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**Troubles loom at Poinciana SunRail station**

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

The Osceola County SunRail southern expansion is on track to debut July 30.

The regional push to open three Kissimmee stations began over five years ago, and the effort has faced funding delays and start-date setbacks ever since.

With the official southern expansion kick off less than four months away, questions still remain about how passengers will travel to and from the Poinciana station, the last stop on the SunRail line.

**How will riders get to the station?**

Seventeen miles of new railroad track was laid in anticipation of SunRail's latest effort to connect Osceola County commuters to Orange, Seminole and Volusia Counties beyond.

The end of the line came near the

intersection of Poinciana Boulevard and Old Tampa Highway.

It's relatively close to the new Valencia campus, but miles from most homes in the Poinciana.

Officials knew from the beginning that creating strong Lynx bus routes would be essential to the success of the station.

Dependable buses would also be imperative to eliminating traffic congestion in that area.

Osceola County Commissioner Viviana Janer told fellow board members on Monday that two of the three fixed routes Lynx planned for Osceola County's SunRail stations have now been eliminated.

That leaves one bus route at the Tupperware station and none for the Poinciana station.

Janer said that \$1.2 million was budgeted into the county's financial plan by Florida Department of Transportation District 5 Secretary

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NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

The SunRail Poinciana station is still under construction as the train is supposed to start running to Osceola County on July 30.

**AROUND TOWN**

**On the hunt**



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From left, Kaley and Hailey Givens from Kissimmee race to collect as many eggs as they can during one of the Easter egg hunts that was held at the Eggstravaganza, hosted by the city of Kissimmee at Denn John Park on Saturday.

**Kissimmee cattle drive kicks off RAM Rodeo**



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/KEN JACKSON

Cattle were ceremoniously moved through downtown Kissimmee Monday afternoon to kick off the RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo.

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

– parade down central Kissimmee.

Patrons packed the storefront window seats of Main Street Pizza on Broadway Avenue Monday afternoon, clamoring to see cowboys – and cows

“It was honestly cool how many people were excited to see the cattle driver,” said Kristian Kirk, 20, a Kissimmee native and

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## RAM Rodeo returns to Kissimmee

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

The RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo (RNCFR) is back in Kissimmee, with more than 200 contestants traveling to compete for \$1 million in cash and prizes.

The events began on Monday, with the cattle drive through historic downtown Kissimmee.

The RNCFR will continue today, as rodeo spectators are invited to Rodeo Preview Day to learn more about the sport's history. The rodeo announcers will dive deep into the definition of rodeo, the events and even the athletes.

The first tailgate of the weekend will open at 4 p.m. Friday, including shopping, music, a kids zone and more. The RNCFR will honor first responders and all active and retired service men and women during the Wrangler National Patriot Night show on Friday night.

On Saturday, families of all ages are invited to Family Day. The tailgate will open at 11 a.m., featuring a kids zone with bounce houses, a mechanical bull and rodeo games. The RNCFR will

See **Rodeo**, Page 5.

## OSCEOLA BUSINESS



### PMC unit receives award



The progressive and intensive care units at Poinciana Medical Center were recently awarded with the Critical Care Unit of Distinction, which recognizes the top performing critical care departments within parent company Hospital Corporation of America's 177 hospitals. The recognition places these two units in the top 10 percent of 399 eligible units.

### BRIDG announces addition of new team members

BRIDG, a not-for-profit industry-led public-private partnership for advanced sensors, semiconductors, photonics and other advanced nanoscale systems has announced the recent addition of two new critical roles to its leadership team – Dr. John Callahan as vice president of technology and Brett Attaway as director of business development.

"We are building our team with the best and brightest industry professionals. I am delighted to welcome both John and Brett to our team of dedicated employees at BRIDG. Each brings deep industry experience and will be key to our continued growth," said Chester Kennedy, chief executive officer of BRIDG.

#### Dr. John J. Callahan, vice president of technology

As vice president of technology, Dr. John J. Callahan will work with Business Development and Fab Operations to drive the technical direction of BRIDG for devices and applications in various advanced technologies such as semiconductor-based devices, sensors, imagers, systems integration, III-V and other novel material based devices.

He is responsible for establishing BRIDG's scientific, device, and application systems team in alignment with BRIDG's strategic direction. This new position ensures that BRIDG remains positioned to add value to the semiconductor industry and to the Central Florida region.

Dr. Callahan has pioneered semiconductor laser technology for telecommunications, datacom, and industrial applications, as well as high-density packaging of silicon technologies. Most recently, Dr. Callahan was the vice president of engineering for SemiNex Corporation where he oversaw the Engineering and Operational efforts to develop industry leading high-power laser diodes in the 1,200 nm to 1,700 nm range. He was responsible for creating eight major product lines and over 300 products for the medical, military, consumer and datacom markets.

Dr. Callahan has also served as the director of research and development for cubic wafer developing a high volume 3DIC integration process, and the Director of Research and Development overseeing the IC, Mechanical and Process Engineering teams for Xanoptix, Inc to create heterogeneously integrated optical transceivers.

Dr. Callahan holds multiple national and international patents in the areas of high-density integration, packaging and optoelectronics. He received his PhD in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### Brett Attaway, director of business development

As our Director of Business Development, Brett Attaway will serve as the lead for industry recruitment responsible for engaging industrial, government, and academic organizations as partners for researching and manufacturing the world's next technologies.

Prior to joining BRIDG, Attaway was the Director of Design Enablement for the AIM Photonics Institute. In this role, he worked with Electronic-Photonics Design Automation software, IP companies, and industry photonics design teams to enable the industrial integrated electronic-photonics ecosystem to grow and engage with silicon photonics at the State University of New York Polytechnic College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering 300mm silicon wafer fab.

He spent half of his prior career at Synopsys and the other half in electronic ASIC, RFIC and SOC design and business development at Lockheed Martin and ITT-Exelis, which is now Harris.

### ORMC trains more than 3,000 on life-saving skills

Since adopting the "Stop the Bleed, Save a Life" program in August 2017, Osceola Regional Medical Center has educated more than 3,000 Central Floridians on critical bleeding-control skills.

Recent news events have highlighted the need for bystanders to be prepared to respond to medical emergencies. Launched in 2015 by the White House, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign that prepares people to assist before professional help arrives. The training covers techniques such as dressing wounds, applying a tourniquet and correctly applying pressure.

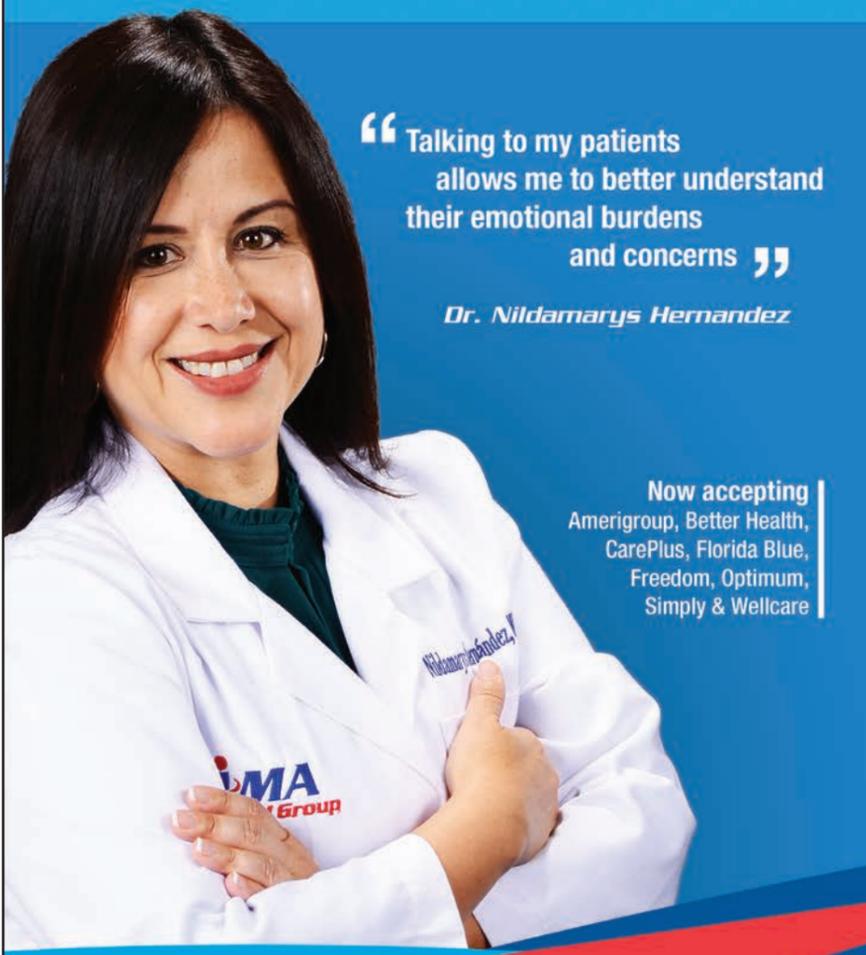
The hospital's Trauma Services department has taught the class 72 times in eight Central Florida counties to people ages 6 to 95, with audiences including EMS agencies, churches, schools, hospitals, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. It has also held 15 "train the trainer" courses for prospective instructors.

