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## City discusses impact fee reduction, alcohol

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**CHIPLEY** - By the end of the workshop, it wasn't clear which direction Chipley City Council would take on decreasing impact fees and relaxing regulations on alcohol.

However, it was lucid that Chipley is looking toward significant changes in regards to both issues.

"I had talked to several citizens ... and there was a concern," Mayor John Sasser said

following the Thursday workshop. "So we got (Dan Miner) to start comparing prices."

After examining water and wastewater impact fees, Chipley City Administrator Dan Miner recommended to decrease the fees by about 40 percent, which, in his view, would position the City to be competitive with surrounding areas.

Since 2005, the city has doubled its impact fees twice, he said. Chipley Redevelopment Agency Director Ted Everett reminded the council that developers have chosen other

cities over Chipley due to the outstanding costs of connecting to the city's system.

"What it boils down to, they may miss out on some development if your impact fees are too high - then they go to another town," Miner said of developers.

According to information he provided to the council, the City's water impact fees were 40 percent higher than surrounding communities and 51 percent higher on wastewater impacts.

However, the Chipley City Council did not appear to be

immediately receptive, nor clear about the idea of reducing rates so drastically.

Council member Brett Butler suggested the council mirror Sneads, which charges its customers for actual costs to connect and then a percentage to add back into the city's fund.

And, in response to a suggestion to abandon impact fees altogether - as is the case in Blountstown - Mayor Sasser said the City could be looking at losing financial padding for important projects.

"If you're already operating your water and sewer on

a break-even basis, you have nothing to do improvements, extensions or anything like that," he said.

Miner added, without charging fees, the city would be relying on grants only or be forced to take out loans.

By the end of the meeting, the way forward was still muddled. Following the meeting, Sasser said he'd like Miner to put the information in the form of an ordinance to present at Tuesday's regular meeting, to be held at City Hall at 6 p.m.

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## Planning commission mulls Land Development Code updates

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**CHIPLEY** - Washington County Planning Commission discussed updates to the Land Development Code when they met in workshop May 1.

First on the list were required and allowed surfaces for commercial parking lots. Planning staff recommended asphalt, concrete, milled asphalt and gravel for areas smaller than 5,000 square foot.

All discussions were regarding both pervious and impervious surface for the lots as well as the pros and cons of each material.

The board agreed with those recommendations and is expected to vote to implement those at the next regular session meeting.

Food trucks were on the agenda for discussion as well. The board consensus concerning the food trucks is to develop a procedure for when and where they can be used.

Planning staff will be researching how surrounding counties with a more urban setting handle their policies. From there, staff will develop a policy and procedure that will be more conducive to a rural setting.

Board Member Jim Ackerman said checking health department regulations is top priority.

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# In Unity



**Young children at Washington County Christian School hold hands and join in a prayer led by third grade teacher Kristen Thornton on Thursday in observation of the 67th National Day of Prayer.** [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

## Local groups observe National Day of Prayer

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**CHIPLEY** - Words of unwavering faith in the power of unity were uttered to the heavens from many local groups Thursday during the 67th National Day of Prayer.

Tiny shadows cast on the clay dirt that trailed around the flag pole at Washington County Christian School just before noon. In unison, the students recited The Lord's Prayer and listened respectfully to a single fiery prayer led by third grade teacher Kristen Thornton.

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**People bow read lyrics to worship songs led by musician Ben Crowson on Thursday on the platform at the steps of the Washington County Courthouse in observation of the 67th National Day of Prayer.** [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]



**Russell Reubin Stewart**

## Drive-thru accident leads to drug arrest

Staff Report

**CHIPLEY** - A Southport man faces drug charges after rear-ending a vehicle and attempting to flee the scene.

According to a Washington County Sheriff's Office news release, a deputy witnessed 46-year-old Russell Reubin Stewart rear-end a car in the drive-thru line fast-food chain McDonald's in Chipley on April 23.

The deputy stopped Stewart's Nissan Altima in the parking lot as he attempted to pull away from the scene, not noticing the deputy behind him, the release stated.

Stewart, who was found to be operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license, consented to a search which led to the discovery of marijuana, methamphetamine, and a metal pipe, the release stated.

Stewart was booked into the Washington County Jail on the charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

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# Bright futures expansion ready for summer

**Lloyd Dunkelberger**  
News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE - For the first time in 17 years, top-performing students will be able to use their Bright Futures scholarships to attend summer classes at state universities and colleges.

The state Department of Education sent out a memorandum this week to financial-aid offices at the schools outlining how the merit-based scholarships can be used in summer semesters this year.

Under a new law and the current state budget, the summer scholarships will be limited to 44,456 students who qualify as "academic scholars," the highest achievement level in the Bright Futures program. The scholarships pay full tuition and fees for the qualifying students.

In the memorandum, Levis Hughes, head of the Department of Education's Office of Student Financial Assistance, said in addition to students already enrolled in universities and colleges, the summer scholarships can also be used by new high-school graduates if they have qualified for the award.

"OSFA (the Office of Student Financial Assistance) will be

notifying all 2018 high school graduates eligible for (awards) about the availability of funding for the 2018 summer," Hughes wrote. "Students will be informed that funding is only available if their postsecondary institution allows them to enroll as a degree-seeking student during the summer."

This will mark the first use of Bright Futures scholarships for summer classes since 2001. The scholarship program, which began in 1997, is primarily funded by proceeds from the Florida Lottery.

The summer scholarships are part of an expansion of the Bright Futures program that was made permanent by legislation (SB 4) passed during the 2018 legislative session and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott in early March.

Under the law and the 2018-2019 state budget, the summer scholarships will be expanded to 46,521 students who qualify as "medallion scholars" in the Bright Futures program in the summer of 2019, meaning a total of more than 90,000 Bright Futures students will have the option of using the scholarships for summer classes next year.

The new law also

makes permanent the expansion of the "academic scholars" awards to cover 100 percent of tuition and fees, while also giving those students a \$300 stipend for books and other costs in the fall and spring semesters.

The law increases the scholarship amount to cover 75 percent of tuition and fees for the "medallion scholars" beginning in the fall.

About 82 percent of Bright Futures students attend state universities, another 9 percent are enrolled in the state college system and the remaining scholarship students attend private institutions.

In funding the expansion of the Bright Futures program, lawmakers brought the overall total to \$520 million, a record level.

The higher-education initiative, which was led by Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, also expanded need-based aid, including \$270 million in funding in the next academic year for the Florida "student assistance grant" program. That represents more than an 82 percent increase in funding since 2016-2017 and will provide a financial aid to an estimated 237,000 students beginning in the fall.

## FEE

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### Alcohol

In the absence of City Attorney Michelle Jordan, the council combed through an ordinance she drafted of Section 3-16 which establishes proximity regulations for alcohol sales.

Jordan drafted the ordinance after each council member provided a list of changes to the current ordinance they would like to see.

However, at Thursday's workshop, only one thing was clear: the council supported an overhaul of Section 3-18, which prohibits anyone with a state beverage license from

selling, consuming or serving alcohol in any place within city limits between midnight Saturday and 7 a.m. Monday.

"It's a simple question," Miner proposed to the council. "Does the council want to add Sunday sales?"

Generally, the draft defined "restaurant," added a pre-existing establishment clause and deleted a seemingly unnecessary definition of a "similar establishment." It also reduced the footage for sales from 1,000 feet to 500 feet of churches, schools and public parks, and specified that the distance should start from the entrance of any aforementioned structure.

It did not address Section 3-18.

"I think if we want to encourage restaurants to come to this town,

we're going to have to do that," council member Brett Butler said.

Council Member Ellis Reed said he'd "go along with it." Council member Tracy Andrews requested more counsel from the attorney.

At the culmination of the discussion of the ordinance, Gary Hartman recommended the council simply consider adopting the county ordinance - a recommendation CRA Director Ted Everett initially made at the start of the discussion about a month ago.

