriculture commissioner.

DeSantis previously said Bucher violated state law

by not completing recounts before a state-mandated deadline and by mishandling ballots. The county's aging ballot counting machines had been certified by the state but broke down repeatedly during the recount.

"The elections office in Palm Beach County demonstrated on a national stage that they simply could not comply with the laws of the state," DeSantis said earlier this month. "There was a train of problems and it was not just there was a mistake here or a mistake there, it really tarnished the image of the State of Florida."

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### Governor outlines plan for increasing college grads

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis says he wants to make it easier for students who don't graduate from a university to get an associate degree.

DeSantis said Wednesday in Tampa he also wants to make it easier for students who are short of earning a college degree to make up the credit with the help of tuition waivers for courses.

DeSantis says he is issuing an executive order that will help Florida go from being ranked 24 to number 1 in the nation by 2030 for the rate of people with an associate degree or higher.

He says he will ask the Florida Legislature to allow computer science classes to be counted toward meeting science requirements in high schools and allocate \$10 million toward training teachers in computer science.

### Judge overturns murder conviction, man freed after 30 years

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Prosecutors will not retry a Florida man who served 30 years for a racially charged murder after a judge tossed his conviction and life sentence because of new evidence.

The Tampa Bay Times reports 47-year-old Dean McKee wept Wednesday when prosecutors announced in court they dropped the charges and he was allowed to walk free.

McKee was 16 in 1987 when he and his 18-year-old brother Scott were charged with killing 41-year-old Isaiah Walker, a homeless black man. The brothers were professed neo-Nazis.

Scott McKee got a one-year sentence for testifying it was his brother who stabbed Walker. Dean McKee was convicted of murder and got life.

Judge Lisa Campbell concluded in 2017 that DNA evidence raised serious doubts about Dean McKee's guilt and pointed to Scott McKee. He has not been charged.

### Florida Senate President: Build new roads in rural areas

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Senate President Bill Galvano wants the state to push ahead with long-sought after highway projects that would bring new roads into several rural counties.

Galvano on Tuesday announced that the Senate will work on legislation designed to speed up three major highways, including one that would stretch from just north of the Tampa Bay area to the Georgia border.

He also wants to look at a new road that would connect the Florida Turnpike to this highway.

### Suspect in Tampa serial killings says jail making him sick

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Florida man charged with being the serial killer who terrorized a Tampa neighborhood says jail is making him sick.

The Tampa Bay Times reports that 26-year-old Howell Donaldson III asked Judge Mark Wolfe on Tuesday for "some professional help" for unspecified ailments. The former college basketball player said he feels like he is 96.

Donaldson has pleaded not guilty to killing four people in separate, apparently random shootings in Tampa's Seminole Heights neighborhood in October and November 2017. He was arrested after he gave a gun to a co-worker, who passed it to police.

### DeSantis won't remove official after school shooting

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis says he won't remove the school superintendent who oversees the school where 17 people died in last year's massacre in Parkland.

The Republican governor said Wednesday at the annual Associated Press legislative planning meeting that he doesn't have the power to remove Broward Superintendent Robert Runcie. Runcie has been sharply criticized by parents whose children were fatally shot last year at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

DeSantis said he can't remove Runcie because he isn't an elected official. Runcie was appointed to his job by the Broward County school board.

### Deputy shoots K-9

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say a Florida deputy shot and killed a K-9 that attacked him while he was feeding the dog.

The Ledger reports that the attack and shooting occurred Monday night.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office says the K-9 deputy had been feeding the dog, Recon, for about a week while the dog's normal handler was out of town. The deputy says Recon clamped down on his hand, and the dog wouldn't release him, forcing him to shoot the dog.

Recon had been with the department for three years, and officials say they're not sure what prompted the attack. They say it's common for K-9 deputies to take care of each other's dogs when they are away from home.



AP PHOTOS

**Gandalf the great horned owl and Erica the bald eagle rest in their new enclosures in the aviary at the Calusa Nature Center in Fort Myers.**

## Injured raptors safe at new home

After uncertainty and shuffled quarters, Gandalf, Erica and Harolds find refuge at Calusa Nature Center

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — After months of stress, uncertainty and shuffled quarters, Gandalf, the great horned owl, is home.

A year and a half ago, his very life was at risk — and not from his car-smashed wing, which healed years ago.

In July of 2017, state agencies gave the Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium a 30-day deadline to get its injured raptors out of its decrepit wooden aviary and into a new one or euthanize the birds. A temporary reprieve allowed the Fort Myers nonprofit to house them in a Bradenton refuge, where they stayed until the new building was complete.

Now, Gandalf perches on a sunlit branch, surveying the surrounding slash pine woods, as his hawk and vulture neighbors preen and doze. The facility's public grand opening is this month, part of a day-long celebration that will include games, talks, crafts, owl pellet dissection and a falconer's live demonstration. "He's bringing several native raptors and he's also

bringing a condor, which will be really cool," said Mary Wall, the center's marketing and volunteer coordinator.

In addition to Gandalf and bald eagle Erica, whose wing was destroyed by a hunter's errant shot, aviary residents include broad-winged and red-shouldered hawks, three turkey vultures and four black vultures, all named Harold.

Bill Hammond calls them "ambassador birds," each with a story and the potential to connect with human visitors. "You can't look in the eye of one of these birds for very long without feeling emotions, which is precisely the point," says the environmental educator and volunteer chair of the center's 24-member board.

Watching the birds from behind the sturdy new railing, he beams. This moment has been a long time coming for Hammond, one of the volunteer corps who started the 105-acre center back in the 1970s, before returning more than four decades later to try to rescue it.

Once popular and bustling, by 2015, it was floundering with just four employees and no director. The 6,500 members it had in the 1990s had shrunk to fewer than 60.

"During that real crap period of about eight years, we lost most of our best volunteers" Hammond told The News-Press in 2016. "This was the worst-case scenario, the perfect storm. ... When I stepped in, I said, 'I'll give you four years. You're not going to turn this around in less than three.'"

Its woes included transient staffers, an unstable board, dwindling membership, flooding and deferred maintenance on its buildings and aviary. Then, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission issued an ultimatum: Build a new aviary or lose the birds.

As Hammond got to work — "It's like a blur when I look back" — agencies created, then extended numerous deadlines for the project, itself plagued by delays, cost overruns and red tape.

## Shark bites drop worldwide in 2018

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — University of Florida researchers say far fewer shark bites were reported worldwide last year.

According to the university's International Shark Attack File, 66 bites were documented in 2018, compared with 88 the previous year. That's 26 percent lower than the five-year average of 84

bites annually. Thirty-two bites happened in U.S. waters.

Four of last year's bites were fatal, roughly keeping with the average of six deaths worldwide each year.

In a statement Monday, Gavin Naylor of the Florida Museum of Natural History's shark research program said

it's unknown whether the drop can be attributed to more people heeding beach safety warnings or to declining shark populations.

Naylor said beachgoers need to learn about shark behavior in areas such as Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where great white sharks have followed a rebounding seal population.

## Judge stops parts of Tampa's 'conversion therapy' ban

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A federal magistrate is stopping the enforcement of a portion of Tampa's ordinance prohibiting same-sex conversion therapy for minors.

The U.S. magistrate judge issued a preliminary injunction on Wednesday.

The injunction stops the city of Tampa from banning conversion therapy

involving talking, but it would allow the ban to be applied to techniques like electroshock therapy.

The ordinance was approved in 2017 and challenged by a Christian ministry and therapists who practice conversion therapy. They claimed it violated their free-speech rights.

The challengers asked

for a preliminary injunction that would stop the ordinance's enforcement while the lawsuit makes its way through the courts. The case now goes to a district judge.

The American Psychological Association opposes therapy seeking to change sexual orientation, saying it doesn't work and can cause harm.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

**Black high school baseball players allege racism, hazing**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Two black high school baseball players are suing a Florida school district after they say coaches and administrators did nothing when they were subjected to racial taunts and hazing.

The Tampa Bay Times reports 18-year-old Jay King and 17-year-old Judah Norwood sued the Pinellas County schools last week.

The teens say their teammates at East Lake High School tried to force them to race naked with Oreo cookies wedged between their buttocks. The loser would have to eat the cookies. They refused.

They say for the rest of the season, teammates bullied them and called them a racial slur. They say an assistant coach also used the slur. Both have since transferred; Norwood quit baseball.

The district said its investigation found no wrongdoing by staff. It declined further comment.

**Judge says Florida city can move Confederate statue**

LAKELAND, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit aimed at blocking a Florida city from moving a statute honoring Confederate soldiers.

District Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington dismissed the lawsuit this week filed by Confederate rights groups against Lakeland. The city plans to move a statue of a Confederate soldier from a park where it was erected in 1910 to a veterans cemetery where it will be placed among statues honoring the dead from other wars.

The groups argued the city was violating their free speech and due process rights by moving the Civil War statue. Hernandez Covington disagreed, saying the statue belongs to the city and it can move it if it wants. African-American residents had pushed for its removal, saying it represents racism.

The Confederate groups plan to appeal.

**Parkland shooting: Florida ex-sheriff challenges suspension**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida sheriff suspended this month by the governor and accused of failing to prevent a school shooting has requested a state Senate hearing.

An attorney for ex-Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel requested the hearing Tuesday. Florida law says the legislative body has the final say in the removal of local elected officials. No hearing date was announced.

Gov. Ron DeSantis said previously that Israel failed to keep families and children safe before and during last February's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that left 17 people dead.

A state investigating commission recently concluded Israel's changes to the department's active shooter policy may have contributed to some deputies' inaction during the shooting.

Israel said after his suspension that DeSantis was making a "power grab" against those who elected him.

**No charges filed in deaths of 3 children found in freezer**

LIVE OAK, Fla. (AP) — No charges will be filed in the deaths of three Florida children who became trapped in an unplugged chest-style freezer in their yard.

In a Facebook post Friday, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office identified the children as 6-year-old Dawlton Lee Delbridge, 4-year-old Brooklyn Leigh Jackson and 19-month-old Kaleigh Mae Meeks.

They died Jan. 13 at the Live Oak home where Brooklyn lived with her mother and Dawlton and Kaleigh lived with their grandmother.

In a letter to Sheriff Sam St. John, State Attorney Jeffrey Siegmeyer said there was no evidence of foul play, and neither woman tested positive for drugs. He said the freezer had been temporarily stored in the yard until the women could get help moving it inside the home.

Autopsies showed the children died of accidental asphyxiation.

**Man kills self; wife found dead at Florida home**

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. (AP) — Police say a man killed himself in front of officers at his Florida home before they went inside and found that his wife had been dead for days.

Pembroke Pines police tell news outlets they are working with state officials to ensure the couple's four daughters younger than 10 are placed in a safe environment after their father shot himself Tuesday morning.

Capt. Al Xiques says officers went to the home after a caller told police the children had not attended school for a week.

Xiques says the man told officers he was on drugs and his wife had left him. Xiques says the man shot himself when officers began to search him for a weapon and officers discovered the woman's body in a bedroom.

Police did not identify the couple or say how the woman died.

**Teacher, aides charged with abusing children with autism**

CRESTVIEW, Fla. (AP) — A Florida special education teacher and two aides are charged with abusing children with autism by blowing whistles into one's ears and locking them in dark bathrooms.

The Northwest Florida Daily News reports that teacher Margaret Wolthers surrendered Tuesday to Okaloosa County sheriff's investigators to face aggravated child abuse charges. Aides Diana LaCroix and Carolyn Madison had already surrendered.

Sheriff Larry Ashley said the women abused three children between ages 8 and 10 from September to November. He said the women would hold the arms of one child while blowing a whistle into the child's ears. He said all three children were locked separately into a bathroom with the lights off for up to 90 minutes.

The women said they were disciplining the children and felt the practices acceptable.

**Fed sees low rates well into future and excites Wall Street****Federal Reserve keeps key rate unchanged and pledges to be 'patient' toward future hikes**

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve held its benchmark interest rate steady Wednesday and sent its strongest signal to date that it sees no need to raise rates anytime soon. Its message ignited a rally on Wall Street, which cheered the prospect of continued modest borrowing rates for the near future.

The Fed and its chairman, Jerome Powell, pointed to global economic pressures and consistently mild inflation as reasons to keep rates steady. The policymakers also said they're prepared to slow the reduction of their bond holdings if needed to help the economy.

In a statement after its latest policy meeting, the Fed said it would be "patient" about future rate hikes. Its benchmark short-term rate will remain in a range of 2.25 percent to 2.5 percent after having been raised four times last year. The Fed's key

rate influences many loan rates for businesses and consumers, including mortgages.

The picture sketched by Powell and the Fed was of a U.S. economy that remains on firm footing with low inflation but that faces risks from a global slowdown and a U.S. trade war with China.

"The situation calls for patience," Powell said at a news conference afterward. "We have the luxury to be patient."

Before raising rates again, Powell said, he would need to see rising inflation. The Fed's preferred inflation gauge has risen 1.8 percent in the past 12 months, below its 2 percent annual target.

"I would want to see a need for further rate increases, and for me a big part of that would be inflation," the chairman said.

Pleased by the Fed's benign outlook, investors sent the Dow Jones Industrial Average up nearly 435 points and back above the

25,000 level.

The central bank said in its statement that it's ready to use all its tools — including an adjustment to its bond portfolio — if it decided the economy needed more support. Since late 2017, the Fed has been gradually reducing its bond portfolio, a move that has likely contributed to higher borrowing rates. But at some point, to avoid weakening the economy, it could slow that process or end it sooner than envisioned. Doing so would help keep a lid on loan rates and help support the economy.

The Fed's note of patience about rate hikes marks a reversal from a theme that Powell had sounded at a news conference after the Fed's previous policy meeting in December. Powell had appeared then to leave open the prospect of further increases soon. This message had sparked fears in financial markets that the Fed might tighten credit too aggressively this year, and the Dow sank over 350 points that day.

**US debt sales break records again, feeding deficit criticism**

By **LIZ CAPO MCCORMICK and SALEHA MOHSIN**  
BLOOMBERG NEWS

The U.S. Treasury Department announced plans to issue another record-breaking amount of debt, giving President Donald Trump's re-election opponents more ammunition as they question whether his tax cuts will pay for themselves.

The federal budget shortfall is set to swell, driven by tax cuts, spending increases and an aging American population. As a result, the Treasury is raising its long-term debt issuance at its quarterly refunding auctions to \$84 billion, the department said Wednesday, \$1 billion more than three months ago. Such elevated levels of borrowing will finance the widening deficit, with Wall Street strategists projecting new debt issuance will top \$1 trillion for a second straight year.

The ballooning national debt is already being drawn into the 2020 presidential election campaign. Former Starbucks Corp. CEO Howard Schultz, who is considering running as

an independent, earlier this week said the U.S.'s debt levels are an example "both Republicans' and Democrats' 'reckless failure of their constitutional responsibility."

Debt sales have already surpassed levels last seen when the country was digging out of its worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. Combined with needing to fund the shortfall, the Treasury has been selling more debt as a result of the Federal Reserve's strategy to slowly let government debt roll off its balance sheet.

Initial tax receipts call into question the Trump administration's projection that extra economic growth would generate enough revenue to offset its tax cuts. Corporate income taxes paid to the U.S. Treasury fell to \$205 billion in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 — a 31 percent drop from the prior year. A decrease of that magnitude is unusual during a period of economic growth.

The Congressional Budget Office forecasts the federal budget deficit will top \$1 trillion in 2020, with the U.S. government spending about \$7 trillion just to service that debt.

The massive fiscal shortfall has drawn concern from investors, with DoubleLine Capital LP's Jeffrey Gundlach calling it a "horrific situation" in his annual webcast. Billionaire investor Seth A. Klarman, in a letter presented at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, said global social tension, receding American leadership and rising debt levels all present a red flag.

In its refunding announcement, the Treasury said it will keep auctions of nominal coupon and floating-rate debt stable over the coming quarter and anticipates boosting issuance of inflation-linked securities starting in February.

The Treasury Department reiterated that a suspension period for the nation's statutory debt limit ends March 1, though so-called extraordinary accounting measures can continue to finance the government temporarily. In the statement, the Treasury said it's too early to provide a precise forecast for how long those will last.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE NATION

**Parole recommended for Manson follower**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California panel on Wednesday recommended that Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten be paroled after serving more than four decades in prison.



**VAN HOUTEN**

Hearings found for the third time that the 69-year-old Van Houten was suitable for release.

If her case withstands a 150-day review process, it will rest in the hands of California's new Gov. Gavin Newsom. Van Houten was recommended for parole twice previously, but then Gov. Jerry Brown blocked her release.

Van Houten was among the followers in Manson's murderous cult who stabbed to death wealthy grocer Leno LaBianca and his wife, Rosemary, in 1969. Van Houten was 19 during the killings, which came a day after other Manson followers killed pregnant actress Sharon Tate and four others in Los Angeles.

**New charges possible in Russia probe leak case**

NEW YORK (AP) — A prosecutor says new charges and arrests are

possible in the prosecution of a U.S. Treasury Department employee accused of giving a journalist confidential banking reports related to special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe.

Treasury worker Natalie Edwards is awaiting trial on charges that she gave a BuzzFeed journalist reports about wire transfers made by Paul Manafort and other suspects in Mueller's investigation.

Edwards' lawyer, Jacob Kaplan, says his client is being prosecuted for "doing the right thing."

**School counselor admits to changing daughter's grades**

BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — A former high school counselor in West Virginia has pleaded guilty to using a school computer program to inflate grades for her daughter in order to obtain college scholarships.

U.S. Attorney Mike Stuart says 49-year-old Melissa Krystynak of St. Lucie, Florida, entered the plea to a mail fraud scheme. The scheme occurred when Krystynak was a counselor from 2011 until 2017 at Greenbrier West High School, where two of her children attended.

