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The Lyn Terrace Apartment complex in Eustis is seen on Friday.

Clearing the air

Several communities in Lake County adopt smoke-free policies

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Cecilia Mejias, the community manager for the Villas of Mount Dora, said some of her residents have stopped smoking and others have cut back since the community joined a handful of others in Lake County that now have smoke-free policies.

"Considering the kind of community we have ... it's really helped out as far as with a lot of my residents that have respiratory problems, COPD, things like that," she said.



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The oldest commercial building still standing in Eustis, the Iron Block has commercial space on the bottom floor and residential on the upper floors. It is a smoke-free building.

The Villas of Mount Dora, along with Leesburg's Pepper Tree and Lake Region Homes, Eustis' Lyn Terrace

Apartments and The Iron Block and Clermont's Hunter's Trace Properties, all have smoke-free policies, according to a

press release from the Florida Department of Health in Lake County.

Across the state, there are more than 500 smoke-free multiunit housing properties and 73,000 smoke-free units, Paul Butler, the health department's public information officer, said in the release. For property managers and landlords, smoke-free policies can have economic benefits, he said.

Mejias said the 70-unit Villas of Mount Dora started the policy after seeing its sister property, the Villas at Vero

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TAVARES

Third baseball bat beating victim dies

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When 51-year-old Eddie Ratliff received a call Monday from his 42-year-old sister, Shannon Ratliff, that she was being beaten by her live-in boyfriend, he rushed to her Hibiscus Court home in

Tavares to help.

A 911 call by his sister, Dee Ratliff, described the scene in front of the home with Eddie, his mother Mavis and Shannon's boyfriend, James Earl Jones.

"He jumped on her, he's got my mom and my brother out there —

he's fighting all of them!" according to a call made Dee made to a 911 dispatcher.

When Tavares police reached the duplex, they found Jones out front holding an aluminum baseball bat with blood splashes on his shirt

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AP FILE PHOTO

Democrats meet in the back of the Florida House before the start of a debate on a school voucher bill.

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LEESBURG

After \$95K markup, airport land buy worries city commissioner

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Leesburg leaders have agreed to pay \$130,000 for 16 acres of mostly wetlands to be annexed to the Leesburg International Airport that

may become part of the city's future seaplane ramp, yet one city commissioner was not happy with the deal because the acreage was up for sale last November for only \$35,000.

Commissioner Bill

Polk said Monday night that he believes the price of the vacant land owned by Sofran Leesburg, Ltd. was too high. Located at the south end of College Drive, behind Lowe's, the northern part of the property is dry land

while the southern edge fronts on Lake Harris and the western side adjoins the airport.

"I don't understand why we are not able to make an offer on this property and if they don't take the offer, then

leave it alone. There is nobody else in Leesburg that will buy it. It has been for sale forever," said Polk. "One week it was \$35,000 and now that we say we want it, it's \$135,000. Something is not right

with that deal."

According to city documents, the land was appraised in February for \$135,000 by Walter Price of Price Appraisal Group of Tavares, while

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in November 2013, it was listed for \$35,000 for the purpose of trying to sell it at an auction. No sale occurred.

"We say that we want to use it for future development of the airport. It is wetlands," Polk said. "We're buying property that is no good. If we only need a little sliver of it, then let's just buy a little sliver. Don't buy the whole thing. ... Three and half acres of what they call good land comes out to \$29,000 an acre off the main road property that is over-priced. Let's leave it alone."

Commissioner David Knowles said when Wipaire came to the airport, a deal was made by the city to build a seaplane ramp.

"This is part of what we need for the seaplane ramp," Knowles said. "FAA is not going to let us block the runway to the seaplane ramp, so we have got to put it some place and this is part of the property that we can use. ... It has some value there."

Knowles said he didn't want to drag out negotiations for months to try to get a different price.

"I don't want to get into six months of negotiations and have Wipaire come back to us and say, 'Leesburg (was) not really sincere in trying to get us to locate here; they jerked us around for six months for a piece of property,'" Knowles said, noting the company has to have a seaplane ramp.

The city was awarded a grant with the FDOT for the acquisition of this land, where 80 percent (\$104,000) will come from FDOT and the airport would be expected to pay 20 percent (\$26,000). Airport Manager Leo Treggi said in a memo that the funds are available from Airport Reserves for Capital Improvements. The commission previously approved this grant in December 2013 for up to \$150,000.

City Manager Al Minner estimated that a quarter-acre to a half-acre would be needed for the ramp, and he tried getting the seller's real estate agent to sell a smaller amount of land.

"His response to me was that if we purchased that we were going to pay a premium price for it, for just a portion of it, so it didn't sound like the owner was interested in just selling a portion," Minner said.

The city manager

noted that he understood Polk's frustration.

"It's a classic example of why the government is not like a business, and I hate that cliché, because when government gets associated with something, the prices goes up," Minner said. "I agree with Mr. Polk and I think that the city was taken advantage of a little bit, and I think the numbers did go up."

Minner said the city looked at other areas for the seaplane ramp on the south side, but these areas would have needed additional work, amounting to up to \$400,000 in wetlands mitigation, compared to \$150,000 to \$200,000 on what would need to be done on the north side property that is for sale.

"I don't think anybody on the commission wants to spend taxpayer money unreasonably," Minner said, noting the city only has to pay 20 percent of the cost since the rest comes from grant from the FAA through the FDOT, which was funded by aviation to make improvements at general and commercial airports.

"I think that makes it easier to swallow the pill of where this money is coming from," Minner said. "When you put all of those things together, I do see how important it is to have the seaplane ramp for economic development purposes."

Commissioner Elise Dennison wanted to hear from Realtor Jim Miller, the property owner's agent who was in the audience, about the property and the different prices for the land.

"A couple of years ago, (former city manager) Jay Evans assured me that he would not ever be interested in that land," Miller said, noting the seller suggested the idea of auctioning the property.

Miller said he advised his seller: "Put a ridiculously low price on it, we'll get more than one bidder, and we'll have an auction." An Ocala man showed a lot of interest in the land and the auction never took place.

"He is very interested in buying it, and we avoided (the auction) when Lego Treggi (airport manager) called me and I got a hold of my seller, and said that 'the city really wants this,'" Miller said. "We were going to sell it wholesale at an auction and I said, 'they will pay retail. They won't pay more than retail, but they will pay retail.'"

SMOKING

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Beach, doing well with a smoke-free rule. She said residents cannot smoke in their units or patios, but can smoke in a designated area, and that there has been a really good response to the policy.

Charlotte Rodas, the property manager of Lyn Terrace Apartments, said residents there can smoke outside and in patios, but cannot smoke inside the apartments. She said it is harder to rent out apartments that people have smoked in because of the odor.

"The length of time it takes for us and the extra cleaning that has to be done is beyond belief," Rodas said. "Sometimes it takes months to be able to get that smell out so that you can re-rent the apartment. So it's definitely an advantage to not have them smoking in the apartment, as a business."

Rodas said that cleaning includes carpet treatments, washing the walls and painting the ceilings. She has not had anyone turn away from the property because of the policy and said most people are for it.

Tracy Wade, the owner of Hunter's Trace Rentals, said she has 60 units throughout Clermont, including apartments, duplexes

and houses. Wade said she started the policy about three years ago and residents can smoke outside, but not in the building.

"Tenants that were smokers prior to that (the policy), we do request them to smoke outside and not in the building because of the residue effect that it has on the building," Wade said. "The walls, the A/C systems."

She said the policy has reduced wear and tear on the paint and on the air conditioning.

"It's worked out well and I think it just gives everybody a little cleaner environment to live in," Wade said.

Since more than 80 percent of Floridians are non-smokers, many properties have successfully marketed their smoke-free policy as an amenity, not a restriction, according to Butler.

The Iron Block started its smoke free policy on March 1, 2013, property manager Kace Montgomery said in the press release.

"Since then, the old tenants have adjusted without complaint and the new tenants appreciate that the apartments are smoke free," Montgomery said in the release. "Having a 100 percent smoking-free policy has not hurt my ability to lease out my apartments, if anything, it has made them more attractive."

BEATING

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and Eddie and Mavis on the ground with severe head wounds, apparently inflicted by the bat.

Officers discovered Shannon bludgeoned to death in the living room of the 905 Hibiscus Court home. Mavis, 66, died later Monday at a hospital.

Eddie, a Tavares city sanitation worker, died 3 p.m. Wednesday at Ocala Regional Medical Center.

"He did everything he could to keep the family together," said John Thomas Swiney of New Life Church in Tavares, the family's long-time pastor, who was with Ratliff's family members at his bedside when he died.

According to an investigative report, when police confronted Jones in front of the home, the suspect dropped the bat and ran off. Jones later was found dead, floating in Lake Dora. Officials believe he drowned himself, but said they are still waiting on autopsy results to confirm it.

Counseling has been offered to co-workers and other city officials who knew Eddie, who has worked for the city for 20 years.

"We have a very tight department and we want

to show our full support," city spokeswoman Joyce Ross said.

Swiney, who was on Ratliff's garbage route, said he expects a funeral service for the Ratliff family members sometime next week.

Ross said Wednesday that detectives were still trying to determine what exactly led to the Monday afternoon attack. The investigative report adds Jones' father, Albert Jones, described his son as a schizophrenic and off his medication.

Albert told the media Tuesday that his son came home last week from another stay at LifeStream. The father said his son went there again on Monday and was not readmitted, although the staff did change his medication.

Chris Lang, who lives next to the duplex, said Jones had just moved in to the home and the couple frequently argued. However, Ross said the only contact police had with Jones at the home was in December when he was held under the Baker Act and described as incoherent.

Swiney added a Ratliff Family Benefit Account has been set up for donations at United Southern Bank branches across Lake County — 1746111.

LAWSUIT

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decisions for their kids. And sadly there are those who find educational choices threatening to their political power."

Incoming Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, also criticized the lawsuit in a separate statement, saying, "It is unfortunate the hard-earned money our teachers contribute to the FEA is now being spent to fund litigation designed to limit educational opportunities for children across our state."

McCall said after a news conference that the union had been working towards the lawsuit since the bill was approved May 2 by the Legislature. She added that the lawsuit is unrelated to the union's endorsement of former Gov. Charlie Crist in this year's gubernatorial race.

Republican Gov. Rick Scott signed

the bill into law June 20. Among other things, the law makes changes in middle-school and career education, along with continuing efforts to reduce hazing and prevent dropouts.

The House initially approved the bill 115-1 on April 30. But lawmakers broke along mostly party lines in the House and Senate as a 140-page amendment was approved on the final day of session.

The amendment included changes to the Tax Credit Scholarship vouchers program and created "personal learning scholarship accounts" that are aimed at helping parents of students with disabilities pay for educational services.

The Florida Education Association is seeking a quick decision in the lawsuit as the "personal learning scholarship accounts" are being introduced this week.

Union attorney Ron Meyer said lawmakers "log rolled" several pieces of unrelated legislation,

loosely tied to education, into a single package, which is prohibited the Florida Constitution. The constitution requires each law to embrace a single subject that is "briefly expressed" in the title.

"Log rolling has always happened, and I guess unless someone says you have to follow the constitution, people will continue to go forward not following the constitution," Meyer said.

The Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides tax credits to companies that donate money to nonprofit entities that then pay for children to go to private schools. Changes to the program were a major priority for House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel.

Under the new law, a family of four earning up to \$62,010 a year will be eligible for at least a partial scholarship, a nearly \$20,000 boost from the current \$43,568 annual income limit. The value of each individual scholarship also will rise.



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Ex-SEAL testifies that he saw Ventura punched

Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A former U.S. Navy SEAL testified Wednesday that he saw military sniper Chris Kyle punch former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura in a bar in 2006, providing the most complete account yet backing the version told by Kyle in his best-selling autobiography.

Jeremiah Dinnell testified in federal court as part of Ventura's defamation lawsuit against the estate of the former SEAL and "American Sniper" author, who was killed in Texas last year.

Dinnell, who served in the SEALs for a decade before leaving last year, said he saw Kyle strike Ventura with his right hand at a California bar after Ventura said the SEALs "deserve to lose a few." Dinnell said he watched Ventura fall and get up again.

In his 2012 book, Kyle wrote that he punched a man he called "Scruff Face." Kyle later identified the man as Ventura, who is also a former SEAL.

Ventura says he never said SEALs deserved to die and alleges Kyle never hit him.

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Area Briefs

CLERMONT

Gas leak capped off on State Road 50

A stretch of State Road 50 in Clermont re-opened Wednesday afternoon after a reported gas leak was capped off.

According to Clermont officials, the gas leak was reported just before noon, underground near the sidewalk in the 400 block of SR 50.

No buildings were evacuated but area traffic was rerouted, Assistant Fire Chief Kathy Johnston said.

The city's fire department, as well as Lake Apopka Natural Gas, responded to the leak.

The stretch of road was re-opened about 1:10 p.m.

TAVARES

Animal Services to take part in Community Carnival

Lake County Animal Services is taking part in an adoption event at the Hurricane Docksides Grill Community Carnival, held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at 3351 W. Burleigh Blvd.

The family-friendly event will feature Animal Services dogs on-site, available for on-the-spot adoptions, along with a children's carnival, games and a 4-on-4 volleyball tournament at the restaurant's waterfront beach. Proceeds from the tournament, which has a \$10 entry fee, will benefit the American Cancer Society and the Golden Triangle YMCA.

For information about Hurricane Docksides Grill, go to www.hurricanedocksidesgrill.com, and for information about Lake County Animal Services or to make a donation to the shelter, go to www.lake-countyfl.gov/adopt, or visit the shelter at 28123 County Road 561, or call 352-343-9688.

THE VILLAGES

Habitat for Humanity to host grand opening ceremony

Habitat for Humanity has moved its corporate office space to a new location at Spanish Springs in The Villages and will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting for the public from 3 to 5 p.m., on Wednesday.

The new office space is at 900 Main St., Suite 200 on the second floor next to the fitness center.

For information about the event or to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, call 352-352-483-0434, ext. 119 or email carlos@habitatfl.org.

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ASTATULA

Fraud plea could net 30 years in prison

Staff and Wire Report

An Astatula businessman has pleaded guilty to a \$44 million bank fraud conspiracy.

Pedro "Pete" Benevides, 45, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to commit bank fraud. He faces a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison.

According to a federal indictment, from about 2005 through about September 2008, Benevides obtained 20 loans and lines of credit worth \$44 million from several federally insured institutions. He reportedly submitted documents to those institutions that allegedly



BENEVIDES

contained materially false and fraudulent information.

"Other documents included false and forged tax return documents, statements from financial institutions, bank statements and official checks," U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

stated in a press release. "Benevides also included false or forged correspondence from a title and escrow company detailing funds that did not exist."

He then used the loans to pay off earlier loans he had taken out, pay his business expenses

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CAREERSOURCE CENTRAL FLORIDA HOSTS A JOB FAIR IN LEESBURG



PHOTOS BY BRETT LE BLANC / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Auther Oliver, center, a retired Marine, talks with John Knop, a 40-year-old store manager with Ro-mac, during the second annual Paychecks for Patriots job fair at the National Guard Armory on Wednesday.



Employers speak with job seekers during the job fair.



Representatives from the Florida Department of Corrections talk with job seekers.

LADY LAKE

Doctor found dead at Citrus County beach

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The body of Lady Lake plastic surgeon Todd Ginestra, reported missing Wednesday morning, has been recovered from the water off of Fort Island Gulf Beach in Citrus County, the sheriff's office reports.



GINESTRA

"Foul play is not suspected and the final cause of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner's Office," the sheriff's office reported on its Facebook page.

It's not clear what Ginestra was doing in Citrus County, but

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EUSTIS

Improved fire score could save residents money

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The Eustis fire department's rating by the Insurance Services Office has improved from a class three to a class two, and this could mean lower insurance rates for property owners.

ISO, which tracks property and casualty insurance risk, looks at and rates a community's ability to handle fires, according to the website www.insurancequotes.com.

"Many insurers factor that information into the formulas they use to come up with your home insurance premium," the website states. "The thinking behind using ISO ratings is this: The better equipped a community is to fight fires, the less likely it is that homes and businesses in your

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Marijuana field found in Sumter state forest

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Bad weather and biting bugs couldn't stop two Sumter County wildlife officers from determining who planted a marijuana field in the Withlacoochee State Forest.

According to Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Officer Ian Sweet was on patrol in the Richloam Wildlife Management Area of the forest when he spotted an elaborate marijuana grow site complete with a hand-dug well for watering.

Richloam covers Sumter, as well as Hernando, Pasco and Lake counties, and is one of seven large tracts of land that

make up the Withlacoochee State Forest.

In an effort to catch the grower, Sweet and fellow FWC officer David Straub conducted surveillance on the site in covert positions, spending about 100 hours and a number of days, enduring tremendous rain storms, as well as "horrific" amounts of biting insects to catch their culprit.

FWC spokesman Greg Workman said on July 9 the two officers finally observed a man, later identified as 51-year-old Kenneth Wayne Wilson, dropping off two five-gallon buckets with new



MILLARD K. IVES / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Fish and Wildlife Conservation officer Ian Sweet kneels in a marijuana field he discovered while on patrol in the Withlacoochee State Forest area of Sumter County.

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IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Gwendolyn Drawdy

Gwendolyn Kirkley Drawdy, 71 of Weirsdale, passed away Friday July 11, 2014 at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg, SC. A native of Lyons County Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Theo L. and Doshia Oscilla Atkins Kirkley and the wife of Donnell Drawdy. Survivors in addition to her husband include two sons, Robert Shepherd and Richard Wayne Shepherd; two daughters, Doshia Eloise Wilson and Tina Kay Shepherd; one brother Franklin Kirkley; three sisters, Beatrice Taylor, Josephine Tyson, Jean Strickland and eight grandchildren. The family will receive friends 10:00 AM — 11:00 AM Friday July 18, 2014 at Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg Florida, in the mausoleum chapel prior to the 11:00 AM Funeral Service, also in the mausoleum chapel. Burial will follow the service, in Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, Florida. www.freshillsfuneralhome.net. Forest Hills Funeral Home, Woodruff, SC.

Tommie Lee Jordan Sr.

Tommie Lee Jordan Sr, 75, of Leesburg, FL, was born October 11, 1938 in Moultrie, GA. He peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on July 8, 2014. A Celebration of Life will be held 11:00A.M., Saturday, July 19, 2014, at St. Paul AME Church,

110 S. Lake Street, Leesburg, FL, Rev. Terrell Blair, Pastor, Rev. Tommie L. Jordan, Jr., Officiating. Public viewing will be conducted from 9:00am, until funeral time. Final Interment will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Clermont, FL. Arrangements entrusted to Rocker-Cusack Mortuary, Leesburg, FL. www.rockercusackmortuary.com

Rev. Dr. Christine S. Long

Rev. Dr. Christine S. Long, 87 of Orlando. Entered into, eternal rest on July 7, 2014. Celebration of Life Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 11am, The Life Center 63 East Kennedy Blvd. Eatontonville, Florida. Viewing and Visitation Friday, July 18, 2014 — 5-8pm. Way of Life Ministries, 638 North Pine Hills Road. Family and friends may sign the guest book at www.hayesbrosfunerals.com. Hayes Bros. Funeral Home, Altamonte Spring Chapel 407-645-4633.