The council agreed to allow Miner take back more suggestions to the city attorney in order to create an ordinance the council is satisfied with.

It was not immediately clear if the item would be on Tuesday's regular meeting agenda.

# Justices reject red-light camera challenge

**By Jim Saunders**  
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE - In a victory for local governments and red-light camera companies, the state Supreme Court on Thursday unanimously rejected a motorist's challenge to the way a South Florida city has handled potential red-light traffic violations.

The case centered on the city of Aventura, but it involved questions that have popped up in other areas of the state where motorists can be nabbed on camera for running red lights. Motorist Luis Torres Jimenez, who was ticketed in Aventura, argued that the city had given too much authority to a red-light camera company in reviewing potential violations.

But justices, upholding a decision by the 3rd District Court of Appeal, said Aventura could use a private contractor to review images - so long as a city officer makes the ultimate decision about whether motorists are ticketed.

"The Legislature has expressly authorized local governments to allow traffic enforcement officers to issue citations for traffic infractions captured by red light cameras," said a main opinion, written by Justice Barbara Pariente and joined by Chief Justice Jorge Labarga and Justice Peggy Quince. "As part of this express authorization,

the Legislature has permitted a local government's agent to review information from red light cameras for any purpose short of making the probable cause determination as to whether a traffic infraction was committed. We thus hold that (a section of state law) authorizes a local government to contract with a private third-party vendor to review and sort information from red light cameras, in accordance with written guidelines provided by the local government, before sending that information to a trained traffic enforcement officer, who determines whether probable cause exists and a citation should be issued."

Justice Charles Canady, in a concurring opinion joined by justices Ricky Polston and Alan Lawson, came to a similar conclusion.

"The statute in no way precludes a local government from contracting with a third-party vendor to provide assistance in screening images from red light cameras in any way the local government sees fit other than authorizing the vendor to issue citations," Canady wrote. "On this point, the critical issue is not the details of the relationship between the local government and the vendor. Rather, the dispositive point is that the local government conforms to the requirement that only law enforcement

officers and traffic infraction enforcement officers - rather than employees of a vendor - may issue traffic citations."

Justice R. Fred Lewis agreed with the result but did not sign on to the opinions.

Red-light cameras have long been a controversial issue in Florida, with critics arguing that they have become a way for local governments and red-light camera companies to make money. Supporters, however, contend the cameras improve traffic safety and dissuade motorists from running red lights.

Aventura contracted with American Traffic Solutions, Inc. - a major player in the industry - to help in operating its red-light camera system.

After Jimenez was ticketed, a Miami-Dade County judge in 2014 overturned the citation, pointing to a decision by the 4th District Court of Appeal in a similar case in the Broward County city of Hollywood. But the 3rd District Court of Appeal in 2016 rejected the county judge's decision and urged the Supreme Court to wade into the issue.

Thursday's ruling backed the 3rd District Court of Appeal - and another decision by the 2nd District Court of Appeal in an Oldsmar case - while disapproving the conclusion in the Hollywood case.



Musician Ben Crowson sang worship songs Thursday on the platform at the steps of the Washington County Courthouse in observance of the 67th National Day of Prayer. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

## UNITY

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She asked God for wisdom for President Trump and unity among the leaders of national, state and local government.

"We ask that it would start from the head - all the way in President Trump," she projected across the gated field, "that you would touch him, that you would anoint him, that you would guide him, that you would lead him."

"God, that you would give them wisdom," she later prayed, speaking of leaders at all levels, "that you would give them a

heart after you."

Thornton's prayer was mirrored at the Washington County Courthouse where officials and government staff, passersby and faith congregants observed the nationally recognized initiative.

Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church asked God to let the nation be "a shining light" to the world in displaying unity in diversity. Pastor of First Baptist of Chipley asked for God to allow Americans to live in a "quiet and peaceable way," one in which "each leader has everyone's interest in mind - and not just certain groups."

And pastor of Holmes Creek Baptist Church Doug Hogg thanked God for freedom - a free land and freedom to worship.

He prayed for safety for children and forgiveness for self-righteous attitudes.

"Unity comes by your spirit," he prayed.

Moments prior to the pastors leading prayers, musician Ben Crowson sang familiar songs of worship. The prayerful people in attendance joined in, sending a humbled, unified croon to echo in the air on the steps of the courthouse.

"We pray for God's power to unify families, workplaces, communities and cities in America," said Bobby Pletcher, who is the secretary of the Chipley Ministerial Association and who organized the event. "By your spirit, lead us to forgiveness, reconciliation, healing and unity."

## PLANNING

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"We should look at Health Department regulations and approvals before deciding on a land use approval for the

trucks," Ackerman said.

The Planning Commission is expected to adopt this new policy by the end of the year, officials said.

The last item discussed was concerning recreational vehicles such as R.V.'s and camper trailers. The board consensus is that a recreational vehicle

can be parked and used in one place for six months out of one year not to exceed 60 days at one time.

The commission will vote on this topic next session.

Washington County Planning Commission will meet again in regular session at 5p.m. on June 5.



## GRADUATION 2018

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**LOCAL AND STATE**

# Ex-panhandle hospital ceo indicted

News Service Florida

CALHOUN - A federal grand jury has issued an indictment against a former CEO of Northwest Florida's Calhoun-Liberty Hospital, charging him with 24 counts of wire fraud and four counts of filing false tax returns. Unsealed Wednesday, the indictment alleges that Phillip E. Hill Jr. used his positions as chief executive officer and department head of emergency management services to embezzle \$1.14 million between 2010 and 2015 from the 25-bed facility, which serves residents in Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, and Jackson counties, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Florida. Hill, 42, is accused of billing the hospital for goods it never received. The invoices were sent from "South-eastern Medical Supply," a sham business connected to a bank account



**Phillip E. Hill Jr.** [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

that Hill controlled, the U.S. Attorney's Office said in a news release. Hill allegedly used the funds in the business account to pay personal credit-card bills and other expenses. The maximum penalty for each wire-fraud charge is 20 years in prison. The maximum penalty for each charge of filing false tax returns is three years in prison. Hill's trial is slated to begin July 2 in federal court in Panama City, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

# 9 believed to be dead in military plan crash

Gatehouse Media Georgia

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A C-130 plane from Puerto Rico was on its retirement flight when it suddenly dropped from the sky and crashed in Port Wentworth on Wednesday.

While Puerto Rican officials say nine were aboard the plane when it struck the intersection of Ga. 21 and Crossgate Road, as of late Wednesday Chatham County Coroner Bill Wessinger said officials have not discovered more than two bodies in the wreckage of the crash that occurred about 11:28 a.m. "We have not found more than two bodies. We're going back to look," Wessinger said.

The investigation into the crash, as well as its impact on the roadways, is expected to last for weeks.

Isabelo Rivera, adjutant general of the Puerto Rico National Guard, told The Associated Press the plane was more than 60 years old and was making its final flight into retirement in Arizona.

Rivera said the C-130 plane had been used in the past to rescue U.S. citizens stranded in the British



**A firetruck sprays foam over the remains of a C-130 Hercules cargo plane that crashed on Georgia Highway 21 on Wednesday in Port Wentworth, Ga.** [STEVE BISSON/GATEHOUSE MEDIA GEORGIA]

Virgin Islands following Hurricane Irma and ferry supplies to the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria last year.

The plane's fuselage appeared to have struck the median, and pieces of its wings, which spanned 132 feet, were scattered across lanes in both directions.

According to a press release from Jeffrey Bezore, Wing Executive Officer of the 165th Airlift Wing in Savannah, the crash happened during a training mission. The plane belonged to the 156th Air Wing.

