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Accomplice in slaying arrested

Authorities say Tracie Naffziger violated the terms of her probation

By Frank Stanfield
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TAVARES — Tracie Naffziger, who escaped prison time in June for testifying against David Mariotti in the strangulation death of Leesburg widow Beatrice Montgomery, has already violated her probation.



authorities say.

Naffziger, whose 35-year sentence was suspended in a plea deal for her testimony, has been charged with trying to fake a drug test required as a condition of her probation.

Naffziger, 42, pleaded guilty to accessory after the fact, first-degree murder, and using 84-year-old Montgomery's stolen credit card. She

testified that David Mariotti threatened to kill her if she didn't help dispose of her body in the Ocala National Forest. Her testimony helped convict Mariotti of first-degree murder in April.

But Circuit Judge Don Briggs was hesitant to give her a break.

Before giving her a suspended 10-year sentence on June 18, Briggs noted that she had been "a disappointment"

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Tracie Naffziger in court during her June sentencing hearing. Her sentence in the slaying of Leesburg widow Bea Montgomery was suspended in exchange for her testimony against David Mariotti.

[FRANK STANFIELD / DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Trump backs down under fire

President 'clarifies' on Russia meddling, saying he 'misspoke'

By Zeke Miller
and Lisa Mascaro
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Blistered by bipartisan condemnation of his embrace of a long-time U.S. enemy, President Donald Trump strained Tuesday to "clarify" his public undermining of American intelligence agencies, saying he simply misspoke when he said he saw no reason to believe Russia had interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

Rebuked as never before by his own party, including a stern pushback from usually reserved Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, the U.S. president sought to end

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President Donald Trump speaks to members of the media as he meets with members of Congress in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Tuesday in Washington. [ANDREW HARNIK / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

A 'Night' to remember



The "Starry Night" house is shown near downtown Mount Dora on Monday. An agreement with the city allows the homeowners to keep the mural in place. [ROXANNE BROWN / DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Council accepts deal to leave 'Starry Night' mural in place

By Roxanne Brown
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MOUNT DORA — The "Starry Night" mural is here to stay after the Mount Dora City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to accept a settlement with the homeowners to resolve a yearlong dispute over the painting adorning the home near downtown.

The case had been headed to federal court

before Mount Dora officials agreed to allow homeowners Nancy Nemhauser and Ludomir Jastrzebski to leave the mural in place.

Tuesday's vote, which served to finalize the agreement, put an end to a battle that has cost the city's insurance carrier a still undisclosed amount of money and cost the city a chunk of its "arts-town" claim to fame.

"I am delighted. We have waited a year for this and gone through a lot in the process but we are positively happy, over the wall happy. Over the starry

night happy," Nemhauser said after the meeting. "We are so grateful that Pacific Legal Foundation got to do this for us and in a relatively short period of time."

Nemhauser said the council's unanimous vote was a surprise.

"I can't say it was expected, but it was very gratifying," she said.

The city had fought against the mural, saying it was a sign that violated a vague portion of its land development code.

In the fight to keep the

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EU, US relations sinking after tour

By Raf Casert
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — After a week of the worst barrage of insults yet from U.S. President Donald Trump, the European Union is looking westward toward the White House less and less.

Making it worse, Trump spent Monday cozying up to EU adversary Vladimir Putin in an extraordinary chummy summit with the Russian leader in Helsinki.

Never mind. In an age when Trump has made political optics all-important, on Tuesday the EU struck back. Key EU leaders were in the far east in Japan and China looking for the trust, friendship and cooperation they could no longer get from a century-old ally.

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IN BRIEF

MENASHA, WIS.
Bicyclist avoids serious injury after fall through bridge gap

Police say a bicyclist who weaved past the gates blocking access to a bridge over a river in eastern Wisconsin escaped serious injury after falling into the gap that was created when the bridge started to rise.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation surveillance video shot July Fourth shows the woman ignoring the barrier and red flashing lights at the bridge in Menasha, and apparently not noticing that it was already cranking into action.

The woman and her bike then drop into the gap and she disappears.

In the following minutes, onlookers rush to her aid and the bridge operator stalls the bridge until the woman and her bicycle are extricated.

LONDON
Politician convicted of killing wife after his affair

A former British politician has been found guilty of murdering his wife after she found out he had an affair with their son's partner, the mother of one of his grandchildren.

Stephen Searle, an ex-soldier and a former local politician with the euroskeptic U.K. Independence Party, claimed he had been defending himself after his wife, 62, attacked him with a knife. But jurors agreed Tuesday the 64-year-old was guilty of murder.

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Evening: 0-7-6

Pick 2

Afternoon: 6-7

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'I didn't know where my mother was'

Immigrant children describe hunger and cold in detention

By Amy Taxin
The Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Wet and muddy from their trek across the Mexican border, immigrant children say they sat or lay on the cold, concrete floor of the immigration holding centers where they were taken.

It was hard to sleep with lights shining all night and guards kicking their feet, they say. They were hungry, after being given what they say were frozen sandwiches and smelly food.

Younger children cried in caged areas where they were crammed in with teens, and they clamored for their parents. Toilets were filthy, and running water was scarce, they say. They waited, unsure and frightened of what the future might bring.

"I didn't know where my mother was," said Griselda, 16, of Guatemala, who entered the U.S. with her mother in the McAllen, Texas, area. "I saw girls ask where their mothers were, but the guards would not tell them."

The children's descriptions of various facilities are part of a voluminous and at times scathing report filed in federal court this week in Los Angeles in a case over whether the Trump administration is meeting its obligations under a long-standing settlement governing how young immigrants should be treated in custody.

Dozens of volunteer lawyers, interpreters and other legal workers fanned out across the Southwest in June and July to interview more than 200 immigrant parents and children in holding facilities, detention centers and a youth shelter.

Advocates said the government isn't complying with the decades-old Flores agreement, which lays out detention conditions and release requirements for immigrant children.

"They have spoken out loud and clear, and what they've said is they are experiencing enforced hunger, enforced



A Brazilian mother, who asked to be identified only as W.R. holds the hand of her 9-year-old son A.R. during a news conference Monday at the Brazilian Worker Center in Boston. The mother spoke to reporters Monday after she was reunited with her son Saturday at Boston's Logan airport. They had been separated since May 30 under the Trump administration's zero-tolerance immigration policy.

[MICHAEL DWYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

dehydration, enforced sleeplessness," said Peter Schey, an attorney for the children who has asked the court to appoint a special monitor to enforce the agreement. "They are terrorized, and I think it is time for the courts and the public to hear their voices."

The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees immigration and border enforcement, did not immediately comment. But in their own reports to the court last month, government monitors said that immigration authorities were complying with the conditions laid out in the settlement.

In his report, Henry Moak Jr., juvenile coordinator for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, documented the air temperature as appropriate at a number of border facilities and said he drank the water himself from five-gallon containers at a processing center in McAllen.

He said some children and parents told him they disliked the food and weren't sure the water was drinkable, but there were no allegations the food was spoiled.

At the Yuma station in Arizona, he said he tried the water there, too, and, "I can confirm the water fountains worked

and the water tasted clean."

The litany of complaints compiled by advocates comes after a global outcry drove the Trump administration to stop separating immigrant families at the border. Authorities are now reuniting parents and children under a separate court order and said they will seek to detain families together during their immigration proceedings, though under the Flores agreement immigrant children are generally supposed to be released from custody in about 20 days.

Many of the children described conditions in U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities where they were taken and processed in the initial days after crossing the border. They were identified in the reports solely by their first names.

Timofei, a 15-year-old from Russia who sought asylum at the border with his parents over their beliefs as Jehovah's Witnesses, said night and day blended together in the locked, crowded room where he was held with other boys. It had a single window overlooking an empty corridor, he said. He said there was no soap in the bathroom, and he only sometimes got a single-use toothbrush.

He said he was offered a shower upon arriving at the San Ysidro, California, facility but didn't take one and wasn't allowed one on his second or third day there.

Some children were later sent to the Casa Padre shelter in Texas for immigrant children who were traveling alone or were separated from their parents. The facility operates under a contract with the Department of Health and Human Services. There, teenage boys described going hungry and not being given enough time to speak with their parents by phone.

Kenneth Wolfe, a spokesman for HHS's Administration for Children and Families, said the agency wouldn't comment on specific cases but if a contractor doesn't comply with agency procedures, the issue is addressed.

Also in Texas, Keylin, a 16-year-old girl from Honduras, said she traveled north with her mother after her mother's life was threatened in their homeland. The pair turned themselves in at the border near McAllen and were taken to a facility she called the "ice box" because it was so cold.

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MOUNT DORA Girl says man tried to abduct her

A Mount Dora girl told police a man tried to kidnap her while she was walking along the railroad tracks on the way home from a friend's house Monday.

Sheriff's officials said the girl was accosted near Old U.S. Highway 441 and Golden Isle in Mount Dora about 4:15 p.m., when man lunged at her, grabbed her wrist and the rear of her neck and yelled, "come on."

The girl said she kicked the man and ran back to her friend's house, where she notified her friend's mother and law enforcement.

The assailant is described as a light-skinned black male in his late 20s or early 30s, approximately 6 foot 2, with a slender build. He was wearing a gray tank top, baggy black shorts and a gray knit cap and had one to two days of facial hair growth. The girl told investigators the man has a very distinctive birthmark on his right shoulder.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 352-343-2101.

JACKSONVILLE Girl, 6, on life support after dog mauls her

Jaelah Smith, 6, is struggling for her life after a pit-bull terrier attacked her Sunday.

Jaelah remains on life support, said her mother, Sheree Smith, on Monday afternoon, still hoping for her daughter's recovery.

The pit-bull terrier, which Smith was watching for someone else, attacked Jaelah at her Arlington home just before 10:20 a.m. Sunday, according to police.

Smith dashed outside that morning with an injured and unresponsive Jaelah, begging that someone, anyone, revive her daughter.

"Somebody help me!" neighbors recalled hearing Smith shout.

One neighbor, Mattie Hightower, said her granddaughter called police as Smith laid her daughter outside. Emergency personnel rushed the youngster to Memorial Hospital while animal control officers and a homicide detective reported to the scene for a 4-hour investigation, according to police.

DELAND Officer fired for badmouthing department

A DeLand police officer who Internal Affairs investigators said bad-mouthed the department to new recruits was fired Monday.

Rachel Riley, 30, a seven-year veteran of the department, was placed on paid administrative leave by Chief Jason Umberger on June 13.

"Effective July 16, 2018, your employment services with the City of DeLand are no longer required," City Manager Michael Pleus wrote to Riley.

Riley, who had 26 complaints lodged against her during her career with the DeLand Police Department, came under scrutiny again in March after four new recruits complained about Riley's conduct during a training session.

Riley was investigated for making demeaning remarks about the department to the new recruits, investigative documents show.

According to an Internal Affairs report, Riley, a senior police officer and trainer, got angry when she showed up to lead a training session and noticed that the department had not provided her with Narcan for the session. Narcan is a nasal spray provided to law enforcement to treat a known or suspected

Scott fights disclosure lawsuit

Suit seeks to shed sunlight on details of \$215 million holding

By John Kennedy

Gatehouse Media

TALLAHASSEE — An attorney who sued Gov. Rick Scott, arguing he is violating state law by refusing to detail his wide-ranging personal wealth, asked an appellate court Tuesday to let his lawsuit continue.

But the general counsel for the Republican governor, now a candidate for U.S. Senate, argued that the case should be dismissed. The Florida Commission on Ethics — not the courts

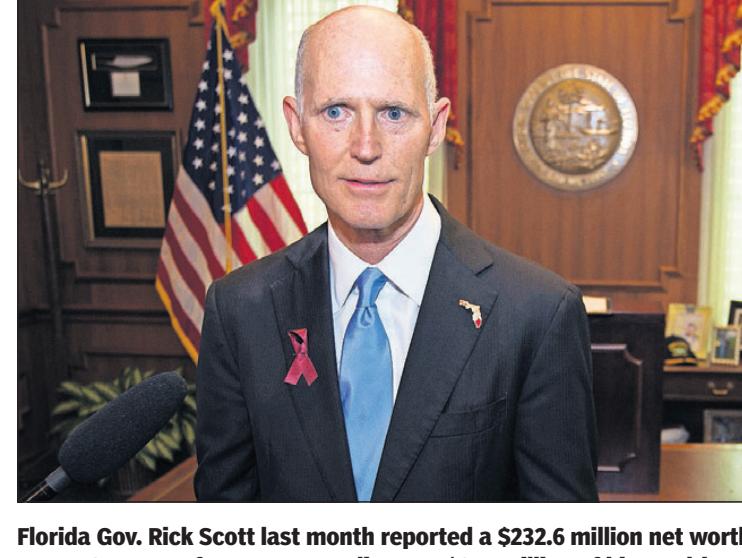
— is where any financial disclosure challenge should be filed, said Daniel Nordby of the governor's office.

The Ethics Commission, whose members are appointed by Scott, has endorsed the use of a blind trust to report his annual disclosure.

Scott last month reported a \$232.6 million net worth — up 56 percent from a year earlier. But \$215 million of his wealth was confined to the blind trust, which makes public none of the stocks and other assets it includes.

The trust is managed by a financial adviser Scott has

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Florida Gov. Rick Scott last month reported a \$232.6 million net worth — up 56 percent from a year earlier. But \$215 million of his wealth was confined to the blind trust, which makes public none of the stocks and other assets it includes. [AP PHOTO / MARK WALLHEISER, FILE]

Bittersweet horse tale



The Green Monkey was sold by Ocala-based Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds for a world record \$16 million on Feb. 28, 2006, at the Fasig-Tipton Calder sale. The thoroughbred died recently at Hartley/De Renzo in Ocala. This image from Feb. 19, 2006, shows exercise rider Kim Wichmann guiding The Green Monkey toward the finish line during a pre-sale workout at Calder Race Course in Miami. [PHOTO BY JOE DIORIO, COURTESY OF HARTLEY / DE RENZO THOROUGHBREDS]

Ocala's \$16M stallion dies without ever winning a race

By Carlos E. Medina

Gatehouse Media

OCALA — The bitter-sweet story of The Green Monkey came to an end when the 14-year-old thoroughbred stallion died quietly in Ocala due to laminitis, a painful disease of the hoof.

His recent death closed one of the most high-flying chapters in the thoroughbred industry, which saw the colt — born and raised in Marion County — bring a world-record price of \$16 million at auction.

If you've never heard of him, it's because he never won a race in his short career. His story illustrates how triumph can quickly turn to heartache in the thoroughbred game.

In 2006, the 2-year-old colt left purveyors of

horse flesh gaga at the Fasig-Tipton auction in South Florida. He was big, strong, ran like the wind and did it with a grace and ease that took their breath away. Just before the sale, he posted a record workout — known as a breeze — at Calder Race Course when he covered an eighth of a mile in 9.8 seconds.

What came next was a bidding war unlike any seen before or since.

"It was amazing how many people wanted that horse after he breezed and the way he did it. It was really surreal," said Dean DeRenzo, who, along with business partner Randy Hartley, sold the colt.

It was Feb. 28, 2006, and the mood around the sale's ring was electric, recalled current Ocala Breeders' Sales President Tom Ventura, who was there.

"It was just an amazing thing to watch. You could feel it in the crowd.

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Everyone was focused on the auction ring," Ventura said.

The bidding opened at \$500,000. A few minutes later it approached \$12 million. The bidding came down to two men, John Ferguson and Demi O'Byrne, who each sat behind the auctioneer, on opposite sides of him. The auctioneer alternately craned his neck in one or the other's direction after each bid, seeking personal conformation of an increase rather than relying on bid spotters.

At each successive million-dollar mark, the crowd gasped.

Ferguson and O'Byrne were the public faces for two of the richest thoroughbred breeders in the world.

Ferguson represented Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, owner

Woman left out of will is accused of killing mom

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Florida woman is accused of beating her 85-year-old mother to death after learning she wouldn't be receiving an inheritance from her.

After Luisa Perero died from her injuries, police charged her daughter Gabriela Perero, 53, with premeditated murder and aggravated battery on a person over 65. She was denied bond on Monday.

Gabriela Perero told investigators she'd become enraged after learning that her siblings would receive an inheritance and she would not, even though she'd been taking care of their mother, the SunSentinel reported.

According to an arrest report, Perero told her mother, "You destroyed my life, so I'm going to destroy you."

Perero told detectives she pushed her mother to the floor on July 12, grabbed her by the arms and "ripped her skin off." She said she also grabbed the woman's neck with both hands and squeezed, the report said.

Then she cleaned her mother up, put her in bed and called 911, the report said. The mother died the next day at a hospital.

Before her mother died, Perero told detectives, "I guess I'm going to jail... I beat up my mom." She also said she didn't want her mother to die.

The arrest report said Luisa Perero endured a brain bleed, had lacerations on her arms and the back of her head and was in a coma and on life support while at the hospital.

No attorney is listed on jail records.

