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Chambers: 'Never seen a law that can't be broken'

Council member continues to dodge water connection

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Chambers

CARYVILLE - Caryville councilman Henry Chambers has never seen a law that couldn't be broken. And he made it explicitly clear to his fellow council members at a Caryville Town Council meeting Tuesday.

"I've never seen a law that can't be broken," Chambers

said. The council was discussing how to move forward with handling Chambers and former councilman Ransom Works' refusal to connect to the town's water system. During last month's meeting Chambers had refused to connect, although he made the motion to pass the ordinance requiring residents to do so.

Town Attorney Jerry Miller said he re-checked the ordinance for a grandfather clause

but one was not written in. "I provided for a criminal remedy in the backflow ordinance, but I did not provide for that in the compulsory water connection," Miller said. "I can tell you that I did this because it never crossed my mind that we wouldn't have compliance from every citizen in the town."

Miller recommended the council to authorize the town clerk to make available - at each required structure under the ordinance - a water meter for the property owner to connect to the water system and a

recommendation to establish a civil enforcement procedure for the town's structure for Code Enforcement in the future.

Councilman Larry Palmer said it wasn't right for Chambers not be in compliance.

"I know he doesn't want to connect," said Palmer. "But we aren't in compliance with everyone else and it is no more right for him, or me to not be on it like everyone else."

Palmer made the motion for the clerk to provide water service and to charge a monthly flat rate utility bill to each

structure in non-compliance until the property owner connects to the system. Councilman Bill Pate seconded the motion.

Miller advised Chambers that he abstain from the vote because he was one of the two residents affected by the vote.

"Mr. Chambers, I would suggest to you that you abstain from this vote as you are apparently one of the only two citizens that this action would affect," Miller said.

Chambers abstained.

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'Flea Across Florida' is underway

By Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Flea Across Florida is underway today. The two-day event started Friday and will culminate today.

Held across the state along Highway 90 from Pensacola to the East Coast, Flea Across Florida is now in its eighth year of bringing thousands of visitors to small communities.

Along with selling a boundless variety of items, the occasion also intends to make a local economic impact by filling up local motels, restaurants and small businesses.

The parking lot of T&B Hidden Treasures, 1215 Jackson Ave. Hwy 90, in Chipley, is one of the largest stops on the route with over 350 tables being set up to serve the expected 3,500-4,000 shoppers.

There will be something for everyone, according to T&B Hidden Treasures owner, Bill Tinsley, including dishes, furniture, clothing, sports memorabilia and so much more.

Vendors from as far away as Ohio are in town for the event, Tinsley said. Vendors from St. Augustine, Navarre, Alabama and Georgia will be on hand to peddle their wares.

The 272-mile-long yard sale is sure to have a little bit of everything. It is a treasure hunt for the thousands of participants looking for bargains or an adventure for travelers along Highway 90 through small communities.

ALLEY PROJECT COMPLETE



The alley with completed improvements, as pictured here on Wednesday. The alleyway connects South Railroad Avenue and the City's parking lot on the northwest corner of State Roads 77 and 90. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

CRA, businesses eye structural improvements

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CHIPLEY - A project that took 11 years to complete will become a pathway to a renewed social and economic atmosphere in downtown Chipley. The Chipley Redevelopment Agency announced at a recent meeting that its Alleyway Project was complete. The roughly \$60,000 project aimed to improve the alleyway connecting South Railroad Avenue and the City's parking lot on the northwest corner of



Wiwi



Everett

State Roads 77 and 90. "Though we have seen the economy dip and recover, have had CRA board members

come and go, have dealt with ownership and construction easement issues, have handled business and ownership changes, and waited a long time for this project to be finished," CRA board member Amy Wiwi wrote in an email Thursday, "I am happy the improvements are complete."

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City abandons pursuit of local spray field lands

Pursues 11 properties elsewhere, incurs \$40,000 penalty

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CHIPLEY - Chipley City Council voted to terminate an option to purchase two parcels for waste water usage, resulting in a \$40,000 penalty.

At a council meeting Tuesday, the board unanimously approved the termination of a 2015 contract for the option to purchase real property from couple Gene A. and Priscilla Prough for 239 acres. The \$40,000 binder fee was assessed according to the contract, and, since the City voted to no longer pursue the purchase, for the couple keeping the property off the market in anticipation of the sale to the City.

The City was looking at a purchase price of \$2.2 million for the two parcels, the agreement shows.

When council woman Tracey Andrews questioned City Administrator Dan Miner concerning the binder, asking if it had to "honor the \$40,000 binder to the landowners?" Miner deferred the question to City Attorney Michelle Jordan, who responded that it was "a decision for the council to make."

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ALLEY

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CRA Executive Director Ted Everett shared similar sentiments.

“Although, in my estimation, it shouldn’t have taken 11 years; the fact is that it did take 11 years, but we’re extremely proud - I am - of the CRA and the city council for moving forward with this project,” Everett said.

Chief among alleyway concerns was poor drainage which caused storm water pouring into at least eight business properties along the alleyway - a problem exacerbated by the buildings then having an elevation lower than the alleyway.

With the project completed, elevation issues are minimized. However, some business owners and building owners are not totally satisfied with the end product of the alleyway.

Cindy Farmer, owner of Cindy’s Urbanedge Thrift Store, located at the corner closest to Railroad Avenue, pointed out a number of looming issues resulting from what she believes are inadequate, but newly installed gutters. She said it’s worse than ever before.

“The water is not going out on either way like it was supposed to,” Farmer said. “To me, it’s not finished; it needs more work.”

Farmer walked to the back of her business to the alley Thursday. She pointed to a downspout that was not strapped, as well as to one that has created a gaping hole in the ground from apparent heavy rain water drainage.

“You can see where every time it rains - just the little bit since they’ve finished has made that big of a hole



Hairstylist Karma Cooper dies a client's hair Thursday at the barbershop located on State Road 77 and Railroad Avenue. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

and if it keeps on, that’s going to hurt my structure,” Farmer said.

“I’m just a little unhappy about it because I do own this building.”

She has owned the building for six years.

On the other side of the row of businesses, a barbershop that has been there since December last year had to close last Saturday due to rain water flooding nearly half of the floor space, the shop’s employees said. It was the third time the shop had to close since the gutters went up.

“The minute they put up the gutters, the water started pouring in the back door - not coming through the door; it’s coming through the wall,” said employee Karma Cooper, a hairstylist. “And we had to close and couldn’t work.”

She has worked out of shops on that same row for 18 years.

“I think it was good to fix

up the alley, but I think they need to finish it,” Cooper said. “We can’t work if they don’t fix the gutters. We have to close the shop.”

Not all business owners have the same testimony. One business owner said she has not experienced any rain water flowing inside since the project’s completion.

Talk O’ The Town Nutrition owner Melissa Snapp said she is - with the exception of periodical breakdowns in communication between the City and business owners - generally satisfied.

“I’m happy that there’s not snakes out there, I’m happy that it looks better, I’m happy that the water flow is better back there and we don’t have to worry about cutting grass, but the construction portion of it was very inconvenient and not handle well,” Snapp said.

“I’m happy with how it



The alley prior to improvements. The alleyway connects South Railroad Avenue and the City’s parking lot on the northwest corner of State Roads 77 and 90. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

looks,” she added.

Snapp has rented the building for six years.

Opportunities to improve

The dated structure, which has eight units, also has a series of flat roofs - something that generally works against any building.

Standing water can cause structural decay and leaks.

The CRA is pursuing four grants that will be available to help business and building owners update their structures. The grants are for up to 50-percent reimbursement matching and total \$28,000 for interior and exterior improvements. The grants may not be

exclusive to units impacted by the alleyway project.

“The core problem with the buildings downtown is their age,” Everett said, noting they will deteriorate with age.

The grants, he added, “now opens up those business owners to more of CRA money to fix some of the structural deficiencies within those buildings.”

He later noted it’s hard to throw enough money at structural improvements, but the CRA is making efforts.

The way forward

Everett recalled a time when downtown bustled and was a fun place for families to enjoy late afternoons.

“We had a thriving downtown, as a little kid, I would come down here with my dad,” he said, listing some family-owned businesses. “It was the town core; it was central to everything. We need try to reclaim some of that.”

Some developments the CRA is looking forward to include more murals, a diversity of businesses, the return of Amtrak and Chipley City Council loosening some regulations on its alcohol ordinance.

Also, since some of the downtown businesses have second floors, the CRA is envisioning for those to become rental properties, which are common features of downtowns just about anywhere.

“The CRA is a volunteer organization and we work hard to see projects come to fruition in the downtown area,” Wiwi wrote. “I am happy for the board, as well as the business and building owners along the alleyway. I look forward to more projects in the future to continue to revitalize the CRA area.”

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CITY

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Jordan noted, the money had been held in a trust account and that it was optional for the City to exercise the option to terminate. Miner added, if the City terminates the option, the binder would be released.

“I personally don’t think the property would meet the standards that we would need for use,” Mayor John Sasser said.