Led by Osceola Regional's trauma educator, Michelle Rud, the initiative is part of a hospital-wide effort to care for critically injured patients and address preventable trauma deaths. The hospital's Level II Trauma Center has treated more than 3,000 patients since opening in 2015, expanding access to treatment that often means the difference between life and death.

The next "Stop the Bleed" course will be held at Osceola Regional Medical Center at 10 a.m. on April 12. To register, visit [www.osceolaregional.com/calendar](http://www.osceolaregional.com/calendar). For more information about the initiative, visit [bleedingcontrol.org](http://bleedingcontrol.org).

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# Suspect bludgeons victim's head

By Brian McBride  
Editor

A suspect arrested for a March 14 Kissimmee attack on the victim so viciously that his head was left crushed and unrecognizable, according to a police report.

Angel Luis Olmeda Rivera, 44, currently sits in the Osceola County Jail after he was charged with first-degree murder of the victim, who has yet to be identified.

According to a Kissimmee Police Department report, officers responded to Cheo Auto Repair, 410 E. Donegan Ave. at about 8:40 a.m., where they found the victim lying on his back near a Dumpster.

"It was immediately noticeable the victim's head appeared to be totally missing and the only thing left in its

place was a puddle of what appeared to be blood, brain matter and broken pieces of skull," Police Det. Gary Johndro wrote in the report.

Three cars that were parked around the victim had, what appeared to be, brain matter and blood sprayed on them.

"It appeared the head of the body had been beaten so violently and repeatedly, that numerous pieces of it had flown off during the attack and had been flung all over the area," Johndro wrote.

A wooden board that was several feet long was found near the victim with blood splatter on it. Pieces of a vacuum cleaner also were found. Both items appeared to be used to beat and kill the victim, the report stated.

Video surveillance from

the auto repair shop shows Rivera, at about 3:15 a.m., attack the victim near the Dumpster with punches and kicks. He then stomps on the victim and uses the items to beat the man. After relentlessly attacking the man, Rivera is seen leaving, but then returns to the area and begins attacking the victim again, according to video surveillance.

Rivera leaves, but returns a third time and beats the victim for several more minutes.

After Rivera was identified by law enforcement officials through video surveillance, he was located by an Osceola County Sheriff's Office deputy on March 17 and placed under arrest for property crimes. He had damaged some cars at

another auto shop before the murder, according to the report.

Rivera was taken to the Kissimmee Police Department to be interviewed. After being read his Miranda rights, Rivera claimed to have health issues and could not remember the last few days, the report stated.

Johndro told Rivera that he severely injured someone and had committed murder.

"Angel looked at me, smiled and laughed at this. He did not appear shocked, remorseful or concerned with any of this information; instead he seemed amused by it," Johndro wrote.

Johndro then ended the interview and Rivera was booked into the jail on no bond.

## POLICE NEWS

# Kissimmee man killed in traffic crash

A Kissimmee man was killed in a crash early Tuesday morning after losing control of the vehicle he was driving.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, Moses Rodriguez, 20, was driving a 2007 Ford Focus southbound on Poinciana Boulevard, near Isles of Bellalago Drive, at about 12:30 a.m.

For an unknown reason, Rodriguez lost control of the car and left the roadway. The vehicle then overturned several times and Rodriguez was partially ejected. He was pronounced dead on scene.

He was not wearing a seat belt, the report stated.

Troopers are asking for any witnesses of the

crash to call 407-737-2213. The crash remains under investigation.

### Truck spills gallons of fuel on I-4

A St. Cloud truck driver spilled about 100 gallons onto Interstate 4 on March 24 after hitting a wall.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Enrique Hernandez, 72, was driving a 2011 semi-truck eastbound on Interstate 4 at in Orange County at about 9:40 a.m., when he said a vehicle cut him off.

The left side of the truck struck the center wall and about 100 gallons of diesel fuel spilled out onto I-4, the report stated.

The crash remains under investigation.

## SUNRAIL

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Noranne Downs over two years ago to help finance feeder bus service in Osceola County.

"Apparently they ran some models and they don't think there's enough people in Poinciana who will ride these buses to SunRail," Janer said at the Monday meeting. "They want people to go to the downtown Kissimmee station [if they need to take a bus. So my argument to them was, 'Why did you build a station in Poinciana?'"

### Fewer opportunities in the south?

Janer has been actively involved in bringing SunRail to Osceola County since she took office in 2015. She also has a big stake in its local legacy; last month, she was appointed chair of SunRail's Board of Directors.

Janer told her fellow commissioners that the

Osceola County southern expansion isn't being granted the same options as its neighbors to the north.

Instead of offering fixed bus routes, Janer stated that Lynx is currently only offering what's known as a NeighborLink connection, or an on-call shuttle bus service.

"It doesn't make sense that we're not given the same opportunity that our other local funding partners were granted when they had fixed bus routes to all their major stops," she said.

Janer insisted that without better public transit options, Poinciana residents will have to drive and park at the SunRail station, which would do nothing to ease traffic woes in that area.

"It's no secret that Poinciana and Pleasant Hill have been nominated worst local traffic in the nation because of the number of

cars on the road," Janer said. "It doesn't make sense to tell people then, to drive to the Poinciana station."

### "A slap in the face"

Executive Director of Transportation and Transit Tawny Olore informed commissioners that Poinciana stands to be the only station out of SunRail's 16 stops without a public bus operating during peak commuter times.

Commissioner Brandon Arrington, whose district includes the station in question, commiserated with Janer. He called the recent

elimination of fixed bus routes "a slap in the face."

"This is a system that's supposed to work together," Arrington said. "If we can't figure out how to get the bulk of that ridership on to it, there's not going to be any money at the fare box to be able to support the train in the long run."

Commissioner Fred Hawkins Jr. offered to write a letter to FDOT requesting that officials appear before the board and provide clarity and possible solutions regarding Poinciana in upcoming months.

## CATTLE

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Main Street employee. "The cattle industry is a part of the heritage in Osceola County, and it made me feel happy to see so many people interested in it."

The cattle drive on Broadway serves as the official kick-off to the RAM National Circuit Finals Rodeo (RNCFR), one of the largest rodeo competitions in the country.

Osceola County won the bid from Oklahoma City in 2015. The Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association national semi-final event, made up of over 200 of the top barrel racers, steer wrestlers, bull riders and other rodeo sports pros in the country, begins tonight and lasts through Sunday's championship ceremony at the Silver Spurs Arena.

RNCFR Senior Accounts Manager Lydia Bell said the parade of about 40 local horses and cows down Broadway is meant to spark public interest and community engagement in the RAM Rodeo.

