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Trapper finds gator that chased girl

Wildlife officer says mama gator was guarding nest when it chased child up a tree

By Frank Stanfield

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ASTOR — A licensed nuisance alligator trapper on Monday recovered the carcass of a 8-foot-6-inch alligator that chased a teenage girl up a tree in Freak Creek near Alexander Springs on Friday.

"A necropsy was not

necessary," said Greg Workman with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission. It was not necessary because the cause of death was obvious: A .223-caliber bullet wound from a Lake County sheriff's deputy's AR-15.

Investigators also found the cause of the unusually aggressive behavior: The female gator was protecting a nearby nest.

"Alligators seldom bite people for reasons other than food," the FWC website notes. "Female alligators may

protect their nests by hissing and opening their mouths to frighten intruders"

Jordan Broderick was frightened, and for good reason.

Deputy Mitch Blackmon could hear her screaming when he arrived. The Titusville teen was 10 feet above the water and was getting tired.

"While alligators don't climb trees, they can use their back feet and tail to push their

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This eight and a half foot gator was shot and killed by a sheriff's deputy when it chased a girl up a tree in Freak Creek on Friday. A trapper recovered the carcass on Monday. [SUBMITTED]



Experts say the safest way to watch fireworks is to attend a show put on by professionals during one of the many events around Lake County on Wednesday. [GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Red, White and ooh

Best bet for fireworks is to leave it to the pros

By C. A. Bridges
and Katie Kustura

Gatehouse Media

For many Americans the Fourth of July is a time for family gatherings, cookouts and fireworks, but experts say the pros should handle the latter of those Independence Day activities, which can cause serious, even deadly, injuries.

While the holiday is a time to "celebrate our freedom with family and friends," Jimmy Patronis, Florida's chief financial officer and state fire marshal, said in a statement that Florida residents should take steps to ensure the celebration doesn't end with a trip to the emergency room."

Sadly, that is all-too-frequent occurrence this time of year.

Fireworks caused nearly 13,000 injuries in the United States in 2017, according to the Consumer

Product Safety Commission. Eight people died due to "nonoccupational" fireworks-related incidents. One of those died in a house fire caused by the misuse of a firecracker.

Here in Leesburg, a Leesburg man lost part of his hand several days before the Fourth of July in 2016 when a firework he thought was a dud went off in his hand.

And an Orlando couple's Fourth of July gathering ended badly last year when a firework, purchased from Sky King Fireworks of Daytona Beach called "Smiley Face" blew up as the man tried lighting the fuse, according to a lawsuit filed in May. Sky King denied any wrong doing in a response filed in court.

According to Daniell Rogers' lawsuit, the blast blew the middle finger off his right hand and left him with hearing loss and injuries to his face, left hand and left leg, the lawsuit states.

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Independence Day Events

Leesburg: From 5:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Venetian Gardens, beginning with a Leesburg Lightning baseball game at Pat Thomas Stadium at 5:30 p.m. and an ice cream giveaway at 7 p.m. Fireworks over the lake begin at 9:15 p.m.

Tavares: From 3 to 10 p.m. in Wooton Park. Patriotic Parade at 5 p.m. on Main Street and fireworks fireworks at 9 p.m.

Clermont: From 6 to 10 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Fireworks over Lake Minneola at 9:15 p.m.

Groveland: From 4:30 to 11:45 p.m. at Lake Catherine Blueberries, 5849 Lake Catherine Road, north of State Road 50 on State Road 19, with fireworks at 9:14 p.m.

The Villages: From 5 to 9 p.m. at Spanish Springs Square, Lake Sumter Landing Market Square and Brownwood Paddock Square.

Trump revokes race guidance

By Eric Tucker

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Tuesday rescinded Obama-era guidance that encouraged schools to take a student's race into account to promote diversity in admissions.

The shift suggests schools will have the federal government's blessing to leave race out of admissions and enrollment decisions, and it underscores the contentious politics that continue

to surround affirmative action policies, which have repeatedly been challenged before the Supreme Court.

The admissions memos were among 24 policy documents revoked by the Justice Department for being "unnecessary, outdated, inconsistent with existing law, or otherwise improper." Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the changes an effort to restore the "rule of law" and blamed past administrations

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Trump interviews more high court candidates

By Catherine Lucey

and Ken Thomas

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump spoke with three more potential Supreme Court candidates on Tuesday as a key senator privately aired concerns about one of the contenders.

That follows four Trump interviews with judicial candidates a day earlier, as well as a conversation with Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, who is not regarded as a top contender. An administration official said Trump had spoken to seven

candidates in total.

"These are very talented people, brilliant people," Trump said during an appearance in West Virginia. "We're going to give you a great one."

With trademark flair, Trump has said he'll announce his pick to replace retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy on Monday, choosing from a list of candidates vetted by conservative groups. Contenders include federal appeals judges Raymond Kethledge, Amul Thapar, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett.

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IN BRIEF

ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL. Jury convicts man of murder in 1973 death of wife

A 76-year-old former Chicago-area man who authorities say used his reputation as an upstanding citizen to convince police 45 years ago that a crash that killed his wife was an accident has been convicted of first-degree murder in her death.

On Monday afternoon, jurors in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, deliberated for just three hours before returning with the guilty verdict against Donnie Rudd, a one-time school board member and respected attorney.

The speed that the verdict was returned made it clear that jurors did not believe Rudd's attorney's explanation that the death of 19-year-old Noreen Kumeta Rudd was a "tragic accident."

SAO PAULO
Brazilian businessman Eike Batista convicted of corruption

A Brazilian businessman famous for amassing and then losing a multi-billion-dollar fortune has been convicted of corruption and money laundering and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Eike Batista was found guilty of paying around \$16.5 million in bribes to the then-Rio de Janeiro governor to gain an advantage in government contracts. Ex-Gov. Sergio Cabral was also convicted — one of several corruption cases against Cabral.

A federal judge in Rio de Janeiro signed the decision on Monday but it did not become widely known until Tuesday.

NANTERRE, FRANCE
Escaped criminal had small team of loyal accomplices

French investigators believe a team of four or five loyal accomplices carried out the brazen prison helicopter escape of one of France's most notorious criminals.

The armed, masked men took a helicopter pilot hostage, forced him to land Sunday in Reau Prison's yard, used power tools to break through the prison yard's doors and hustled Redoine Faid to freedom.

Faid, a serial robber and murderer, hasn't been seen since leaving the prison near Paris. French police have launched a massive manhunt for him.

Philippe Veroni, deputy director of France's organized crime police unit, said Tuesday that Faid had clearly planned the prison break carefully and had a band of accomplices willing to risk everything.

The Associated Press

LOTTERY

Monday, July 2

Fantasy 5: 2-11-33-35-36
Cash 4 Life: 4-13-24-53-59-1

Tuesday, July 3

Pick 5

Afternoon: 0-4-9-4-6

Evening: 7-7-9-3-7

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Afternoon: 5-2-5-9

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Forecast of heavy rains could complicate rescue of trapped team

By Tassanee Vejpongsa

The Associated Press

said. "If something happens midway, it could be life-threatening."

Video released by the Thai navy showed the boys in their soccer uniforms sitting in a dry area inside the Tham Luang Nang Non cave above the water as a light held by a rescuer was shone on their faces.

Cave rescue experts have said it could be safer to simply supply them where they are for now, rather than trying to have the boys dive out. That could take months, however, given that Thailand's rainy season typically lasts through October.

SEAL commander Rear Adm. Arpakorn Yookongkaew said there was no rush to bring them out, since they're safe where they are.

A doctor and a nurse were with them in the cave.

"We have given the boys food, starting from easily digested and high-powered food with enough minerals," Arpakorn told a news conference.

Having them dive out of the cave was one of several options being considered, "but if we are using this plan, we have to be certain that it will work and have to have a drill to make sure that it's 100 percent safe," he said.

Chiang Rai provincial Gov. Narongsak Osatanaakorn said the health of the boys and coach were checked using a field assessment in which red is critical condition, yellow is serious and green is stable.

"We found that most of the boys are in green condition," he said. "Maybe some of the boys have injuries or light injuries and would be categorized as yellow condition. But no one is in red condition."

Relatives keeping vigil at the mouth of the cave since the ordeal began rejoiced at the news that their boys and their coach had been found.

"I want to give him a hug."



This Monday photo released by Tham Luang Rescue Operation Center, shows the boys and their soccer coach as they were found in a partially flooded cave, in Mae Sai, Chiang Rai, Thailand. The 12 boys and coach found after 10 days are mostly in stable medical condition and have received high-protein liquid food, officials said Tuesday, though it is not known when they will be able to go home. [THAM LUANG RESCUE OPERATION CENTER VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

I miss him very much," said Tham Chanthawong, an aunt of the coach. "In these 10 days, how many million seconds have there been? I've missed him every second."

Rescue divers had spent much of Monday making preparations for a final push to locate them, efforts that had been hampered by flooding that made it difficult to move through the tight passageways of muddy water.

Rick Stanton and John Volanthen, two expert cave divers from Britain, found the group about 300-400 meters (yards) past a section of the cave on higher ground that was believed to be where they might have taken shelter.

In the 5-minute navy video, the boys were seen wearing their soccer uniforms and were calm, curious and polite. They also were keen to get some food.

After an initial exchange in which a rescuer determines that all 13 are present, one of the boys asked what day it was, and a rescuer replied: "Monday. Monday. You have been here — 10 days."

The rescuer told them "you

are very strong." The traditional reserve of Thai children toward adults broke slightly after a while, and one boy told another in Thai, "Tell them we are hungry."

"We haven't eaten," a boy said in Thai, then in English: "We have to eat, eat, eat!"

A rescuer assured them that "navy SEALS will come tomorrow, with food and doctors and everything." At the end of the video, a boy asked in English, "Where do you come from?" The rescue diver replied, "England, UK."

Besides the protein drink, Narongsak said they were given painkillers and antibiotics, which doctors had advised as a precaution.

He said officials had met and agreed on the need to "ensure 100 percent safety for the boys when we bring them out."

"We worked so hard to find them and we will not lose them," he said.

Cave diver Ben Reymenants, part of the team assisting the rescue effort, told NBC's "Today" show that he was "very surprised obviously that they are all alive and actually mentally also healthy."

DATELINES

WASHINGTON



In this June 21 photo, first lady Melania Trump pauses after signing an artwork of an American flag while visiting the Upbring New Hope Children Center run by the Lutheran Social Services of the South in McAllen, Texas. The first lady visited with wounded service members at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center after traveling to the Washington-area hospital on a trip the White House did not publicly announce until after she had arrived. [ANDREW HARNIK/AP]

PARIS



In this Tuesday photo released by Greenpeace, a drone resembling the character Superman crashes into a wall of the nuclear power plant of Le Bugey, central France. Greenpeace activists say they have crashed two remote-controlled aircraft — a drone and a tiny radio-controlled plane — into a French nuclear plant to highlight the lack of security around the facility. [NICOLAS CHAUVEAU/GREENPEACE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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NEWS BRIEFS

CLERMONT Deputies: Man hit woman with ax, raped her

A man has been arrested on rape and other charges after a woman told sheriff's deputies that he attacked her with an ax and would not let her leave her home.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office was called to a Wawa convenience store Sunday at 7:41 p.m. by a manager who said one of her employees was upset.

The woman said Michael A. McCray, 25, of Clermont, was angry when she came home from work at 6:30 a.m. after working all night. He forced her to go into the bedroom, where he hit her on the knee with the ax, then forced her to get undressed. When she later tried to go to work he struck her with the ax in the back. He then choked her, she said, and he raped her.

McCray has been charged with aggravated battery, strangulation battery, false imprisonment, tampering and sexual battery.

DAYTONA BEACH Judge: Collarless cabbie shouldn't go to jail

A Florida judge says he won't send a cabbie to jail for violating a city ordinance requiring a collared shirt.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports that during a hearing for Keith Gordon, Volusia County Judge David Foxman suggested the city review its cab ordinance. Police gave Gordon a notice to appear in court for violating city regulations by wearing jeans shorts and a shirt without a collar during Bike Week.

The infraction includes a fine up to \$500 and 60 days in county jail.

During a May 23 hearing, Foxman questioned the policy of misdemeanor charges for a clothing violation, adding it's like living "in a communist country or something."

City Attorney Robert Jagger told the newspaper it's a civil violation even though there's a possibility of jail time.

PANAMA CITY Couple charged with locking puppy in trunk while shopping

Authorities say a Mississippi couple locked a puppy in the trunk of their car while they went shopping at a Florida mall.

The Panama City News Herald reports that 30-year-olds Maurice Sanders and Keshanna Thompson were arrested Sunday and charged with aggravated animal cruelty.

Police received a call about the puppy Sunday afternoon. A witness says he saw Sanders lock the dog away before walking into Dillard's.

Officers reported hearing the puppy panting in the trunk. They broke a window and accessed the trunk through the car's back seat. Police say it was extremely hot, and there was no water.

The puppy was taken to animal control.

PENSACOLA Man gets 20 years for shooting at passing driver

A Florida man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for shooting at a passing driver.

The Pensacola News Journal reports 27-year-old Daniel Thomas Fountain was sentenced Friday for the March 2017 attack. A State Attorney's Office press release says Fountain was sitting in his car across the street from the victim, who was driving to work.

According to the release, Fountain was hanging out of his driver's side window and fired three rounds at the victim as the victim drove past. Law enforcement responded to a disturbance call later that day at Fountain's girlfriend's house. Fountain was there with his car, which matched the description of the car in the shooting. The victim from the earlier shooting then identified Fountain in a lineup.

Gun permit review finds mistakes

By Brendan Farrington

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A 2012 internal investigation released this week to The Associated Press found that 48 Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services employees made mistakes while issuing concealed weapon permits and armed security guard or

similar licenses.