Stuart says she used her administrative access to change at least 34 of her daughter's grades. Her daughter then applied for and received more than 10 different college scholarships.

Krystynak faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

**Foxconn factory jobs touted by Trump will not come to pass**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Electronics giant Foxconn reversed course and announced Wednesday that the huge Wisconsin plant that was supposed to bring a bounty of blue-collar factory jobs back to the Midwest — and was lured with billions in tax incentives — will instead be primarily a research and development center staffed by scientists and engineers.

The move was decried in some quarters as a case of bait-and-switch by the Taiwan-based company, which originally planned to build high-tech liquid crystal display screens in a project President Donald Trump had proudly pointed to as a sign of a resurgence in American manufacturing.

In a statement, Foxconn said it remains committed to Wisconsin and the creation of 13,000 jobs as promised. But because the global market environment that existed when the

\$10 billion project was announced in 2017 has shifted, "this has necessitated the adjustment of plans for all projects."

"We were promised manufacturing jobs. We were promised state-of-the-art LCD production. ... And now, it appears Foxconn is living up to their failed track record in the U.S. — leaving another state and community high and dry," said Wisconsin Assembly Minority Leader Gordon Hintz.

Foxconn, a major supplier to Apple, is the world's largest contract maker of electronics.

Louis Woo, special assistant to Foxconn's CEO, was quoted as telling Reuters that it is scaling back and possibly shelving plans to build display screens in Wisconsin because "we can't compete."

Last summer, Trump highlighted his economic policies at a groundbreaking event for the Foxconn complex.

"Made in the USA: It's all happening and it's happening very, very quickly," the president said in June after visiting the Foxconn site.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this June 28, 2018, photo, President Donald Trump, center, along with Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, left, and Foxconn Chairman Terry Gou participate in a groundbreaking event for the new Foxconn facility in Mt. Pleasant, Wis.



# Insurance companies pick which meds are 'experimental'

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Due to an elevated PSA (5.3) my urologist recommended a fairly new test prior to deciding on a prostate biopsy. The test is referred to as an ExoDx Prostate (Intelliscore). It is performed on a urine sample and results in a score that indicates a higher or lower probability of high-grade prostate cancer.

Subsequent to taking this test I received a denial of coverage notice from my insurance carrier because the test is considered experimental or investigational and not known to be effective for my condition. They further stated that the plan covers only proven procedures that are recognized as effective for the diagnosis of a condition based on clinical evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature. I have been unable to locate any such literature.

I'm wondering if you would offer your opinion on the efficacy of this test in terms of evaluating prostate treatment progression for those with elevated PSA levels. — H.M.



**Dr. Roach**

**ANSWER:** I reviewed the literature on the ExoDx Prostate (Intelliscore), and my opinion is that this test is likely to improve the accuracy of prostate cancer testing and reduce the number of men who will require a biopsy.

Insurance companies decide for themselves what is experimental and what is standard of care. If Medicare decides it is acceptable, most insurance companies will start paying for it shortly thereafter.

I suspect that as further studies are done, the test is likely to be

confirmed as a useful tool in determining whether an abnormal PSA result needs further evaluation, but only time and study results will tell. Until then, your warning is appreciated.

I know it is being used already, since readers are writing to me about interpreting the results.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Lotion containing vitamin K has become popular to reduce bruises, something we older folks experience frequently. Is any of this vitamin K absorbed into the bloodstream? I was on warfarin for several months following heart valve surgery and a stroke and atrial fibrillation. After a cardioversion several months ago that put my heart back in a normal rhythm, I was able to stop taking the warfarin. I would like to try the lotion, but am concerned about absorbing vitamin K. I'd appreciate your advice! — G.J.

**ANSWER:** Vitamin K is necessary for the liver to make four of the blood-clotting factors, and warfarin blocks vitamin K, which

thereby reduces the ability of the blood to clot.

Vitamin K is not significantly absorbed into the blood through the skin. However, vitamin K creams have been evaluated as a treatment for bruising. I found several studies showing that although vitamin K cream failed to prevent bruising from mechanical trauma or laser, it did speed resolution of the bruising, through local effects in the skin. I found another, not exceptionally convincing, study purporting to show that a cream with vitamin K and caffeine improved the appearance of fine lines around the eye.

The amount of vitamin K absorbed through the skin is unlikely to have any effect on blood clotting. Since you are no longer taking warfarin (Coumadin), you don't have to be concerned even about oral vitamin K. It's people taking warfarin who need to avoid taking in excess vitamin K. They should take in consistent amounts of food with vitamin K, such as green leafy vegetables.

# Last prayers for dying wife were comfort to her family

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife, a convert to reform Judaism, died this past year. The day before she passed, while she was in a coma, Roman Catholic family members asked if they could bring in a priest. I said OK because I knew it meant a lot to them. A priest came and administered last rites. (My wife was born and raised a Catholic.)

I have been having serious second thoughts about my decision. Nobody outside my family knows about this. Did I make the right call, or should I have politely told my wife's family that I could not agree to their request? — Troubled Reform Jew

**DEAR TROUBLED:** Your wife, who had converted to Judaism, was comatose. What happened at her bedside made no difference to her at that point. It was kind and generous of you to allow the priest to come for the sake of your in-laws. You did it for the right reasons, so please do not second-guess yourself now. What happened does not impugn the authenticity of the Jewish rites that you used to bury her.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have read your column for years and notice that many of



**Dear Abby**

the letters come from people who let others run roughshod over them or do things to them they are not happy with. My suggestion is a simple adage that has helped me through life: "People can only do to you what you ALLOW them to do to you."

I realize this may not be a panacea for all situations, and for those who have difficulty asserting themselves it may not come easy. But folks will continue doing to you what you allow them to do until you say no. What do you think, Abby? — Kip In Austin, Texas

**DEAR KIP:** I think your mantra is a helpful reminder for those who need it. However, many individuals need more support than that, and for them I would recommend assertiveness training because one of the hardest words in the English language to say is NO.

# Some lessons in laundry

**Dear Heloise:** Since my wife passed away, I have been doing all the LAUNDRY and the many other household duties.

After removing the laundry from the washer, I leave the door or lid slightly open to allow the damp inside to dry out. A shake of baking soda on a small plastic plate will help keep the washer smelling fresh.

When using dryer sheets, I put the open box in a 1-quart zip-close storage bag. This will keep the fragrance from escaping from the open box.

I read your column daily in our Lima News. — Jack B., Lima, Ohio



**Hints from Heloise**

Did you know you can pour that baking soda into your next load of laundry, too? Pour 1/2 cup of baking soda along with the regular amount of laundry detergent to boost cleaning power and cut odors.

My condolences on the loss of your wife, Jack. — Heloise

# WHATZIT?

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



**SOLUTION:** Cloud cuckoo land

# JUMBLE

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

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 O O O  
 NORGP  
 O O O O  
 INCSEK  
 O O O O O  
 LAEVBI  
 O O O O

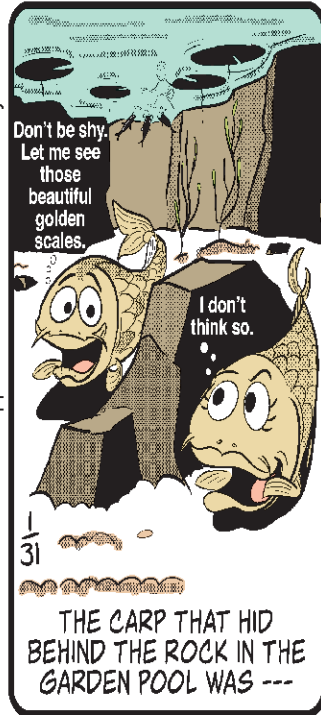
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Print your answer here: O O O O O " O O O O "

(Answers tomorrow)  
 Yesterday's Jumbles: GOOEY HARSH WETTER NAPKIN  
 Answer: The guitarist came up with a new melody, but didn't think it was — WORTH NOTING

# 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.

# KEN KEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

**EASY**

5+	16x		3
		7+	3-
2			
2-		2÷	

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**CHALLENGING**

3÷		120x	10+		3-
2			3÷		
15x	48x		1	2÷	
	3+		50x		4
2-		8+		6x	5-
	5				

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**RULES**

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

**PREVIOUS ANSWERS**

4+	4	1-	3	2
11+	6x	3+	12x	
2-	1-	3-		3
14+	2	1-	4	1
3	3	4	1	

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# 7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 the "P" in PE (8)	_____
2 light snow showers (8)	_____
3 doric and spinal (7)	_____
4 bill (5)	_____
5 labels sewn into clothes (4)	_____
6 hot dish (9)	_____
7 Mr. Spock's avocation (6)	_____

TI	PH	CAL	TA	CO
NS	CAS	ES	LU	FL
OLE	UR	GS	YSI	SOR
RI	ST	VI	LUM	SER

Wednesday's Answers: 1. LEAF 2. EYELIDS 3. LONGITUDE 4. RUNNER 5. PLAYHOUSE 6. OCICAT 7. ARCHER 1/31

# Challenger

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

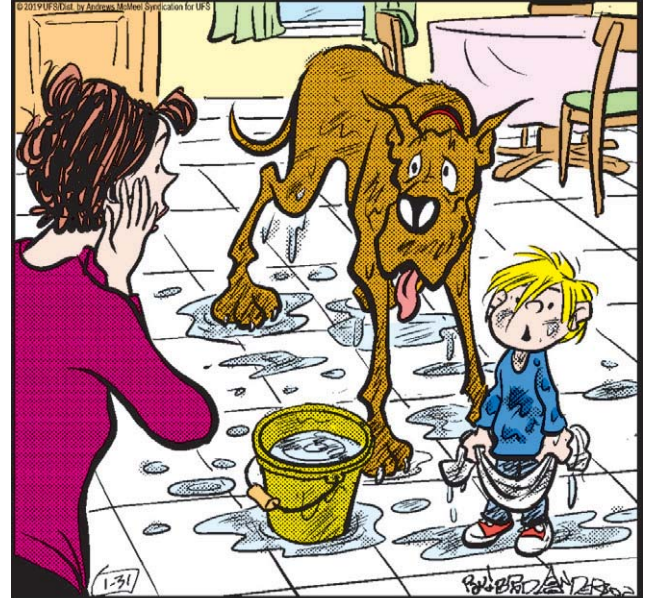
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		7		13
			5	21
	5			19
				23
17	20	25	18	23

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solution 1-30					14
4	3	2	1	10	
4	5	6	8	23	
4	3	2	1	10	
4	3	2	1	10	
16	14	12	11	12	

Yesterday's Challenger Answers

# MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



"I cleaned him up as much as I could for you."

# Cryptoquip

1-31

BN NPPE WFPIN W RJJE ZPD  
 NCWN VWO NP NPHHTJ CBK  
 KISKQ FJJD. QJK, ZPWV

RWKO'N KHBTN BO W SWQ.  
**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** IF YOU'RE FINDING CHEESY ITALIAN PIES VERY UNAPPETIZING, I SAY YOU SHOULD GIVE PIZZA A CHANCE.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals W

# SPORTS SLEUTH

**SUPER BOWL COLOR COMMENTATORS**

XBYBVROLIFNCZWT  
 QNKOIFCZSEWURPM  
 JHEOFCZTSSXSUSQN  
 (SUMMERALL)ELJGEC  
 ZXVEDROFFIGTRPN  
 NLJRREIDORBHSAE  
 CAYEWTURGROMP  
 LKTDIGECGEBKMZX  
 WOUISRPOMAILIOJ  
 RIGTENEDDAMDSDR  
 BAYHTROWSNILLOC

Wednesday's unlisted clue: PEEFS

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

Aikman	Gifford	Meredith	Simms
Brodie	Griese	Olsen	Starr
Collinsworth	Madden	Romo	Summerall
Dierdorf	Maguire	Rote	

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### HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). While "I'll know it when I see it" is a fine enough guiding principle for a solo artist, groups need a more specific set of rules to go by. A good leader will think it over and spell it out.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Does it please you to know that someone is working hard to impress you? It's flattering, to say the least, although you must also realize that this has a lot to do with what the individual is projecting onto you.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). When it doesn't work, an explanation for what went wrong is a nice thing to have. Also, it's a luxury. You don't get it every time, nor would you want to come up with it every time.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There are people you know who have to, in order to survive and act normal, do things you would consider rather strange. Your ability to accept this will be the key to this day going smoothly.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). A very strong bond is built one fiber at a time. And if

you want to get microscopic about it, this happens on a cellular level. Small things, repeated... this is the theme. This is the glue that will bond you to your goal.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Working people often have less leisure time than others. Since time is the most precious commodity we have, it does make one think about the work worth doing, and the work not worth doing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When things go wrong, it may be circumstances that cause it, but as a responsible person, you're always trying to assess which circumstances you can control and which you can't.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your attention is worth something. You can't afford to give it away willy-nilly. And you won't. You won't click on nonsense or sit through what doesn't interest you. You won't look into drama. You'll keep your nose clean.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be dealing with new people whose sensibilities may surprise you. Like a masseuse working on a new client, the best way to learn what pressure to use is to definitely ask.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Are you thinking big enough? It will be impossible to detect from where you are. It will take an outsider to assess the situation. Who can you bounce your ideas off of?

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A mystery is a thrill. And if the mystery seems like it might actually be safe, all the more exciting — to be thrilled and not killed, that's the entertainment sweet spot on which books, movies and roller-coaster rides are predicated.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You relate to someone who is solving things and that's because you are also a part of the solution. Get right in there and give your ideas. You are feeling this way for a reason. Don't wait for permission; just go.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 31). You'll invest yourself before others realize this is a successful channel. You're not expecting quick results. You take pleasure in the slow, steady building of something you believe in. More highlights: a sacrifice allows for astounding beauty, you'll live as others do and you'll pursue exceptional love. Capricorn and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 2, 22 and 18.

Thursday, January 31, 2019

## GOREN BRIDGE

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ROBOTS AT PLAY

East-West vulnerable, South deals

**NORTH**  
♠ A K 7 6 5  
♥ J 4 3  
♦ K 8  
♣ K 9 6

**WEST**  
♠ 9 4 2  
♥ K 8 6 5  
♦ J 9 2  
♣ Q J 3

**EAST**  
♠ Q J 10 8  
♥ 9 7  
♦ 7 6 5 4 3  
♣ 7 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 3  
♥ A Q 10 2  
♦ A Q 10  
♣ A 10 8 4 2

The bidding:  
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 2♠ Pass  
3NT Pass 4NT Pass  
5♣ Pass 6♣ All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♦

the play is usually first rate. Today's deal is from the finals of that event.

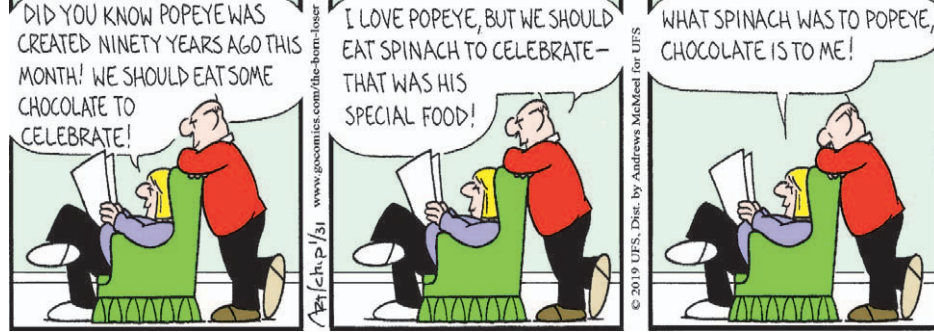
A human player might have hoped for a miracle in the trump suit and fallen back on the heart finesse when there was no miracle. The robots had a different idea. South won the opening diamond lead with its 10, led a spade to the ace, and ruffed a spade. The queen of diamonds was overtaken by the king and another spade was ruffed. Now the ace of diamonds, discarding a heart, followed by the ace of clubs and a club to the king.

West was down to just hearts and clubs. The lead of the king of spades gave West a Hobson's choice. It could ruff and lead a heart into the ace-queen, or discard and be end-played with its trump one trick later. West chose to ruff and lead a heart.

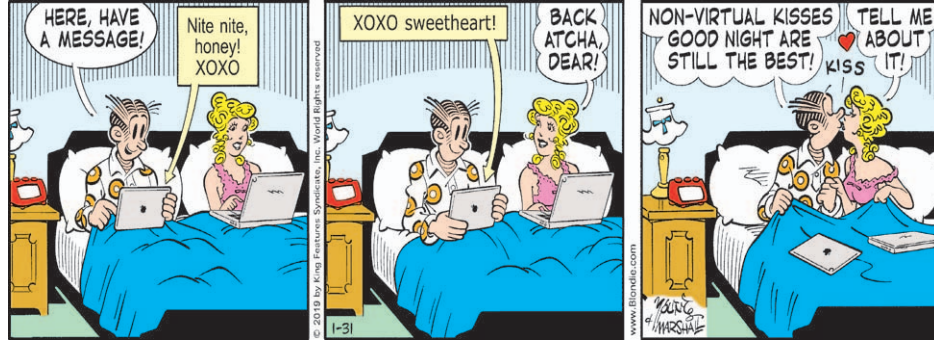
The play was card-for-card the same at both tables! So, should you run into a stranger who won't shake your hand and has a steely look about him, don't play him for money!