Miner replied that the property would only meet minimum standards. He later stated the City will pursue 11 properties outside of Chipley in order to secure the potential waste water land that could handle the city’s volume on a long-term basis.

“It’s obvious that we need to seek property that is going to be conducive to reclaimed water,” Miner said. “And, really, you’re not going to find

“Through the engineers, it became apparent these sites were only going to take care of the immediate needs the city has and would do nothing for long term. We need to abandon these five properties. We need to terminate our option to purchase this real property and we need to look elsewhere for more suitable soils.”

Dan Miner

that in Chipley or around Chipley.”

Butler made the motion to terminate the option and forfeit the binder; Andrews second it. The motion passed unanimously.

It has taken the City a long time to negotiate the properties and secure spray field land. At the start of the year, the city council jumped on pursuing five properties, giving the attorney the directive to send letters and negotiate with owners, also, directing engineers to review the lands.

“Through the engineers, it became apparent these sites were only going to take care of the immediate needs the city

has and would do nothing for long term,” Miner said. “We need to abandon these five properties. We need to terminate our option to purchase this real property and we need to look elsewhere for more suitable soils.”

He noted the City is looking at 11 other properties, which are located outside of Chipley.

“It’s the right thing to do to take Chipley way down the road,” Miner said, referring to working toward pursuing more adequate properties. “It’s the right thing, the smart thing to do for the citizens of Chipley. Not only for this community, but for the growth of this community.”

CHAMBERS

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Before the vote was taken Chambers, spoke to the council and the attorney.

“I own 27 or 28 properties in this town, that pays somebody’s paycheck in this town,” he said. “Now y’all gonna (sic) jeopardize me like that? Lets go with it.”

Councilwoman Becky Pate said she didn’t think it was fair.

“I don’t think it’s fair that if someone has been here that long shouldn’t be forced to connect,” she said.

Miller again spoke of a grandfather clause.

“I will report to you that technically there was no grandfather clause in the regulation when it was prepared and adopted,” he said.

Chambers went on to say the town couldn’t afford what he was going to do and what the role of the attorney was.

“I will be back,” he fired off. “The town cannot afford what y’all are about to do to me. It is going to cost you money to put that water line to my house. It is going to cost you the money to do what I am going to do. It is just that simple, take it or leave it.”

“The lawyer is here to advise us, he cant tell us how to vote, people, isn’t that right, Mr. Miller?”

Chambers said, rhetorically. Miller responded, “That is correct.”

“But your suggestion regarding the sentiment that I might have said someone should be able to violate the law is directly incorrect,” he added.

“Mr. Miller has to get paid,” Chambers said. “And if no one in this town is producing, then Mr. Miller cant get paid.”

In a 3-1 vote, with Chambers abstaining, the motion was approved. Council members Larry Palmer, Bill Pate and Chairman Millard French all voted to approve the measure while Becky Pate voted against the issue.

Caryville Town Council will meet again in regular session at 6 p.m. on May 8.

LOCAL AND STATE

Restriction put on license of Fla. doctor, marijuana advocate

Physician's attorney questioned the timing of the filing, calling it a 'manufactured emergency'

By Zack McDonald
Gatehouse Media Florida

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — Health Department officials have issued an emergency restriction on the medical license of a Bay County doctor and medical marijuana advocate, citing an incident from more than a year ago as evidence she could be a danger to the public.

Florida Surgeon General Dr. Celeste Philip signed the order April 5 against Dr. Raquel Skidmore, placing an emergency restriction on her medical license. Department of Health (DOH) officials reported a February 2017 incident led to Skidmore being taken into custody under the Baker Act, which led to a recommendation she seek mental health treatment. Skidmore's license

now has been tentatively suspended until she either undergoes treatment and is deemed "safe to resume the practice of medicine" or shows the allegations are unfounded.

The emergency order comes amid a separate legal battle in which DOH sought Skidmore's license over allegations she illegally prescribed medical marijuana to a veteran patient in 2016.

Skidmore's attorney, Alvin Peters, declined to comment on the particulars of the April 5 emergency order but said they will be contesting the allegations before an administrative panel. Peters questioned the timing of the filing, however, calling the order a "manufactured emergency."

"The board has been heavy-handed in their approach toward Dr. Skidmore," Peters said. "If it was an emergency, it would have been an emergency 14 months ago."

DOH officials declined to comment on the timing



Raquel Skidmore writes in a prescription book at her desk in January 2017 in Panama City, Fla. [HEATHER HOWARD/GATEHOUSE MEDIA FLORIDA]

of the emergency order, saying only that it is not the final action regarding her license.

"Once the license is suspended or restricted, the licensee has 30 days to appeal," wrote Brad Dalton, DOH spokesman. "The department cannot comment on any pending matter until 10 days after a finding of probable cause by a probable cause panel."

DOH has 20 days from issuing the order to initiate disciplinary proceedings before the probable cause

panel. The panel will determine whether to issue an administrative complaint against Skidmore.

According to DOH documents, on Feb. 19, 2017, Skidmore was taken to Capital Regional Medical Center in Tallahassee under the Baker Act after what was labeled "a severe manic episode."

While at CRMC, physicians reportedly diagnosed Skidmore with bipolar disorder with psychotic features. DOH later ordered Skidmore to be

evaluated, and she was seen Jan. 31 by Dr. Jordan Iserman, a licensed psychiatrist in Pensacola, the order stated.

"Dr. Skidmore explained to Dr. Iserman that she believed that her manic episode may have been the result of stressors involved with practicing medicine," the order states. "Dr. Skidmore also admitted to smoking approximately one 'bowl' of marijuana per day over a period of approximately two years."

DOH reported Skidmore tested positive for THC despite not having a valid order for medical marijuana.

Iserman diagnosed Skidmore with bipolar disorder and cannabis use disorder and opined that she was "unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients," the order states. Iserman then recommended Skidmore begin treatment for her psychiatric and substance abuse issues.

But she reportedly never sought treatment

and continued to practice medicine. DOH cited Skidmore's lack of treatment as grounds for a public safety concern.

"This constitutes an immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety and welfare," DOH claimed. "As a result, there are no less restrictive means ... that will adequately protect the public from Dr. Skidmore's continued unrestricted practice of medicine."

Over the course of the incidents cited in the emergency order, DOH also had been pursuing a 2016 complaint against Skidmore that she illegally prescribed medical marijuana to a 64-year-old Vietnam veteran. Skidmore argued at a hearing in February of this year that what the state called a "prescription" was nothing more than a recommendation of up to 2 grams of marijuana per day. DOH had asked that Skidmore be penalized in some fashion, including the revocation of her license, in that case.

HOUSING BRIEFS

Chipley Housing Authority seeking applicants

Chipley Housing Authority is currently seeking applicants for the Public Housing program. Applicants must complete an application and meet income guidelines based on family size as required by HUD. Applications are available from

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the office located at 1370 Old Bonifay Road in Chipley. For more information call 850-638-0134.

Rental units wanted

Tri-County Community Council is looking for rental units for the Section 8 program. The

Section 8 program provides assistance for low income families in the private rental market through the Housing Assistance Payments Program. Renter voucher holders select a unit from the private market. Requirement of a unit to be rented to an assisted family are as follows: the unit must meet HUD housing quality

standards and the rent must be approvable within HUD Fair Market Rents and market rate. When a Section 8 voucher holder is interested in your unit contact Steve Henderson at 638-4520 ext 103.

Tri-County accepting HUD applications

Tri-County

Community Council, Inc., Washington County Housing Authority (Section 8) Rental Assistance Program is currently taking applications on Wednesdays for the waiting list. Applications are taken by interview appointments only.

Eligibility for assistance is based on income; you must be a legal citizen of

the United States or have an eligible

immigrant status. Decisions may be based on criminal history and other criteria. In order to apply and applicant will need to bring verification to the interview.

For more information or to set up an interview call Steve Henderson at 638-4520 ext 103.

PDL man out on bond arrested for meth possession

Staff Report

WASHINGTON COUNTY — A motorist suspected to be driving under the influence is behind bars in Washington County on drug

charges.

A Washington County Sheriff's deputy stopped an SUV on Pipkin Road, Wednesday, for speeding, a WCSO news release stated. After making contact with the driver, James



Harris

Richard Harris, 36, of Ponce De Leon, deputies suspected he was driving

under the influence. During questioning, Harris consented to a

search of the vehicle, the release stated.

The search revealed a folded dollar bill containing methamphetamine in the back passenger floorboard.

Harris then admitted to deputies the methamphetamine belonged to him.

Harris was transported to the Washington County Jail and booked on the charges of possession of methamphetamine.

He is also currently out on bond in Walton County on the charges of battery and child abuse without great harm.

If you have any knowledge of crimes being committed, or tips, contact the Washington County Sheriff's Office at 850-638-6111. You may also contact the office anonymously by calling 850-638-TIPS (8477) or by email at tips@wco.us.

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OPINION

OUR VIEW

Trump and the elephants

Elephants are majestic beasts that have long fascinated humans. These large mammals with distinctive ears, tusks and trunks are quite industrious, are believed to be among the most highly intelligent in the animal kingdom and can live to age 70. Scientists believe they experience strong and complex emotions, including attachment for family members and grief at their passing.