One employee resigned during the investigation, one was fired and others received suspensions or written reprimands. In all, two concealed weapons permits and one armed security guard license were revoked, according to department spokeswoman Jennifer Meale.

Department Commissioner Adam Putnam, a

Republican candidate for governor, was criticized last month after acknowledging that the agency revoked 291 permits awarded in 2016 and 2017 and fired an employee last year.

Political opponents are using the 2012 investigation, which was released after a records request, to build on that criticism.

"This is another example

of what happens when you put career politicians in executive positions," said Brad Herold, who is running Republican U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis' campaign for governor. "Adam Putnam has clearly been spending too much time running for his next elected office and not enough time doing his job."

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Homeless men sit on a bench in Towne Square in downtown Leesburg in April. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Help for the homeless

Gov. Scott finds funds after budget glitch

By John Kennedy

Gatehouse Media

TALLAHASSEE — A day into a new state budget year,

Gov. Rick Scott said Monday that he wants to redirect \$3.1 million toward homeless programs

shorted dollars because of a glitch by lawmakers.

Gatehouse Media-Florida reported last month that homeless organizations looked likely to lose \$4.1 million set aside — but not properly allocated — by the Legislature.

As a result, 27 homeless agencies from the Keys to the Panhandle looked likely to be out cash — some losing as much as \$350,000. It's a large portion of what advocates say is already a small amount spent in the state budget to help struggling Floridians.

These organizations lobbied Scott and lawmakers for help as the July 1 start of the budget year neared. But it wasn't until Monday that Scott said the state's Department of Children & Families identified \$3.1 million it could steer toward



A homeless man sits on a bench in Towne Square in downtown Leesburg in April. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

the homeless program.

"While it's concerning that this funding was not provided in this year's budget, I am proud that DCF will be able to redirect money to combat homelessness," Scott said. "I encourage the Legislature to quickly approve this budget amendment that will fund programs that served nearly 13,000 Floridians last year."

The state's Legislative Budget Commission, a panel of lawmakers that can meet to move dollars around within agencies, is expected to convene in the coming weeks to approve the fund shift.

"It's not going to get us to the total amount, but I'll take it," said Jeff White, executive director of the Volusia/Flagler Coalition for the Homeless, which expected to see the \$205,500 it drew from the program disappear July 1.

White said that his

organization had already begun reducing its services in anticipation of the lost money. At least two other homeless agencies around the state had already cut staff, he said.

DCF already was planning to steer an additional \$1.7 million in federal emergency funds left over from last year to help ease the loss of the so-called challenge grant money.

Combined, the replacement money should bring the state total for homeless funding close to the \$14 million level it reached last year.

The challenge grants are used for a range of purposes, including helping lower-income residents pay rent following job losses, car accidents or other costly expenses.

While the money assists thousands of homeless, it also helps others from being put out on the streets, advocates said.

Court reapplys brakes on smokable marijuana

Fight continues as appeals panel chides judge who lifted earlier stay

By Dara Kam

News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Chiding a judge who sided with sick patients and saying plaintiffs likely won't win on the merits of the case, an appellate court on Tuesday refused to allow smokable medical marijuana while a legal fight continues to play out.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal came in a lawsuit initiated by Orlando trial attorney John Morgan and others who maintain that a Florida law barring patients from smoking their treatment runs afoul of a 2016 constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana.

Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers in May agreed with Morgan, who largely bankrolled the constitutional amendment, and plaintiffs in the case. The state appealed, touching off legal maneuvering that led to the appellate panel Tuesday issuing a five-page decision that effectively blocked Gievers' ruling while the case continues.

"I respect the 1st DCA immensely, but no matter what, this goes to the Supreme Court, so why not now," Morgan, who has repeatedly called on Gov. Rick Scott to drop the state's appeal, said in an email Tuesday. "It is just a waste of time and taxpayer money. Cathy Jordan may die as this snails its way through the system. All of this proves why people don't trust politicians. They know what they voted for."

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Keeping pets calm on the 4th of July

Experts recommend relaxants, thundershirts to curtail anxiety

By Nikki Ross

Gatehouse Media Florida

DAYTONA BEACH — Every year on Independence Day Kathy Blackman stays home, cranks up the volume on the television and closes the bedroom door, locking her four huskies in with her for the night.

"I just sit there and hold them and try to be

as soothing and calming as I can," said Blackman, founder of Sophie's Circle Dog Rescue in New Smyrna Beach. "Otherwise, they can do a lot of destruction."

Blackman — along with many other pet owners across the country — dreads the holiday fireworks because of the anxiety they cause her furry best friends.

"All you need is one person in the neighborhood to shoot something off at four in the

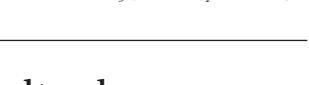


A family and their dog get their red, white and blue on at the Independence Day Parade in Barnstable. [PHOTO BY ALAN BELANICH]

Funeral Services

William Glenn Morris

William Glenn Morris, 79, of Leesburg passed away peacefully on July 1, 2018. A native of Leesburg, Mr. Morris was born October 13, 1938 to William L. and Vera Ward Morris. He had a long career as an Engineer with FDOT, retiring with 42 years of service in 2000. He loved country music and played in several bands throughout the area and also had a love of cars and electronics; always having the latest "best" version. Additionally, his love of softball led him to coach all of his daughters. Survivors include: wife of 51 years, Phyllis of Leesburg; daughters: Lori and husband Jeff Lane of Land O' Lakes, FL; Rebecca and husband Dr. William Jason of Brooksville, FL; Keri and husband Bryan



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Evelyn M. Saltenberger

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Ashley Burnett (Josh). Much loved Great Oma to Elijah and Callon Burnett. Wonderful friend of many. Memorial Service Friday July 6, 2018 10:00 a.m. at St. Marks Lutheran Church, 28215 US Highway 27, Leesburg, FL.

Death Notices

Virginia A. Morgan
Virginia A. Morgan, 88, of Hudson, FL, formerly of Tavares died Tuesday, July 3, 2018. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbush Funerals & Cremations, Tavares, FL

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afternoon and they go crazy," Blackman said.

Neighbors may not think about the animals in the homes around them and will set off fireworks at all times of day. This can wreak havoc on a pet's anxiety, especially if their owners haven't given them a pharmaceutical relaxant, like Xanax, in time.

"Many animals, especially dogs, are prone to

high anxiety due to thunder and fireworks," said Maggi Hall, founder of ARK Animal Rescue in Crescent City, formerly of DeLand. "The Fourth of July is when numerous dogs run away, many of which are never located again."

Make sure they have on an updated tag and collar."

July 5 often sees an increase in animals at shelters and humane societies because they become afraid and run away, said Barry Kukes, community outreach director at Halifax

Humane Society in Daytona Beach.

"People should keep an eye on their animals," Kukes said. "One second their dog may appear just fine and then a firework explodes over their head and they take off running."

Hall recommends picking up a bottle of Melatonin from a drug-store and starting the pills for pets several days before the event. She said to make sure to look up the correct dosage for the pet's size before giving it to them.

"You have to be ahead

of the fireworks or it becomes ineffective," Blackman said of using pharmaceuticals. "That's why this year I am recommending using CBD oil instead."

According to Blackman, cannabidiol oil, a nonintoxicating marijuana extract, has no side effects for the animal and calms their anxiety instantly, unlike Xanax.

"There is no downside, you can't overdose them and there are no highs and lows," Blackman said. "I used it on New Year's Eve and it worked wonders calming them down."

CBD oil can be found in most health food stores as well as online.

"It's convenient and you can give it to dogs, cats even yourself," Blackman said. "It's an all natural product, there is nothing that is going to harm your pet so it is worth trying."

Blackman added that CBD oil is also effective in calming separation anxiety in pets.

"Do not leave that pet alone in the home during fireworks," Hall said.

amendment provides that "(n)othing in this section shall limit the Legislature from enacting laws consistent with this section."

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The Putnam campaign said the problem discovered in 2012 started under a previous administration and he took steps to fix it.

"Adam Putnam has proactively led efforts to hold government employees accountable and took action to address this issue which began before he was elected. Thanks to Adam Putnam's leadership, employee violations at FDACS have been reduced by 59 percent since 2011," campaign spokeswoman Meredith Beatrice said.

The department's inspector general began an investigation in August 2012 after it learned an employee issued an armed security guard license to a felon. The employee's supervisor said there had been past problems with the employee issuing licenses to felons and counseling occurred beginning in 2008, but no formal disciplinary action was taken. Putnam took office in January 2011.

The employee resigned during the investigation, which found he had issued 35 licenses without looking at the applications or reviewing arrest reports. At that point, the inspector general decided to review the work of all employees who processed license applications and renewals.

Computer records from July 2010 to July 2012 were reviewed to see if employees opened license applications. Investigators could also tell if only the first page of applications was reviewed while subsequent pages were ignored.

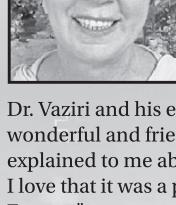
Of the 47 other employees who failed to follow proper review procedures, the error rate varied widely, from an employee who reviewed 2,219 applications and failed in one case to look at the second page of a security officer license renewal, to a woman fired after it was learned she approved 3,625 licenses without a full review, including 99 concealed weapons permit applications that were never viewed. Her error rate was nearly 13 percent of the 28,275 licenses processed.

Several employees blamed the errors on computer glitches, while others said phone calls and other distractions might have caused them to make mistakes.

The inspector general made several recommendations since implemented by the department, including random checks of approved licenses.

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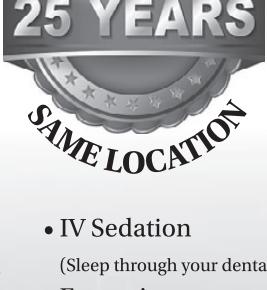
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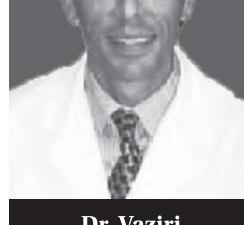
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decision to lift the stay and directly contradicted the circuit judge. Appellate judges Joseph Lewis, Lori Rowe and M. Kemmerly Thomas found that the plaintiffs "failed to demonstrate that they will suffer irreparable harm if the automatic stay is reinstated."

Noting that a trial court may vacate an automatic stay only "under the most compelling circumstances," the judges also scolded Gievers, saying "it was an abuse of discretion for the circuit court" to lift the stay.

Even more, the panel signaled bleak prospects for Morgan and the plaintiffs, at least as far as the appellate court – which also rejected a request to rush the case to the Florida Supreme Court – is concerned.

"Here, after the panel's preliminary review of the wording of the medical marijuana amendment and the statute prohibiting the use of medical marijuana in a smokable form, we conclude that appellees (the plaintiffs) have not sufficiently demonstrated a likelihood of success on the merits as required to justify vacating the automatic stay," the judges wrote.

The 2016 amendment "authorized medical marijuana for qualifying patients with certain debilitating medical conditions but authorized DOH (the state Department of Health) to issue reasonable regulations to ensure the availability and safe use of medical marijuana by qualifying patients," Tuesday's order said.

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"This adds to anxiety and they may become destructive. More importantly, your pet is feeling abandoned and this exacerbates the problem."

Hall and Blackman agree that if you have to leave your pet at home to lock them in a small room or in a crate with the TV volume on loud to help drown out the fireworks.

Kukes recommends closing all the windows and blinds in the house to block the sight of fireworks.

He also said to take dogs outside to go to the bathroom before the fireworks intensify.

Thundershirts, snug-fitting shirts that put constant gentle pressure on a dog's body, have also been recommended by Hall, Blackman and Kukes. They are available at local pet stores.

"For neighbors setting off fireworks, just be considerate of your neighbors and neighborhood," Blackman said. "If you do shoot them off, only do the legal ones, the others are scary for not only people but for the dogs."

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CANDIDATES

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Trump has also been consulting with lawmakers — including Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who has expressed reservations about Kavanaugh's candidacy, according to a person familiar with the call.

Paul has told colleagues that he wouldn't vote in favor of Kavanaugh if the judge is nominated, citing Kavanaugh's role during the Bush administration on cases involving executive privilege and the disclosure of documents to Congress.

Trump's choice to replace Kennedy — a swing vote on the nine-member court — has the potential to be part of precedent-shattering court decisions on abortion, health care, gay marriage and other issues.

On Monday, Trump interviewed Kethledge, Thapar, Kavanaugh and Barrett, according to a person with knowledge of the meetings who was not authorized to speak publicly about them.

The White House did not disclose Trump's additional conversations, but two other names considered top contenders are Thomas Hardiman, who has served with Trump's sister, now on senior inactive status, on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia; and Joan Larsen, who serves on the federal appeals court in Cincinnati and previously served as a Michigan Supreme Court Justice.

The president also spoke by phone with Lee on Monday, as first reported by the Deseret News and later confirmed by the senator's office, which characterized it as an interview. Asked about the call, White House spokesman Raj Shah said only, "Yesterday, the President spoke on the phone with Sen. Mike Lee." Lee is the only lawmaker on Trump's list

of potential justices.

Since Trump said his short list includes at least two women, speculation has focused on Barrett, a former law clerk to Justice Antonin Scalia and a longtime Notre Dame Law School professor who serves on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit.

Conservative groups rallied around Barrett after her confirmation hearing last year featured questioning from Democrats over how her Roman Catholic faith would affect her decisions.

"There's little doubt from the movement perspective that Barrett would be an excellent choice. It also might make sense politically," said Tom Fitton of the conservative group Judicial Watch. He said Barrett "has been through the fire in terms of an unpleasant confirmation hearing. There won't be much new under the sun."

