

# The Spartan Press

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## Sharapova Caught Cheating

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Opinion/Editorial

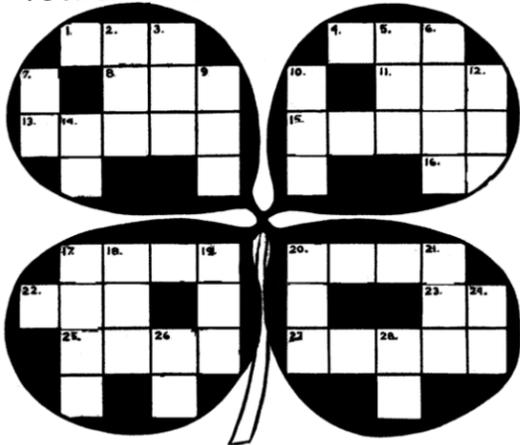
Maria Sharapova, a Russian five-time slam winner, failed a drug test earlier this year at the Australian Open. Over the years, Sharapova was never accused of cheating or doping so it surprised fans everywhere.

The punishments for taking a banned substance can vary from a few months to four years. It will be very interesting to see how the WTA reacts to this; she is currently on a suspension until they decide.

Sharapova was caught taking Meledonium, which was recently banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency in January 2016. Meledonium is a drug that improves exercise capacity by increasing blood flow throughout the body. It is manufactured in Latvia and is only distributed to Russia and Baltic countries. Sharapova had been getting this drug from Russia because it is not approved by U.S drug associations and not authorized in the rest of Europe.

Sharapova openly admitted to failing a drug test and said "I didn't know the substance was banned, I never checked my emails and was never informed that it was newly banned starting in 2016." She also claims that the rumors weren't true that she was warned five times about taking it. After it came out publicly that Sharapova failed a drug test, Nike, Porsche, and watchmaker TAG-Heuer dropped her as sponsors. Interestingly, Head revealed they would extend the contract with Sharapova due to her honesty and bravery. Andy Murray was very surprised by this move and thinks that she has to take ownership of her mistakes.

### FOUR-LEAF CLOVER CROSSWORD PUZZLE



#### ACROSS

1. This animal purrs
4. Evil spirit
8. Jump on one foot
11. A grain — singular
13. Form
15. She laid the golden egg
16. South America — abbr
17. Young sheep
20. Makes dogs scratch
22. Young dog
23. Opposite of yes
25. One penny
27. What you chew with

3. You can spin this one
5. Noise made by a cow
6. Go by
7. Like
9. Used when you write with ink
10. In the past
12. Something to drink
14. Opposite of she
17. Brought by a four-leaf clover
18. Big monkey
19. A little piece
20. To be of the right size
21. Insect
24. Exclamation of surprise

Rated 4.5/5

## Brussels Terrorized by ISIS

Senior, Vinny Caracappa  
Lead

The attacks in Brussels, Belgium took place in an airport and subway. It was an early Tuesday morning in Brussels; entering the terminal the three suspects had a violent plot on their minds. The three suspects are affiliated with ISIS, who took credit for the attacks. The suicide bombings killed 30 people and injured at least 260. The subway bombings were in Maelbeek, injuring and killing a lot of people as well. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attacks.

When the three suspects entered the terminal, gunfire was exchanged following two big explosions. One of the suspects was killed in the explosion and later identified; the other suspect was killed as well but was not identified because his body was so badly disfigured. The third suspect was able to get away, fleeing the airport before the bomb squad came, and he left a large bag that exploded shortly after he left. Immediately after the attacks all airports and railroads were closed.

A crisis meeting was held at Belgium's Interior Ministry. The French minister held an emergency meeting with other government officials about the possibility of another attack occurring in Europe. The Brussels metro system was completely closed down, and 225 Belgian troops were deployed in Brussels for the safety of the civilians. People were told to avoid public transportation and be on lock down until things were safe enough for public activities. Twelve days later the airport reopened after a guarantee of safety.