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### BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



### BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



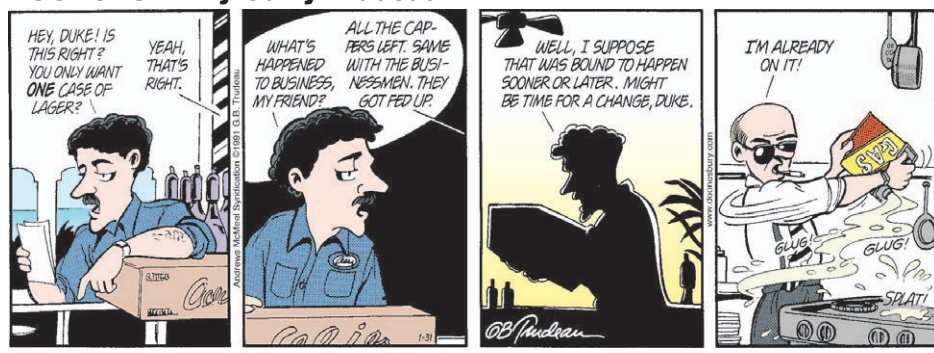
### MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell



### BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



### DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



### 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

Solution to 1/30/19

6	9			8	5			
	4	8		3	9			
7	8		9			6	3	
	5		1		7	2		
			7	9				
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8	7			2		9	1	
		3	1	5	6			
1	2			5	8			

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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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- Astound a male offspring (1)
- Busted an egg's yellow (1)
- NFL passer's red gems (2)
- Excavator vitality (2)
- Ruins Prague natives (1)
- Copse (not cop's) summons (2)
- Retrieving an acid-carved artwork (2)

ANSWERS  
1. STUN SON 2. BROKE YOLK 3. QB'S RUBIES 4. DIGGER VIGOR 5. WRECKS CZECHS 6. THICKET TICKET 7. FETCHING ETCHING

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	
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54								55				56	57	58
59						60	61	62			63			
64						65					66			
67						68						69		

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## TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Bungalow
  - Popular lily
  - "NOVA" network
  - Accumulate
  - Assumed name
  - Gold, in Tijuana
  - Pine cousin
  - Temple figure
  - Zilch
  - Groves
  - Port near Hong Kong
  - Non-flying birds
  - Scowls
  - Just look
  - Desire
  - Bonny miss
  - Meted out
  - Lawn wetters
  - Tanker cargo
  - Really tiny
  - Ernesto Guevara
  - Lump of dirt
  - Spiral-horned antelope
  - Diva's tune
  - Different
  - Reddish-brown
  - Biggest, as a shirt
  - Fish-eating flier
  - Hiked the price
  - Hammerlock pro
  - Time span
- DOWN**
- Angel's topper
  - Sharif of the movies
  - Cleopatra's wooer
  - Avoids
  - Ace and joker
  - Mournful cry
  - Rights movement word
  - Sci. room
  - Noted sci-fi writer
  - Puerto Rican port
  - Pipe material
  - Goes it alone
  - Hoaxes
  - Wept over
  - Overcome
  - Kermit's color
  - Young chap
  - Coalition
  - Staircase part
  - Fjord port

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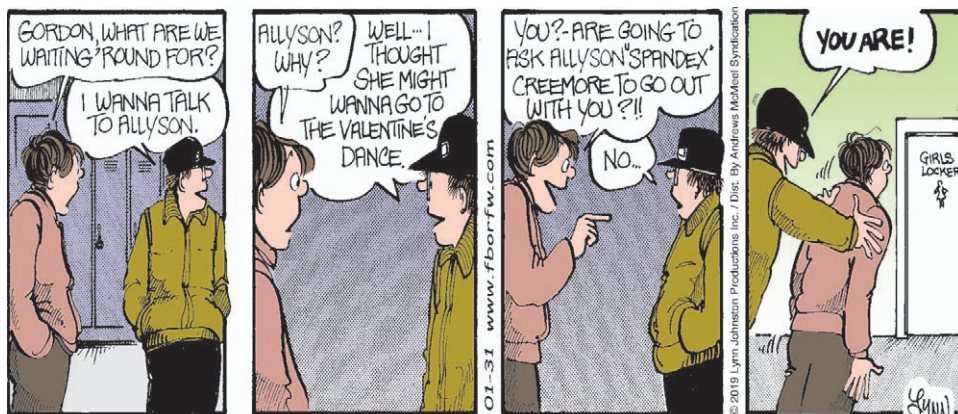
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AGOG	BARNS	HIVE
CUT	LOSES	CAGES
YEARBOOK	WON	
ASH	SANDAL	
TROD	OTTER	ITEM
AUDITORIUM	CAVE	
CLOUD	INST	ALES
TERMS	MASH	PLEA

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33 Immature raptor  
35 Linen color  
36 Vibrate  
37 Madonna ex  
42 Rx directive  
43 Codgers' queries  
44 Have the boldness to try  
45 Helped a thief  
47 Monotony  
49 Auto-racing family  
50 "Hasta —!"

51 Talk-show host — Winfrey  
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62 Near the stern

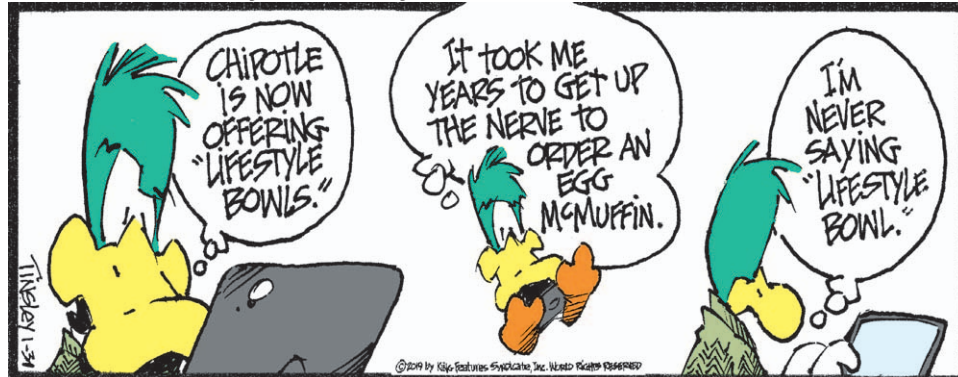
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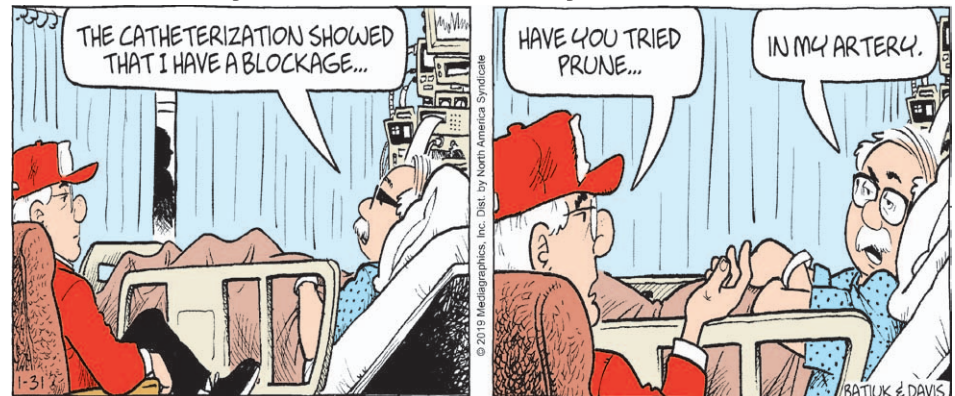
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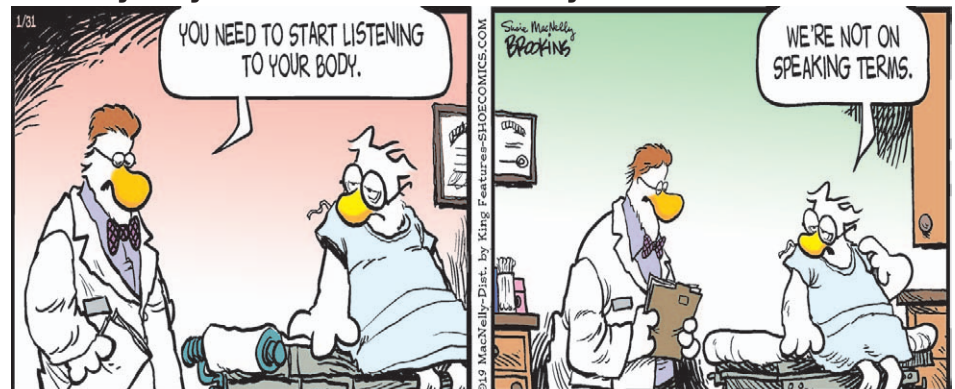
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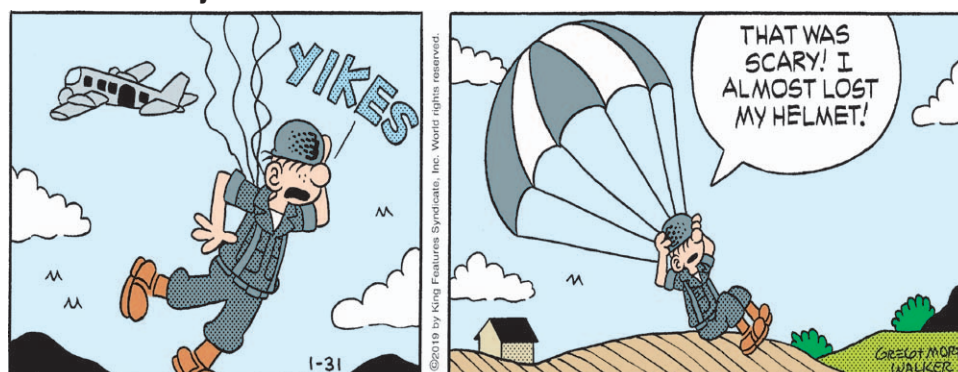
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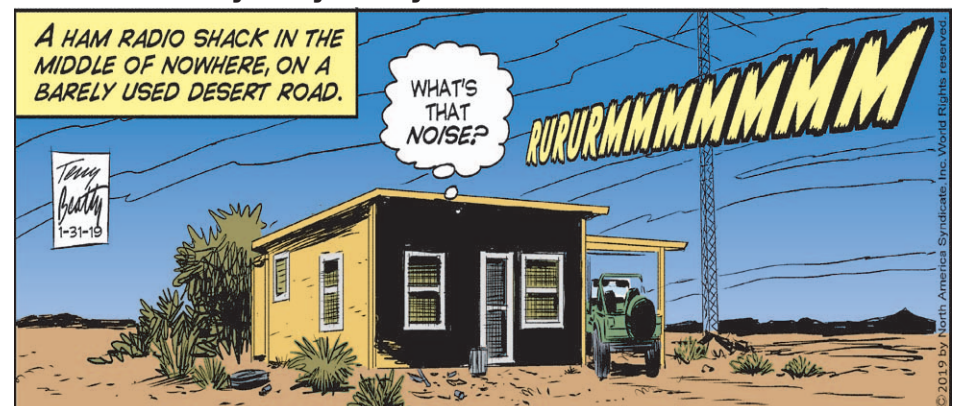
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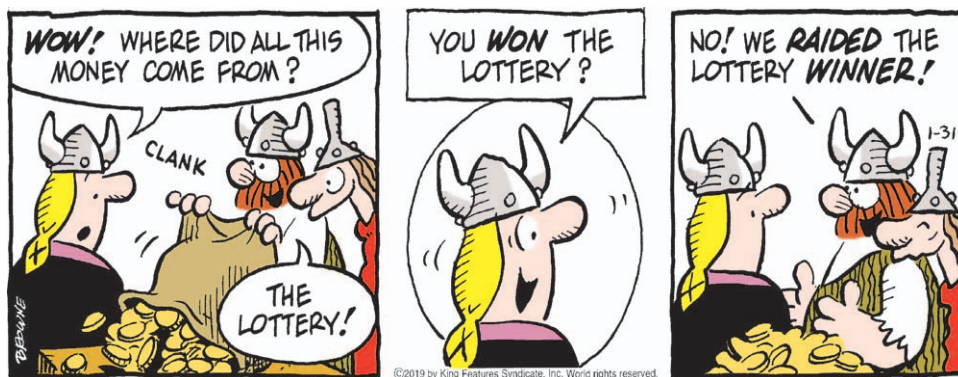
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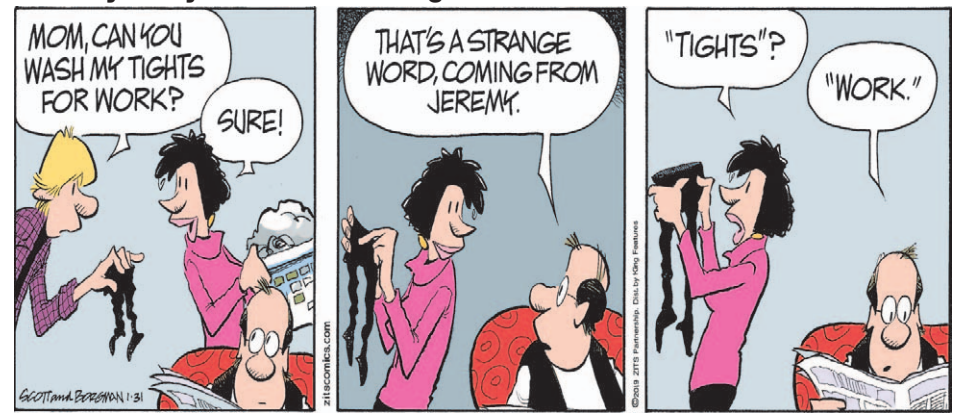
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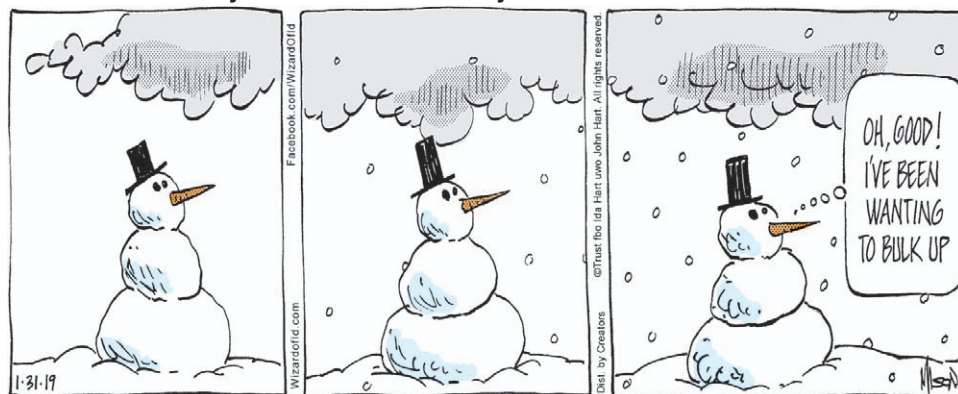
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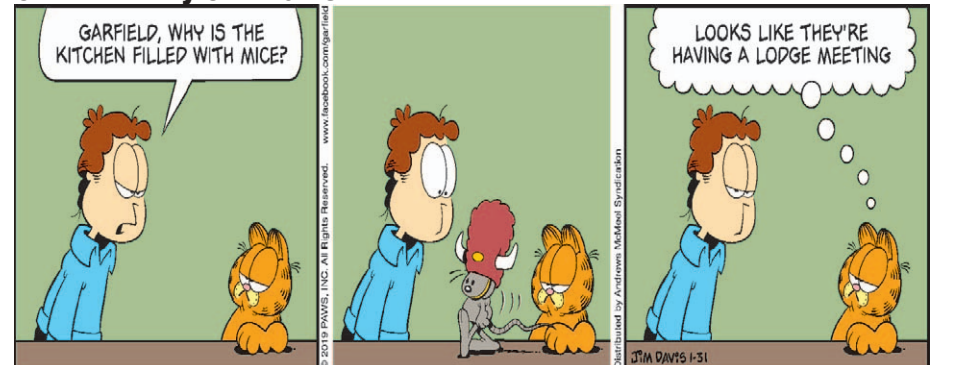
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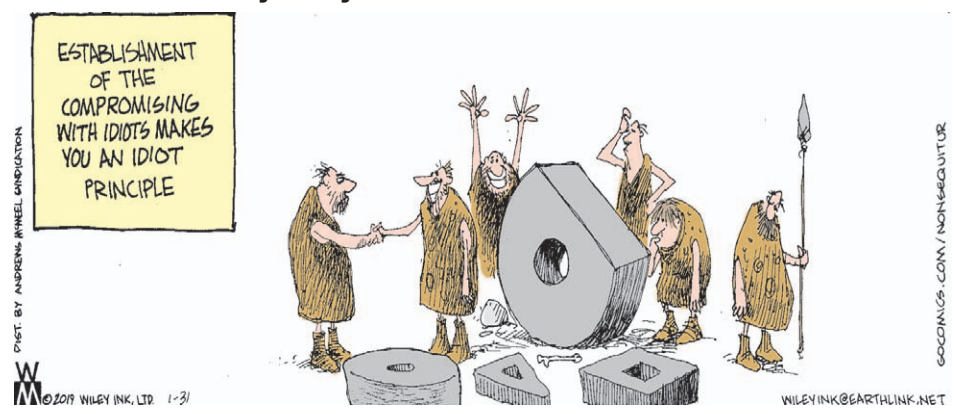
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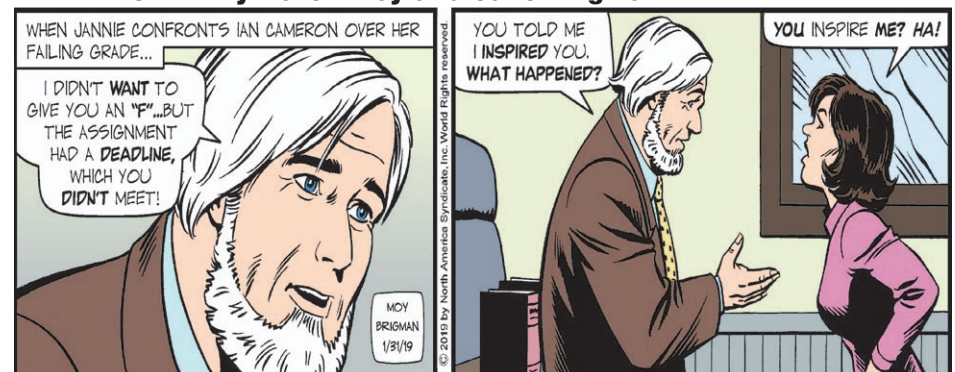
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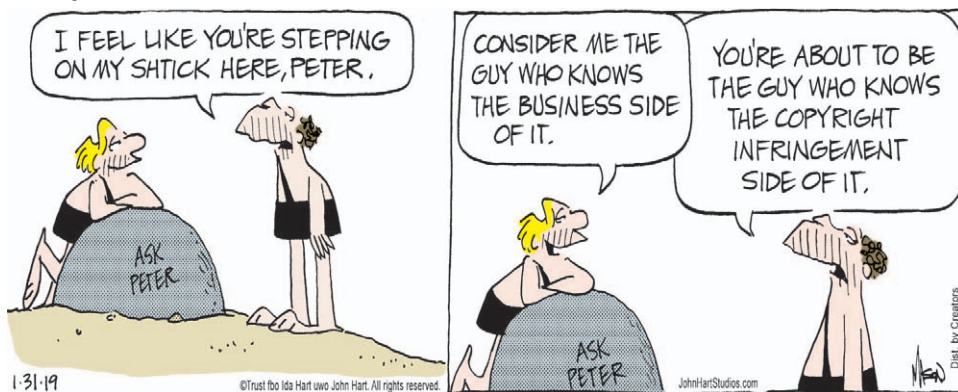
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# Dems make opening offer, with no money for wall

Lawmakers look to compromise to resolve standoff that sparked government shutdown

By **ANDREW TAYLOR** and **ALAN FRAM**  
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WASHINGTON — Democrats in the House offered a border security plan on Wednesday that would not provide a penny for Donald Trump's border wall, ignoring — for now — an early-morning warning from the president that they'd be "wasting their time" if they don't come up with wall money.