Barrett has won some high-profile praise, with former House speaker and Trump ally Newt Gingrich tweeting Monday: "Judge Amy Coney Barrett would make an outstanding Supreme Court Justice. Her clarity and intellectual strength in the Senate hearings for her current judgeship showed an intellect and a depth of thought that would be powerful on the Supreme Court."

ADMISSIONS

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for imposing new rules without seeking public comment.

"That's wrong, and it's not good government," Sessions said in a statement.

The action comes amid a high-profile court fight over Harvard University admissions as well as Supreme Court turnover expected to produce a more critical eye toward schools' race-conscious admissions policies.

The court's most recent significant ruling on the subject bolstered colleges' use of race among many factors in the admission process. But the opinion's author, Anthony Kennedy, announced his retirement last week, giving President Donald Trump a chance to replace him with a justice who may be more reliably skeptical of admissions programs that take race and ethnicity into account.

The new policy dramatically departs from the stance of the Obama administration, which in a 2011 policy document said courts had recognized schools' "compelling interest" in ensuring racially diverse populations. The guidance said that while race shouldn't be the primary factor in an admission decision, schools could lawfully consider it in the interest of achieving



Education Secretary Betsy DeVos testifies May 22 on Capitol Hill in Washington. The Trump administration is rescinding Obama-era guidance that encouraged schools to take a person's race into account to encourage diversity in admissions, according to an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

diversity.

"Institutions are not required to implement race-neutral approaches if, in their judgment, the approaches would be unworkable," the guidance said. "In some cases, race-neutral approaches will be unworkable because they will be ineffective to achieve the diversity the institution seeks."

That guidance has now been rescinded, as have more than a half-dozen other similar documents,

including some that sought to explain court rulings affirming the use of race as one of several factors in the admissions process.

In one such document, the Obama administration stated, "As the Supreme Court has recognized, diversity has benefits for all students, and today's students must be prepared to succeed in a diverse society and an increasingly global workforce."

The Trump administration's announcement is

more in line with Bush-era policy that discouraged affirmative action and instead encouraged the use of race-neutral alternatives, like percentage plans and economic diversity programs.

Though such guidance doesn't have the force of law, schools could presumably use it to defend themselves against lawsuits over admission policies.

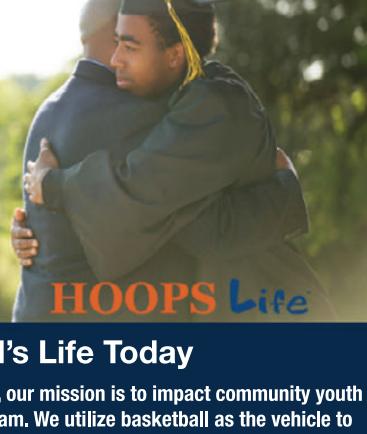
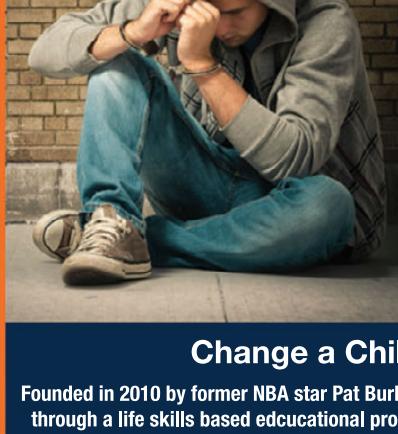
The Trump administration's Justice Department had already signaled concern about the use of race in admissions decisions.

The department, for instance, has sided with Asian-American plaintiffs who contend in a lawsuit against Harvard that the school unlawfully limits how many Asian students are admitted.

Students for Fair Admissions, the group suing Harvard, is led by Ed Blum, a legal strategist who also helped white student Abigail Fisher sue the University of Texas for alleged discrimination in a case that reached the Supreme Court.

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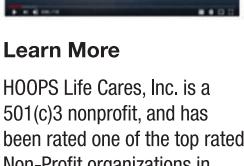


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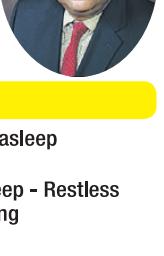
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NATO allies defend military spending amid Trump criticism

By Lorne Cook
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The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — NATO allies are pushing back against U.S. criticism that they are not spending enough on defense as President Donald Trump ratchets up pressure ahead of a summit next week.

In the weeks leading up to NATO's July 11-12 summit in Brussels, Trump

sent letters to the governments of Norway, other European allies and Canada demanding that they boost their defense spending.

After Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, NATO allies agreed to stop cutting defense budgets, to start spending more as their economies grew and to move toward a goal of devoting 2 percent of GDP to defense within a decade.

In an email Tuesday to The Associated Press, Norwegian Defense Minister Frank Bakke-Jensen said "Norway stands by its decision of the NATO Summit in 2014 and is following up on this."

Norway has spent "far beyond" NATO's target on new military equipment, he added.

In Germany, "we stand by the 2 percent goal we've set," Defense Minister

Ursula von der Leyen said Tuesday. "We're on the path there. And we're prepared ... to take substantial responsibility within the alliance," she added.

When faced with the suggestion that the German government's explanations might not impress Trump, von der Leyen retorted: "We don't want to impress anyone."

Germany is "investing as much as necessary, as

appropriate and as is fair toward our common allies or partners in the alliance," she said.

The upcoming NATO summit is the first major meeting since the fractious Group of Seven talks in Canada last month. NATO officials are concerned that trans-Atlantic divisions over trade tariffs, as well as the U.S. pullout from the Paris global climate

agreement and the Iran nuclear deal, could undermine alliance unity.

In the letter to Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg, dated June 19, Trump wrote that despite her country's important role in the alliance Norway "remains the only NATO ally sharing a border with Russia that lacks a credible plan to spend 2 percent of its gross domestic product on defense."

GATOR

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body upwards against a tree," Workman said.

The girl's mother, Rebecca Henderson, was also screaming into the phone at a 911 dispatcher.

"My daughter's in a freaking tree, there's

gators surrounding her. We can't get her out. She's just 15," she told the dispatcher.

The dispatcher told her that a sheriff's marine unit was on the way from Umatilla. Asked how long before they arrived, the dispatcher said about 15 minutes.

"My God! My daughter's going to be [expletive] dead!" the frantic mother said.

The alligator was relentless, said Jordan's father, Michael Henderson. He was within a few feet of the beast, which looked at him sideways

as he swam to shore toward the tree that fortunately had limbs hanging over the water.

"The alligator was not scared at all," he said. Nor was the alligator afraid of Blackmon.

She should have been.

"The FWC places the highest priority on public safety," Workman said. There is a toll-free nuisance alligator hotline, 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286). The commission dispatches contracted trappers to resolve the situation.

In 2017, the agency received 13,210

complaints resulting in the removal of 8,455 nuisance alligators.

The issue, conservationists note, is that the growing number of humans means that more people are invading natural habitat.

FWC offers the following tips: Never feed them, keep your distance, only swim in designated areas during daylight hours, and keep pets on a leash and away from the water. For more information: myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/gators

FIREWORKS

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Rogers learned at the hospital that he'd need the remaining fingers on his right hand amputated.

The suit, filed by Tallahassee firm Frank and Rice, P.A., accuses the businesses of negligent distribution, negligent failure to warn, strict liability and breach of implied warranty of fitness. The lawsuit, filed in Volusia County Circuit Court, is seeking damages in excess of \$15,000.

Scott Shelton, an attorney representing Sky King with the Orlando-based firm Cole, Scott and Kissane, P.A., said the evidence will show their client did nothing wrong. Shelton also said there's a question regarding the proof of purchase.

State-approved sparklers or poppers are the only legal fireworks in Florida. Rockets and explosive devices are not allowed without the proper permitting, even if you signed an "Agricultural Exemption" waiver when you bought them at one of the many fireworks shops or tents that pop up in the area.

Stacy said the waiver won't matter if the fireworks a deputy observes a person using are illegal.

The illegal use of any firework in Florida is a first-degree misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Experts say to stay safe attend a public fireworks

show, where the fantastic displays are carefully controlled by professionals and monitored by local fire departments.

If you do plan to fire some off around your house, here are some tips to keep in mind.

1. Only adults (18 years of age and older) should be lighting fireworks. There should always be an adult supervising.

2. Sparklers are a common firework-related injury among children, as they're easy to drop, easy to get tangled in clothing, and they can reach temperatures up to 1,800 degrees, at least 200 degrees hotter than a standard butane lighter. Only allow sparklers to be handled by those 12 years of age or older.

3. Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse.

4. Light fireworks one at a time on sand, concrete or other non-flammable surface, a safe distance from cars, homes, etc. Then move back quickly.

5. If a firework doesn't light or doesn't fire, do not try to relight it or pick it up.

6. All fireworks should be lit on the ground. Never light any fireworks you're holding in your hand or in a metal or glass container, and never point or throw fireworks at another person.

7. Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.

8. After fireworks stop burning, douse with water before discarding.

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OUR OPINION

Brotherhood and tolerance

Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from President Ronald Reagan's speech on July 4, 1986. At a time when there is division and animus among Americans, we thought this was a worthwhile message on this, our nation's birthday.

All through our history, our presidents and leaders have spoken of national unity and warned us that the real obstacle to moving forward the boundaries of freedom, the only permanent danger to the hope that is America, comes from within. It's easy enough to dismiss this as a kind of familiar exhortation. Yet the truth is that even two of our greatest Founding Fathers, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, once learned this lesson late in life. They'd worked so closely together in Philadelphia for independence. But once that was gained and a government was formed, something called partisan politics began to get in the way. After a bitter and divisive campaign, Jefferson defeated Adams for the Presidency in 1800. And the night before Jefferson's inauguration, Adams slipped away to Boston, disappointed, brokenhearted, and bitter.

For years their estrangement lasted. But then when both had retired, Jefferson at 68 to Monticello and Adams at 76 to Quincy, they began through their letters to speak again to each other. Letters that discussed almost every conceivable subject: gardening, horseback riding, even sneezing as a cure for hiccups; but other subjects as well: the loss of loved ones, the mystery of grief and sorrow, the importance of religion, and of course the last thoughts, the final hopes of two old men, two great patriarchs, for the country that they had helped to found and loved so deeply. "It carries me back," Jefferson wrote about correspondence with his cosigner of the Declaration of Independence, "to the times when, beset with difficulties and dangers, we were fellow laborers in the same cause, struggling for what is most valuable to man, his right to self-government. Laboring always at the same oar, with some wave ever ahead threatening to overwhelm us and yet passing harmless ... we rowed through the storm with heart and hand ..." It was their last gift to us, this lesson in brotherhood, in tolerance for each other, this insight into America's strength as a nation. And when both died on the same day within hours of each other, that date was July 4th, 50 years exactly after that first gift to us, the Declaration of Independence.

My fellow Americans, it falls to us to keep faith with them and all the great Americans of our past. Believe me, if there's one impression I carry with me after the privilege of holding ... the office held by Adams and Jefferson and Lincoln, it is this: that the things that unite us — America's past of which we're so proud, our hopes and aspirations for the future of the world and this much-loved country — these things far outweigh what little divides us. And so tonight we reaffirm that Jew and gentile, we are one nation under God; that black and white, we are one nation indivisible; that Republican and Democrat, we are all Americans. Tonight, with heart and hand, through whatever trial and travail, we pledge ourselves to each other and to the cause of human freedom, the cause that has given light to this land and hope to the world.

My fellow Americans, we're known around the world as a confident and a happy people. Tonight there's much to celebrate and many blessings to be grateful for.



John Crisp

July 4th is here. How do you plan to celebrate our nation's nativity? I may produce some grilled ribs, Cole slaw and potato salad. Corn on the cob. Later, fireworks. And then to top the day off, I think I'll burn an American flag in the backyard. You might want to join me.

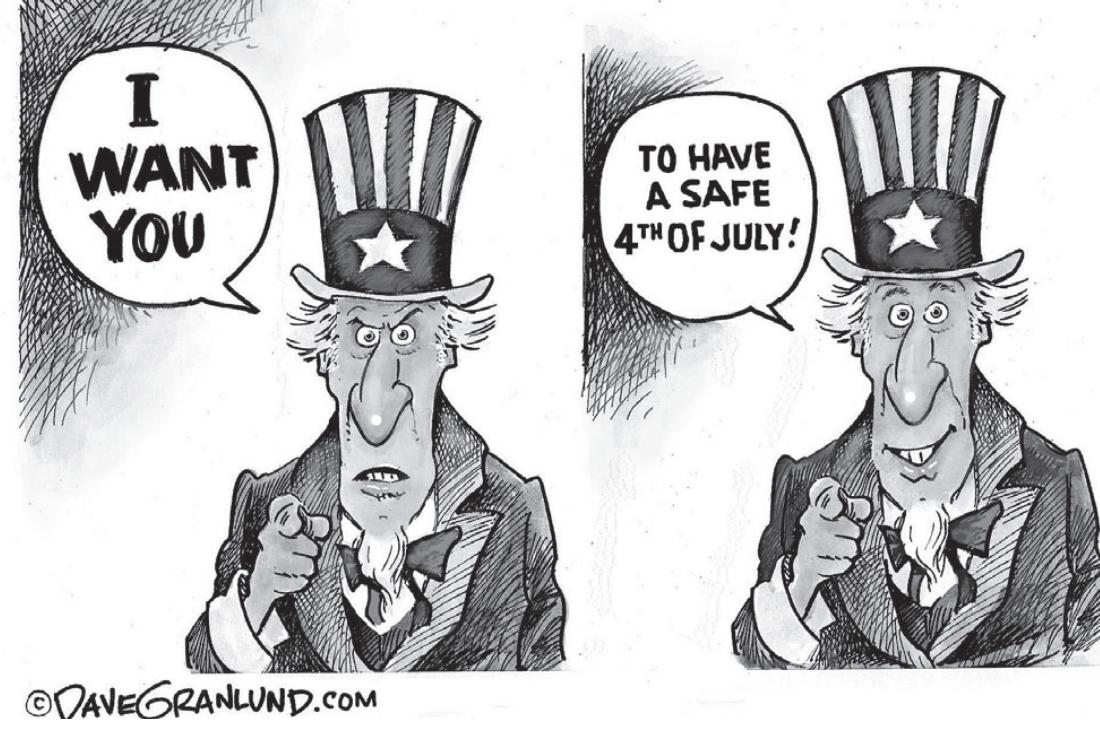
I made this suggestion in print a few years ago; some readers took exception. I was invited to move to France, to self-deport to the infernal regions or to perform remarkable anatomical contortions upon myself. Actually, I have no intention or desire to burn an American flag on July 4th. But I deeply esteem the right bestowed on me and

you by the Constitution and the Supreme Court to do so, if I should, for some reason, wish to. The fact that you may think that I shouldn't do it — and I generally agree with you — is separate from an appreciation of the fact that I have a right to do it.