"The final national competition is in Las Vegas, and this is the event the cowboys have to pass to get to our organization's

equivalent of the Super Bowl," said Bell outside the Osceola County Courthouse lawn.

Bell said the green field nestled between the two courthouses serves as the cattle drive's launching point for historical reasons.

"When Kissimmee was first being settled, lost cattle were tied up outside the red brick courthouse here until their owners came to claim them," Bell said. "Osceola County has a long history with cattle, ranching and rodeos, and we wanted to remember that during our event."

County commissioners saddled up on horseback alongside residents of all ages as the procession made its way along one of the oldest cities in Kissimmee.

The cattle drive ended in live music and tailgating festivities at Three Sisters Speakeasy. Tickets for the RNCFR range from \$10 to \$20 for single nights (Sunday afternoon's finale is \$25). Age 12 and under are free except for Family Day Saturday afternoon (18 and under or college students with identification are free). Parking is free.

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Priority boarding? Please go to the end of the line.

It's printed in big bold letters on my airline ticket: PRIORITY BOARDING. I paid \$75 extra for those words, but it will be worth it. Right? I'll get on the plane before all these other passengers. By the time they board, my smug body will be comfortably seated, my bag securely stored overhead. I might even be asleep. Wait, it looks like the jet bridge door is open. Time to line up.

"Good evening, passengers, and thanks for waiting. We are all set to board Flight 834 to Omaha. First, we'd like to invite our diamond, tungsten, silver, ruby, emerald, elite, privileged, choice and big kahuna passengers to board. If any of those words are printed on your boarding pass, you fly so often that you haven't seen your kids in 10 years. Welcome aboard, and thank you for your loyalty. Feel free to elbow other passengers as you make your way to the head of the line. Loyalty has its privileges.

"Next we'd like to invite those people who need a little extra time making their way down the jet bridge. You're the ones who are going to make this flight 30 minutes late because, let's face it, you really should be taking Amtrak. Trains sit at the station for hours, doors wide open, before they go anywhere. Also, it appears some of you are in your early 20s and look like you could run a triathlon at a moment's notice. But if you say you need extra time to board, who are we to argue?"

"Next we'd like to board all the friends and relatives of those passengers who claimed they needed extra boarding time because, hey, you may as well be part of this ruse. Take your time; the group who limped down the jet bridge ahead of you miraculously recovered from whatever affliction they told us required extra boarding time. They are saving spots in the overhead bins for all your personal items.

"Next we'd like to board all passengers accompanied by dogs, cats, guinea pigs, parrots, peacocks, raccoons, ferrets, endangered white rhinos, or any other species dubbed 'support animals.' As we all know, 'support animal' is another phrase for 'too cheap to pay crating fees.' Please have your animals refrain from biting other passengers, at least until the beverage service is completed.

"Next we'd like to board families traveling with small children, which makes absolutely zero sense because small children can move faster than your average gazelle and don't need extra time to board. Thankfully this flight does not contain any small children with support gazelles.

"Next we'd like to board anyone dumb enough to sign up for our airline's credit card because we told you that doing so meant you received early boarding. And you did! Sort of?"

"Next we'd like to board our really angry passengers. Those are all passengers who have 'Group 1' written on their boarding

passes and erroneously assumed they'd be on the plane by now. Apparently, our gate agents neglected to tell you that 'Group 1' really means 'Group 7.' We apologize for this oversight.

"Now we'd like to briefly halt the boarding process, because we told too many people they could board early and the jet bridge looks like where the 405 meets the 110 in Los Angeles. We will resume boarding shortly.

"Thank you for your patience. Now we'd like to board Greg. And, Greg, please be advised there is no more overhead bin space so we're going to have to check your shave kit to Omaha. But you do get to board through the lane marked, 'Priority Boarding.' Pretty cool, right?"

"OK, it appears we are all set to, wait a minute, we've just been informed that this flight has mechanical problems. As a result, we will be delayed three hours. Please gather your belongings and exit the aircraft. Hang on to your boarding passes, because we will reboard in the exact same order.

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# Association to host first Paint Night Friday, April 6

By Lisa Concepcion  
Poinciana Writer

The Association of Poinciana Villages' first Paint Night of 2018 will be Friday, April 6, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Poinciana Community Center, 445 Marigold Ave. This event is exclusively for Poinciana residents.

The painting will be on canvas and will be "Poinciana Tree." This will be a custom made painting for the night's theme. The fee is \$20, and includes all materials and instructions.

Space is limited. To register, go to <https://letsgohartcentralflorida.com/products/poinciana-villages-paint-party?variant=2140999122954>.

► Help support Valencia College Poinciana's culinary program, and enjoy a fabulous breakfast. The Country Breakfast and Silent Auction for the Culinary Program will take place on Tuesday.

This is a "drop-in event" with both breakfast and program from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. The breakfast will be pancakes and eggs prepared by Chef Jenifer Denlinger. The recommended donation is \$10. Credit card, check, money order or cash donations will be accepted. Donations can be mailed to Valencia College: Attn: PNC Admin, 3255 Pleasant Hill Road, Kissimmee, Florida. Please include a memo-PNC Country Breakfast.

RSVP through Eventbrite: <http://tinyurl.com/http-tinyurl-com-PBreakfast>.

► The Poinciana Branch Library, 101 N. Doverplum Ave., hosts different programs, which allow residents to obtain valuable medical information.

On Monday, April 9, Heart of Florida Hospital will hold their Lunch & Learn series from noon to 1 p.m. Marianne Lehman, bariatric weight loss specialist, will discuss important health topics. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

The Physician Lecture Series, presented by Poinciana Medical Center, will discuss knee pain. This presentation will be on Thursday, April 19, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Dr. Nam Dim will speak on this topic.

All library programs are free and open to the public. ► The Association of Poinciana Villages will present Movies under the Stars on Friday, April 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. The movie will be shown at the new Vance Harmon Park Community Amphitheater.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets or sleeping bags. Get cozy and watch the movie Coco Vance Harmon Park is located at 50 Country Club Drive. Don't forget to bring your popcorn and snacks.

To read the entire column, go to [www.aroundosceola.com](http://www.aroundosceola.com).

## RODEO

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hold its third performance of the weekend beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday night's performance will honor women and men who have fought, survived or who are currently battling breast cancer. Rodeo spectators are encouraged to join the champion competitors and livestock by sporting pink rodeo gear to support the cause.

Before Sunday's performance, everyone is

invited to Cowboy Church at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning worship. The tailgate party will follow at 11 a.m., and lead into the Sunday Showdown final performance at 3:30 p.m. Rodeo spectators will witness all seven events in two back-to-back short go-rounds.

Since 1987, RNCFR has featured the top 200-plus circuit rodeo champions from across the United States and Mexico. Competing

contestants who qualify for this rodeo will be entered into two preliminary rounds of the rodeo, and the top eight from each event will advance to the semifinal round (with all previous scores thrown out).

The top four contestants will then move on to the final round, which determines the national circuit champion in each of the seven standard rodeo events: saddle bronc, bareback, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie-down

roping, team roping and barrel racing.

All events will be at Osceola Heritage Park's Silver Spurs Arena. Tickets are \$20 each and are reserved seating. Tickets for kids ages 2 to 12 are \$12.50, and two and younger are free for all performances. Kids can get in for half price on Sunday for RAM Rodeo's '½ pints, ½ price' offer.

For more information on the RNCFR, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.RNCFR.com](http://www.RNCFR.com).

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# OSCEOLA COUNTY HISTORY

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## The Lanier Family

“Family” is the key word for the Laniers. The Lanier chronicle is but one example of a story repeated often in Central Florida History: cracker cowmen settling the land and building enterprises, relying on family support and inter-generational ties to create communities and ensure success. The extended Lanier family is well known to long time Osceola County residents, marrying into other pioneer families and becoming prominent citizens.