JORDAN



LONG

DEATH NOTICES

Alexander Bauerle

Alexander Bauerle, 85, of Leesburg, died Sunday, July 13, 2014. Becker Funeral Home, Clermont.

INSURANCE

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area will sustain major fire damage.”

Fire Chief Rex Winn said the department was previously rated about eight years ago and since then has seen improvements in training, dispatch and in the water system with new wells, pumps allowing for better pressure and better placement of hydrants.

“The guys are very big on the training, they believe in it,” he said.

Property insurance premiums are calculated by insurance companies with the classifications, according to a press release from the city.

Winn said it was also a matter of pride for the department.

“It’s a pride thing for them to be able to say that they’re in that category of the 750 departments throughout the U.S. that have this rating,” Winn said.

He said the whole department is, “proud of their department and what we do and how quick we get on fires and how quick we can get them knocked down.”

Winn said 40 percent of the score comes from the water department, including where hydrants are located, pres-

sure and water flow for downtown buildings and how hydrants are tested. He said 10 percent comes from dispatch.

The other 50 percent comes from the fire department, Winn said, and includes training, amount of time and people required on a fire scene, how many trucks go to a scene, the fire inspection bureau and how often they have inspections, having a ladder truck, if they have a reserve engine, the right equipment on trucks, and if the department teaches kids and homeowners fire safety.

Eustis scored 89.54 and the highest class two score is 89.99, which means the department was about a half point from a class one ranking, according to the press release and Winn.

“What a city does is provide service and we want to make sure we’re providing the best possible service to our citizens,” Acting City Manager Dianne Kramer said. “This is an objective measure of the kind of service we provide in the fire department and this is all without having increased our budget. We’re still doing it with very limited revenues, but we’re making the most of taxpayer dollars.”

Coach who inspired ‘Cool Runnings’ buried at Florida National Cemetery

BUSHNELL

Staff Report

Retired insurance salesman Howard Siler Jr., of Clermont, whose earlier work as the original coach of the Jamaican bobsled team inspired the movie “Cool Runnings,” was buried with military honors Monday at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

The 69-year-old Siler died July 8 at his home. “Howard was the

original coach of the Jamaican Bobsled Team, and John Candy played Siler in the Disney movie “Cool Runnings,” the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Federation stated on its Facebook page. “He (Siler) was a nine-time member of the USA National Bobsled Team, a three-time Olympian and a Team USA coach. We



SILER

send our deepest condolences to the Clermont family during this difficult time.”

The Becker Funeral Home in Minneola said Siler was born June 18, 1945, in Newport News, Va., son of Doris M. Siler and Howard B. Siler Sr. He served in the U.S. Air Force and received the Airman’s Medal.

He had been a resident of Clermont since 1998.

Surviving him are his wife, Debra Shea Siler, whom he married in May 1997; three daughters, Lisa (Pat) Smith, Audra (David Elkins) Claypool and Christina (Cory) White; and six grandchildren, Tyler, Morgan, Adriana, Hunter, Alex and Chase; and several nieces and nephews.

Summerfield attorney wants to serve on 5th Judicial Circuit

APRIL WARREN
Halifax Media Group

Fourteen members of the region’s legal community — including Summerfield attorney William M. Gladson — have submitted applications to the 5th Circuit Judicial Nomination Commission.

The applicants are all vying for the opportunity to fill the vacancy left by Judge Brian Lambert, who was appointed to the appellate bench by Gov. Rick Scott in late May.

The commission will interview all qualified applications on Aug. 8 and then send a short list for consideration to the governor, who will ultimately select a new judge.

The applicants are all vying for the opportunity to fill the vacancy left by Judge Brian Lambert, who was appointed to the appellate bench by Gov. Rick Scott.

Scott has 60 days from the time he receives the list to decide.

The 5th Judicial Circuit includes Lake, Sumter, Marion, Citrus and Hernando counties.

When a circuit vacancy occurs, it is possible for other circuit judges to request a transfer, creating an opening in another area of the circuit that would be filled by the new judge. That did not happen

with the current vacancy, according to Chief Circuit Judge Don Briggs, and therefore the new judge will remain in Marion County. Circuit judges have jurisdiction in all five counties, however.

Gladson is a former division chief with the 5th Circuit’s State Attorney’s Office

On Tuesday, 5th Circuit Judicial Nomination Commission chair Derek Schroth saw a flurry of application activity in the final hours.

“I expected more applicants. However, those who applied are quite qualified, and the commission looks forward to interviewing each candidate on Aug. 8,” Schroth said.

MOUNT DORA

People reach out to drowning victim’s family

Staff Report

One online fundraising effort is underway for the family of an 8-year-old Mount Dora boy who drowned Monday in South Carolina.

Gavin Quance was found unconscious floating in a family pool in Bluffton, the police department there is reporting. The child’s

mother, Amanda, called 911 and began performing CPR until paramedics arrived.

Gavin was transported to Coastal Carolina Hospital in Hardeville, S.C., where he was pronounced dead, the police department stated in a press release.

The boy knew how



QUANCE

to swim and was alone in the pool at the time, Bluffton police Maj. Joseph Manning told the Island Packet newspaper in Hilton

Head. The youngster played baseball for the Mount Dora Babe Ruth league, where his father, Jim, was a coach. Gavin reportedly attended

Round Lake Elementary School in Mount Dora and had a younger brother.

An online fundraiser Tuesday on gofundme.com, with a goal of generating \$20,000, had collected \$15,375 to date.

A prayer vigil was held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at St. Edwards Episcopal Church.

Reporter’s reminder to TSA: DC is part of US

Associated Press

ORLANDO — Security workers at Orlando International Airport are being shown the District of Columbia driver’s license after one agent’s apparent confusion over its validity.

Cox Media Group television reporter Justin Gray was heading back to his Washington

home Saturday when he says a Transportation Security Administration agent didn’t recognize his license and asked for a passport, which Gray wasn’t carrying. The reporter says that after further back-and-forth, he realized the agent was not aware what the District of Columbia was.

Gray eventually made it through security and voiced his complaints to a supervisor and then the rest of the world via Twitter. He says Washington is “a bizarre place” but a passport isn’t needed.

WFTV reports that all Orlando TSA agents are being shown copies of the D.C. driver’s license.

FIELD

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smaller “starter plants” at the site.

Workman said the officers wanted to get more evidence on Wilson before arresting him.

“The officers wanted to actually witness him cultivating and taking care of the grow site,” said Workman. “They weren’t fearful of him not coming back as he had a substantial investment in the site.”

The following morning, July 10, Workman said Wilson returned to the site on his bicycle to tend and cultivate the plants at which time Sweet and Straub confronted him.

The officers seized 39 marijuana plants from the site and arrested Wilson on charges of cultivation and damage to public property. Wilson, of Webster, remained in the Sumter County Jail Wednesday in lieu of \$5,500 bail.

FRAUD

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and fund living expenses for his family. That lifestyle included three pricey cars registered to one of

his companies, including a \$430,000 Lamborghini Murcielago and a \$207,000 Audi R8, federal investigators said.

Benevides also was ordered to forfeit \$40 million in cash and the cars.

DOCTOR

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it was reported he was last seen wearing white swim trunks, a dry-fit shirt and sandals. His vehicle was found nearby, the sheriff’s office reports.

Fort Island Gulf Beach in Crystal River is popular for swimming and pier fishing. There is also a boat ramp and dock there.

Marine units, a dive team and an aviation unit took part in the search.

Ginestra, 48, did most of his plastic surgery procedures at the Mesos Cosmetic Surgery Center and Laser Center at 757 County Road 466. He also had an office at 255 Citrus Tower Blvd., Suite 207, in Clermont.

He received his medical degree in 1992 from the University of Illinois and was initially licensed by the State of Florida in 2011.

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Dems see gains with women in birth control loss

DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats suffered what looked like a difficult setback on birth control Wednesday, but they hope it pays big political dividends in November.

Republicans blocked a bill that was designed to override a Supreme Court ruling and ensure access to contraception for women who get their health insurance from companies with religious objections. The vote was 56-43 to move ahead on the legislation — dubbed the “Not My Boss’ Business Act” by proponents — four short of the 60 necessary to proceed.

But Democrats hope the issue has enough life to energize female voters in the fall, when

Republicans are threatening to take control of the Senate.

GOP senators said Wednesday’s vote was simply a stunt, political messaging designed to boost vulnerable Democratic incumbents. The GOP needs to gain six seats to seize control.

“Democrats are just trying to win an election,” Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., said bluntly.

But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the Republicans were the ones “out of touch with reality.” He promised that Democrats would continue to press the issue.

Women have proven crucial in electing President Barack Obama and members of his party. And Democrats



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE / AP

Women activists representing the National Women’s Law Center, left, and Planned Parenthood, right, stand outside the Senate chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday.

desperately need a strong turnout as they defend 21 Senate seats to the GOP’s 15, many in Republican-leaning states where Obama’s abysmal approval ratings are a likely drag.

Last month, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that requiring closely held companies to pay for various forms of women’s contraception to which they object violates the corporations’

religious freedom. The decision marked the first time the high court had declared that businesses can hold religious views under federal law.

“Five men on the

Supreme Court rolled back the clock on women in America,” said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

A Senate veteran — the four-term Murray — and an incumbent locked in a tight race — Colorado’s Mark Udall — joined forces in pushing the legislation that would have reversed the court’s decision by providing access to contraception through insurance plans at businesses that object on religious grounds.

Republicans asserted that the government must accommodate the deeply held religious beliefs of Americans, including the owners of Hobby Lobby, the Oklahoma-based chain of arts and craft stores that challenged the contraceptives provision in the law.

Bogus cash pays for roads

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If there’s anything that can unite Democrats and Republicans in the partisan swamp of Capitol Hill, it’s free money.

The latest example of free money in Washington is a retread proposal called “pension smoothing” that raises money but doesn’t increase anyone’s taxes. To some people’s way of thinking, that’s a win-win situation. But others say lose-lose is more like it, arguing that it’s budget fakery at its worst and that it could undermine pension security for millions of workers.

Lawmakers reprised the pension provision Tuesday to help find money for a government fund that finances highway construction projects, with both Democrats and Republicans getting into the act. The highway bill passed by a sweeping 367-55 vote.

Here’s how it works: The pension measure



AP FILE PHOTO

Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., attends a hearing on Capitol Hill.

would allow companies to reduce the amount that they contribute to their pension funds now and make up for it later. Since pension contributions are tax deductible, companies would owe more tax revenue in the next few years as more of their earnings are taxed. But in the later years, they would be able to claim higher deductions from larger contributions to their pension funds.

Over time, the pension measure doesn’t raise revenue. But over the next 10 years — the time frame used to estimate

the cost of legislation — it does.

This has budget experts crying foul. Just as using the pension changes as a painless budget “offset” is backed by both liberals and conservatives, think tanks from the left, right and political middle all oppose it as a gimmick. And they warn it could cost taxpayers in the long run because taxpayers could be on the hook if an insured pension plan can’t meet its obligations and has to turn to the government’s Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. for help.

US, Europe escalate Russian economic sanctions

JULIE PACE
and **JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Struggling to defuse the persistent crisis in Ukraine, both the U.S. and European Union imposed new economic sanctions on Russia Wednesday, with President Barack Obama declaring that Russian leaders must see that their actions supporting rebels “have consequences.”

Though the American and European sanctions were coordinated, they nonetheless exposed fissures in what the West has tried to project as a united front in its monthslong effort to isolate Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Putin, sounding unperturbed, said the U.S. was only hurting itself.

The penalties announced by the White House were broad in scope, targeting two major Russian energy firms, a pair of powerful financial institutions, eight arms firms and four individuals. Leaders in Europe, which has a far deeper economic relationship with Russia than the U.S., were more restrained, ordering investment and development banks on the continent to suspend



CHARLES DHARAPAK / AP

President Barack Obama speaks at the White House.

financing agreements with Moscow.

In a decision that could affect Russian oligarchs or members of the Kremlin inner circle, the EU leaders also asked their foreign ministers to consider targeting people or companies involved in the unrest in Ukraine.

Even the U.S. penalties stopped short of the most stringent actions the West has threatened, which would entail fully cutting off key sectors of Russia’s economy. But officials said those steps were still on the table if Russia fails to abide by the West’s demands to stop support for pro-Russian insurgents who have destabilized swaths of eastern Ukraine.

“What we are expecting is that the Russian leadership will see once again that its actions in Ukraine have

consequences, including a weakening Russian economy and increasing diplomatic isolation,” Obama said as he announced the U.S. penalties from the White House.

Publicly undismayed, Putin said the new sanctions run counter to U.S. national interests because they put American companies that want to operate in Russia at a competitive disadvantage.

At a news conference in Brazil, Putin said “They are undermining the positions of their energy companies.” He said, “They made one mistake, and now they insist on making another one.”

Until now, the U.S. and Europe have limited their sanctions on Europe to travel bans and asset freezes aimed at individuals and entities, including some with close ties to Putin.

Judge rules California’s death penalty unconstitutional

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge ruled California’s death penalty unconstitutional Wednesday, writing that lengthy and unpredictable delays have resulted in an arbitrary and unfair capital punishment system.

The decision by U.S. District Judge Cormac J. Carney represents a legal victory for those who want to abolish the death penalty in California and follows a similar ruling that has suspended executions in the state for eight years.

Carney, in a case brought by a death row inmate against the warden of San Quentin state prison, called the death penalty an empty promise that violates the Eighth Amendment’s protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

“Inordinate and unpredictable delay

has resulted in a death penalty system in which very few of the hundreds of individuals sentenced to death have been, or even will be, executed by the State,” wrote Carney, a George W. Bush appointee.

He noted that death penalty appeals can last decades and, as a result, most condemned inmates are likely to die of natural causes before their executions are carried out.

Carney also wrote that since the current death penalty system was adopted by California voters 35 years ago, more than 900 people have been sentenced to death, but only 13 have been executed.

“As for the random few for whom execution does become a reality, they will have languished for so long on Death Row that their execution will serve no retributive or deterrent purpose and will be arbitrary,” the judge stated.

Gil Garcetti, a former Los Angeles County district attorney who has become an anti-death-penalty activist, called the ruling “truly historic.”

“It further proves that the death penalty is broken beyond repair,” he said, calling for capital punishment to be replaced with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Carney’s ruling came in a legal petition brought by Ernest DeWayne Jones, sentenced to die in 1994 after being convicted of murdering and raping his girlfriend’s mother.

Jones remains on death row “with complete uncertainty as to when, or even whether,” his execution will come, the judge wrote, adding, “Mr. Jones is not alone.”

Carney’s ruling could be appealed by the governor or state attorney general, who both oppose the death penalty. For now, Jones will likely remain on death row.

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Nowhere to go for Gaza civilians told to evacuate

KARIN LAUB and IBRAHIM BARZAK
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The text message was as urgent as it was unwelcome: The Israeli army advised Mouin Ghaffir to leave his home quickly or risk being killed in airstrikes against Hamas rocket squads.

He swiftly sent his wife and 11 children to a dirty U.N. emergency shelter, with more than 40 people crammed in each classroom, but had to endure a night under bombardment at home after failing to find a safe place for his ailing 75-year-old mother.

Such is the life-and-death predicament of tens of thousands of Gazans being told by Israel to flee targeted areas, most with nowhere to go. U.N. shelters lack the space, and relatives, with their own overcrowded homes, often cannot help.

Israel says urging residents to evacuate — with warnings delivered through automated calls, text messages and leaflets dropped from planes — is part of the military's attempt to spare civilians whenever possible.

It holds Hamas responsible for the ordeal of Gaza's 1.7 million people, saying Hamas fighters fire rockets toward Israel from residential areas, effectively using civilians as human shields.

However, rights groups say simply sending warnings does not absolve Israel of responsibility and that those being urged to evacuate need somewhere to go.

In Ghaffir's case, there was no way he could move his



LEFTERIS PITRAKIS / AP

A woman cries as Palestinians flee their homes in the Shajaiyeh neighborhood of Gaza City, after Israel had airdropped leaflets warning people to leave the area on Wednesday.

mother, Fawziyeh, after receiving the army's text message late Tuesday. The elderly woman, afflicted by diabetes, high blood pressure and incontinence, needs constant care, he said. Conditions were chaotic in the U.N. girls' school in a safer area where his wife Mona and their 11 children immediately sought refuge. But it was no place for his mother.

Instead, he moved her into the living room of the family's home in the Shijaiyah neighborhood in eastern Gaza City, one of three areas Israel said it would target. Mother and son kept low to the ground, away from the windows.

"I didn't sleep the entire night from the sound of the bombings," said 48-year-old Ghaffir. "The walls were shaking and

there was a crack in the wall." He said the blasts shattered several windows in the house.

On Wednesday morning, Ghaffir moved his mother to his sister Leila's apartment in an area deemed somewhat safer. But Leila, 65, had no room for the rest of his family, he said, noting that she lives in a one-bedroom apartment with her husband and four other family members.

After getting his mother out of Shijaiyah, where airstrikes continued Wednesday, Ghaffir joined his wife and children at the U.N. school. The classroom where his family slept the night before on a bare floor was filled with noisy children, but Ghaffir said he preferred the crowded conditions to being at home.

"Here, we are surrounded by people," he said. "We get the feeling we are all together."

Ghaffir's story highlights the hard choices Gazans face in this war.

The Israeli army did not say how many homes it sent the warnings to, but the three areas — the town of Beit Lahiya and the sprawling Gaza City neighborhoods of Zeitoun and Shijaiyah — have a combined population of well over 300,000 people.

That's far more than can be accommodated in U.N. schools, which cannot shelter more than 35,000. Currently, some 21,000 Gazans are crammed into 24 U.N. schools, said Sami Mshasha, a spokesman for the U.N. aid agency.

Moving in with relatives is not an option for most. While familial bonds tend to be strong in Gaza's traditional society, families are large and — with a severe housing shortage — homes are crowded.

Danger lurks not only in the areas the Israeli military says it will hit. Since the start of cross-border fighting on July 8, Israel has carried out close to 1,900 airstrikes across Gaza. Israel says it is targeting Hamas installations to try to halt Hamas rocket fire on Israel, but more than half of the over 200 Palestinians killed so far have been civilians, according to U.N. figures.

Sarit Michaeli of the Israeli human rights group B'Tselem said more is required under international humanitarian law. The army also needs to make sure the civilian population can act on the warnings, she said.