Not every country allows its citizens to exercise such freedoms, and I'm not talking just about totalitarian countries such as Iran and Saudi Arabia. In France and Austria you can be sent to prison for six months for burning a flag, and in Germany for up to five years.

In fact, a glance over Wikipedia's list of flag statutes indicates that most countries have laws that prohibit burning or other desecrations of national symbols. They enforce these laws with varying degrees of rigidity. But the United States is in a small minority — along with a few countries such as Canada and Belgium — that decline to

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When online hatred turns real

The column that began Jarrod Ramos' vendetta against the Annapolis Capital was about a court case in which he had been convicted of harassment. It wasn't some piece of exploitative journalism; it had a broader point and purpose, one that resonates chillingly after his alleged shooting rampage at the Capital Gazette newsroom that left five dead. The column was a cautionary tale about social media, about how it can connect people while also serving as an outlet for wanton cruelty. It's reads as eerie foreshadowing of the years of invective Mr. Ramos spewed on Twitter about the Capital and its reporters and editors but also of the toxic stew of reactions that followed Thursday's killings.

In 2011, Mr. Ramos pleaded guilty in Anne Arundel County District Court to a harassment charge stemming from his online relationship with a former high school classmate. He had contacted the woman (who was not named in the

original column because she feared for her safety) out of the blue on Facebook because, he said, she was the only one who had been nice to him in school. The woman initially felt sorry for Mr. Ramos, she testified, and offered advice and some personal details about her life. When it seemed like he made more of the relationship than she did, she tried to back away, and that's when things took a turn. He engaged in an escalating pattern of harassment and threats, dropping off for a while only to return: "For all that time he was silent, he's collecting things about me. And then comes back at me, like, 10 times worse than he had before."

The pattern would repeat. After the column, Mr. Ramos sued the paper for defamation and lost but maintained a Twitter account that railed against the Capital and at least at one point hinted at the possibility of mass violence in its newsroom. Then he was silent for two years, until moments before the shooting when he tweeted,

"F — you, leave me alone."

The 2011 column, by former Capital writer Eric Hartley, notes, "The case is extreme. But it provides a frightening look at the false intimacy the Internet can offer and the venom that can hide behind a computer screen."

That venom not only preceded Thursday's attack, it also flowed freely in the hours afterward, with a back-and-forth of tweets about fake news media and whether Mr. Ramos was a supporter of President Donald Trump. There were many heartfelt sentiments, to be sure, but also a mountain of hate.

It is facile to blame President Trump's rhetoric for an act of violence like this one but equally naive to believe the coarsening of our discourse doesn't feed it. If we can so easily disconnect from the reality that five people are dead — five people with families and friends whose lives are shattered — what more horrors must we endure?

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Celebrate true American exceptionalism on the Fourth

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make flag burning illegal.

It's a paradox: Our dedication to the right of free speech is such that we permit the destruction of the very symbols of that right.

But it's a paradox that James Madison, the "Father of the Constitution," would appreciate. According to biographer Richard Brookhiser, when Madison was helping draft a Declaration of Rights for Virginia in 1776, he hesitated over proposed language that would have provided for the "fullest toleration" of the practice of religion, which, implied that the state has the right to determine what will be tolerated.

Madison proposed instead: "All men are equally entitled to the full and free exercise" of religion. He preferred to view the free practice of religion as a natural right, rather than a right granted by the state. This principle was embodied in our national constitution.

In other words, the right

itself precedes the state's prerogative to grant the right. Thus Americans have an obligation that exceeds even the government's to tolerate free speech, even speech that they find repugnant.

I was thinking about this in connection with the NFL players who have chosen to kneel respectfully during the national anthem in order to bring attention to unresolved racial injustices. Clearly these are "speech" acts, and we should be extremely leery of repressing them, even if they make us uncomfortable.

The dark flip side of free speech is coerced speech. Remember: President Trump hasn't indicated any appreciation for the NFL's recent policy change that allows players who prefer not to stand for the anthem to remain in the locker room. He said, "You have to stand proudly for the national anthem or you shouldn't be playing... maybe they shouldn't be in the country."

Notice the word "proudly." And players whose consciences won't allow them to stand "proudly"? They shouldn't be in the country.

Coerced patriotism is a hallmark of authoritarianism. Trump recently said that he wished he could get "my people" to stand at attention when he speaks, like Kim Jong Un's do. He said he was joking.

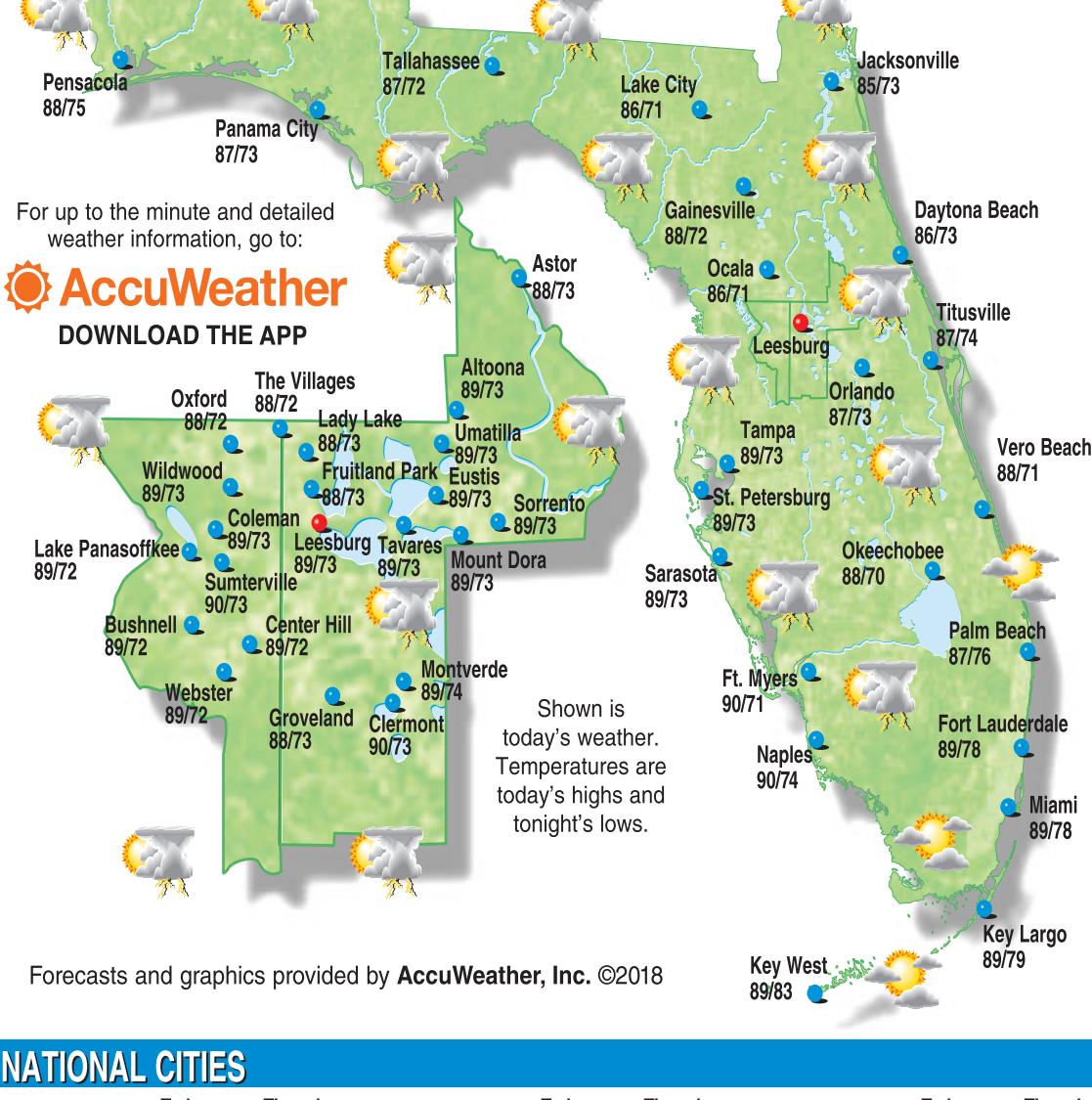
But Kim Jong Un doesn't have the confidence in himself, his government and his people to allow the kind of plain-spoken protests that we allow here.

Have a splendid July 4th. Don't burn a flag. But take a moment to celebrate your inherent right — and that of your fellow citizens — to protest as you see fit. That is what makes our nation truly exceptional.

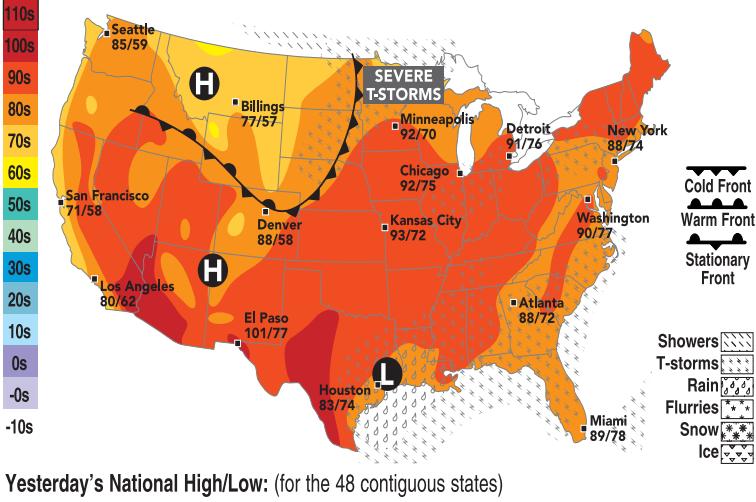
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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Thursday	Last	New	First	Full
Sunrise	6:34 a.m.	6:34 a.m.				
Sunset	8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.				
Moonrise	12:16 a.m.	12:50 a.m.				
Moonset	12:05 p.m.	12:59 p.m.				

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Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	10:41 a.m.0.8	5:09 a.m.0.1	Thu.	11:22 a.m.0.9	5:34 a.m.0.1
	10:12 p.m.1.1	4:39 p.m.0.3		11:14 p.m.1.0	5:41 p.m.0.3

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Albuquerque	95	72 s	90	66 t	Chicago	92	75 t	90	66 t	Greensboro, NC	90	73 t	87	73 t	Oklahoma City	91	71 s
Anchorage	70	56 pc	71	57 c	Cincinnati	94	75 s	92	70 t	Harford	91	71 t	92	73 pc	Omaha	94	74 s
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Baltimore	90	72 pc	88	74 t	Dallas	95	77 t	96	78 pc	Jackson, MS	91	73 t	91	71 t	Portland, ME	90	68 s
Billings	77	57 s	88	64 s	Dayton	92	74 t	91	69 t	Kansas City	93	72 s	90	68 t	Portland, OR	87	61 pc
Birmingham	91	73 t	88	72 t	Denver	88	58 t	86	61 t	Las Vegas	104	81 s	106	87 s	Providence	88	72 t
Bismarck	80	54 pc	82	61 s	Des Moines	93	74 s	85	62 t	Little Rock	93	75 pc	93	75 s	Raleigh	89	73 t
Boise	95	66 s	102	67 s	Detroit	91	76 t	90	68 t	Louisville	97	78 s	94	75 t	Richmond	90	74 t
Boston	85	75 t	90	74 pc	Duluth	83	60 t	78	53 pc	Memphis	95	77 t	95	77 t	Sacramento	80	53 s
Buffalo	90	74 t	86	67 t	El Paso	101	77 s	97	73 pc	Milwaukee	85	71 t	84	61 t	St. Louis	94	77 pc
Burlington, VT	95	74 s	94	75 t	Fargo	83	58 pc	80	55 s	Minneapolis	92	70 pc	83	61 c	Salt Lake City	96	70 s
Charleston, SC	86	73 t	88	72 t	Fairbanks	77	55 pc	68	49 sh	Nashville	96	76 t	93	75 pc	San Antonio	96	73 t
Charleston, WV	95	70 s	91	69 t	Flagstaff	80	51 s	87	56 pc	New Orleans	90	77 t	87	75 t	San Diego	75	66 pc
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- Melted butter
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Prepare soft pretzel bites according to instructions on the box. Lightly coat soft pretzel bites with melted butter. Season soft pretzel bites with everything bagel seasoning and soft pretzel salt. Bake in 350-degree oven until golden brown. Serve with whipped cream cheese if desired.