The Lanier House, a part of the Pioneer Village, is an integral part of telling the story of one of Osceola County’s pioneering families. This home that currently lives at our Pioneer Village presents an example of the “Florida Cracker” architectural style, and is an original – built in Osceola County sometime in the late 1800s. Through this authentic structure, the Osceola County Historical

Society is able to share the narrative of an average Pioneering family in Florida for growing generations.

### Historical Background:

John Lanier, family patriarch for the Lanier family, was called “one of Florida’s pioneer ‘Cattle Kings’” by Myrtle Hilliard Crow. He was born in 1805 and migrated to Florida sometime prior to his second marriage in 1839. He and his wife, along with their children, moved through Florida throughout the 1800s as John established himself as a cattle rancher.

According to Crow’s book, “Old Tales and Trails,” the Lanier family arrived what is now Osceola County in the late 1860s as John searched for better cattle pasturage. They purchased property a few miles southwest of Kissimmee from Mrs. Malinda Yates, and began settling into their new home at “the Point.”

John Lanier died in 1888 at the age of 83, leaving a large line of younger Laniers still farming and ranching in Osceola County. During the last decade of his life, John witnessed huge changes in Osceola County, including the huge Disston drainage projects that changed the shape of the land and water.

Raymond Lanier, John’s grandson, is credited with purchasing the Lanier Home that is now located within the Pioneer Village. The Lanier House owned by the Osceola County Historical Society was originally located



at 1964 Ham Brown Road, and according to property tax records, it first appears as a taxable property in 1906. However, researchers believe that the house was built by Jonathan Strickland in the late 1800s, and sold to the Lanier family in 1905.

The narrative for this house spans 100 years of history for the Lanier family, from John Lanier’s birth in 1805 and arrival in Florida in the 1830s, to his grandson Raymond’s purchase of a home and farm land in 1905 where he starts a family in the 1920s. It shows the Lanier family assisting each other over three generations, sharing work, property, and other resources. They represent a major theme in central Florida history as cattlemen migrate to the area with their families, settle down, establish communities, expand into vegetable and citrus, and start businesses to diversify their income.

The home itself is representative of the “Cracker House” style from the late 1800s in Florida. The double pen type or “dog-trot” house was commonly built in a log construction form in the region until the mid to late 19th century, and then continued to be constructed

in dimensional lumber forms as the sawmill industry began to exploit the vast resources of yellow pine and cypress timber in the late 19th to early 20th century. The houses commonly have porches across their fronts, broad roof overhangs as their eaves, and gable ends that often extend beyond chimneys placed at the gable ends. The style is most associated with the ability to provide maximum shade from the sun to the interior spaces while also encouraging a cooling air flow around and through the structure. The construction of the house is very distinctive, and it is a unique survivor of the time period. It may be the only surviving example of frameless, “box” or “sawmill” construction in the region.

In 1986, the home was donated to the Osceola County Historical Society by Ross Lanier. It was relocated to the Bass Road location and restoration was completed to return the house back to what it would have looked like in its day.

The unique construction of the home, as well as its importance as a relic of an Osceola County Pioneer family, makes this building incredibly rare and valuable to the history of Osceola County.

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## ALL-COUNTY GIRLS SOCCER

# Longhorns spell trouble Y-E-N-I

► Calles a force for Harmony in both offense and defense

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

If your soccer team is facing an opponent with a stout defense, you either have a plan, or you're in trouble.

If that opponent gets goal-scoring offense as well from that defense, then your plan is probably in trouble, too.

Through her junior season, Harmony junior defender-turned-scorer Yeni Calles spelled her first name with a capital 'T' enough times to earn this season's honor as the Osceola News-Gazette Female Soccer Player of the Year.

Despite lining up in Longhorns Coach Scott Marlega's flat-back defense next to fellow center back Morgan Cecil — last year's Player of the Year — Calles was second on the team in

goals (15) and assists (11).

The Lady Longhorns, who defended their Orange Belt Conference and 5A-9 district championships, pitched 16 shutouts during the 2017-18 season, and Calles played a large role at both ends of the field.

Despite being a defender at heart, it was very common to see Calles use her speed to bring the ball up a wing, or even through the middle, and feed one of Harmony's lethal forwards or put a shot on net herself while catching an opponent's defense off-guard and flat-footed.

Yet more of what she talks about is what she didn't do or couldn't accomplish.

"Individually I could have done better, been better on defense or better distributing the ball," she said. "Despite losing in the first round of the playoffs, I think we proved



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Harmony center back Yeni Calles, shown in the District 5A-9 championship game against St. Cloud, scored 15 goals from a defensive position, where she helped anchor a defense that tallied 16 shutouts during the season.

to programs around the area we're a solid team, and am so proud of what we accomplished."

Despite playing on a completely higher plane than their county and District 5A-9 opponents,

outscoring them 98-0 in 13 matches, the Longhorns, for the second straight year, fell to Vero Beach in the regional playoffs. After thinking they won on a direct penalty kick in sudden-death overtime, the field referee waved off the goal saying the kick was not deflected in by a player, and the Indians would win in penalty kicks after 80 scoreless minutes.

"It had to go off (teammate Lindsay) Larisa or the keeper," Calles said. "For a while that kept me up at night."

It would have better turnabout for what she did to opposing defenses — by design, Marlega said.

"We made it part of our game plan to get her forward into space with the ball," the coach said. "She excels in the different aspects of defense. She's good in zone, defending strikers 1-on-1, and she's a good aerial defender despite being small in stature."

Against Vero Beach (in the playoffs), she took their stud striker, who had 50-some goals coming in, and just shut her down, and then took one of the penalty kicks (and nailed it)."

Calles said some of that comes from coaching, in all the places she gets it. She's one of two county players in the Orlando City club program.

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## GIRLS SOCCER

### Player of the Year: Yeni Calles (HHS, Jr)

**All-county team: Harmony:** Autumn Horn, Lindsay Larisa, Carlie Rucks, Jenna Butcofski, Morgan Cecil, Angie Santos. **St. Cloud:** Madelyn Barthle, Gabriela Labrador, Nicole Longmoore. **Osceola:** Hadasah Espinal, Yalizalee Ortiz. **Poinciana:** Cameron Turner, Jendaya Nesbitt, Maygan La. **Celebration:** Fiona Butler. **Gateway:** Saralez Mejia, Soneidy Rodriguez.



## Storm lacrosse 5-0 in District 13 play, seek playoff return

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

Celebration Storm lacrosse, the only public school in Osceola County to offer the game, is in its fifth season, and looks to be a state playoff contender.

The Storm, fresh off their first playoff appearance last season, are 8-2 thus far this year after a 15-9 win over East Ridge on Monday, with losses to state powers West Orange and Hagerty. Celebration is a perfect 5-0 thus far in District 13 play against Polk County opponents.

The team features 11 seniors, including team captains Katie Arce (Bentley (Mass.) University), Olivia Warner (Palm Beach Atlantic) and Kelly Alksninis (Navy), who have signed scholarships to play at Division II schools or at a service academy.

Arce, an attacker, has scored 36 of Celebration's 151 goals, and also leads the team with 28 assists. A newcomer, freshman midfielder Kaelyn Figueras (28 goals, 11 assists) is second and has controlled 37 draws.

She is part of a group of six freshmen on the roster and four returning sophomores coached by Beverly Alksninis, who said they'll keep the program going next year.

"We were able to field a JV team this year as well with many girls who are just

learning the game," the coach said. "There are many who will be strong additions to the future varsity team. No cuts were made this season as we want as many girls as possible to have the opportunity to learn and play. We are continuing to build our program and I feel we should be as inclusive as possible. I just wish more schools in Osceola County would pick up the sport."

"Olivia Warner commands the midfield. Her tremendous ball handling skills make her a stat leader in draw control and ground balls."

Sophomore goalie Vivian Spencer — "the rock star of the defense" — has 82 saves thus far.