The Democratic offer is just a starting point in House-Senate talks on border security funding that kicked off in a basement

room in the Capitol. A top Democrat acknowledged that "everything is on the table," including the border barriers demanded by Trump. Lawmakers on both sides flashed signs of flexibility, eager to demonstrate willingness to compromise in hopes of resolving the standoff with Trump that sparked the just-ended 35-day partial government shutdown.

The high-stakes talks are taking place against the backdrop of another possible shutdown in mid-February — an outcome

Trump's GOP allies in the Senate are especially eager to avoid. But while Trump's rhetoric has cooled, he's proven to be an unpredictable force in the shutdown debate, often veering back to his original demands for the wall. Lawmakers negotiating the bill are well aware that he could move to quash an agreement at any time, plunging them back into crisis.

Still, Trump's request for \$5.7 billion to build about 234 miles of barriers along the U.S. border with Mexico faces uphill

odds. Even Trump's GOP allies acknowledge he may only get a fraction of it. The Democratic plan includes new money for customs agents, scanners, aircraft and boats to police the border, and to provide humanitarian assistance for migrants.

Republican allies of the president said there will have to be some money to meet Trump's demands. But they also predict privately that the White House is eager to grab an agreement and declare victory — even if winning only a fraction of Trump's request.

# DOE secretly shipped plutonium from South Carolina to Nevada

By **SCOTT SONNER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — The U.S. Department of Energy disclosed Wednesday that it has already shipped weapons-grade plutonium from South Carolina to a nuclear security site in Nevada despite the state's protests.

The Justice Department notified a federal judge in Reno that the government trucked in half of the radioactive material that it intends to store at the site 70 miles (113 kilometers) north of Las Vegas. Nevada had filed a request for an injunction to block the move in November.

Department lawyers

said in a nine-page filing that the previously classified information about the shipment from South Carolina can be disclosed now because enough time has passed to protect national security. They didn't specify when the one-half metric ton of plutonium was transferred.

Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak said he's "beyond outraged by this completely unacceptable deception." He said he's working with Nevada's congressional delegation to fight back against the U.S. government's "reckless disregard" for the safety of Nevadans.

Democratic Sen. Jacky Rosen called the move "deceitful and unethical,"



AP FILE PHOTO

**A CSX Train with spent nuclear fuel passes through Florence, S.C., on its way to Savannah River Site Weapons Complex near Aiken S.C.**

and Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, also a Nevada Democrat, said she would demand department officials come to her office on Thursday to explain how they made the "reckless decision" in such "bad faith."

U.S. District Court Judge Miranda Du in Reno is considering the state's request for an injunction to block the Energy Department's plans announced in August to ship a full metric ton of plutonium to Nevada

from South Carolina, where a federal judge previously issued an order that the plutonium be removed from a Savannah River site by January 2020.

Nevada argues the DOE has failed to adequately study the potential dangers of moving the material to an area that is subject to flash floods and earthquakes, and that the state's lands and groundwater may already be contaminated with radioactive materials.

The energy department defended its decision in court on Jan. 17. Its lawyers argued at the time it doesn't have to disclose top-secret details of the shipment plans because of national security.

# Trump Organization to use E-Verify for worker status checks

Workers say managers hired them knowing they were in US illegally

By **BERNARD CONDON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Trump Organization, responding to claims that some of its workers were in the U.S. illegally, said on Wednesday that it will use the E-Verify electronic system at all of its properties to check employees' documentation.

A lawyer for a dozen immigrant workers at the Trump National Golf Club in New York's Westchester County said recently that they were fired on Jan. 18. He said many had worked

there for a dozen or more years. Workers at another Trump club in Bedminster, New Jersey, came forward last month to allege managers there had hired them knowing they were in the country illegally.

"We are actively engaged in uniforming this process across our properties and will institute E-verify at any property not currently utilizing this system," Eric Trump, executive vice president of the Trump Organization, said in a statement provided to The Associated Press. "As a company we take this



AP FILE PHOTO

**Donald Trump poses for photographs during a campaign event with employees at Trump National Doral in Miami.**

obligation very seriously and when faced with a situation in which an employee has presented false and fraudulent documentation, we will take appropriate action."

Launched in 1996, the E-Verify system allows employers to check documentation submitted by job applicants with records at the Department of Homeland Security

and the Social Security Administration to see whether they are authorized to work.

During his presidential campaign, Republican Donald Trump called for all employers to use the federal government online E-Verify system. He told MSNBC in 2016 that he uses it at his properties, and that there should be a "huge financial penalty" for companies that hire workers who are in the country illegally.

Several of those workers from Trump's properties paid visits to Congressional offices this week in hopes of raising support for their fight against possible deportation.

# TALIBAN

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after the administration said it wanted to begin drawing down troops in Afghanistan. That has prompted some critics to note that President Donald Trump is telegraphing a withdrawal — the same thing he accused President Barack Obama of doing by saying he wanted to end the American combat mission in 2014.

"It's an effort to put

lipstick on what will be a U.S. withdrawal," said Ryan Crocker, a former U.S. ambassador to Kabul under Obama.

A negotiated settlement to America's longest war poses a dilemma for Trump. He has often declared he wants to end lengthy overseas military entanglements, something he made clear in December by declaring the Islamic State group defeated in Syria and announcing he was pulling 2,000 American troops

from that country over the objections of his top foreign policy advisers.

The stakes are higher in Afghanistan, a conflict that has cost 2,400 American lives and hundreds of billions in taxpayer dollars. The U.S. invaded the country to oust the Taliban and al-Qaida in October 2001 in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and the CIA director warned as recently as Tuesday that Afghanistan could once again become a terrorist haven.

But now even fellow Republicans worry that reports of progress will embolden Trump to withdraw troops from Afghanistan before the region is stable and will reintroduce the conditions that first ensnared America in the conflict. The Taliban now control nearly half the country and carry out near-daily attacks, and foreign-policy experts fear that any progress on protecting women and minorities in the country could be lost if the militant

group is once again part of the government.

The top Republican in Congress, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, cautioned the president against a hasty exit from the war.

"While it is tempting to retreat to the comfort and security of our own shores, there is still a great deal of work to be done," McConnell said Tuesday. "And we know that left untended, these conflicts will reverberate in our own cities."

# POLAR

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south than usual. In fact, Chicago was colder than the Canadian village of Alert, one of the world's most northerly inhabited places. Alert, which is 500 miles from the North Pole, reported a temperature that was a

couple of degrees higher.

Officials in dozens of cities focused on protecting vulnerable people from the cold, including the homeless, seniors and those living in substandard housing.

At least eight deaths were linked to the system, including an elderly Illinois man who was found several hours after

he fell trying to get into his home and a University of Iowa student found behind an academic hall several hours before dawn. Elsewhere, a man was struck by a snowplow in the Chicago area, a young couple's SUV struck another on a snowy road in northern Indiana and a Milwaukee man froze to death in a

garage, authorities said.

Aside from the safety risks and the physical discomfort, the system's icy grip also took a heavy toll on infrastructure, halting transportation, knocking out electricity and interrupting water service.

Amtrak canceled scores of trains to and from Chicago, one of

the nation's busiest rail hubs. Several families who intended to leave for Pennsylvania stood in ticket lines at Chicago's Union Station only to be told all trains were canceled until Friday.

"Had I known we'd be stranded here, we would have stayed in Mexico longer — where it was warmer," said Anna Ebersol.

# PAUL

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The trial included testimony from doctors as well as other neighbors, but the most riveting testimony came from Paul and Boucher. Paul, a former GOP presidential candidate, told the jury Monday that immediately after the attack, "the thought crossed my mind that I may never get up from this lawn again."

An apologetic Boucher acknowledged he wasn't thinking rationally and called it "two minutes of my life I wish I could take back." Paul showed no outward emotion, sitting between his lawyer and his wife in the courtroom, as Boucher recounted the attack.

In his lawsuit, Paul sought up to \$500,000 in compensatory damages and up to \$1 million in punitive damages. Baker had conceded a

"reasonable award" might be in order for Paul's pain and suffering but said no punitive damages should be awarded. Baker said that Paul had resumed his "customary lifestyle" that includes golf and a skiing vacation.

Boucher has already served a 30-day prison sentence after pleading guilty to assaulting a member of Congress. Federal prosecutors have appealed, saying 21 months would have been

appropriate. Boucher also was fined \$10,000 and served 100 hours of community service in the criminal case.

Both Paul and Boucher recounted with great detail their accounts of the attack.

Paul testified that he got off his riding mower to pick up a stick and was straightening up when Boucher hit him with such force that both flew through the air 5 or 10 feet.

For a moment, Paul said, he had a flashback to the 2017 shooting at a baseball field when members of Congress were practicing for a game. Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana suffered serious injuries in the shooting.

The attack in Paul's yard was motivated by lawn care, not politics.

Boucher told the jury that he attacked Paul after watching the senator start forming a brush pile near their property line.

## ALMANAC

Today is **Thursday, Jan. 31**, the 31st day of 2019. There are 334 days left in the year.

### Today in history

On **Jan. 31, 1971**, astronauts Alan Shepard, Edgar Mitchell and Stuart Roosa blasted off aboard Apollo 14 on a mission to the moon.

### On this date

In **1606**, Englishman Guy Fawkes, convicted of high treason for his part in the "Gunpowder Plot," was set to be hanged, drawn and quartered, but broke his neck after falling or jumping from the scaffold.

In **1945**, Pvt. Eddie Slovik, 24, became the first U.S. soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion as he was shot by an American firing squad in France.

In **1950**, President Harry S. Truman announced he had ordered development of the hydrogen bomb.

In **1958**, the United States entered the Space Age with its first successful launch of a satellite, Explorer 1, from Cape Canaveral.

In **1961**, NASA launched Ham the Chimp aboard a Mercury-Redstone rocket from Cape Canaveral; Ham was recovered safely from the Atlantic Ocean following his 16 1/2-minute suborbital flight.

### Today's birthdays

Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands is 81. Actor Stuart Margolin is 79. Actress Jessica Walter is 78. Baseball Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan is 72. Actor Jonathan Banks is 72. Singer-musician Harry Wayne Casey is 68. Rock singer Johnny Rotten is 63. Actress Kelly Lynch is 60. Actor Anthony LaPaglia is 60. Singer-musician Lloyd Cole is 58. Actress Paulette Braxton is 54. Actress Minnie Driver is 49. Actress Portia de Rossi is 46. Actor-comedian Bobby Moynihan is 42. Actress Kerry Washington is 42. Singer Justin Timberlake is 38. Actor Tyler Ritter is 34. Country singer Tyler Hubbard is 32. Folk-rock singer-musician Marcus Mumford is 32.

### Bible verse

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform," — Romans 4:20, 2.

Anything that God said, He can do. Believe that and we are in for miracles we never dreamed of Lord, we believe in Jesus' name Amen.

## ODD NEWS



AP PHOTO

**A talking hot dog announces school closures due to the extreme cold weather in South Dakota.**

### 'It's too cold!' Mr. Hot Dog says no school

PARKER, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota school district is using a talking hot dog to announce closures due to the extreme cold.

In a video posted to the Parker School District's Facebook page, Mr. Hot Dog says: "I'm a hot dog! I need some heat! I'm not a cold dog! ... You cannot have school! It's too cold outside."

Mr. Hot Dog — complete with eyes, teeth, a bun and mustard — says he spoke with Superintendent Donavan DeBoer and that school will be closed Wednesday. Mr. Hot Dog suggested students can instead watch Netflix or bake a cake, but "No Fortnite!"

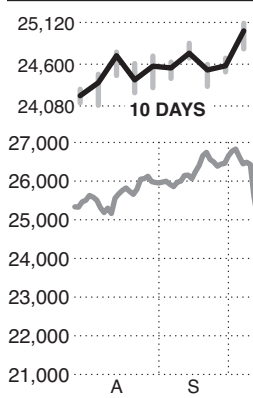
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**Dow Jones industrials**  
Close: 25,014.86  
Change: 434.90 (1.8%)



**Nasdaq composite**  
Close: 7,183.08  
Change: 154.79 (2.2%)

## How to read the stock tables

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High Low	Vol	1000s	Last	YTD %Chg
XYZcorp	XYZ	1.20	3.6	17	34.09 27.27	2780	33.72	+20.7	

- 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.)	3,797	2,491
Pvs. Volume	3,455	2,045
Advanced	2244	2052
Declined	576	855
New Highs	63	31
New Lows	11	28

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	25109.62	24790.90	25014.86	+434.90	+1.77%	▲	▲	▼	+7.23%
DOW Trans.	10122.35	9920.55	10078.70	+111.38	+1.12%	▲	▲	▼	+9.90%
DOW Util.	715.54	705.19	712.10	+4.95	+0.70%	▲	▲	▼	+0.12%
NYSE Comp.	12266.55	12104.22	12222.38	+131.60	+1.09%	▲	▲	▲	+7.45%
NASDAQ	7201.31	7065.57	7183.08	+154.79	+2.20%	▲	▲	▲	+8.26%
S&P 500	2690.44	2648.34	2681.05	+41.05	+1.55%	▲	▲	▲	+6.95%
S&P 400	1834.64	1808.23	1827.21	+11.20	+0.62%	▲	▲	▲	+9.87%
Wilshire 2000	27836.35	27336.17	27744.54	+404.73	+1.48%	▲	▲	▲	+7.74%
Russell 2000	1490.51	1467.57	1486.94	+15.49	+1.05%	▲	▲	▲	+10.26%