At the same time, those firing rockets "show utter disregard for the lives of Israeli civilians, but also the lives of Palestinians in the neighborhoods they are firing from," she said.

Yet residents in the targeted areas seem unwilling to blame Hamas.

Hassanain, a long-time supporter of Hamas' political rival Fatah, said he cheers on the rocket squads.

"For me, it's personal," he said. "Every rocket avenges the daily terror that my family has been living through since 2000 when they (Israeli troops) started using tanks for shelling."

"Rockets now are our last symbol of dignity."

United defends bird kill

Associated Press

DALLAS — United Airlines is defending the poisoning of birds at Houston's biggest airport, saying it was for safety reasons.

But the airline said Wednesday that it didn't tell its contractor how to control the bird population, and will ask that other methods be considered next time.

The contractor laid out corn kernels laced with a bird-killing nerve agent at Bush Intercon-

tinental Airport. People who work around the airport reported seeing grackles and pigeons fall to the ground. Bait manufacturer Avitrol Corp. says a lethal dosage usually causes death within an hour.

Airports commonly take steps to shoo away birds, which can be sucked into jet engines. In 2009, a US Airways pilot leaving New York's LaGuardia Airport safely ditched his plane into the Hudson River after hitting a flock.

Liberals assessing 2016 race

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren told a group of young Democrats Wednesday that the political system was "rigged" by powerful lobbyists and the wealthy and made an impassioned case for reducing burdensome student loans. Vice President Joe Biden said he had been on the front lines of debates over income inequality, climate change and gay marriage.

"I've been at the center of most progressive battles for a long, long time," Biden said, in a lengthy speech to Generation Progress. He heard shouts of "We love Joe," as he exited the stage.

Hillary Rodham Clinton remains the dominant figure in Democrats' early 2016 discussions but she is beginning to get elbowed by liberals in her party as she considers a second run for the presidency. Potential



FRANK FRANKLIN II / AP

Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton reacts to host Jon Stewart during a taping of "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," in New York.

2016 rivals like Biden, Warren and Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley are in the middle of a summertime tour of Democratic constituencies, frequently appealing to liberal activists who want a more populist approach to the economy and question the deporting of an influx of immigrant children from Central America.

Clinton dominates

doesn't run.

"Ongoing current events give her potential opponents an opportunity to position themselves in contrast to her," said Democratic strategist Tom McMahon.

Biden, who will address the liberal Network Nation conference in Detroit later this week along with Warren, noted his role as a leading advocate for President Barack Obama's agenda in a wide-ranging speech that touched upon issues like domestic violence, voting rights and the problems of corrosive politics.

Biden said he's often referred to as "middle class Joe," telling the students that the economic bargain of years past had been broken and needed to be restored.

"Folks in the middle, they need to be cut into the deal, not cut out," Biden said. "The folks at the bottom need to know that they have the chance to climb the ladder."

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Volunteers take an oath of allegiance to Ukraine before being sent to the eastern part of county to join the ranks of special battalion "Azov" in Kiev, Ukraine on Wednesday.

Urban warfare feared in Ukraine fighting

PETER LEONARD
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Insurgents bade tearful farewells Wednesday as they loaded their families onto Russia-bound buses and began hunkering down for what could be the next phase in Ukraine's conflict: bloody urban warfare.

While the pro-Russian rebels in the east have lost much ground in recent weeks and were driven from their stronghold of Sloviansk, many have regrouped in Donetsk, an industrial city that had a population of 1 million before tens of thousands by some estimates fled in recent weeks for fear of a government siege. The rebels also hold the city of Luhansk.

Despite the government's desire to minimize civilian casualties, Ukraine's forces could find themselves dragged into grueling warfare inside the cities in their

battle to hold the country together.

"To respond to this phase ... we evidently must change tactics," said Valeriy Chaly, deputy head of the presidential administration. He refrained from specifying how.

Insurgents in Donetsk appeared be bracing for a bitter fight as they shipped their relatives out of the city.

One fighter, who declined to give his name, told The Associated Press that not having his wife and young daughter with him would free him to concentrate on the battles ahead.

"It is easier for us this way. It is easier to fight. Your soul is not ripped into two, because when they're here, you think about war and about your family — if they are OK or not," he said. "When you know that they are safe, it is easier to go to fight."

In other developments:

■ The U.S. imposed new sanctions on Russia's lucrative energy and defense sectors, as well as certain banks. The penalties significantly expand on previous American sanctions, which were limited to Russian individuals and companies.

■ The 28-nation European Union leaders was expected to decide Wednesday night whether to toughen its own punitive measures against Russia, which is accused of fomenting the unrest in Ukraine by supplying the separatists with fighters and heavy weapons. Moscow denies the allegation. "We need to send a very clear message with clear actions," British Prime Minister David Cameron said.

■ The Pentagon said Russia is building up its forces along the Ukraine border again, with 12,000 troops massed there, reflecting a steady increase in recent weeks.

Typhoon kills 20 in Philippines but Manila largely spared

JIM GOMEZ and OLIVER TEVES
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A typhoon blew out of the northern Philippines on Wednesday after causing at least 20 deaths, knocking out power in entire provinces, damaging two parked jetliners and forcing nearly half a million people to flee from its lethal wind and rains, officials said.

The eye of Typhoon Rammasun made a late shift away from Manila, but its peak winds of 93 miles per hour and gusts up to 115 mph forced down trees and electric posts and ripped off roofs across the capital of 12 million people that largely shut down ahead of the deluge.



AARON FAVILA / AP

Residents wade through floods in Quezon city, north of Manila, Philippines on Wednesday.

Although Rammasun packed far less power than Typhoon Haiyan, haunting memories of last year's horrific storm devastation prompted many villagers to rapidly move to safety at the prodding of authorities. Of the half a million people affected by

Rammasun, more than 423,000 fled to emergency shelters, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council.

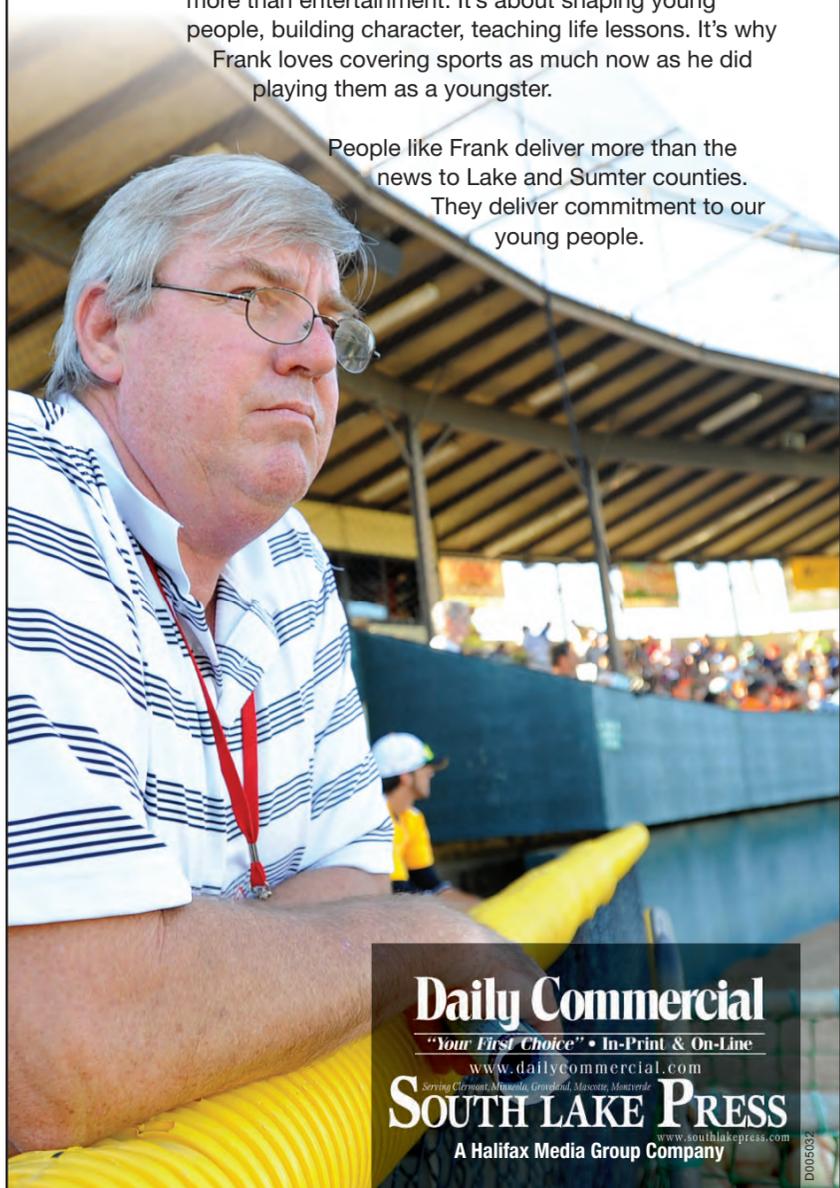
Officials reported at least 20 deaths, mostly people pinned by falling trees and electrical posts.

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Syria's Assad declares victory as he starts third term as president

ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT — In a lavish ceremony, a smiling and confident President Bashar Assad was sworn in for a third seven-year term on Wednesday, praising his supporters for "defeating the dirty war" and denouncing insurgents who have "failed in trying to brainwash you or break your will."

As he declared victory, the Western-backed push to topple him or reach a political deal seem increasingly elusive. And while new conflicts in the region have grabbed attention, Syria's 3-year-old civil war is grinding on without reprieve, with 170,000 dead and a third of the country displaced.

While combat continues along all major front line towns and cities across the country — opposition ac-

tivists say more than 400 people have been killed in the past three days alone — much of the fighting has now shifted.

Rebels once focused on Assad's forces are now simultaneously fighting increasingly belligerent jihadis seeking to expand a cross-border fiefdom they carved out with neighboring Iraq.

The stunning takeover by militants of the Islamic State group of large areas of northern and eastern Syria and parts of neighboring Iraq has created a new adversary for the West — one that threatens their national security far more than Assad ever did.

No longer the focus of attention, Assad's forces continue to steadily advance against rebels in key areas, most recently in Aleppo, Syria's largest city and a much coveted prize for both sides of the conflict.

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Dow hits new record as earnings soar

ALEX VEIGA
Associated Press

Major stock indexes rebounded Wednesday, finishing higher for the third time in four days and lifting the Dow Jones industrial average to its second record close this month.

Investors had lots of news to consider, including encouraging corporate earnings from Intel, a higher profit forecast from hospital operator HCA Holdings and a pickup in homebuilders' confidence about the housing market.

Trading action appeared to get the biggest jolt from the latest batch of corporate deal news.

Investors drove up shares in Time Warner 17 percent on news that Twenty-First Century Fox made a takeover bid for the media giant.

Other deals involving Apple and IBM as well as slot machine maker International Game Technology also helped lift the market.

"It's a continuation of what we've really been seeing this year, and it's almost a record amount

of (mergers and acquisitions) going on," said David Chalupnik, head of equities at Nuveen Asset Management.

"We've seen some pretty good earnings reports across different sectors," said Dave Roda, with Wells Fargo Private Bank.

CURRENCIES

Dollar vs.	Exchange Rate	Pvs Day
Yen	101.71	101.71
Euro	\$1.3523	\$1.3568
Pound	\$1.7135	\$1.7146
Swiss franc	0.8987	0.8959
Canadian dollar	1.0746	1.0760
Mexican peso	12.9209	12.9574

KRYSTAL COMING ALONG



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Workers build the 1,702-square-foot Krystal store at 815 N. 14th Street in Leesburg on Tuesday.

LEESBURG

Sandwich shop, smoothie store open at Lake Square Mall

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Two new restaurants have recently opened at the Lake Square Mall.

Patsy's Steaks-N-Hoagies opened on July 1, owner Michael Johnston said.

"I've taken a Philadelphia sandwich shop and opened it in Florida," he said.

It replaced Burgers, Fries & Dogs after its lease ran out, Mall General Manager Jennifer Glidewell said of the 630-square-foot location.

Johnston, who grew up in Philadelphia and has previous experience owning bars and a sub shop in Florida, said he gets his rolls flash frozen and shipped from Amoroso's Baking Company in Philadelphia. He also uses real rib eye steak.

"If you go up and get a cheesesteak in Philly, it's on an Amoroso roll," Johnston said.

Patsy's, which is named after Johnston's mother, has three employees and also serves Nathan's hot dogs, burgers and other items, Johnston said.

They are open during mall hours and will start delivering toward the end of September or early October, he added.

Stephanie Timmerman, a Umatilla resident who was at the mall with her family on Tuesday, had a steak sandwich from Patsy's. She said it was really good and noted the soft bread. She also said it was better than the previous shop's sandwich and

the meat is fresher.

Another new place to eat, Boba Galaxy, opened at the mall last Friday, according to Andy Truong, who owns the store with his wife, An Nguyen, who runs it.

Truong said Boba Galaxy serves smoothies that have bobs in them, which are chewy tapioca balls. They also offer popping pearls, which are balls that burst with liquid flavors.

He said they have a smoothie store with this concept in the West Oaks Mall in Ocoee, which they opened a year ago and has been successful.

They also sell cold subs and are looking to add one or two employees, Truong said.

Glidewell said she has had a mango smoothie with strawberry popping pearls in it from the new smoothie place.

"It's just a burst of intense flavor," she said. "And they're so good, so refreshing."

Boba Galaxy is in a 604-square-foot space near Books-A-Million, Glidewell said.

"We needed I think some type of food vendor down in that location. It's a long way to the food court from there," she said.

A Dunkin' Donuts and Cuba Pichy's Cuisine have also both recently opened at the mall, and Ichiban Buffet opened on a mall out-parcel this year.

"We have some great food establishments now here in the mall," Glidewell said.

Rejected Fox bid for Time Warner shows growth mood

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NEW YORK — In a move that aims to counter consolidation among TV distributors, Rupert Murdoch's Fox has made an unsolicited takeover offer for rival media giant Time Warner for about \$76 billion in cash and stock.

Time Warner rejected the bid, which amounted to about \$86.30 per share, but an analyst called it just a first attempt in a courtship that would make the combined company as large as Disney in market value.

The rejected cash-and-stock offer comes on the heels of cable giant Comcast Corp.'s proposed \$45 billion takeover of Time Warner Cable Inc., which was made in February. It also comes after AT&T Inc. announced in May it agreed to buy DirecTV for \$48.5 billion.

Both deals, if approved by regulators, would help shift the balance of power in content negotiations to distributors because of their larger subscriber bases, which could help contain rising programming costs for things like sports channels. After certain divestitures, Comcast could end up serving 30 million video customers, while AT&T would serve about 26 million.

A big merger among



AP FILE PHOTO

News Corporation CEO Rupert Murdoch speaks in Boston.

content owners would tilt the balance back toward the media companies.

"You can get more money negotiating together than you would separately," Janney analyst Tony Wible said. "It's a chain reaction. There will be more consolidation on the content side in response to consolidation from cable and satellite companies."

Time Warner Inc., which owns the Warner Bros. movie studio and TV channels such as TNT, TBS and HBO, said Wednesday that it had no interest in further discussions and that it could create more value on its own.

Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., which owns the 20th Century Fox movie studio, Fox broadcast network, and TV channels Fox News and FX, said it made the bid last month, but

said no discussions were currently ongoing.

In a video posted on its website, Time Warner CEO Jeff Bewkes said the company's own business plan was "superior to any proposal that Fox is in a position to offer." The company also expressed concerns that Fox offered only non-voting stock, something that wouldn't give its shareholders a voice in the merged company.

Still, Time Warner's stock jumped 17 percent to \$83.25 on the news Wednesday, and several analysts said that in an environment with cheap access to credit, Murdoch could easily push the bid above \$100 per share and still make the deal work.

"It's the opening salvo," Wible said. "It underappreciates the value of Time Warner."

Fed survey sees improved economy

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WASHINGTON — The economy kept expanding in all regions of the country in June and early July, helped by strength in consumer spending, a Federal Reserve survey released Wednesday indicates.

All 12 of the Fed's regions reported growth with five — New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Dallas and San Francisco — characterizing

growth as "moderate" while the others reported "modest" growth. Boston and Richmond reported that growth came in at a slightly slower pace than the previous reporting period.

The Fed's survey, known as the Beige Book, will be used by central bank officials when they next meet July 29-30 to review interest rate policies.

Analysts expect that the Fed will decide to keep its short-term interest rate at

a record low near zero and authorize another reduction in its bond purchases aimed at keeping long-term interest rates low.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, who spent two days delivering the Fed's policy report to Congress, emphasized that despite recent sizable gains in employment, the central bank is in no rush to withdraw the support it is providing to the economy.

Homebuilder confidence up as sales outlook improves

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Associated Press

U.S. homebuilders' confidence in the housing market surged this month to the highest level since January, reflecting a pickup in sales of new homes and heightened expectations for sales the second half of the year.

The brighter sales outlook

suggests home construction could pick up in coming months after a sluggish start this year.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index released Wednesday rose this month to 53, up four points from a revised reading of 49 in June.

Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good. The latest reading is the first above 50 since January, when it was 56.

Builders' view of current sales conditions for single-family homes, their outlook for sales over the next six months and traffic by

prospective buyers each increased since June.

New home sales jumped 18.6 percent in May to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 504,000, the highest level in six years. That followed a 3.7 percent increase in April. The gains came after declines in February and March.



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Cranes fill the skyline at the Brickell CityCentre construction site located in the center of the Brickell financial district in downtown Miami.

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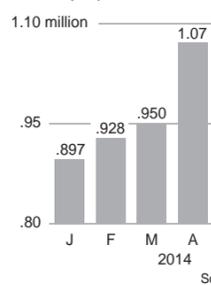
Residential construction

The Commerce Department reports data today on the number of homes that builders broke ground in June.

The pace of U.S. home construction slipped 6.5 percent in May from the previous month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.01 million homes. New home sales jumped 18.6 percent in May, and that gain may begin to show up in the construction figures for June.

Housing starts

seasonally adjusted annual rate



Struggling with mobile

Google's latest quarterly earnings should provide insight into the company's efforts to focus on the mobile market.

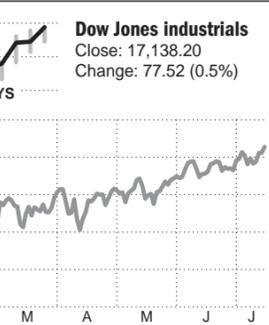
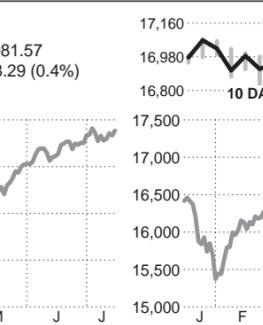
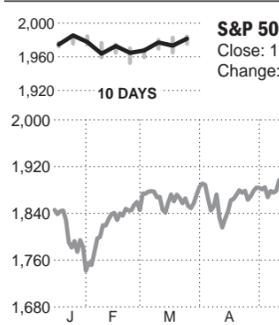
The Internet giant has been struggling to adjust its ad sales strategy as more people shift from desktop and laptop computers to using smartphones and tablets. The upheaval is lowering Google's ad rates, as marketers have been unwilling to pay as much for ads on smaller devices. Google reports second-quarter earnings today.