Surveillance footage that caught the crash as it happened shows the plane suddenly nosediving into

the ground. The crash left jet fuel across the highway that caused small fires on the sides of the road. No cars or trains were involved in the wreck. No other injuries from the crash have been reported.

Effingham County Sheriff spokeswoman Gena Bilbo says the intersection of Ga. 21 and Crossgate Road could be closed for weeks as agencies document the wreck site. "It's a huge impact to Hwy. 21 and Dean Forest Road," she said.

An emergency road closure with detour is in place on Ga. 21 between Crossgate Road and Piedmont Avenue due to the crash. According to the Georgia Department of

Transportation, the closure will stay in place until further notice.

Motorists traveling north on SR 21 will be detoured onto Ga. 307 North then turn west Jimmy Deloach Connector to the Sonny Dixon Interchange back to Ga. 21 where detour ends.

Motorists traveling south on Ga. 21 will be detoured to Sonny Dixon Interchange to Jimmy Deloach Connector then travel west to Ga. 307 South back to Ga. 21 where the detour ends.

**The crash**

Sr. Master Sgt. Roger Parsons with the 165th Airlift Wing says the crew from Puerto Rico was conducting a routine mission when the crash occurred.

The plane originated from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to our brothers and sisters at the Puerto Rico Air National Guard," Parsons said. "This is never a fun time. We're here to support them."



**Christopher Willis, of Chipley, receives the Outstanding Undergraduate Award at Troy University's Honors Convocation, held Friday, April 20 at the Dothan Campus.** [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

# Chipley native earns award at Troy

Staff Report

TROY, ALABAMA - A Chipley native was recognized for outstanding achievements.

Christopher Willis, of Chipley, was among the students recognized for outstanding achievements in academics, leadership and service during Troy

University's annual Honors Convocation.

Willis received the Outstanding Undergraduate Award based on maintaining a 3.5 GPA and receiving a written recommendation from his faculty.

The Honors Convocation was held on Friday, April 20 at the Dothan Campus.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED SPECIAL EXCEPTION**

In accordance the Washington County, Florida Land Development Code Section 10.02.03, notification is hereby provided in regards to a Special Exception Type X which is proposed for the development of a Wireless Telecommunications tower to be located on the affected property as hereby described:

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Public meetings/hearings are scheduled to be held as follows. In the event of cancellation, additional notifications will be issued.

A Neighborhood Information Meeting will be held by the applicant on May 22, 2018, at 5:00 pm CST at 1331 South Blvd. Chipley, FL 32428

The Washington County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the abovementioned proposed development on Tuesday June 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. CST in the Washington County Board of County Commissioners Board Room located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428.

A second hearing will be held regarding the above-mentioned proposed development on July 13, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. CST in the Washington County Board of County Commissioners Board Room located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428.

Records pertaining the abovementioned request are available for public review at the Washington County Planning Department located at 1331 South Boulevard, Chipley, Florida 32428. For additional information, contact the Planning Department at (850) 415-5093 or scramer@washingtonfl.com.

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# OPINION

## Vacation time nears – and gas prices are rising

School's out soon, and families will be heading to the beach and other vacation destinations. If they intend to get here by driving, however, and don't have an electric vehicle, they'll need to budget a little more for gasoline compared to recent years.

Crude oil prices are at their highest point since the end of 2014, and the average price of regular gasoline in the U.S. — \$2.81 as of Tuesday — is nearly 50 cents higher than in May 2017.

The American Automobile Association reports gasoline has reached \$3 per gallon at 13 percent of U.S. stations, with the highest prices seen on the West Coast, in Alaska and Hawaii (not surprisingly) and in some Northeast states.

Prices aren't quite that steep yet in Bay County, where a few stations still are selling regular unleaded for \$2.67, according to Gas-Buddy, but they certainly are rising here, too.

And analysts expect oil prices to continue climbing, so there's going to be a certain level of "ouch" here and elsewhere in the country.

There are two culprits — worldwide economic growth ramping up the demand for oil, and the impact of last year's production cuts by OPEC finally registering.

There also is some ill timing involved. These factors are kicking in at a time when gasoline prices normally increase in the U.S., thanks to more people hitting the roads for the aforementioned vacations.

Crude oil and gasoline prices actually have been inching up for close to a year; the increases have just been so gradual they haven't gotten people's attention.

That's changing as they see how much more it's costing to fill up their vehicles (especially the popular ones with large tanks).

Analysts are offering reassurance. They expect gasoline prices to top out at \$2.74 this summer and then decline. That price shouldn't deter most vacation decisions, so folks whose livelihood depends on tourism should be OK, nor should it impede overall economic growth.

Still, people in non-urban areas that lack public transportation, where not driving isn't an option, always get kind of antsy when gasoline prices rise.

They have visions of 2008, when crude oil was more than \$130 a barrel and average gasoline prices topped out at \$4.11 a gallon. Saying "it could be worse" doesn't make those visions go away.

We'd hope those memories would keep the need for fuel efficiency on people's minds, especially carmakers.

It would've been easy to get used to low gasoline prices — to think they had again become the permanent norm.

It also would've been a mistake. Things happen.

*A version of this editorial first appeared in the Gadsden (Ala.) Times, a sister paper with GateHouse Media.*

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### ANOTHER VIEW



## State Department shuts out kids from summer jobs



Joe Guzzardi

With summer just weeks away, teenagers and college students looking for seasonal employment will have to compete with the annual influx of international workers.

The State Department's Summer Work Travel Program (SWT) will once again, as it has for decades, provide an unlimited number of J-1 visas to young foreign nationals who will come to the U.S. to work at a variety of jobs. The State Department defends SWT as a valuable cultural exchange tool when in reality it's a cheap labor bonanza for employers.

The jobs include lifeguarding, waiting tables at resorts, guiding tourists through national parks, scooping ice cream and providing child care as au pairs. These are jobs that most American kids would eagerly do, given the opportunity.

But since the J-1 has no prevailing wage requirement, employers can pay the visa holders lower wages than those U.S. workers earn in similar occupations and in the same geographic region.

Furthermore, employers are exempt from paying the Social

Security, Medicare, federal and state unemployment taxes on J-1 visa holders who are often required to work overtime without extra compensation.

Because international students pay an average of about \$1,100 in fees to private organizations that sponsor their participation in the program, the program generates well over \$100 million in annual revenues for those organizations. Participants pay out millions more in visa fees to the State Department, and in travel expenses to and from the U.S. In the end, sponsors pay government dues to be part of the program; students pay the fees associated with the program and their own roundtrip travel expenses; employers pay nothing. Many unsuspecting SWTs return home disillusioned, often with little money saved.

The State Department's failure to oversee its own program has led to multiple instances of exploitation like last year's Myrtle Beach case. Ten Dominican Republic college students were promised jobs at an Italian ice shop, plus adequate accommodations, but ended up keeping house and living in a bed bug-infested motel. Similar abuses have been documented in Virginia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Mississippi.

Last year, The Wall Street Journal reported the Trump administration is considering reducing the number of visas issued under SWT. And

as usual when employment-based visas are scrutinized with an eye toward cutting the total granted, businesses cry foul and falsely predict that without cheap foreign labor they'll go bankrupt.

Yet, despite well-deserved and documented criticism from labor experts who point to multiple SWT flaws, the program carries on year after year even though the unemployment rate among young Americans, and especially minorities, is high. Last summer, a survey showed that teens were about three times as likely to be unemployed as other Americans.

A few takeaways: serving gelato or waiting tables on the Boardwalk can't reasonably be considered cultural exchange. If employers offered decent wages and working conditions, they'd have little trouble attracting American kids. Moreover, shutting Americans out of the labor market has negative long-term consequences.

Unemployed young adults don't learn how to interact with their peers or their often demanding bosses. They don't acquire essential work qualities like timeliness and accountability that will lead to a productive career.

The most obvious and important conclusion of all to draw from SWT is that the federal government cannot enact or efficiently monitor any type of immigration legislation that helps American workers.