## NYSE

Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High Low	Vol	1000s	Last	YTD %Chg	
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AAR	AAR	...	...	...	51.52 33.94	529	36.93	-1.1	-	
ABB Ltd	ABB	76e	3.9	...	18.05 6.33	19.36	-1.1	-	-	
ABM	ABM	72f	2.1	18	39.02 25.61	621	33.51	+4.4	+18.6	
ADT Inc n	ADT	...	...	...	9.84 5.88	1203	7.13	-	-	
AAES Corp	AES	55f	3.4	13	16.24 9.86	5900	16.29	+12.7	+12.7	
AFLAC	AFL	104	2.2	15	48.19 41.41	4227	47.38	+4.0	+4.0	
AXA MtgeIT	MITT	2.00	11.2	12	19.69 15.52	135	17.91	+12.4	+12.4	
AG Mtg pfA	MITTpa	2.06	8.1	...	26.00 22.58	13	25.39	-5.2	-5.2	
AG Mtg pfB	MITTpb	2.00	7.8	...	25.79 22.56	16	25.50	+5.4	+5.4	
AGCO	AGCO	60	9	26	75.10 49.50	466	63.75	+14.5	+14.5	
AI Belo	AHC	32	8.0	13	5.80 3.35	7	3.99	+18.4	+18.4	
AK Steel	AKS	...	...	...	13 6.50	205	26314	2.90	+28.9	
AMC Ent	AMC	68	4.8	...	21.45 11.66	546	14.12	-15.9	-15.9	
AMCN	DIT	72	8	18	105.00 77.00	0	94.93	-4.8	-4.8	
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AZZ Inc	AZZ	68	1.5	18	56.05 37.43	76	44.58	+10.5	+10.5	
Aarons	AAN	12	2	11	56.00 36.20	527	49.60	+18.0	+18.0	
AbbotLab	ABT	1.28f	1.8	30	74.92 55.58	7962	71.68	-9.2	-9.2	
AbbVie	ABBV	4.28f	5.4	13	124.15 75.77	9078	79.06	-14.9	-14.9	
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Accurate	ACN	2.92	1.9	24	175.64 132.63	1624	154.09	+9.3	+9.3	
AccordBrd	ACCO	24	2.7	14	14.63 6.07	430	8.86	+30.7	+30.7	
AcmeU	ACU	44	2.6	18	24.98 13.50	2	17.02	+19.4	+19.4	
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Acushnet n	GOLF	52	2.3	...	27.87 17.55	124	22.99	+9.1	+9.1	
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AdvSf n	DBLV	47e	7	...	75.61 56.38	3	63.15	+7.9	+7.9	
AdvSf n	MATH	...	...	...	35.56 32.38	33.00	...	...	...	
AdvMedGl	FWDB	73e	2.9	...	27.29 21.99	0	24.87	+2.8	+2.8	
AdvMedInt	FWDI	37e	1.4	...	32.77 22.89	26.25	+11.4	+11.4	+11.4	
AdvMedDm	FWDD	18e	4	...	57.19 43.92	0	50.52	+11.7	+11.7	
AdvActBear	HDGE	...	...	...	8.99 7.22	329	7.53	-0.7	-0.7	
Aecom	ACM	...	...	...	39.90 24.83	646	30.33	+14.5	+14.5	
Aegon	AEG	25e	4.8	...	7.48 4.42	903	5.24	+12.7	+12.7	
Aegon cap	AEH	1.59	6.2	...	26.52 24.66	120	25.61	+1.8	+1.8	
Aegon 6.5	AED	1.63	6.3	...	26.83 24.70	49	25.92	+3.5	+3.5	
Aegon flt	AEB	77	3.4	...	25.49 18.75	44	22.82	+21.1	+21.1	
Aegon42	AEK	2.00	7.9	...	27.04 25.50	25.28	...	...	...	
AerCap	AER	...	...	...	58.30 36.16	1671	48.08	+21.4	+21.4	
Aerocntry	ACY	...	...	...	2 17.34	8.36	10.20	+6.6	+6.6	
AerohiveN	HIVE	...	...	...	4.78 3.19	143	3.82	+17.2	+17.2	
AerojetR	AJRD	...	...	...	77 40.59	24.41	632	38.68	+9.8	+9.8
AffiliMgrs	AMG	1.20	1.1	8	212.84 88.47	820	104.79	+7.5	+7.5	
AgeX Th n	AGE	...	...	...	5.95 1.13	34	3.93	+31.4	+31.4	
Agilent	A	66f	9	77	75.11 60.42	1674	75.44	+4.8	+4.8	
Agnico g	AEM	44	...	...	52 49.27	32.18	1889	42.89	+6.2	+6.2
AgreeRlt	ADC	2.22f	3.4	33	64.28 43.74	251	65.03	+10.0	+10.0	
Air Leas	AIRI	60	60.6	...	1.95 70	3	99	+38.5	+38.5	
Air Inds	AL	52f	1.4	5	50.70 28.13	967	38.28	+26.7	+26.7	
AirProd	APD	4.64f	2.8	24	172.39 148.44	1038	163.98	+2.5	+2.5	
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Aircastle	AIR	1.20f	5.8	7	24.42 15.75	241	20.85	+20.9	+20.9	
AirPwr of Q	ALPQ	1.25	5.0	...	26.24 22.60	44	25.01	+3.3	+3.3	
AlamoSp	ALG	48f	6	23	120.00 72.50	51	86.48	+8.9	+8.9	
AlamosGld	AGI	02	5	...	6.35 2.90	2442	4.43	+21.1	+21.1	
AlaskaAir	ALK	1.40f	2.2	8	74.83 57.28	1598	64.66	+6.3	+6.3	
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Money Market Funds

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Tax Equity

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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

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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.
Footnotes: e - Ex capital gains distribution. f - Previous day's quotation. n - No front end load or contingent deferred sales load may apply. p - Fund assets are used to pay for r distribution costs - 12(b)(1) plan. r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply. s - Stock dividend or split. t - Both p and r. x - Ex cash dividend d. NA - not available.
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: Multi-Equity, 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: Managed Futures, FG: Foreign Large-Growth, FO: Foreign Small/Mid-Blend, FR: Foreign Small/Large-Value, FF: 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-Inverse 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: Multisector 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: Natural 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, TV: 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.

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**ON THE COVER**

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This cute little angler is very happy with her largemouth bass — it's almost as big as she is!



# No mo' spray (for now)

FROM THE PUBLISHER'S DESK • CAPT. JOSH OLIVE

## FWC pauses aquatic herbicide program; wants public input

Some good news showed up in my email a few days ago in the form of a press release from the FWC:

*"Beginning Jan. 28, the FWC will temporarily pause its aquatic herbicide treatment program throughout the state. During this pause, staff will work to collect public comments regarding the FWC's aquatic plant management program.*

*The FWC will hold several public meetings to gather community input about the program. Specific dates and locations of these meetings will be announced shortly. Comments can also be sent to Invasiveplants@MyFWC.com.*

*Invasive plants degrade and diminish Florida's waterways by displacing native plant communities. Some invasive aquatic plants pose a significant threat to human welfare and cause economic problems by impeding flood control and affecting recreational use of waterways."*

This has become a hot-button issue following the massive red tide and blue-green algae outbreaks of last summer (and the red tide is still ongoing). The FWC release expresses one school of thought in the last paragraph — exotic vegetation poses such a threat that it must be eradicated, and damn the collateral damage.

The other way of thinking is that since it seems non-native plant species (such as hydrilla, water lettuce, elephant ear, water hyacinth and torpedo grass) make up the majority of our aquatic vegetation, maybe we should just accept them as naturalized and let them take up nutrients in the water before they hit the coasts.

I believe we can split the difference. On the one hand, the weeds are here to stay. No eradication program will ever get them all. The only way that could happen would be to assign

these plants a dollar value high enough that the general public would go out and collect it all for the bounty.

On the other hand, in areas where the weeds are overgrowing, removal is probably necessary. But don't miss that key word: Removal.

Sprayed vegetation dies and releases nutrients back into the water. When high nutrient levels are already a problem, that's a bad idea.

Mechanical removal is already used in some sensitive areas. Yes, it costs more. Yes, it takes more manpower. Yes, it takes more time.

But if the alternative is to encourage coastal algae blooms, then I don't see Florida has much of a choice. We must select the option that does the least collateral damage. Right now, that looks like mechanical removal. If you have a better plan, let me (and the FWC) know.

Contact Capt. Josh Olive at 941-276-9657 or Publisher@WaterLineWeekly.com.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have a question or comment for WaterLine, email it to [Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com](mailto:Editor@WaterLineWeekly.com).

**CAPT. JOSH:**

Absolutely loved the Ralph Allen about "Childhood Lessons!" And then I hated the weird recipe about grinding fish in the blender and poaching after. Trying to visualize, and it was disgusting. Does anybody really try this stuff before you print?

— Jane Spaid

**JANE:**

Some of the recipes have been attempted by myself or another writer, and others have not. The one you refer to from last week, fish quenelles with sauce, seems weird but actually comes together very nicely. I made that recipe several years ago using mangrove snapper. It didn't come out quite as well the quenelles I once had at some hoity Orlando restaurant whose name I have forgotten, but for making them at home and really having only a vague idea what I was doing, they turned out pretty good.

— Capt. Josh Olive, WaterLine Publisher

**CAPT. JOSH:**

I've sent the following letter to the FWC and thought you might want to reprint it: I

am pleased that there has been a moratorium put on aquatic chemical applications and I would like to offer my input on the matter. For some years now, SWFWMD has been spraying a defoliant herbicide on upper Shell Creek in Charlotte County from an airboat. I have repeatedly asked them to stop this practice. I have over 1,000 feet of creekfront property and have officially protested this practice a number of times. (So now they turn off the spray as they go by my place, and immediately resume when past.) In all of my years here I have never seen any water hyacinths on the creek, and the little bit of bank-edge water lettuce has only served to filter some of the dissolved solids that plague the Punta Gorda drinking waters from meeting their minimum allowance, requiring a continual waiver. Incidentally, the only time I have ever seen any hydrilla in this creek was a few strands in the very shallow upper reaches. (I have seen other state waterways running filtered clear where masses of hydrilla existed.) This also has created a considerable loss of habitat for the many creatures near the

bottom of the food chain that are the basis for the survival of the fish, turtles, birds and amphibians on up the chain. In spite of counter-claims, I cannot believe that this mindless spraying of what I call "our version of Agent Orange" is a healthy addition to the aquifer and our drinking water supply. Looking into who is dumping mud and fertilizer runoff could be a more productive use of funds. Please consider putting an end to this harmful and negative-balance-to-nature chemical application project.

— Rick Fried

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**AROUND CHARLOTTE HARBOR  
CAPT. RALPH ALLEN**

### It's about time for sheepshead

We're digging into the coldest time of the year, and that's when these convict-striped bait-stealing porgies become Southwest Florida's favorite fish.



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# Reader Photos



Bill McGrath, left, of Venice, needed help to lift his 59.5-pound cobia caught off Englewood with Capt. Joe Miller.



Gabriel Byrne caught this bass in the lake behind his grandparents' house while visiting Venice from Seattle.



Timmie Spain trying to measure a redfish with a beer can before releasing it.

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###### ASHLEY L.

ECONOMY TACKLE  
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Lots of **snook** action has been going on along the ICW from Blackburn down to the Venice jetties. Small white fry flies or small shrimp will catch some fish. The south end of Point Of Rocks is loaded with **sheepshead**, or you can fish the docks and bridges for them. **Ladyfish** have been around any dropoffs you can find.

##### GULF & OFFSHORE

It's been too rough to get out.

##### BEST BET

**Largemouth bass** are getting ready to spawn. Go as far inland as you can and toss dark-colored creature baits with light tungsten weights.

###### ERIC

COOKS SPORTLAND  
Venice  
941-493-0025

Lemon Bay and Placida have had fair to good **trout** reports. DOA and MirrOlure soft plastics have been doing well. **Sheepshead** reports are mixed at the jetties, with some saying there are no fish (but they're probably doing it wrong). The southern part of Okeechobee had a decent **crappie** bite before the rains. Harney Pond has had some pretty solid **bass** action.

Weather has kept most folks inshore.

Now that you can get out of the house, go try the ICW docks and bridges for **sheepshead**, **black drum** and possibly **snook**.

###### JIM

FISHERMAN'S EDGE  
Grove City  
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**Pompano** have been reported on Cape Haze Point skipping in wakes. The beach bite for poms has been terrible, though. **Black drum** are biting around the Placida trestle and Gasparilla bridges. A few **redfish** have come from the Placida pier and the backwaters of Coral Creek. A lot of **trout** reports have been coming in, with fair numbers of 18- to 20-inch fish.

If you could get out, the Tremblay and Novak reefs have had some **sheepshead** and a few assorted reef fish (**porgies**, **grunt**, **snapper**).

The docks from Placida to the south end of Boca have had lots of **sheepshead**. They're very happy to eat shrimp.

###### JEFF

CAPT. TED'S TACKLE  
Port Charlotte  
941-627-6800

Fishing has been a little tough on the piers and in the Harbor But there are **sheepshead** have been on the flats and around the pilings and piers. If you're in an area where there's grass and oysters, you'll probably find fish. If there's only rolling algae or moss, the fish will be few. **Crappie** and **bass** are biting in the freshwater ponds and canals.

Those who could get out have been delighted. **Mangrove snapper** in the 20-inch range have been reported at 40 miles. Lots of anglers are catching **red snapper**, but season is closed.

**Jacks** are all over — up the Myakka, in Tippecanoe, in the canals. They're feeding heavily on very small baitfish.

###### ROBERT

FISHIN' FRANK'S  
Charlotte Harbor  
941-625-3888

A lot of fishermen have been trying to get at the **redfish** and **snook** on the east and west walls, but it's been too shallow for most. This week should offer some better opportunities. **Trout** are much improved in Bull and Turtle bays, and there are some big ones around Useppa and Captive Rocks. PGI has had lots of **jacks** and **mangrove snapper**, plus a few **black drum**.

No reports this week.

They're starting to see **sheepshead** move into the Harbor around El Jobean and the Alligator Creek Reef, but most are still along the ICW and in the passes.

###### CAMERON

RIO VILLA  
BAIT & TACKLE  
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**Trout** are moving into the creeks. Fish a shrimp on a quarter-ounce jighead on the bottom. Vudu Shrimp and Mirr-Olure Lil Jons are working. Take your presentation down to a slow crawl. Same for **redfish** on the flats and in potholes. **Crappie** are still being caught in Webb on live minnows, mini Rat-L-Traps, and crappie jigs. Find deeper water with structure. **Panfish** are being taken in the same areas.

No reports due to foul weather.

**Sheepshead** and **black drum** are in the perimeter canal and bridges of PGI and Port Charlotte taking shrimp fished on the bottom.

###### DEB

D&D MATLACHA  
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239-282-9122

(1/17 report) Behind the store, we've had people catching lots of small **mangrove snapper** and some good keepers. In the NW Cape canals, we've been seeing lots of **trout** on live shrimp, but most are shorts. The Matlacha Bridge has been producing catch-and-release **snook** for those who know how to fish it (if you don't know how, just go and watch).

**Sheepshead** and **mangrove snapper** are hungry on the nearshore reefs. There have been some **triple tail** out around the crab trap pots, but not as many as in some years.

There are **sheepshead** on most of the dock and bridge pilings around Pine Island.

###### ARTIE

BAIT N WAIT  
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The Hurricane Bridge has been producing **mangrove snapper**, **snook** and a bunch of **sheepshead** on shrimp. There are also **sheepshead** and some baby **grouper** at the Fort Myers Beach Pier.

No reports this week; too lumpy.

Stick to the ICW and fish shrimp around the piers and mangroves for whatever bites.

**THE FISH COACH'S TIP OF THE WEEK:** How many times have you pulled a lure out of your tacklebox only to realize the hooks were rusted to the point of uselessness? Who do you blame? It's your own fault. Hooks are made from steel. Steel is made from iron. And iron oxidizes. The presence of water speeds oxidation, and the presence of an electrolyte such as salt speeds it even more. No matter what sort of corrosion-resistant alloys or coatings you use, rust will happen — unless you actively prevent it. Fortunately, that's not too hard. You rinse off your reel at the end of the fishing day, right? Rinse off your lures too. Let them dry before putting them back into sealed storage. That will resolve 90 percent of the problem. With expensive baits, I also shoot them with a little Get Some. Works like magic, but only as a preventative. Once rust starts, those hooks are toast. — *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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# Getting frustrated

FLORIDA BASSIN' • GREG BARTZ

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Getting bass into the net is fun, but you've got to get them on the hook first.

## Somehow, my winter bass fishing isn't what it used to be

I remember when the early part of the year was my favorite time to bass fish. Over the past five years or so, that has changed. It's not that I don't enjoy bass fishing in winter, but I've really struggled to locate the fish.

I can't say exactly what changed over the past five years, but I can tell you I've had a tough time locating bass. Sight fishing was always one of my strong points. I loved to cruise the shallows and find those little spots where bass would hang out in or hide during the spawning season. Lately, I don't seem to be able to find those spots. Maybe it's me. Maybe it has something to do with the lakes I fish early in the year, or a variation in the pattern the bass used to adhere to. All I know is I'm getting frustrated.

I tend to think that it's a change in the lakes. Maybe I'm not hitting those bodies of water at the best time. Maybe I'm simply not getting into water shallow enough to locate those bass. Whatever it is, it is causing me some serious frustration as I struggle to get back to the results I used to have when this time of year came along.

Now, it should be easy. This is the time of year when bass spawn. When it's time to reproduce, they head to shallow water and look for some sort of structure, then create a spawning bed nearby. Clear lakes tend to spawn a little later than the lakes that have a tinge in the water because they don't warm as fast as those other lakes do.

In a darker lake, identifying a spawning bed gets a little tougher because you can't see into the water as easily as you can on a clear lake. However, those big white circles dusted off on a sandy bottom reflect through the water on a bright sunny day and can be picked out fairly easy.

Truth is, I can't remember the last time I caught a bass off a spawning bed. Forget about tournament fishing,

I'm talking about just going out to a lake where I know the bite should be on fire and catching some early-season spawners. I have missed the boat on that bite for a while now.

For a long time, my biggest weakness was the late summer and early fall. It seems my fortunes have changed. From late spring through the end of the year, I can pretty much catch bass in my sleep. I think I have spent so much time learning to locate bass during those times of year that I have lost my edge when it comes to early season bass.

Nothing would make me happier than to head out to the lake in the next week or two and load up on a pile of bass in shallow water, but for now, I'll keep plugging away. I know the pattern for early season bass. I simply need to stick to it and find some bass in that shallow water pattern to restore my confidence.

This year has been a little tough to pattern fish. The warm weather is short-lived and then a blast of cold will come through that lasts for a few days. The water temperature has not stabilized or followed a trend either up or down over the past two months, so the bass haven't yet committed to the spawn. They're probably as confused as I am. They don't know if they should head for shallow water or hang on the edges and keep feeding. Once the weather stabilizes, I think we will see a mass movement of bass to the shallows.

So, my plan is simple: Remain diligent in my efforts to restore the fortunes I used to have with shallow early-season bass fishing. I think it will take only one good day on the water to get me going again. At least, I hope that's all it takes.

*Greg Bartz is a tournament bass fisherman based in Lakeland. Greg fishes lakes throughout Florida's Heartland and enjoys RV travel around the Southeast with his wife and tournament partner, Missy. Contact him at Greg.Bartz@SummitHoldings.com.*



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An aninga spears a brown bullhead catfish at the Circle Bar B Preserve.