## The Race for the White House

Sean Burnette, Senior  
Current Events

Over the past few weeks, presidential candidates Ted Cruz and Bernie Sanders have gained momentum in gaining the presidential nomination for their parties. Marco Rubio has dropped out from the Republican race, Trump is facing a new legal issue, and Clinton is looking to escape another.

Trump leads the Republican party, but by a smaller margin after the Wisconsin primary where Cruz won by a landslide. Trump leads Cruz with 746 delegates to 510 still favoring Trump. Sanders has won 6 out of the last 7 contests with Clinton. Sanders will have to continue to keep up the momentum if he wishes

to contend with Clinton. The next few primaries are moving to the East Coast, which affects Sanders's reach to young unregistered voters.

After a loss to Trump in Florida, Rubio decided to drop out of the race for the presidency. His final speech was veiled with anti-Trump testaments warning Americans of his intentions and methods that brought him to the top nomination position. He stated that Trump would leave America a "fractured nation".

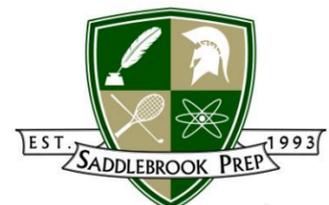
Trump has recently been sued for fraud due to issues involving Trump University. Trump's case was refused dismissal by the New York Court on March 1st after Trump's lawyers attempted to toss out the case. The FBI continues to look into Hillary Clinton and her personal aides in a case involving her emails and personal server emails. Clinton continues to deny any wrong-doing and will give her deposition to the FBI in the coming weeks.

## SAT Test Dates

- May 7
- June 4

## Students of the Month

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| High School     | Elementary and Middle |
| Hina Nishida    | Lia Akbalut           |
| Khavish Varadan | Keshav Narayanan      |



## The Great Gatsby

Bella Nabers, Senior  
Movie Review

*The Great Gatsby* is an exciting, dramatic love story set in the 1920s during the prohibition era, directed by Baz Luhrmann. Filmed primarily in Australia, the movie is an adaptation from F. Scott Fitzgerald's bestseller. When the movie was released in the summer of 2014, people responded by saying, "It's a terrific adaptation that succeeds not only as a work of cinema but also, wonderfully, as proof of the novel's greatness." In the midst of a love affair, main character Jay Gatsby, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, tries to win back the heart of his old lover, Daisy. In an attempt to win her back, Gatsby throws exotic parties hoping she would wander in to his home one day. Gatsby's intention to have her by his side makes for a wild love story perfect for all *Gatsby* lovers.

Winning two Academy Awards for achievement in costume and production design, *The Great Gatsby* is known for its glamorous wardrobe and sets. The costume and set designer, Catherine Martine, said she wished to "Look at a historical era through a modern lens" when designing sets for the movie. She managed to collaborate with huge companies such as Tiffany & Co. and Prada. Tiffany crafted their own line just for the movie, featuring diamond headpieces and extravagant pearl necklaces. Prada played a major role within the wardrobe department. The entire design process is tedious, starting with the book itself. Then moving on to researching what the characters are wearing in the book and then focusing on that time era and comparing it to what those people would have worn.

## Exploring Tarpon Springs

Kendall Mandrell, Senior  
Leisure

Known for its sponges and strong Greek community, Tarpon Springs is a cultural hub, with Greek restaurants, bakeries, attractions, natural sponges, sponge diving, sightseeing cruises, live entertainment, and beaches. Located on the Gulf of Mexico, this tourist hotspot provides a unique cultural experience to anyone looking to explore food and culture.

Commercial sponging in the area began in 1890 and Greek immigrants advanced the industry in this area. Since then, the influence of the Greek community has grown significantly. The locally owned restaurants provide authentic Greek food, with fresh caught seafood from the docks. The sponge docks give tourists the opportunity to view the sponges right after they are taken from the water. Popular restaurants include Mykonos, Rusty Bellies Waterfront Grill, Hellas, Toulas Trailside Café, and The Original Mama Maria's Greek Cuisine.