## The growing art of American cursing



Tom Purcell

Get this: the average American can't get through the day without cursing.

So is the finding of a recent 9Round Kickbox Fitness survey, as reported in the New York Post.

Why are Americans cursing so much? One reason is stress.

Fifty six percent of survey respondents say financial worries are their biggest source of stress. A lack of sleep (36 percent), health concerns (35 percent), work (30 percent), the environment (9 percent) and our \$20

trillion deficit (4 percent) are other sources of stress.

The survey didn't explore politics, but the names "Trump" and "Pelosi" are generating an explosion of salty-tongued originality across our great land.

Whatever the source of our stress, cursing DOES relieve it.

A 2011 Keele University study, reports Forbes, found that yelling out curse words increases pain and stress tolerance.

Volunteers were asked to hold their hands in freezing-cold water twice. The first time, they shouted curse words. The second time they used inoffensive phrases. Each volunteer was able to keep his or her hands in the cold water longer while cursing.

"The researchers found that the enraged yelling raised the heart rate, which, they hypothesize, means that the

yelling triggered a fight-or-flight response, 'downplaying feebleness in favor of a more pain-tolerant machismo.'"

That's one reason why, concluded the researchers, that "swearing has been around for centuries and is an almost universal human linguistic phenomenon."

Cursing has certainly improved my capacity to deal with stress. I studied cussing under the tutelage of my father, now 85, a maestro in the art form. He perfected his skills while attempting plumbing repairs in our home.

Over the years, cursing has helped me ease the pain of financial setbacks, a broken heart and unpleasant co-workers. On a daily basis, it helps me cope with people who write checks in front of me at the grocery store and moronic drivers who drive too slowly in the passing lane.



# The Mini Page

Issue 18, 2018

Founded by Betty Debnam

**Next Week:**  
Our favorite pet

## Fun on Two Wheels



**Mini Fact:**  
National Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 9.

Do you have a bicycle? More and more adults and kids are getting on their bikes and taking to the road, lane or path. Today, about 100 million Americans cycle. Some cycle more than others, but the number is growing.

May is National Bike Month. The Mini Page learns more about cycling and staying safe while riding.



### Why cycle?

Many people think cycling offers a way to:

- get where you are going;
- stay healthy and keep in shape;
- save money on transportation;
- help planet Earth by not polluting the air;
- cut down on traffic congestion.

When kids or adults are cycling, they can notice things they miss from a car, such as sounds of the neighborhood and seeing friends.

### Who cycles?

Workers in Oregon and the District of Columbia bike to work more than people in any other state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Police officers are using bikes to get around cities more easily and have more contact with people.



These police officers in Bellingham, Washington, use bikes to patrol the city.

Pedicabs, or bikes with a small passenger

compartment attached, are popular in many cities around the United States. People hire the rider to deliver them to another location, just as a taxi cab would.



This pedicab is in New York City.



Some schools have started bicycle trains — groups of kids who bike together to school with adult supervision. Having a group to ride with can make parents feel better about letting their kids pedal to school.

### Cities stepping up

In many cities, bicyclists have convinced the government to make changes that make biking safer and more convenient. For example, some streets may have bike lanes painted on the surface. Drivers of cars know that bikes may be in that lane.



Transportation such as buses and trains are providing bike racks so that bikers can ride part of the way to work or school and pedal the rest of the way.

### Bike safety checkup

Put a checkmark ✓ next to the bike safety rules that you follow every time you ride. Put an X next to the ones you need to improve on.

1. I use a basket to carry things.	2. I ride in single file on roads.	3. I ride in the same direction as traffic.
4. I check the air in my tires before riding.	5. I watch out for objects in the street.	6. I use a backpack to carry things.
7. I walk my bike across crosswalks.	8. I signal before I make a turn.	9. I ride with my shoes on.
10. I wear a helmet every time I ride.	11. I ride the correct size bike.	12. I pass pedestrians on the left.

### Resources



#### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/MPbiketoschool](http://bit.ly/MPbiketoschool)
- [bit.ly/MPbikesafety](http://bit.ly/MPbikesafety)
- [bit.ly/MPbiketips](http://bit.ly/MPbiketips)

#### At the library:

- “Bicycle Safety” by Peggy Pancella
- “Pedal Power: How One Community Became the Bicycle Capital of the World” by Allan Drummond

## Try 'n' Find

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

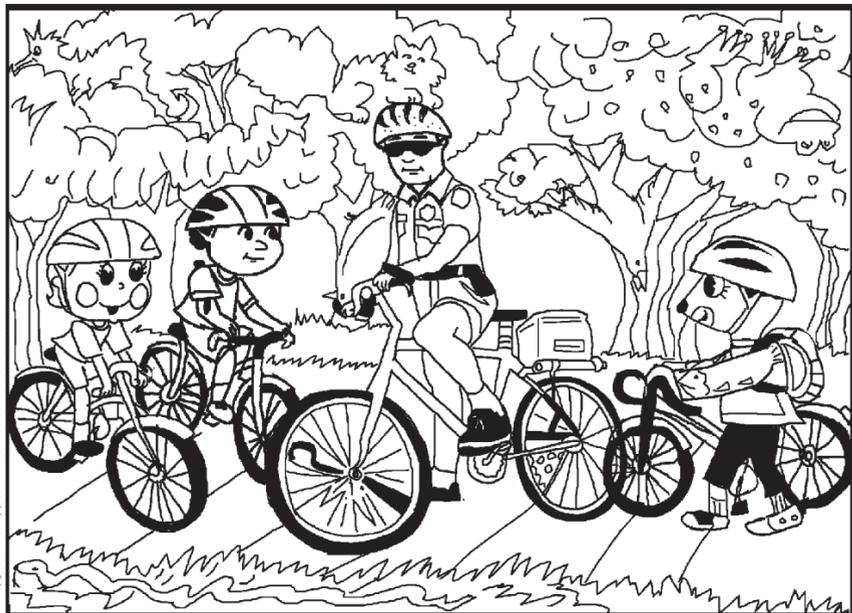


BICYCLE, BUSES, CONGESTION, GOVERNMENT, HEALTHY, HELMET, LANE, PATH, PEDICAB, POLICE, POLLUTION, RACK, ROAD, RULES, SAFETY, SIGNAL, TIRES, TRAFFIC, TRAIN, WHEELS.

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 L A N G I S C I F F A R T U O  
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## Mini Spy Classics

Mini Spy and her friends are talking with a bicycle policeman. See if you can find the hidden pictures. Then color the picture.



- exclamation mark
- elephant head
- croissant
- frog
- cat
- fish
- bird
- dragon
- number 7
- question mark
- word MINI
- funny face
- snake
- bell
- pizza slice
- letter D
- flying bird
- mushroom
- letter A

## Mini Jokes



**Bill:** What's the hardest thing about learning to ride a bike?  
**Bianca:** The pavement!

## Eco Note



In 1893, mice were accidentally introduced on Antipodes Island in the sub-Antarctic Ocean by a shipwreck or seal hunters. Since then, they've caused extinctions of local birds unique to the island. But since 2014, New Zealand's “Million Dollar Mouse” project has eliminated more than 200,000 mice, which officials hope will allow the parakeets, pipits, snipe and insects to thrive on the predator-free island.

adapted with permission from Earthweek.com

## For later:

Look in your newspaper for notices about Bike to School Day, and talk to your friends about organizing a bike train.

**Teachers:** For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: [bit.ly/MPstandards](http://bit.ly/MPstandards). And follow The Mini Page on Facebook!



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# NATION & WORLD

## Arizona teachers strike victory

**State agrees to 20 percent pay raise; walkout comes to end**

By Anita Snow and Terry Tang  
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — The Arizona governor signed a plan Thursday to give striking teachers a 20 percent pay raise, ending their six-day walkout after a dramatic all-night legislative session and sending more than a million public school students back to the classroom.