"She is a leader on defense with great field communication skills and a positive, supportive attitude that pumps up her teammates," Alksninis said. "I have had several coaches approach me after games to specifically compliment Vivian's performance."

The District 13 tournament will be held at Celebration; the top four teams in the standings will meet in the semifinals on April 17. The two semifinal winners meet in the championship April 19 for the right to play in the regional playoffs, where the Storm ended the season with a 14-7 loss to Tampa Newsome in the first round.

## Orlando City kicks into win column, beats NYRB 4-3

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

Orlando City Soccer picked up its first victory of the 2018 Major League Soccer season, and in true Lions form, there was plenty of drama to go with it.

Dom Dwyer, in his first action of the season, scored twice to dig Orlando out of a 2-1 deficit then, after the New York Red Bulls scored in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute to get rid of that lead, Josue Colman deflected in a Scott Sutter shot for the game-winner in a 4-3 thriller in front of 23,257 fans at Orlando City Stadium.

Orlando Coach Jason Kreis called the effort a "hard fought win."

"Really difficult to get that result today," he said. "Big, big credit to all the players that participated in that match and put their absolute best foot forward,

because I think without 100 percent commitment we don't walk out of here with all three points. Really pleased from an effort and commitment point of view, no doubt."

"I think there was so much pent up emotion on our parts to get that first win of the season, especially now at home. Now I think we can put that in our pockets and hopefully really improve as we move forward."

The Lions (1-2-1, 4 points) will try to turn it into a streak when they host the Portland Timbers (0-2-2, 2) on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Orlando answered an early New York goal when Justin Meram found a wide open Will Johnson for the tap-in. It was Johnson's 30th career MLS regular-season goal.



After New York retook the lead 2-1, Dwyer went to work and gave the Lions their first lead of the season. Two minutes after the

Red Bulls scored, he worked his way free on a corner kick, dove at Yoshi Yotun's delivery and burrowed it into the net.

"The first corner right before that almost went it, so I just put myself in that same position and then actually got myself in front of the Red Bulls," he said. "Then I don't really know what part of the body it went off cause it was the back of my head but there was a goal."

Shortly into the second half, Dwyer again worked himself free, took Mohammed El-Munir's

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throw in and ripped a shot past New York goalie Luis Robles to make it 3-2.

Dwyer, who was hobbled by a preseason hamstring issue and missed the team's first two matches, provides a spark that fans saw Saturday, Kreis said.

"Super to have him back. From one particular point of view, just tactically, he gives us a little bit more of a true No. 9," Kreis said. "We've been kind of playing without one for the first three matches so to have a true target there, a true player that's going to be in the box to finish things is real nice for us from a tactical point of view."

The teams tangled through the second half, and the Red Bulls equalized off a free kick, when Aaron Long headed home a pass in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute. But, in usual Lions manner, the end of the game got fun.

Capping a period of extended Orlando possession, Kljestan fed Sutter with plenty of space in front. He rifled a shot that deflected off Colmán, past a perplexed Robles and into the net. It was Colmán's first MLS goal in his Orlando

City Stadium debut.

Saturday also marked the home debut of midfielder Sacha Kljestan, who wore the captain's armband and picked up an assist.

"I didn't expect a 4-3 game. Those don't come around very often, but I'm glad we came out on the winning side," he said. "Despite them rotating a lot of them are natural born champions. They came out hot; they came to play and I think we started a little bit slow and it took us some time to grow into the game."

"I'd love to say Dom will get two and I'd get two every game and life will be perfect although I know that's not going to happen, but it's a step in the right direction. I've said that Dom and I need to continue to work together and get to know each other on the field and our tendencies. Hopefully by the end of the season we're firing, but today is a good step. We didn't have a great start, we've gone down 1-0 I think in all four games this year and we have had an uphill battle. We started anxious and then going down 1-0 you start to feel the pressure even

more. I think we had a good reaction tonight. Every time we gave up a goal, we came right back and scored so that part is important. I think we need to learn lessons from this game."

**Pride Suffer First Loss of 2018**

Playing after the Lions on Saturday, the Orlando Pride (0-1-1, 1 point) to the Washington Spirit (1-1-0, 3) at Maryland SoccerPlex.

The Pride were playing without three of their Opening Day starters, as Brazilians Marta, Monica and Poliana as well as Australians Alanna Kennedy and Emily van Egmond are currently preparing for Women's World Cup qualifiers with their respective national teams. Forward Alex Morgan was also ruled out of the match after sustaining a concussion in the Pride's opening game last Saturday.

Orlando returns to action on April 15, when the Pride visit Portland Thorns FC. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. local time. The Pride return to Orlando City Stadium on April 22, when they host the Houston Dash at 5 p.m.



PHOTO/ORLANDO CITY

Orlando City forward Dom Dwyer, named Man of the Match for his two-goal performance Saturday, celebrates with Lions fans after the 4-3 victory over the New York City Red Bulls. The Lions return to action on Sunday at home against the Portland Timbers at 4 p.m.

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"All of my coaches push me hard, my teammates support me a lot, and my Dad has done a lot to get me where I am," she said. "From there I'm just working on having a better vision of the field and seeing plays develop."

Marlega said he doesn't question that Calles will come into her senior season next winter an even more polished player thanks to all her hard work that he doesn't see.

"She's a player who's always working at her

game," he said. "I enjoy coaching her, she pushes herself to get better and she developed as a vocal leader and she grew into that role at just the right time for us. She's really becoming a complete player."

Marlega's not the only one noticing. Calles said she has the attention of a small handful of Division I and II programs to play in college, and hopes to land in one with a good pre-law program.

Between now and then is her senior season, which she'll share with nearly a dozen other seniors on the roster who look to take the Longhorns back to the state tournament for the first time since 2011.

"We want to make it farther into the playoffs than we ever had," Calles said. "We know Vero Beach is the hurdle, we expect to see them again next year."

Vero Beach, you have trouble.

**SPORTS BRIEFS**

► **Full list of state weightlifting qualifiers**

Late last week the FHSAA released the list of wild card qualifiers for the Class 2A weightlifting meet, to be held April 7 at Panama City Beach Arnold High. In addition to the seven regional champions from Osceola County, five other lifters earned bids based on their successful lift weights at the March 23 Region 6 meet: Osceola's Daniel Rodriguez at 119 pounds, Harmony's Cameron Scheerer at 129, St. Cloud's Chandler Urbano at 139, Harmony's Garret Breeding at 199 and Osceola's Jordan Redmond at heavyweight.

► **Harmony HS physicals**

Harmony High School will hold a physical night April 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. incoming and returning athletes. Physicals are \$10 and all forms will be provide on site. For information email Longhorns Head Athletic Trainer Craig Carnell at [carnell@osceolaschools.net](mailto:carnell@osceolaschools.net).

► **Chamber golf**

The 38th annual St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce golf tournament will be April 14 at Royal St. Cloud Golf Links. This year's event features raffle prizes, a "Best Dressed" contest, food, drinks, goodie bags, hole-in-one contest, longest drive prizes, and more. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and is \$75 per player or \$300 per team and includes breakfast and lunch.

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#### MOVIE IN THE PARK

KUA will host its final film of its Movie in the Park season. “The Greatest Showman” will play on the civic lawn of Kissimmee Lakefront Park at 7:45 p.m. Activities begin at 5:30 p.m.

#### RETIRED EDUCATORS GROUP (REAO)

Holds meetings at 11:30 a.m., on the second Friday of the month, Sept-May. Meeting includes a luncheon, program and business meeting. \$10 per person. Barney Veal Senior Center: 700 Generation Point, Kissimmee, FL 34744. Email [ginger40@earthlink.net](mailto:ginger40@earthlink.net) or call 407-892-7428.