Playtime woes?

Wall Street anticipates Mattel's second-quarter earnings fell from a year ago.

The largest U.S. toy maker, due to report financial results today, is coming off an unexpected first-quarter loss due to weak sales of Barbie toys and increased markdowns on inventory left over from the holiday season. Mattel has been struggling with weakness in core brands like Barbie and Fisher-Price.



Stocks Recap

NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,257
Pvs. Volume	1,998
Advanced	1,711
Declined	1,376
New Highs	125
New Lows	22

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	17139.35	17061.91	17138.20	+77.52	+0.45%	+3.39%
DOW Trans.	8403.57	8355.61	8397.21	+52.13	+0.62%	+13.47%
DOW Util.	558.86	554.13	558.72	+2.77	+0.50%	+13.89%
NYSE Comp.	11024.32	10983.35	11017.87	+52.23	+0.48%	+5.94%
NASDAQ	4448.87	4419.71	4425.97	+9.58	+0.22%	+5.97%
S&P 500	1983.94	1975.67	1981.57	+8.29	+0.42%	+7.21%
S&P 400	1420.29	1410.69	1410.69	-1.68	-0.12%	+5.08%
Wilshire 5000	20979.19	20865.85	20934.20	+68.35	+0.33%	+6.23%
Wilshire 2000	1159.96	1148.18	1151.55	-2.26	-0.20%	-1.04%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	31.74	36.86	36.45	+2.1	+0.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.7	+7.1	11	1.84
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.91	136.12	131.82	-8.2	-0.6	▼	▼	▼	▼	+1.1	+5.4	21	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	71.47	96.24	94.47	+0.02	...	...	▼	▼	▼	+4.1	+22.5	19	1.04f
AutoNation Inc	AN	43.56	61.29	60.83	+0.4	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	+22.4	+31.0	20	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	27.76	35.13	30.53	+1.1	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	-2.7	-8.8	21	0.40
CocaCola Co	KO	36.83	42.49	42.12	+0.02	...	...	▲	▲	▲	+2.0	+5.5	23	1.22
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	41.06	55.28	55.05	+1.6	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.9	+26.2	20	0.90
Darden Rest A	DRI	43.63	54.89	43.89	-1.9	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	-19.3	-9.5	20	2.20
Disney	DIS	60.41	87.61	85.35	-8.0	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	+11.7	+32.0	22	0.86f
Gen Electric	GE	22.92	28.09	27.02	+1.5	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.6	+4.2	20	0.88
General Mills	GIS	46.70	55.64	53.08	+1.5	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.4	+6.4	19	1.64
Harris Corp	HRS	50.94	79.32	73.53	-3.7	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.3	+44.3	18	1.68
Home Depot	HD	72.21	83.20	79.66	-2.0	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	-3.3	+1.5	20	1.88
IBM	IBM	172.19	200.94	192.36	+3.87	+2.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	+2.6	-0.8	13	4.40
Lowes Cos	LOW	43.38	52.08	47.66	+1.5	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	-3.8	+10.2	21	0.92f
NY Times	NYT	10.91	17.37	14.22	+0.6	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	-10.4	+13.2	36	1.0
NextEra Energy	NEE	78.81	102.51	98.72	+4.0	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	+15.3	+18.3	21	2.90
PepsiCo	PEP	77.01	91.39	90.50	+1.6	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.1	+9.4	21	2.62f
SunTrust Bks	STI	31.59	41.26	40.36	-3.6	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	+4.9	+20.9	14	0.80f
TECO Energy	TE	16.12	18.53	18.08	+2.0	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.6	+5.4	19	0.88
WalMart Strs	WMT	71.51	81.37	76.86	+0.2	...	...	▲	▲	▲	-2.3	+2.2	16	1.92
Xerox Corp	XRX	9.55	13.01	12.85	+2.2	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.6	+30.8	14	0.25

New York Stock Exchange

Name	Div	Last	Chg	BioAmber	11.80	-2.41	CredSwiss	7.9e	29.21	+3.0	FBHmSec	48	37.56	+1.2	
AAR	.30	28.02	+2.38	BlackRock	7.72	93.25	+1.43	CrestwoodEq	5.5	14.85	+2.5	FranklinB	48	57.71	+2.5
ABB Ltd	78e	22.94	+1.7	BlackRock	7.72	93.25	+1.43	CrownHold	1.40	74.88	+5.3	FranklinF	30	22.97	-1.4
ACE Ltd	2.54e	104.66	-4.5	BlackRock	7.72	93.25	+1.43	CubeSmart	5.2	18.51	+1.5	FruitMCM	1.25	38.83	+5.4
ADCO Corp	80	33.62	+0.4	BkltInt&G	8.7	11.01	-0.1	CullenFR	2.04	78.87	-1.45	Freeseale	...	23.81	-5.6
AES Corp	20	15.25	+0.1	BkltInt&G	8.7	11.01	-0.1	DST Sys	1.20	24.72	+1.5	Frontline	...	25.7	-0.6
AFLAC	1.48	63.11	+2.7	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DSW Inc S	7.5	26.75	-5.4	Gap	88	32.01	+1.9
AGCO	44	53.69	+3.9	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DanaHldg	20	23.23	-2.1	Gartner	70	70.85	+1.5
AK Steel	...	8.46	+2.6	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DanJ	GenCorp	48	27.69	+4.1
AOL	...	38.57	-2.10	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GasLog	...	8.06	+2.0
Aerona	0.8	29.71	-6.3	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	Genac	...	43.78	+3.5
AbbotLab	88	41.05	-1.2	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenC	72	24.33	+0.8
Abiomed	1.68	53.65	+2.1	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenD	248	117.51	...
Abercrombie	80	40.22	-8.2	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	60	24.12	+0.4
Abt	42	6.25	+0.1	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	120	37.48	+1.0
AccuStar	1.86e	79.74	+3.8	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	18.10	+0.5	
AccessMid	2.30f	63.89	+3.4	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	2.30	86.76	+1.8
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Agrium	3.00	90.54	+5.4	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	33.1	-0.1	
AirLease	1.2	37.53	+0.8	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	41.10	+1.2	
AirProd	3.08	129.80	+2.0	Blackstone	1.39e	33.97	+1.5	DeereUS	GenP	8.67	-0.9	
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When friends spy on each other

Commenting on the execution of a French nobleman by Napoleon, the French diplomat Talleyrand supposedly observed: "It was worse than a crime — it was a blunder." That consummate expression of realpolitik certainly applies to the alleged U.S. espionage operation in Germany that has strained relations between the two countries.

Following the arrest of a German intelligence officer who told his superiors that he had been recruited to spy for the Central Intelligence Agency, the government of Chancellor Angela Merkel announced last week that "the representative of the U.S. intelligence services at the U.S. Embassy has been asked to leave Germany." (The German government reportedly is investigating whether a second official had been spying for the U.S. as well.)

The expulsion of the CIA's station chief in Berlin is an embarrassing reproach to the United States, which considers itself one of Germany's closest allies, and reflects long-standing resentment of hyperactive intelligence collection by the U.S. The move comes eight months after Merkel complained to President Barack Obama about reports that the U.S. had long listened in on her cellphone conversations.

The recruiting of the German official apparently took place before the uproar over electronic eavesdropping on Merkel and other European leaders revealed by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. But it would have been reckless of the CIA at any point in recent history to try to "turn" an official of a friendly government whose support is vital in several initiatives of importance to the U.S., from talks with Iran about its nuclear program to negotiations with Russia on Ukraine.

Most governments, including the United States', engage in espionage against even friendly nations. But, even if it can be justified in the abstract, spying on a close ally is as likely to undermine as to enhance the security of the U.S.

The case against spying on Germany is especially compelling. Though Merkel is reliably pro-American, other members of her coalition government are more critical of U.S. policy, as is much of German public opinion. The CIA particularly is held in ill repute because of its role in the rendition and torture of suspected terrorists during the George W. Bush administration. Even before the latest revelations, Merkel was under pressure to distance herself from the United States. That pressure won't relent just because she has sent the CIA station chief packing.

Merkel said last week that Germany and the U.S. shouldn't "waste energy" spying on each other. Obama should make sure that the CIA and other intelligence agencies understand and act on that message.

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OTHER VOICES

Let us agree to disagree like sane people

Have you ever wondered what makes other people hold the ridiculous political opinions they do?

Is it just a matter of them being grumpy and old and therefore mad because the world has changed? There does seem to be a lot of that going around.

Or are they really mad in the other sense? Have people who disagree with us taken leave of their senses and become stark raving bonkers, which I believe is the standard psychological classification?

It is very satisfying to think so. For one thing, it relieves us, the self-identified sane people, of the obligation to engage further and seriously debate conflicting ideas. You are crazy, I am sane, so take my insult and just go away.

There's a lot of that going around, too. You should see my email inbox some weeks.

No wonder the nation is in such a ridiculous state, when people on each side think those who disagree with them are psychologically disturbed. Worse yet, this view has been encouraged from on high in the culture.

How many times are we told that "liberalism is a mental disorder"? The ones who email me this clearly think they are being so darned witty. Of course, they would never have come up with this, if talk show host Michael Savage hadn't written a book with the same name as his contribution to the debasement of humanity.

Likewise, Ann Coulter, who has made a career of trying to be caustically cute, also believes liberalism is "an aspect of mental illness" and claims to have said this first. Well, that's something to be proud of.

But psychological name-calling is apparently a crowded field. There's also a book titled "The Liberal Mind: The Psychological Causes of Political Madness," by Lyle H. Rossiter Jr., M.D. The good doctor may not be as well-known as the others, but the description



Reg Henry

MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Maybe we are not quite the masters of our own political souls as we like to think. Maybe we didn't come to our beliefs by studying the political party platforms, but through old-fashioned self-interest, family influence or tradition or some deep emotional or psychological need we barely recognize.

of his book on Amazon's website is a classic, a risible tour de force:

"The Liberal Mind is the first in-depth examination of the major political madness of our time: The radical left's efforts to regulate the people from cradle to grave. To rescue us from our troubled lives, the liberal agenda recommends denial of personal responsibility, encourages self-pity and other-pity, fosters government dependency, promotes sexual indulgence, rationalizes violence, excuses financial obligation, justifies theft, ignores rudeness, prescribes complaining," etc., and on into the night.

Gosh, at least we liberals are kind to our pets. As a liberal living an untroubled life who strongly believes in personal responsibility and who can't ignore gross rudeness, I can say that I personally know no liberal whose beliefs fit the description above. When it comes to psychological disturbance, I can only kindly suggest: Physician, heal thyself.

My favorite conservative slur (irony alert) is one I blush to write, although it has taken its slimy place in common parlance — "libtard." Of unknown authorship, it is the daily-double winner

in the offensiveness sweepstakes. It takes the word liberal and combines it with retard. How clever! How amusing! How totally bereft of human decency a person must be to be so amused.

But it is true liberals also have waded into the same murky waters in their attempts to paint conservatism as a mental disorder. They just haven't been as successful despite a seemingly plentiful supply of material to work with — the conservatives' irresistible impulse to shut down the government periodically, an obsessive belief that America would be better off if fewer people had medical insurance, an unfounded dread of Sharia law taking over what is seen as a Christian country.

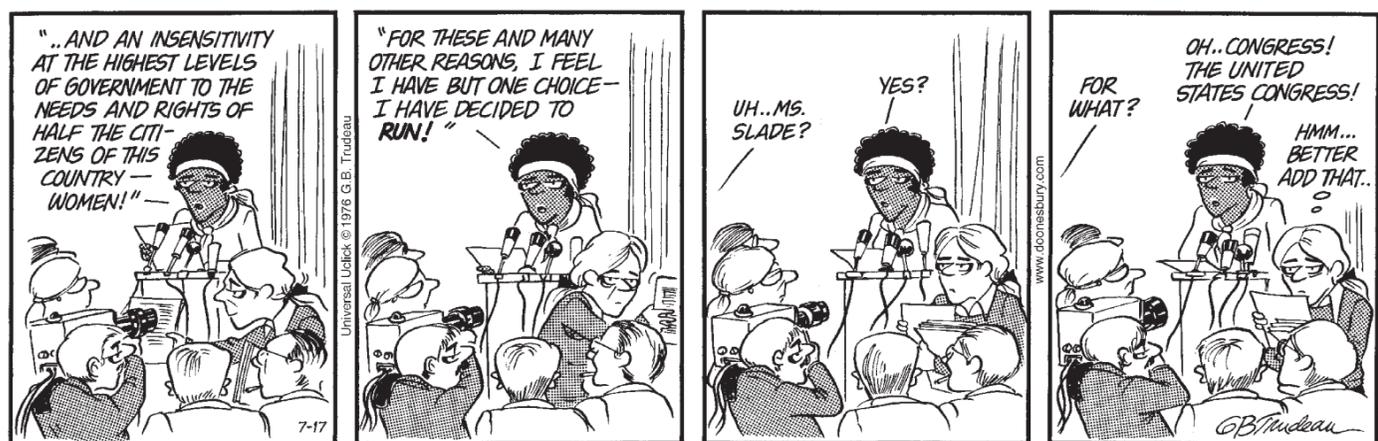
Actually, recent scientific studies have suggested a genetic explanation for political preference, so maybe Savage and his ilk are vaguely onto something, although if liberalism is a mental disorder, then conservatism is logically one too.

Maybe we are not quite the masters of our own political souls as we like to think. Maybe we didn't come to our beliefs by studying the political party platforms, but through old-fashioned self-interest, family influence or tradition or some deep emotional or psychological need we barely recognize. A recent *New York Times* story suggested that your birth year may influence your political views. Happy birthday to you, or not.

Call me mentally ill, but it seems to me the nation urgently needs to find ways to disagree without being disagreeable. If you don't call me stark raving, I won't call you bonkers — unless you contact me personally to say otherwise, in which case I am happy to take your word for it.

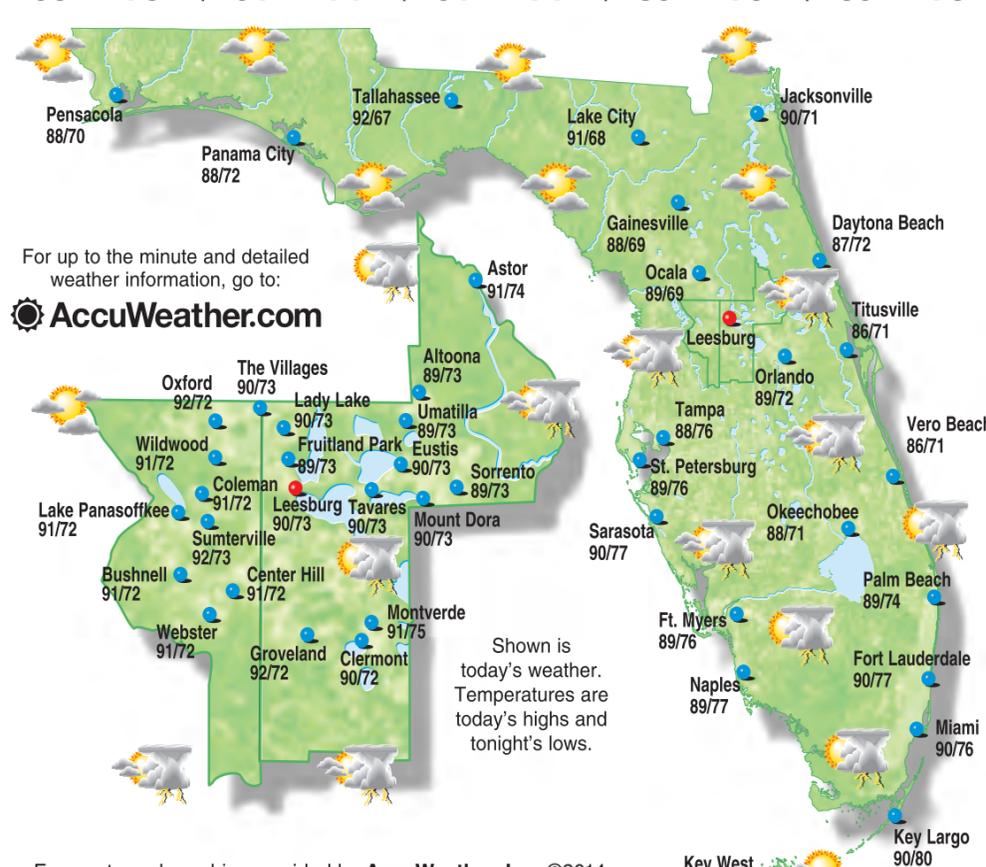
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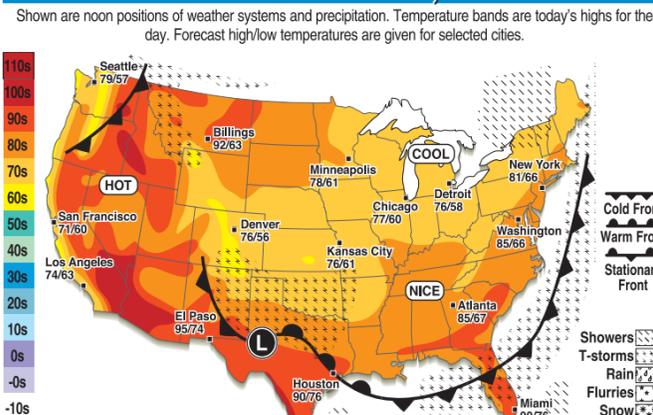


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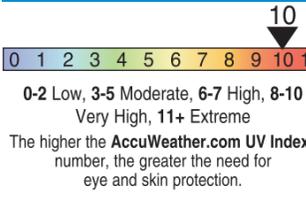


NATIONAL WEATHER FOR JULY 17, 2014



Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 102° in Needles, CA Low 36° in Tomahawk, WI

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SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today 4:54 a.m.	11:07 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	11:33 p.m.
Fri. 5:49 a.m.	12:02 p.m.	6:14 p.m.	---

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Friday
Sunrise	6:40 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset	8:27 p.m.	8:26 p.m.
Moonrise	none	12:21 a.m.
Moonset	12:19 p.m.	1:19 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 18	July 26	Aug 3	Aug 10

TIDES

Day	High Feet	Low Feet	Day	High Feet	Low Feet
Today	9:28 am1.3	4:47 am0.1	Fri.	10:12 am1.3	5:29 am0.2
	9:39 pm1.2	5:20 pm0.2		10:48 pm1.1	6:23 pm0.2

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City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Friday Hi Lo W
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Albuquerque	92 64 t	93 67 t	Chicago	77 60 pc	79 60 pc	Greensboro, NC	85 65 pc	84 66 pc	Oklahoma City	72 62 r	77 60 pc
Anchorage	69 56 pc	67 57 pc	Cincinnati	76 57 s	81 62 pc	Hartford	83 58 pc	84 58 pc	Omaha	78 59 pc	78 65 s
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Charleston, WV	78 56 pc	84 63 pc	Flagstaff	81 52 pc	80 50 t	New Orleans	88 73 pc	88 75 t	San Antonio	94 77 t	93 78 t
Charlotte, NC	86 65 pc	86 67 pc	Grand Rapids	75 55 pc	79 59 s	New York City	81 66 pc	82 68 pc	San Diego	72 67 pc	72 68 pc

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LSU: Tigers keeping positive after NFL departures / **B4**



FRANK JOLLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

All-Star game big for Lucroy, Lake County

Jonathan Lucroy made history on Tuesday night in Minneapolis during Major League Baseball's annual All-Star game.