Alas, elephants are also among the most hunted species in the world.

Many are slaughtered via poaching, or illegal hunting. The ivory from their large tusks remains a valuable commodity, reportedly worth more than \$20,000 per elephant.

In 2014, the Obama administration imposed a near-total ban on interstate trade in ivory and banned the importation of African elephant trophies, or body parts, from Zimbabwe and Zambia.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service attempted to loosen this ban last November — but ran into opposition from President Donald Trump. He tweeted that big game hunting was nothing more than a “horror show” and he would be “very hard pressed to change my mind.”

But unlike a proverbial elephant, it appears Mr. Trump sometimes — or conveniently — forgets. On March 1, the Fish and Wildlife Service quietly loosened the ban. According to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, imports of elephant trophies would be approved or rejected on a “case-by-case basis.”

As of last week, Mr. Trump hadn’t said or tweeted a word about this decision.

Critics harbor suspicions the president’s silence could be family-related. His two eldest sons, Donald Jr. and Eric, are both big game hunters.

Photos of them next to animals they killed circulated on social media several years ago — including one of a smiling Donald Jr. with the elephant tail he had just cut off his prey.

It appears the president doesn’t share his sons’ enthusiasm for hunting.

He told celebrity news website TMZ in March 2012, “My sons love hunting.

They’re hunters and they’ve become good at it. I am not a believer in hunting and I’m surprised they like it.” (He did point out “anything they did was 100 percent OK in terms of the hunting community.”)

But if Mr. Trump has had long-standing issues with hunting, why did he stay silent about poaching African elephants the second time around?

There were reportedly 5 million elephants in Africa about a century ago.

There are fewer than 400,000 now.

That’s why the International Union for Conservation of Nature has classified African elephants as “vulnerable” — and the U.S. Endangered Species Act has used the classification of “threatened” since 1979.

If Mr. Trump views himself as a true friend of the pachyderms, he should reverse course and bring back the Obama-era ban on imports of elephant trophies.

A version of this editorial first appeared in the Providence (R.I.) Journal, a sister paper with GateHouse Media.

ANOTHER VIEW



Liberals’ war on science



John Stossel

“People talk about this Republican war on science, but if you look around, my question is, where are the casualties? What scientists lost their jobs?” Tierney asks. “I can’t find examples where the right wing stopped the progress of science, whereas you can look on the left and you see so many areas that are taboo to research.” Some research on genetically modified foods became taboo because of protests from the left. That may have prevented a second Green Revolution to feed Africa.

We’ve been told conservatives don’t believe in science and that there’s a “Republican war on science.”

But John Tierney, who’s written about science for The New York Times for 25 years and now writes for the Manhattan Institute’s City Journal, told me in my latest online video, “The real war on science is the one from the left.”

Really? Conservatives are more likely to be creationists — denying evolution.

“Right,” says Tierney. “But creationism doesn’t affect the way science is done.”

What about President George W. Bush banning government funding of stem cell research?

“He didn’t stop stem cell research,” Tierney reminds me. “The government wouldn’t fund it. It turned out that it really didn’t matter much.” Private funding continued and, so far, has not discovered much.

“People talk about this Republican war on science, but if you look around, my question is, where are the casualties? What scientists lost their jobs?” Tierney asks. “I can’t find examples where the right wing stopped the progress of science, whereas you can look on the left and you see so many areas that are taboo to research.”

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from the left. That may have prevented a second Green Revolution to feed Africa.

Scientists can’t even talk about whether genes affect intelligence without being threatened by the left. Political scientists who continued to investigate the topic are screamed at on college campuses, the way Charles Murray, author of “The Bell Curve,” has been.

Tierney adds, “The federal government stopped funding IQ research decades ago.”

Likewise, researching gender differences is dangerous to your career.

“You can’t talk about sexual differences between men and women, (although) it’s OK if they favor women,” Tierney says with a laugh.

“You can say men are more likely to commit crimes, but you can’t suggest that there might be some sexual difference that might predispose men to be more interested in a topic.”

Google fired engineer James Damore merely for suggesting sex differences might explain why more men choose to work in tech.

“Damore just pointed out very basic scientific research about differences between the sexes,” Tierney argues. “The experts in this, as soon as he published that memo, said, yes, he basically

got the science right.”

It’s not as if women aren’t doing well in life, Tierney says.

In universities, “women dominate virtually every extra-curricular activity, but all the focus has been: ‘Why aren’t there more women physicists and mathematicians, and of course in the sports area, too?’” Tierney says. “There’s this idea that they’re being discriminated against, (but) there have been enormous studies of who gets grants, who gets tenure, who gets interviews for jobs, and women get preference.”

However, one group does get discriminated against in colleges: conservatives.

“In the social sciences, Democrats outnumber Republicans by at least eight to one. In fields like sociology it’s 44 to one. Students are more likely to be taught in sociology by a Marxist than by a Republican,” Tierney says. “It’s gotten worse and worse.”

Why does this happen at colleges that claim they “treasure diversity”? Because people on the left believe diversity just means race and gender, not thought. And even schools that want some diverse thought reach a sort of political tipping point.

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NATION & WORLD

Trump puts off Syria strike decision

By Robert Burns
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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday put off a final decision on possible military strikes against Syria after tweeting earlier that they could happen “very soon or not so soon at all.” The White House said he would consult further with allies.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warned such an attack carried the risk of spinning out of control, suggesting caution ahead of a decision on how to respond to an attack against civilians last weekend that U.S. officials are increasingly certain involved the use of banned chemical weapons. British officials said up to 75 people were killed.

The White House press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said in a brief statement after Trump met with Mattis and other members of his National Security Council: “No final decision has been made. We are continuing to assess intelligence and are engaged in conversations with our partners and allies.”

Sanders said Trump would speak later with French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May.

Although Mattis noted that military action carried risks, he also emphasized

that Syrian use of chemical weapons should not be tolerated. And he insisted it remains U.S. policy not to be involved directly in Syria’s civil war.

“Our strategy remains the same as a year ago,” he said. “It is to drive this to a U.N.-brokered peace but, at the same time, keep our foot on the neck of ISIS until we suffocate it,” referring to the Islamic State extremist group.

Mattis’ remarks at a House Armed Services Committee hearing followed a series of Trump tweets this week that initially indicated he was committed to bombing Syria but later suggested he was awaiting further advice and assessment. Trump wrote in a Thursday morning tweet that an attack could happen “very soon or not so soon at all.”

Later Thursday he was noncommittal. “We’re looking very, very seriously, very closely at the whole situation,” he told reporters.

Mattis said options would be discussed with Trump at a meeting of his National Security Council on Thursday afternoon. That meant airstrikes, possibly in tandem with France and other allies that have expressed outrage at the alleged Syrian chemical attack, could be launched within hours of a presidential decision.

The U.S., France and Britain have been in



President Donald Trump listens during a meeting in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington. Trump said Thursday that an attack on Syria could take place “very soon or not so soon at all!” [EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

extensive consultations about launching a military strike as early as the end of this week, U.S. officials have said. A joint military operation, possibly with France rather than the U.S. in the lead, could send a message of international unity about enforcing the prohibitions on chemical weapons. Macron said Thursday that France has proof that the Syrian government launched chlorine gas attacks and said France would not tolerate “regimes that think everything is permitted.”

After May met with her Cabinet, a spokesperson issued a statement saying

it is highly likely that Syria’s President Bashar Assad was responsible for Saturday’s attack that killed dozens outside Damascus. The Cabinet agreed on the need to “take action” to deter further chemical weapons use by Assad, but added that May would continue to consult with allies to coordinate an international response.

Mattis said that although the United States has no hard proof, he believes the Syrian government was responsible for Saturday’s attack. Initial reports indicated the use of chlorine gas, possibly in addition to the nerve agent Sarin.

Trump’s ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, told NBC News on Thursday the administration has “enough proof” of the chemical attack but was still considering its response.

The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, based in the Netherlands, announced it was sending a fact-finding team to the site of the attack outside Damascus, and it was due to arrive Saturday. It was not clear whether the presence of the investigators could affect the timing of any U.S. military action.

At the House hearing, Democrats grilled Mattis

on the wisdom and legality of Trump ordering an attack on Syria without explicit authorization from Congress. Mattis argued it would be justified as an act of self-defense, with 2,000 U.S. ground troops in Syria; he insisted he could not talk about military plans because an attack “is not yet in the offing.”

Mattis said he personally believes Syria is guilty of an “inexcusable” use of chemical weapons, while noting that the international fact-finding team would likely fall short of determining who was responsible.

Asked about the risks of U.S. military retaliation, Mattis cited two concerns, starting with avoiding civilian casualties.

“On a strategic level, it’s how do we keep this from escalating out of control, if you get my drift on that,” he said. Rep. Adam Smith, the ranking Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said he sees no legal justification for a U.S. strike in Syria, absent explicit authorization by Congress. More broadly, he doubted the wisdom of bombing.