## SATURDAY

### 04-07

#### SPRING BOUTIQUE FASHION SHOW & LUNCHEON

Prepared to be pampered. With over 25 vendors, ladies can shop, get advice and a massage. Plus auctions and door prizes. A portion of the proceeds will benefit “Housing 4 All”, a nonprofit that helps to find housing for those in need in the community. *Poolside at the Melia Hotel in Celebration.* 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and include lunch and the show. Lunch will be served at noon.

## KISSIMMEE WOMEN'S CLUB

Will host a fundraiser / sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1616 W. Oak Street. There will be delicious homemade baked goods (cakes, pies, muffins, cookies, etc.), household items (small appliances, lamps, clothing, glassware, china, linens, bedding, art), plus a woman's boutique area (jewelry, pocketbooks, scarfs, etc.). After 2 p.m. remaining items will be at half price. Call Jewel Seton with questions: 407-864-4129.

## SUNDAY

### 04-08

#### CONGREGATION BETH EMETH BIBLE STUDIES

Hampton Inn: 4971 Calypso Bay Way in Kissimmee. 10-11 a.m. Call 407-222-6393.

## WEDNESDAY

### 04-11

#### DISCUSSION WITH MULTI-TALENTED ARTIST JACK FIELDS

Multi-talented artist Jack Fields will discuss the development of his unique puppets including Godrick, his works on film, and the many ways he uses fiber arts techniques in his storytelling. His short film Happy Memories will be screened, and several puppets will make special appearances. *Art & History Museums – Maitland. The event is free and there will be a cash bar. The artist talk and movie screening will run 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.*

## FRIDAY

### 04-13

#### BINGO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Spring Card BINGO Scholarship Fundraiser by the Home & Community Education clubs of Osceola is at the Extension Building in Osceola Heritage Park. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m., followed by card BINGO and prizes. The \$9 charge is all inclusive. All profits benefit scholarship fund. Call 321-697-3000 for more information and reservations.

#### ARTISTS-IN-ACTION HYE SHIN AND SUZANNE OBERHOLTZER IN THEIR STUDIOS

Visit Artists-in-Action Hye Shin and Suzanne Oberholtzer in their studios at Lake Lily in part of the Maitland Art and History Museums Open Studios event. Open studios runs 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the same operating hours on Friday, April 20.

## SATURDAY

### 04-14

#### FLORIDA SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Invites you to its Rhapsody in Blue Gala Concert. Dinner at 6 p.m. (VIP ticket only); performance at 8 p.m. Located at The Plaza Live in Orlando: 425 N Bumby Avenue. 1920s party attire is encouraged. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [FSYO.ORG](http://FSYO.ORG)

## SUNDAY

### 04-15

#### REV. CHASE KEENER

New Life Free Will Baptist Church, 1211 Ocean Street, Kissimmee. For directions or more information, call 863-640-4008.

## THURSDAY

### 04-19

#### PHYSICIAN LECTURE ON KNEE PAIN

Poinciana Medical Center is hosting a physician lecture on knee pain, by Dr. Nam Dinh. The informational session is in part of a lecture series, at the Poinciana Library: 101 N. Doverplum Avenue. The event is open to the public. RSVP at 1-888-253-8117. For more information, call 407-530-2013.

## FRIDAY

### 04-20

#### RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

Sponsored by the Presbyterian women, the Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Cloud Presbyterian Church will offer clothing, shoes, household items, books and linens. Donations for the sale will be accepted April 16-19, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will benefit local charities. The sale itself will take place April 20-21, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 909 10th Street in St. Cloud.

#### COMEDY CLUB

April 20 & 21. Beer, wine and liquor bar for purchase, plus select Jimmy Bear's BBQ food. Porky's Comedy Club will host a weekend of laughs. Expect performances by comedians Shannon Hall and Jim Moran. Doors open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 8:30 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit [PORKYSCOMEDYCLUB.COM](http://PORKYSCOMEDYCLUB.COM)

## SATURDAY

### 04-21

#### NARCOOSSEE SCHOOLHOUSE BROMELIADS & BAKED GOODS FUNDRAISER

The Narcoossee Schoolhouse Bromeliads & Baked Goods Fundraiser will take place 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the historic Narcoossee Schoolhouse: 5026 Yukon Street in Narcoossee. Colorful bromeliads will be offered for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Sponsored by the Narcoossee Area Chapter of the Osceola County Historical Society, the fundraiser will benefit the historic Narcoossee Schoolhouse project. For more information, visit [NARCOOSSEEHISTORY.ORG](http://NARCOOSSEEHISTORY.ORG) or email [info@narcoosseehistory.org](mailto:info@narcoosseehistory.org).

## SUNDAY

### 04-22

#### CARIBBEAN FUSION

Is back at Kissimmee Lakefront Park, noon to 8 p.m. Experience Caribbean culture through music, food, craft and dance.

## FRIDAY

### 04-27

#### COCO

Lake Eola will host Coco as its free movie in the park. Event begins at 6 p.m., the movie will start at 8:15 p.m. Bring blankets, chairs and snacks. Food will be available for purchase. *Lake Eola Park: 512 East Washington Street in Orlando.*

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Did you ever wonder about the people who lived in Osceola County and settled St. Cloud? Join us as they come alive to tell their stories. The St. Cloud Heritage Museum and Parks and Recreation Department invite you to a special presentation of Night at the Museum at 7 p.m. After the live performance, the film, Night at the Museum, will be shown. Admission is a \$5.00 donation. The museum is located at 1012 Massachusetts Avenue. Come early to tour your hometown museum. For more information, call 407-957-7243 or Olive Horning at 407-414-2682.

## SATURDAY

### 04-28

#### LUPUS FOUNDATION WALK

Lupus Foundation of America Florida Chapter is hosting a walk at Lake Ella Park: 512 E. Washington Street in Orlando. The walk will begin at 4 p.m. Advanced registration is available online at [CHAPTERS.LUPUS.ORG](http://CHAPTERS.LUPUS.ORG). For more information, contact Devin Brown at 561-279-8606.

#### PAINT OUT

Save the date for the Winter Park Paint Out Garden Party. This year's event will be held at the Polasek Museum. For more information go to [WINTERPARKPAINTOUT.ORG](http://WINTERPARKPAINTOUT.ORG)

#### SHAKESPEARE THEATER

Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF (Orlando Shakes) has announced that Lin-Manuel Miranda's and Quiara Alegria Hudes' Tony Award-winning musical, In the Heights will open their 30th Season. Tickets for In the Heights will go on sale June 2018. For more information call (407) 447-1700 ext. 1, or visit in person at the John and Rita Lowndes Shakespeare Center (812 E. Rollins St.).

## ONGOING

#### DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The group is looking for new members. The group can accommodate any individual who would need a partner to play with. Cost is \$1 to play. Oak Street Community Center, 717 N. Palm Ave., Kissimmee, every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.



#### FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Florida Ombudsman Program currently has volunteer opportunities available statewide. Our volunteers visit with residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to ensure they are treated with dignity and respect and receiving the care they deserve. To learn more about becoming an ombudsman volunteer, visit our website at [ombudsman.myflorida.com](http://ombudsman.myflorida.com), search for us on Facebook, or call toll-free at 1-888-831-0404.

#### CRAFTY LADIES

Meet at the St. Cloud Community/Senior Center Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. The group knits and crochets lap rugs for veterans. Donations of clean, unused yarn are needed. Call 407-288-3069.

#### THURSDAY NITE CRUISE IN

Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Trucks are on display every Thursday night. Bring your own classic car to show. 4060 13th St. St. Cloud; 5:30-8 p.m.