# Busy birding at Circle Bar B



**BIRDING IN PARADISE • ABBIE BANKS**

The Venice Area Birding Association's yearly trip to Circle B Bar was approaching. We had a new couple in our group: Tina and Richard, who were also new to birding.

Since this trip is a long one, we stop at a fast food restaurant for a pit stop. As we all sat and chatted over coffee and egg sandwiches, I was surprised to find out that Tina and Richard lived in the same development as Don and me. What a bizarre coincidence.

They couldn't remember quite how they found out about the trip, but I was hopeful they would enjoy one of my favorite birding sites. Circle B Bar is a jewel in Polk County. Folks voted to create a tax to acquire land for preservation and management of sensitive lands. It's an amazing preserve where one can see wildlife up close and personal.

This morning started out a bit chilly, but shortly turned out to be a glorious day full of Florida sunshine. We started out on the side trail and we were greeted by the rapping of a red-bellied woodpecker. Quite a few black vultures were circling, along with several turkey vultures. Three black vultures were sitting on the limbs of dead trees, creating an artistic silhouette. We looked for the owls at the cross walk, but none were there this day.

Soon we approached one of my favorite areas of this preserve, a short stretch of marsh. There are always quite a few waders feeding and flying in and out, and it is quite difficult tearing myself away from this spot.

We first sighted great egrets and white

ibises. A little blue heron slowly stalking a prey in the water was close by. Several ospreys wheeled around in search of a fish breakfast. We had our scope to see if there was anything in the far distance.

The buzzy call of a kingfisher attracted our attention and we watched it fly back and forth several times. A snowy egret slowly walked behind a huge clump of grass.

We actually inched our way along this stretch. As we did, we spotted more birds. Appearing out of the grass were several common moorhens. On the opposite side of the trail, folks were admiring a great blue heron.

We always see quite a few limpkins at this site. Many birders from around the world travel to Florida to be able to see limpkin and add that bird to their life list. The limpkin, named for its limping gait, is common in our state and is seen mostly inland to the west coast. It also can be found in Georgia and is once in a while spotted as far north as Maryland.

We still were sighting birds on our first little section of the trail. A pied-billed grebe was diving, disappearing then reappearing for our little group. Someone said they had spotted a possible purple gallinule. I pulled the scope over and saw a little green heron, then realized they were looking in a different area. I slowly moved the scope around to scan the entire area and found the purple gallinule winding through the reeds.

Diane, Joe and I were attracted by some movement in the reeds. Bright yellow caught our attention, and after some discussion, we were sure we spotted a common yellowthroat. A few myrtle warblers (butter-butts) were seen flitting through the reeds. We had several eastern phoebes hawking for insects over the water. Tri-color herons were also feeding in the marsh.

One of the last sightings on this short stretch was a male and female blue-winged teal pair.

But we had to move on so those who have not been to Circle B Bar could get a glimpse of more of the expansive beauty.

As we turned the corner, we interrupted a blue-gray gnatcatcher convention being held in the corner trees. We had to watch them for a few moments — they are such cute little birds. They always seem so busy.

Finally turning the corner, we spotted our first double-crested cormorant. Steve pointed out a sandhill crane taking flight right near us. We started hiking down the trail, which was a bit more narrow and had much more growth along the bank. As we slowly hiked this trail, we sighted several cattle egrets and quite a few palm warblers.

We had to stop and take a peek at a frying pan-size turtle (probably a peninsula cooter) snoozing on the banks in the reeds. Joe picked up some whistling ducks. A red-shouldered hawk was sighted in the distance.

Suddenly, we spotted some two-legged

birding types. We had bumped into Tony's group from Peace River. After some hugs and some chatting, we continued on our way.

I wanted to at least get to the blind, which we did. From here, we sighted several small rookeries with huge great blue heron nests.

On our hike back, we had a female harrier swoop over us so closely that I felt the breeze from her wings. As she flew back over us, I spotted the white spot on her rump. Female harriers are a rich brown color. The males are a beautiful soft gray above and whitish underneath. Both are stunning birds. It is fascinating to watch them hunt as they fly over the swamps and meadows searching for small prey. We watched this beautiful female for a bit and then moved on.

It was getting late and we had to pick up the pace to get back on the road home. Our gift on the way out was a single stunning roseate spoonbill flying overhead, bidding us adieu for the day. What a great fun group and a fabulous day. I am so thankful to all the Floridians who had the insight to preserve these beautiful lands.

Abbie Banks is a member of the Venice Area Birding Association, a group of folks who want to enjoy the environment and nature without the cumbersome politics of an organized group. For more info on VABA or to be notified of upcoming birding trips, visit [AbbiesWorld.org/references.html](http://AbbiesWorld.org/references.html) or email her at [Amberina@aol.com](mailto:Amberina@aol.com).



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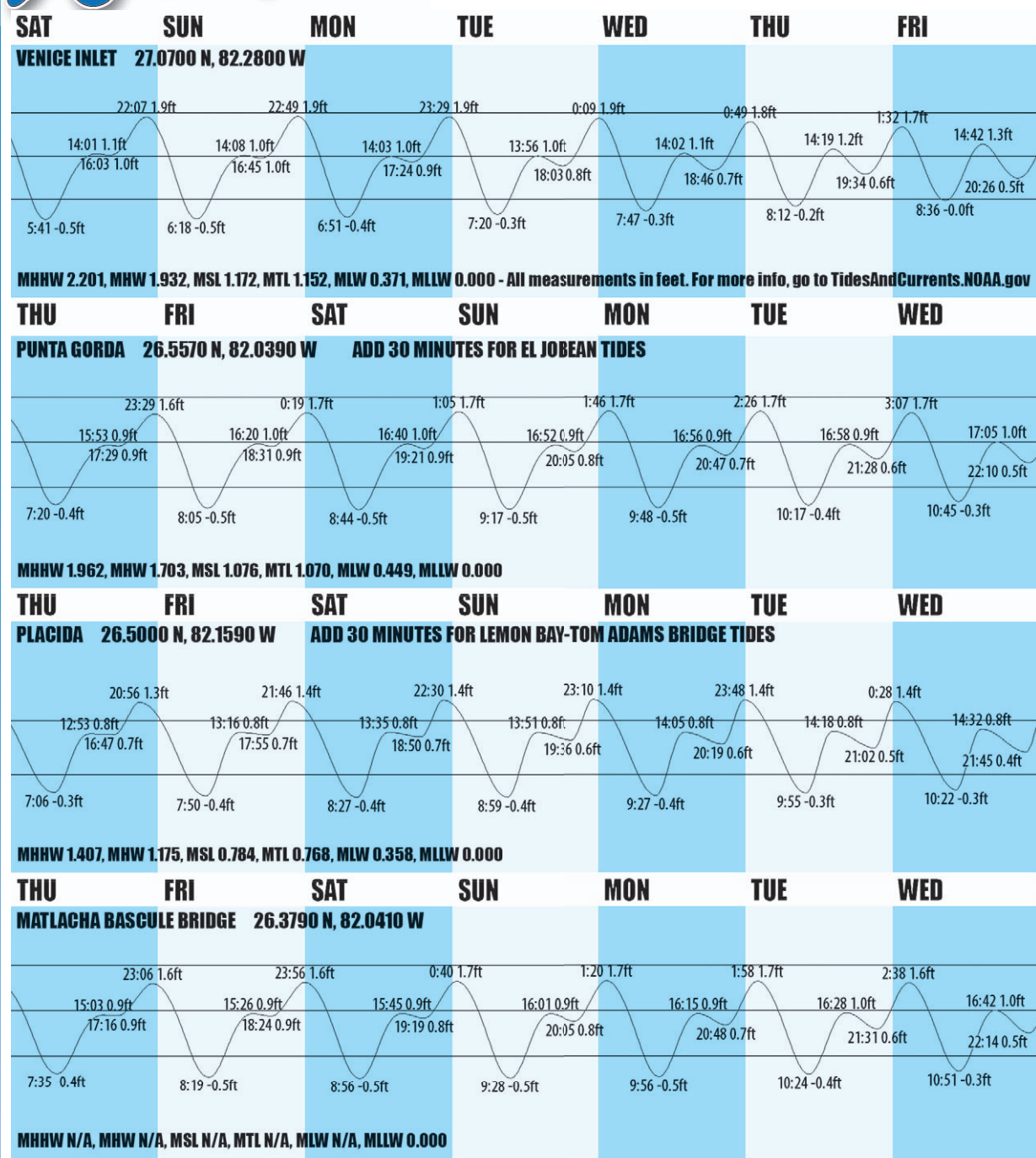
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	Low Tide	16:03 1.0		Low Tide	17:29 0.9		Low Tide	16:47 0.7		Low Tide	17:16 0.9
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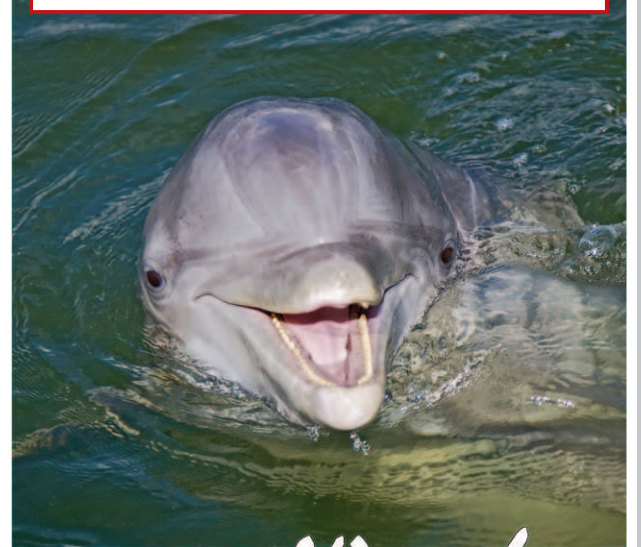
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- While their begging behavior can be cute and hard to resist, dolphins are efficient hunters and very capable of feeding themselves. Feeding them makes them dependent on handouts.
- If dolphins are trying to eat the fish you're reeling in or grabbing the ones you release, stop fishing and move. Continuing to fish in that spot will just result in the dolphins becoming more likely to steal from you and other fishermen in the future. Move at least a half-mile.
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**What's your goal, and what's keeping you from reaching it?**



**What's holding you back?**  
**If you have goals or dreams, the only thing in your way is you**

Let's start with a question: What's your fishing dream? Do you want to catch a sailfish, or maybe a grander marlin? How about hooking a roosterfish on fly? A giant trevally on topwater? Perhaps it's something you could do here in Southwest Florida, like catching your first tarpon.

These are achievable dreams (for the most part; that grander might be tough). But here's the thing: Unless you chase them down, they'll never happen. These are the kinds of things you have to make happen.

Sadly, most people never get to live their dreams. There are lots of reasons why, but most of them boil down to not wanting to spend the money or not wanting to take the time. Naturally, none of us have unlimited funds or all the time we could want. But if you want it enough, you can probably pick a goal and make it happen.

The money can be a problem. For example, if you want to go catch a monster black marlin in Australia, chartering the boat will cost you \$1,500 to \$2,000 a day. The flight will run you \$1,200 or so. Add in a few days hotel fare and meals, and you could easily spend \$4,000 to \$10,000 on an exotic fishing trip like this.

That's a chunk to drop all at once. I sure can't do it, and I'll bet most of those reading this can't either. But if you save up for it, it's an easier pill to swallow. If the trip costs \$5,000, spread it out over five years and it's less than \$85 a month you need to sock away. Five years is far away – but if it's the trip of a lifetime, delayed gratification is still gratification.

How about the time? We all have busy lives, with obligations that keep us tied down. But there's probably a way to schedule something if you plan far enough ahead. Perhaps a friend or family member could help cover the time you'll be away. If you're working and finding it hard to get away, maybe a coworker can

take on some of your duties, or you could get some done ahead of time.

Maybe your dreams are nothing like that. Maybe they're more like goals – breaking your personal best snook record, or finally figuring out how to catch tailing redfish. In this case, money usually isn't the problem, but time can be. Turning this sort of goal into reality generally means putting in a lot of time on the water.

In this case, you don't need to take days or weeks away at once – you just need to find blocs of a few hours in your schedule, as often as possible. Once you have those hours roped off, just spend them out there learning about your quarry or the techniques that you need. The likelihood of achieving these types of goals is in direct correlation with the amount of time you spend trying.

If you can't think of any particular goals you'd like to achieve, then just try doing something completely different from what you're doing. Do you always fish with a spinning rod? Try a baitcaster or a fly rod. If you're a saltwater angler, give the freshwater world a spin.

It's never easy to go outside your comfort zone because you have to admit there are things you don't know – things you'll have to learn from the ground up. But taking on new things is good for you. It stretches your brain and keeps you from falling into ruts. Keep it fresh.

We all have goals and dreams. The difference between those who have them and those who live them is pretty basic. It's like they say: No one ever plans to fail, but a lot of people fail to plan. Make a plan, and you can make it happen.

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**ZESTY MAYAN CICHLID**

- 4 Mayan cichlids, scaled and dressed
- 2 tbsp water
- 2 tbsp minced cilantro
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup + 2 tbsp plain dried bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp salsa
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350°F. Oil a 12x8-inch baking pan. In a shallow dish, combine cilantro, mustard and 2 tbsp of water. Place bread crumbs on second dish. Roll each cichlid in mustard mixture, then in bread crumbs, coating both sides. Place fish in pan. Top each with salsa; sprinkle with cheese. Bake until fish is opaque, about 15-20 minutes. Serves 2.

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# Paradise lost?



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 Capt. Van with a snook caught in the good old days, just a few years ago.

**A LIFE ON THE WATER • CAPT. VAN HUBBARD**

## Persistent water quality problems might force some to make new plans

I came here for the beautiful waters and great fishing. I'm having to consider moving away because we have allowed our area to grow faster than we could handle. Our impact fees do not cover the impacts of new growth.

My lifestyle is no longer sustainable here now because of our water quality issues. My business has been virtually shut down since last May. I can't afford to stay here if our water quality problems aren't resolved. Red tides and hurricanes have crippled our areas fishing guides and water-related business for several years. We suffered economic impacts from Hurricane Charley and BP oil spill press.

I've lived here for 38 years; planted roots here. I bought a waterfront home here on Lemon Creek in 1987. I had expected to live out my life here but now I'm forced to consider alternatives.

If water quality problems continue, how many others will be forced to reconsider their decision to live here? I'm guessing I'm not the only one suffering because of red tide and negative press. One household is not a big deal, but how many others face similar dilemmas? If many of us are forced out, what happens to property values?

I was watching the Charlotte County Commission meeting and listening to all the thoughtful discussions on our growth. They were addressing the challenges of maintaining public access to our parks through Sunseeker's projects. You wouldn't believe how complex it is to include guaranteed times for public passage to the park facilities. Commissioner Tiseo tried to include times for public access and ask about continued fishing access, even after-hours. All were concerned, but a couple felt ambiguous. They decided to address it later.

Our county commissioners do care about our county's best interest and safety. But we need to consider that they can only work from the knowledge and experiences of their lives. Because of their backgrounds, they understand business and development, but they don't understand our water quality challenges.

We need to educate them, or they won't understand. By the time you read this, I will have already attended their water quality summit on Tuesday. I personally believe we have intelligent, concerned commissioners doing their best to govern and balance all their responsibilities as best they can.

Before you criticize them, walk a mile in their shoes. Make the time to educate yourself before you complain. Get an understanding of how huge their responsibilities are. Also learn about all the accomplish-

ments of our county government; especially the staff. I can assure you I don't want any of these jobs.

Let's address two problems we can request their assistance on. First, septic tanks; second, fertilizer and landscaping.

According to an article by Brendan Rivers (<http://bit.ly/2sSQjs6>), Dr. Brian Lapointe, a researcher at Florida Atlantic University, states that septic tanks are a major factor behind our recent spike in harmful algae blooms. These are the most important and urgent issues facing Florida. A recent study conducted in Charlotte County found that 71 percent of septic system here did not meet standards. This is a real problem — improperly functioning septic systems feed harmful algae blooms.

He further explained that this nitrogen problem has expanded globally in the past five decades, resulting in more harmful algae blooms, more areas effected, higher economic costs and more public health impacts. Harmful algae blooms have devastated our tourism, economies, water quality and wildlife. Help must come from state and even federal governments; local government can't deal with such a broad issue. According to LaPointe, we have 39 percent of the state on septic, and more than 2.6 million septic tanks in our state.

In rural upland areas, septic systems can function properly. But not at sea level, and not where the population density is high. Too many nutrients leach out of the soil and into our waterways. We need to stop all construction of new septic systems in areas where we already know they will be an immediate problem.

As for fertilizers and landscaping: We need to adapt our concepts of what Florida landscaping is. When we design and landscape our roads, the current design is not best use of money or resources. Look at Winchester Road in Englewood for example. It's beautiful — but at what expense?

The green grass is torn up nightly by our wild hog population. How much time and money have we spent trying to keep it up? How much did installation cost, maintenance, constant up keep? We need to consider a natural landscape that doesn't require watering, cutting and replacing constantly. And not just in public spaces, but at home as well.

Grass clippings, fertilizers, weed killers and pesticides are problems, not solutions. If you question how much runoffs contribute, just look at the retention ponds by our roadways. Notice how fast the cattails grow? It's scary and shows us how much nutrients are in our runoffs. County

officials, check how often these cattails require cutting back!

Our entire way of life is changing. Are we smart enough to change the way we do everything? If we fail to compensate or cut back our nutrient runoffs, we are doomed. Our waters are our lifeblood. Contamination is poisoning that lifeblood. I hope to see

more interest in our solutions, not just complaining. Thank you for caring.

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# Reader Photos

Willie Armstead with another catch-and-release snook.