“Until we have a more long-term strategy, until we have some idea where we’re going in Syria and the Middle East, it seems unwise, to me, to start launching missiles,” said Smith, D-Wash. “We need to know where that’s going, what the purpose of it is before we take that act.”

DATELINES

DETROIT



In this March 23, photo, emergency personnel work at the scene where a Tesla electric SUV crashed into a barrier in Mountain View, Calif. Investigators booted Tesla Inc., from the group investigating the fatal crash, which involved a vehicle operating with the company’s Autopilot system. The National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday it removed Tesla after the company prematurely made information public.

[KTUV VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LISBON, PORTUGAL Spain’s high court blocks Catalan separatist’s power bid

Spain’s Supreme Court on Thursday turned down a second request by a jailed leader of Catalonia’s independence movement to be released so regional lawmakers can vote on making him their leader.

Judge Pablo Llarena said in a ruling that there

remained a risk that Jordi Sanchez, a prominent Catalan secessionist, would repeat the offenses that landed him in a Madrid jail.

He is being detained while the Supreme Court investigates whether he orchestrated protests that hindered officials who were trying to stop a court-banned Catalan independence referendum last October.

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN Taliban attack on Afghan government compound kills 15

The Taliban stormed a government compound in central Afghanistan

early Thursday, triggering an hours-long gunbattle that killed 15, including three top local officials, police and government officials said.

The blistering attack in the Khujja Omari district

was the latest insurgent assault in Ghazni province, which is now largely under Taliban control.

The Taliban planted mines to prevent government reinforcements

from coming to help and quickly took responsibility for the attack, said Mohammad Arif Rahmani, a lawmaker in the Afghan Parliament.

President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attack.

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Next Week:
Are you left?
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Our First Words

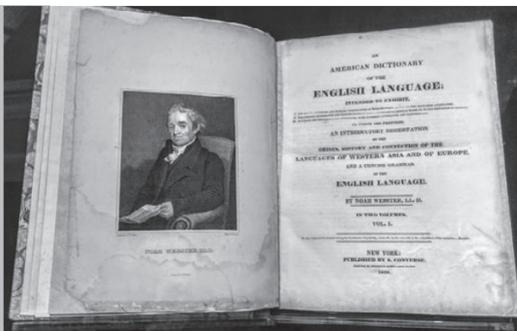


photo by Jim Heaphy

Mini Fact:

Webster published a shorter edition of his original dictionary in 1806, with about 40,000 words.

When you don't know a word, a teacher or parent may tell you to "look it up!" And today, that can involve going to a smartphone or computer for the **definition**, or meaning.

Your parents and grandparents looked up words in a **dictionary** (DIK-shuh-nair-ee) — a book that lists in alphabetical order words and their meanings, **origins**, or beginnings, and **pronunciations**, or how to say them.

The first dictionaries were written in the 1500s and 1600s by British writers, clergymen and editors. These **lexicographers*** concentrated on "hard words" and sometimes on translations of foreign words.

New country, new words

Born in Connecticut in 1758, Noah Webster became a teacher. He lived through the American Revolution and was loyal to the United States, and he believed that American subjects and styles should be included in books. He thought this would make America more **independent**, or free, from England.



Noah Webster

photo courtesy Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society

Webster also thought American children should have American textbooks. In 1783, he

* A **lexicographer** (leks-ih-COG-ruh-fer) is an author or editor of a dictionary.

finished "A Grammatical Institute of the English Language," which got the nickname the "Blue-backed Speller." It was a textbook that helped kids learn to read, spell and pronounce words. The "Speller" was the most popular book of its time, selling about 100 million copies.

An American dictionary

While he was working on the "Speller," Noah Webster realized that people in the United States were using different words to describe their new government and laws. He decided to write an American dictionary.

He started his dictionary in 1801 and finished in 1828, 190 years ago. "An American Dictionary of the English Language" gave the meanings of more than 70,000 words! Webster also included the words' pronunciations and histories.

What took so long?

Noah Webster's dictionary took 27 years to write. He had to do a lot of research. Most of the words we use today come from other languages, such as Latin or French. Webster learned 26 languages so that he could figure out the origins of our words.



Mini Page photo

Today, Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary has more than 225,000 definitions — more than three times as many as Webster's original book.

American spellings

For his American dictionary, Webster changed the spelling of many English words. He wanted to make the spellings simpler.

These are some examples of spellings he changed. Can you think of other words that are still spelled differently in England or Canada than they are in the United States?

The old British way The American way

Kee	Key
Dawter	Daughter
Centre	Center
Flavair	Flavor
Programme	Program
Aluminium	Aluminum
Gaol	Jail
Mould	Mold
Travelled	Traveled
Honour	Honor
Humour	Humor
Masque	Mask
Publick	Public
Defence	Defense
Colour	Color
Musick	Music

Resources



On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPWebster
- bit.ly/MPNWebster

At the library:

- "Noah Webster's Fighting Words" by Tracy Maurer
- "W Is for Webster" by Tracey E. Fern

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of dictionaries are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ALPHABETICAL,	S	L	E	X	I	C	O	G	R	A	P	H	E	R	G
AMERICAN, BRITISH,	P	R	O	N	U	N	C	I	A	T	I	O	N	E	R
DEFINITION, DICTIONARY,	E	H	H	A	O	N	B	R	I	T	I	S	H	N	E
ENGLISH, INDEPENDENT,	L	M	S	D	I	C	T	I	O	N	A	R	Y	G	T
LEXICOGRAPHER,	L	N	A	C	I	R	E	M	A	L	A	Y	O	L	S
LOYAL, NOAH, ORIGIN,	E	I	R	E	S	E	A	R	C	H	J	E	S	I	B
PRONUNCIATION,	R	G	K	N	O	I	T	I	N	I	F	E	D	S	E
RESEARCH, SPELLER,	E	I	K	O	O	B	T	X	E	T	N	Q	Y	H	W
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Cook's Corner

White Cheddar Mac 'n' Cheese

You'll need:

- 12 ounces elbow macaroni
- 1 (12-ounce) can evaporated skim milk
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

- 8 ounces sharp white cheddar cheese, shredded
- salt and ground black pepper



What to do:

1. Cook macaroni according to package directions and drain.
2. In a large saucepan, whisk together milk, dry mustard and nutmeg. Set pan over medium heat and, when tiny bubbles appear around edges of pan, gradually stir in cheese.
3. Simmer until cheese melts and mixture is smooth, stirring constantly.
4. Fold in cooked macaroni. Remove from heat and season with salt and pepper. Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. The letters of a language in order (8 letter noun)

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

2. Set of pages put together with a cover (4 letter noun)

□ □ □ □

3. To spend time reading about a subject (5 letter verb)

□ □ □ □ □

4. To gain information on; to memorize; to discover (5 letter verb)

□ □ □ □ □

1. Bobby recited the _____ starting with letter A, ending in Z.
2. Clara reads a lot and carries a _____ in her backpack.
3. Mark likes to _____ when it is quiet.
4. Judy will _____ about dinosaurs this week in class.

Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

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by Jan and Carey Orr Cook

Answers: Alphabet, Book, Study, Learn

Mini Jokes



Ned: Where can you always find happiness?

Nala: In the dictionary!

Eco Note



The population of Florida's iconic pink flamingos is rebounding after the birds were virtually eliminated across the state by hunting in the late 1800s. Since 1950, American flamingos have been seen in greater numbers and more often. But because there were so few of them during most of the 20th century, some had argued flamingos weren't a native species. New research finds that there were probably large flocks of the birds across the state before their colorful feathers and prized eggs led them to be hunted to near oblivion.

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For later:

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COMMUNITY

Jackson Hospital welcomes new marketing director

Staff Report

MARIANNA - A hospital welcomed Thursday its new marketing director.

Amy Milton is now the Marketing Director and Public Relations Specialist for Jackson Hospital in Marianna.

Milton is returning after seven years of marketing in the health care field.

"I look forward to promoting



Amy Milton

the excellent health care services available through Jackson Hospital and our medical community,"

Milton said in an email.

She worked, previously, with Jackson Hospital Foundation for 10 years as the Special Events Coordinator.

2018-2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

April

20: Progress Reports

May

8: Florida Panhandle Technical College Graduation

22: Chipley High School Senior Awards at 5:30 p.m.

22: Vernon High School Senior Awards at 7:30 p.m.

24: Chipley High School Graduation

25: WISE Graduation

25: Last Day of School (Students Released at 1 p.m.)

25: Vernon High School Graduation

28: Memorial Day (All Personnel Out)

29-30: Post Planning Days for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)

June

11: Report Cards go Out

July

4: 12 Month Personnel Out

August

1: First Day for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel (Professional Development Day)

2: Professional Development Day

3: Pre-Planning Day (Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)

6-8: Pre-Planning Days (Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel)

9: First Day of School for Students

September

3: Labor Day (Students and All Personnel Out)

10: Progress Reports Go Out

11: Recognition of "Patriot Day" at Schools

17: Recognition of "Constitution Day" at Schools

24-28: Recognition of "Celebrate Freedom Week" at Schools

26: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)

October

12: Vernon High School Homecoming

15: Fall Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/10 Month and Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out)

19: Chipley High School Homecoming

30: Report Cards Go Out

31: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)

November

9: Recognition of Veterans Chipley and Vernon Schools

13: Progress Reports Go Out

19-23: Thanksgiving Holidays (Students/Teachers/Paras/ 10

Month and Lunchroom Personnel/ Bus Drivers Out)

21-23: Thanksgiving Holidays

(12 Month Personnel Out)

December

20: Early Release (Students Released at 1 p.m.)