*Editor's note: Due to space constraints, the News-Gazette cannot guarantee that all events submitted will be published in the Daily Planner in every Thursday and Saturday edition.*

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## SPOTLIGHT WEEKLY PICKS

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7



**SPRING FIESTA IN THE PARK**, invites you for a weekend fiesta at Lake Eola Park this Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature artist, crafter and foodie booths. Plus a kids' area and plenty of picnic space for the whole family to enjoy. Live musical performances throughout the weekend.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 10



**FREE ICE CREAM CONE DAY**, at participating Ben & Jerry's locations, including Kissimmee: 3234 N John Young Parkway. Enjoy a cone as Ben & Jerry's says "thank you" to the community for its support since 1979.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20



**PIG & SWIG FESTIVAL**, welcomes Osceola County to St. Pete for its second annual festival. Food, beers and live music all night, 6 to 11 p.m. Albert Whitted Park: 480 Bayshore Drive Southeast, St. Petersburg. Admission is free. For more info, search 'St. Pete Pig & Swig Festival' on Facebook.



**MODEST MOUSE**, will take the stage at Hard Rock Live in Orlando. The show starts at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more info and tickets, visit [www.hardrock.com/live/locations/orlando](http://www.hardrock.com/live/locations/orlando).



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# New construction

## Margaritaville Resort Orlando to open later this year

By **Jennifer DiDomenico**  
A&E Editor

If you like Pina Coladas, you will love what's coming to Osceola County.

Construction is in full swing at Margaritaville Resort Orlando, as it plans to open its first set of doors later this year. With a hotel of 187 guest suites, approximately 1,000 privately-owned vacation home cottages, extravagant resort amenities, and retail space full of bars and restaurants open to the public—there really is something for everyone to enjoy at this one-of-a-kind resort.

Margaritaville Resort Orlando Project Developer Jim Bagley led a press construction tour last week, where we got an inside look at the (very) active construction site.

"Margaritaville Resort Orlando is a family-oriented resort centered on music," said Bagley. "At full build-out, we expect to entertain 4,000 to 5,000 guests every weekend."

A closer look...

### Hotel

Construction for the highly anticipated Margaritaville-themed hotel began in July of last year, and is expected to open its doors by the end of 2018.

The hotel will, of course, feature a lobby — though the lobby's size is much larger than the average resort's.

"The lobby is oversized for a purpose," said Bagley. It will include bars and restaurants, space for live entertainment, plus an enhanced grab-and-go dining

location with 100 seats in a round, glass room overlooking the resort amenities.

The west wing of the hotel will host 90 rooms plus junior and presidential suites, with dulux views of the amenities. Each room is music themed, with unique resort features including a larger-than-average balcony.

"We designed seven-foot balconies so our guests can really enjoy the beautiful Florida sun throughout their whole stay," said Bagley.

The east wing will also host 90 rooms and junior and presidential suites, but with views of the zero-entry, sand-surrounded lagoon pool. The pool will have a food and beverage area nearby, including a tiki bar and private cabanas.

The east wing will also host the entrance to the convention center which will offer guests 10,000 square feet of ballroom area and 10,000 square feet of meeting space.

### Cottages

Buy a Margaritaville vacation cottage, or rent one for a weekend. Or a week. Or even a month.

The cottages feature over 100 different floor plans from one to eight bedrooms. Each cottage is furnished with Ethan Allen furniture and tropical decor, sure to give you a comfortable vacation vibe throughout your stay.

Cottage rentals include access to all resort amenities (see 'Resort Amenities') and housekeeping throughout your stay. You can even order from a grocery service, as each cottage features a full-kitchen for cooking and/or in-room dining.

### Resort Amenities

Margaritaville Resort Orlando will feature more amenities than you could imagine.

You have your standard Orlando resort amenities: a concierge desk, a theme park ticket desk, a fitness center, food and beverage services, etc. But you also have your Margaritaville Resort amenities: a wedding pavilion, walking and biking paths, bike rentals, a convention center, complimentary parking, plus theme park and airport transportation.

There will also be a club designed just for kids, called Little Parakeet's Kids Club.

If all of this isn't enough, take a walk over to the on-site water park.

While Margaritaville Resort Orlando hasn't revealed too much about its water park just yet, we know it's expected to open in March or April 2019 — just in time for summer. And we know it will be awesome.

The water park will feature three slide towers, a six-lane mat racer slide, a family raft ride, serpentine tube rides, a wave action pool, a high-velocity river ride, an island just for kids, and plenty of shady areas to relax.

Want to spend some time on the beach? Margaritaville Resort Orlando will bring the beach to you. The resort will maintain the 45-acre, on-site, sand-bottom lake for guests to enjoy the Florida sun as they paddle board, take fishing lessons and much more.

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**UNIVERSAL ANNOUNCES 'STRANGER THINGS,' TICKET SPECIALS**

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

Halloween news already? We'll take it.

From Hawkins to Universal Studios, "Stranger Things" is coming to Halloween Horror Nights. The announcement was made Tuesday morning.

From the release: "We're very excited to be working closely with Netflix — to give our guests an immersive experience into the "Stranger Things" world by recreating some of the show's most iconic scenes, 80's settings, and most loved characters (#RIPBarb)."

Guests will experience all of the most memorable moments and environments from the show, beginning on Mirkwood and moving into the Hawkins National Laboratory, where things have gone terribly wrong. And whether they like it or not, guests will even step into the mysterious darkness of the Upside Down and be haunted by the Demogorgon.

Now through June 6, guests can purchase Universal Orlando's all-new "Buy a Night, Get 2nd Night Free" ticket offer online. This ticket entitles one guest admission to two 2018 Halloween Horror



Nights event nights on any Sunday to Friday event night (excludes Saturdays). This is the first time the park has offered a buy-one-get-one-free deal for Halloween Horror Nights tickets. The theme park will still offer other tickets and

multiple ticket packages, after June 6. Details are available online.

Halloween Horror Nights will run select nights, Sept. 14 through Nov. 3.

For more information, visit [www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com/Orlando](http://www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com/Orlando).

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**OLD TOWN, CELEBRATION TO HOST CAR EVENTS THIS MONTH**

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

There's a lot going on this month out on the lot.

**Saturday Nite-Classic Car Show and Cruise**

You're invited to drive down memory lane this Saturday (April 7) as Old Town celebrates 28 years of its well-known Saturday Nite Classic Car Show and Cruise — a weekend tradition that has been recognized as America's longest running weekly car show.

"We are excited to host another Saturday Anniversary Cruise and recognize the car owners

who have helped keep Old Town's title of America's longest running weekly car show for the last 28 years," Old Town General Manager Thearon Scurlock said in a press release. "Old Town continues to offer free family-friendly events and the Saturday Classic Car Anniversary is perfect for car enthusiasts and admirers of all ages."

The celebration will take place all day, beginning at 11 a.m., including live entertainment, giveaways and more. Live music will begin on Trophy Row Stage at 3 p.m. with a performance by Earthbeat, plus a performance

at 7 p.m. by headlining band Flashback Four.

Cars will be on display all day, with a cruise down Old Town's brick main road at 8:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Regularly scheduled nights of the Saturday Nite Classic Car Show and Cruise will resume on April 14. For more information, visit [www.MyOldTownUSA.com](http://www.MyOldTownUSA.com).

**Celebration Exotic Car Show**

Next weekend, check out Celebration's 15th annual Exotic Car Festival in downtown Celebration. The four-day festival will showcase North America's

largest collection of exotic cars, race cars and Hollywood movie cars.

While this event is fun for the whole family, it has a great cause, too. Car enthusiasts from all over the world come to this event, helping children with extreme and life-threatening medical conditions. Since its founding in 2004, the Celebration Exotic Car Festival has donated \$2 million to children's charities.

The Celebration Exotic Car Festival will run April 12-15. For more information, visit [www.CelebrationExoticCars.com](http://www.CelebrationExoticCars.com).

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"We're putting a big effort in maintaining the lake," said Bagley. "That's something that's really important to us."

**Retail**  
With approximately 200,000 square feet of retail space, it's hard to imagine what kind of entertainment Margaritaville Resort Orlando won't offer.

The retail section is

currently leased out at 75 percent, and tenants are expected to start occupying space in May or June. Retail stores are expected to open by the end of this year.