COMPETITIONS

FUN TEAM NAMES

Entering a cooking or eating competition? Dr. Odd has compiled a list of cool team names at dredd.com that includes the following:

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GARDENING

INDOOR HERBS

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Feast on tried, true and new at Lilly's



Dave and Olga Zambito, owners of Lilly's Super Subs in Leesburg, updated the restaurant's menu and interior. The beer cans on the ceiling are a holdover from the previous owner. [LINDA FLOREA/CORRESPONDENT]

Owners of Leesburg sub shop seek to satisfy all tastes

By Linda Florea
Correspondent

LEESBURG — Dave and Olga Zambito saw a diamond in the rough, as far as restaurants go, at Lilly's Super Subs in Leesburg. They were looking to buy a restaurant and found Lilly's, which has been in the same location at 21339 County Road 473 since 1989. They visited the restaurant many times to check out the business before they voiced an interest and purchasing it in January of 2017.

Dave Zambito said he had owned two pubs that served food in Rochester, New York, but decided to get more into the food, although Lilly's does sell beer and wine.

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Lilly's Philly cheesesteak comes with flanked beef, grilled onion, tomato sauce, pickles and provolone or American cheese. [TRIP ADVISOR]

ROAMING GOURMET

Perfectly grilled veggies require patience



Ze Carter

Happy Independence Day.

The Fourth of July is the perfect time to celebrate America's independence, and any celebration would not be complete without the American tradition of parades, fireworks and, of course, grilled anything. Many of us prepare for the Fourth of July weeks in advance by crafting our own marinades and sauces for the perfect grilled meat. Even the local hardware



Perfectly grilled vegetables are not determined by their beautiful, picture-perfect grill marks, but by the steps taken prior to grilling.

[GATEHOUSE MEDIA FILE]

perfect grilled veggies? Perfectly grilled vegetables are not determined by their beautiful, picture-perfect grill marks, but by the steps taken prior to grilling. Here are a few tips for the perfect grilled vegetables either as a main or side dish.

Know your vegetables

Some vegetables are great for grilling, others not so good. The best vegetables for the grill are eggplant planks with the skin on, corn on the cob, zucchini, yellow summer squash, bell peppers, portabella mushroom caps, onions, asparagus, red onions and romaine lettuce, yes, lettuce. Romaine is great charred.

How does one get the

store had a long line as people waited to have their propane tanks filled. This year is going to be a little different for us. We are taking a little sabbatical from animal-based protein, so although we will still enjoy a grilled menu, it will be meat free.

I have seen the blogs that claim that you can roast carrots to imitate hot dogs. I will

pass on those. I believe everything has a place, and the only thing that belongs in a hot dog bun is an actual hot dog. I am also a firm believer that if you prepare grilled vegetables correctly and they are seasoned just right, they can be quite tasty and will suffice as the perfect alternative. The key is to cook them correctly.

How does one get the

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Spicy Basil Eggplant With Dates and Cashews. [PHOTO BY JENNIFER CHASE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. FOOD STYLING BY THE WASHINGTON POST'S BONNIE S. BENWICK.]

This spicy eggplant dish is a riot of textures and flavors

By Joe Yonan
The Washington Post

The best plant-based recipes pay attention to one thing that seems to come more naturally when meat is involved: texture. By that, I mean layers of soft and crunchy and maybe even chewy, all on the same plate.

Tracye McQuirter obviously gets it. In her inspiring new cookbook, "Ageless Vegan" (Da Capo Lifelong Books, 2018), she scatters pine nuts on collard greens; sprinkles nutritional yeast, cashews and cayenne on stuffed mushrooms; and stirs slices of raw celery into grains right before serving.

The book, written with her 80-year-old mother, Mary, is a guide to the health-giving qualities of a well-balanced vegan diet, and it's full of smart tips and strategies. What I might appreciate most about it, though, is McQuirter's way with those textures (not to mention flavors and colors).

When I made her spicy basil eggplant dish, I knew I'd love the combination of the soft eggplant and crisp orange bell pepper. But it was the last-minute addition of sweet Medjool dates and raw cashews that truly captivated me. If this is what ageless vegans eat every day, they're in for a long, happy life.

Spicy Basil Eggplant With Dates and Cashews

4 servings, Healthy
For a less-spicy version, reduce the cayenne to 1/8 teaspoon.

Adapted from "Ageless Vegan: The Secret to Living a Long and Healthy Plant-Based Life," by Tracye McQuirter (Da Capo Lifelong Books, 2018).

Ingredients

• 4 teaspoons sesame oil

- One 12-ounce eggplant, cut into bite-size cubes (5 cups)
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 medium red onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1/2-inch piece fresh ginger root, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 orange or red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon distilled white vinegar (may substitute fresh lemon juice)
- 2 tablespoons low-sodium tamari (may substitute coconut aminos), or more as needed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne pepper (see headnote)
- 1 cup loosely packed fresh basil leaves, chopped
- 5 large Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped raw cashews
- Cooked brown rice, for serving

Steps

Heat 2 teaspoons of the oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the eggplant cubes, sprinkle with the salt and cook, stirring frequently, until the cubes are browned and tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer the eggplant to a bowl. Heat the remaining 2 teaspoons of oil in the same skillet, over medium-high heat. Stir in the onion, garlic and ginger; cook, stirring frequently, until the onion is soft, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in the bell pepper and cook until it loses a little of its crunch, 1 to 2 minutes. Return the eggplant to the pan, along with the vinegar, tamari and cayenne; cook, gently tossing, for 2 to 3 minutes, so the flavors meld and the pan juices form a sauce. Taste, and add more tamari, as needed. Remove from the heat, then stir in the basil. Sprinkle the dates and cashews on top. Serve warm, over brown rice.

VEGGIES

From Page B1

Size does matter

Cut all vegetables the same size. Summer squash like yellow and zucchini cook relatively fast, so cut a little thicker.

Seasoning is key to flavor

A little salt and pepper

go a long way, but adding herbs, balsamic vinegar and oil takes your veggies to another level. Try brushing a good olive oil on your veggie and sprinkle with Montreal Steak seasoning, Italian seasoning, paprika or lemon pepper blend.

It is true that perfectly grilled veggies will have those picture-perfect grill marks. Grill marks signify that the grill was the perfect temperature (at least 350 degrees) and that

the veggies were cooked the right amount of time on each side. Most vegetables require three to five minutes on each side, with squash cooking the quickest.

Patience makes perfect.

Achieving the perfect

grill marks takes time and

patience. Your grill grates

must be clean, and the grill

must be at least 350 degrees

prior to placing items on

the grill. Once an item is on

the grill, refrain from excess

handing, peaking and

Washington. Nearly 27 percent of millennials would prefer to dine in restaurants with higher prices and no tipping, compared to 25 percent of Gen Xers and 13.5 percent of boomers.

"Older respondents tended to like tipping more, and its alternatives less, than did younger respondents," wrote Michael Lynn, a professor at the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration who researches tipping. The observation was part of Lynn's 2017 report, "Should U.S. Restaurants Abandon Tipping? A Review of the Issues and Evidence."

Contacted by email, Lynn agreed that younger diners tend to prefer no-tipping models more than older generations. "So this may explain their lower liking of tipping," Lynn wrote. "Perhaps they are more attentive to and affected by the recent social and media campaigns against tipping."

Another factor to consider about the CreditCards.com survey: The respondents were simply asked about their tipping behaviors at a "restaurant," without stipulating whether it was a full-service establishment or a fast-casual operation.

Millennials tend to prefer dining experiences that are quick, customizable, communal and cheap, all the hallmarks of fast-casual dining. Tipping at such counter-service restaurants is not required, or at least not as much as at full-service restaurants where the wait staff often lives off tips.

Finally, millennials are still in their early wage-earning years, averaging about \$35,000 per year. As Lynn noted via email, at least one study has shown that "tipping increases with income." In other words, once millennials make more money, they may be more willing to share the wealth with servers.

mashing. Let the recommended time expire before attempting to flip or rearrange on grill. If while using tongs you attempt to move an item on the grill and it sticks, wait another minute before another attempt to move it. Perfectly grilled items will easily release from the grate.

Happy grilling.

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PRACTICAL POTWATCHER

Corn's early critics on wrong side of history



Mary Ryder

Corn is easily the most controversial vegetable on the menu.

Oh, you probably don't think of it that way when you toss a few extra roasting ears on the grill for the Fourth of July cookout. You're more likely to think of it as a great summer treat, and let it go at that.

Yet corn, this innocuous vegetable, has provoked derision, rioting and massacres.

Food historians think corn was first cultivated in the region that is now central Mexico, about 10,000 years ago. Over the years, it spread along trade routes both to the north and the south, and it showed up in parts of the area now known as the United States about 2100 B.C.

It was a staple crop among Indians of the Atlantic seaboard by the time English colonists began to arrive.

Local Indians provided the necessary instruction in basic agriculture, and corn saved first

the Cavaliers of the Jamestown settlement, and later the Pilgrim Fathers, from almost certain starvation.

Unfortunately, however, the Virginians failed to behave like the gentlemen they considered themselves to be and began encroaching on the Indians' cornfields. The resulting massacre, in 1622, wiped out a third of the colony's white population.

Corn had long since become a valued staple among the native peoples of both the southern and northern continents, but it was not readily accepted on the far side of the Atlantic. The English called it turkey wheat or Indian corn, and the 16th century herbalist, John Gerard, wrote that it "nourisheth but little, and is of hard and evil digestion, a more convenient food for swine than for men."

That was still the attitude a couple of centuries later, when a scurrilous and anonymous attack on Indian corn was published in a London newspaper, causing Benjamin Franklin to snatch up the literary cudgels and counterattack.

Mr. Franklin described corn as "one of the most agreeable and wholesome grains in the world," and roasted ears of corn "a delicacy beyond expression." Moreover, he added, "johnny or hoecake, hot from the fire, is better than a Yorkshire muffin."



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Old Ben failed to win any widespread popularity for Indian corn. But perhaps his efforts blunted Gerard's influence to some degree, for during the War of 1812, we find the British at Monticello, busily raiding Thomas Jefferson's corn cribs to feed their horses.

Another agrarian gift of the New World, the white potato, became a staple in Ireland. But in 1846, when a potato blight wiped out the crop, Sir Robert Peel imported Indian corn to save the starving Irish. They took one look at its yellow color, decided

they wanted no part of it, and promptly christened it "Peel's brimstone." When it was given to the inmates of Irish poorhouses, they rioted.

On the other hand, corn was a key weapon in the dining room diplomacy practiced by French nuns on the Canadian frontier. When bands of roving Indians appeared, the nuns welcomed them and provided a "feast," with sort of a stew made of ground corn, dried cherries, a quantity of tallow, and other odds and ends.

In 1921, Herbert Hoover promoted our national grain by

second most important producer of corn.

Meanwhile, scientists have shown that nutrients in corn can help fight cancer, avoid heart disease, prevent anemia, control cholesterol, promote healthy skin, strengthen the immune system, support good vision and control diabetes.

And isn't it interesting that, all those centuries ago, the complex corn-planting system developed by primitive peoples on this continent involved planting beans so the vines could use the corn-stalks for support? Guess what? Corn is a greedy crop, removing nitrogen from the soil, and beans are a nitrogen-fixing crop, replacing what the corn removes. Moreover, corn provides an incomplete plant protein, which is completed by the protein in the beans.

So there, John Gerard! Put that in your pipe and smoke it.

Mary Ryder is a food columnist for the Daily Commercial. Email her at practicalpotwatcher@cfl.rr.com.

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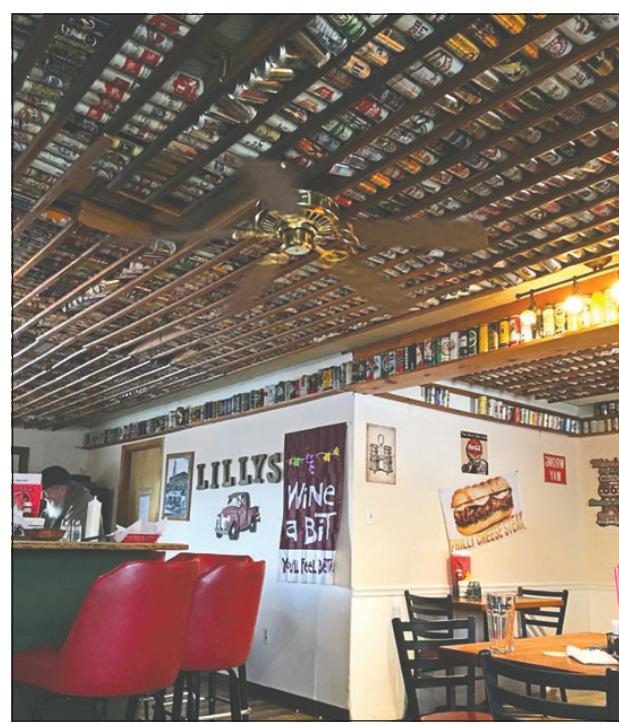
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ABOVE: Lilly's Super Subs, 21339 County Road 473 in Leesburg, has a wide selection of subs, sandwiches, appetizers and salads. [LINDA FLOREA/CORRESPONDENT]



The ceiling and walls at Lilly's Super Subs are lined with vintage beer cans. [TRIP ADVISOR]

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LILLY'S

From Page B1

To keep the regular customers coming back, Zambito has stayed true to the menu, dropping only about five of the 48 original menu selections. They also expanded the menu, adding chicken wings, chicken fingers,

fish and shrimp. The salad selection has also been expanded, and the interior and equipment have been updated.

"By adding those things and a more comfortable touch in the ambiance, to me, it has been good," said Dave. "The business has been very, very good — beyond the number we made our decision on."

Subs come in 8- and 12-inch sizes, hot or cold, and range from

Lilly's Philly cheesesteak at \$8.49 for a large, to

Lilly's Gizmo (mayo, lettuce, onions, tomatoes and pickles topped with hamburger patties, grilled ham and melted cheese) at \$7.99 for a large, to the Ultimate Hoagie (hard salami,

mortadella, turkey, roast beef, imported ham, provolone, American cheese and all the "fixins") at \$8.97.