Demolition of iconic Anna Maria Island pier begins

By Chris Anderson

Gatehouse Media

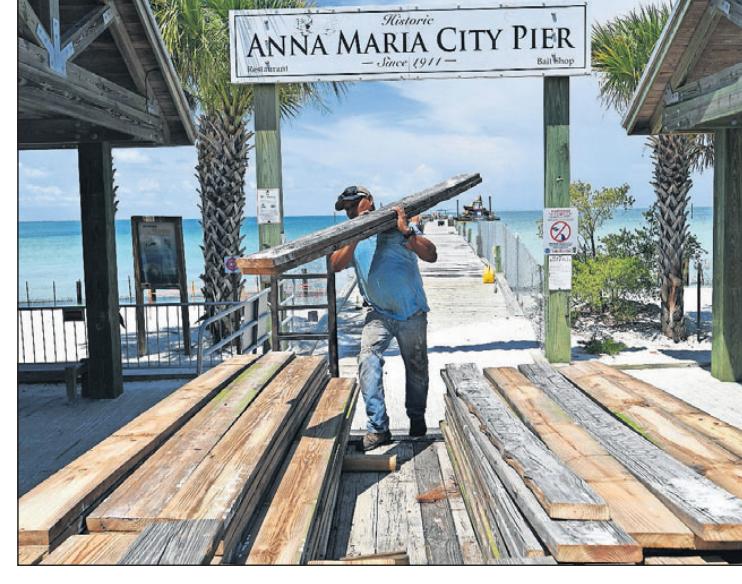
ANNA MARIA ISLAND — The sights, sounds and smells of the Anna Maria Island City Pier can only be enjoyed from memory now as the demolition process for the historic structure has begun.

The initial stages of demolition started on July 9, with the complete removal of the bait shop and restaurant taking place

three days later, giving the pier even more of a threadbare look than it had.

The pier was known for its stunning old-time-Florida views and memorialized wooden planks, but the bait shop and restaurant located in the back also provided the structure with much of its character. It was there, for example, locals would gather each day at 5 p.m.

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The demolition process of the Anna Maria Island City Pier, damaged last year during Hurricane Irma, has begun. Pastor Colindres, of Bradenton, carries planks from the pier to a flatbed trailer on Monday. [MIKE LANG / GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

Funeral Services

Ethel L. Miles

Ethel L. Miles, 97, of Leesburg, Florida passed away on Sunday, June 24, 2018, while under the care of hospice. She was born in Watertown, Wisconsin to the late Tekla and Arthur Neumann. Ethel retired to Florida, enjoyed playing golf and was quite talented as a watercolor artist. She was a member of Morrison United Methodist Church in Leesburg and was a volunteer for many charitable organizations. She was also a member of P.E.O. Survivors include her loving husband of 11 years George N. Miles; sons Richard P. Schuster (Dorothy) and Donald E. Schuster (Jonel); daughter Carol S. Jones (Vern); stepson Martin C. Miles (Betty); six grandchildren,

four great-grandchildren, and a niece and nephew. She is preceded in death by her first husband Paul E. Schuster. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10:30 am, at Morrison United Methodist Church, 1005 W. Main Street, Leesburg FL 34748. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the church. Online condolences may be sent at pagetheusfuneralhome.com. Arrangements under the care of PageTheus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

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Death Notices

Thomas Ryan
Thomas Ryan, 91 of Leesburg, Florida died Monday, July 16, 2018. Arrangements by Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis



TALE

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of Darley Stud, Darley Stables, leading partner in the family's Godolphin Stables and host of the annual Dubai World Cup racing festival, the world's richest. Also, the ruler of Dubai, vice president and prime minister of the United Arab Emirates and a multi-billionaire involved in a myriad of businesses from airlines, ports and construction.

O'Byrne was point man for John Magnier's Coolmore Stud. Magnier built his fortune through Coolmore and parlayed that into investments in a wide variety of industries. He also is a multi-billionaire. Many of his auction purchases are in the name of his wife, Susan, and his business partners.

Back in the sale ring, the auctioneer was looking at

O'Byrne: "\$16 million?" he asked. O'Byrne nodded, "Yes." It was Ferguson's turn. He declined. The hammer fell and the crowd erupted in applause.

Amid the celebration and handshakes O'Byrne reportedly said to DeRenzo: "He'd better be good."

The real story

The sports world is full of what-could-have-been stories. But in the thoroughbred industry, The Green Monkey became the biggest bust in the game.

DeRenzo bristles at that infamy, mostly because most people do not know the truth behind the failure to launch.

Most expected the colt to run as a 2-year-old. But, soon, word came that his debut would not come until his 3-year-old season due to a nagging gluteal injury.

The truth was much worse. Not long after the big

sale, The Green Monkey went to Churchill Downs in Kentucky, where he started to train for his racing debut. One day, he broke free of his stall and bolted.

"He got loose, fell head-over-heels and broke several vertebrae in his neck," DeRenzo said. "They tried to get him healed up, but physically couldn't. Up until the day he died he could hardly move his head up or down or side to side."

Knowing the true nature of The Green Monkey's injury and having it cloaked in secret made the stories of his struggles sting worse.

Coming home

In 2008, The Green Monkey came back to Marion County and to Hartley/DeRenzo Thoroughbreds, where he stood as a stallion for the rest of his life.

His stallion career was never stellar. His

perceived failure at the track made him less attractive and some openly mocked him, calling him "The Green Monkey."

Despite it all, the stallion lived out his life in comfort, surrounded by attention.

"He was a good boy. He had a lot of visitors. A lot of fans would stop by the farm to see him and to take pictures with him" DeRenzo said. "Kids would write him and ask questions about him."

His remains were cremated and are buried near the stallion barn. And for DeRenzo, no matter what anyone says, for a time The Green Monkey was the best anyone ever saw.

"As far as we're concerned he is a champion and he proved himself. Everybody wanted him. There's no way the whole world could want him and everybody be wrong about him," he said.

BRIEFS

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life-threatening opioid overdose.

Investigators said that when Riley realized she did not get the Narcan, she started throwing her phone around and talked

about how much she detested the department.

DOVER Deputies find owner of wandering horse

A horse found running loose in the rural suburbs of Tampa had bewildered sheriff's deputies there as they searched for its owner.

The Tampa Bay Times reports the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office was called out to an intersection of two roads near Plant City on July 11 to pick up what sheriff's spokesman Danny Alvarez says is a "beautiful" adult gray gelding horse.

The sheriff's agricultural unit captured the equine and found he was in good

health. The officers decided to use social media in the attempt to discover who owns the horse and asked the community for help.

The sheriff's office tweeted Monday afternoon that the horse's owner was located through a tip from social media. The tweet also says deputies were taking the horse home that day.

SCOTT

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worked with for years. But as recently as Monday, Scott said he plays no role in deciding how his money is invested.

"I put all my assets in a blind trust, so I don't know how they invested the dollars," Scott told reporters following a

campaign event in St. Petersburg.

Don Hinkle, a Tallahassee lawyer and major Democratic fundraiser, disputes that and told the 1st District Court of Appeal that the state constitution requires "full and fair disclosure" by public officials, a provision approved in 1976 by voters as part of the state's Sunshine Laws.

"You can't just say

I have an account, or I have a trust, without disclosing what's in the trust ... This applies to every officeholder, not just the governor," Hinkle told the court.

Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers earlier this year refused to dismiss Hinkle's lawsuit and the governor appealed, leading to Tuesday's hearing. It was unclear when the 1st DCA

would rule.

The state's blind trust law was created in 2013, largely for Scott, who saw it as a way to avoid allegations that his holdings allowed him to profit from public policies enacted while in office.

Scott doesn't take a salary as governor, flies his own aircraft to state and campaign events and has spent \$86 million of his family's money in

winning two elections as governor.

Hinkle's lawsuit also claims that Scott controls a family trust with his wife, Ann, but has failed to disclose all of its assets.

Hinkle's is the third lawsuit filed involving Scott's use of the blind trust — with courts

rejecting the earlier two on similar jurisdictional grounds as those cited by Nordby on Tuesday.

The issue now also could be overtaken by events, since in challenging Democratic U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, Scott now faces a July 29 deadline to file a federal disclosure requiring he reveal his wife's assets along with his own detailed holdings.

Nelson filed his disclosure on the May 15 deadline, but Scott asked for — and was given — an extension.

PIER

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to fish and converse.

Locals such as Dennis the Rocket Scientist (he really was one), Stanley from Jersey, Bob the Chick Magnet and Rick-a-Pedia (because he knew everything) were fixtures. Rick was unofficial Pier Mayor and they often wore T-shirts that said "Solving the World's Problems One Beer at a Time."

The official mayor of Anna Maria Island is Dan Murphy. He said now that the restaurant and bait shop are no longer affixed to the T-shaped pier, the loss is hitting closer to the heart.

"It's depressing actually," Murphy said. "I hate to admit that, but it's depressing to look out there and it's not there."

The structure was built in 1911 and was destroyed by Hurricane Irma in what was perhaps the most significant storm loss in the

area. Along with Snoopy the Manatee, the pier was one of the biggest attractions in Manatee County, and both were unexpectedly lost within two months of each other. Snoopy drowned on July 23 while the pier was severely damaged by high winds on Sept. 10 and city officials soon declared it unsalvageable.

Speeler & Associates, a St. Petersburg company, are handling the bulk of the demolition process and excavation equipment on

barges can be seen in the back of the pier where the restaurant and bait shop formerly stood.

The entire demolition process is expected to be completed in the first week of August, sooner than originally planned. Now that the restaurant and bait shop are gone, removal of the planks and pilings will begin at the end of the week, Murphy said.

The city received two bids for the pier's construction — Speeler &

Associates as well as a company from Tampa — and Murphy plans to bring a recommendation to the city commission on July 26 and a request to negotiate with the winner.

Murphy said the city is hopeful of requiring a construction permit from the Army Corps of Engineers by the end of next month.

"I think it will all tie together," he said. "Everything should be fine. We're in good shape."

The new pier is expected to be completed in

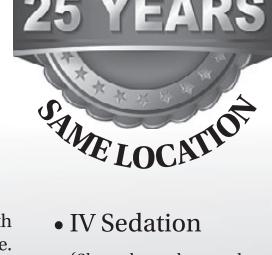
December of 2019, with the character and charm of the old pier retained, though apparently not everyone is happy with the way it will look.

Last week, according to Murphy, a person took a box cutter and destroyed two artist's renditions of the new pier that were on display at the site.

Murphy said before the incident took place the culprit looked into a security camera before began to vandalize the drawings.

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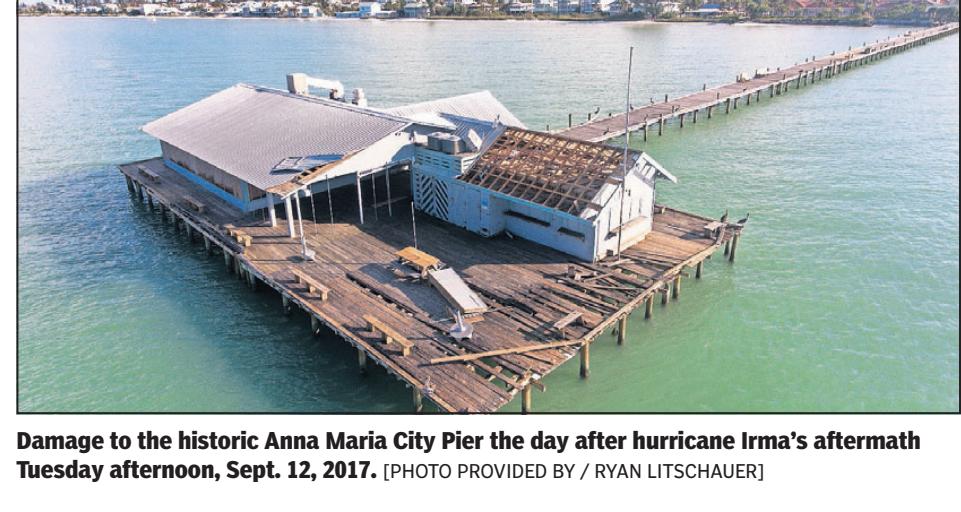
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Damage to the historic Anna Maria City Pier the day after hurricane Irma's aftermath Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 12, 2017. [PHOTO PROVIDED BY / RYAN LITSCHAUER]

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 170.07 AND 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, BY THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

In accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, the Beaumont Community Development District's ("District") Board of Supervisors ("Board") hereby provides notice of the following public hearings and public meeting:

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND MEETING

DATE:	August 7, 2018
TIME:	2:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	The Villages Public Library at Pinellas Plaza 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 162 Wildwood, Florida 34785

The purpose of the public hearings announced above is to consider the imposition of special assessments and adoption of assessment rolls to secure proposed bonds on benefited lands within the District, and, to provide for the levy, collection and enforcement of the assessments. The proposed bonds secured by the special assessments are intended to finance certain public infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, and other infrastructure improvements, all for two separate projects known as the "Residential Project," benefitting the "Residential Assessment Area," and the "Commercial Project," benefitting the "Commercial Assessment Area." The Residential Project and Commercial Project are described in more detail in the *Engineer's Report (Residential Project and Commercial Project)*, dated June 29, 2018. The special assessments are proposed to be levied as one or more assessment liens and are to be allocated to the Residential Assessment Area and Commercial Assessment Area as set forth in the *Master Special Assessment Methodology Report*, dated June 29, 2018 ("Assessment Report"). At the conclusion of the public hearings, the Board will, by resolution, levy and impose assessments as finally approved by the Board. A special meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other business that may properly come before it.

The District is located entirely within the City of Wildwood, Florida, lying within Sections 4, Township 19 South, Range 23 East; more precisely the northeast quadrant of the intersection of CR 466A and CR 462. A graphic depiction of the District, and the Residential Assessment Area and Commercial Assessment Area, is shown below. All lands within the District are expected to be improved in accordance with the reports identified above. Further, a description of the property to be assessed and the amount to be assessed to each piece or parcel of property may be ascertained at the "District's Office" located at c/o Wrathell, Hunt and Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561)571-0010. Also, a copy of the agendas and other documents referenced herein may be obtained from the District Office.

The proposed schedule of assessments is as follows:

Proposed Debt Assessments (Residential Project Assessment Area)

Land Use	Total # of Units/Acres	EAU Factor	Proposed Debt Assessment (Total Par, Excludes Interest)	Proposed Debt Assessment (Annual)*
Total Debt Amounts (All Units)				
Single Family 50' Lot	176 lots	1.25	\$7,995,973.47	\$610,661.58
Single Family 40' Lot	95 lots	1.00	\$3,452,806.73	\$263,694.77
Townhome Lot	134 lots	0.80	\$3,896,219.80	\$297,558.73
Per Unit Amounts (Individual Unit When Platted)				
Single Family 50' Lot	1 lot	1.25	\$45,431.67	\$3,691.14
Single Family 40' Lot	1 lot	1.00	\$36,345.33	\$2,952.91
Townhome Lot	1 lot	0.80	\$29,076.27	\$2,362.33

Proposed Debt Assessments (Commercial Project Assessment Area)

Land Use	Total # of Units/Acres	EAU Factor	Proposed Debt Assessment (Total Par, Excludes Interest)	Proposed Debt Assessment (Annual)*
Total Debt Amounts				
Commercial	38.59 acres	n/a	\$6,655,000	\$508,249.91
Per Unit/Acre Amounts				
Commercial	1 acre	n/a	\$172,454.00	\$13,170.51

*The annual amounts stated herein include estimated collection costs and early payment discounts.

The assessments may be prepaid in whole at any time, or in some instances in part, or may be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments subsequent to the issuance of debt to finance the improvements. These annual assessments will be collected on the County tax roll by the Tax Collector. Alternatively, the District may choose to directly collect and enforce these assessments.

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone. Any person requiring special accommodations because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear and comment at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Office within twenty (20) days of issuance of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Craig Wrathell
District Manager

RESOLUTION 2018-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT DECLARING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTIAL PROJECT AND COMMERCIAL PROJECT; DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS; DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; PROVIDING FOR AN ASSESSMENT PLAT AND A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; ADDRESSING THE SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARINGS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND ADDRESSING CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Beaumont Community Development District ("District") is a local unit of special-purpose government organized and existing under and pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized by Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, install, equip, operate, extend, construct, or reconstruct roadways, stormwater management, water and sewer utilities, landscape, irrigation, lighting, recreation, and other infrastructure projects, and services necessitated by the development of, and serving lands within, the District; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby determines to undertake, install, plan, establish, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, acquire, operate, and/or maintain the infrastructure improvements ("Capital Improvement Plan" or "CIP") consisting of two projects – specifically, the "Residential Project" benefitting what is known as the "Residential Assessment Area" and the "Commercial Project" benefitting what is known as the "Commercial Assessment Area," all as described in the District's *Engineer's Report (Residential Project and Commercial Project)*, dated May 29, 2018, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to pay all or a portion of the cost of the CIP by special assessments pursuant to Chapter 190, *Florida Statutes* ("Assessments"); and

WHEREAS, the District is empowered by Chapter 190, the Uniform Community Development District Act, Chapter 170, Supplemental and Alternative Method of Making Local Municipal Improvements, and Chapter 197, the Uniform Method for the Levy, Collection and Enforcement of Non-Ad Valorem Assessments, *Florida Statutes*, to finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct or reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain the CIP and to impose, levy and collect the Assessments; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in the *Preliminary Master Special Assessment Allocation Report (Residential Project and Commercial Project)*, dated May 29, 2018, attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and incorporated herein by reference and on file at the office of the District Manager, c/o Wrathell, Hunt & Associates, LLC, 2300 Glades Road, Suite 410W, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, (561)571-0010 ("District Records Office"), the District hereby finds and determines as a preliminary matter that:

- (i) benefits from the CIP will accrue to the property improved,
- (ii) the amount of those benefits will exceed the amount of the Assessments, and
- (iii) the Assessments are fairly and reasonably allocated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BEAUMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:

1. AUTHORITY FOR THIS RESOLUTION; INCORPORATION OF RECITALS. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the provisions of Florida law, including without limitation Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*. The recitals stated above are incorporated herein and are adopted by the Board as true and correct statements.