Curt Schachtschneider got this 48-inch cobia on Alligator Creek Reef.



Melanie Flower is fishing for two: She caught this red grouper in 120 feet of water while she was 20 weeks pregnant.

Joe Meyer of Punta Gorda with a big sea bass taken in 50 feet off Captiva.



Don Karlgaard with a huge lane snapper caught on the Novak artificial reef.



Steve Strodel with two nice red grouper caught on the Jersey Devil out of Burnt Store Marina.



Shelly Ann Turner with a black drum caught and released off her dock in Port Charlotte.

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Catching fish two at a time in the canals with Capt. Terry.



Bob Huson of Punta Gorda caught this trout in Alligator Creek.



Jani Uhrin of Hilliard, Ohio, caught and released this "pet" sheephead from a Don Pedro Island dock.

Canadians Steve Polley and Jack Woods caught some tasty red grouper aboard the Katy Too.

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## SLACK TIDES NEWS OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

### PUT THE STARFISH DOWN!



PHUKET, Thailand — Chalong Police on Jan. 22 confirmed they were tracking down the tourist caught walking along Chalong Pier with a starfish in a plastic bag. The news broke after tour guide and local marine-life conservationist Khanchit Klingklip, also known by his online moniker "Seaman Freeman," posted photos of the tourist carrying the starfish on the Healthy Reefs Club Line group. Maj Anurak Klangnarong of the Chalong Police told The Phuket News, "We will track down this tourist, who was walking with a tour group at Chalong Pier yesterday at 6 p.m. I want to find out where the tourist got the starfish," he said. Maj Anurak promised to bring charges against the tourist, if charges could be brought. Of note, starfish are not a protected species in Thailand. They are protected, however, if they are within a protected area, such as a national park.

### NEW SHARK FOUND

Another week, another new shark species. While many believe that scientists find new species in the ocean, swimming around freely ... that isn't always the case. In fact, it is rarely the case. The place where most researchers find new species is in fish markets. The discovery of this shark goes back a little more than a decade now. A never-before-seen shark species was brought to the fishing harbor in Kochi (also known as Cochin), a city in southwest India's coastal Kerala state. The fishermen who brought in this odd-looking species were fishing for sharks of economic importance from the deep-sea in the Indian Ocean. Uninterested in the two-foot-long animal, they tossed it aside and gave it no further thought until researchers from the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) came to the fishing harbor for observations of the landings. Similar-looking animals had been seen only a handful of times in the northwestern Indian Ocean and the Maldives. The specimen was preserved and stored at CMFRI. It wasn't until a decade later that the same critter was caught off Trincomalee in Sri Lanka. Scientists from the USA, India, and Germany decided to collaborate to figure out what exactly this fish was. The first thing the researchers found was that the similar-looking shark that was found in the waters around Socotra Island was not like the two specimens from Kochi and Sri Lanka! The new shark was named *Planonasus indicus*. In the published findings in the journal Marine Biodiversity, the scientists state

that "the species appears to be rare and opportunities to obtain additional material are extremely limited."

### FEED YOUR DOG FISH HEADS

Fill Rover's bowl with crickets and Asian carp, and keep the grass-fed beef steaks for yourself — it's better for the environment. So says Nestle SA's Purina, which is experimenting with a new line of pet food featuring untapped ingredients like insects and invasive fish species. The menu goes against the grain in the \$90 billion business, whose growth has been driven by dog and cat owners serving up meals that increasingly resemble their own — including organic, grain-free, vegan and even "human-grade" options. There's just one problem: The richer diets take a higher toll on the planet, too, conflicting with the food industry's push for sustainability. "For us, the question is: How do we make sure we can continue feeding our pets?" said Chris O'Neil, senior brand manager at Nestle Purina. In a test launched in October in the Chicago area, a Purina startup called RootLab is selling pet food with new proteins like crickets and Asian carp, which threaten to overrun native fisheries in nearby Lake Michigan. RootLab also gives common pet-food proteins like chicken organs a fresh, sustainable spin. In an effort to build consumer acceptance for unpalatable-sounding ingredients whose nutritional benefits the company says have gone unrecognized, it lists them on the front of the bag instead of hiding them in the fine print. "There's an opportunity to change perceptions and re-educate what premium means," said Martin Guerriera, a director at market research firm Kantar Millward Brown. "Premium can mean what's best for your pet — and what's best for the environment."



### SELF-DOCKING BOATS?

Remember the first time you had to parallel park a car? Docking a boat isn't too much different — with the difference being that, chances are, a boat costs a heck of a lot more than your first car. Docking mishaps in a boat can be both embarrassing and very expensive. Could smart technology help make things easier? Flir Systems, the world's largest commercial company specializing in the design and production of thermal and other imaging sensors, certainly thinks so. At the recently concluded Dusseldorf Boat Show in Germany, Flir unveiled the Raymarine DockSense assisted docking system. Described by its creators as the

marine industry's first intelligent object recognition and motion-sensing assisted docking solution for recreational boating, DockSense uses machine vision technology to make it easier to bring boats into the dock. In addition to providing 360-degree video coverage of the scenes around a docking vessel, if the boat gets too close to another object during this process, the assistive tech uses corrective steering and throttle commands to avoid collisions. Since the DockSense system is so deeply integrated with a boat's propulsion system, it will initially be offered on only on new-build boats. Raymarine's partner, Prestige Yachts, aims to start shipping DockSense-equipped yachts before the end of 2019.

### MUSSELS HITCH A RIDE



ST. PAUL — The best way for invasive zebra mussel larvae to get from one Minnesota lake to another is aboard wakeboard boats, a new study has found. The ballast tanks of recreational wakeboard boats beat out other leading stowaway suspects, including sterndrive inboard/outboard engines, bilges and livewells — all of which can harbor the larvae — according to a study by the University of Minnesota's Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. Moreover, zebra mussel larvae that make their way into wakeboard ballast tanks take longer to die than those that stow away in smaller areas, such as livewells, according to the study, which analyzed water samples from 379 boats on Lake Minnetonka and Gull Lake in Cass County over two years. In fact, the study found, it looks like standard minimal tactics for reducing zebra mussel spread — cleaning the exterior of a boat and removing the drain plug — won't be enough for wakeboard boat ballast tanks and some other large-volume water-holding areas. A hot-water flush or five days of drying are the most practical surefire ways to ensure no larvae survive.

### SO CLOSE, YET SO FAR

Two hunters were dragging their dead deer back to their car. Another hunter approached pulling his along too. "Hey, I don't want to tell you how to do something, but I can tell you that it's much easier if you drag the deer in the other direction. Then the antlers won't dig into the ground." After the third hunter left, the two decided to try it. A little while later one hunter said to the other, "You know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier!" "Yeah," his buddy said, "but we're getting a lot farther from the truck."

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# A winter plan

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David Lambrix from Marshall, Mich., with a 30-inch Gasparilla Island redbfish. Catching quality fish like this in winter doesn't just happen — you need to make a plan if you're going to succeed.



## Fishing in the cold can be really good but it takes a little figuring

Well, it feels like winter now, doesn't it? Winds are blowing, rain is falling, and it's colder than a well digger's butt outside. Good news, though: Other than the wind and the cold, our fishing is fantastic. All these blustery winds we've been getting have made it hard to get out and fish and have fun, but there are ways around the wind.

Let's say I'm going out tomorrow. The first thing I'm going to do is check the weather forecast to see which way the wind is going to be blowing. If the forecast calls for 20 mph out of the east, that tells me it will be very rough on the west side of the Harbor — that's where all the wind is blowing towards.

That lets me know I should put in at the east side of the Harbor, which will allow me to stay in calmer waters where the land is going to be blocking the wind. It will be a much nicer day if I don't have to fight the wind all day. Yes, it will still be a little windy, but not as bad.

The next thing I am going to do is look at the tide chart. This will tell me where I can and can't fish for the day. Depending on the wind direction, the tide will either be higher or lower than what the chart shows.

If the wind is out of the north or east, the water is going to get blown out of the

Harbor and the water will be lower. If the wind is strong and steady, it may be a lot lower. When the wind is out of the south or west, it will push the water into the Harbor and make the tide higher — again, maybe a lot higher with a stiff breeze.

This time of the year, the wind often blows from the north. Sometimes it lowers the Harbor so much that the flats are all but impossible to fish. That's when you go to the canals and fish. Actually, you'll be more comfortable there anyway, since the wind will be blocked by all the houses and seawalls.

Another big thing is what to use for bait when the water gets this cold. Chilly water will slow down a fish's metabolism down big time, so my favorite bait this time of the year is shrimp. Shrimp will outfish everything else when the water is cold because the fish can digest them quickly and they won't rot in their stomachs.

Getting up a little later in the day to go fishing is another good idea for fishing when it's cold out. Stay in bed where it's warm until 9 or 10 a.m.; then head to the water. The fish will be more willing to eat after they have warmed up a little bit.

This time of the year can be very frus-

trating to fish because of the low water, winds and cold days. But the fish still have to eat to live. The key is to find what fish seek out — warmer water, moving water, food sources — and the fish are going to be there.

The top thing that works for me this time of the year is to work everything slow. If you think you're going slow, work it half that fast. That is the biggest key to fishing this time of year. Throw it out there and let it sit and wait. That's what is working best for me.

And dress warm. You don't have to dress like me — five jackets on three pants, looking like an Eskimo — but you'll want to layer. However, the fishing is red hot right now, so go take advantage of it.

Capt. Karl Butigian lives, breathes and eats Florida fishing. He owns and operates KB Back Country Charters (KBBackCountryChartersFishing.com) on the waters of Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. To book a trip or for info, call him at 941-565-7325.

### FISH PROFILE • GREAT HAMMERHEAD

**SIZE LIMIT:** n/a in state waters; 78" (fork length) in federal waters

**BAG LIMIT:** Zero in state waters; 1 per vessel per trip in federal waters. HMS permit required in federal waters; call 888-872-8862 or visit NMFSPermits.com.

**SEASON:** No closure.

**LOCAL AVERAGE SIZE:** 75 to 500 lb

**FLORIDA RECORD:** 1,280 lb, 0 oz

**WORLD RECORD:** 1,280 lb, 0 oz

**FOOD VALUE:** Not worth killing.

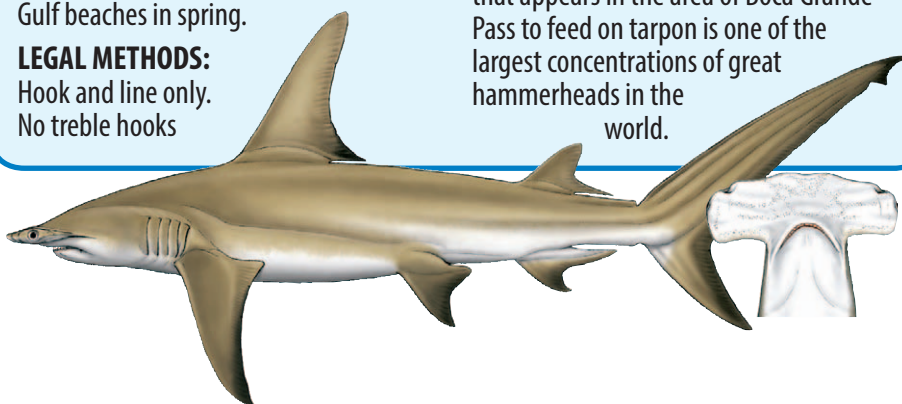
**HABITAT:** Mostly open oceanic waters, though in Southwest Florida they are relatively abundant along the Gulf beaches in spring.

**LEGAL METHODS:** Hook and line only. No treble hooks

allowed with natural bait. No snagging. May be targeted for catch-and-release in state waters. If harvested in federal waters, must be transported directly through state waters, with gear appropriately stowed, to the place where the vessel is regularly docked, moored, or otherwise stored.

**FISHING TIPS:** Anglers pursuing these fish often use stingrays or cownose rays as bait, since these are favorite prey species. However, other more typical shark baits such as whole little tunny or ladyfish work well also.

**NOTES:** A rare fish. The annual gathering that appears in the area of Boca Grande Pass to feed on tarpon is one of the largest concentrations of great hammerheads in the world.



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— Provided by Dave Nielsen



# Kayak fishing: It's the same fish, but your tactics change

Photo by Kimball Beery

Les Beery with a kayak-caught redfish. If you'd like to learn more about kayak fishing, you're in luck — the Beerys will be writing this column every other week.



KAYAK FISHING • KIMBALL & LES BEERY

Folks new to kayak fishing face a steep learning curve if they're coming from a background of shore or boat fishing. Paddling, anchoring, launching and landing should be second nature before complicating the fun with fishing equipment. Here's hoping this column will help paddlers as they evolve into anglers and begin to enjoy some fishing fun in Southwest Florida from a kayak. If you fish from a paddleboard, canoe or pedal kayak, please translate these ideas for your vessel.

So, let's assume you own or have rented a kayak and survived your initial experience on the water. You've probably noticed the abundance of life as you paddled across a clear flat. Some folks think seriously about bringing a rod after spooking a big redfish from under their kayak. Other kayak anglers may see things a different way, but here are a few of our ideas that we want to share with you to help make your kayak fishing easier.

One of the best investments a kayak angler can make is a small drift sock, also called a drift anchor. This allows an angler to slow their trip across a productive flat and make more casts on each drift. With very

little hull below the waterline, kayaks blow around like leaves — but a drift sock allows anglers to control the speed and angle of their drift. Attach the sock directly to your kayak. It can be attached to either side to help steer your drift.

A wearable PFD is another good investment. We see lots of paddlers out on the water with no PFD, or one that is stashed where it cannot be accessed quickly. We use an inflatable vest because of its small size and light weight. Be sure to get a manual version so it doesn't automatically inflate when you fall down in two inches of water.

Folks who don't wear their vests will begin to after their first dunking. They will have realized that while trying to salvage all their gear, they don't have time to locate and put on their vest. The water in Florida is cold in the winter. Luckily, most kayak fishing takes place in shallow water where you can just stand up.

Other handy things like a small anchor and a stake-out pole make parking the kayak possible. We also carry a spring clamp on about 10 feet of line for use as a "mangrove anchor" when tying off to something. We

made our stake-out poles from fiberglass shuffleboard cues by cutting off the fork end and adding a point with epoxy.

Attach your stake-out pole to the kayak with a bungee cord, not a rope. Bungees absorb wave action without the static shock that might dislodge your pole. Small grapnel anchors are easy to carry and deploy but may not hold in a strong current.

For handling fish in the kayak, a lip gripper is really handy. The smaller plastic ones that float and glow in the dark are perfect for us. We have controlled cobia with this little tool (after they were very tired). Another item is a small plastic tape measure to keep you out of trouble when you keep a fish. The best ones we have found are in the sewing area of most fabric stores.

Finally, we believe in using only single-hook lures in our kayaks. The main reason for our single hook rule is safety. Since most fish are landed and unhooked between kayakers' legs, our worst nightmare would be to find ourselves hooked in some very sensitive part of our body to one of the trebles on a lure and the thrashing fish attached to the other treble. That would ruin your day!

That limits us to jigs, spoons and flies, but we don't feel disadvantaged. There are so many styles, sizes and colors of jig heads and tails we may never get to try them all. Besides, a single hook bites deeper and holds better than most treble hooks anyway.

These are just a few thoughts to share with kayak anglers, particularly with the folks just getting into the sport. There are many more tips we want to share with WaterLine readers. In future columns we'll deal with techniques, tackle and tactics that we have learned over the years for both saltwater and freshwater fishing in a kayak.

In the meantime, we hope you catch some fish from your kayak. Our marine resources are under a lot of pressure, and we must protect what we enjoy. Please limit your kill, don't kill your limit.

Kimball and Les Beery, authors of the waterproof "Angler's Guide to Shore Fishing" and "Angler's Guide to Kayak Fishing Southwest Florida," contribute these columns to promote the excellent fishing available in Southwest Florida. Their books are available at most tackle shops in the area or at AnglerPocketGuides.com as a download or waterproof hard copy.



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# How to introduce someone to fishing



THE FISH COACH • CAPT. JOSH OLIVE



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This is the goal: Two people happy to be fishing together. How are you going to get there? Take your pick.

For those of us who love to fish, it's sometimes hard to imagine that there are people who don't. But it's true — there are people who not only don't like to fish but have no desire to even give it a shot and see if they like it.

Crazy.

Now, you may have some of these people in your life. Some of them might be very close — siblings, children, even spouses. And you may have a strong desire to share your fishing fanaticism with them. Here are some ways you can make it happen:

## REASON WITH THEM

Surely if they just understood the advantages of fishing, they'd realize that they're missing out. Try waxing poetic about the feeling of setting the hook on a 10-pound bass, or the thrill you get when a six-foot silver streak launches out of the water with your line attached. Explain the mental health benefits of spending hours outdoors in nature. If you can get the words just right, they'll have to agree — right?

## COMPROMISE WITH THEM

OK, reasoning didn't work. What if you agree to accompany them on one of their outings? Now, keep an open mind here. You might end up trying to smack a marble-sized ball with a stick on a golf course, or waving a big flyswatter around on a pickleball court. Could be you'll have to take an art class or attend a pottery show. You might even have

to go shopping. But it will be worth it when you're both out there with rods in your hands.

## TRICK THEM

If you're not much on compromise, this one may do the job. Some suggestions: "I saw a whole pod of dolphins jumping over on the east wall. It was like SeaWorld out there! You really ought to see it for yourself." Or, "Let's walk out on the pier and watch the sunset. Nah, you don't need your keys; I've got mine." Or, "Look, a party boat! That sounds like a whole bunch of fun!" You may want to try relieving them of any potential weapons before they realize what you've done.