Sandwiches include burgers, chicken, fish and country fried steak.

There's an assortment of other items such as

chicken wings, potato skins, breaded pickle slices and corn nuggets, to name a few.

Fries come in french fries, Cajun spicy and sweet potato.

Barbie Long and Gary Barnes dropped in on the way to see a movie. They said they eat at Lilly's two to three times a month.

"We love the ham and cheese subs, they're the best we ever had," Long said.

Barnes added that the fries were very good also.

"We keep saying we're going to try other things, but we love this sandwich so much," Long said.

Lilly's offers delivery within a five-mile radius for \$3, or free if the order is more than \$20.

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SPORTS

12 Lightning on All-Star team

Staff Report

After dominating on the field through the first half of the season, it's no surprise that the Leesburg Lightning dominated when it came time to select the Florida Collegiate Summer League's All-Star team.

The Lightning placed a league-high 12 players on the West squad and had the top-three vote-getters in fan balloting for the game.

The league's All-Star game will be played Saturday at 7 p.m. at Sanford Memorial Stadium.

A league record 3,982 ballots were cast for the All-Star teams, an increase of 56 percent over last year's fan balloting.

"We were floored by this showing of support from our fans," said FCSL President Stefano Foggi. "It's an honor to be selected to an All-Star team at any level. Our players

are lucky to have a group of fans, family and friends who want to see each of them succeed and be recognized."

Leesburg catcher Tanner Clark led the voting with 1,209 followed by teammates Javeon Cody with 1,129 and Luke Brown with 1,119. Cody and Brown both made the team as outfielders.

Cody was the only unanimous selection for the game

See ALL-STAR, C3



Leesburg's Tanner Clark was the leader in fan balloting for the Florida Collegiate Summer League All-Star game.

[PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

Stewart-Haas Racing revival



Clint Bowyer, left, is joined in the garage area by team owner Tony Stewart, center, and Kurt Busch. [JARED C. TILTON/GETTY IMAGES]



Greg Zipadelli and Kevin Harvick share a laugh in the garage area. Both men have been instrumental to Stewart-Haas Racing's success this season. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/TODD WARSHAW]

"We are extremely excited for sure with the wins and teamwork across all the teams. Stewart-Haas is strong for sure and our other teams are strong, too."

Ford Performance chief Mark Rushbrook

SHR has suddenly become the top team in NASCAR

By Godwin Kelly
Gatehouse Media

DAYTONA BEACH — In the preseason everyone expected Stewart-Haas Racing to have some measure of success in this year's Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, but few expected the four-car Ford team to rocket out of the chute at full speed.

Two of SHR's drivers have combined for seven wins and all four have taken positions among the top 10 in the regular-season points standings.

SHR competition director Greg Zipadelli let the team's secret to success slip

To get knocked down at the end like we did, it's

See REVIVAL, C3

England finally wins penalty shootout at World Cup

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a World Cup of surprises, England provided the latest by finally winning a penalty shootout.

Along run of penalty misery on soccer's biggest stage ended with a 4-3 shootout victory over Colombia on Tuesday, sending England to the quarterfinals for the first time in 12 years.

Eric Dier scored the decisive kick after a scrappy game

ended in a 1-1 draw, denying Colombia a second consecutive trip to the quarterfinals.

"It was a nervous one," Dier said. "I've never really been in a situation like that before."

England will next play Sweden in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Samara. It is the furthest England has progressed in any tournament since the David Beckham era, when a golden generation of players exited the 2002 and 2006 World Cups in the last

eight.

England is advancing in Russia after defending champion Germany was eliminated early and Argentina, Portugal and Spain went home in the round of 16.

Harry Kane gave England the lead with a penalty kick in the 57th minute. But as the game entered the third minute of stoppage time, Yerry Mina headed in an equalizer.

"To get knocked down at the end like we did, it's

difficult to come back from that," Dier said. "But we were ready for that. We were calm. We stuck to our plan."

England trailed 3-2 in the penalty shootout after Jordan Henderson's shot was saved, but Mateus Uribe hit the bar and goalkeeper Jordan Pickford then saved Carlos Bacca's kick.

"I did a whole bunch of research," Pickford said. "Falcao is the only one who didn't go his way. I don't care

if I'm not the biggest keeper in the world. I have the power and agility."

Pickford succeeded where Peter Shilton, David Seaman and Paul Robinson failed as the 1990, 1998 and 2006 World Cup campaigns ended in shootout losses. On top of that, England was knocked out of the 1996 European Championship semifinals and the quarterfinals in 2004

See CUP, C3

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LACROSSE
 6 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Amateur, Warrior World Series of Youth Lacrosse, championship, at Denver, ESPN2

MLB BASEBALL
 11 a.m.
 MLB — Boston at Washington
 1 p.m.
 SUN, FS-Florida — Tampa Bay at Miami
 2 p.m.
 MLB — Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees (joined in progress) OR Tampa Bay at Miami (1 p.m.)
 4 p.m.
 ESPN — Baltimore at Philadelphia
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati
 10 p.m.
 ESPN — St. Louis at Arizona

RUNNING
 7 p.m.
 NBCSN — AJC Peachtree Road Race, at Atlanta (same-day tape)

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
 5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — 2018 Special Olympics USA Games, at Seattle

SPECIALS
 Noon
 ESPN2 — Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, at Coney Island, N.Y.
 8:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — 2018 World Series of Poker, Main Event, at Las Vegas

TENNIS
 7 a.m.
 ESPN — Wimbledon Championships, second round, at London

SPORTS BRIEFS

Owens says he will give speech at Chattanooga

MOSCOW
 US World Cup ratings down 42 percent

Terrell Owens has decided to celebrate his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame at Chattanooga, where he played college football.

The former NFL All-Pro receiver, who has said he was not attending the induction ceremony in Canton, Ohio, released a statement on Tuesday saying he would give his acceptance speech at his alma mater.

"I have decided to give my Hall of Fame speech at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in McKenzie Arena on Saturday, August 4," Owens posted on Twitter. "The event, which is free and open to the public, starts at 3:17 p.m."

Owens added that he is "proud to be a Moc, and I'm honored to be able to share this experience with my family, friends, teammates and fans at the place that provided me an opportunity beyond high school and where I truly began to find myself as an athlete."

The Associated Press

and it comes right to me." Jacquelyn immediately blushed, but later told MLB.com, "I guess I just don't like to quit, so he gets that from me."

Royals General Manager Dayton Moore said the team will decide what the next move is for Singer, especially given his long college season.

"We're going to sit down and talk about that together," Moore said. "We certainly want to get Brady's input on that as well. The most important thing is we transition in the right manner, to give him the best chance to get going in his professional career."

BASEBALL

FCSL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	GB
Leesburg	16	4	0	—
DeLand	12	11	0	5.5
Winter Park	9	11	0	7
Seminole	9	12	0	7.5
Sanford	9	13	1	8
Winter Garden	8	12	1	8

Saturday's games

Leesburg at Winter Garden, ppd.
 DeLand at Sanford, ppd.
 Seminole at Winter Park, ppd.
Sunday's games
 Sanford 7, Leesburg 2, 10 innings
 DeLand 7, Seminole 1, 2nd game late
 Winter Garden at Winter Park, ppd.
Monday's games
 Sanford 4, Leesburg 0
 Leesburg 6, Sanford 2
 Winter Park at Winter Garden, ppd.
 DeLand 7, Seminole 1
 Seminole 6, DeLand 5
Tuesday's games
 Seminole 4, DeLand 3
 Winter Park 6, Winter Garden 3
Today's game
 Sanford at Leesburg, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday's games
 Seminole at Leesburg (2), 4:30 p.m.
 Winter Park at DeLand, 7 p.m.
 Winter Garden at Sanford, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
 FCSL All-Star game, Sanford, 7 p.m.

Utah at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.

2018 U.S. MEN'S TEAM RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern
Sunday, Jan. 28 - United States 0, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Tuesday, March 27 - United States 1, Paraguay 0
Monday, May 28 - United States 3, Bolivia 0
Saturday, June 2 - Ireland 1, United States 1
Saturday, June 9 - United States 1, France 1
Friday, Sept. 7 - vs. Brazil at East Rutherford, N.J. (tentative)
Tuesday, Sept. 11 - vs. Mexico at Nashville, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 15 - vs. England at London (tentative)
Tuesday, Nov. 20 - vs. Italy (tentative)

FIFA WORLD CUP

All times Eastern
SECOND ROUND (ROUND OF 16)
June 30
At Kazan, Russia
 France 4, Argentina 3
At Sochi, Russia
 Uruguay 2, Portugal 1
July 1
At Moscow
 Russia 1, Spain 1 (Russia wins 4-3 on penalty kicks)
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
 Croatia 1, Denmark 1 (Croatia wins 3-2 on penalty kicks)
Monday
At Samara, Russia
 Brazil 2, Mexico 0
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia
 Belgium 3, Japan 2
Tuesday
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Sweden 1, Switzerland 0
At Moscow
 England 1, Colombia 1 (England wins 4-3 on penalty kicks)

QUARTERFINALS

Friday
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
 France vs. Uruguay, 10 a.m.
At Kazan, Russia
 Brazil vs. Belgium, 2 p.m.
Saturday
At Samara, Russia
 Sweden vs. England, 10 a.m.
At Sochi, Russia
 Russia vs. Croatia, 2 p.m.

SEMIFINALS

Thursday, July 10
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 France-Uruguay winner vs. Brazil-Belgium
 winner, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, July 11
At Moscow
 Sweden-England winner vs. Russia-Croatia
 winner, 2 p.m.

THIRD PLACE

Saturday, July 14
At St. Petersburg, Russia
 Semifinals losers, 10 a.m.

WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday, July 15
At Moscow
 Semifinals winners, 11 a.m.

SOCCER

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All times Eastern
EASTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	11	3	4	37	38	20
New York Red Bulls	10	4	2	32	34	16
New York City FC	9	4	4	31	34	24
Columbus	8	5	6	30	24	19
New England	7	4	6	27	30	25
Chicago	6	7	5	23	27	31
Montreal	7	11	0	21	22	31
Philadelphia	6	8	3	21	21	25
Orlando City	6	10	1	19	24	37
Toronto FC	4	9	3	15	24	30
D.C. United	2	7	4	10	21	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	9	3	5	32	31	18
FC Dallas	9	2	5	32	25	17
Los Angeles FC	9	4	3	30	35	25
Portland	7	3	5	26	24	21
Real Salt Lake	7	8	2	23	21	32
Vancouver	6	7	5	23	26	35
Houston	6	6	3	21	31	24
Los Angeles Galaxy	6	7	3	21	25	26
Minnesota United	5	10	1	16	19	30
Colorado	4	9	3	15	20	28
Seattle	3	9	3	12	13	21
San Jose	2	9	6	12	28	35

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

JUNE 29
FC Dallas 1, Minnesota United 0
June 30
Portland 3, Seattle 2
Atlanta United FC 4, Orlando City 0
Montreal 2, Sporting Kansas City 0
Columbus 2, Real Salt Lake 1
New England 3, D.C. United 2
Chicago 3, New York City FC 2
Los Angeles FC 4, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles Galaxy 3, San Jose 3, tie
July 1
New York Red Bulls 1, Toronto FC 0
Colorado 1, Vancouver 0
Tuesday's Game
Los Angeles FC at Houston, late
Today's Games
Toronto FC at Minnesota United, 7 p.m.
Atlanta United FC at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Orlando City at Los Angeles FC, 4:30 p.m.
Colorado at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta United at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Toronto FC at Sporting Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Minnesota United at Houston, 9 p.m.
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Columbus at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 11 p.m.
Sunday's Game
New York at New York City FC, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

All times Eastern

TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
North Carolina	11	3	3	36	31	13
Seattle	6	3	5	23	15	12
Orlando	6	5	4	22	21	17
Chicago	5	3	7	22	21	17
Utah	5	3	6	21	13	11
Portland	5	5	5	20	20	20
Houston	4	5	5	17	16	21
Washington	2	9	4	10	10	20
Sky Blue FC	0	10	3	3	10	23

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Boston	57	29	.663	—	—	7-3	W-1	28-12	29-17
New York	54	28	.659	1	—	4-6	L-1	31-13	23-15
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	14	11½	8-2	L-1	23-17	19-25
Toronto	39	45	.464	17	14½	5-5	L-2	22-22	17-23
Baltimore	24	59	.289	31½	29	3-7	W-1	12-29	12-30

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Cleveland	46	37	.554	—	—	6-4	W-2	27-13	19-24
Detroit	38	49	.437	10	17	2-8	L-1	23-21	15-28
Minnesota	35	47	.427	10½	17½	2-8	L-5	20-20	15-27
Chicago	29	55	.345	17½	24½	5-5	L-1	16-27	13-28
Kansas City	25	59	.298	21½	28½	3-7	L-4	11-30	14-29

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	55	31	.640	—	—	5-5	L-3	25-17	30-14
Seattle	54	31	.635	½	—	8-2	W-7	28-14	26-17
Oakland	46	39	.541	8½	8	7-3	L-1	22-21	24-18
Los Angeles	43	42	.506	11½	11	3-7	L-1	20-21	23-21
Texas	38	47	.447	16½	16	7-3	L-1	19-26	19-21

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	49	34	.590	—	—	6-4	W-4	23-17	26-17
Philadelphia	45	37	.549	3½	—	6-4	W-2	28-16	17-21
Washington	42	41	.506	7	3½	2-8	L-3	19-21	23-20
New York	33	48	.407	15	11½	2-8	W-1	14-26	19-22
Miami	35	51	.407	15½	12	6-4	W-1	18-25	17-26