The former Umatilla High School standout became the first graduate from an area school to start — or play for that matter — in baseball's midsummer classic.

And to top it all off, Lucroy proved he deserved to be in the starting lineup by cranking out a pair of doubles with two RBIs. In other words, he was responsible for plating 67 percent of the National League's run production in a 5-3 loss.

But, even more than that, Lucroy proved to every youth baseball player in Lake and Sumter counties that they can reach the big stage. Now if Milwaukee — where Lucroy plays catcher — can reach the World Series, the message he'll be sending will be immense.

When I was younger, too many years ago to boast about, I remember spending my summers on the sandlots in west Orange County. A group of us would get together and spend the day playing and — more importantly — pretending to be Bob Gibson or Hank Aaron or Willie Mays or Nolan Ryan.

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LAURENT CIPRIANI / AP

Andrew Talansky of the U.S. strains as he rides alone 20 minutes behind the pack because of back pain during the 11th stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday.

US's Talansky shows tenacity in 11th stage at Tour de France

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

OYONNAX, France — Sitting on a roadside guard rail, wincing and rubbing his lower back, Andrew Talansky looked ready to quit the Tour de France in the middle of Stage 11. The Tour's Web site and French TV commentators said his race was over. So did some English-language Twitterati.

The "Pit Bull" proved them wrong.

SEE TALANSKY | **B3**



AP PHOTOS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Jordan Spieth, Patrick Reed, Hideki Matsuya and Ryo Ishikawa.

Youth movement

A new generation of players emerging at golf's oldest major

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

HOYLAKE, England — Even when he's not the favorite, Tiger Woods is still the show at the British Open.

Woods earned that attention by piling up majors at a faster rate than anyone in history, and the attention is just as great now because his recent past includes back surgery and his immediate future is more uncertain than ever.

ESPN plans to show his entire round online Thursday.

Not to be overlooked at golf's oldest championship, however, is a new generation of stars.

Rickie Fowler and Harris English will be playing ahead of him. Two groups behind will be Jordan Spieth and Hideki Matsuyama.

They are among 25 players who share a bond that speaks to the state of golf. Woods has never won a major

YOUTH IS SERVED

PLAYER	COUNTRY	AGE
Ryo Ishikawa	Japan	23
Hideki Matsuya	Japan	22
Patrick Reed	USA	23
Jordan Spieth	USA	20

during their professional careers.

Yes, they saw his dominance on TV. They just never experienced it.

They were not around for the decade when Woods won majors with regularity, sometimes by a record score, sometimes by a record margin.

They missed the days that were so Tiger-centric a player couldn't get through an interview without being asked something about Woods.

"Tiger ruined a lot of guys' lives," Charles Howell III, a longtime friend of Woods who lived through those times,

said earlier in the year. "He caused a lot of people some sleepless Sunday nights. But he also motivated an entire generation behind him."

Howell's point was that while the next generation might have been in awe of Woods, being outside the arena allowed them to study him without getting scarred.

They learned from the way he worked. They were more prepared than the generation before them.

The talk at this British Open is that it is more open than ever.

But then, that's been the case since Woods won his last major six years ago.

Since that 2008 U.S. Open, 19 players have won majors, and no one has won more than two.

In the 24 majors leading up to his last major, Woods won six, Phil Mickelson won three and no one else won more than one.

SEE GOLF | **B2**



BUTCH DILL / AP

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel speaks to the media at the Southeastern Conference media days on Wednesday in Hoover, Ala.

Unproven Missouri still confident in SEC football

DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. — Missouri made a surprising run to the top of the Southeastern Conference's Eastern Division in just its second year in the league.

Staying on top might be even more of a challenge.

The Tigers lost a huge chunk of their team after finishing 12-2 last season, including 7-1 in the SEC. Only nine starters return, including just four on offense.

But new starting quarterback Maty Mauk was

"People can say and do what they want, but we know what we have. We have playmakers ..."

Maty Mauk, Missouri QB

confident during Missouri's appearance at SEC Media Days on Wednesday. In his mind, this is no rebuilding year for the Tigers.

"People can say and do what they want, but we know what we have," Mauk said. "We have playmakers. We have an offensive line that is healthy coming back."

SEE MISSOURI | **B3**

Alabama-USC set to play in 2016 Cowboys Classic

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Alabama and Southern California are set for their first regular-season matchup since some storied games in the 1970s.

The Crimson Tide and the Trojans will play in the 2016 Cowboys Classic in Arlington, Texas. The Labor Day weekend season opener at the Dallas Cowboys' stadium will be held Sept. 3, 2016.

Griner blossoming in WNBA after rough first year

BOB BAUM
Associated Press

PHOENIX — After a tough first season in the WNBA, Brittney Griner is blossoming into the player everyone thought she would be, all the while embracing her status as a role model for gay youth.

“We need more people in the LGBT community to step up and be role models,” she said. “I definitely take that on.”

Last season, after a record-setting career at Baylor, Griner came out and wrote a candid memoir, “In My Skin,” that was critical of her college coach, Kim Mulkey. And she wasn’t dominating games the way people had projected.

“The book wasn’t a distraction, really,” Griner said. “Just

all the media from last year, being a rookie, was crazy.”

After playing in China during the WNBA offseason, Griner returned to the Phoenix Mercury stronger and more confident. As teammate Diana Taurasi said, “She’s a totally different player.”

“She’s gained her confidence back, her aggression,” Taurasi said, “her confidence on what she wants to do on the court, and obviously defensively she’s a huge force.”

Griner, marvelously fluid at 6-foot-8, had her second dunk of the season in a victory Tuesday, when Phoenix won its 11th in a row and improved to a league-leading 17-3 record.

“She went to China and she really put the work in,” Mercury first-year coach San-

dy Brondello said, “and she’s put the work in here every day we’ve been here. So it’s about getting physically strong and just understanding, ‘OK, these are the things I need to work on to be a force in this league.’”

With Taurasi, Griner will represent the Mercury in the WNBA All-Star game Saturday in Phoenix. She is averaging 15.2 points, up from 12.6 as a rookie.

She’s pulling down 8.2 rebounds per game, up from 6.3. And, of course, she excels in blocked shots. Her 77 blocks — in 21 games — this season are more than six WNBA teams.

The dunks get the most attention. She has four in 45 games. The rest of the WNBA has six in 3,990 games.



ROSS D. FRANKLIN / AP

Mercury’s Brittney Griner shouts in celebration after scoring against the Storm during a game last month in Phoenix.

TALANSKY

FROM PAGE B1

With a show of tooth-grinding grit and determination to repay his Garmin Sharp teammates who had ridden hard to help him, the 25-year-old Miami native got back up on his bike, wiped his eyes and pedaled on to the finish far behind the pack — and just in time.

Two days earlier, the pain and damage from two recent crashes had already ended Talansky’s outsider hopes of victory. He began Wednesday’s 187.5-kilometer (116.3-mile) hilly ride from Besancon to Oyonnax in eastern France in 26th place — nearly 15 minutes behind race leader Vincenzo Nibali. The Italian retained the yellow jersey Wednesday by finishing right behind France’s Tony Gallopin, who won Stage 11 in a bold late breakaway.

Talansky, nursing a sore back, had bad luck compound his misery early in the stage: He blew a tire and got left behind. Because he was no longer in contention to win the Tour in Paris on July 27, his teammates didn’t wait up.

Straining, he couldn’t make up the difference alone, but pressed on anyway.

When Talansky, clearly in agony, stopped on a roadside and sat down with about 60 kilometers left, Garmin-Sharp sporting director Robert Hunter — who as a rider became the first South African to win a Tour stage — and other two other staffers pulled up in a team car.

“He thought that

“I just wanted to make it to the finish ... for my team and the work that they’ve put into this Tour for me. I didn’t just want to stop and go home that way after everything they’ve done for me.”

Andrew Talansky

maybe it was time to stop the Tour. He sat down ... thought about it, and decided to continue,” said Hunter. “If he wants to fight on and get to the finish, the only way we’re going to get there is by fighting. That’s his character and the way the team works as well.”

Hunter continued to pour on encouragement from the car as Talansky resumed riding.

Under race rules, Talansky — who would’ve liked to be a journalist if not a cyclist — faced a deadline: Because it was a hilly, relatively long stage, he had to finish with a time no more than 14 percent greater than that of Gallopin. It added up to roughly 37 minutes, race officials said.

He finished 32:05 back, with a 20-second penalty for taking too long a pause.

Other riders might have calculated that it would be wiser not to risk worsening an injury so early in a promising career. But Talansky was running on determination, and wanted to make it through the stage.

“I just wanted to make it to the finish ... for my team and the work that they’ve put into this Tour for me,” he said at the team bus after straggling to the finish.

Blackhawks celebrate extensions for Toews, Kane

JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Stan Bowman sounded like a proud father as he told stories about Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane.

The general manager of the Chicago Blackhawks reminisced about Kane staying with his family during his rookie season, and described the scene when Toews became the youngest captain in team history.

There were lots of smiles and some laughter Wednesday as Bowman joined Toews and Kane at a news conference to celebrate the twin contract extensions for the high-scoring forwards that run through the 2022-23 season.

“You have become two of the symbols of the renaissance of the Chicago Blackhawks,” said John McDonough, the team president and CEO. “We’re very proud of that. And you’ve also



NAM Y. HUH / AP

Rocky Wirtz, left, President of Wirtz Corporation and Chairman of the Blackhawks smiles as he listens to Jonathan Toews during a news conference at the United Center in Chicago on Wednesday.

become a very respected brand in Chicago and throughout the National Hockey League and throughout sports.

“I don’t know if it’s Kane and Toews, I don’t know if it’s Toews and Kane, but I know it’s powerful, it’s impactful and it’s really respected.”

The Blackhawks have enjoyed a long run of success since they grabbed Toews with the No. 3 selection in the 2006 draft, and then selected Kane with the

top overall pick the following year. Each player made their debut in October 2007, and the Blackhawks’ 366 combined wins in the regular season and playoffs since the 2007-08 campaign ranks third in the NHL for that stretch, according to STATS.

The eight-year contracts, which were announced last week, are worth \$84 million apiece for an average annual value of \$10.5 million. Each player has

one year left on their five-year extensions from December 2009.

“Growing up as an average hockey player and hockey fan, I don’t think you really expect situations like this to happen so I’m very humbled and honored to say that a contract like this has been given to me and the trust and faith is there to be here for a long time,” Kane said.

While the contracts position the Blackhawks to contend for years to come, they also could lead to some difficult salary-cap decisions for Bowman. He already needs to pare more than \$2 million from his payroll to get under this year’s cap of \$69 million, and the huge deals for Toews and Kane don’t kick in until next year.

“We put a lot of time and effort into drafting, developing and finding young players who are going to come and surround these stars,” Bowman said.

MISSOURI

FROM PAGE B1

We have a quarterback with experience and we have a defense.”

Mauk earned quite a bit of experience last season as a redshirt freshman when starter James Franklin went down with an injury, making four starts and throwing for 1,071 yards, 11 touchdowns and just two interceptions.

He also rushed for 229 yards and a touchdown.

Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said he wasn’t surprised Mauk played so well in difficult SEC environments last season and

expects rapid improvement this fall.

He’ll have three experienced lineman blocking for him, which should help.

“(Mauk’s) a winner. Players know it,” Pinkel said. “He’s a remarkable competitor. They know it. They respect the way he leads because he leads in a very, very positive way.”

There are some questions about who will be Mauk’s primary targets this season in the passing game.

The team’s top returning receiver — junior Dorival Green-Beckham — was dismissed from the team in April.

Bud Sasser is the most experienced receiver returning. The

6-foot-2, 210-pound senior caught 26 passes for 361 yards and a touchdown last season.

But even with the question marks, Missouri enters the season with nearly universal respect across the league after they made their impressive run through the Eastern Division.

The Tigers lost to Auburn in the SEC championship game.

Pinkel said recruiting has improved and the experience was “tremendously positive.”

“But this is a new year,” Pinkel said. “It’s a great challenge. We want to continue to compete at a high level. That’s our challenge this year as we go into year number three.”

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LEFT: Athletics' Josh Donaldson hits a two run homer off San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Hudson last Thursday in San Francisco. **RIGHT:** Giants starting pitcher Tim Hudson throws against the Athletics in their game last week.

Athletics, Giants give Bay Area high hopes for the postseason

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The small-budget Oakland Athletics are baseball's best team at the break in a division featuring some of the sport's highest-paid stars. The San Francisco Giants are right in the chase for the NL West title despite recent stumbles.

Bay Area baseball has delivered a stellar first half. It's only mid-July and there is already talk of a special October and, perhaps, the first Bay Bridge Series since 1989.

California could have four teams still playing into October. The two organizations in Northern California have set the tone.

"It'd be hard to find two teams in the same city doing as well as we are," said Giants right-hander Tim Hudson, who began his career with the A's. "It's really exciting for all of the fans from both sides of the bay. They've had the opportunity over the years to have some really fun teams to watch, World Series-caliber teams every year. New York can't say that, L.A. can't really say that. It's been fun."

Oakland, a major league-best 59-36 and the two-time defending AL West champion, produced a pair of six-game winning streaks behind its reliable starting pitching. And general manager Billy Beane pulled off a July 4 trade with the Cubs that brought Jeff Samardzi-

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Tim Hudson, Giants pitcher

ja and Jason Hammel to a deep rotation that lost Jarrod Parker and A.J. Griffin to season-ending elbow injuries that required surgery.

"We could probably go seven deep," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "Tommy Milone's in Triple-A right now and with the numbers he's put up, it means we're creating a lot of depth to withstand whatever could potentially happen coming up in the second half."

Several offseasons ago, Beane committed to building from the bottom of the minor league system on up to make sure his club had the depth to withstand injuries, and that philosophy is working — even in a talented division that includes Robinson Cano in Seattle and power hitters Josh Hamilton and Albert Pujols of the Angels.

Oakland had its most wins ever before the All-Star break, and its six All-Stars were most for the A's since 1975.

"They've done a great job of stacking this team and this organization with guys who can get the job done at this level," Oakland right

fielder Josh Reddick said. "With the last two and now a third year, we're proving that we're here to be a true competitor and we're showing that with the best record in baseball right now. It gives us confidence to know that he (Beane) is wanting to go for the whole thing just as much as we are."

In each of the past two Octobers, the Tigers have eliminated Oakland in division series that went the five-game maximum.

The Giants, winners of the 2010 and '12 World Series, missed the playoffs last year and hope they can get back on a roll like the team across the bay. At 52-43, they are one game behind the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers, and Tim Lincecum has won four straight starts for the first time since April 2010.

"No question, the Giants have really established something here for a long period of time," Melvin said. "It's difficult to not only win a World Series, win two out of four, and be in the position they're in right now. It could be really exciting for the Bay Area."

The Giants are counting on some reinforcements in the second half. Center fielder Angel Pagan and second baseman Marco Scutaro come back from injuries to give San Francisco the roster it envisioned.

It led the NL West by 9 1/2 games when it was 42-21 on June 8, but has struggled since then. The Giants were outscored 19-7 in losing three out of four in their recent interleague series with the A's.

"Their boat's just kind of been going in a steady direction and we're just trying to get ours on that path as well," said Lincecum, who pitched his second no-hitter in 11 months against San Diego on June 25. "You get into those ruts and you try to look for how to get out of them and I think it's just doing what you did beforehand, not necessarily putting so much emphasis on getting out of it."

Despite injuries, small crowds and even sewage problems in their home stadium, the A's have found a way to win.

"We've had contributions everywhere," assistant general manager David Forst said. "It's certainly been not unlike any other year where we've had to tinker and turn over the roster as we go. ... The players are unfazed by any changes we make. They just go out and play for three hours a day, and they've played great."

LSU keeping positive after NFL departures

DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

HOOVER, Ala. — The NFL has taken another big chunk out of LSU's roster.

As usual, coach Les Miles just shrugs, says that's part of the job and plans to replace them with guys who are just as good or better.

The Tigers had nine players selected in May's draft — including several underclassmen — but expectations are still very high in Death Valley. LSU returns 13 starters from last season, including most of the offensive line.

Miles called linemen La'el Collins and Jerald Hawkins "two of the finest tackles in our league" during his time on the podium at SEC media days on Wednesday. Collins said no one is concerned about trying to replace so much talent from last season.

"I just feel our coaches do a great job preparing us for whatever, so when we do lose a lot of guys to the NFL our younger guys are ready to go," Collins said.

Collins and Hawkins should



BUTCH DILL / AP

LSU coach Les Miles speaks to the media at the Southeastern Conference media days on Wednesday in Hoover, Ala.

help protect the Tigers' new quarterback. Miles said the position battle continues between sophomore Anthony Jennings and freshman Brandon Harris.

"It will be a very competitive event from the start to the finish," Miles said. "Cam Cameron, a guy who's made a career mentoring quarterbacks, is our offensive coordinator, and he'll do exactly the right things with those guys."

Jennings or Harris will be replacing Zach Mettenberger, who threw for 3,082 yards and 22 touchdowns last season.

Whoever wins the job should have plenty of help from the team's running backs.

English look to golfers to lift sporting gloom

STEVE DOUGLAS
Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — Justin Rose and 18 other Englishmen have a two-fold mission at the British Open: end their country's 22-year wait for a champion and lift the gloom hanging over England's woeful sporting summer.

In the past two months, England's football team has made its earliest exit from a World Cup since 1958, Chris Froome's defense of his Tour de France title lasted five stages before crashing out and the winless run of England's cricket team extended to nine tests — its worst sequence in 21 years.

Throw in a whitewash of England's rugby team in three tests against New Zealand and England's sport-loving public has had nothing to cheer.