The beaches are beautiful and have a more private atmosphere. Fred Howard Park allows visitors to drive out onto the sand bank and canoe, kayak, and swim on this miniature island. Those who enjoy viewing wildlife will appreciate the Brooker Creek Preserve, where turtles are some of the locally protected wildlife. The city offers site seeing boat rides to view dolphins and activities at the performing arts center. Popular events are year around in Tarpon Spring with Greek Independence Day, Night in the Islands, Hippie Fest, Sponge Docks Seafood Festival, and Oktoberfest. This cultural hotspot is full of unique, locally owned attractions that can appeal to anyone who enjoys great food, beaches, cultural events, and wildlife.

## Gawker held liable in Hulk Hogan trial

Majed Yousif, Senior  
Investigation

It all started when an online blog network, *Gawker Media*, owned by Nick Denton, published a tape online in 2012. The tape starred Terry Bollea, the retired pro wrestler, known as Hulk Hogan. The tape, recorded in 2006, shows Hogan having an affair with the wife of his former best friend. Hogan has said the tape was recorded without his permission or awareness of it. *Gawker* has said they received the tape in 2012, which was sent to them anonymously through the mail. In the same year, *Gawker* published the tape with commentary. The tape has been viewed more than 7 million times. According to *Gawker*, the tape is worth \$11,000 to the company, however Hogan's lawyers believe that the tape is worth hundreds of thousands. On Friday, March 18, *Gawker Media* lost the lawsuit over the publication of the tape. The Florida jury found that Hogan's privacy had been violated by *Gawker*. Hogan had been awarded \$115 million, \$55 million in economic injuries and on \$60 million for emotional injuries. "What's disturbing about *Gawker* is not what they do, but how proud they are of it," said Hogan's lawyer Turkel, who said that characteristic is a "reflection of its owner Nick Denton".



## The King of Fast Food

Arkin Rao, Senior  
Business

McDonald's is the largest fast food chain in the world. It has served billions of people and continues to grow every day. Today, McDonald's serves around 68 million customers a day in 119 countries. Since it operates around 35,000 restaurants, it is hard to have not heard about the fast food giants. McDonald's has about 1.7 million employees that work at the ever-growing business. One thing that makes McDonald's the biggest fast food chain in the world is its consistency. They are able to make sure that no matter the place their food will taste the same. Not only that but almost every location in the United States looks the same and has the same ambiance, which creates a comfortable environment for the customer. Another part that drives McDonald's business is its advertising. McDonald's has sponsored many major sporting events like the Little League, FIFA World Cup, and the Olympics. With all of this advertising one can only imagine the benefits McDonald's receives. "The business is currently worth around 18 billion dollars, and it is because of this that McDonald's only directly owns and operates 15% of its locations." The other 85% are owned through franchise agreements and joint ventures. McDonald's has shown no sign that it will stop growing and many continue to marvel at the revenue it has generated throughout the years.

## Profile: Vinny Caracappa

Greyson Doscotch, Sophomore  
Profile

Vinny Caracappa, a student at Saddlebrook Prep said that what he has enjoyed most about his experience over the past six years has been "...the school, and the way the tennis program is structured. But most of all I like all the people here." Vinny has recently committed to Loyola University in Baltimore, Maryland. His favorite memory here was at 8<sup>th</sup> grade grad bash at Busch Gardens because all of his friends were there. Through his many years at Saddlebrook he has made many friends and has had many coaches. Most of them only have had nice things to say about Vinny. All of the students here at Saddlebrook say Vinny is a nice guy on and off the court. Not only do the students have good things to say about Vinny, but the coaching staff has really good things to say as well. One of the reasons Vinny has stayed is because of the coaches and the great people that are here. Through the years, here at Saddlebrook Vinny has been an active member of Student Council, and Yearbook. Since Vinny has been here for such a long time, he has learned some important stuff but the most important thing that he learned at Saddlebrook was "...that I really learned how to push myself in school and in tennis, and I will, forever carry these lessons with me.