## KIDNAP THEM

If all else fails, a simple abduction might be in order. Be careful with this one — you need to be relatively sure that they won't end up pressing charges. The goal here is to gain a fishing partner, not lose your freedom for 15 years (8 with good behavior). Try to make it seem like an accident if at all possible, and whatever you do, don't leave any bruises.

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No matter how you get your mark to go fishing with you, there is one absolutely ironclad rule: You have to make the experience enjoyable. If you don't, then they're not going to want to go again, and you might have to take more drastic measures. The good news is that it's not too hard to make

fishing fun. My suggestions are as follows:

## KEEP IT SHORT

Most newbie fishermen are dreading the idea of spending hours and hours and hours doing nothing but waiting for a fish to bite. So cut that off right at the outset: We're going fishing for two hours, and then we're done. Now, at the end of the two hours, you might find you can't pull them away. That would be an excellent outcome. But if they're done by then, stick to your word. And get ice cream afterward. Everybody loves ice cream.

## KEEP IT ACTIVE

Nobody likes a slow day of fishing, so pick something that is likely to ensure plenty of tugging on the other end of your lines. Fishing for bluegill is great. Trolling for marlin? Probably not. What you want here is a low-risk strategy. You might not get the fish of a lifetime, but the point is that they'll catch something. After all, we all know that despite the other great things about fishing, if you're not catching, you're missing out on a lot of the fun.

## KEEP IT REALISTIC

Who wouldn't want their first fishing memory to be a perfectly cast fly landing in front of a tailing 18-pound redfish, only to watch him slurp it and speed off toward the horizon? Here's the thing: No one has that as their first fishing memory, because

beginners just can't do that. Start them with something they can do. I'll bet you a sawbuck your first fish was some sort of panfish. That will do fine for any first-timer — regardless of age.

## KEEP IT POSITIVE

"That was a really good cast. Look at how far you got it out there!" "You did a great job reacting to that fish — your float was only under for a few seconds before you realized it." "Wow, that was a fantastic job of fighting that catfish. Let's take a picture for WaterLine!" Don't praise them so much that you're patronizing them, but offer considerable encouragement.

This is your one shot. Make it a positive experience, not a negative one. Get it right, and you may have a new fishing buddy. Or maybe it will turn out that fishing truly is not for them — but at least you will have put forth your best effort. In all seriousness, take the time to introduce someone to the sport we all love. I'll keep my fingers crossed it works out for you.

As the Fish Coach, Capt. Josh Olive offers personalized instruction on how and where to fish in Southwest Florida. Whether you're a complete beginner or just looking to refine your techniques, he can help you get past the frustration and start catching more fish. Lessons can be held on your boat, on local piers or even in your backyard. To book your session or for more information, go to [FishCoach.net](http://FishCoach.net), email [Josh@FishCoach.net](mailto:Josh@FishCoach.net) or call 941-276-9657.

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Resolving your basic problems will take some work, but the result will be more fish caught and more satisfaction.

# Casting faults & line questions

STAY FLY • CAPT. REX GUDGEL

I was busy giving casting lessons today. Even though it was cold and windy, everybody showed up, stuck it out, learned something and had a good time — including me. I love teaching casting, so for me it was great. I had two different groups totaling 21 people. The first group ended at 11 a.m.; the other started at 11:30 and lasted until about 2 p.m.

These were totally different, unrelated groups, yet they had a consistent common thread of both questions and casting faults. There are always common faults among casting groups, but the percentage was up a little higher on this one.

The casting fault most prominent today was outside rotation of the rod, causing an open horizontal backcast loop. Sorry, no illustrations — but what this does is to cause the back cast to be slow and inefficient (and if there's any wind, nonexistent). This poor back cast makes it much harder to compensate on the forward cast and throw a good loop.

To picture this, imagine gripping the rod with your thumb right on top of the cork. You are looking right down your thumb and thumbnail and the skinny part of the reel is straight up and down. Now make your back cast and stop.

If you leave your hand exactly where you stopped it, you'll be looking at your thumb and thumbnail on the side of the rod closest to you and it will be pointed behind you. The

flat side of your reel will then be facing the sky. If you do it correctly using the "thumb on top" grip when you stop the rod on your back cast and look, you will see the profile of your thumb pointing almost straight up (like you are hitchhiking and you won't be able to see your thumbnail) and the flat side of the reel will be facing you, meaning that the skinny part of the reel is still facing forward with no rotation.

I know, I know; casting babble — but each one of these students who were able to understand and correct the problem all had great big smiles on their faces from the nice casts they were able to make, and from the fact that I didn't hit them with my cattle prod.

Both classes also asked questions about which fly line to put on their rod. "Should I go up a weight by putting a 9-weight line on an 8-weight rod?" My old answer to that question still stands to a certain degree: If you learn to cast well, you shouldn't need to bump up your line weight. But I can tell you that selecting the right fly line for your fast action fly rod isn't as easy as it used to be.

Fly lines have become increasingly specialized. You can buy a line for any species of fish alive, for any style of fishing, for specific destinations, and now Winston has started selling lines specifically for their rods. I'll be really surprised if all the rod companies don't jump on that bandwagon in hurry. Why not? They can make more money and have

the lines all balanced perfectly with their rods. That would make it too easy on us. Like politicians, they want to keep us guessing.

The decision is further complicated by the action of today's rods, especially the fast action rods. The exact fly line which works for you and your fly rod is best determined by trial and error. Let's see if we can cut down on some of the confusion.

What makes your rod fast? In the not so distant past, "fast" meant stiff, or at least stiffer. The way rod designers made fly rods faster was to throw graphite at what they thought was the problem. These rods became so stiff that many anglers struggled to load them — the proverbial broomstick.

Line manufacturers responded by making heavier fly lines. It didn't take long for experienced anglers to realize that they were putting 9-weight lines on their 8-weight rods and start to ask, "Why are we calling this an 8-weight, anyway?"

The term "fast" now refers to the recovery rate of the rod — the time it takes for the rod to return to straight from a flexed position. The less time it takes to recover from the flex, the faster the action in the rod. So as consumers and the industry were scratching their heads and complaining, rod companies started to respond by making fly rods with more reasonable actions.

A new type of fast action rod started to emerge. These rods had fast recovery rates

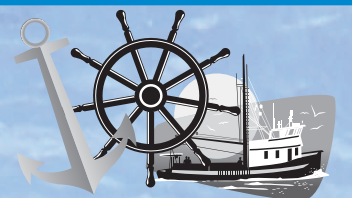
— not because they were stiff, but because they were light. Rods that weigh less recover more quickly because there is less inertia developed by the weight of material and hardware. Now the problem has almost reversed, because these rods can easily be overloaded with the heavy lines developed for stiffer rods or by simply having to line outside the rod tip. Maybe we need to rig our 8-weight rods with 7-weight line.

Neither of these rod styles is wrong. Stiffer and heavier rods still perform best in the wind and are great fish-fighting tools. Lighter, more technical rods and lines make beautifully delicate presentations. So, yes, we still have to make choices. When you choose a fly rod and line, you should consider the kind of fishing you plan to do and decide which qualities you will need. I lean toward the heavier rods just because you can power them up in our windy situations here and they won't collapse.

If you want to talk rods, lines or casting give me a call or drop me an email. When the wind lies down a little, let's go fishing! Stay fly.

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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# It's go time for sheepsies



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Robert Jr. with his first sheepshead. Now, let that baby go and go get a bigger one!

The coldest, most blustery, most un-Florida-like weather occurs here during January and February. We don't have much use for snow shovels in Southwest Florida and we aren't likely to be subject to any blizzards, but conditions can get eye-watering, teeth-rattling chilly for days at a time when cold fronts bluster through the area (and if you were here earlier this week, you already know that).

Some of the fish species which live in our subtropical waters react to these conditions by hunkering down and not eating much until things warm up. However, we're lucky that there is at least one popular species for which the fishing is best during the coldest months of the year and which will bite even during the passage of the harshest cold fronts. Sheepshead are well-known as cold-weather fish here and have saved many a wintertime fishing trip.

Sheepshead are found along the Atlantic and Gulf coast from Nova Scotia to Brazil. Sheepshead Bay in New York was named after these fish, so it's clear that they can survive weather and water that's much colder than anything that they'd ever encounter locally.

Sheepshead are members of the porgy family, and are closely related to pinfish. Surprised about the pinfish relation? Next time you have a pinfish in hand, pry its mouth open and take a look at the teeth. They're very similar to sheepshead teeth, with an arrangement that includes nippers forward on the jaws and crushers further back in the mouth.

One reason that sheepshead are considered a winter fish is this is when they aggregate in large schools around coastal structures during their spawning run and become relatively easy to locate. Places such as bridges, piers and docks (especially those along the ICW) and offshore structures including artificial reefs and natural ledges attract dozens, hundreds or sometimes thousands of sheepshead. Obviously, fishing at these sites can be

very good.

Here's an interesting observation for which I have no explanation: I believe the peak of the sheepshead spawn seems to have moved later in the year. I think that 20 or 30 years ago, the peak occurred in February. Now it seems to top out a month or so later in March. Perhaps some sheepshead experts can chime in with their observations.

Many of the sheepshead landed during the winter are ripe and ready to spawn. If you catch a sheepshead that begins oozing yellow-orange eggs (for females) or white milky milt (from males) when landed, that fish was probably pretty close to being ready to spawn.

The places where they school up are either places where they will be spawning, or stopping points for them on their way to spawn. Spawning occurs either offshore or pretty close to the Gulf where the water is fairly salty.

So when the El Jobean pier on the Myakka River loads up with sheepshead in the winter, those are probably mostly fish that are headed downstream towards the Gulf. But when the Venice jetties or the old phosphate dock at Boca Grande stack up with sheepshead, those fish may actually be spawning — though it's thought that most of the spawning activity takes place farther offshore.

We catch sheepshead offshore in pretty good numbers out to about 50 feet of water during the spawning run. I have seen a few out as far as 60 feet, but only rarely. I cannot recall catching any of them deeper than 60 feet, though I would guess that they do get out there sometimes.

By the time warmer weather begins in the spring, the offshore fish disappear from the reefs and ledges as they head back into the estuaries. But there's a bit of controversy about this migration pattern.

There are a number of anglers who believe that sheepshead are moving into coastal waters from farther offshore during the winter, and that

these fish then head back out to deeper Gulf waters in the spring after the spawn has concluded. This position is bolstered by the fact that we don't see nearly as many sheepshead in the estuaries during the summer as we do during the winter.

I think this is because sheepshead scatter out way back in the bushes and deep into the backcountry where they are not seen by most anglers. The science seems pretty clear that these fish are living most of the year inshore in the estuaries, but fishermen will probably debate this forever.

Regardless of your opinion on the sheepshead migration pattern, there is no debate that we're now approaching the peak time for catching these striped porgies. So it's time to grab your shrimp, fiddler crabs, sand fleas, tubeworms, barnacles, clam strips or whatever you favor for sheepshead bait and head to your favorite barnacle-encrusted structure.

You do need to be aware that there is a newly reduced bag limit on sheepshead this year. The limit has been reduced by nearly half, from 15 fish per harvester to eight per harvester. In addition, during the months of March and April there is a vessel limit of no more than 50 sheepshead per boat, regardless of the number of people aboard.

Of course, you can't ever exceed the individual bag limit. So, during March and April, if there are six people aboard your boat they can each take up to eight sheepshead. But if there are seven or more people aboard, anybody who hasn't yet caught their eight fish must stop keeping fish when a total of 50 have been boxed on the boat.

Let's go fishing!

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# Good times, bad times

## Just when the world beats you down, someone lifts you up

It was the best of weeks, it was the worst of weeks. Where have I heard that sentiment before? Is someone out there plagiarizing me? I'll give him the dickens if I find out who it is. Peace River Wildlife Center was witness to some incredible acts of kindness this week — and also some unbelievable acts of selfishness, if not downright cruelty.

We had a person who turned over a native turtle that they had kept for four years. They found it in the wild as a hatchling and decided to make a pet out of it. Of course, four years later they changed their minds — too much trouble, it got too big, it's not cuddly anymore. We hear the same story daily from people who think they will be the exception to the rule that wild animals don't make good pets. Except that they never are anything but the rule.

This poor reptile has no recollection of life in the wild and no idea how to live successfully among his own kind now. He is sentenced to a lonely life in captivity without companionship because of the hubris of some inconsiderate person.

At least we should be able to find a home for this poor animal. When people do this to raccoons — which happens way too often — the animals almost always have to be euthanized because there is no safe place for them to live.

While that kind of thoughtlessness is discouraging, another incident was infuriating. A pier full of people enjoying the bright Florida sunshine witnessed a fisherman beat a great blue heron with his rod. The bird suffered a compound fracture of her shoulder and had to be euthanized but surely would have died from the trauma

anyway. PRWC was just able to end her suffering a little sooner.

A video taken by one of the bystanders showed the man driving off with a flip of his hand and tilt of his head as though proud of his accomplishments. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has opened an investigation into the crime, and we hope anyone who witnessed it will assist in the inquiry. (Please call PRWC if you have any information.)

Just when I start to think that all people are innately evil, some special person walks through the door and recharges the hope in my heart. This week, Jason Koons was the angel who rescued my soul. He is a heavy equipment operator employed on a project off Bermont Road east of Punta Gorda. He was working at the edge of a huge muddy pit when he noticed something writhing about near the surface of the sludge.

Not even sure what it was, Jason drove over to the last of the firm soil. He then perched on the edge of his dozer and stretched out as far as he could, knowing that if he slipped, he would be in muck up to his neck or worse.

He was finally able to grab the mud-encrusted blob and hoist it onto dry land. Using all of his drinking water for the day, he rinsed off what turned out to be a 3-week-old river otter. Jason immediately called PRWC and thankfully did everything we asked of him. He rinsed the baby, dried it off, bundled it up, and ran it to us as quickly as possible — all without touching it, since this species is a potential rabies vector.

That last part is vital. Most mammals in Florida are considered rabies vector species,

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meaning they can get rabies, and subsequently pass that incurable disease on to anyone who touches it. If someone handles an RVS without the proper protective gear, we have to euthanize that animal and have it tested to make sure it was not contagious, even though it appears healthy and we haven't had any reported incidences of rabies in this area lately.

It is not necessary to have been bitten to be exposed to rabies. The virus can be found in bodily secretions of the infected animal. All it takes is a small cut or scratch in the skin of the person handling the animal for the infectious material to enter the bloodstream and start to replicate. Once symptoms have started, it is virtually impossible to successfully treat rabies.

That being said, rabies is not an excuse to go out and kill every wild mammal in the state. Simply take some common-sense precautions to protect yourself and the animals. We recently had to euthanize a perfectly healthy bat because some curious people found it and passed it around. The bat had probably been cold-stunned when a fast-moving cold front passed through and he was basking in the sun on the side of a tree. He was minding his own business, and we wish those people had done the same.

But back to Jason's amazing story. After walking off the job and driving all the way to Ponce de Leon Park, he delivered the baby otter to us along with a very generous \$60 to help with her care. He returned to work as we began the process of cleaning up the little girl and stabilizing her condition.

Jason no sooner got back when he noticed another baby, this one a boy, that had survived the encounter with the equipment. He also scooped that one up, turned right around and brought it to us. This time he

turned his pockets inside out, giving us every cent he had on him, even though he had just spent a fortune in gas just driving back and forth to rescue the little otters.

We may have gotten bigger contributions over the years, but none has ever been as heartfelt as this young man's donation. His willingness to do whatever was needed for the animals is a testament that there are still good people out there and I'm happy to say I met one of the best that day.

The two baby otters were covered in muck and had ingested a fair amount of it. Their eyes and ears weren't open yet, but those had to be swabbed gently. There was also mud in their mouths that had to be flushed out.

Over the next few days, the babies were treated for the shock of their trauma and eventually stabilized. Since PRWC doesn't have the proper facilities to care for this species, our friends at CROW (Center for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife) in Sanibel have taken them to raise until they are ready for release.

Although it was difficult to transfer these special little guys, it was a far, far better thing to do since we know they will get the proper care they need to eventually be released into the wild. And I get to have a far, far better rest now that I don't have to feed these adorable little squeaky toys every three hours.

*Peace River Wildlife Center is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to the care, preservation and protection of Charlotte County's native wildlife since 1978. They are open seven days a week year-round, including holidays. Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. PRWC receives no government funding and relies entirely on private donations. For more info, visit PRWildlife.org, email PeaceRiverWildlife@yahoo.com or call 941-637-3830.*



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Baby river otters are cute enough to make strong men tear up just a little. (Admit it — you know it's true.)

## PINE BARK STEW

- 2 lbs any white fish
- 6 bacon slices, cut small
- 1 cup onion, finely chopped
- 3 cups potatoes, diced
- 1 can (24 oz) tomatoes
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 lb butter
- 2 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup chili sauce
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/2 tsp thyme
- 1/2 tsp basil

Fry bacon down in a cast iron skillet. Remove and set aside. Add onion and fry until tender. Add hot water to depth of 2 inches. Place a layer of fish fillet then a layer of potatoes and onions; repeat as required. Salt well, bring to a boil, cover and let simmer for 30-45 minutes. Melt butter in a saucepan, ladle some juice from stew and add Worcestershire, catsup, chili sauce, pepper and herbs. Simmer slowly. When stew is done, serve stew in bowls with sauce poured over.

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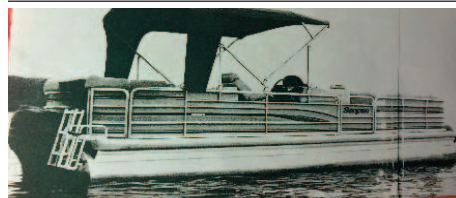
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