Gov. Doug Ducey's signature awarded teachers a 9 percent raise in the fall and 5 percent in each of the next two years. Those increases are in addition to a 1 percent raise granted last year.

Teachers did not get everything they wanted, but they won substantial gains from reluctant lawmakers.

"The educators have solved the education crisis! They've changed the course of Arizona," Noah Karvelis of Arizona Educators United shouted to several thousand cheering teachers. "The change happens with us!"

The Arizona walkout is part of a simmering national rebellion over low teacher pay. The movement started in West Virginia, where a strike resulted in a raise, and spread to Oklahoma, Kentucky and, most recently, Colorado.

Hours after Ducey acted, strike organizers called for



**With the Arizona Capitol in the background, thousands of teachers continue their protest Thursday in Phoenix. After an all night legislative budget session, the legislature passed the new education spending portion of the budget and Republican Gov. Doug Ducey signed that part of the budget.** [ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

an end to the walkout. Most schools stayed closed Thursday, except for a handful that managed to reopen shortly after the pay raises passed. Some districts planned to reopen Friday, with others likely to resume classes next week.

The Senate approved the raises just before dawn as hundreds of red-shirted teachers followed the proceedings from the lobby, many sitting on the cold stone floor.

The night before, the teachers, who are among the lowest paid in the country, held a candlelight vigil in a courtyard

outside the original neoclassical Capitol building. They stood together with their right hands over their hearts and sang "America the Beautiful."

Wrapped in blankets or sleeping bags, they napped on the ground or in folding metal chairs, occasionally using cellphones to monitor an online video stream of the legislative debate in the chambers.

Ducey said the teachers had earned a raise and praised the legislation as "a real win" for both teachers and students. The pay increases will cost about \$300 million for the

coming year alone.

Some teachers returned to the Capitol on Thursday as lawmakers debated the rest of the state's \$10.4 billion budget plan. Among them was Wes Oswald, a third-grade teacher from Tucson who made the two-hour drive for a sixth day.

Oswald said the budget still does not address serious issues such as the need for higher per-pupil spending, raises for support staff and a smaller-student-to-counselor ratio.

Teachers must still fight for those problems to be

addressed, Oswald said, adding that "the worst thing would be for this movement to dissolve."

Arizona Education Association President Joe Thomas said educators should now focus on a campaign for a November ballot measure that would seek more education funding from an income tax increase on the wealthiest taxpayers.

"The budget is a significant investment, but it falls far short" of what the movement demanded, Thomas said.

Helen Hoffman, a counselor at Phoenix Union High School, said she was "excited" about the end of the strike.

"I'm worried about my students. I'm ready to go back," she said.

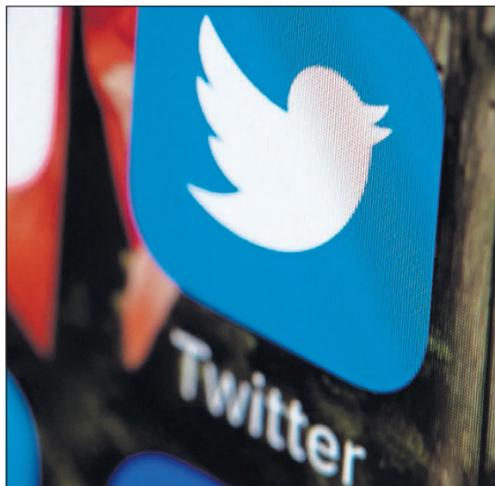
Elizabeth Ruiz, an eighth-grade math teacher in the Phoenix suburb of Gilbert, expects her school to reopen Friday. "It's middle-schoolers, so it's a tough age. But I'm ready to see them," she said.

Education cuts over the past decade have sliced deeply into Arizona's public schools. Teachers wanted a return to pre-recession funding levels, regular raises, competitive pay for support staff and a pledge not to adopt any tax cuts until per-pupil funding reaches the national average.

The new funding package provides schools with a partial restoration of nearly \$400 million in recession-era cuts, with a promise to restore the rest in five years. Other cuts remain in place.

## DATELINES

### SAN FRANCISCO



**Twitter is advising all users to change their passwords. The company said Thursday that it recently discovered a bug that stored passwords in an internal log in an unprotected form. Twitter says there's no indication that there was a breach or that any of the passwords were misused. But as a precaution, Twitter recommends users consider changing the passwords they use to log onto Twitter.**

[MATT ROURKE/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

### YEREVAN, ARMENIA



**Supporters of opposition lawmaker Nikol Pashinian protest Wednesday at Republic Square in Yerevan, Armenia. After weeks of raucous protests, the streets of the Armenian capital suddenly calmed Thursday and the ruling party confirmed it would back Pashinian to become prime minister next week. Pashinian called for the protesters to stop Thursday following the concession by the ruling party.**

[SERGEI GRITS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### LESBOS, GREECE



**Protesters rock a riot police bus Thursday in the town of Mytilene on the northeastern Aegean island of Lesbos. Riot police fired tear gas at the angry protesters during a demonstration against a European Union migration policy. The protesters were among 2,500 demonstrators who gathered in Lesbos' main port as Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras arrived to speak at a conference. No arrests or injuries were reported.**

[PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### OKLAHOMA CITY Okla. governor faces decision on gun carry without permit

Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin is not saying whether she will sign legislation that would allow adults to carry handguns without a permit in spite of concern expressed by the deputy director of the state's top law enforcement agencies Thursday that it could erode public safety.

"The law really removes many of the protections that we've had," said Rick Adams, deputy director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

The bill, similar to so-called "constitutional carry" legislation adopted in a dozen other states, authorizes people 21 and older and military personnel who are at least 18 to legally carry a handgun without a state-issued license or permit.

### WASHINGTON Trump marks National Day of Prayer at White House

President Donald Trump celebrated the National Day of Prayer by announcing a White House initiative that he said would underpin policies recognizing the "vital role" of religion in the country. "America is a nation of believers," he said.

Trump outlined steps by the administration to safeguard religious freedom and pledged to continue doing so.

He signed an executive order creating a "White House Faith and Opportunity Initiative" that will, among other things, make recommendations on policies that affect faith-based and community programs. Trump said the new office will help ensure such groups have "equal access" to government money.

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. School shooting suspect's brother released on probation

The brother of Florida school shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz is getting out of jail again after violating probation for previously trespassing at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

A judge on Thursday ordered 18-year-old Zachary Cruz released anew on probation following his arrest for driving without a valid license and getting too close to a school parking lot. Prosecutors dropped the school proximity allegation because Cruz was simply driving past and was not on the school campus.

Zachary Cruz is on six months' probation in the prior trespassing case, minus a few days of jail time.

### BENGAZI, LIBYA Militants attack Libyan election commission, 14 killed

Islamic State suicide bombers attacked Libya's election commission in the capital on Wednesday, killing at least 14 people in the worst such attack in years that aimed to disrupt a nation-wide vote planned for later this year.

The two bombers infiltrated the building in central Tripoli and fired on people inside, then detonated their explosives when their ammunition ran out, IS said in a statement circulated by its affiliated Amaq news agency. The Health Ministry earlier said the attack also set fire to the building, which could be seen in online videos showing thick black smoke billowing upward and security forces engaging in a gun battle.

### MOGADISHU, SOMALIA German nurse's abduction in Somali capital raises fears

As night fell, gunmen sneaked into the International Committee of the Red Cross compound in Somalia's capital through a back door and seized a German nurse and a local colleague before forcing them outside and into a waiting car.

The daring attack, carried out despite the presence of nearly 10 security guards, struck fear once again into the aid community in Somalia, one of the world's most dangerous countries for humanitarians. The ICRC said it was evacuating 10 non-Somali staffers to Kenya and "winding down" activities in parts of Somalia outside the capital.