2. DECLARATION OF ASSESSMENTS. The Board hereby declares that it has determined to make all or a portion of the CIP and to defray all or a portion of the cost thereof by the Assessments, which may be comprised of one or more separate special assessment liens as described in **Exhibit B**.

3. DESIGNATING THE NATURE AND LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENTS. The nature and general location of, and plans and specifications for, the CIP are described in **Exhibit A**, which is on file at the District Records Office. **Exhibit B** is also on file and available for public inspection at the same location.

4. DECLARING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF THE CIP, THE PORTION TO BE PAID BY ASSESSMENTS, AND THE MANNER AND TIMING IN WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS ARE TO BE PAID.

A. The total estimated construction cost of the Residential Project and Commercial Project are, respectively, \$11,550,000, and \$5,005,000 (together, "Estimated Cost").

B. The Assessments will defray approximately \$22,000,000, which is the anticipated maximum par value of any bonds and which includes all or a portion of the Estimated Cost, as well as other financing-related costs, as set forth in **Exhibit B**, and which is in addition to interest and collection costs. On an annual basis and over a thirty year period, the Assessments will defray no more than \$1,680,165 per year, again as set forth in **Exhibit B**.

C. The manner in which the Assessments shall be apportioned and paid is set forth in **Exhibit B**, as may be modified by supplemental assessment resolutions. Commencing with the years in which the Assessments are certified for collection, the Assessments shall each be paid in not more than thirty (30) annual installments. The Assessments may be payable at the same time and in the same manner as are ad valorem taxes and collected pursuant to Chapter 197, *Florida Statutes*; provided, however, that in the event the uniform non-ad valorem assessment method of collecting the Assessments is not available to the District in any year, or if determined by the District to be in its best interest, the Assessments may be collected as is otherwise permitted by law, including but not limited to by direct bill. The decision to collect special assessments by any particular method – e.g., on the tax roll or by direct bill – does not mean that such method will be used to collect special assessments in future years, and the District reserves the right in its sole discretion to select collection methods in any given year, regardless of past practices.

5. DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED. The Assessments securing the Residential Project shall be levied on all lots and lands within the Residential Assessment Area (as described in **Exhibit A**) and adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for. Similarly, the Assessments securing the Commercial Project shall be levied on all lots and lands within the Commercial Assessment Area (as described in **Exhibit A**) and adjoining and contiguous or bounding and abutting upon such improvements or specially benefitted thereby and further designated by the assessment plat hereinafter provided for.

6. ASSESSMENT PLAT. Pursuant to Section 170.04, *Florida Statutes*, there is on file, at the District Records Office, an assessment plat showing the area to be assessed, with certain plans and specifications describing the CIP and the estimated cost of the CIP, all of which are open to inspection by the public.

7. PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL. Pursuant to Section 170.06, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager has caused to be made a preliminary assessment roll, in accordance with the method of assessment described in **Exhibit B** hereto, which shows the lots and lands assessed, the amount of benefit to and the assessment against each lot or parcel of land and the number of annual installments into which the assessment may be divided, which assessment roll is hereby adopted and approved as the District's preliminary assessment roll.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS DECLARED; DIRECTION TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE HEARINGS. Pursuant to Sections 170.07 and 197.3632(4)(b), *Florida Statutes*, among other provisions of Florida law, there are hereby declared two public hearings to be held as follows:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE:	August 7, 2018
TIME:	2:00 P.M.
LOCATION:	The Villages Library at Pinellas Plaza 7375 Powell Rd., Conference Room 62 Wildwood, Florida 34785

The purpose of the public hearings is to hear comment and objections to the proposed special assessment program for District improvements as identified in the preliminary assessment roll, a copy of which is on file and as set forth in **Exhibit B**. Interested parties may appear at that hearing or submit their comments in writing prior to the hearings at the District Records Office.

Notice of said hearings shall be advertised in accordance with Chapters 170, 190 and 197, *Florida Statutes*, and the District Manager is hereby authorized and directed to place said notice in a newspaper of general circulation within Sumter County (by two publications one week apart with the first publication at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the hearing established herein). The District Manager shall file a publisher's affidavit with the District Secretary verifying such publication of notice. The District Manager is further authorized and directed to give thirty (30) days written notice by mail of the time and place of this hearing to the owners of all property to be assessed and include in such notice the amount of the assessment for each such property owner, a description of the areas to be improved and notice that information concerning all assessments may be ascertained at the District Records Office. The District Manager shall file proof of such mailing by affidavit with the District Secretary.

9. PUBLICATION OF RESOLUTION. Pursuant to Section 170.05, *Florida Statutes*, the District Manager is hereby directed to cause this Resolution to be published twice (once a week for two (2) weeks) in a newspaper of general circulation within Sumter County and to provide such other notice as may be required by law or desired in the best interests of the District.

10. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, superseded and repealed.

11. SEVERABILITY. If any section or part of a section of this Resolution be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the validity, force, and effect of any other section or part of a section of this Resolution shall not thereby be affected or impaired unless it clearly appears that such other section or part of a section of this Resolution is wholly or necessarily dependent upon the section or part of a section so held to be invalid or unconstitutional.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2018.

ATTEST:

BEAUMONT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

/S/Craig Wrathell
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

/S/James P. Harvey
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Exhibit A: *Engineer's Report (Residential Project and Commercial Project)*, dated May 29, 2018*

Exhibit B: *Preliminary Master Special Assessment Allocation Report (Residential Project and Commercial Project)*, dated May 29, 2018*

*These reports were updated June 29, 2018.



NIGHT

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mural in place, a federal lawsuit had been brought against the city by attorney Jeremy Talcott of the California-based Pacific Legal Foundation on behalf of Nemhauser and Jastrzebski.

Before Tuesday's vote, council members made no comments about the settlement but a couple of residents spoke in favor of the mural.

Josh Napalous even praised the city for "doing the right thing," before urging them to be more progressive in their thinking and embrace such public art like other cities have done nationwide.

"If Mount Dora claims to be this artistic spot, why not embrace the arts and a little bit of something different? A lot of people here in town that live here like to celebrate these types of diversities and artistic expression. They want to see more of it honestly," he said.

The dispute erupted in

mid-2017 when Nemhauser and Jastrzebski commissioned artist Richard Barrenechea to paint a drab masonry wall in front of their home on Old U.S. Highway 441 near downtown. The city at first classified the "Starry Night" mural as graffiti and cited the couple, but later decided the painting constituted an illegal sign. The homeowners directed Barrenechea to carry the "Starry Night" theme over to their house after city officials reportedly told them the masonry wall had to match the house.

The city asked the homeowners paint the wall and house a traditional color and after the couple refused, City Magistrate David Tegeler imposed a \$100-a-day fine for each day the mural remained, but capped it at 31 days for a total of \$3,100.

The fines were later re-implemented and a lien was placed on the property.

In response, the couple sued the city in state court, but then dropped it to refile the case as a federal lawsuit. In February, a federal judge granted a restraining

order temporarily blocking the city from imposing additional fines on the house. By that time however, the fines had accrued to well over \$10,000.

"We are just happy this whole thing can finally be put behind us," Nemhauser said Tuesday.

According to the settlement agreement, the homeowners get to keep the mural and have 180 days to get it completed and sealed to protect it from the elements. After that, they must maintain it.

The homeowners will also be paid \$15,000 for legal fees and the lien against the property will be lifted. If the house is sold or put in someone else's name, the mural will remain "grandfathered in" despite future codes the city may implement.

The homeowners, in turn, will drop the federal suit against the city and sign a release that they can never sue for anything related to the mural or actions the city had taken against them.

The city must also revise its sign ordinance to make it clearer for residents with the help of a Special Code

Advisory Committee the city must form. The agreement also specifies that if Nemhauser is interested and applies for a seat on the committee, she must be appointed.

Additionally, the agreement calls for a joint press conference between the city and homeowners, at which time Mayor Nick Girone must apologize to the property owners on behalf of the city.

The press conference is scheduled for today at 12:30 p.m.

Overall, Talcott said he hopes the city takes the opportunity to revise their sign code to the point that it is constitutional.

He said the code is content based and gives city officials too much authority to "pick and choose" what they do and don't like and too broad and vague in the sense that almost anything on a person's property can be classified as a sign, two points that violate people's first and 14th amendment rights.

"The big principle here is if you're going to prohibit conduct or speech, you need to write laws that are clear," Talcott said.

SLAYING

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while she was free on bond because she did not move into a safe, stable place. "I assume it was because of your behavior."

He ordered her to get a job, drug treatment and mental health counseling and not to break any laws. He also told her to pay back \$4,171 from the stolen card. He said he had "almost no certainty that anything other than incarceration" would change her drug-addicted lifestyle.

He conceded, however, that she might change. "I'm constantly surprised."

Naffziger's family was disappointed that she wasn't sentenced to prison. They told the Daily Commercial that she was diagnosed as bipolar at age 11, would run away from home, take drugs and accept no responsibility for her actions.

"I don't think you've ever had that inner meeting with yourself that says, 'I'm going

to go down a different path.' You've been on that path for a long time," Briggs told her.

Naffziger, who was living in Wildwood, went to the Sumter County probation office for her regularly scheduled monthly meeting on July 3. While there, probation officials ordered her to take a random urine drug screen test.

"...she was found to have a device/object hidden within her vaginal cavity. Officer (Joyce) Bradshaw instructed that offender stand up and pull out the object... and place [it] into the small, clear plastic cup. The offender admitted she has been using methamphetamines since 06-28-18...."

She has been placed on Circuit Judge Lawrence Semente's Aug. 6 felony arraignment docket.

She is being held with no bond in the Lake County jail.

Jurors spared Mariotti from the death penalty by one vote after hearing defense testimony about a wildly dysfunctional childhood and a lifetime of drug abuse.

RELATIONS

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of international politics for the better part of a century, as countless graves of U.S. soldiers buried in European soil bear witness to.

Trump's abrasiveness and "America First" insistence had been a given even before he became president. Europe's increasing resignation to letting go of the cherished link to the White

House is much more recent.

After last week's brutal NATO summit where Trump derided Europeans as freeloaders, EU chief Donald Tusk spoke on Tuesday of "the increasing darkness of international politics."

"This Helsinki summit is above all another wake-up call for Europe," said Manfred Weber, the German leader of the EPP center-right group in the European Parliament, the legislature's biggest.

"We Europeans must take our fate in our own

hands."

It was a startling sentiment coming from someone who hails from the same German Christian Democrat stock as Angela Merkel, Helmut Kohl and Konrad Adenauer, staunch supporters of the trans-Atlantic link over the past three-quarters century.

There have been other signs of the growing European detachment from the White House, especially after Trump pulled out of the global climate agreement and the Iran nuclear deal the EU brokered.

TRUMP

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27 hours of recrimination by delivering a rare admission of error.

"The sentence should have been, 'I don't see any reason why I wouldn't, or why it wouldn't be Russia' instead of 'why it would,'" Trump said of the comments he had made standing alongside Vladimir Putin on Monday's summit stage in Helsinki.

That didn't explain why Trump, who had tweeted a half-dozen times and sat for two television interviews since the Putin news conference, waited so long to correct his remarks. And the scripted cleanup pertained only to the

least defensible of his comments.

He didn't reverse other statements in which he gave clear credence to Putin's "extremely strong and powerful" denial of Russian involvement, raised doubts about his own intelligence agencies' conclusions and advanced discredited conspiracy theories about election meddling.

He also accused past American leaders, rather than Russia's destabilizing actions in the U.S. and around the world, for the souring of relations between two countries.

And he did not address his other problematic statements during a week-long Europe tour, in which he sent the NATO alliance into emergency session and assailed British Prime Minister Theresa May as she was hosting him for an official visit.

"I accept our intelligence community's conclusion that Russia's meddling in the 2016 election took place," Trump conceded Tuesday. But even then he made a point of adding, "It could be other people also. A lot of people out there. There was no collusion at all."

Moments earlier, McConnell felt the need to reassure America's allies in Europe with whom Trump clashed during his frenzied trip last week.

With no if's or but's, the GOP leader declared, "The European countries are our friends, and the Russians are not."

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump was trying to "squirm away" from his comments alongside Putin. "It's 24 hours too late and in the wrong place," he said.

FAIR HOUSING WORKSHOP

The City of Clermont is a fair housing advocate. The City is holding a workshop to explain the Fair Housing Ordinance for all of the protected classes (race, color, familial status, handicap, national origin, religion and sex). The public is invited to attend.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, at the City of Clermont City Hall located at 685 W. Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida.

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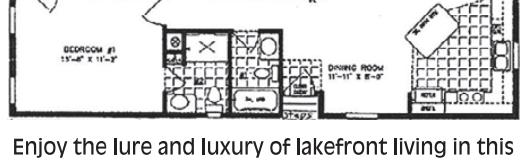
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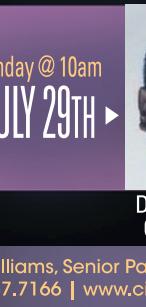
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OUR OPINION

Flood insurance program sinking

Americans often complain about our “do-nothing” or “dysfunctional” Congress. But Congress does need to act, and soon, on one issue with some pending unwelcome consequences — flood insurance.

Without action, the National Flood Insurance Program, or NFIP, the federal government’s backstop for 5 million potentially water-logged property owners across America, will expire on July 31. This is an especially acute problem for Floridians. More than one-third of the government’s flood-insurance policyholders — some 1.76 million — live in Florida.

Many throughout Florida might be tempted to relax, believing this is a problem for our coastal friends concerned about storm surge from hurricanes and rising seas. Yet we must not be lulled into thinking we are not affected because we are so far inland.

FEMA says a lapse in the program might not necessarily affect claims. But that would stop the government from issuing new policies or renewals across the country. The agency indicates as many as 40,000 home-sale closings a month could halt if such policies cannot be issued. Florida would likely fare worse than other places because our state is the main NFIP market.

Congress has legislation to deal with this before the program lapses. The Senate version of the new farm bill that passed last month contains a provision by Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., that would extend the program for six months. Kennedy also has filed a stand-alone bill with similar language. But it doesn’t appear the House is ready to consider either.

Meanwhile, the House has passed a bill by Rep. Sean Duffy, R-Wis., called the 21st Century Flood Reform Act. That measure would extend the program through September 2022 and, more importantly, expand the role of private insurers in the market. The Senate, however, has not taken up that bill.

Right now, the government pays private insurers to market, sell and write flood policies and process claims. But companies do little of the actual underwriting. For instance, according to a recent Congressional Research Service analysis, private insurers aim for commercial and other big-dollar properties whose high premiums help justify their risk. Thus, private insurers hold \$589 million of the market, compared to the government’s \$3.5 billion portfolio.

Many in Congress advocate boosting private insurers’ share of this market, because the NFIP is running into major fiscal problems and needs reform to relieve taxpayers.

In theory, the 50-year-old NFIP should be self-funding through policyholders’ premiums. But the government has had to dip deep into the treasury to cover the cost of overwhelming claims related to recent catastrophic floods. The NFIP still owes more than \$20 billion to the taxpayers at large. Additionally, federal law mandates the government to subsidize premiums for certain policyholders, and about 20 percent qualify, many of whom reside in wealthy coastal areas.

Congress’ first order of business should be to ensure the NFIP doesn’t falter. So lawmakers must extend the program by the end of the month.

Beyond that, this system clearly needs long-term reform, chief among which would be to introduce private insurers into the market.

It’s time our do-nothing Congress did something to fix flood insurance.

ANOTHER OPINION



ANOTHER OPINION

Praise for poise: When a loudmouth berates you for your T-shirt

Timothy Trybus’ beligerence speaks for itself. In a video that has gone viral, the 62-year-old man coarsely chides a young woman named Mia Iriarry for wearing a shirt with the Puerto Rican flag on it. He strides up to her, stabbing the air with his finger as he shouts: “You should not be wearing this in the United States of America!”

A few yards away, a Cook County Forest Preserve District police officer nonchalantly stands at the edge of the pavilion where the confrontation takes place, at Caldwell Woods Forest Preserve on Chicago’s Northwest Side. Iriarry calmly explains to Trybus that she has a right to wear the shirt, and has a permit to occupy the pavilion. She calmly tells Trybus that she feels uncomfortable as he draws near to her. And she calmly asks the officer to intervene, which the officer doesn’t.

Trybus has been charged with assault and disorderly conduct. The officer, identified by Cook County authorities as Patrick Connor, was placed under investigation for his handling of the incident and placed on desk duty. Later, he resigned.

And Iriarry, who unwittingly found herself in the predicament of all those who are judged, or dismissed, or insulted because of their

appearance? She’s a living lesson to us all on how to handle confrontation.

YouTube teems with videos of scenes rife with confrontation and discrimination.

In such tense moments, each of us copes in his or her own way. Some people freeze, others ignite with rage. Sometimes those scenes explode into violence.

Confronted at the pavilion, Iriarry did neither. File her remarkable reaction in the folder marked “poise under pressure.” Back to the video:

“Why are you wearing that?” Trybus aggressively asks. “Because I can,” she answers, reminding him that Puerto Rico is “part of the United States.”

Trybus keeps belittling her, challenging her. “You’re not going to change us. Do you know that?” he tells her.