Maybe England's golfers at Royal Liverpool can end the misery.

"The last couple of summers have been so fantastic for British sport," said Rose, referring to the London Olympics in 2012 and its sporting legacy that hung over until 2013. "But for whatever reason, this year, not so much."

"(The fans) will be behind anybody that gets their name on the leaderboard this week, from an English perspective. And there's great English players that have an opportunity to win. It would be fantastic — it can make the summer."

Nick Faldo was the last Englishman to win the British Open, at Muirfield in Scotland in 1992. And England has to go back further for its last Open Championship winner on home soil — Tony Jacklin at Royal Lytham in 1969.

Its biggest hope this week is the No. 3-ranked Rose.

Defending PGA champ aims to keep Ohio sign

Associated Press

SYLVANIA, Ohio — Some like to see their name in lights. Beatriz Recari was thrilled to see hers bolted to a light pole.

The name of each year's winner of the Marathon Classic is placed on the signs along the main drag of this Toledo suburb.

"It's really cool," said Recari, a 27-year-old Spaniard who has won three times on the PGA Tour. "It's obviously a great bonus not only to get this trophy and everything that comes along with it. But to get your own street for a year, that's pretty special."

Recari has become a more of a household name as her career blossomed in the last year. After winning the Kia tournament, she outdueled Paula Creamer down the stretch to also win the Marathon.

While collecting more than \$1 million in checks, she placed sixth in the tour's player of the year standings, finished 3-1-1 for the victorious European side at the Solheim Cup and contended at last week's Women's British Open.

She began the final round at Royal Birkdale three shots back of the leader but faded to a tie for 17th with a 79.

"I had a little bit of a slow start first half of the year, but feel like everything is coming along," she said, referring to lower back and hip problems. "I'm working on things that feel good for me. I'm healthy and fit. I had a very good performance last week, and I'm very happy with my practicing."

Mo Martin, who won the Women's British Open with a closing 72, is still adapting to the title of major champion.

"It's definitely been a whirlwind," she said of arriving in Ohio after several connecting flights and lots of frequent-flyer miles. "I hadn't even turned my phone on. When I eventually did get here, I turned my phone on and it kind of exploded, everybody just congratulating me."

She also got a pat-on-the-back letter from no less than legend Arnold Palmer.

Recari and Martin aren't the only prominent players to keep an eye on this week.

Creamer, who won the tournament formerly known as the Jamie Farr in 2008, always plays well at Highland Meadows.

She is one of the most popular players in the field every year.

"Yeah, I love this golf course," she said. "I shot 60 here (in the first round in '08). I have a lot of really good memories. This just fits my game."

There's also local favorite Stacy Lewis — a Toledo native — who's ranked No. 1 in the world.



SCOTT HEPPELL / AP

Beatriz Recari holds her ball after her putt on the 11th green during the third day of the British Open at the Royal Birkdale Golf Club, in Southport, England, last week.

NASCAR THIS WEEK

HOT TOPICS: 3 ISSUES GENERATING A BUZZ

HIGH(ER) EXPECTATIONS



Associated Press / JIM COLE

They say a watched pot never boils, and this past weekend at New Hampshire, staring under the hood and hoping to see a few more horses appear wasn't very fruitful for Junior.

This season is truly different for Dale Earnhardt Jr., NASCAR's most popular driver for the past decade. Two years ago, the Earnhardt Nation would have celebrated a 10th-place finish by chanting and dancing around bonfires.

When Earnhardt finished 10th at New Hampshire on Sunday, he was disappointed, almost disgusted, that his No. 88 Hendrick Motorsports Chevy had been totally outclassed by several other stock cars.

The dissatisfaction was etched in his words, despite clinching a berth in the Sprint Cup Chase playoffs. "That was frustrating," Earnhardt said. "That was the hardest I've ever worked for a 10th-place finish. But we have been off all weekend. It's been a real frustrating weekend, to be honest."

"The guys worked real hard. Steve (Letarte, crew chief) and the engineers did their best to try to get the car more competitive. Just to be lacking that much speed against a lot of those guys ... I had to drive so perfect every lap. That was really frustrating."

Earnhardt is having his best year since 2004, seemingly happy and building momentum and confidence. His struggle Sunday put a damper on the season-long party.

"We worked real hard to finish where we finished," he said. "The guys worked their guts out every practice. We changed a lot of stuff on the car. It was real disappointing not to have the speed a lot of those other guys had."

On deck in two weeks is the Brickyard 400, staged at flat and narrow Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Earnhardt's run in that race may foretell his championship ambitions.

"Pretty disappointing," he said of New Hampshire. "We will go home and work on it and try to do better."

WORSE THAN RAIN

What's worse than rain on race day? When a driver in contention for a victory hears his booming V-8 engine go quiet as the fuel tank goes dry. It happened to Jeff Gordon in the closing laps at New Hampshire.

He was running second when his Chevy's motor shut down, requiring a push to pit road from a wrecker. "It's all about wins right now," Gordon said. "We've got to go for it, so I thought it was a great call even if we did come up short."

RACING'S CRUELTY

Aric Almirola was at the peak of his career when he captured the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona. Six days later, racing reality slapped the Tampa driver across the chops when he crashed heavily in practice at New Hampshire. Asked if the incident was less disappointing since he's a Cup Series winner now, Almirola said: "No, it is still disappointing. It is always disappointing when you wreck a race car."

GODWIN'S EARLY BRICKYARD PICKS



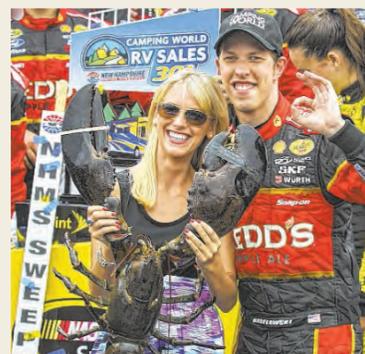
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Winner: Jimmie Johnson
Rest of the top five: Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski, Tony Stewart, Kasey Kahne
Dark horse: Danica Patrick
Disappointment: Jeff Gordon

First one out: Justin Allgaier
Don't be surprised if: The question of Gordon's age surfaces again before Indianapolis, where he won the inaugural Brickyard 400 — 21 years ago.

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE

Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers



Associated Press / CHERYL SENTER

Girlfriend Paige White, the "Loudon Lobster" and a naturally beaming Brad Keselowski.

Where does the lobster rank among racing's best trophies?

In terms of history, nothing tops Indy's Borg-Warner Trophy that goes to the winner of the Indianapolis 500. Daytona's Harley J. Earl Trophy has become fairly famous, even if it's a bit odd to see a futuristic vehicle handed to a guy who wins the world's most famous "stock" car race. Then you have the grandfather clock they give away at Martinsville, as well as the guitar at Nashville.

So, your pick?

Lobsters might look prehistoric, but as long as they've been around, they've never learned to tell time, so I'd take the grandfather clock, purely for functional purposes. And speaking for everyone, it was nice to see Brad Keselowski escape the presentation at New Hampshire without losing a finger.

Why was Joey Logano smiling through all that?

Let's consider it one of the unintended consequences of the new Chase format. Logano has a pair of wins and is locked into the Chase, so while he wasn't thrilled to be wrecked out of New Hampshire by 72-year-old Morgan Shepherd, he wasn't nearly as mad as he would've been if it had cost him in a season-long points race. All that changes after Week 26, by the way. Trouble will be given a wider berth.



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FEUD OF THE WEEK



Joey Logano vs. Morgan Shepherd: Logano was running in the lead pack when he tangled with backmarker Shepherd.

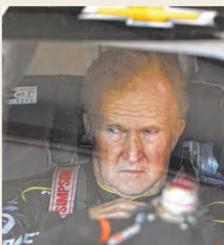
Godwin Kelly gives his take: "Logano can't do much against 72-year-old Shepherd because he knows the AARP would quickly jump into the fray."

WHAT'S ON TAP?

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SPRINT CUP: Crown Royal Brickyard 400 (July 27)
SITE: Indianapolis Motor Speedway
SCHEDULE: July 26, practice (ESPN2, 9 a.m.), qualifying (ESPN2, 2 p.m.), July 27, race (ESPN, coverage starts at noon, green flag at 1:15 p.m.)

SPEED FREAKS

A couple questions we had to ask — ourselves



AP/JIM COLE

Just another semi-retired guy out for a Sunday drive.

Would you feel safe passing Morgan Shepherd?

GODSPEAK: Of course, no problem, if I was in a Brink's armored car.

KEN'S CALL: Not sure, but I'd like that better than him passing me.

Is Brad Keselowski now officially "The Man" in NASCAR?

GODSPEAK: "The Man" of the moment. Don't forget, there are 17 races left on the schedule.

KEN'S CALL: Until he gets Jimmie Johnson's next shipment of Good-years, yes.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE REWIND

Juan Pablo Montoya: No more fenders, but he got a trophy

Former NASCAR driver Juan Pablo Montoya has enjoyed success this season after moving from NASCAR to the IndyCar Series. The media caught up with Montoya at Iowa Speedway, which hosted an IndyCar race last weekend, a week after Montoya's victory at Pocono.

Your only experience here (Iowa) was very different. It was eight years ago and it was an ARCA race. You were trying to figure out stock cars. Can you

take anything from that experience?

"The track — when I came here — was brand-new. There were no bumps. It was really smooth. There is a big bump in the tunnel. Turns 3 and 4 are still pretty smooth, but now you run pretty close to wide open. Some people actually do run wide open all the way around."

How much is having a victory now put a little more spring in your step?

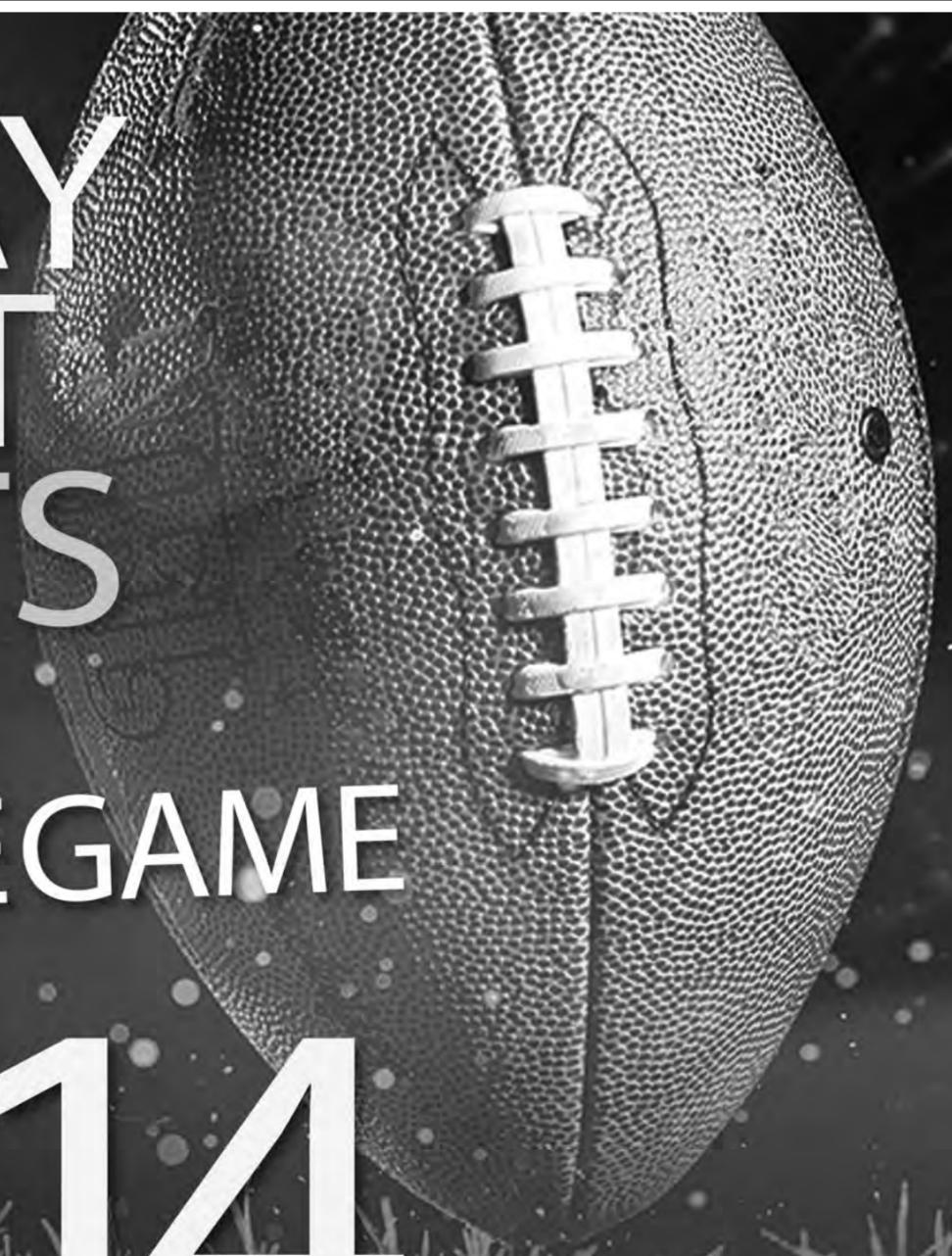
"People are happy because a lot of

people are still around from back in the day — so they are happy for me. That is pretty cool. I still try not to get overly excited about it. It's fun. I had a great time; the guys loved it. It was really good for Verizon and PPG and Hawk Performance, everybody that supports us, Chevy as well. I think it does build a lot of momentum. It gives a lot of confidence that you can get it done."

Seven races to go, you are up to fourth in points — two races next

weekend and then a double-points race at the end of the year. You are right there. How do you look at the rest of the season?

"I think we have been doing a good job. We have been smart about how we run races. We just have to keep doing what we are doing. I told the guys this week it's great that we won, but one thing is getting there, the other thing is staying there, and to stay there we are going to have to really step it up."



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2013 CA 000055

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF THE INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-AR13, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AR13 UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED JUNE 1, 2005, Plaintiff

vs.

JOHN C. EARLEY, ET. AL.,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN C. EARLEY RESIDENCE UNKNOWN UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

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JOHN C. EARLEY RESIDENCE UNKNOWN

If living; if dead, all unknown parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the above named defendant(s), whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other claimants; an all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described.

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Lake County, Florida:

LOT 185, MISSION PARK, PHASE III, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 50, PAGES 28 AND 29 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Clarfield, Okon, Salomone & Pincus, P.L.L.C. Plaintiff's Attorney whose address is 500 South Australian Avenue, Suite 730, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, within 30 days after the date of the first publication of this notice, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON JULY 10, 2014
 Neil Kelly
 Clerk of Said Court
 BY: /s/ TRISH ROBERTS
 As Deputy Clerk

Ad No: 10016970
 July 17, 2014 & July 24, 2014

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near the information desk in the Lake County Courthouse 550 Wet Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

SEE EXHIBIT A

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on JULY 01, 2014.

CLERK OF THE COURT
 Neil Kelly
 /s/ A. THIGPEN
 By: Deputy Clerk

Aldridge Connors, LLP
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Notice is hereby given that on 8/1/14 at 10:30 am, the following mobile home will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.109: 1976 PARK #4644A & 4644B. Last Tenant: Jeffrey Michael Mitchell. Sale to be held at Realty Systems- Arizona Inc 199 Forest Dr. Leesburg, FL 34788 813-241-8269

Ad No: 10017124
July 17, 2014 & July 24, 2014

Notice is hereby given that on 8/1/14 at 10:30 am, the following home will be sold at public auction pursuant to F.S. 715.109: 1976 SKYL #01630253AJ & 01630253BJ. Last Tenants: Daniel James Tate & Peggy Norma Tate. Sale to be held at Realty Systems- Arizona Inc- 747 Mockingbird Ln., Leesburg, FL 34788 813-241-8269

Ad No: 10017126
July 17, 2014 & July 24, 2014

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in the County Court, of Lake County, Florida, on the 4th day of April, 2014, in the cause wherein Cavalry Portfolio Services, LLC is plaintiff and Samuel D Gordich is defendant, being Case No. 2010CC002754 in said Court, I, Gary S. Borders, Sheriff of Lake County, Florida, have levied upon all right, title, and interest of the defendant, in and to the following described personal property to wit:

2008 HONDA ACCORD GRAY VIN#: 1HGCP36878A074899

Said personal property shall not be viewable to the public until half an hour before scheduled sale time and is only viewable in the presence of Sheriff's Deputy conducting sale. All bidders must have Drivers License with them and must register with clerk at location of sale prior to start time of sale.

I shall offer this property for sale, at Bales & Langley located at 4200 W Old Hwy 441, Mt. Dora in the County of Lake, State of Florida, on the 5th day of August, 2014 at the hour of 9:30 AM, or as soon thereafter as possible. I will offer for sale all of the said defendant's right, title, and interest in the aforesaid personal property at public auction and will sell the same subject to all taxes, prior liens, encumbrances and judgments, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND. The proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and the satisfaction of the above described execution.

Dated at Tavares, Lake County, Florida this 1st day of July, 2014.

GARY S. BORDERS,
Sheriff of Lake County,
By: Mimi Williams
Deputy Sheriff

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Ad No: 10017093
July 17, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given by Lynch Recyclers, Inc. that on July 31, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. a public sale under statute 713.78 will be conducted at LYNCH RECYCLERS, INC. 1616 W. C. 48 Bushnell, FL of a 1999 GMC 3500 PK, VIN1GTHK33J5XF034963 for recovery of towing and storage accrued. Seller reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and Seller reserves the right to bid.