The Associated Press

# COMMUNITY



Vernon Fire and Rescue fire boots, such as this one, will be seen at the intersection of State Road 79 and State Road 277 as fire fighters collect money from commuters to help support their department. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

## Boot drive today

### Supports Vernon Fire and Rescue

By **Jacqueline Bostick**  
The News  
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jbostick@chipleypaper.com

VERNON - If you spot a boot today, drop-in a donation.

Vernon Fire and Rescue is hosting a boot drive today, starting at 7 a.m., at the intersection of State Road 79 and State Road 277. The drive is a fundraising effort by the fire department to collect monies that will help the department purchase equipment.

Fire fighters will be at the intersection holding fire

boots and encouraging commuters to make a donation.

Fire Chief Mike Owens said most of the needs of the fire department are taken care of, however, there are a number of items that are high on the wants-list, such as LED flares which create "a safer environment at different scenes by the roadway."

He also mentioned the money could be used for an ice machine, which provides "cold water when we're on scene of a fire," he said, noting the department's machine has been down for about two years.

Vernon Fire and Rescue is an all-volunteer fire department.

# Vernon kindergartner wins in model campaign

Staff Report

VERNON - Laura Yates knows what it means to be fashionable. And one retailer has picked her up as a model.

The six-year-old student in Mrs. Herndon's kindergarten class at Vernon Elementary has been chosen from kids nationwide to appear in the Rack Room Real People Kids Club Campaign. The campaign involved children showing off their back-to-school style from the retailer.

Laura's mother Rachel Yates submitted the entry at the start of the school year. After recently learning her daughter was selected, Rack Room flew the two to Charlotte, North Carolina for a three-day, two-night all expense paid trip for the modeling shoot, which consisted of photos and short interview.

Laura's pictures will appear in stores nationwide on July 5 along with social media.

Laura is the daughter of Brett and Rachel Yates of Vernon, granddaughter of Dale and Tina Yates, also of Vernon, and Eddie and Cindy Biss of Graceville.

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### 2018-2019 WASHINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL CALENDAR

#### 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)

- 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.)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you would like a recurring event included in this list, please email the information to [news@chipleypaper.com](mailto:news@chipleypaper.com)

#### MONDAY

- 9:30 a.m.: Car Seat Safety Classes (first Monday of each month); Florida Department of Health Holmes County. For more information, call 850-547-8500 ext 248.
- 9:30 a.m.: Car Seat Safety Classes (third Monday of each month); Florida Department of Health Washington County. For more information, call 850-638-6240, Ext 144.
- 10 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior Bingo. For more information, call 850-547-2345.
- 10 a.m.: Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) exercise. For more information, call Andrea at 850-638-6216
- 11 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior lunch. For more information, call 850-547-2345
- 11:30 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior dining. For reservations, call 638-6216. Donations accepted.

- 6-7:30 p.m.: Salvation Army Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Program (SADVP) hosts a domestic violence support group at the SADVP Rural Outreach office. For more information, call Emma or Jess at 415-5999.
- 8 p.m.: Al-Anon meeting Blessed Trinity Church
- 8 p.m.: AA meeting Blessed Trinity Church

#### TUESDAY

- Washington County Council on Aging Tuesday Group. For more information, call Kim at 850-638-6216
- 8-10 a.m.: Church Fellowship Breakfasts at Around the Corner Grill. Breakfast provided. All denominations welcome.
- 9 a.m.: Washington County Community Traffic Safety Team Meeting (Third Tuesday of each month) in the WCBOCC conference room. For more information call Renae Rountree at 850-638-1314 or Lynne Abel at 850-638-6203
- 10 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging Movie Day. For more information, call 850-547-2345

- 10 a.m. Home Extension Club Meeting/Luncheon; Hinson's Crossroads Fire Department.
- 10:30 a.m.: Letter Learners; Washington County Public Library. For more information, call 850-638-1314
- 11 a.m.: Holmes County Council on Aging senior lunch. For more information, call 850-547-2345
- 11:30 a.m.: Washington Council on Aging (Chipley) senior dining; For reservations, call 638-6216. Donations accepted.
- Noon: Chipley Kiwanis Club meeting.
- 12:30 p.m.: Washington County Council on Aging (Chipley) Tuesday Group. For more information call Andrea at 638-6216
- 5:30 p.m.: Chemical Addiction Recovery Effort group; Caryville Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, For more information, call 850-326-0886.
- 6:10 p.m.: BINGO at St. Joseph Catholic Church; Games start at 6:10 p.m. For more information, call Peg Russ at 638-7654 or 638-7654.
- 7 p.m.: "A Drop of Faith" Narcotics Anonymous meeting; Blessed Trinity Catholic Church.

### TRIVIA GUY



Wilson Casey

"Trivia Fun" with Wilson Casey, Guinness World Record Holder from Woodruff, S.C., is published in more than 500 newspapers across the country. Comments, questions or suggestions? [WC@TriviaGuy.com](mailto:WC@TriviaGuy.com)

1. From surveys, what's the

most popular response when asked to name a product industry you're tired of hearing their relentless commercials?

Injury lawyers, Reverse mortgages, Local car lots, Wireless phone plans

2. In what year did the draft for the Vietnam War end in the

U.S.?

1970, 1973, 1976, 1979

3. Mariposa and Madonna both are names of what type of flower?

Rose, Lily, Carnation, Daisy

4. What "bone" is your tibia more commonly known as?

Funny, Shin, Collar, Neck

5. From 1959, what was

Mexico's first offshore oilfield?

Harwell, Santa Ana, Long Beach, Oriana

6. In what year did actor Humphrey Bogart die?

1939, 1946, 1957, 1963

ANSWERS: 1. Injury lawyers, 2. 1973, 3. Lily, 4. Shin, 5. Santa Ana, 6. 1957

# SPORTS TICKER

## IN BRIEF

### FRISCO, TEXAS Cowboys' Jason Witten retiring, heading to ESPN

Jason Witten is retiring after 15 years with the Dallas Cowboys, choosing the TV booth just as friend and longtime teammate Tony Romo did a year ago.

Witten says the "time has come to pass the torch."

Just days from turning 36, Witten walks away as the leader in games, catches and yards receiving for a franchise with five Super Bowl wins, but none since the 1995 season. He and Tony Gonzalez are the only tight ends in NFL history with at least 1,000 catches and 10,000 yards.

Witten is tied with Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Bill Bates and the late Mark Tuinei for most seasons by a Dallas player. He's the only one of those four without a Super Bowl.

The Cowboys were anticipating a 16th season from Witten — and 15th straight as their starter.

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### SPOKANE, WASH. Audit: Mismanagement in Washington St. athletics

An internal audit has found extensive mismanagement within the budget-challenged Washington State athletic department, including the possible inflation of home football attendance figures and the improper distribution of free tickets to football games.

"The environment within Athletics ... did not support a culture of compliance or fiscal responsibility," according to the audit, which was completed in mid-April.

The document comes as leaders of the school grapple with a \$67 million athletic budget deficit built up over recent years.

The audit was initially intended to examine the distribution of tickets and passes to Washington State football games to ensure regulations were being followed. But it expanded as problems were discovered with contract management, ethics training, attendance data, benefits for athletic department employees and other issues.

### MADRID Serena withdraws from Madrid Open

Serena Williams has withdrawn from next week's Madrid Open, saying she wasn't ready to compete.

Tournament organizers say Williams withdrew because she needs more time to train before returning to action.

Williams, a 23-time Grand Slam champion, returned to the tour in Indian Wells this year after a 14-month absence because of the birth of her daughter.

She won in Madrid in 2012 and 2013.

Williams's replacement in Madrid will be Coco Vandeweghe.