“I’m not trying to change anyone,” she replies. “I just came here for a birthday party.”

In a measured tone, Iriarry lets Connor know she could use some help. “Officer, I’m renting this area and he’s harassing me about the shirt I’m wearing,” she tells the officer. “I do not feel comfortable with him here. Is there anything you can do?” Not much, evidently. After other officers arrived, the episode ended peacefully.

But reaction to the video of the June 14 incident has been

swift and strong since it went viral this week. Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello said in tweets that he was “appalled, shocked & disturbed,” by what happened, and demanded that “this officer be expelled from the police force. State Sen. Iris Martinez, a Chicago Democrat, also called it “inexcusable that a peace officer ... would ignore a call for help from someone feeling threatened, no matter their race.” Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle apologized to the young woman for the incident, adding she was “troubled” by Connor’s initial response.

Most attention thus far has focused on the hostile loud-mouth and the lackadaisical officer. A court will decide Trybus’ fate, and all of us await the outcome of the forest preserve district’s investigation into Connor’s actions. A video sometimes isn’t the full story, but we see nothing in this recording that even begins to excuse either man’s behavior.

But we don’t want this saga to settle into questions of crime and punishment without a celebration of Mia Iriarry. So many times in this metropolis, serious disrespect provokes escalation, retaliation, even combat. Instead, her level-headed response kept an already ugly episode from becoming worse. Let’s all remember that.

From Tribune News Service.

ANOTHER OPINION

Imprecise language leads to bad politics



John Crisp

FBI agent Peter Strzok’s testimony last week before the House Judiciary and Oversight Committees reminded me of that old warhorse of college freshman composition, “Politics and the English Language.”

In 1946, British writer George Orwell connected the disorder of contemporary politics with the decay of clear, expressive language. Referring to politics, Orwell said, “When the general atmosphere is bad, language must suffer.”

But if bad politics undermines clear language, bad writing and speaking make good politics increasingly elusive.

The English language, Orwell said, “becomes ugly and inaccurate because our

thoughts are foolish, but the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts.”

In other words, imprecise language spawns imprecise thinking — and vice versa. This premise was clearly reflected in the contentious testimony before the House committees.

Strzok was accused by House Republicans of “bias,” based on emails that Strzok exchanged with his mistress expressing his disaste for presidential candidate Donald Trump.

When the emails came to light, Strzok was immediately dismissed from his role in special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation. But House Oversight Committee Chairman Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., said Strzok’s dismissal was too late.

“The text and emails may have been discovered in May of 2017, but the bias existed and was manifest a year and a half before that.... It wasn’t the discovery of texts that got him fired, it was the bias manifest in those texts that made

him unfit to objectively and dispassionately investigate.”

Orwell would have objected to that sloppy and tendentious use of the word “bias,” which nearly always has a negative connotation. Its definition includes the notion of prejudice or of a preconceived and unreasoned judgment.

Strzok’s late-night emails to his mistress were ill-advised, but there’s no reason to think that his political perspective on a potential Trump presidency was prejudiced, preconceived or unreasonable. Indeed, many Americans shared Strzok’s perspective at the time, and many to believe — quite reasonably — that Trump is a terrible and dangerous president.

But perspective and opinion are not bias. If Strzok had allowed his political opinions to color his role in the investigation of the Clinton emails or Mueller’s Russia probe, that act could properly be described as biased. But Strzok contended, under oath, that he did not; the Department

of Justice inspector general’s inquiry reports that he did not; and Republicans have not presented evidence that he did.

What Strzok is guilty of is having an opinion, and then using poor judgment in expressing his opinion to his mistress in writing. We might imagine the universe in which intelligent, informed, concerned people like Strzok could not possibly have an opinion about the wisdom of electing a man like Trump, but such a place is a fantasy. Even F.B.I. agents are citizens first and they have both a right and an obligation to have opinions about our country’s best interests. It’s unrealistic to expect them to do otherwise.

What we can expect — and demand — is that their political opinions have no impact on their commitment to the FBI’s mission. And the evidence indicates that Strzok’s opinions did not affect his investigative work.

But the Republicans’ imprecise use of a term like “bias” — and the public’s

failure to demand more precision — transforms the Strzok episode, which is a minor event in the larger Russian interference episode, into one of the Republicans’ main weapons in the campaign to discredit the Mueller investigation. And, indeed, it has received particular emphasis precisely because there are so few others.

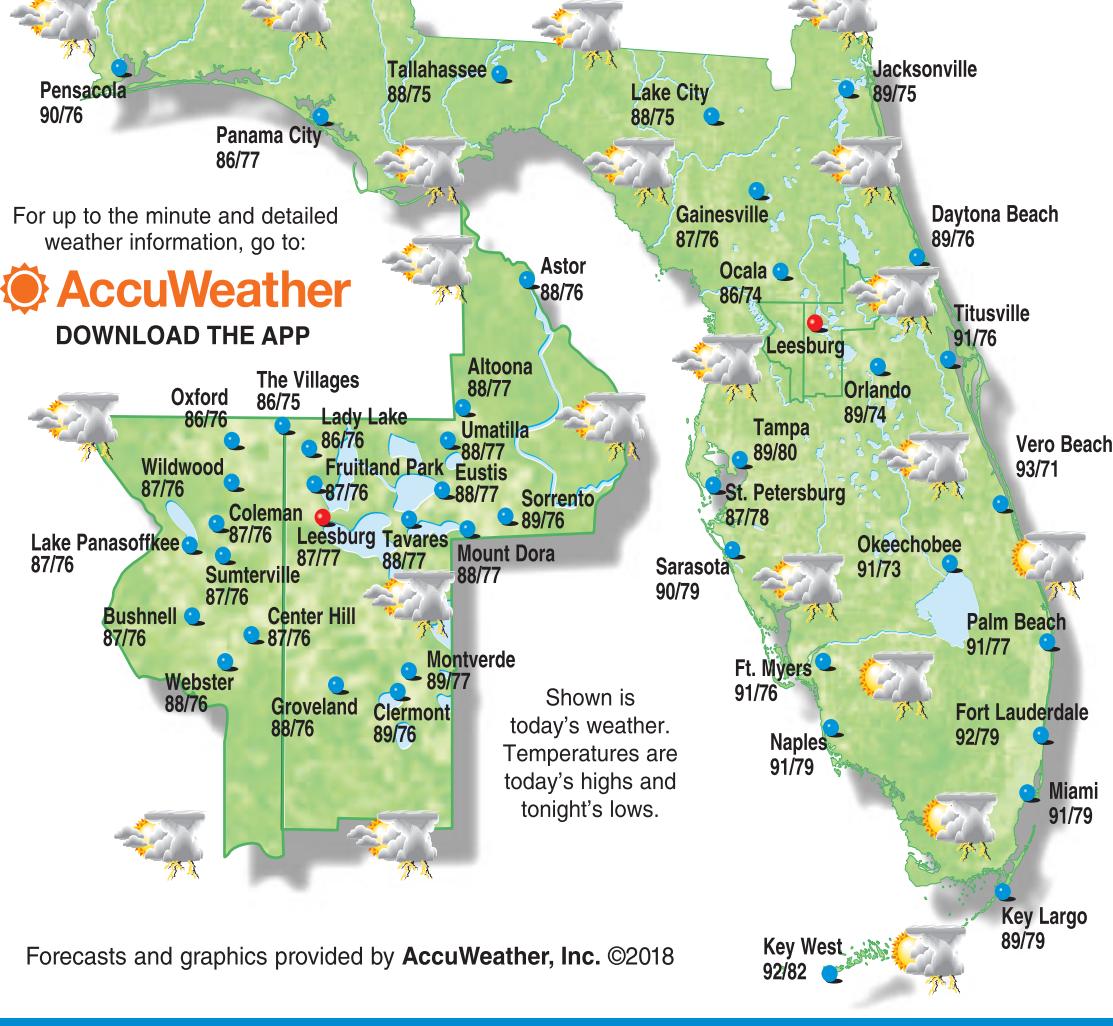
Orwell said, “The great enemy of clear language is insincerity.” Thus President Trump often has trouble expressing himself clearly and often has to rely on reliable formulas and jargon.

The other great enemy of clear language and good politics is the use of imprecise language to achieve a political end. The goal is confusion rather than clarity, and the result is uncritical thinking and an expanding cycle of more imprecise language.

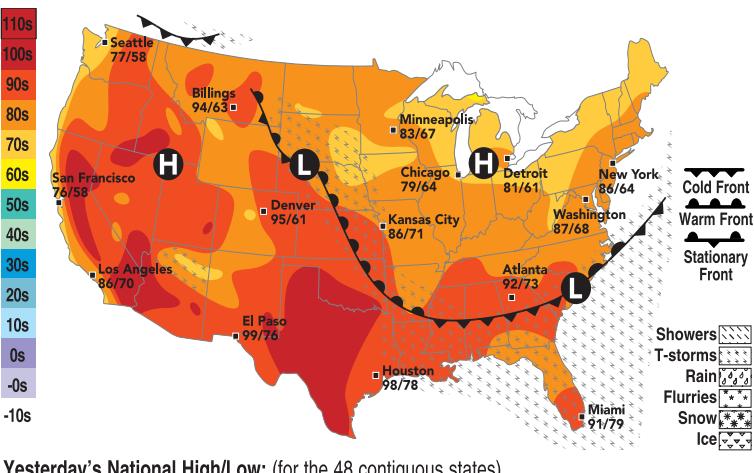
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR LEESBURG

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Variable clouds, a shower and t-storm around	Variable clouds with a shower or thunderstorm	Clouds and sun with a shower or thunderstorm	Variable clouds, a shower and t-storm around	Some sun with a shower and t-storm around
HIGH 87° LOW 77°	HIGH 87° LOW 76°	HIGH 89° LOW 76°	HIGH 87° LOW 76°	HIGH 87° LOW 76°

**NATIONAL WEATHER FOR JULY 18, 2018**

Show are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are today's highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



UV INDEX TODAY	5	SOLUNAR TABLE
0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme		The solunar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.
Major Minor Major Minor		Today 5:19 a.m. 11:31 a.m. 5:43 p.m. 11:55 p.m. Thu. 6:09 a.m. 12:21 p.m. 6:32 p.m. ---

THE SUN AND MOON

Today	Thursday	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise 6:41 a.m.	6:41 a.m.				
Sunset 8:26 p.m.	8:26 p.m.				
Moonrise 12:35 p.m.	1:33 p.m.				
Moonset 12:14 a.m.	12:51 a.m.				

TIDES

Homosassa		Day		High		Feet		Day		High		Feet	
Today	10:16 am	....0.9		5:10 am	....0.1			Thu.	11:01 am	....1.0		5:27 am	....0.1
	10:18 pm	....1.1		4:42 pm	....0.2				11:23 pm	....0.9		5:56 pm	....0.3

Daytona Beach		Day		High		Feet		Day		High		Feet	
Today	12:46 am	....4.4		7:01 am	....0.4			Thu.	1:38 am	....4.1		7:57 am	....0.3
	12:33 pm	....4.2		7:31 pm	....0.0				2:19 pm	....4.1		8:34 pm	....0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thursday	City	Today	Thursday	City	Today	Thursday	City	Today	Thursday	City	Today	Thursday
Albany	82 54 s	82 57 s	Cheyenne	90 58 s	93 56 s	Great Falls	95 54 s	87 54 s	Norfolk, VA	86 73 pc	85 71 s	San Francisco	76 58 pc	79 61 pc
Albuquerque	93 70 pc	96 72 pc	Chicago	79 64 s	82 69 pc	Greensboro, NC	87 65 pc	85 66 pc	Oklahoma City	98 73 s	104 80 s	San Juan, PR	88 77 s	85 79 t
Anchorage	68 53 s	69 52 s	Cincinnati	85 62 s	86 67 pc	Hartford	85 57 s	84 58 s	Omaha	83 71 t	91 70 pc	Santa Fe	91 63 pc	93 64 t
Asheville	86 65 pc	80 67 pc	Cleveland	77 59 s	83 67 s	Honolulu	89 77 pc	87 76 pc	Philadelphia	87 62 s	86 65 s	St. Ste. Marie	74 52 s	81 60 pc
Atlanta	92 73 pc	90 73 pc	Columbia, SC	93 74 t	92 72 pc	Houston	98 78 pc	100 78 pc	Phoenix	104 87 pc	107 87 pc	Seattle	77 58 pc	77 57 pc
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Baltimore	87 62 s	86 63 s	Dallas	106 82 s	107 83 s	Jackson, MS	92 71 t	94 72 pc	Portland, ME	82 58 pc	80 59 s	Portland, OR	81 57 pc	79 54 pc
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Boston	81 64 pc	78 63 s	Duluth	80 60 s	69 57 t	Memphis	92 71 t	92 75 c	Milwaukee	76 64 s	80 68 pc	Sacramento	101 62 s	97 64 pc
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TIP OF THE WEEK

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Prepare a week of healthy food with meal prep tips from nutrition bloggers, courtesy of Cooking Light.

- Cook batch grains like brown rice or quinoa.
- Prepare ingredients that can be used in many ways, like grilled veggies or chicken.
- Stock up on essentials: protein sources, fruit, leafy greens, pre-cut veggies, whole grain and cheese.



EASY RECIPE

FROSÉ (FROZEN ROSÉ)

Try this refreshing recipe from [realsimple.com](#).

- 1 (750 ml.) bottle of dry rosé
- 10 ounces fresh strawberries (about 2 cups, sliced)
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup vodka
- 2 tablespoons grenadine

Pour rosé into ice cube trays and freeze until solid, eight hours or overnight. Combine strawberries and sugar in the bowl of a blender and let sit at room temperature for about 10 minutes, until the berries begin to release their juices. Add the vodka, grenadine and rosé cubes. Blend on high until smooth. Pour into glasses. Serves four to six.

HEALTHY EATING

FOCUS ON WELLNESS

The following wellness tips from [onegreenplanet.org](#) offer small, daily choices that can lead to lifelong, big changes.

- Eat berries with breakfast.
- Eat one green food per day.
- Drink a glass of water when you wake up.
- Ditch sugary foods.

— Brandpoint

Enjoy a brew with a view



An Angus all-beef 8-ounce burger is pictured with fried pickles, french fries and craft beer. [SUBMITTED]

Bay Street Brewery & Bistro offers tasty suds, craft spirits in Eustis

By Linda Florea
Correspondent

EUSTIS — Food, craft beer and craft spirits — and a little taste of Eustis history — flavor the Bay Street Brewery & Bistro.

Since opening in December 2017 at 108 N. Bay St., across the street from The Historic State Theatre, owners Bill and Lea Beckett have built a following with those who want to drop in for a craft beer, a snack or a full meal in a casual dining atmosphere.

The Becketts moved to Eustis to be on the water and to go places on their boat. They found just what they were looking for with the Harris Chain of Lakes connecting Leesburg, Mount Dora, Tavares and Eustis.

The brick building they rented has served many purposes since it was built in 1889, including a bank, a bar and a bike shop. They added a commercial kitchen and did a thorough renovation of the space, with the front dining room overlooking Bay Street and the back, including outdoor dining, with views of Ferran Park and Lake Eustis.

Lea got in touch with the local historical society, which provided number of historical

photos for display in the dining room.

While the menu is not extensive as some other restaurants, there is a good variety, with fish, shellfish, beef, chicken and pork options.

Appetizers include shrimp, two mac and cheese dishes, chicken wings, fried pickles or green beans, edamame and peel-and-eat shrimp. Sandwiches include the Bay Street Bacon Jam Burger, with thick bacon and onion jam, and the chicken waffle sandwich, with fried chicken between Belgian waffles with maple syrup and bacon bits.

Lea said the most popular dinner entree is the chicken piccata. Also on the menu: Porter braised short ribs, fish and chips, shrimp scampi and pork tenderloin.

Beer has its own menu, with 10 Bay Street brews or 12 craft beers from other breweries on tap. Lea said she tried to be true to the area with the names, such as the Bay Street Ghost IPA and Ferran Park Blonde. A pumpkin spice beer is scheduled for the fall.

Nightly specials are offered with burgers on Monday, tacos on Tuesday, half-price mac and cheese and a ladies drink special on Wednesday, craft beer for \$3 on Thursday, a fish fry on Friday and

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A bartender serves a craft beer at Bay Street Brewery in Eustis. [FACEBOOK]



Bay Street Brewery is open from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

ROAMING GOURMET

Cheers for programs feeding needy, hungry kids



Ze Carter

There are a lot of cheers and jeers over the Lake County Schools decision to ensure that all kids enrolled in the public schools receive a free lunch this upcoming school year. I have nothing but cheers for this move.

I'm aware of what it took for this to happen. However, my main concern is that for many children, school is their only chance to receive a hot, nutritious meal each day.

I am also aware that this

opportunity is lost during summer break. But thanks to Summer BreakSpot programs and local food pantries, kids are now able to receive meals that they would otherwise miss. Many BreakSpot programs will last up until the week before school starts.

I visited a few of these locations to find out what administrators want the public to know about the programs.

Maybe you have seen the signs posted around town but are not sure what the Summer BreakSpots are all about. According to the website [SummerBreakSpot.org](#), they provide nutritious meals at no cost to children 18 and under while school

See CARTER, B2



According to the website [SummerBreakSpot.org](#), the service provides nutritious meals at no cost to children 18 and under while school is out for summer. To find a location, visit the site finder map, text "FoodFL" to 877-877, or dial 2-1-1. [GATEHOUSE MEDIA ARCHIVES]

BREW

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a Sunday brunch.