21-31: Christmas Break (Students/Teachers/Paras/10

Month Personnel and Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers

Out)

24-25: 12 Month Personnel Out

31: 12 Month Personnel Out

January 2019

1: 12 Month Personnel Out

1-3: Teachers/10 Month Personnel Out

1-4: Students/Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out

4: Teacher's Planning Day

7: Professional Development Day

8: Classes Resume

21: Martin Luther King Day (Students and All Personnel Out)

23: Report Cards Go Out

February

7: Progress Reports Go Out

13: Early Release/Professional Development (Students Released at 1 p.m.)

18: President's Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/ 10 Month and

Lunchroom Personnel/ Buss Drivers Out)

March

25-29: Spring Break (Students and All Personnel Out)

April

9: Report Cards Go Out

19: Spring Day (Students/Teachers/Paras/10 Month and

Lunchroom Personnel/Bus Drivers Out)

22: Progress Reports Go Out

May

7: FPTC Graduation

21: Vernon High School Senior Awards 5:30 p.m.

21: Chipley High School Senior Awards 7:30 p.m.

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27: Memorial Day (All Personnel Out)

28-19: Post Planning Days for Teachers/Paras/10 Month Personnel

June

10: Report Cards Go Out

GOT SCHOOL NEWS?

If you have a school activity or news event you'd like covered, please send information to: news@chipleypaper.com. Already have photos or an article you'd like to share? We'd love to have those submissions as well. Help us get the word out about all the good news in our local school system!

ArtKidDoo is today

The event is being held 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Shivers Park

Staff Report

CHIPLEY - Art education will be on full display today.

The 6th Annual ArtKidDoo will be held today at Shivers Park, 784 Fifth Street, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ArtKidDoo is a collaborative effort among the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, child care providers, local businesses, non-profit and civic organizations to encourage awareness for the arts in young children.

There is no cost to participate in the event.

ArtKidDoo offers hands-on arts and crafts, as well as, performance art by local artists, musicians, and vocalists, a news release stated. Children will have



Scenes from a previous ArtKidDoo. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

opportunities to engage in a range of art-related activities, such as paint, color, dance, mold clay, and create jewelry and musical instruments.

Exotic animals will also be onsite and there will be an opportunity for children to paint on a police car, the release stated.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be prepared by Community South Credit Union.

Nearly 1,200 people attended ArtKidDoo last spring, and due to the incredible interest already this year, organizers anticipate a considerable community turnout, the release stated.

VMS health fair held

Staff Report

VERNON - A health fair was held at Vernon Middle School last month. Eighteen presenters from various agencies educated students about good health practices and signs of possible health problems and risks.

The 18 participating organizations provided a students information regarding health, nutrition, cyberbullying/bullying prevention, social media concerns, fitness, mental health, cancer prevention, tobacco free living and domestic violence prevention/care.

Presenters included: Claudia Machado from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Megan Marchman from Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center, Melissa Reddick from Chipola Healthy Start, Investigator Daryl White from the Washington County Sheriff's Office, Judy Corbus from UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Shanta Sapp from Department of Children and Families, Master Wesley Wing from Bonifay Taekwondo, Karen Hennessey from Sickle Cell Disease Association, Ashton Kirkland from Trinity Martial Arts, Danielle Sowell and Judy Bush from the American Cancer Society, Amir Bayatpoor from Florida



Vernon Middle School held a health fair last month. Eighteen presenters from various agencies educated students about good health practices and signs of possible health problems and risks. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS PHOTOS]



Claudia Machado from Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Department of Health Jackson County, Morgan Roberts and Brenda Adams from Florida Department of Health Washington County Health Washington County Dental Unit, Melissa Medley from Florida Department of Health Washington



Deputy John Pettis from Washington County Sheriff's Office.

County, Sharron Hobbs with SWAT from Florida Department of Health Washington County, Ed Bell from U.S. Attorney's Office, and Deputy John Pettis from Washington County Sheriff's Office.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you would like your events included in this list, email information to: news@chipleypaper.com

Union reunion set

GRACEVILLE - Classmates who attended Union School just south of Graceville will host a reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Damascus Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a finger food. Church is located one mile south of Graceville on the west of Highway 77.

Kid Safety Expo announces dates

BONIFAY/CHIPLEY/MARIANNA/LYNN HAVEN - Kid Safety Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Art KidDoo at

Shivers Park in Chipley, April 14; Chipley Walmart, April 21 and Lynn Haven Walmart, April 28. The Kid Safety Expo will also be at: Family Farm Day at Lynn Haven Elementary School, Friday, April 13. For more information call 850-638-1858 or 850-326-9109.

UF/IFAS to host 5-30 Meals class

CHIPLEY - UF/IFAS will host a 5-30 Meals class from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at Sand Hills Baptist Church. Participants will learn how to take five ingredients and turn them into a nutritious dish in 30 minutes or less. Cost is \$5 and includes course materials. Pre-registration is required. The church is located at 6758 Highway 77, just north of the Bay County

line. For more information or to register call the Washington County Extension Office at 850-638-6265 or the Holmes County Extension Office at 850-547-1108.

Graceville Women's Club to host spring pageant

GRACEVILLE - The Graceville Women's Club will host the Graceville Spring Pageant at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 21. This pageant is open to girl's baby through teen. A parents meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 9 at the Graceville Civic Center. All fees and applications are due by Saturday, April 14. Practice will begin Monday, April 16. For more information contact Samantha Angerbrandt at 850-703-0996 or email at samantha.angerbrandt@gmail.com

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

NEW YORK Study: MLB improving in minority hiring

A diversity report released Thursday on Major League Baseball finds the sport is showing improvement with its racial and hiring gender practices, particularly at the league's central office.

The report card from The Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport (TIDES) at Central Florida finds a "significant" increase in racial hiring practices and a "slight" increase in gender hiring. The grade for racial hiring was a B-plus with 88 points, up six points from a year earlier. The grade for gender hiring was a C with 71 points, up one point.

The combined score of 79, with a grade of C-plus/B-minus, was up three points.

"In overall score, it's trending well," said Richard Lapchick, the institute's director and the lead report author.

The report examined data collected by the MLB central office and sent to the TIDES research team, which examined data as of Dec. 31 and then updated listings of owners, general managers and managers as of April 1.

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. Woods files entry to play US Open; 1st since '15

Tiger Woods has filed his entry to play in the U.S. Open for the first time since 2015.

The USGA says Woods officially entered on Thursday, four days after he tied for 32nd in the Masters. Even exempt players have to formally enter the U.S. Open.

Woods hasn't played the U.S. Open since he missed the cut at Chambers Bay with rounds of 80-76.

The U.S. Open is June 14-17 at Shinnecock Hills on Long Island, where Woods made his U.S. Open debut in 1995 as the U.S. Amateur champion. He opened with a 74 and withdrew the next day with a wrist injury. He tied for 17th at Shinnecock in 2004 when he was in the midst of changing his swing.

Woods is in the last year of a 10-year exemption from winning the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines.

SAN JOSE, CALIF. 49ers' Foster charged in assault against girlfriend

San Francisco 49ers line-backer Reuben Foster has been charged with felony domestic violence after being accused of dragging his girlfriend and punching her in the head, leaving her with a ruptured eardrum, authorities said.

The Santa Clara County District Attorney charged Foster on Thursday, when he was also arraigned in San Jose. A judge ordered him not to have any contact with his girlfriend.

Foster was accompanied to court by 49ers teammate Richard Sherman. He did not enter a plea and was released after posting \$75,000 bail.

He declined to answer media questions outside court, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.



A banner depicting Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry hangs on the exterior of Oracle Arena on Tuesday in Oakland, Calif. [BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Different playoff path

Without Curry or top seed, Warriors face a quite challenging postseason

By Janie McCauley
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry on the sidelines again, this time with a hurt knee. No longer the sure-thing No. 1 seed. Steve Kerr piecing together rotations based on who's available through illness and injury.

It hasn't exactly been an easy course this season for the defending NBA champions.

The Golden State Warriors are used to being the best out West, a top target that everyone in the NBA seeks to unseat.