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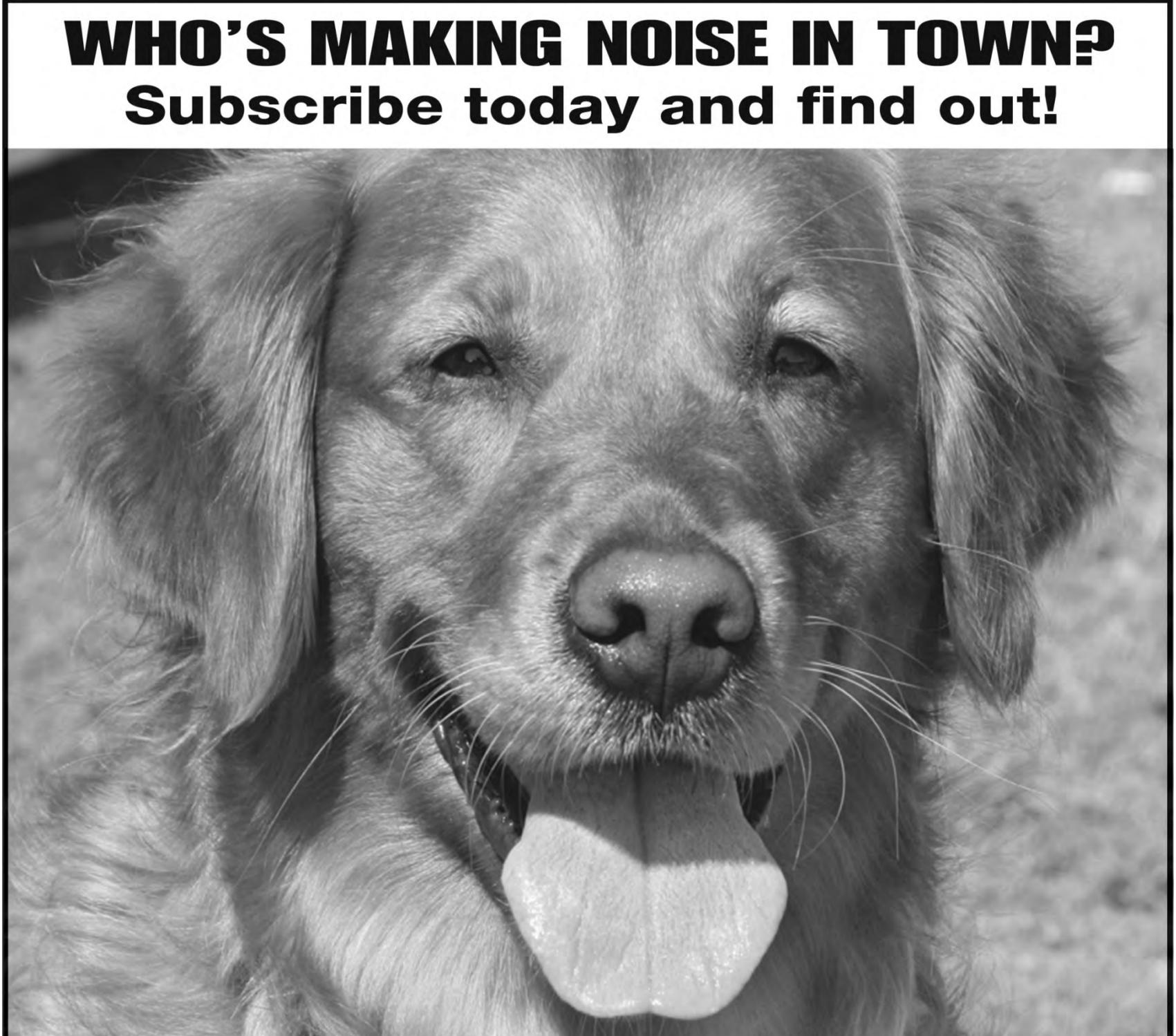
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'Game of Thrones' leads field with 19 Emmy nods

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Emmy voters may need to steel themselves to sort through this year's top nominees: a macabre, medieval-style tale; a meth kingpin and his violent downfall; a bleak mystery about detectives tracking a ritual killer, and a heartbreaking saga of the AIDS epidemic's roots.

Small-screen fare has steadily been pushed into bolder, even brilliant territory by cable and, now, online offerings, and it's enticing the TV academy to recognize programs that are more emotionally and dramatically complex — as well as sexually explicit and, for better or worse, much more violent.

In this widely proclaimed golden age of television-plus, the brutal fantasy saga "Game of Thrones,"

based on the work of novelist George R.R. Martin, emerged Thursday as the leading nominee with 19 nods. Dramas "Breaking Bad" and "True Detective" and movie "The Normal Heart" are among the other front-runners.

That's just for starters. The self-evidently titled "American Horror Story: Coven," along with " Fargo," a riff on the black comedy film of the same name, are provocative miniseries hopefuls for the awards airing on NBC in August.

The academy's broadening embrace includes individual performers as well. They gay rights group GLAAD saluted Laverne Cox's guest-actress nod for "Orange is the New Black" as the first for an openly transgender person.

Emmy has welcomed

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MACALL B. POLAY / AP

Natalie Dormer, left, Jack Gleeson and Peter Dinklage, right, are shown in a scene from "Game of Thrones."

BEAUFORT

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all seats are \$24 (no charge for infants). The kids will love the local fauna, and mom and dad will enjoy hearing about the historic homes, celebrity sightings and movie-production stories. There also is a 2-hour sunset cruise option two days a week (seasonally) Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

After you're done exploring the downtown Waterfront Park and Playground, make a quick stop to Southern Sweets Ice Cream Parlor. This old-fashioned ice cream parlor will be a hit with the entire family. Complete with soda fountains, hand-dipped ice cream and marble tabletops, it offers everything from ice cream cones to banana splits to egg cremes. The parlor also has homemade brownies and pralines, a must try.

If your sweet tooth still isn't satisfied, and perhaps you'd like a unique souvenir to take home, pay a visit to The Lollipop Shop. Not only do they carry every kind of candy (and sweet beverage) — even hard-to-find "retro" stuff — but you can buy candy in many ways: by the piece, the pound, the box or the stuffed animal. That's right — you (or your child, should you feel so generous) can choose from two sizes and about two dozen styles of stuffed toys, which come "hollow," so to speak. You then stuff your toy full of candy from the baskets in the store, and



SAMANTHA FEUSS / MCT

Lighthouse at Hunting Island State Park in South Carolina.

when it's full, they close it up, name it, and give you a "birth certificate" for your new buddy. They also give you a box of stuffing to take with you, so that when the candy is eaten, you have a soft and cuddly toy to keep forever. This was nearly everyone's favorite find, and one that we will surely visit again next time we are in the area.

Two restaurants the whole crew will enjoy are Fat Patties and The Foolish Frog. Fat Patties will strongly appeal to the burger-loving crowd, although they have so much more than burgers (also serving items such as bratwurst, salads and sandwiches). The patties (hence the name) can be ordered with

nearly any topping, cheese, bun, sauce and even several choices of meat or vegetarian patties. (For example, not only a shrimp patty, but also a half-beef, half-bacon patty.)

Fat Patties also offers an amazing selection of craft beers. They have 19 on draft, including at least six from hyper-local breweries (from Charleston to Atlanta). They also make ice cream on location, in small (thus fresh) batches. While they always have the traditional vanilla, chocolate and (most-popular flavor) Burnt Marshmallow, you can also get seasonal favorites such as Local Peach Cobbler, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake, Maple Bacon Pancake or

Spiced Pumpkin. The staff couldn't be friendlier (even if you have a motley child or two) and will gladly give you recommendations. Mine is to eat at Fat Patties as soon as you can get to town.

If it's authentic Southern Lowcountry food you are seeking, head to the Foolish Frog. Specializing in seafood, steak and barbecue, it also has a small kids menu. You can eat indoors or outside on a back patio with a wetland view and roof or umbrellas to shade you from the Southern sun. Dinner is a great time to stop by, as the sunset views are lovely. And if you like pulled pork, theirs is excellent.

Before you head home, visit Hunting Island State Park. Voted one of the top beaches in the state and also one of the most popular state parks in South Carolina, it's a stop everyone will look forward to. Bring your beach gear and a picnic, or grab some food at a nearby food stand. There is a cute hut run by the park that sells ice cream and souvenirs. If you have the South Carolina state park passport, make sure you collect your stamp! (If you don't, here is a great place to grab one.)

Once you dry off (or better yet, before you get wet), climb the 167 steps in the spiral staircase to the top of the lighthouse. For \$2 and a little sweat, you can get one of the best views of the area available. (Open from March through February; hours vary seasonally.)

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BOYHOOD

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loving but unreliable, and he's been off finding himself in Alaska.

Mom moves the family to Houston so she can go back to school and get her degree. She ends up marrying her psychology professor (an excellent Marco Pellerla), and it's a catastrophe — he turns out to be a dangerous, angry drunk. (These scenes are harrowing.)

Olivia escapes with her kids, begins a teaching career, makes another bad husband choice. Meanwhile, Dad grows up, remarries, has a baby. Sister Sam morphs from a precocious young girl who sings Britney Spears' "Oops I Did It Again" to an awkward preteen with braces to a cocky teenager, who responds to a demand to dust the house: "I mean, who DUSTS anymore?"

The film's full of fun



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Ellar Coltrane is shown at age 6 in a scene from the film, "Boyhood."

cultural markers. Cell phones become smartphones. Mason's Game Boy becomes an Xbox. Political talk ranges from George Bush and the Iraq invasion to the Obama-McCain race in 2008 and later developments. The soundtrack carefully echoes the changing times. And in a prescient moment, dad and son discuss whether there should ever be a "Star Wars" sequel. (They decide it wouldn't work. Ha.)

The film, shot entirely in the disappearing 35mm format, feels so

much like a documentary that occasionally pieces of clearly scripted dialogue sound forced. But that's rare. Mostly the actors blend seamlessly with Linklater's naturalistic style. Arquette is heartbreaking as a mom who tries so hard, but always comes up short. Hawke continues to do his best work with Linklater, seemingly his artistic soul mate.

But the actor who will stay with you the most is Coltrane. Late in the film, an adult who hasn't seen Mason in years squints and says, "Mason, is that YOU?" If you're like me, you may find yourself smiling knowingly, with even a tinge of pride. Because by this time, we don't just know Mason; Mason is ours.

That's the simple brilliance of Linklater's achievement.

"Boyhood," an IFC Films release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for language including sexual references, and for teen drug and alcohol use." Running time: 166 minutes. Four stars out of four.

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Zach Braff immersed himself in 'Wish I Was Here'

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PHILADELPHIA — No secret: Zach Braff is a Woody Allen fan. Braff's 2004 emo indie, "Garden State," which he wrote, produced, directed, and starred in (opposite Natalie Portman), drew comparisons to "Annie Hall," to "Manhattan." More than 10 years before that, a teenage Braff had a small part in Allen's "Manhattan Murder Mystery," as the progeny of Allen and Diane Keaton's characters.

So, landing the lead role in "Bullets Over Broadway," the Tony-nominated musical adapted from Allen's 1994 comedy, was "a dream come true" for the actor.

Allen attended every preview of the Roaring Twenties-set show back in March. "He would follow up with notes, with changes," Braff recalls. "To be working so closely with someone who is one of the inspirations for me becoming a filmmaker, one of my heroes, how great is that?"

Braff's new film, "Wish I Was Here," is, like "Garden State," more than a little autobiographical, and more than a little Alleanesque. In it, Braff is a struggling actor whose wife (Kate Hudson) is the family breadwinner. The couple have two kids, a boy and a girl, attending a yeshiva school in L.A. The children's granddad (Mandy Patinkin) is paying tuition, but when the payments stop, the kids get kicked out.

Pretty much everything in Braff's character's life starts to unravel. But as the monetary, marital, religious, and filial crises mount, so does the comedy. There are even whimsical superhero / sci-fi fantasy sequences.



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From left, Pierce Gagnon, Joey King and Zach Braff are shown in "Wish I Was Here."

"Wish I Was Here" opens Friday in limited release, expanding to more screens July 25.

"One thing that I liked about 'Annie Hall' was that there were no rules," says Braff.

"... It was hilarious in parts, it was slapstick in parts, it was heartbreaking. All of a sudden there's a scene that's fully animated. And I really thought that that was the way to make a movie — as long as you tell a good story, why do we keep being told that we have to follow all these rules?"

Not having to follow the rules was one reason Braff — the New Jersey native who became a star thanks to the long-running medico sitcom "Scrubs" — decided to go on Kickstarter in 2013. He wanted to raise money to make "Wish I Was Here" without being beholden to the studios, to producers demanding script changes or cast approval.

In 30 days, Braff raised \$3.1 million — \$400,000 in the final four days alone. More than 46,500 people pledged anywhere from \$10 to \$10,000.

"It was always meant to be an experiment," says Braff of his crowdfunding campaign. "What if we got the fans involved? What if we just flipped the whole thing on its head and created this community around making the movie?"

"And in selling T-shirts, or online access to videos, or set visits, or extra roles, or cameos, you could finance a film and give everyone a fun experience. Wouldn't that be crazy? And then it worked!"

And then it backlashed. Critics jumped all over Braff, suggesting he already had financial backing in place, that he was unwilling to put his own money into the project, that he was soliciting donations, not investors.

"I think a lot of it was misinformed, to be frank," Braff says of the vehement, Web-driven reaction to his Kickstarter drive. "Anyone who takes the time and does a little bit of research realizes that most of the detractors' talking points are incorrect."

And that's that.

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to obtain her home address from state motor vehicle records.

Bardo remains in prison, serving a life sentence without possibility of parole.

The legacy of Schaeffer's death is evident multiple times a year in Los Angeles courtrooms when celebrities such as Madonna, Steven Spielberg, Ryan Seacrest, Paris Hilton and others become stalking victims.

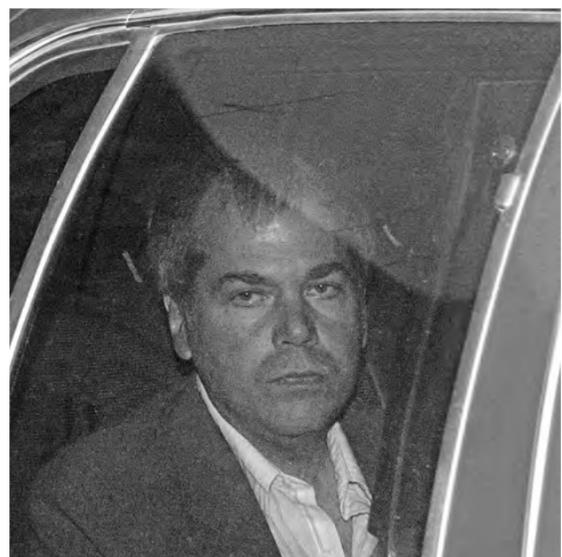
Protections created after Schaeffer's death include laws that make stalking a crime, restrictions on public access to address information from driving records in California, and a specialized Los Angeles police unit that works with prosecutors, celebrity attorneys and security details to keep obsessed fans a safe distance

away. Criminal penalties for stalking have also been adopted in other states.

The protections don't eliminate the various ways celebrity stalkers can torment their victims, from unsolicited love letters to threatening tweets, break-ins and kidnapping plots. But they can eventually put a stop to the threats.

Stalkers can make celebrities "a prisoner," said Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney Wendy Segall, who has prosecuted celebrity stalking cases for the past six years. "They never know when this person is going to show up."

Many of Segall's cases end with stalking convictions and sentences that require the defendant to get psychological counseling. The sentences, Segall said, allow stalking victims to again feel safer.



AP FILE PHOTO

John Hinckley Jr., shown Nov. 18, 2003, shot President Ronald Reagan in 1981 in an attempt to impress Oscar-winning actress Jodie Foster.

EMMY FROM PAGE C2

change before, giving a best-drama award to breakthrough 1980s police drama "Hill Street Blues" for its unprecedented grit and honesty.

But it took four tries for "Breaking Bad," one of the most lavishly praised TV series ever but with an anti-hero at its center, to capture a best drama trophy. It won last year.

Whether 21st-century voters will go far enough to crown "Game of Thrones" with the top drama award is an intriguing question. With the exception of "Lost," shows that fall within the fantasy and sci-fi genres have fallen short, although they have reaped other awards such as Peter Dinklage's 2011 supporting actor award for "Game of Thrones." He's nominated again this year.

"Voters like shows that feel more real and important in terms of today's social or political topics," said Tom O'Neil, author of "The Emmys" and organizer of the Gold Derby awards website.

The best drama contenders besides the nicknamed "GOT" are "Breaking Bad," "Downton Abbey," "House of Cards," "Mad Men" and "True Detective."

Netflix's political thriller "House of Cards," which made a breakthrough last year as the first online series nominated for a major award, has the chance again at Emmy victory.

The prison-set "Orange Is the New Black," also

EMMY NOMINEES INCLUDE:

DRAMA SERIES:

- "Breaking Bad" (AMC)
- "Downton Abbey" (PBS)
- "Game of Thrones" (HBO)
- "House of Cards" (Netflix)
- "Mad Men" (AMC)
- "True Detective" (HBO)

COMEDY SERIES:

- "The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)
- "Louie" (FX)
- "Modern Family" (ABC)
- "Orange Is the New Black" (Netflix)
- "Silicon Valley" (HBO)
- "Veep" (HBO)

ACTOR IN A DRAMA:

- Bryan Cranston ("Breaking Bad")

- Jeff Daniels ("The Newsroom")
- Jon Hamm ("Mad Men")
- Woody Harrelson ("True Detective")
- Matthew McConaughey ("True Detective")
- Kevin Spacey ("House of Cards")

ACTRESS IN A DRAMA:

- Lizzy Caplan ("Masters of Sex")
- Claire Danes ("Homeland")
- Michelle Dockery ("Downton Abbey")
- Julianna Margulies ("The Good Wife")
- Kerry Washington ("Scandal")
- Robin Wright ("House of Cards")

from Netflix, leaped that barrier on the flip side this time around with a bid for best comedy series, along with a nod for star Taylor Schilling.

Also competing for best comedy honors are "The Big Bang Theory," "Louie," "Silicon Valley," "Veep," and "Modern Family," a four-time winner that has the chance to tie "Frasier" as the all-time winning sitcom with one more award.

There were so many such candidates for the six best drama slots that the critically acclaimed "Masters of Sex" and "The Good Wife" were among those that failed to make the cut. For the latter, coming off a daring season in which a major character died, the snub provoked a flood of online fan dismay.

It may be time for the Emmys to follow cousin Oscar, which has ex-

panded its best picture category to encompass up to 10 nominees.

The 66th prime-time

Emmy Awards ceremony certainly will have big-screen star power to spare. This year's Academy Awards best-actor winner Matthew McConaughey ("Dallas Buyers Club") and nominee Chiwetel Ejiofor ("12 Years a Slave") are both nominees for TV projects, as are past Oscar winners, including Julia Roberts, Jane Fonda and Billy Bob Thornton.

McConaughey and "True Detective" co-star Harrelson both will vie for best drama actor honors, along with four-time winner Cranston for "Breaking Bad," Jon Hamm for "Mad Men," Kevin Spacey for "House of Cards," and Jeff Daniels for "The Newsroom," who won the Emmy last year.

Nominees in the lead actress drama category are last year's winner,

"Homeland" star Claire Danes along with Lizzy Caplan for "Masters of Sex," Michelle Dockery for "Downton Abbey," Julianna Margulies for "The Good Wife," Kerry Washington for "Scandal" and Robin Wright for "House of Cards."

The 66th Primetime Emmy Awards will air Monday, Aug. 25, on NBC, with emcee Seth Meyers, the former "Saturday Night Live" player and new NBC

late-night host. The ceremony, traditionally held on Sunday, was moved to avoid a conflict with NBC's "Sunday Night Football" and with MTV's Video Music Awards.