"Our philosophy is we like to stock craft beer, wine and spirits in our bar," Beckett said. "The reason is printed on our menu."

Beckett added that stock spirits produced within the United States are rated higher than many popular brands and often are preferred in blind taste tests.

The Becketts also stock spirits from the Grand Teton Distillery in Driggs, Idaho, where Channing Tatum has partnered with them for his signature



The Eustis Sunset Cocktail is available at Bay Street Brewery. [FACEBOOK]

Born & Bred vodka.

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For information, go to Facebook or baystreet-brewerynbistro.com.



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A chicken Alfredo flatbread is available at Bay Street Brewery.
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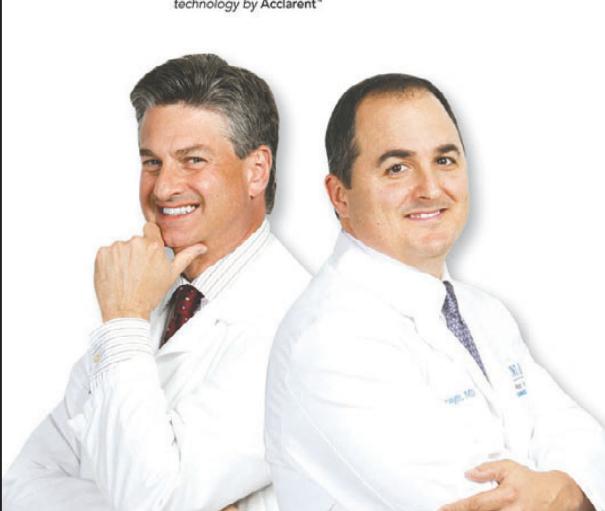
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877-877, or dial 2-1-1.

Many of the locations serve breakfast and hot lunches during the week. Each location is run primarily by local volunteers, including civic and church organizations, or on a school campus accessible to the surrounding community where the need is greatest. I am so

proud of Lake County Schools and the residents who have stepped up to either sponsor a meal site or volunteer at one.

Most of the sites have organized, well-run activities that help keep the younger children and teens coming back day after day. They include arts and crafts, tutoring, mentoring, drama, sports, computer training, music, gardening, cooking, and reading programs. Many sites have enlisted local fire and police departments and businesses to make presentations or volunteer at the site.

Once you find a location online, administrators ask that you call the chosen site to inform them that you have a child

or children interested in receiving meals. Although making reservations by phone generally is not required, it is appreciated, and it helps the location to properly prepare and have enough food for everyone.

I am sure that the adults will work out the pros and cons of free lunch for all. Meanwhile, I am celebrating the fact that no children will ever have to face lunch shaming for not having enough money in their account, and every child will have a good opportunity to learn each day, instead of sitting in class with an empty stomach.

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PRACTICAL POTWATCHER

For fully ripened flavor, choose watermelon wisely



Mary Ryder

I sometimes wonder whether people who grew up in the city can really appreciate watermelon. You see, those of us lucky enough to grow up on a farm know that no watermelon can possibly taste as good as the one you've gone out to the field to select, then taken to the swimming hole and dumped it in.

The idea is that by the time you're ready to come out of the water, you've worked up a ravenous appetite, and the melon is nice and cool.

And if, as you cut into it, it splits with a cracking sound, you know you've chosen a real winner, a watermelon at the peak of perfection.

Choosing a ripe watermelon can be a tricky business. My father and brothers believed in thumping the melon to determine whether it sounded hollow. If so, they knew it was ripe. If not, it needed to stay on the vine and soak up a few more days of sunshine and rain.

But since I'm partially tone-deaf and all melons sound alike to me, I usually followed my mother's system. She would check the bottom of the melon where it lay against the ground, and if it had a white or very pale yellow spot, she figured it was ready to eat.

In later years, when I no longer had access to our very own watermelon patch, I discovered yet another method. During a church picnic, we all



"Choosing a ripe watermelon can be a tricky business," writes Mary Ryder. "My father and brothers believed in thumping the melon to determine whether it sounded hollow. If so, they knew it was ripe. If not, it needed to stay on the vine and soak up a few more days of sunshine and rain." [GATEHOUSE MEDIA FILE]

agreed that whoever had selected the watermelons had shown excellent judgment, and the conversation turned to a lively debate over the best method of choosing a good watermelon.

Asked for my opinion, I admitted a woeful inability to discern the ripeness of supermarket melons. Several of the ladies said the best solution was to ask one of the store employees to choose. But one lady, who seemed to take the whole matter very seriously, drew me aside. Speaking very softly, she informed me that she had been taught to

sort of lean her elbow against the melon under consideration, "and if it makes sort of a cracking sound, it's ripe."

That system worked very well for her. But there came a day when she zeroed in on a likely-looking candidate, glanced around to be sure no one was looking her way, and leaned. The watermelon made a loud cracking sound — and split wide open.

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The incident was so embarrassing that she never leaned on another watermelon. "Now I just do the sensible thing," she assured

me, "and let someone else do the choosing."

Of course, in today's world, it's easy enough to find pre-cut watermelon, sliced into wedges, or triangles, or cubed, so that it's only a matter of checking for a dark, even color. And if you get it home and the flavor isn't up to your expectations, a sprinkling of salt helps bring out the sweetness.

A good, vine-ripened watermelon is normally so sweet and flavorful that it's hard to believe it's really a low-calorie treat, with only 46 calories to a one-cup serving.

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Enjoy it alone, or use it in a salad with mango and bananas, drizzled with honey and sprinkled with sesame or

poppy seed. And if summertime is your time for backyard barbecues, try tossing slices of watermelon on the grill; the heat caramelizes the sugars in the fruit.

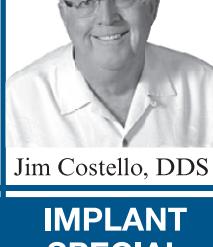
If you're a smoothie enthusiast, you'll probably be inspired to try a watermelon smoothie. But don't be too heavy-handed. Remember that watermelon is 92 per cent water. It needs to be balanced with something to keep your smoothie nice and thick. Bananas are a good candidate for that.

Except for the grilled watermelon, these are all cold. But I'll tell you a secret: The very best way to eat watermelon is perfectly ripe, fresh from the field, and still warm. That's when you taste the flavor of sunshine.

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

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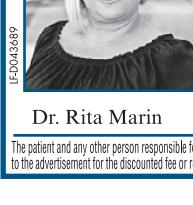
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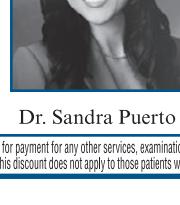
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Citrus will make your fish easier to grill

By Bonnie S. Benwick

The Washington Post

Are you wary of cooking fish on the grill, because it can tear so easily? We borrowed an easy technique from prolific cookbook authors Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough: Lay a bed of thin citrus slices across the grate or grill basket before you add the fillets.

Depending on which citrus you use, you can chop up those grilled slices and use them to make a salsa for the fish. We've used limes in this recipe, but oranges and lemons — or better, yet, a mix of all three — would be lovely.

Because the fish cooks so quickly, you have time to let it defrost and marinate for a few minutes. We found this makes a world of difference, flavorwise, when it comes to mild-tasting cod.

Cook this fish on the



Fish Grilled on Citrus. [STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

grill or in a grill pan on the stove top, as we've shown here. Look for thick-cut fillets.

Serve with roasted/smashed fingerling potatoes.

Adapted from "Kitchen Shortcut Bible: More Than 200 Recipes to Make Real Food Real Fast," by Bruce Weinstein and Mark Scarbrough (Little, Brown and Co., 2018).

Fish grilled on citrus

2 servings

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- Kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon za'atar (a Mediterranean spice blend; may substitute dried oregano)
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- Two 6- to 8-ounce frozen cod or other white-fleshed fillets, preferably thick-cut
- 2 limes

Steps

Prepare a gas grill for direct heat, on medium-high (450 degrees). Grease the grate with cooking oil spray. Meanwhile, whisk together the 3 tablespoons of oil, a small pinch of salt, the

za'atar and the crushed red pepper flakes on a plate.

Add the fillets and turn a few times to coat; let sit at room temperature while the grill heats up (for about 15 minutes).

Cut the limes into thin slices and divide them into 2 piles; make a bed of slightly overlapping slices for each fish fillet, directly on the grate or grill basket (or grill pan). Place the cod on them and close the lid (or place on the grill pan, uncovered); cook for 10 to 12 minutes, until the flesh turns a brighter shade of white and firms up. Place a fillet on each plate and drizzle with a little more oil; if desired, serve with a slice or two of grilled lime.

IN THE KITCHEN

Potato salad and tea cakes great for a picnic

and stir well. Refrigerate.

Old-Fashioned Southern Tea Cakes

- Prudence Hilburn
- 4 c. self-rising flour
 - 1 1/2 c. sugar
 - 1 c. shortening
 - 1/2 c. milk
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In large mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients and beat until well mixed.

This will be a sticky, thick mixture. It is easier to roll the dough if it is divided into two or three portions. Spoon out each portion of dough and place it on a well-floured surface.

Sprinkle a little flour on top of the dough and carefully form it into a disk.

Don't work too much flour into the dough because you want a crisp (short-type)

cookie. Roll the dough to a thickness of about 1/4 inch.

Cut with a 3-inch cookie cutter. Place the cookies on as many ungreased cookie sheets as are available, or line the cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Space the cookies about 2 inches apart. Don't worry if the cookies are not exactly round because tea cakes don't have to be uniform in shape. Repeat with the remaining dough.

Bake for 7 to 10 minutes, until lightly browned on top. These cookies will be slightly darker around the edge. Remove to a rack to cool. Store in an airtight container.

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ten several cookbooks,

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Southern Potato Salad

- 4 c. cubed, cooked potatoes
- 2 hard-boiled potatoes, chopped
- Salt and black pepper to taste
- 1/4 c. chopped onion
- 1/4 c. sweet pickle relish
- 1/4 c. chopped bell pepper
- 2 Tbsp. chopped pimiento
- 1 1/3 c. mayonnaise

In a large bowl, combine the cooked potatoes, eggs, salt, black pepper, onion, relish, bell pepper and pimento. Mix well. Add mayonnaise

How to break your plastic, foil and paper addiction in the kitchen

By Kristen Hartke

The Washington Post

you can create a more environmentally friendly kitchen, too:

• Shop more often: Buying in bulk can lead to unintentional food waste. Instead of planning a week's worth of family meals as I used to, I now shop for groceries almost every day. It's not an American approach, perhaps, but it works for me because I live in an urban area populated with large grocery stores, corner bodegas and several farmers markets, all within walking distance.

• Consider a zero-waste option: If you want to do a better job of recycling items that aren't accepted by your local facility, from plastic spatulas to bottle caps to water filters, consider TerraCycle's pack-and-ship "kitchen separation zero waste box." The boxes can be purchased in different sizes (you can reduce the cost by splitting it with neighbors or co-workers) and, upon receipt, the company will melt metals for recycling and extrude and pelletize plastics to be remolded into new plastic products.

• Clean out your pantry: Because I live in a fairly humid area, I tended to store items such as dry cereal and nuts in the refrigerator to help maintain their freshness. T-fal's Ingenio Dry Storage containers, which are airtight and stackable, freed up space in the fridge without cluttering up my cupboards.

• Go for the beeswax: Bee's Wrap, Abeego and Etee are reusable food wraps primarily made of fabric coated in beeswax. Once you get used to using them, they work really well, and can be washed in cold water (hot water would melt the wax); the tricky part is remembering that the sticky fabric will not actually stick to the surface of, for instance, a glass bowl — simply mold the fabric around the top and sides of the bowl, folding the edges of the fabric so that they stick together to form a sturdy seal.

If there's a downside, it's that I can't see through the wrap to know what's inside, but that's nothing a stick-on label couldn't fix.

The truth is, both plastic bags and aluminum foil can be recycled (but only if you live somewhere that offers recycling for those specific products), and they can biodegrade in landfills (although that could take anywhere from 50 to hundreds of years). According to a study published last year in the journal *Science Advances*, about 60 percent of all plastic that has been produced since the 1950s is sitting in landfills around the world, noting that "none of the mass-produced plastics biodegrade in a meaningful way."

While I try to wash and reuse plastic bags as much as I can, the obvious solution was to figure out how to reduce our dependence on plastic and aluminum. That led me to also look for an alternative to single-use paper towels along with ways to keep produce fresh longer, so as to reduce food waste.

It turns out, it's not as hard as I thought, but reducing wasn't the only answer. I also needed to rethink how we shopped for, cooked and stored our food. I call it our "mindful kitchen." (I honestly can't remember the last time I used a plastic zip-top bag, although I did find half a tomato swathed in a yard of foil the other day. Words were spoken.)

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Lake Minneola names coaches

Former Mount Dora coach John Mason takes over in softball

By Frank Jolley

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Summer is often a time for rest and relaxation for area high schools.

But don't try to convince administrators and officials in the athletic department at Lake Minneola of that; truth be told, Lake Minneola has been one of the busier schools in Lake and Sumter counties over the summer months.

Co-Athletic Director and Hawks football coach Walter Banks announced Wednesday

that the Hawks have named new coaches for its softball and baseball programs, along with new offensive and defensive coordinators for the football team.

Former Mount Dora coach John Mason was hired as softball coach, while longtime South Lake baseball coach Kerry Whetro was promoted from assistant to head coach. In addition, Grant Alford was promoted to offensive coordinator and Terrance Larmond was hired as defensive coordinator after Joey McGuire, who held the position for three years, was named head coach at Wildwood earlier this month.

Mason spent three seasons at Mount Dora. He stepped down after the 2017 season amid an accusation that he failed to stop players from referring to a black teammate by racially insensitive names until prompted by an email, according to a report provided by the Florida High School Athletic Association.

He was also accused, according to the FHSAA report, of playing members from his travel-ball team ahead of deserving players who didn't play travel ball.

Mason emphatically denied both claims, and said he

See COACHES, C3



Mount Dora coach John Mason talks to his team during a game in 2017. Mason has been hired as Lake Minneola's softball coach. [PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

Open challenge



Tiger Woods walks the third hole during a practice round for the 147th British Open Golf championships in Carnoustie, Scotland, on Tuesday. The Open starts Thursday. [AP PHOTOS / ALASTAIR GRANT]

Woods says British Open becomes best shot at a major

By Doug Ferguson

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Tiger Woods doesn't feel as old at the oldest championship in golf.

Back at the British Open for the first time in three years, Woods broke from his tradition on Tuesday morning. Instead of being among the first on the tee for practice, he didn't show up at Carnoustie until his news conference just before lunch. Then, he played nine holes with Masters

See OPEN, C3



Tiger Woods smiles as answers a question at a press conference for the 147th British Open Golf championships in Carnoustie, Scotland, on Tuesday.

Small Ball: Jose Altuve, Mookie Betts pack compact pop

Editor's Note: Tuesday night's All-Star game was not complete in time for this edition.

By Ben Nuckols
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In decades past they would have been given nicknames like "Pee Wee" and coached to shorten their swings, keep the ball close to the ground, find holes and use their speed to leg out base hits.

Now, "small ball" has a

new meaning. This homer-

happy era of baseball is

proving that big sluggers

can be found in tiny

packages.

Consider some of the

guys in Tuesday night's All-

Star Game: Jose Ramirez, all

5-foot-9 and 165 pounds

of him, whose 29 homers

at the break are tied for

the AL lead. Mookie Betts,

also 5-foot-9, has 23 long

balls and hit 31 last season.

Ozzie Albies, who at age 21

could maybe hope for a late

growth spurt, is 5-foot-8

and has 20 homers.

And of course there's the

best inch-for-inch hitter

in baseball, 5-foot-6 Jose

Altuve, the three-time bat-

ting champion who's gone

deep nine times this year

but hit 24 homers in each

of the past two seasons.

"You look around this

room, it's not just big guys.

It's guys of all sizes," said

first-time All-Star Alex

Bregman, who's listed at 6 feet, 180 pounds and has 20 homers. "What you see are ballplayers. You don't have to be big to be a ballplayer. You have to have the skills."

And their skills are holding up just fine against giants like Aaron Judge (6-foot-7, 282 pounds, 25 homers), J.D. Martinez (6-foot-3, 220 pounds, 29 homers), Jesus Aguilar (6-foot-3, 250 pounds, 24 homers) and the consensus best hitter in the game with the ideal body type to match, Mike Trout (6-foot-2, 235 pounds, 25 homers).

Altuve credits hitters who understand how to maximize their physical tools.

"In Mookie, I see quick hands and a really good lower body, hitting-wise, and I can see why he hits a lot of home runs," Altuve said. "I would say it's more technique than strength now for hitting homers."

Justin Verlander knows he can't relax when he's on the mound against a player like Altuve, his Astros teammate. Size doesn't matter. Bat speed does.

"I think it's part of the change of the game. I've talked to Jose about it. He's changed himself a few years back and started swinging more aggressively," Verlander said. "You didn't used to see guys like that

See PACK, C3

Georgia reloads for another title run

By Charles Odum

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Even six months later, there was no way for Kirby Smart to dodge the question.

The Georgia coach just knew he'd be asked if he has recovered from the Bulldogs' loss to Alabama in the national championship game.

"Everybody wants to ask that question," Smart said Tuesday at the Southeastern



Conference's annual pre-season media gathering.