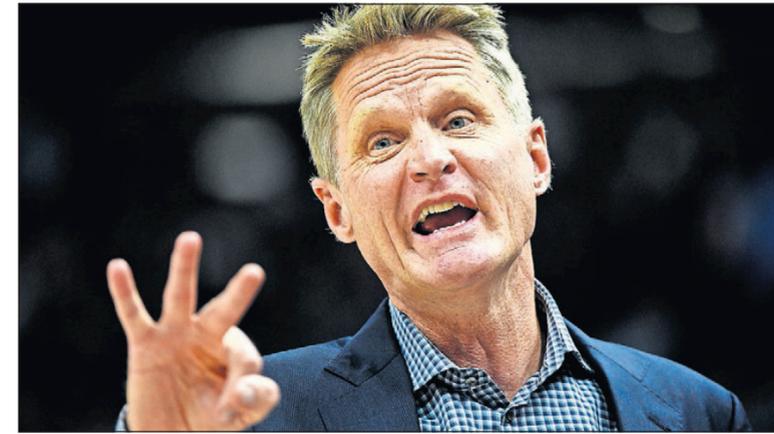
It's just a little different this time.

Not that Kerr is overly concerned. Golden State's coach thinks the Warriors will be just fine when they open their best-of-seven series against No. 7 seed San Antonio at home Saturday afternoon.

"We're going to have new life when the playoffs start. And I'm well aware of what a long, difficult season it's been," he said. "So many things have been thrown at us here the last month, especially all the injuries, which have really shaken up our rotation. That's made it difficult on everybody and our players. But they're fighting and that's the main thing."

"We're going to be all right."

During one especially tough stretch, all four All-Stars were out because of health — Curry, Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson. Golden State dropped seven of 10 at one point last month, then lost its final regular-season game by a jaw-dropping



Golden State Warriors head coach Steve Kerr yells to his players in the first half against the Utah Jazz Tuesday in Salt Lake City. [ALEX GOODLETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

40 points Tuesday night at Utah.

Yet, now, everybody is relishing a new season.

"It's not a carbon copy of last year by any stretch," Curry said. "But I know for sure we have the guys and the IQ and the resiliency to understand how we're going to accomplish our goal this year and not compare it to last year. Because I'm sure you can ask any championship team along the way that's trying to repeat or whatever the case is, every journey is defined by different circumstances."

"Injuries, the fact that we have been in the 2 spot for about two weeks now with really no chance to climb or fall, so you have to fight human nature in that sense. I think all that we've invested in our game, in our team and in our identity over the course of the last three, four years will show up when the time is right."

Two years ago, Golden State put its focus on going for a record 73 victories and lost to LeBron James and the Cavaliers in the Finals. Then late last season, the Warriors were gearing up for that inevitable Finals rematch with rival Cleveland while Durant worked back from a knee injury before capturing his first title and becoming Finals MVP.

For Kerr, the goals lately were simple: find some rhythm and return everybody to health. He used 27 different starting lineups — yes, a huge

number — in a big jump from his first three seasons coaching Golden State. Last season there were 14 different starting five combinations for the Warriors on the way to a second title in three years, 12 the year before that and just eight during 2014-15 as the franchise won its first championship in 40 years.

And this time around, the Warriors didn't even know their opponent until Wednesday night, meaning Golden State's video crew worked overtime preparing for all the possible opponents.

"Basically we spend most of our time trying to predict what's going to happen, and we're all wrong," Kerr quipped last week. "And the next day we reshuffle the deck and we guess again."

Golden State will still look a lot different when the ball goes up at Oracle Arena without Curry.

The two-time MVP is expected to miss the entire first round after spraining the medial collateral ligament in his left knee March 23 on the very night he returned from a six-game absence with his latest ankle injury. It was bad luck, too, as center JaVale McGee fell into him.

Curry's absence as a floor leader and heart of the team hurts.

"They've been pretty fortunate here in that the long ones where guys are out 10-15 games. It's

been three or four games or maybe a five-game stretch," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said. "It's something different, but I really do feel like everyone would love to struggle and be 57-22 if you can consider that struggling."

Golden State finished 58-24, dropping 12 home games — something unheard of the previous three years when they were barely blemished with only nine losses total at one of the NBA's most imposing stops.

The Warriors want to re-establish that energy and swagger at home. Immediately.

Kerr didn't worry about the record. He was too busy mixing and matching just to get through games over the past month.

"It's been a long haul, for sure. I was hoping that we would be heading into the playoffs healthy, obviously everyone wants that," he said. "But this is all part of it, it's all part of the journey. This is our journey this year. Every year's different, so it's been a bumpy road but here we are. I'm really proud of our guys."

And the rest of the league still realizes what it's up against.

"You can't count these guys out, and I don't think anybody is counting them out," Pacers coach Nate McMillan said. "They'll get their guys back and they have enough guys I think they can survive until they get everybody back."

Angels' Ohtani eager to play more

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

Shohei Ohtani eagerly bounces into the cage when it's his turn during batting practice — and then puts on an impressive show knocking balls high and deep into the outfield seats.

Whether hitting or pitching for the Los Angeles Angels, the rookie two-way sensation is raring to go and already wants to play more.

"He always says he's ready," manager Mike Scioscia said. "But right now we're definitely going to protect him as much as we can."

While the 23-year-old from Japan has definitely lived up to the hype in the first two weeks of the season, the Angels are trying to do a balancing act in managing the workload for Ohtani, who appeared in eight of the first 13 games for the AL West leaders.

The right-handed pitcher with a fastball averaging about 99 mph, along with a nasty splitter and a biting slider, was 2-0 with a 2.08 ERA and 18 strikeouts over 13 innings while allowing only four hits in his two starts on the mound, both against Oakland. After retiring the final eight batters in his first start, he retired the first 19 in the next — that's 27 consecutive outs, equal to a nine-inning perfect game.

In his first six games with an at-bat, the left-handed slugger hit .364 with three homers and eight RBIs.

"I talk to the medical staff every day and they try to see how I'm doing, my strength level, to see if I can play that day," Ohtani said through his interpreter at the end of a three-game series in Texas. "It's the beginning of the season so I think they are being pretty careful with me right now."

"But once the season gets tougher, the schedule gets tougher through the summer, hopefully I can make them want to play me more. I would like to play more," he said. "But if not, that's that it. I have to follow what they say."

Ohtani made his fifth start as the Angels designated hitter in the series finale at Texas on Wednesday, a night after grounding out in his first time as a pinch-hitter in the majors.

The Angels opened a four-game series Thursday night at Kansas City, where Ohtani is scheduled to be the starting pitcher for the finale — which would be his third consecutive Sunday on the mound. He didn't play in the games before or after his first two pitching starts.

"It's really trying to balance a little bit of a guy's ability obviously to swing the bat, and balance that with the need for him to be ready to pitch," Scioscia said. "The biggest thing is we will be flexible, so it's not in concrete. We'll check with him and see when he's available and we'll go from there."

Ohtani has started three consecutive games only once so far — and he homered in each of those at home, a stretch that included a day off between series.

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FAITH

Signs of Faith

Send in your faith organization's sign of faith

Washington County News staff

WASHINGTON COUNTY — While driving on the long country roads, you're bound to see a sign of faith — something that can take away 'the Mondays', remind you of your many blessings or give inspiration to you for someone else.

Washington County News wants to share this positivity with our readers!

Today we've launched 'Signs of Faith,' which will run in each Saturday's edition.

We want you to send in your 'Signs of Faith' to us to share with the community!

In the photo, a marquee at Faith Covenant Fellowship, 1262 Highway 277, reads: "Take the blessing of who Christ is and share it."

And we've now shared that message with you.

Send in your photos to news@chipleypaper.com. Be sure to include a statement that tells the name of your faith organization and address.



Faith Covenant Fellowship, 1262 Highway 277 [WCN]

Shiloh Baptist recognized by Samaritan's Purse

Staff Report

CHIPLEY — One local church was recognized by a national charity for giving children gifts during the Christmas season.

Leaders at Samaritan's Purse presented a plaque to Pastor Tim Patton at Shiloh Baptist Church and Karen Weeks, a Central Panhandle drop-off team leader, for 10 years of service as a drop-off location for "shoebox gifts."

Tom and Brenda Stallworth, Central Panhandle Area Coordinators and Anthony Mosier, Central Panhandle Logistics Coordinator did an

official recognition on last Sunday. The plaque reads: "Operation Christmas Child recognizes Shiloh Baptist Church, in appreciation of 10 years of partnership with Operation Christmas Child as an official drop-off location. Your love for the Lord Jesus Christ is demonstrated through your service and compassion for others." — Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse"

The church, located at 1976 Shiloh Lane, will collect shoebox gifts again this year from Monday, Nov. 12 to Monday, Nov. 19.



Pictured are Anthony Mosier, Brenda Stallworth, Tom Stallworth, Karen Weeks and Pastor Tim Patton. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

FAITH EVENTS

If you would like to include an event in this list, email information to news@chipleypaper.com

Wausau Assembly to host Spring Carnival

WAUSAU — Wausau Assembly of God Church will hold a Family Fun Day Spring Carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 14. There will be games, food, fellowship, bouncy house, slides, face painting, a cake walk, pony rides, a petting zoo, a dunking booth and more. This is a free event. The church is located at 3537 Washington Street (Highway 77) in Wausau at the caution light. For more information call 850-814-5422 or 850-541-3241.