HBO received a leading 99 nominations, followed by CBS with 47; NBC, 46; FX Networks, 45; ABC, 37; PBS, 34; AMC, 26; Netflix, 31; Showtime, 24; Comedy Central, 21; Lifetime, 17, and Fox, 18.

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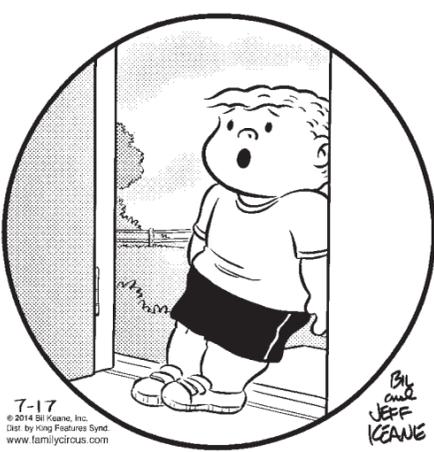
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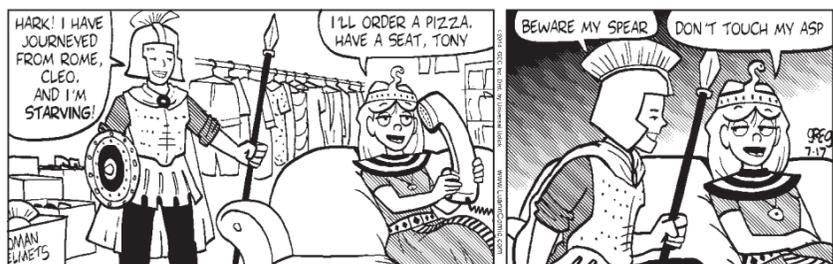
"Mommy, Billy said I haven't 'chieved my full potential. Is that a good thing or a bad thing?"

HEATHCLIFF



"NO BINGE-WATCHING."

LUANN



HARK! I HAVE JOURNEVED FROM ROME, CLEO, AND I'M STARVING!

I'LL ORDER A PIZZA. HAVE A SEAT, TONY.

BEWARE MY SPEAR

DON'T TOUCH MY ASP

DILBERT



I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME AN HONEST ASSESSMENT OF MY LEADERSHIP.

THIRTY MINUTES LATER ... LIKE BEING STABBED BY AN ANGRY CLOWN WHILE DROWNING IN A SEPTIC TANK.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF HONESTY? IT'S TERRIBLE.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



MUST YOU ALWAYS TURN AROUND THREE TIMES BEFORE YOU COME TO BED?

BABY BLUES



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...AND A PALLET OF NAPKINS.

OH, HI, MR. MacPHERSON!

BETLE BAILEY



BETLE, YOU SHOULD TRY TO LOOK MORE PROFESSIONAL WHEN WORKING IN THE KITCHEN

I LAID OUT SOME OF MY CLOTHES FOR YOU

THAT'S BETTER...

I THINK...

PICKLES



GRAMPA, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL LIVE?

WHO KNOWS, NELSON? I COULD BE HERE FOR TWENTY MORE YEARS OR I COULD CHECK OUT TOMORROW.

LIFE IS UNCERTAIN, ESPECIALLY AT MY AGE.

IS THAT WHY YOU EAT YOUR DESSERT FIRST? BRIGHT BOY.

ZITS



SET ME FREEEEE!

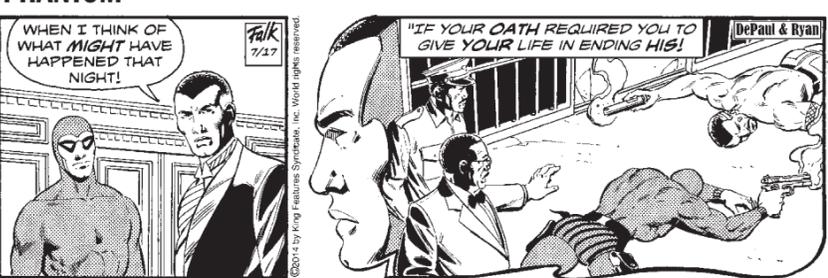
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WHAT WERE THE NAMES OF THE CARTWRIGHT BOYS IN 'BONANZA'?

OOH! OOH! I KNOW THIS ONE!

THAT'S IT! I'M GOING OVER THE WALL!

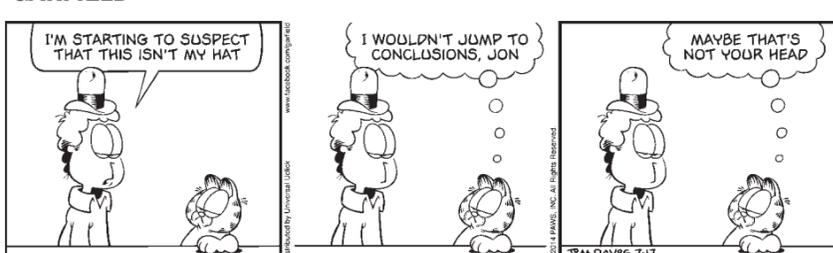
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"IF YOUR OATH REQUIRED YOU TO GIVE YOUR LIFE IN ENDING HIS!"

GARFIELD



I'M STARTING TO SUSPECT THAT THIS ISN'T MY HAT

I WOULDN'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS, JON

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SHOE



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SO DID YOUR MEATLOAF.

B.C.



DO YOU HAVE HOT WINGS?

NO, BUT I HAVE A BURNING SENSATION IN MY

NEVER MIND.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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...AND NOBODY GETS HURT!

YOU'RE NOT A NOBODY TO ME!

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HI, ROSIE! YOUR MOM ASKED ME TO PICK UP IF YOU CALLED!

HI, MRS. LUMMS. IS MOM OKAY?

I'M SORRY... DID YOU SAY SHE PUTS AND SHE'S BORED AS USUAL?

NO, ROSIE! SHE'S OUT ON HER BOARD AS USUAL!

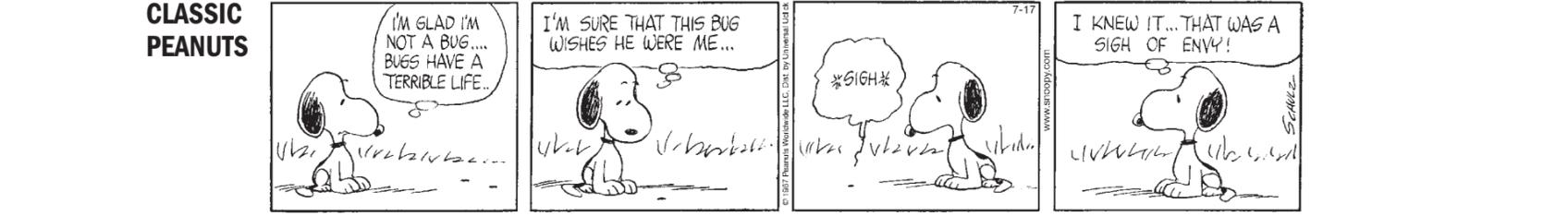
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FRI. - SU'PRISE
SAT. - FENNYTHIN'

MY SNUFFY'S PURTY EASY T'COOK FER !!

CLASSIC PEANUTS



I'M GLAD I'M NOT A BUG... BUGS HAVE A TERRIBLE LIFE..

I'M SURE THAT THIS BUG WISHES HE WERE ME...

SIGH

I KNEW IT... THAT WAS A SIGH OF ENVY!

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Reader reports happy ending to engagement ring dilemma

DEAR ABBY: On July 26, 2011, you posted an answer to "Jittery Future Bride in Boston." I am that woman. I had asked you how to get my boyfriend of five years to use my deceased grandmother's ring as an engagement ring.

I followed your advice and told my boyfriend-at-the-time that I wanted to use a family ring. I spoke with my father about it and checked with my sister to see if she would mind if I used it.

We got engaged seven months ago, and my now-husband told me he had been hoping to take the stone from my paternal grandmother's ring, a stone from my maternal grandmother's ring and one from his family to make a new "joining of the families" ring. We haven't made it yet, but we all look forward

to the special meaning that it will embody. We even plan to make a new setting out of the old setting. It's a fairy-tale ending. — **BLUSHING BRIDE IN BOSTON**

DEAR BLUSHING BRIDE: Actually, it's more like a fairy-tale beginning. I love the idea. Thank you for letting me know how things turned out. Not many of my readers take the time to do that. I wish you and your husband a lifetime of happiness together.

DEAR ABBY: The mother of a friend of mine died recently. I offered my condolences, and since then I haven't been the same.

I am nine months pregnant, and even though I should be excited and celebrating the anticipated arrival of our baby, all I can think about is that my mother is going to die one day. She's 52,



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DEAR ABBY

healthy and happy, but I can't get it out of my mind. I have become a different person, crying at the most trivial things and often panicking that Mom's OK. I don't think I could make it through if anything happened to her.

Dwelling on this is affecting my relationship with my husband and my friends. How do I stop obsessing over this? — **ANXIOUS IN ALBUQUERQUE**

DEAR ANXIOUS: A discussion with your OB/GYN would be helpful. By the last months of pregnancy, a woman's body is swimming in hormones. Those increased hormone levels have been known to have a profound effect

on a woman's emotions.

The solution to your problem may be as simple as understanding that once your baby arrives and your hormones return to normal, you will be back on a more even keel. If that doesn't happen, you may have to talk with a mental health professional — although I doubt that will be necessary. In the meantime, your mother is healthy, happy and about to be a grandmother, so dwell on the positive.

DEAR READERS: A thought for the day: The best exercise in the world is to bend down and help someone up.

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HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 17, 2014:

This year opportunities pop up from out of the blue, though they might force your hand in making decisions that you would prefer to avoid. If you are single, you attract many different personalities. Avoid getting too serious with anyone who is possessive. If you are attached, the two of you will reach a financial pinnacle, but only if you continue to save. A lucky bet or a promotion also could be part of the scenario. ARIES might be alluring, but he or she also can cause a lot of conflict in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Confusion will mark your words, though you might feel as if you are being very clear. As a result, you will have a choice to make that you would like to avoid. Be careful when suppressing your anger, as there could be a backfire.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might choose to say less and listen more. What you see evolving could be somewhat depressing. Remember that everything can change in the blink of an eye. Be careful, as anger

easily could disrupt and surprise you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Emphasize what you want. You could be taken aback by someone's frustration. Try not to fan any flames; instead, help this person discuss his or her feelings. Be optimistic in your calls and in your communication, and you will see a positive response.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might decide that a new approach would be better, especially if you find that others are trying to force your hand. You understand moodiness and strange behavior, and you are likely to witness how quickly moods can change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep reaching out to an expert to help you make a decision. If you can postpone having to choose right now, you would be well advised to do so. A day or two wait will help you gain a different and more successful perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will want to defer to others, as they seem to have a better grasp on a difficult situation. You might not understand the root of



JACQUELINE BIGAR

BIGAR'S STARS

the problem. Remain positive in how you approach a potential disagreement. You know who you can trust.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You seem to have been dealing with a lot of frustration and/or anger since March. That period is ending now, yet you might be surprised to have your ability to express these uncomfortable feelings tested today. Let others know how you feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might feel as if many people are forgetting important pieces of a puzzle, perhaps involving your immediate circle. Make a point to get past your irritation, and consider how you can persuade these same people to be more thorough.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your fiery nature takes over, which factors your creativity and dynamic thinking into the mix. Others enjoy this part of your per-

sonality, and they often step back and make way for you and your expansive ideas. Do not accept "no" as an answer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your mind might be on home and family. Your thinking will be clear to those close to you, though you still could tumble into controversy. You'll have to decide whether to stand up to different ideas, incorporate them or become rigid about them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You often tell it as it is, which tends to trigger some uproar. You bring out a natural sense of defiance in others. You will find out quickly whether your style will work well in a new situation. Try to choose your words with care. Avoid getting personal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be aware of your actions and how they might trigger a strong reaction from a loved one or an associate. On the other hand, remember to be sensitive to your needs. Use a measure of care with your finances. It will serve you well to honor your budget.

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3rd Letter + 7 PTS
E₁ N₂ K₁₂ N₂ L₂ T₂ E₁

5th Letter + 7 PTS
Y₇ O₂ A₂ M₆ Y₇ N₂ N₂

3rd DOWN
P₆ M₆ V₇ S₂ U₃ I₂ R₂

4th DOWN + 30 PTS
N₂ H₇ S₂ P₆ S₂ U₃ U₃

FOUR PLAY TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 75-85 PTS
Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

7-17-14 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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M₆ E₁ O₂ I₂ A₂ N₂ T₂ 1st DOWN = 108

V₇ R₂ O₂ O₂ M₆ S₂ 2nd DOWN = 21

P₆ E₁ O₂ A₂ G₃ O₂ G₃ 3rd DOWN = 130

A₂ S₂ S₂ U₃ R₂ E₁ O₂ 4th DOWN = 85

AVERAGE GAME 220-230 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 344
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4			8		5			
6			3			1	2	
1								3
	4				8	7		2
				5				
3	7	9						4
8								7
	1	5			4			9
2			7					4

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

How to play: Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

BRIDGE

A Matter of Judgment

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 8 4 2
♥ J 10 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ A J 6 3

WEST
♠ K Q 10 6 5
♥ K 7 3
♦ J 6 4
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ 9 3
♥ 9 8 4 2
♦ 9 8 7 3
♣ K 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A J 7
♥ A Q 6
♦ K 10 2
♣ Q 10 8 5

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — king of spades.

When you are declarer, there is no simple rule that tells you when to win a trick or when to refuse it; rather, it is a matter of exercising good judgment in the particular circumstances you face.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of spades against your three-notrump contract. You could take the king with the ace and then start thinking of how best to try to make nine tricks, but, in effect, that would be putting the cart before the horse.

Winning the first trick would place you in a position where if East later gained the lead and returned a spade through your J-7, you could lose the contract.

To prevent this from happening, you should let West hold the first trick. This effectively stops him from leading another spade, and for the moment takes the heat off the suit.

Let's assume West switches to a club at trick two, which is the best he can do. The temptation to finesse at this point might be very strong, but, under the circumstances, it would be wrong to yield to that temptation.

The reason is that you could lose the finesse to East, who would then return a spade through your A-J. If and when you later attempted a heart finesse for your ninth trick, you could go down.

Instead, you should put up the ace of clubs at trick two and lead the jack of hearts from dummy. You are in no danger if the finesse loses to West, since he cannot harm you with any return, and you are then sure to make the contract.

Thus, if he takes the heart and leads a club, your worries are over, because this gives you nine tricks, while with any other return, the contract is equally certain. Judging precisely when and when not to hold up is the key to a successful resolution.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, July 17, the 198th day of 2014. There are 167 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 17, 1944, during

World War II, 320 men, two-thirds of them African-Americans, were killed when a pair of ammunition ships exploded at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine in California.

A XYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-17 CRYPTOQUOTE
QDJ SOXO RMKO FOXAOYZPQ ZD
LO PDEOK — MCK BJXOPQ U IMEO
PDEOK QDJ, UC ZIO UKOM DA
QDJ, RQ SIDPO PUAO PDCV.

— OPUNMLOZI LMXXOZZ LXDSUCUV
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I HOPE OUR WISDOM WILL GROW WITH OUR POWER, AND TEACH US, THAT THE LESS WE USE OUR POWER THE GREATER IT WILL BE. — THOMAS JEFFERSON

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'Scandal' star Tony Goldwyn creates a new drama

FRAZIER MOORE
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Tony Goldwyn has displayed a lack of ethics in the White House.

As President Fitzgerald Grant on ABC's hit melodrama "Scandal," he has cheated on his wife right under her nose and even smothered a pesky Supreme Court justice on her sickbed.

But in his behind-the-camera roles as producer, director and writer, Goldwyn is exposing the ethical minefields of the justice system in a fine new drama "The Divide."

This eight-episode series, which premieres on WE tv on Wednesday (9 p.m. EDT), teams Goldwyn with fellow creator and producer Richard LaGravenese (writer of last year's HBO film "Behind the Candelabra"), who penned the two-hour debut.

Inspired by the real-life Innocence Project (which works to exonerate wrongfully convicted



Actor Damon Gupton, left, and director Tony Goldwyn are shown on the set of "The Divide."

ed people through DNA testing), "The Divide" focuses on a young Philadelphia caseworker for the Innocence Initiative named Christine Rosa, who has become obsessed with winning a last-ditch appeal for a white inmate soon facing execution for the murder of a black family.

As Christine (series star Marin Ireland) and her boss (Paul Schneider) probe inconsisten-

cies in the case, they butt heads with the city's charismatic African-American district attorney (Damon Gupton), even as he begins to acknowledge problems with the racially charged verdict, which vaulted him to prominence a dozen years ago but, if it came apart now, could be his undoing.

"In the past," Goldwyn says, "I had assumed that if someone's

in prison, they probably did it. I didn't realize how much gray area there is in our justice system, and how many cracks catch people without money and influence."

"On the show, we try to come to terms with the ambiguity of human nature," adds LaGravenese. "In the Writers Room, I said, 'Let's get rid of words like "good" and "bad." That's not what our show is about.'"

The two first worked together when LaGravenese did a script rewrite for the Goldwyn-directed 2010 film "Conviction," which starred Hilary Swank in a dramatization of an actual Innocence Project case.

When that was done, says Goldwyn, "I wanted to explore the Inno-

cence Project further. I thought a TV series would be a great way."

After months of hashing out ideas, then crafting a proposal for the series they conceived, they landed a deal with the corporate parent of AMC to film a pilot. Time passed. Then so did AMC on the series. But a sister network, WE tv, stepped up.

WE tv, in the midst of a network-wide rebranding, claimed "The Divide" as its first-ever scripted series — a hoped-for repeat of how, in 2007, a new drama called "Mad Men" heralded the revamping of AMC.

Goldwyn and LaGravenese went back to work to beef up the narrative in preparation for adding and reshooting

scenes for the pilot.

Goldwyn had landed the original deal for "The Divide" before committing to "Scandal," but despite those "presidential" duties (which he resumes for season four later this month), he says the show was generous in giving him freedom to develop "The Divide." And when "Scandal" took a two-month hiatus in the middle of last season, Goldwyn was able to head to Toronto, where he directed the first two episodes of "The Divide" as it sprang to life again.

Marin Ireland (whose credits include the films "I Am Legend" and "Sparrows Dance" and TV appearances on "Homeland" and "The Following") returned to Toronto after having used her "down time wisely: Last fall, she starred in an off-Broadway play "Marie Antoinette," and for a month spent her days as an intern at the Innocence Project.

She found that entering Christine's world for real was not only instructive, but also exhilarating.

"It left me thinking I should quit acting and come to work with these people full-time — even though I barely knew how to work the fax machine," she says with a laugh.

For now, she's happy to play a passionate lawyer trying to find justice, while Goldwyn, on break from presidential mischief, presides over his saga of doing the right thing.

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