"It's not like I have nightmares about it, no," Smart added.

Georgia enjoyed memorable highlights in Smart's second season, including the Bulldogs' first SEC championship since 2005, a win at Notre Dame and a national

semifinals victory over Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl.

The Bulldogs lost their chance for their first national championship since 1980 when Alabama's Tua Tagovailoa completed a dramatic 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith in overtime.

It was a crushing disappointment, but Smart said it shouldn't overshadow the season's other accomplishments.

"I think we grow from it,"

Smart said. "I think the entire season is a learning experience. It was a confidence builder for a lot of guys on our team."

The Bulldogs must replace such 2017 leaders as tailbacks Nick Chubb and Sony Michel and linebacker Roquan Smith. Even so, there are expectations for another big season.

Senior defensive end Jonathan Ledbetter said it's

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NBA preps for expanded betting on games

By Tim Reynolds

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Here's a scenario: LeBron James is four assists and three rebounds shy of a triple-double after three quarters. A bettor, who is watching at home and utilizing a mobile app, decides to gamble that James will get those assists and rebounds in the final 12 minutes. The wager then gets made before play resumes.

The NBA wants that bettor to see the best possible data. So the league is seeking to get stats out quicker than ever.

Fast isn't fast enough for the NBA anymore, not when it comes to stats — especially now that the U.S. Supreme Court has opened the door for states to allow wagering on games. The league has upgraded its stat systems in the past year to try and get its data out as close to real-time as possible, even aiming to beat the typical lag of 7-15 seconds that it takes for television or streaming services to show whatever happened.

In-game betting, which is huge in Europe, is still relatively small in this country. Most Nevada bookmakers say in-game options make up no more than 5 percent of their sports-wagering business, although William Hill has said it accounted for nearly 25 percent of its sports business in the U.S. during 2017.

Only a handful of states have legalized sports betting since the Supreme Court decision in May, though several more states are expected to get operations up and running in the next year or so. Bettors now have been largely playing the basics — will Team X beat Team Y by more than six points, will the teams combine to score more than 210 points, that sort of thing.

instead of various policies getting worked on state by state.

Silver met with betting officials in Las Vegas earlier this month, and how data should be provided was one of the topics on the agenda.

The NBA has said it is seeking a 1 percent "integrity fee" on wagers, which the league said would offset their additional security costs and compensate them for the data they can provide.

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It's about what the NBA calls official data. The league's stance is that getting accurate stats to bettors is critical so the player knows what they're betting on and the casinos will know when to pay out or not. But how much value that data has for casinos — and whether they will pay anything for it — remains unclear.

"My view is we should be compensated for our intellectual property, but we can do that directly, again, with commercial relationships with gaming establishments," said NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, whose league had hoped this matter would be resolved with federal regulation.

BASEBALL

FCSL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	GB
Leesburg	23	7	.0	—
DeLand	16	14	0	7
Sanford	14	17	1	9.5
Winter Park	13	16	0	9.5
Winter Garden	12	17	1	10.5
Seminole	12	19	0	11.5

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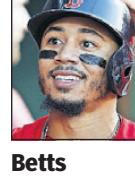
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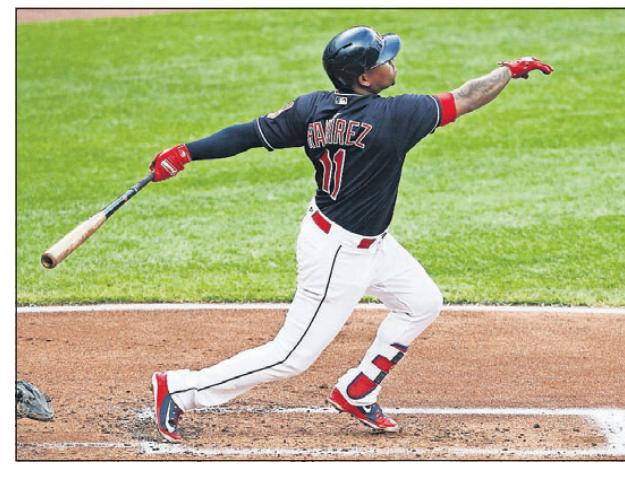
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that were small that ... had that kind of pop. Oppo (opposite field) pop. That's the big thing that's changed, homers to opposite field.

That's something I didn't used to see much except with guys like Miguel Cabrera. Now you're seeing it with almost everybody."

Betts

 Jose Ramirez



Cleveland Indians' Jose Ramirez hits a home run against the New York Yankees on Saturday in Cleveland. [AP PHOTO / RON SCHWANE]

OPEN

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champion Patrick Reed and Bryson DeChambeau.

This was not a case of a 42-year-old needing his rest.

Entering the year having not played any major since the end of 2015 and the start of three back surgeries, Woods has been feeling better as 2018 has gone on. And there's something about links golf that inspires him.

"It's my favorite type of golf to play," Woods said. "I love playing here, this type of links golf, or a style of links golf down on the Aussie sand belt ... because it is creative. We're not going to get the most perfect bounces. And I think that's the fun challenge of it."

He made his links debut at Carnoustie in 1995 as an amateur at the Scottish Open, a week before his British Open debut at St. Andrews.

He hasn't contended on the back nine in the previous Opens at Carnoustie, in 1999 and 2007, though he wasn't far from a playoff.

Might this be his best shot at winning another major?

"Not to be smart, but it is the next major I'm playing," Woods said with a laugh.

But over time, he thinks it might be his best chance because of history. Woods recalls 53-year-old Greg Norman playing in the final group at Royal Birkdale in 2008, a major Woods missed because of knee surgery.

The following year, Woods missed the cut for the first time at the British Open when 59-year-old Tom Watson was one putt away from winning at Turnberry.

"You don't have to be long to play on a links-style golf course," Woods said. "You get to places like Augusta National, where it's just a big ballpark, and the golf course outgrows you, unfortunately. That's just the way it goes. But a links-style golf course, you can roll the ball. Distance becomes a moot point."

That said, distance is everything at Carnoustie this year, which Woods discovered when he arrived Sunday.

How far the ball travels in the warm, dry air is not the issue. It's how far it travels once it gets on the baked turf.

Dustin Johnson discovered that when he arrived on Saturday and reached the 499-yard 18th hole, with a stiff breeze at his back and fairways running only slightly slower than they did on the weekend at Shinnecock Hills.

He hit driver into the burn. The next day, his drive was a few yards short of the burn.

"I hit some irons, and depending on the wind, I'll probably hit anywhere from ... I've hit 3-wood, 3-iron and 4-iron off the tee," Johnson said. "I like all of them."

With the wind at his

back on the 513-yard 14th hole, Johnson hit 3-iron and wedge.

One thing hasn't changed about links golf — it's best to keep the ball out of the pot bunkers, which effectively are a one-shot penalty. The question for so many players is whether that means going down to as little as a 7-iron off the tee (such as the 350-yard third hole) or smashing driver over all the trouble.

Johnson figures he'll hit driver on half of the holes. U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka might hit as many as nine drivers.

The conditions are as brittle as Muirfield in 2013, though most comparisons are with Hoylake in 2006, when Woods won the Open for the second straight time by hitting driver only one time all week.

"There's not a lot of opportunities to hit the driver just because the ball is going to be rolling 80 yards," Woods said. "It's just hard to keep the ball in play. Even hitting sometimes 4- and 5-irons, they've been running 50, 60 yards. It's going to be an interesting test to see which clubs we're going to be using off the tees, and a lot of it is dependent on which way the wind blows."

Woods had a 2-iron built for him specifically for the British Open, and he wonders how much he'll even use it. That has been too much club off the tee. Instead, most of his shots are with a 3-iron or 4-iron.

Reed was familiar with conditions the year Woods won at Hoylake, even though he was only 15. Reed won the Junior British Open that summer at Heswall, not far from Royal Liverpool.

It was not only dry but extremely hot, and Reed was in rain pants because he didn't like wearing shorts.

"I'll never forget hitting the first tee shot and being as young as I was, getting up there, and it was 308," Reed said. "And I was just like, 'Wow, I just hit a drive over 300 yards.' And now I'm hitting 2-irons over 360."

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COACHES

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resigned for personal reasons.

Banks said the school received 20 applications for the job. The initial list was whittled down to four finalists, including Mason, and the finalists were interviewed by a hiring committee made up of Banks and assistant principals Kristine Cavinder and Cyndi Page.

After each finalist was interviewed, the committee made its recommendation to Principal Linda Shepherd-Miller before a final decision was announced.

Banks said Mason's coaching experience and

GEORGIA

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important for players to understand another championship run must be earned.

"It's a little different and I will say it's a little dangerous," Ledbetter said. "That thought of complacency starts to come in there. We kind of have to push it out if we hear 'Oh yeah, they're going to win it this year.'"

Added Ledbetter: "You've got to take it one game at a time. If you start looking at the future or the past you've messed up."

As the defending SEC champion, Georgia expects to get every opponent's top effort.

"We know everyone is going to circle us on their schedule but that doesn't change our mentality," said cornerback J.R. Reed. "... We know everyone is going to be gunning for us but we can't change. We have to keep the same mentality."

Georgia returns 13 starters, including eight on offense. Sophomore quarterback Jake Fromm has new competition from freshman Josh Fields, one of the biggest names in Smart's top-rated 2018

being blamed for everything from increasing the length of games to making the sport more dull and one-dimensional. There is talk of banning shifts or forcing relief pitchers to face more than one batter in order to generate more excitement and incentivize putting balls in play.

But there might be an upside to a more egalitarian sport in which players aren't expected to change their approach for no reason other than their stature.

Betts knows that a decade or two ago, he might have been coached differently. "Probably get it on the ground, use

my speed. Times have changed," Betts said. "We, as in small guys, may not be as big and strong, but we can pack the power. I think that's just one of those things we have to go out and show."

And there are competing theories about what's allowed smaller guys to flex their compact muscles.

Verlander gave the one-word answer a pitcher might be expected to give: "Baseballs."

Theories that the ball is juiced were given some statistical backing before the season when Major League Baseball released a study saying baseballs have been producing less

drag, causing them to carry farther. But MLB said it didn't understand why or how the change occurred.

Hitters, naturally, have a different explanation. They blame the pitchers.

"Honestly, I feel like everybody is throwing harder. You don't have to hit the ball as hard anymore," Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp said. "Honestly, all you have to do is square it up and the ball is going to fly if they mess up. These guys are throwing really hard. Strikeouts are up. Home runs are up. Everything is up. It's just a game of who throws harder and who can square it up."

school history.

Mason will be looking to improve on Lake Minneola's 9-13-1 record in 2018. "We have the utmost confidence in coach Mason's ability to lead our softball program," Banks said.

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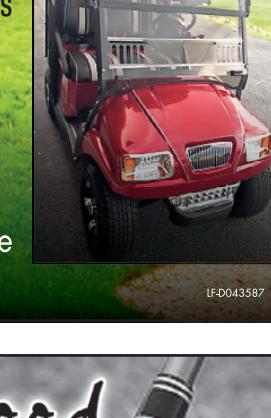
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Kids having summer fun in Leesburg flag football league

It may be the middle of summer, but for many children in Leesburg that just means it's football season. Kids have been gathering twice a week at the Susan Street Sports Complex to take part in the Leesburg Recreation Department's flag football league.

When the afternoon thunderstorms haven't gotten in the way, boys and girls ages 5 to 15 have been honing their skills and learning about teamwork and sportsmanship all while having a blast playing the games.

And for those who haven't had their fill of football, Pop Warner tackle football is right around the corner.



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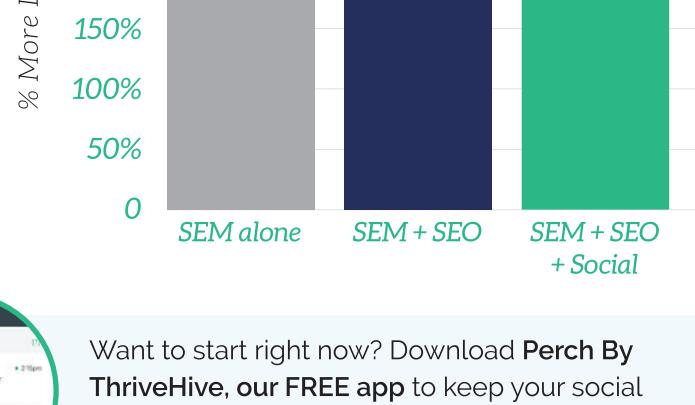
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Youth football camp at East Ridge

East Ridge High School is holding its Super Knight youth football camp Monday and Tuesday at the high school.

The camp is open to children ages 5 to 13 and runs from 7:30 to 11 a.m. each day. The cost for the camp is \$40 and a T-shirt is included. The event has walk up registration.

For more information contact Knights coach Jason Robinson at Robinsonj3@lake.k12.fl.us.

YMCA holding sports clinics for kids

The Golden Triangle YMCA will be holding clinics for kids in flag football and basketball to help them get ready for fall sports.

Each of the clinic run for a week and are for children ages 7 to 17. The cost is \$50 for YMCA members and \$80 for non-members.

The flag football clinic will run July 23-27 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The basketball clinic will be July 30-Aug. 3 from noon to 2 p.m.

Registration is available at the front desk of the YMCA, 1465 David Walker Drive, Tavares. For more information, email sports director Brittany Haller at bhaller@cfymca.org.

Cardboard boat race set for Aug. 4

The Lake County Rowing Association will hold its first Clermont Cardboard Classic on Aug. 4 at Waterfront Park in Clermont. Registration for

the race is open at www.row-lcr.org/ccc/.

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

There are four divisions for the races, starting with ages 5 to 9 (tadpole), 10 to 14 (guppy), 15 to 20 (dolphins) and 21 and over (whales). The cost for the tadpole and guppy divisions is \$15 per person while the cost for dolphins is \$20 per person and whales is \$25 per person.

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

Leesburg sports registration now underway

The Leesburg Recreation Department is currently taking registration for Pop Warner football (ages 6-14) and cheerleading (ages 6-14).

Pop Warner and cheer-leading registration runs through Aug. 1 and cost is \$100 per player for football and \$70 for cheerleaders plus \$50 for a spirit pack.

Registration for Bitty Ball Basketball (ages 5-6) will open Sept. 1 and run through Nov. 1. For more information on any of the programs, visit <http://leesburgflorida.gov/> or call 352-728-9885.

Chair yoga at Leesburg library

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@leesburgflorida.gov.

DIVERSIONS

Grandma is at a loss for words of advice for smitten grandson

DEAR ABBY: I have guardianship of my 12-year-old grandson. He has recently fallen head over heels for a girl in his class and wants to date her. I am out of touch with the younger generation, and I'm not sure how to answer his questions, like, "Does the boy or girl initiate the kiss?" I would appreciate knowing about any pamphlets or brochures you have for sale on this subject. Thank you. -- MARGARET O. IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MARGARET: Kids are maturing at younger ages than when we were growing up. Part of the reason may be that television, movies and the internet have exposed them to subjects we were not when we were their age. That said, not all of the information they receive from the media and their friends is accurate.

I'm glad you asked

JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY



because I have a booklet that may be helpful. It's titled "What Every Teen Should Know," and it's filled with information on subjects such as, "How to know when you're ready to date," "Are you ready for sex?" "How old must a boy be before he can father a child?" and "Can a girl get pregnant the first time she has sex?" A section on sexually transmitted diseases is also included. Because STDs need to be treated right away and ignoring or not recognizing the symptoms can have lifelong consequences, there is a list of the various STDs and what to do if you have one. You can order a booklet by sending your name and

address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. The Teen booklet has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children.

Review it BEFORE giving it to your grandson, so you can prepare beforehand to answer his questions or guide the conversation. The more information you can give him, the better prepared he will be to make intelligent decisions in the important years that lie ahead.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my 80s. From time to time, when I have tried to contact a dear old friend or distant relative, I find they have recently

passed away. Don't you think it would be a good idea for older people to make a short list of people we want contacted in case of serious illness or death? So many times our survivors have no idea who some of our friends are or how to contact them. -- GARY G. IN GEORGIA

DEAR GARY: I think your idea is a sensible one. The list should include not only names, but also contact information. Thank you for sharing this with me and my readers because -- let's face it -- nobody lives forever.

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on the war path and cannot be held back. Keep your distance from difficult people.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

20) Listen to news and information that comes forward. Your creativity bridges any gaps. This same ingenuity helps you bypass an obstacle or two. Let your sense of humor help others relax. Note what comes up spontaneously, and go with the flow.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

22) Pressure builds in an odd way. You might have misunderstood what someone has said. Try to remain levelheaded. Someone does not mean to challenge you, but inevitably does. You see how fast a loved one or associate comes to the rescue.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Speak your mind, but also make sure you return all calls. There could be a surprise awaiting you. A friend or loved one is unusually assertive. You'll be happy to see this person become bolder, as he or she usually seems so in control.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

22) You might be overly concerned about your finances. You also could have a strong reaction to someone else's

request. Be on time, manage your work and decide if you have room to do what this person desires. Do not hold back.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

22) Regardless of whether someone trips you up, you remain on solid ground and know which way you want to head. Be concerned if a loved one becomes angry or frustrated. Pull away from others if you feel as if there is going to be a problem.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

21) You have a strong sense of direction, and you know what you expect from others. The problem lies in the fact that a lot is going on behind the scenes. You cannot change what is. Keep your own counsel if you feel uncomfortable.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Get through a project with focus. An informal get-together with

friends could be the source of important information; you won't want to miss it. Great ideas come out of this moment. Be careful not to push anyone in a certain direction.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You could be overwhelmed by the demands of a parent or supervisor. You are full of smiles, but below the grin you could be swallowing a substantial amount of anger. Do not be surprised if you suddenly blurt out a harsh comment or statement.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

18) You could be overly assertive or acting out in a somewhat hostile way. You might have kept some strong feelings to yourself. Just be careful not to be sarcastic or take out your anger on the wrong person. It would be best to have a calm conversation.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 18)

20) Be aware of your limits. You could be projecting quite differently from how you normally do. You might need to talk to someone to express your anger, rather than misplace your feelings. A partner or associate points to a better way or direction.

Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne, 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.

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

The bidding:
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Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

Habits acquired in the course of long experience cannot easily be broken on the spur of the moment. Today's hand, which occurred in a duplicate game, provides a case in point.

The deal was played at 13 tables, and at each table the final contract was three notrump with South the declarer. The opening lead was invariably a low spade, but at none of the tables was South defeated, even though he should have gone down one.

Every East won the first two tricks

Tomorrow: Sylvia gets confused

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with the A-Q of spades and then shifted to a heart. Declarer won and drove out the ace of diamonds, whereupon West cashed the spade king to hold South to nine tricks.

Three notrump can be defeated if West overtakes the queen of spades with the king at trick two and returns the nine of spades. This gives declarer a spade trick he could not otherwise get, but this small gain is more than offset by the subsequent loss of the contract. West cannot be stopped from scoring the ace of diamonds and two more spades before South can make his game.

It is true that if East started with the A-Q-x of spades, West will look foolish after overtaking the queen with the king, allowing South to score an undeserved trick with the ten. But with the contract hanging in the balance, West should conclude that the overtaking play is a strong favorite to work out best in the long run.

He should reason that if his partner did start with the A-Q alone, failing to overtake the queen will allow declarer to make the contract. Furthermore, even if South started with just 10-x-x, presenting him with a spade trick may not necessarily prove fatal to the defense, as declarer is unlikely to be able to score nine tricks without utilizing the diamond suit.

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» CRYPTOQUOTE

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

7-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

F M L P A N U S G L T V X L D K O I ;

R J N V V N U M P A N U S G L T

V X L T K J G . — O K J M G F T

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» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, the 199th day of 2018. There are 166 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On July 18, 1940, the Democratic National Convention at Chicago Stadium nominated President Franklin D. Roosevelt (who was monitoring the proceedings at the White House)

for an unprecedented third term in office; earlier in the day, Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to the convention, becoming the first presidential spouse to address such a gathering.

ON THIS DATE:

In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.

In 1947, President Harry S.

Truman signed a Presidential Succession Act which placed the speaker of the House and the Senate president pro tempore next in the line of succession after the vice president.

In 1969, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., left a party on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard with Mary Jo Kopechne, 28; some time later, Kennedy's car went off a bridge into the water. Kennedy was able to escape, but Kopechne drowned.

In 1984, gunman James Huberty opened fire at a McDonald's fast food restaurant in San Ysidro (ee-SEE'-droh), California, killing 21 people before being shot dead by police. Walter F. Mondale won the Democratic presidential nomination in San Francisco.

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4th Letter + 6 PTS
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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 239 AVERAGE GAME 150-160 PTS Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

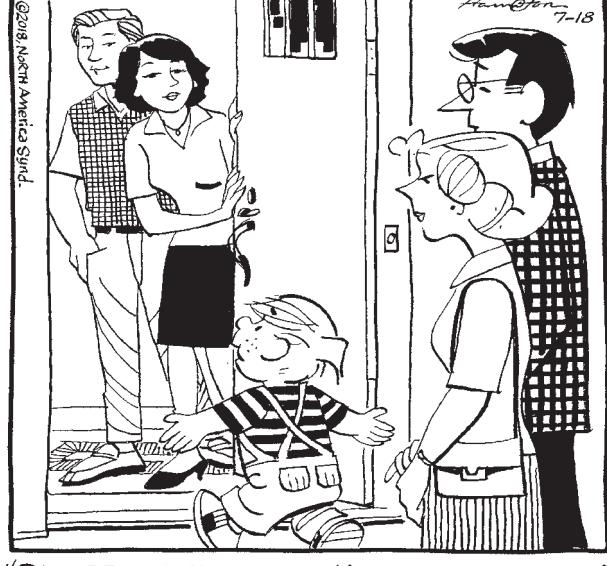
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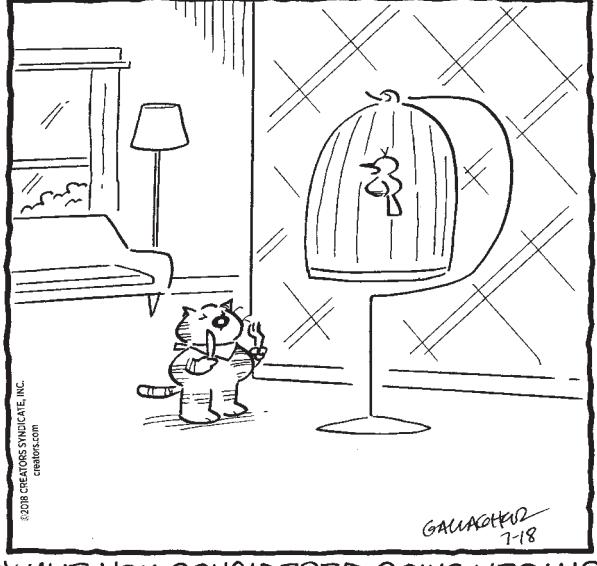
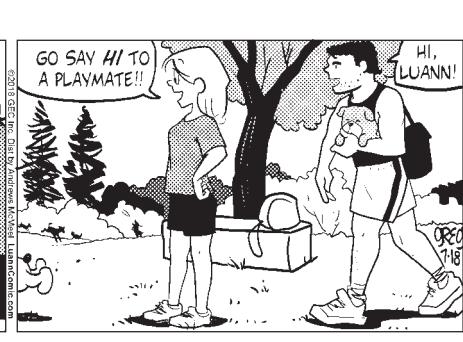
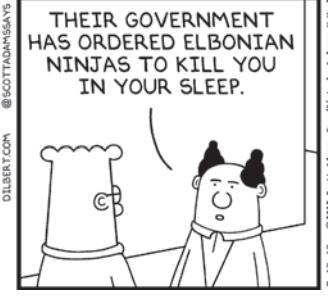
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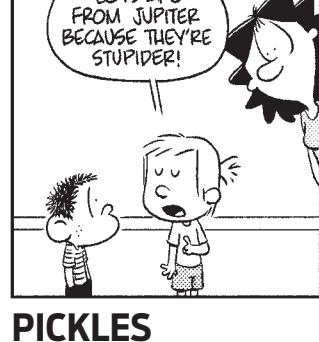
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By Bil Keane

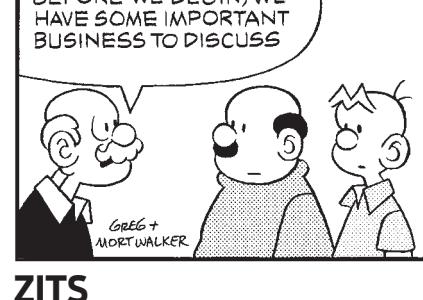
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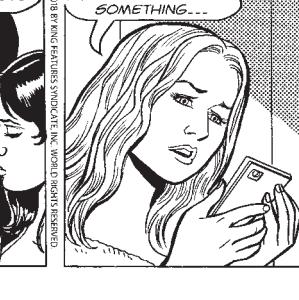
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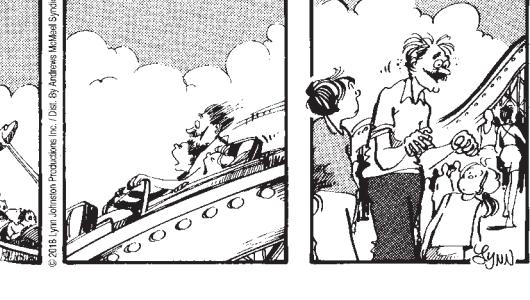
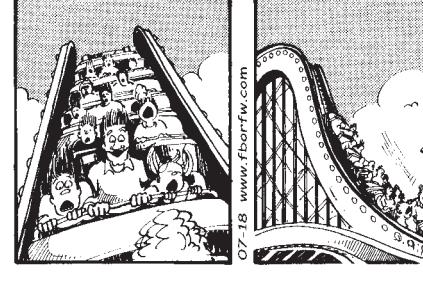
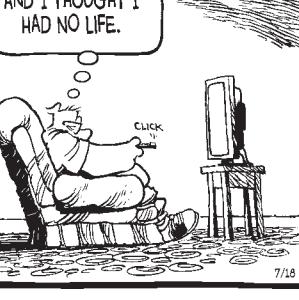
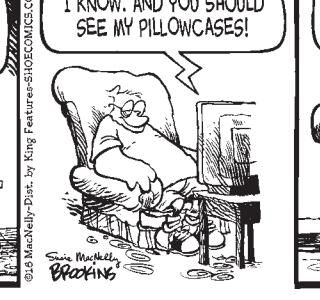
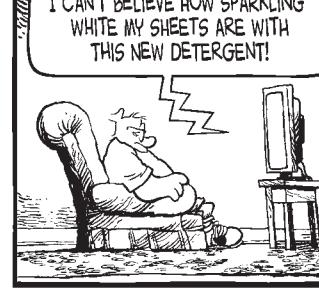
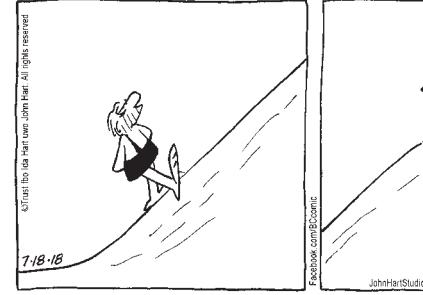
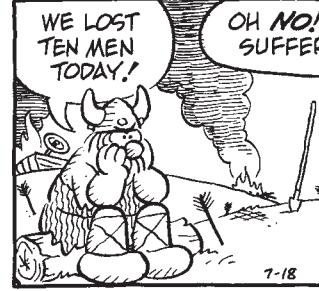
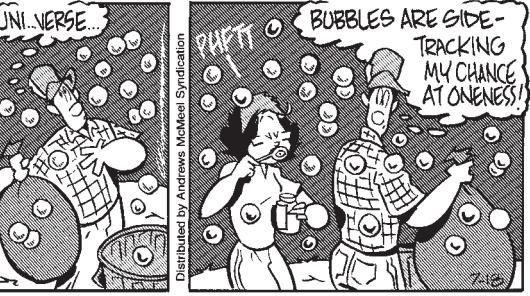
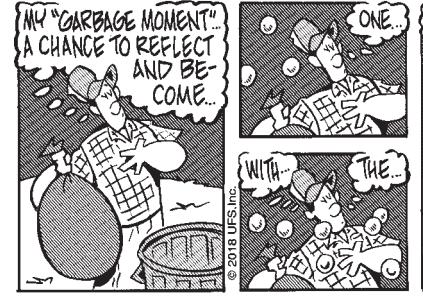
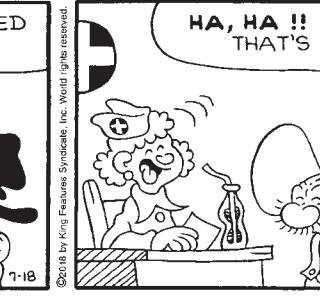
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CLASSIC PEANUTS


I SUPPOSE THE FIRST THING TO DO IS TO MEET OUR TENTMATE.

HI THERE... MY NAME IS CHARLIE BROWN... I GUESS WE...

SHUT UP AND LEAVE ME ALONE!



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BUSINESS



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	3,011	1,679	25155.39	24989.61	25119.89	+55.53	+0.22%	+1.62%
Pvs. Volume	2,765	1,681	10485.98	10412.96	10463.13	+27.61	+0.26%	-1.41%
Advanced	1616	1634	723.62	720.40	720.82	-0.23	-0.03%	-0.35%
Declined	1196	1199	12797.58	12725.99	12779.22	+30.44	+0.24%	-0.23%
New Highs	62	93	7867.15	7749.60	7855.12	+49.40	+0.63%	+13.79%
Russell 2000	21	48	2814.19	2789.24	2809.55	+11.12	+0.40%	+5.08%
S&P 400			1997.62	1981.85	1994.74	+9.37	+0.47%	+4.95%
Wilshire 5000			29384.24	29126.82	29340.41	+116.81	+0.40%	+5.56%
			1690.04	1676.10	1687.26	+8.72	+0.52%	+9.88%

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Cobots work with humans, without threatening jobs



Margaret McDowell

"With every mistake we must surely be learning."

— The Beatles, "While My Guitar Gently Weeps"

Recently, I read about a fast food restaurant chain that is investing millions in computerized food service. The customer programs a food selection, then robots make each hamburger to order, adding desired condiments and even slicing whole pickles with millimeter precision.

Artificial intelligence has also been utilized recently in an attempt to recreate a Beatles song. Critics called the final product somewhat "emotionless," and noted that it sounded more like the Beach Boys than the Beatles, but the very fact that we've got the technology to attempt such an endeavor is disconcerting to artists.

Our ability to control, regulate and direct AI represents a significant signpost toward a healthy economy in the 21st century. So the viability of using cobots, or collaborative robots, in the manufacturing sector is especially encouraging.

A 2016 study by the International Federation of Robotics reveals that less than 10 percent of jobs can be completely automated. Of course, that statistic suggests that 90 percent of tasks can be at least partially automated. Most of those jobs are currently filled by low-wage, low-skilled workers.

Traditional robots require extensive programming. They are often cumbersome, relatively immobile and

dangerous for nearby workers, and many perform their functions locked away from employees. Perhaps most importantly, their presence was a threat to employees because they replaced human hands.

Cobots, on the other hand, work in tandem with humans and can help boost productivity, which then increases overall employment. Designed to shut down if a person crosses their path, cobots minimize work-site injury. Most require no sophisticated coding and are generally lighter and more mobile than traditional robots.

Nearly a quarter million global industrial robots were sold last year, and only 5 percent of these were cobots. But cobots, sometimes called flexible robots, could soon become an important component of the profitability of small manufacturing plants.

As economist Gary Schilling has written, "Collaborative robots that work alongside humans ... are getting cheaper and easier to program. And they're safer and more user-friendly than earlier models that had to be caged to protect humans ... Cobots are being used in warehouses and are much cheaper in moving goods than miles of conveyor belts."

Integrating technology like cobots into industrial manufacturing makes imminent sense to me. We cannot afford to invent and program ourselves into a state of high unemployment. But using technology as a complimentary feature on the factory floor is an evolved solution that can simultaneously assist us in achieving maximum efficiency and high employment.

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

Blankfein to step aside as Goldman CEO, Solomon to take over

By Ken Sweet
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Another Wall Street veteran of the financial crisis is stepping aside: Lloyd Blankfein is retiring as CEO of Goldman Sachs after 12 years at the helm of the storied investment bank.

Blankfein will give way to David Solomon, a long-time Goldman executive who has been considered Blankfein's chosen successor since earlier this year. Solomon will assume the CEO role from Blankfein on Oct. 1 and become chairman of Goldman in 2019.

The succession announcement came Tuesday as Goldman announced a 44-percent jump in second-quarter profit from a year ago. The performance was largely driven by the investment bank's core franchises: advising companies on mergers, acquisitions and other deals, and its trading business.

A long-time Goldman employee who rose through the ranks in commodity trading business, Blankfein took the reins of Goldman Sachs in 2006, not long before the Great Recession and financial crisis. Goldman and its competitors accumulated billions of dollars of toxic assets on their books — bad mortgages, collateralized debt obligations and other illiquid assets.

In the darkest days of the crisis, it was thought Goldman Sachs may not survive. By late 2008, some of Goldman's key rivals — Lehman Brothers, Bear Stearns and Merrill Lynch — were either bought in distressed sales or, in the case of Lehman, went bankrupt.

Blankfein moved quickly to save the firm from its near-death experience, tapping the Federal Reserve's emergency programs set up to keep banks from failure. Eventually and reluctantly, Goldman took money from the \$700 billion TARP bailout program, which it repaid. He

pushed the firm's trading desks to aggressively take positions through the market's volatility and in 2009, only a year after the crisis, Goldman reported record earnings driven largely by trading revenue.

"Lloyd's market savvy, intellect, energy, enthusiasm, charm and quick wit have helped him successfully steer Goldman Sachs through the financial crisis and position it for the future while earning him great respect and affection inside the firm and from friends and clients around the world," said Hank Paulson, who was CEO of Goldman Sachs before Blankfein.

He left the firm to become Treasury Secretary for President George W. Bush.

But the efforts gave Goldman and Blankfein, a son of a postal worker

who grew up in housing projects, few fans outside of Wall Street in the early years after the crisis. The bank came under heavy criticism that it directly benefited from the 2008 government bailout of insurance giant AIG, and was just as responsible for creating the revolving door of toxic mortgages that led to the crisis. There were also accusations that Goldman's bankers took bets on the mortgage market against their clients' own positions.

Goldman Sachs' employees, among the best paid in finance, continued to be paid well despite the mess Wall Street left for the rest of the country. A scathing article written for Rolling Stone nicknamed Goldman Sachs "the great vampire squid," a term that stuck for years. The

months-long Occupy Wall Street movement portrayed Goldman as a villain.