Unity Baptist to host Community appreciation day

VERNON — Unity Baptist Church will host a community appreciation day with a free lunch from 11 a.m. until Saturday, April 21 at the church. Lunch will be catfish or chicken tenders. Lunch is free to the public. The church is located at 3274 River Road (Hinson's Crossroads) in Vernon. For more information call 850-535-4669.

The Harrelsons at Otter Creek

PONCE DE LEON — The Harrelsons will be singing at Otter Creek Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 21. The church is located four miles north of Ponce de Leon off Highway 81.

St. Lukes to host harpist Amy Stabler

MARIANNA — St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host harpist Amy Stabler at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 22. Child care will be provided from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Fine Arts Series. The church is located at 4362 Lafayette Street in Marianna. For more information call 850-482-2431.

Orange Hill Missionary to host Nugulf Coast Youth Choir

CHIPLEY — Deacon Michael Grady and the Nugulf Coast Youth Choir will be in concert at Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29. Future Youth

Workshops will be developed from the concert under the guidance and training of Deacon Grady. The church is located at 816 Sunday Road in Chipley. For further information call (850) 638-7675.

Winterville Assembly to host The Shepherds

BONIFAY — Winterville Assembly of God will host The Shepherds at 7 p.m. Friday, May 4 at the church. The church is located at 1897 Highway 177 A in Bonifay.

Northside Baptist to host spring festival

PONCE DE LEON — Northside Baptist Church will host a spring festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

This is a free event. There will be festival games, a bounce house, free lunch and more. In the case of rain there will be a family friendly movie shown inside the church at noon. If transportation is needed leave a message with name and number at 850-836-4466 before Wednesday, April 25.

New Bethany to hold Homecoming services

VERNON — New Bethany Assembly of God Church will hold Homecoming services at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6. Special music will be by Four Calvary. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall at 12:30 p.m. The church is located at Hinson's Crossroads. For more information call Brother Leon Jenkins at 850-779-3003.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENTS

Each year, Holmes and Washington Counties partner for Relay for Life, a community based fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Monies raised during the annual event not only funds cancer research, but also helps offset cost such as transportation to treatment for Holmes and Washington County cancer patients. In the months leading up to the annual event, local teams work to raise money for the cause. If your Relay for Life team would like a fundraising event included in this list, email information to: news@chipleypaper.com

Super Breakouts yard sale

CHIPLEY — The Super Breakouts will host a yard sale from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14 in the Washington County Courthouse parking lot. One hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit Washington-Holmes Relay

For Life. For more information contact Angela Tucker at atuckeer@washingtonclerk.com

Empty shoes

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Relay For Life will host Empty Shoes Saturday, April 14 at the Washington and Holmes Courthouses. The initiative will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Washington County Courthouse and from 1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Holmes County Courthouse. Bring a pair of shoes, slipper, boots, tennis shoes, ect, to represent someone you know that has lot their battle to cancer. This powerful statement shows the community why the fight against cancer is so important. Each pair of shoes represents a loved one who has lost the fight with cancer. All that is asked is that the shoes stay in place until a photo is taken. For more

information call Jody Bush at 850-260-4348.

Rib Sale

CHIPLEY — The HTNB Relay For Life team is hosting a rib sale. Pre-orders are due by Friday, April 13. Pick-up will be from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at the HTNB Office located at 777 Main Street Building A (yellow building north of Piggly Wiggly). Ribs are sold by the whole rack and cost \$20. All proceeds benefit Washington/Holmes County Relay For Life. For more information or to order call 850-415-9002.

Survivor Sunday

HOLMES/WASHINGTON COUNTY — The Washington-Holmes Relay For Life is encouraging local churches to celebrate and recognize the cancer survivors in their congregations Sunday, April

22, as part of the annual Paint the Counties Purple Week in preparation for the Relay For Life Event Friday, April 27.

Cake Auction

CHIPLEY — The Super Breakouts will host a sweets auction Monday, April 23. The auction items will be shared on the personal Facebook pages of team members and also be on display at the Washington County Clerk of Courts Office. Bids may be placed in person, over the phone, or on Facebook. One hundred percent of profits will benefit Washington-Holmes Relay For Life. Items will be ready for pick up Tuesday, April 24 at the Clerk of Courts office. For more information or to place bids call 850-6386285

2018 Relay for Life

CHIPLEY — The 2018 Holmes-Washington Relay

For Life event will be held from 6 p.m. until midnight at Pals Park in Chipley on April 27, 2018. The theme of the 2018 event is "Games Over, Cancer!" For more information email bushfamily80@gmail.com or danielle.cappel@cancer.org

30 Days of Giving

WASHINGTON/HOLMES COUNTY — Goody's will be participating in 30 Days of Giving Sunday, April 1 through Monday, April 30. Customers will have the opportunity to support Relay For Life while shopping via the credit card pin pad at each register.

If you make a donation, in the amount of your choosing, to Relay For Life, you will receive a coupon that and be redeemed in the store from Sunday, May 6 through Thursday, May 10. For more information call Jody Bush at 850-260-4348.

FOOD

FOOD WASTE

TEACH KIDS HOW TO HELP

Forty percent of all food in the U.S. goes to waste when tossed by restaurants, supermarkets and consumers, costing our economy \$1 trillion in the last two decades, while destroying 10 percent of global wilderness. Ways to encourage your children to help, according to the educational program "Speak Out. It's YOUR Earth!" include:

- Challenge your family to reduce food waste by 25 percent.
- Involve children in planning, shopping for, preparing and storing leftovers from a week's meals.
- Volunteer together at a food bank or soup kitchen.
- Don't overload children's plates with large portions.

HEALTHY WEIGHT

TIPS FOR EATING RIGHT

Registered dietitian Sharon Palmer offers some tips to achieve or maintain a healthy weight:

- Prioritize breakfast.
- Don't skip meals or snacks.
- Swap your nighttime snack for a more balanced choice.

TIP OF THE WEEK

MIX UP MEAL ROUTINE

As seasons turn, you might crave different types of food. Egglund's Best says this is the perfect reason to think beyond the ordinary and experiment with combos that tantalize the taste buds. Chicken and waffles? Why of course! Watercress Confetti Quinoa for dinner? Yum. Pancakes instead of tortillas when making wraps? Sure!

— Brandpoint

FLASH IN THE PAN

Fortune of reversal

Ancient 'backward' cooking technique makes for legendary asparagus

By Ari LeVaux
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The world's oldest surviving cookbook is a collection of Imperial Roman recipes, compiled around the 1st century AD. In the intervening millennia, the book, "Apicius De Re Coquinaria," has attracted plenty of interest from scholars, cooks and food nerds who've pored over each line of text and attempted to observe each word from every possible angle like it's "Finnegans Wake."

In the game of historical recipe re-enactment, a single mistranslated word can derail a dish. In "Apicius" "Book III: The Gardener," for example, one particular asparagus recipe hinges on how the word "rursum" is translated. This is not just any recipe, but one that addresses a fundamental issue in asparagus cookery with an elegance rarely seen since.

Attempts to translate this work have been complicated by the fact that many of the recipes were written in vulgar Latin, an informal version of the language. "Rursum" is followed by "in calidam," which means "in boiling water." It's also at times written as "rursus in aquam calidam."

So, asparagus was cooked rursus/rursus in boiling water, and for centuries nobody knew what that meant. The riddle was finally cracked by Joseph Dommer Vehling in his 1936 translation of "Apicius" (Hill, Chicago):

"This word has caused us some reflection, but the ensuing discovery made it worthwhile. Rursus has escaped the attention of the other commentators. In this case rursus means backwards, being a contraction from revorsum, h.e. reversum."

OK, so we are now supposed to cook asparagus "backward" in boiling water, but I'm still a bit foggy on the details. Luckily, somehow, Vehling manages to gaze deeply enough between the lines of text to dredge out the answer:

"Apicius evidently has the right way of cooking the fine asparagus. The stalks, after being peeled and washed must be bunched together and tied according to sizes, and the bunches must be set into the boiling water 'backwards,' that is, they must stand upright with the heads protruding from the water. The heads will be made tender above the water line by rising steam and will be done simultaneously with the harder parts of the stalks. We admit, we have never seen a modern cook observe this method. They usually boil the tender heads to death while the lower stalks are still hard."

Here, Vehling and "Apicius"



A mix of heavy cream, butter, garlic, lemon juice, nutmeg and salt will infuse the asparagus while it cooks.

acknowledge the culinary riddle that's wrapped in the botanical enigma that is asparagus: the fact that one end of the shoot needs less cooking than the other.

Asparagorum Reversum

This recipe is a direct riff on "Apicius" technique, with just a few modifications. Rather than tie the asparagus with string, I bunch it into a narrow-mouthed pint jar like a bouquet of flowers, and immerse it backward "in calidam."

You want the boiling water level to be about 2 inches lower than the top of the jar. And the jar should be filled with a mix of heavy cream and butter, a clove of garlic, a squeeze of lemon, a pinch of nutmeg and salt.

With this recipe, there is no reason to break or trim the ends. It doesn't really matter how tough they are going in, because they soften plenty as they cook, with their cut ends against the hot glass at the bottom of the jar of simmering cream. The asparagus tips, meanwhile, dangle far above in the gentle steam, warming more than cooking.