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	50	35	.588	—	—	5-5	W-2	26-17	24-18
Chicago	48	35	.578	1	—	6-4	W-5	25-14	23-21
St. Louis	43	40	.518	6	2½	5-5	W-1	23-22	20-18
Pittsburgh	40	44	.476	9½	6	4-6	L-1	21-21	19-23
Cincinnati	37	48	.435	13	9½	7-3	W-3	20-25	17-23

TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	47	38	.553	—	—	5-5	L-4	23-20	24-18
Los Angeles	45	39	.536	1½	1	6-4	W-2	24-23	21-16
San Francisco	45	41	.523	2½	2	7-3	L-1	26-14	19-27
Colorado	42	43	.494	5	4½	5-5	W-1	16-22	26-21
San Diego	37	49	.430	10½	10	3-7	L-1	19-25	18-24

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Chicago Cubs 5, Detroit 3: Anthony Rizzo drove in his second run of the game in the seventh inning to snap a tie, Kyle Schwarber followed with a solo homer in the eighth and the Chicago Cubs rebounded from an early three-run deficit to edge the Detroit Tigers for their fifth straight win. With one out in the seventh, Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist singled off Tigers reliever Daniel Stumpf (1-4). Rizzo's slow bouncer up the middle resulted in a force of Zobrist at second, but Jose Iglesias' throw to first was too late to double up Rizzo and Heyward scored from third to put Chicago ahead for the first time, 4-3. Schwarber hit his team-leading 17th homer to right against a steady wind off Lake Michigan in the eighth.
LATE
Boston at Washington
Atlanta at N.Y. Yankees
Baltimore at Philadelphia
N.Y. Mets at Toronto
Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati
Tampa Bay at Miami
Houston at Texas
Cleveland at Kansas City
San Diego at Oakland
L.A. Angels at Seattle
San Francisco at Colorado
St. Louis at Arizona
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers

Milwaukee slipped past Minnesota. Milwaukee broke through in the fifth against Minnesota starter Jake Odorizzi (3-6) when pinch-hitter Nate Orf walked and stole second before Thames hit his 12th home run of the season, a liner that barely cleared the right-field fence.

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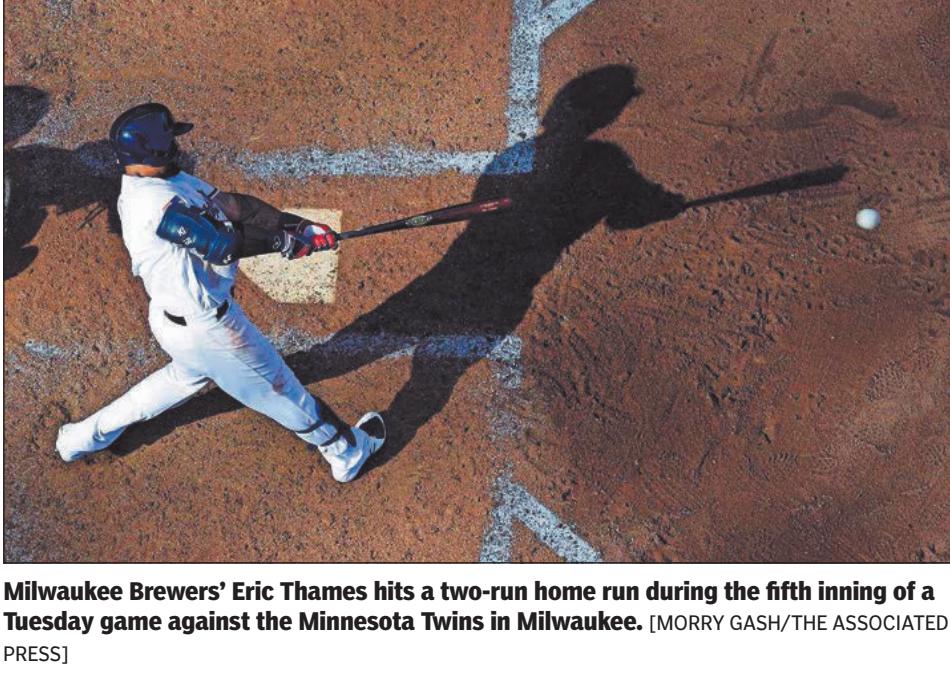
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BOX SCORES

A Brewer blast



Milwaukee Brewers' Eric Thames hits a two-run home run during the fifth inning of a Tuesday game against the Minnesota Twins in Milwaukee. [MORRY GASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST THREE STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
Pittsburgh	Musgrove (R)	8:10p	3-3	3.79	3-4	1-2	15.1	6.46
Los Angeles	Hill (L)		1-3	4.68	3-6	0-1	17.2	2.55
San Fran	Suarez (L)	8:10p	3-4	4.18	5-8	1-0	18.0	2.00
Colorado	Anderson (L)		5-3	4.23	8-9	1-2	19.1	3.26
St. Louis	Mikolas (R)	10:10p	8-3	2.61	10-6	1-1	18.0	3.50
Arizona	Corbin (L)		6-3	3.06	9-8	0-1	19.0	2.84

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST THREE STARTS W-L	IP	ERA
Los Angeles	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00
Seattle	Leake (R)	4:10p	8-4	4.01	13-4	1-1	21.0	3.00
Houston	McCullers Jr. (R)	7:05p	9-3	3.55	12-5	1-0	19.0	2.37
Texas	Minor (L)		6-4	4.64	8-7			

RECREATION

Still got game

Players in YMCA 40+ league show their moves

By Paul Jenkins
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TAVARES — The moves are still there, from the cutting no-look passes to the sweet long-range jump shots. They still race up and down the court with gusto, although those final few minutes of a 20-minute half seem to take forever.

When you get right down to it, the competitive fire still burns for members of the Golden Triangle YMCA 40-plus basketball league.

They get together every Tuesday evening in the YMCA's gymnasium, going through a regular season and playoffs before capping the season with a championship game. It may not be the Warriors vs. the Cavaliers, but don't try telling these guys it isn't important.

"It's competition and it's exercise," said 42-year-old Lawrence Ruffins before lacing up his sneakers and getting out on the court. "Even being 40 years old, I still feel the need for competition. Basketball is my second sport because I played football all through high school and played some semipro football. But I also played some basketball in the Army."

Playing with refs on a full-length court, they leave it all out on the floor, with just minor acknowledgements of the passage of time.

With the age of players running anywhere



Tim Paigetries to get past Gerald Cunningham at an adult basketball game at the Golden Triangle YMCA in Tavares recently. [PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

from their 40s up to their 70s, the league is all about having fun. It doesn't really matter if they've lost a step, because everyone is in the same boat.

"It's just some guys trying to get a workout and have a little fun," said John Diaz, 41. "It's a good group, and there's a lot of unity even with the opposing teams. It's competitive, but we're not out to hurt each other. You play hard and then shake each other's hand and move on."

"We have some very, very competitive individuals out here. Even guys in their 70s, you wouldn't think they would be as competitive as they are. But they run up and down the court all the way through."

The only thing is, at our age, once a week is good because

it takes about a week to recover and be ready to go again next week."

The 40-plus basketball league is one of the more popular adult leagues at the Golden Triangle YMCA. The league has a six-week regular season followed by a week of playoffs leading into the championship game.

"They may not all be as fast as they used to be, but they can still make those 3-pointers," said Brittany Haller, the YMCA's sports director.

"Last season we had a player who was 82 and he was still out there rockin' it."

It is a place where police officers, firefighters, business owners and even some retirees meet for some good, clean fun. There is even Vinny Necco, a

62-year-old who referees local high school games.

"It helps keep me active instead of staying home and doing nothing," said Necco, who retired from the Army and now drives a truck. "It's just like when I'm refereeing a game, you've got to keep moving. Exercise keeps me from having to see the doctor too much. I don't want to be a couch potato."

So what's the toughest part about playing a competitive sport like basketball after the age of 40?

"Moving," said 46-year-old Jermaine Kirven. "One wrong move and you're done for the season. You can't do all the things you used to do when you were younger. Your mind still sees it, but your body doesn't do it the way it used to do it."

NEWS & NOTES

To submit news or notes for the weekly recreation page, contact Sports Editor Paul Jenkins at paul.jenkins@ dailycommercial.com or 352-365-8204.

The cost is \$50. Registration needs to be done in person at the recreation department, 2214 Bates Ave., Eustis. For more information, call 352-357-8510.

Cardboard boat race set for Aug. 4

Clermont's parkrun 5k takes place every Saturday from Lake Hiawatha Preserve Park promptly at 7:30 a.m.

The Hiawatha Preserve is located on west side of Lake Minneola in Clermont.

The boats must be made from cardboard while paddles can be manufactured and made of any material.

For more information, including boat building rules, divisions and cost, visit www.facebook.com/ClermontCardboardClassic/.

Leesburg sports registration now underway

The Leesburg Recreation Department is currently taking registration for flag football (ages 5-15), Pop Warner football and cheerleading (ages 5-14), prep basketball (ages 13-17) and adult flag football (ages 16 and up).

For more information on any of the programs, visit <http://leesburg-florida.gov/> or call 352-728-9885.

Eustis summer basketball camp

The Eustis Parks and Recreation Department will hold its summer basketball camp from Monday-July 12 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Take a run through the park each Saturday

The Lake County Rowing Association will hold its first Clermont Cardboard Classic on Aug. 4 at Waterfront Park in Clermont. Registration for the race was set to open this week.

The boats must be made from cardboard while paddles can be manufactured and made of any material.

For more information, including boat building rules, divisions and cost, visit www.facebook.com/ClermontCardboardClassic/.

The Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St., offers a one-hour session of chair yoga each Monday at 5 p.m.

The program is free and the stretch and strength poses are done safely from a chair. Beginners are welcome. Wear loose clothing and bring water. For more information call Deb Bussinger at 352-728-9790 or email librarian@leesburg-florida.gov.

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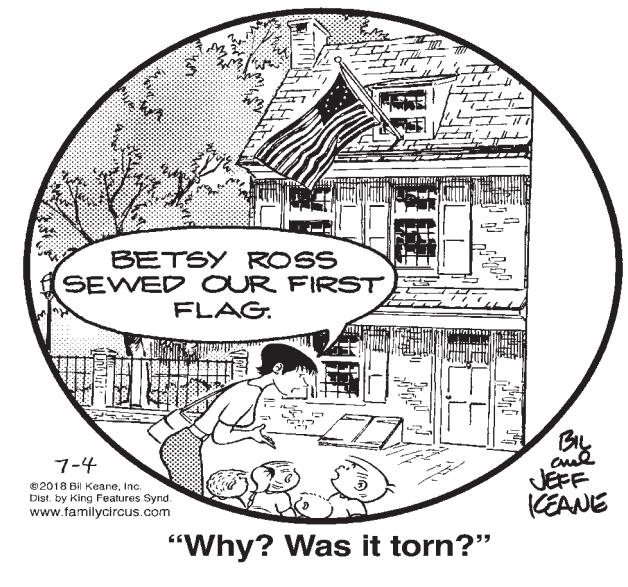
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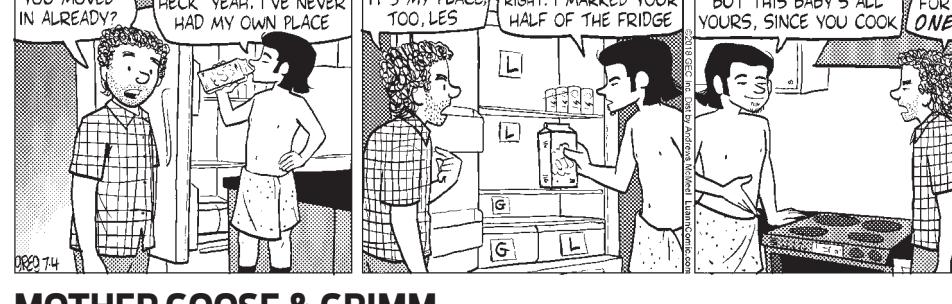

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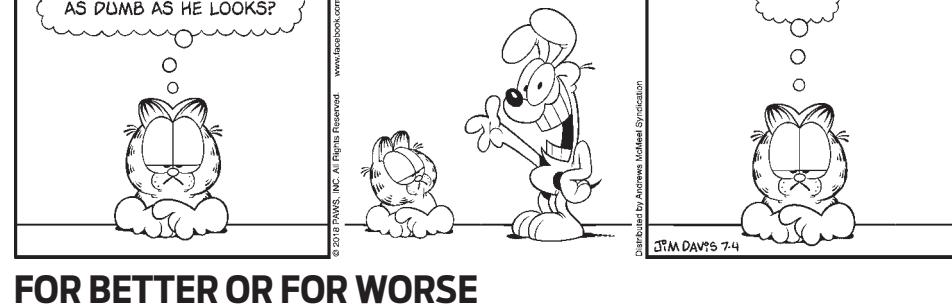
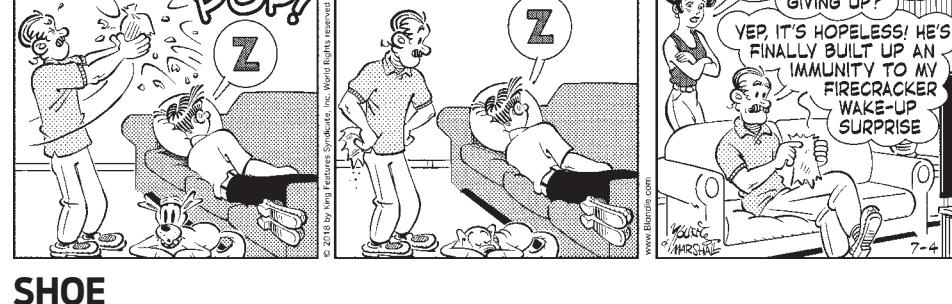
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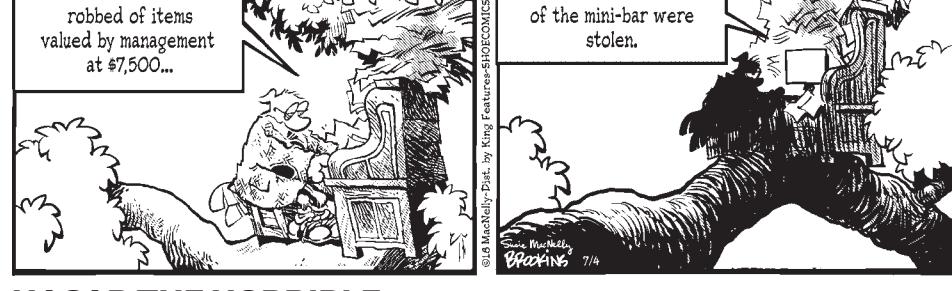
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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