The Associated Press



Trainer Mick Ruis talks to the media after a morning workout for Kentucky Derby entrant Bolt d'Oro, Thursday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. The 144th running of the Kentucky Derby is scheduled for Saturday. [CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## Self-made trainer Ruis goes own way to Kentucky Derby

By Beth Harris  
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Mick Ruis packed his suitcases for his first trip to the Kentucky Derby as an owner and trainer.

The 57-year-old high school dropout stuffed more than clothing and toiletries in his bags. He feels so strongly about Bolt d'Oro's chances — the colt is the co-fourth choice at 8-1 — Ruis packed plenty of cash.

"When he dropped from first to fifth or sixth now after he lost the Santa Anita Derby, every week I just put more money in a suitcase to come here to bet on him Saturday," Ruis said. "That's how confident we are."

Ruis said he also wagered \$1,200 on Bolt d'Oro in Las Vegas when he was 40-1 last year.

"But you can't put a money value on winning the race," he said.

Ruis is an anomaly in the sport because he owns, trains and handles much of the work around the barn, all with his horses.

He first came to love racing on a 1979 visit to Agua Caliente in Tijuana, Mexico.

Leaving high school, he worked his way up from entry level positions in construction and shoring. He started his first company with \$3,000 and sold it six years later for \$2.5 million.

Ruis used the stake to go into training and racing thoroughbreds, but crashed out in the middle of the last decade. He earned \$467,981 in purses over three years before finding himself \$1 million in debt. "Never worked so hard to lose so much money in my life," he said.

He turned full-time attention to his San Diego-based company American Scaffolding, which has contracts on ships in five states and with the Navy. Driven to find a path back into racing, he built up the company and sold it for a reported \$78 million two years ago while keeping a 20 percent stake.

Ruis is faring much better his second time back in the sport.

He spent about \$2 million on horses to get Ruis Racing underway. One of his purchases — for \$635,000 — in 2016 was Bolt d'Oro, named for retired Olympic champion sprinter Usain Bolt and the colt's sire Medaglia d'Oro.

Some of his family is along for the ride, including wife Wendy. The couple married 23 years ago after knowing each other for three



Kentucky Derby entrant Bolt d'Oro trains Thursday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

weeks. He was divorced with three kids and she was widowed with two. Together, they had two more. His 25-year-old daughter, Shelbe, is his assistant.

Most owners with a horse in the Derby for the first time revel in seeing their silks during the post parade as the 100,000-strong crowd sings "My Old Kentucky Home."

Once again, Ruis is going his own way.

Jockey Victor Espinoza will wear the colors of Spendthrift Farm aboard Bolt d'Oro on Saturday. Ruis sold 50 percent of the colt's future breeding rights to 84-year-old Spendthrift owner B. Wayne Hughes, while keeping the rest for himself. The change in Derby silks was a gift to Hughes, the billionaire owner of Public Storage.

"I'm not in here to be the center of attention," Ruis said.

He admits the hubbub of his first Derby week has been stressful.

"You're thinking about the high, what could be," he said.

To escape, Ruis went back to his roots. He headed across the Ohio River to visit a wrestling club in New Albany, Indiana, on Wednesday. A gold medalist in the Junior Pan Am Games as a high school wrestler, Ruis likes to quote Olympic champion Dan Gable and credits the sport for teaching him a work ethic and respect.

He spoke to the group of boys ranging from age seven to 18 and then donated \$10,000 to their club.

"They're building character," he said. "These guys will make it out in the world."

Ruis wasn't done, either.

If Bolt d'Oro wins the Derby, he promised to hand over \$50,000. The winning owner receives \$1.43 million.

"I got a bunch of guys rooting for Bolt to win," Ruis said, smiling.

After the colt's morning workout, Ruis headed out of town to decompress Thursday, this time down Interstate 64 to Lexington, where he bought a farm near Keeneland.

A Derby win can generate more clients with good horses for a trainer. But Ruis isn't interested.

"Right now, we're really happy where we're at," he said, anticipating the 20 yearlings he has coming into his stable.

However, he would like to see other owners expand their choice of trainers beyond the sport's big names of Bob Baffert, Todd Pletcher, Steve Asmussen and Chad Brown.

"There's so many good horsemen on the backside, give some of these guys a chance back here," Ruis said. "I don't understand why these mega-owners just go with the big name. I don't think it's the best thing for racing."

While careful not to criticize the high-profile trainers, Ruis sees himself as the person to stand up for the little guys.

"I would hope if we do good, that's the message Bolt d'Oro can give," he said.

Ruis isn't planning much of an upgrade to his trademark white T-shirt and jeans for Derby day. He took advantage of a buy-one-get-one-free deal at a men's store and will wear a \$220 sport coat over the shirt.

Explaining his attire to his wife, he said, "I made my money with a white T-shirt."

She replied, "The rest of us are going to look good."

They all will if their colt is in the winner's circle wearing the garland of red roses.

## Top lines handling defenders in playoffs

By Stephen Whyno  
The Associated Press

Each time Boston's top line jumps over the boards, the Tampa Bay Lightning are on red alert.

Make a mistake and Brad Marchand, Patrice Bergeron and David Pastrnak will make you pay.

"You think it's going all right and you're playing well, and they only need one look," Lightning defenseman Ryan McDonagh said. "We knew that. That's no surprise. They're a good line."

Top lines are lighting up opponents all over the playoffs, ratcheting scoring up to a pace not seen in more than two decades. Top trios from the Capitals, Golden Knights, Penguins, Jets and Predators are having their way against top opposing defensemen. Goals are supposed to be harder to come by in the playoffs, but after years of NHL rule changes to get goals, goals and more goals, that is exactly what's happening.

"Every line, every group of forwards, give different challenges for defensemen," Washington coach Barry Trotz said. "It's the types of reads and the tendencies of the group and as a series goes on there's going to be more and more deception happening from a forward group to our group of defenders and vice versa. It's the constant reads and the constant communication and the constant positioning that you have to have against really dynamic people who are good collectively or individually."

Especially in the Stanley Cup playoffs, it's not easy playing good D.

A total of 341 goals were scored through the first 56 playoff games, the most at that point since 1996 (347). Elite goaltenders are putting on a show, yet top lines like Jake Guentzel, Sidney Crosby and Patric Hornqvist (Pittsburgh); Alex Ovechkin, Evgeny Kuznetsov and Tom Wilson (Washington); Kyle Connor, Mark Scheifele and Blake Wheeler (Winnipeg); Jonathan Marchessault, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith (Vegas); and Filip Forsberg, Ryan Johansen and Viktor Arvidsson (Nashville) are taking advantage of their opportunities.

Top lines have been on the ice for 42 of the 78 goals scored through Tuesday in the second round, a showcase of skill that proves great offense is beating great defense. So many of the game's best defensemen are now counted on as much for their offense as the play in their own end, yet even those tasked with stopping the stars haven't been able to do it.

"We've got a game plan, but I don't think we've completely executed it yet," Sharks defenseman Brenden Dillon said of containing the Golden Knights' top line. "We're kind of doing it in bits and pieces."

# FAITH

## Signs of Faith

### Submit your faith organizations entries

The 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!

We've launched 'Signs of Faith,' which runs 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 The Church of God of



The Church of God of Prophecy, 1346 Jackson Ave. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

Prophecy, 1346 Jackson Ave., reads, "It does not matter what you wear. You can

change inside." And we've now shared that message with you.



The Church of God of Prophecy, 1346 Jackson Ave. [JACQUELINE BOSTICK | THE NEWS]

Send in your photos to photos@chipleypaper.com. Be sure to include a

statement that tells the name of your faith organization and address.

## In Good Faith: Aging gracefully



Rev. Tim Schenck

Delilah turns 14 this week. If she was a teenage girl and I was her mother, this would be an intense time fraught with conflict and angst. But she's a dog. An "active senior" as her slightly more expensive bag of dry dog food proclaims, like she's moved into a retirement community and keeps busy by playing bridge and attending Brigadoon sing-a-longs.