Cooking the asparagus upright in boiling water will simultaneously soften the tougher end of the stalks without overcooking the tender heads.

[ARI LEVAUX PHOTOS]

When the butt ends are soft enough — about 20 minutes — I cook the tips by covering the pot with a tight lid, checking obsessively until they are perfect.

Alternatively, simply cook the asparagus bouquet until the tips droop over like a fistful of wilted dandelions, and call it good.

Or give the tips nothing but gentle steam, and eat them warm and raw. The heat is enough to volatilize a range of flavors, from musky to minty, and the crunch is still audible.

IN THE KITCHEN

There's nothing like homemade ice cream



Prudence Hilburn

With the arrival of spring, and summer close behind, it's definitely the time to pull out the ice cream maker.

I guess we are a little spoiled now with all the easy-to-use ice cream makers. But however it is made, homemade ice cream is my No. 1 dessert.

While looking through some ice cream recipes, I found the following Peach and Toasted Pecan Ice

Cream in "Scooped" by Southern Living. I like both of these flavors but never thought of putting them together in ice cream.

Peach and Toasted Pecan Ice Cream

- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon table salt
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 ½ teaspoon vanilla bean paste or vanilla extract
- 1 cup peeled and coarsely chopped peaches
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1 ½ tablespoons butter
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- ¼ teaspoon Kosher salt

Whisk together first 3 ingredients in large, heavy saucepan. Gradually whisk in milk and whipping cream. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, 10 to 12 minutes or until mixture thickens slightly. Remove from heat. Whisk egg yolk until slightly thickened. Gradually whisk about 1 cup hot cream mixture into yolk. Add yolk mixture to remaining cream mixture, whisking constantly; whisk in vanilla. Cool completely (about 1 hour) stirring occasionally.

Meanwhile, cook peaches and corn syrup in a small saucepan over medium heat, stirring often, 4 to 5 minutes. Coarsely mash and cool 30 minutes. Stir peach mixture into cooled cream mixture. Place plastic wrap directly on custard to prevent a

film from forming, and chill 8 to 24 hours. Meanwhile, melt butter in a small skillet over medium heat; add pecans and cook, stirring constantly, 8 to 9 minutes until toasted. Remove from heat and sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon kosher salt. Cool completely. Pour chilled custard into freezer container of a 1 ½ quart electric ice cream maker, and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. After ice cream is finished churning, stir in pecan mixture. Freeze in an airtight container at least 1 hour before serving.

Prudence Hilburn has written several cookbooks, including "Simply Southern and More." Write her at prudencehilburn@aol.com or visit www.prudencehilburn.com.

HEALTH

ASTHMA

COMMON TRIGGERS TO AVOID

An asthma attack can occur when you are exposed to things in the environment, such as house dust mites and tobacco smoke, which are known as asthma triggers. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that some of the most important triggers are:

- Environmental tobacco smoke (Secondhand smoke)
- Dust mites
- Outdoor air pollution
- Cockroach allergen
- Pets
- Mold
- Wood smoke



WOMEN'S HEALTH

QUICK FIXES

Women: Got five minutes? Try these tips to improve or maintain good health, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Schedule a medical check-up.
- Protect your skin from the sun.
- Get tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- Take folic acid before and during pregnancy.

ACUPUNCTURE

CAFFEINE MAY AFFECT TREATMENT

The next time you have an acupuncture appointment, consider skipping that cup of coffee. Studies suggest that even trace amounts of caffeine in your system could disrupt the pain-relieving effects of acupuncture, says the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health.

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HEALTH WATCH

Recognize common asthma triggers and other tips



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ASTHMA

An asthma attack can occur when you are exposed to things in the environment, such as house dust mites and tobacco smoke, which are known as asthma triggers. While your personal triggers can be very different from those of someone else, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note that some of the most important triggers are:

- Environmental tobacco smoke (Secondhand smoke)
- Dust mites
- Outdoor air pollution
- Cockroach allergen
- Pets
- Mold
- Wood smoke

Infections linked to influenza, colds and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can also trigger an asthma attack. Sinus infections, allergies, breathing in some chemicals, and acid reflux can also trigger attacks, as can physical exercise, some medicines, bad weather and breathing in cold, dry

air. Some foods, food additives and fragrances can also trigger an asthma attack.

SURGERY

Tips to reduce confusion in older patients after surgery

The American Society of Anesthesiologists offers six tips for seniors to help limit confusion after surgery:

1. Ask your physician to conduct a pre-surgery assessment of your mental function. They can use the results as a baseline for comparison after surgery.
2. Have a caregiver, family member or friend visit with you as you recover, carefully observing your physical and mental activity after surgery and reporting anything troubling to your physician.
3. Ask your physician before taking medications after surgery that can affect your nervous system.
4. If you wear hearing aids or glasses, ask that they be available as soon as possible after the procedure.
5. Request a hospital room

with a window, so you can tell whether it's day or night.

6. If you will be staying overnight in the hospital, pack a family photo, a clock and a calendar, or other familiar objects, to help you re-adjust.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Caffeine and acupuncture
The next time you have an acupuncture appointment, consider skipping that cup of coffee.

Studies suggest that even trace amounts of caffeine in your system could disrupt the pain-relieving effects of acupuncture, says the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health.

Because caffeine can stay in the body for more than 12 hours after ingestion, those who drink coffee daily could have enough caffeine in their system to interfere with their treatment.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Improve your health

in 5 minutes or less

Women: Got five minutes? Try these tips to improve or maintain good health, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Schedule a check-up. Schedule an appointment with your health care provider to discuss what screenings and exams you need and when you need them.

Protect your skin from the sun. Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers among women in the U.S. Put on broad spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 15 before you go outside, even on cloudy or cool days.

Find an HIV, STD and Hepatitis testing site near you. Untreated sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) can have long-term consequences, such as infertility.

Find testing near you to know your status.

Take folic acid before and during pregnancy. The B vitamin folic acid can help prevent certain birth defects.

TODAY'S WORKOUT

Plank move is beneficial for your whole body

By Marlo Alleva
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Remember when planking anywhere and everywhere was all the rage? The novelty for all the social media pictures may have worn off, but planking is still very much in style, and so beneficial.

Performing a plank, or any variation of, is great for the whole body. It is one of those moves that can be done anywhere. All you need is a flat surface. This exercise will tone your chest, shoulders, triceps, abdominals, quads, hamstrings and calves. It doesn't get much better than that.

Begin by placing both hands on the floor, just



Marlo Alleva demonstrates a plank. This move works your whole body. [PROVIDED BY MARLO ALLEVA]

under your shoulders. Straighten the arms and lengthen your body out to hold your weight on your toes. Focus on rolling your

shoulders back and down, lifting your chest, and tightening your core by rolling the hips forward. Keep the legs extended,

squeezing your glutes and pressing your navel upward.

Once you get your body in position, simply hold the plank for as long as you can. This move has variations to suit varied physical abilities as well. You can drop to your knees to give your arms a rest, even lift the rear end higher to give your core a break.

This move is great on its own as it targets so many muscle groups, but it can be combined with any other workout.

Marlo Alleva, an instructor at Gold's Gym and group fitness coordinator at Fontaine-Gills YMCA, in Lakeland, Florida, can be reached at faluvzpa@msn.com.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of WILFORD EARL FOREHAND, deceased, whose date of death was October 24, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Holmes County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 201 N Oklahoma St, Bonifay, FL 32425. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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5-3491 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the construction of CITY OF VERNON FRDAP SPORTSPLEX PHASE II ADA Parking and sidewalks, will be received by the City of Vernon at City Hall at 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive, Vernon, Florida 32462, until 3:00pm on 5/21/18 and then publicly opened and read aloud.
Work of the Project includes, in general, the construction of new ADA parking spaces approximately 24 by 140 feet at the front gate. We will require four (4) handicap parking spots, two on either side of the gate opening, also in front of gate opening tying all four handicapped spaces together. Please pick up plans at the City of Vernon's City Hall for specification of the size for parking lot and use of ADA paint as well as proper markings. Construction of new sidewalks between the new ADA compliant parking spaces and fields; concrete or asphalt approximately 4 feet wide, 4 inches thick, and 248 feet long, and around the concession building 4 feet wide, 4 inches thick, and 355 feet long, and connecting to 4 existing ramps by tapering them to 10 feet. Total approximation of concrete and/or asphalt is 605 feet. Contractor is responsible for verifying these measurements.
Contact Brent Gibson at (850) 258-9492 to see the project at Vernon Sportsplex.
All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be delivered to The City of Vernon, 2808 Yellow Jacket Drive; Vernon, Florida 32462 and addressed as follows: "Vernon FRDAP Sportsplex Phase II".
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3220 - Furniture
3230 - Garage/Yard Sales
3240 - Guns
3250 - Good Things to Eat
3260 - Health & Fitness
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3290 - Medical Equipment
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3310 - Musical Instruments
3320 - Plants & Shrubs/Supplies
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