SHOE


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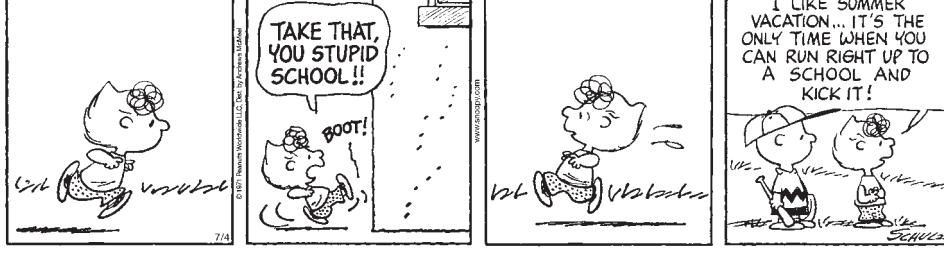
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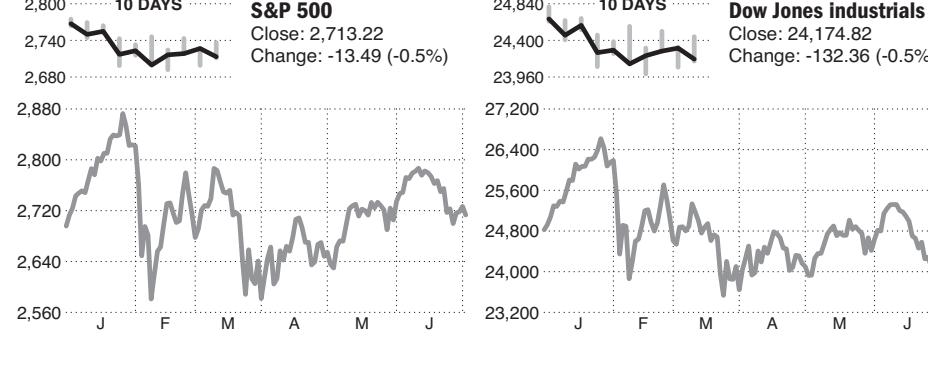

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Vol. (in mil.)	1,872	1,120
Pvs. Volume	3,022	1,698
Advanced	1,785	1,507
Declined	1,021	1,236
New Highs	57	75
New Lows	26	41

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	24319.42	24077.56	24174.82	+0.15%	-1.67%	
DOW Trans.	10452.68	10291.45	10448.20	+103.21	+1.00%	-1.55%
DOW Util.	717.97	709.42	717.64	+6.00	+0.84%	-0.79%
NYSE Comp.	12486.54	12400.54	12485.58	-18.67	-0.15%	-2.52%
NASDAQ	7568.10	7443.10	7502.67	-65.01	+0.76%	+9.62%
S&P 500	2727.26	2698.95	2713.22	-13.49	+0.31%	+1.99%
S&P 400	1953.65	1936.24	1953.65	+1.98	+0.10%	+2.79%
Wilshire 5000	28483.47	28198.05	28481.95	+87.82	+0.31%	+2.47%
Russell 2000	1655.09	1631.06	1655.09	+12.02	+0.73%	+7.79%

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		LO	HI	%CHG.							%RTN	P/E	DIV		
AT&T Inc	T	31.17	39.80	+5.50	32.71	+.50	+1.6	▲	▲	▲	-15.9	-9.4	12	2.00	
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	143.42	+135.01	+.31	+0.2	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	+35.4	+15.7	24	0.24	
Amer Express	AXP	83.33	103.24	+97.84	-1.16	-1.2	-1.2	▼	▼	▼	-1.5	+19.2	15	1.40	
AutoNation Inc	AN	38.59	62.02	+48.27	-.12	-0.2	-0.2	▼	▲	▼	-6.0	+14.8	12	...	
Brown & Brown	BRO	21.15	28.64	+27.90	+.19	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	...	+30.0	27	3.00		
CocaCola Co	KO	41.45	48.62	+43.99	+.24	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	-4.1	+0.9	75	1.56	
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	30.43	44.00	+33.09	-.08	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-17.0	-13.0	16	0.76	
Darden Rest	DRI	76.27	109.73	+108.67	-.84	-0.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	+23.9	22	3.00f		
Disney	DIS	96.20	113.18	+104.04	-.29	-1.2	▼	▲	▼	▼	-3.2	+0.7	15	1.68	
Gen Electric	GE	12.61	27.59	+13.37	▼	▼	▼	-23.5	-48.3	dd	0.48	
General Mills	GIS	41.01	60.69	+43.53	+.09	+0.2	▼	▲	▼	▼	-26.6	-18.1	10	1.96	
Harris Corp	HRS	109.08	170.54	+145.76	-.21	-0.1	▲	▼	▲	▲	+2.9	+35.9	26	2.28	
Home Depot	HD	144.25	207.61	+193.62	-.40	-0.2	▼	▲	▼	▼	+2.2	+29.0	25	4.12	
IBM	IBM	137.45	171.13	+139.57	-.29	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	-9.0	-5.1	10	6.28f	
Lowe's Cos	LOW	70.76	108.98	+95.06	+.19	+0.2	▼	▼	▼	▼	+2.3	+24.5	21	1.92f	
NY Times	NYT	16.95	26.75	+25.75	-.50	-1.9	▼	▲	▼	▼	+39.2	+49.2	cc	0.16	
NextEra Energy	NEE	138.00	169.53	+168.56	-.45	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+7.9	+23.6	12	4.44f	
PepsiCo	PEP	95.94	122.51	+108.80	-.73	-0.7	▼	▼	▼	▼	-9.3	-2.3	22	3.71f	
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	73.37	+66.58	-.44	-0.7	▲	▼	▲	▲	+3.1	+21.0	14	1.60	
Wal-Mart Strs	WMT	73.13	109.98	+84.44	+.44	+0.5	▼	▼	▼	▼	-14.5	+13.7	20	2.08f	
Xerox Corp	XRX	23.52	37.42	+24.28	+.08	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	▲	-16.7	-12.3	30	1.00	

BRIEFCASE

NEW YORK

Deals at Whole Foods now part of Prime Day

Amazon's Prime Day deals are coming to the aisles of Whole Foods as the online retailer seeks to lure more people to its Prime membership after a recent price hike.

This year's sales event, which starts July 16, will be six hours longer than last year's and will launch new products. Amazon hopes to keep Prime attractive for current and would-be subscribers after raising the annual membership fee by 20 percent to \$119 and to \$12.99 for the month-to-month option. Outside of Prime Day, Amazon has added special discounts for Prime members at its more than 460 Whole Foods U.S. stores and has been adding new TV shows and movies on its video streaming service.

The Associated Press

Happiness, familiarity are Buffett's best acquisitions



Margaret McDowell

It's hilly, with urban sectors punctuated by unique architecture, plenty of green space, and a thriving downtown restaurant district.

A few blocks from a main thoroughfare he found himself in a lovely, tree-lined neighborhood, with large lots and well-kept lawns, many featuring solid brick homes built almost 100 years ago.

A realtor informed him that it was Warren Buffett's neighborhood. Like millions of others, he drove by and took a photo of Buffett's house.

So, sitting at my office desk and holding my phone, I find myself looking at the primary residence of America's most

famous investor.

The home certainly doesn't qualify as a mega-mansion, even though it is extremely spacious. It actually looks fairly similar to many of the other homes in the neighborhood. There have been additions to the house over the years, and plenty of remodeling work. But the bones are the same as when Buffett paid \$31,500 for it in 1958. It's now worth about \$650,000.

So what is Warren Buffett doing living in "only" an upper-middle class, ungated neighborhood? Someone worth \$87 billion can live wherever he chooses. Well, apparently Buffett likes the familiarity and feel of his longtime

home. It's a classic example of wanting what we have. And of being satisfied with what is already ours, especially if it makes us happy.

Many of us (myself included) aspire to acquire, simply for the sake of "movin' on up" in the eyes of others, when what we really want is peace and quiet, familiarity and happiness. How many of us, for example, have traded in a perfectly good used car, one that runs well and suits our needs, just because its "newness" has faded? Glittery new purchases are often accompanied by burdensome price tags, and we can find ourselves stuck with difficult, expensive

payoffs long after the shine of newness recedes.

I am not naive enough to think that Mr. Buffett doesn't own other homes. He does, including an \$11 million house near the ocean in Laguna Beach, CA. It's instructive to note, however, that Buffett paid \$150,000 (in 1971) for the house, so it proved an excellent investment.

That home is currently for sale, because he and his family can seldom gather to use it.

Margaret R. McDowell, ChFC, AIF, author of the syndicated economic column "Arbor Outlook", is the founder of Arbor Wealth Management LLC.

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File No. 2018-CP-000766

Division: Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF

JOSEPHINE K. BRINKWORTH

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of JOSEPHINE K. BRINKWORTH, deceased, whose date of death was June 8, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for LAKE County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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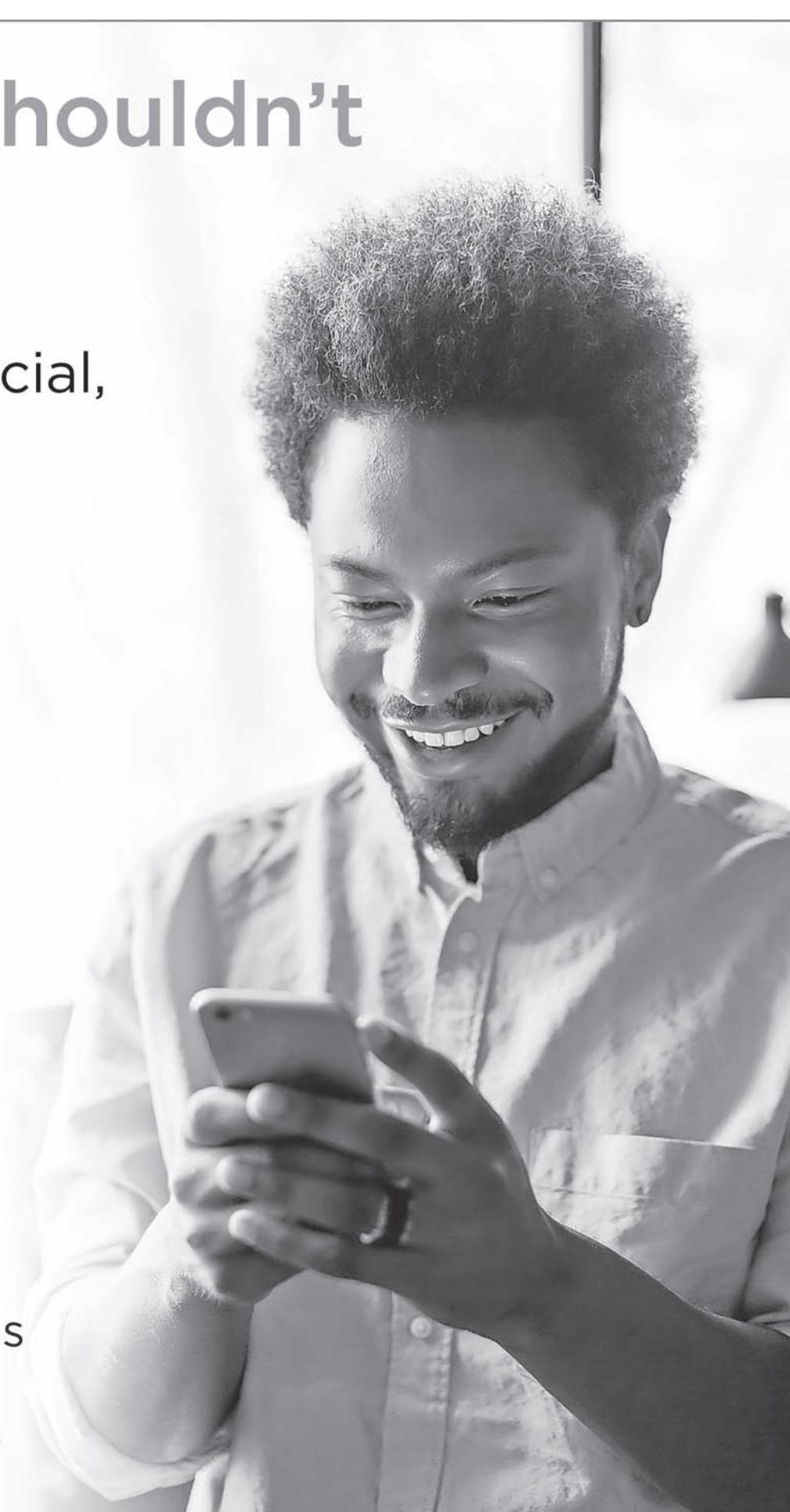
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