Congress eventually passed a law, the Dodd-Frank Act, which imposed new restrictions on Goldman's business. The firm was bought under the oversight of the Federal Reserve, and is now subject to annual "stress tests" like other big banks.

Blankfein worked to rehabilitate the bank's image, and diversify Goldman's businesses beyond the traditional trading and advising. Goldman Sachs now offers online savings accounts and personal loans to consumers, and there are plans for it to enter the credit card business -- all businesses that Goldman shunned before the financial crisis.

CITY OF CLERMONT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Clermont plans to apply to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for a grant in the Neighborhood Revitalization category in the amount of \$750,000.00 under the FFY 2017 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For each activity that is proposed, at least 70% of the funds must benefit low and moderate-income persons. The project includes the following activities:

Service Area #1: City of Clermont CDBG Water Line Replacement Service Area:

The City of Clermont proposes to replace the potable water lines in this Service Area. The specific activities, dollar amounts, and estimated percentage benefit to low and moderate-income persons that will be carried out in this service area are as follows:

- The replacement of the existing water line along Scott Street between Pitt Street on the north and East Highland Avenue on the south, a distance of 1,900 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along Disston Avenue between Pitt Street on the north and East Highland Avenue on the south, a distance of 2,100 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along East Broome Street between Scott Street on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 620 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along East Junia Street between Scott Street on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 620 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along East Desoto Street between the eastern end of Desoto Street on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 2,100 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along East Montrose Street between Scott Street on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 620 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along East Minneola Avenue between Scott Street on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 620 linear feet;
- The replacement of the existing water line along Pitt Street between the intersection of Pitt Street and Shady Creek Lane on the east and Disston Avenue on the west, a distance of 1,300 linear feet;

Activity Number and Name	Budget	LMI% Benefit
03J – Water Line Replacement	\$ 321,000.00	At Least 51%

Service Area #2: Desoto Street Flood & Drainage Improvements Service Area:

The City of Clermont proposes to install a new Storm Water Drainage Collection System along Desoto Street between a point located 650 linear feet east of Bloxam Avenue on the east to Scott Street on the west.

Activity Number and Name	Budget	LMI% Benefit
03I – Flood and Drainage Improvements	\$ 369,000.00	At Least 51%

The Administrative Amount for the entire project is as follows:

Activity Number and Name	Budget	LMI% Benefit
016 – Administration	\$ 60,000.00	N/A

The City of Clermont does not expect that anyone will be displaced as a result of CDBG funded activities. If any persons are displaced as a result of the planned activities, the City of Clermont will assist them as described in the City's anti-displacement and relocation policy, which is available for review at City Hall.

A public hearing to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the application will be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the City of Clermont City Hall Meeting Room, located at 685 W. Montrose Street, Clermont, Florida. A draft copy of the application will also be available for review during normal business hours in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall beginning at noon on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. Persons wanting to submit written comments on the application should send them to Terry Dykehouse, City Engineer by e-mail at tdykehouse@clermontfl.org or by mail to P. O. Box 120219, Clermont, Florida 34712-0219 no later than Monday, July 23, 2018.

A copy of the final application will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall no later than Friday, August 10, 2018. The application will be submitted to DEO on or before Monday, August 13, 2018. To obtain additional information concerning the application and the public hearing, contact Ms. Terry Dykehouse, City Engineer, City of Clermont, at (352) 394-7177 or by e-mail at tdykehouse@clermontfl.org.

The public hearing is being conducted in a handicapped accessible location. Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in the hearing is asked to advise the City at least five days before the hearing by contacting the Clermont City Clerk's office at (352) 241-7330. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the City using the Florida Relay Service, (1800) 955-8771 (TDD) or (1800) 955-8770 (Voice).

Any non-English speaking person wishing to attend the public hearing should contact the Clermont City Clerk's office at (352) 241-7330 at least five days prior to the hearing and an interpreter will be provided.

The City of Clermont Is A Fair Housing/Equal Opportunity/Handicap Accessible Jurisdiction.

MARKET WATCH

BRIEFCASE

BERLIN

Lab-grown meat could be in restaurants in 3 years

A Dutch company that presented the world's first lab-grown beef burger five years ago said Tuesday it has received funding to pursue its plans to make and sell artificially grown meat to restaurants from

2021.

Mosa Meat said it raised 7.5 million euros (\$8.8 million), mainly from M Ventures and Bell Food Group. M Ventures is an investment vehicle for German pharmaceuticals company Merck KGaA. Bell Food is a European meat processing company based in Switzerland.

The Associated Press

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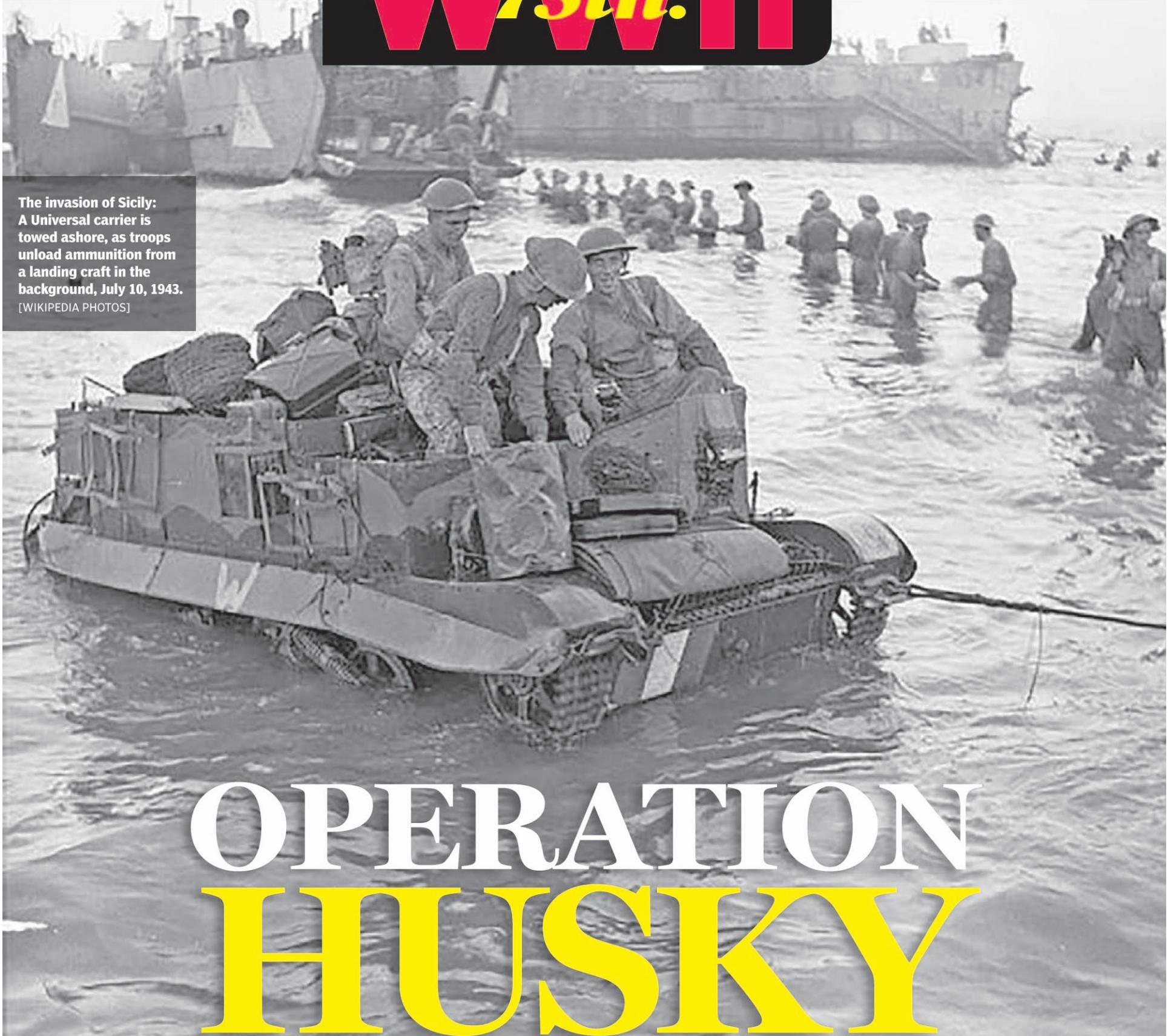
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The invasion of Sicily:
A Universal carrier is towed ashore, as troops unload ammunition from a landing craft in the background, July 10, 1943.
[WIKIPEDIA PHOTOS]

OPERATION HUSKY

July 1943: Allies take Sicily, but not without a fight — against each other

By Rob Citino

Samuel Zemurray Stone Senior Historian,
The National World War II Museum

There's no fight like a family fight. Long-buried resentments, harsh words, hurt feelings: They can simmer, boil over, blow up in an instant. They can poison things.

Consider the great family quarrel of World War II. The Western allies — the U.S. and Great Britain — were family, in a sense: the former a once-dependent child now grown; the latter the parent, wondering where the years had gone and why the youngster no longer listened. And the place where that quarrel blew up was the island of Sicily.

Maybe it was because neither of them really wanted to be there. The Allies invaded Sicily in July 1943 because they had nothing better to do. They had just defeated Axis forces in North Africa in May, but where to go next? The great landing in France wouldn't be ready for another year. Huge Allied forces were sitting in the Mediterranean, however, and they weren't going to be fighting anywhere else that summer.

Sicily was a nearby target of opportunity, in other words, and the Allies duly drew up an invasion plan, Operation Husky. The 15th Army Group (Gen. Sir Harold Alexander) would do the job. It contained two armies, the British 8th under Gen. Bernard Law Montgomery and the U.S. 7th under Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. Seven divisions were to land on Day One, the largest amphibious operation of the war. On paper, it seemed more than enough to win a quick victory against the defenders, a gaggle of demoralized Italians stiffened by a handful of German divisions.

That is, if the Allies didn't kill one another first. The British had come out of North Africa with little respect for the fighting abilities of their American friends. The U.S. Army had seen some teething problems in Tunisia, to be sure, and the British hadn't been shy about taking jabs, calling their American colleagues "our Italians." The Yanks returned the favor, mocking the slow pace of British operations, the tendency to stop fighting in the afternoon to take tea, the insufferable way



At left, troops from 51st Highland Division of the British Army unload stores from tank landing craft on the opening day of the Allied invasion of Sicily.



The drive for Messina, July 10-Aug. 17, 1943: British and American troops meet at a road junction outside Randazzo, the last strong defensive position available to the Axis forces. After its fall on Aug. 14, the campaign developed into an unofficial race between the Americans and British for Messina.

British officers talked down to them. The personalities of the two Allied commanders only added fuel. Patton and Montgomery were two skilled operators, but also two colossal egos, each convinced of his superiority and hypersensitive to even the slightest insult.

Consider the invasion plan. Alexander was British, and he laid out his forces accordingly. Montgomery's army would take the lead, landing near the big port of Syracuse, then drive north through Catania and up to Messina. Taking Messina would block the straits to mainland Italy and thus trap the Germans on the island.

The Americans? Well, they would land to Monty's west and do very little but act as his flank guard. Patton was angry the moment he saw it, and it's safe to say he landed on Sicily with two things in mind: beating the enemy and showing up his ally.

The attack

Husky opened early on July 10, 1943. The first days brought mixed results: paratroopers who scattered badly, gliders that dropped to their death in the sea, German counterattacks against

the U.S. beachhead at Gela that caused more than a few gray hairs in the Allied command. Both Montgomery and Patton managed to get ashore with light casualties, however. So far, so good.

But remember that family quarrel. Montgomery bore the main weight of the campaign, but his planned northward rush through Catania soon slowed to a crawl, the victim of tough German opposition and Monty's deliberate nature alike.

Patton, for his part, was cooling his heels to the west.

He had no enemy to his front at all,

and probably could have driven straight north and cut Sicily in two.

Instead, he sat, waiting for a chance to contribute, and seething.

The breaking point came about a week in. As Montgomery approached towering Mount Etna, north of Catania, he asked

Alexander to redraw the operational map. Monty knew he couldn't assault the mountain frontally.

He needed to pass to both sides of it, and he didn't trust

the Americans to cover his flank

for such a tricky maneuver.

He needed reliable British forces on both sides of Etna, and Alexander agreed. The operational boundary between Montgomery's and

Patton's armies now suddenly

shifted to the west, handing over the main road at Patton's disposal, Highway 124, to the British.

The "stolen highway" sent Patton ballistic. "Tell Montgomery to stay out of my way or I'll drive those Krauts right up his ass," the general hissed. He also channeled his anger into a signature moment of the campaign. On July 18 he launched all of the 7th Army into a high-speed dash through western Sicily. With his tank columns careening ahead, towns fell in a rush, and 50,000 POWs fell into U.S. hands. The "western sweep" climaxed on July 23 with the fall of Palermo, the first big city conquered by the U.S. Army in World War II.

The campaign now entered its endgame, the so-called race for Messina, with Monty grinding up from the south and Patton coming in from the west. Indeed, the two commanders might have been so intent on each other that they forgot the real prize: the Germans. The Wehrmacht was up to its old tricks, fighting a skillful rear-guard action in Sicily's rugged mountains, delaying the Allies, then falling back on Messina.

Montgomery moved as cautiously as ever. Patton was a bit more vigorous, launching a series of amphibious end-runs along the north coast, but the Germans always managed to slip the trap.

In the end, Patton won the race, entering Messina on Aug. 17. Montgomery arrived a day later, but it barely mattered. The Germans had evacuated Sicily.

In the end

Husky was a flawed victory for the Allies. They had managed to seize a great island, yes, but they had also spent far too much time and energy sniping at each other. Sicily proved that it was time for both armies to learn some respect. The Americans had to admit that the British weren't soft; the British had to admit that the Americans were no longer amateurs. If they were going to win the war, both sides had to drop their quarrel. They had to become a family again.

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LEGALS

CITY OF EUSTIS NOTICE OF PROPOSED ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 18-18

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 18-18 shall be heard on first reading by the City Commission during its regular meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018, and said Ordinance shall be heard on second and final reading by the City Commission during the regular meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018, or as may be continued at the discretion of the Commission, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, City Hall, 10 N. Grove St., Eustis, FL, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 18-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EUSTIS, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO F.S. 163.3177(3)(b); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

Said ordinance may be inspected in its entirety by the public during regular business hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Eustis, Florida. Interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Florida Statutes, 286.0105). Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the office of the City Clerk at (352) 483-5430, at least 48 hours before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Mary Montez, City Clerk
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CITY OF EUSTIS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 18-54

Notice is hereby given that Resolution No. 18-54 shall come before the City Commission during the regular City Commission meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, City Hall, 10 N. North Grove Street, Eustis, Florida, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF EUSTIS, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES RESULTING FROM THE ANNUAL GEORGEFEST EVENT.

The public may inspect said resolution in its entirety during regular business hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Eustis, Florida. Interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed resolution. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (Florida Statutes, 286.0105). Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the office of the City Clerk at (352) 483-5430, at least 48 hours before the date of the scheduled meeting.

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AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1102 NORTH PALMETTO CIRCLE EUSTIS, FL 32728

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 13 day of June, 2018.

Neil Kelly
As Clerk of the Court

By: /S/ D. Davis
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for Lake County, Susan Berg, at (352) 253-1602, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L.
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IN THE CIRUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO.

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CIT BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. SAMSON, DECEASED; RONDA MARIE CLEARMAN; RONALD SAMSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al.
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 16, 2018, and entered in 35-2017-CA-001096-AXXX-XX of the Circuit Court of the FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT in and for LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, wherein CIT BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. SAMSON, DECEASED; RONDA MARIE CLEARMAN; RONALD SAMSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are the Defendant(s). Neil Kelly as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main St. 1st Floor, Near Information Desk, Tavares, FL 32778, at 11:00 AM, on JULY 24, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 48, FRANKLIN POND, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 29, PAGE(S) 47 AND 48, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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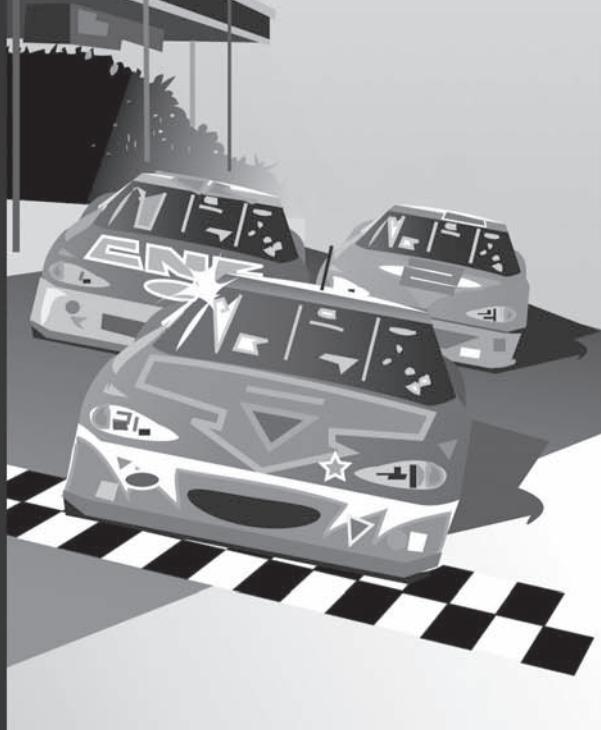
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