The multiplication tables

drilled into my head as an elementary school student didn't go up to 14 so I needed my iPhone calculator to figure out that she's 98 in dog years. Regardless of species, that's getting pretty long in the canine molar, if you ask me. And it's starting to show. Like all of us, she's slowing down. Walks are becoming more leisurely and rather than leaping up at the sound of the doorbell, she's more apt to bark half-heartedly.

Now, we talk about a lot of controversial topics in our household, from religion to politics to my eldest son's inexplicable love of the New York Yankees. But the one topic no one will broach is the fact that Delilah is not, in fact, immortal.

She will not live forever.

Delilah's advancing age has become our family's elephant in the room. We're all aware of it, but no one names it. For to do so would make a hard reality concrete and we're just not ready to go there.

Denial is not a healthy way to deal with inevitabilities. I'm always encouraging families to talk about and prepare for the death of a loved one. One of the greatest gifts you can leave your family is clear instructions for your funeral and burial so they aren't left guessing amid profound and raw grief. "I think I once heard her mention she wanted to be cremated but maybe she was talking about her pet rabbit?"

Yet, when it comes to Delilah, I literally can't seem

to practice what I preach.

As with any adored member of the family, it's hard to think about life without them. Our teenage boys can barely remember the years before we adopted her; she's been that omnipresent in their lives. Her presence is intertwined with all sorts of family memories and it's not just the myriad Christmas card photos that mark her yearly existence in our lives. That's just a snapshot of what belies the daily interactions and informal encounters with our sweet yellow lab/husky mix. The same one who has come to work with me for well over a decade.

In the end (not Delilah's end, since I can't speak of that), gratitude for each remaining moment is what

matters. Taking a moment to smile when she does that thing where she lifts up a single ear or summons the energy to sprint after the squirrel she's never caught and never will, but not for lack of trying. Perhaps that's the lesson for all of us as we collectively deny Delilah's eventual demise: To enjoy the remaining time we have and stop to give her that extra belly rub. Which is not a bad way to interact with any aging loved one — minus the belly rub, of course.

In the meantime, we'll celebrate her 14th birthday with reckless abandon. Since we adopted her the first week of May when she was "about one," we mark it on May 5. Or, as we call it, Cinco Delilah.



BCF College Choir will perform during the Resurrection Night of Worship. [SPECIAL TO THE NEWS]

## Night of Worship is Monday

Staff Report

GRACEVILLE - A night of worship is sure to bring encouragement.

The Worship Division of The Baptist College of Florida (BCF) will present a unique worship service at 7 a.m. Monday, May 7.

The service will be held in the R. G. Lee Chapel. Admission is free and open to the public.

The event is described as a Resurrection Night of Worship and will feature the BCF College Choir, Orchestra, and "One Voice", BCF's newest ensemble, a BCF news release stated.

The celebration service will be a participatory experience

for all who attend, featuring the songs of Kari Jobe, Matt Papa, Kristian Stanfill, Nothpoint Inside-Out and Hillsong United. Titles include Shout Hosanna, Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery, Death was Arrested, O Praise the Name (Anastasis), and Forever, the release stated.

The event promises to be an encouraging, uplifting time of worship, celebrating together the wonder that the Lord lives, the release stated.

For more information about the Night of Worship or other upcoming events held at The Baptist College of Florida, call 800-328-2660 or visit the website at www.baptistcollege.edu.

### FAITH EVENTS

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

#### Mt. Zion to host The LeFevre Quartet in concert

BONIFAY - Mt. Zion Independent Baptist Church will host The LeFevre Quartet at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

This is a free concert. The church is located at 3205 Highway 2 in the Esto Community. For more information call 850-768-0843 or 850-373-8416.

#### 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. For more information leave a message with name and number at 850-836-4466.

#### First Presbyterian to host Randall Franks in concert

CHIPLEY - The First Presbyterian Church will host Randall Franks in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Randall is known for his role from the In The Heat of The Night television series. Tickets are \$10 each. All proceeds will go to

the church renovation and the special projects fund. The church is located at 658 Fifth Street in Chipley.

For more information or to purchase tickets call the church at 850-638-1629 or Barbara Russell at 850-960-1347.

#### 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.

#### Fish fry fundraiser for Rock Hill Cemetery

CHIPLEY - A fish fry will be held at noon Saturday, May 12 at the Rock Hill Cemetery. Bring a covered dish to share with others. The cemetery is located at 339 Rock Hill Church Road just east of Chipley. Those who cannot attend the fish fry but would like to contribute to the cemetery upkeep call Whit Gainey at 850-638-0966.

#### Pleasant Grove to host Homecoming weekend

VERNON - Pleasant Grove Church will host a Homecoming weekend. A gospel sing will be held at

6 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Prior to the sing a free spaghetti supper will be held at 4 p.m. Homecoming services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 20 with Brother Johnny Snodgrass. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 2430 Shakey Joe Road in Vernon.

#### Women's Conference at Orange Hill MBC

CHIPLEY - The Orange Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 816 Sunday Road, where the Rev. Malcolm O. Nelson is the pastor, will be having its Third Annual Women's Conference, starting May 18. This year's theme is: "Arise! Women of Faith: Awaken The Virtue Inside You." (Isaiah 52:2). The conference will open May 18 with Helen Pollock of Greenwood teaching "Follow God's Lead" at 6 p.m. and Pastor Sandra Jones of Grant Tabernacle AME Church as the preacher. May 19 at 9 a.m., Minister Virginia Broadnax of Crestview will teach the class entitled "Engage Your Faith" and Lillie Lawrence of Graceville will instruct on "Find Higher Ground." Women's Day will be on Sunday, May 20 at 11 a.m. Evangelist Segrid Reed of Marianna will be the preacher.

For registration and further information please contact Katherine McDougald Nelson at (850) 638-7675.



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A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held for General Contractors on May 15, 2018 at 1:30 PM CST at Washington County School Board Office located at 652 3rd Street, Chipley, FL 32428. All questions at the Pre-Bid Conference by General Contractors and Subcontractors shall be presented on the "Request for Clarification" form. See Section 000100 - Instructions to Bidders. Washington County School Board will receive sealed Bids until 2:00 PM CST on May 29, 2018 at the Washington County School Board, Conference Room, 652 Third St., Chipley, FL 32428. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 2:01 PM of the same date. Copies of the Bidding Documents may be examined at the Architect's office: Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc. (CRA) 2027 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, Florida 32308 (850) 385-6153

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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, also around the concession build-

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ing 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". All contractors preparing bids shall submit with the bid documents evidence of a current Florida General Contractor's, evidence of proper registration with the Florida Secretary of State as a foreign corporation, and a Certificate of Good Standing as a Foreign Corporation from the State of Florida Department of Revenue.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informality, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. All bidders shall submit, upon request, a list of projects successfully completed in the last 3 years, having at a minimum the same scope of work and approximate construction cost as specified in this project. All bidders must comply with requirements of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Florida and be certified for the type of work on which the proposal is submitted. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

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 Rain or Shine. 7AM until. Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5. Household furniture, tools, clothes, jewelry, Kitchen Wares and LOTS more. Hell-fighters Clubhouse 884 Usery Road in Chipley. For more information visit the Chipley Hell-fighters Facebook Page.

**LARGE ABANDONED GOODS SALE**  
 Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, 2018. 8:00AM to 5:00PM. Located on Maple Avenue, Geneva, Alabama, near courthouse.

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 7110 - Beach Home/Property  
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 7130 - Condo/Townhouse  
 7140 - Farms & Ranches  
 7150 - Lots and Acreage  
 7160 - Mobile Homes/Lots  
 7170 - Waterfront  
 7180 - Investment Property  
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 7200 - Timeshare

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