The entire retail section is designed a little differently than your average strip. It's meant to be an outdoor pavilion, encouraging pedestrian traffic. Storefronts will be located



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close to the streets, and the streets will be narrow to steer away vehicle traffic.

A long with bars and restaurants will most definitely come plenty of live entertainment.

For more information on Margaritaville Resort Orlando, visit [www.MargaritavilleResortOrlando.com](http://www.MargaritavilleResortOrlando.com).

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**Dr. Neil Sandhu, M.D.**  
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# LATIN EATS AND BEATS AT SEAWORLD

## SEVEN SEAS FOOD FESTIVAL DATES EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL 29

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

By popular demand, SeaWorld has extended its favored Seven Seas Food Festival. The festival will now run weekends through April 29, giving guests some extra time to explore the 60 unique eats, 70 craft brews and 50 wines and spirits.

The extended dates will include new Latin-inspired menu items, prepared by SeaWorld's Executive Chef Hector Colon.

"We're going to have some beautiful and delicious food," said SeaWorld Marketing Manager Maribel Alicea. "Chef Hector is amazing. He has infused a lot of Latin flavors into this menu."

Two of the new menu items include Mofongo with Carne Frita and Empanadilla Loca.

The Mofongo with Carne Frita — Colon's personal favorite — consists of garlic mashed plantains with onion mojo, served with fried pork.

"I love the empanada, I could have one every

day," said Colon. "But the Mofongo is something I don't do every day, and I love to eat it. Especially when it's homemade and fresh."

The Empanadilla Loca is a pizza empanada, with cheese, ground beef, mayo-ketchup, lettuce and tomato, uniquely served on a crushed Coca-Cola can.

"The Coke can is just a holder that I use," said Colon. "Every time I make the empanada, it flips and flips. It's like when you make a taco at home. So the Coke can helps to hold it up and in place."

Other menu items include Lechon Asado (traditional, roasted pork rubbed with Caribbean seasonings, pigeon peas and choice of ripe or sweet plantains), Pincho con Tostones (skewered, flame-grilled chicken or pork with a sweet and spicy BBQ sauce and served with fried plantains), Empanadilla de Pizza (pastry filled with mozzarella cheese and zesty tomato sauce), Empanadilla de Carne (pastry filled with savory ground beef), Empanadilla de Pollo



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(pastry filled with seasoned pulled chicken), and Bacalaitos (a thin, crispy salted codfish pancake).

Along with great new food will come great new entertainment. Guests can expect live musical performances every weekend, featuring popular reggaeton, salsa, Latin pop and merengue concerts. Performers have yet to be announced, but N'Klabe will take the stage on April 15 for the festival's original closing date.

SeaWorld's Seven Seas Food Festival begins at select markets around the park

at 11 a.m., every Saturday and Sunday through April 29. Admission to the food festival is included with standard theme park admission.

For more information on SeaWorld's Seven Seas Food Festival, or to purchase SeaWorld tickets, visit [www.SeaWorldOrlando.com](http://www.SeaWorldOrlando.com).

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# FLORIDA FILM FESTIVAL, APRIL 6-15

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

Attention film fanatics: The Florida Film Festival is back and marking its 27th year, running April 6-15.

The festival has attracted thousands in the past, and is expected to draw quite a crowd this year, too, with 180+ films and first-class events.

Presented by The Enzian — Central Florida's full-time not-for-profit alternative cinema — all film showings and events will take place at The

Enzian, located at 1300 South Orlando Avenue in Maitland.

Ready to get the fun going? The Opening Night Party will launch the 10-day celebration Friday, April 6, at The Enzian's Eden Bar beginning at 6 p.m. with a champagne reception. The welcome will begin at 6:45 p.m., followed by the feature film American Animals at 7 p.m. A conversation with the film's star Blake Jenner will follow the presentation. "Party Only" ticket holders may continue the party at

8:30 p.m. Throughout the festival, guests can enjoy live musical performances, festival block parties, cocktail tastings, conversations and forums, and much more.

For event details and ticket price information, visit [www.FloridaFilmFestival.com](http://www.FloridaFilmFestival.com). You can also download the official Florida Film Festival app.

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## FORD FOCUS RS



## Final Run for High-Performer

By Lyndon Conrad Bell  
Motor Matters

Introduced as a specialty model just two years ago, the 2018 Ford Focus RS enters its last year of production — making it an instant collectible.

If you've been on the fence about getting a Focus RS, it's time to jump down and claim yours before they're gone. After all, this is the most potent Ford Focus ever created.

Powered by a 2.3-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine, the Focus RS employs 350 horsepower and 350 lb.-ft. of torque to motivate its 3,434 pounds. It will run from 0-to-60 in under 5 seconds.

What's more, the Focus RS has a sophisticated all-wheel-drive system with a torque-vectoring rear differential; four-piston 350mm Brembo brakes, Recaro seats and electronically adjustable shocks.

The driver can engage Sport, Track or Drift modes at the touch of a button. And, in Drift mode, can go screaming into a corner too hot, wait for the tail to step out, countersteer just a bit, and giggle like a toddler with a new toy as the Focus holds itself on line and drifts through the turn.

The Focus RS can also be tailored to any given driving situation. The suspension system and steering response are independently adjustable. Thus, you can soften the dampers to deal with rough pavement, even while keeping steering and throttle response advanced-with traction and stability control minimized.

Ford delivers this hatchback wearing a set of the most aggressive performance tires available, the Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 on 19-inch wheels. It would be irresponsible to unleash this much performance potential on the general public without adequate brakes. To that end, those big Brembos are capable of hauling the Focus RS down from OH MY GOODNESS WE'RE GONNA DIE - over and over again-without



exhibiting any fade. They are also easily modulated, so the driver can call up the exact amount of braking needed with outstanding pedal feel. These brakes are just as much about control as they are about stopping the car completely.

OK, that's the good news. Here's the rest of the story. When all is said and done, we are still basically talking about a Ford Focus. The premium you'll pay over and above the cost of a standard Focus, or even the Focus ST, goes into the mechanicals. Pricing starts at \$41,120.

Inside — other than the Recaros and a sport steering wheel — the driver is behind the wheel of a Ford Focus. All of the instrumentation, as well as the cabin materials, are basically the same. Navigation was added as an option for 2018 and the Recaros are power-adjustable; but other than that, it's a Focus.

On rough roads, the driver will immediately realize the Focus RS engineering team sacrificed ride quality to the powers of handling. While not exactly track-focused, the Ford excels in that environment, even as it leaves a bit to be desired in terms of comfort and civility on the street. And again, we're talking about an end-of-production run of an exceptionally high performing automobile — one enthusiasts recognize as being very desirable.

### SPECIFICATIONS 2018 FORD FOCUS RS

VEHICLE TYPE  
5-passenger AWD compact hatchback

BASE PRICE  
\$41,120 (as tested: \$41,995)

ENGINE TYPE  
EcoBoost turbocharged 4-cyl. w/DI

DISPLACEMENT 2.3-liter

HORSEPOWER (net)  
350 at 6000 rpm

TORQUE (lb.-ft.)  
350 at 3200 rpm

TRANSMISSION  
6-speed manual

OVERALL LENGTH 172.8 in.

TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb)  
38.7 ft.

CURB WEIGHT 3,434 lbs.

FUEL CAPACITY  
13.4 gal.

EPA MILEAGE RATING  
19 mpg city, 26 mpg highway

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## Getting to know succulents



Succulents can be just what indoor or outdoor gardens need. Even though succulents are becoming more popular, there are still some people who are unaware of their attributes. By learning more about succulents, people may become devotees of these unique plants.

The word “succulent” brings to mind juicy, savory foods. But succulents aren’t meant to be consumed. In fact, they get their mouth-watering name from their uncanny ability to store water in fleshy stems or leaves. That means they do not require frequent watering like other plants might. Succulents also may prove more durable in the face of drought and are a handy plant for forgetful gardeners or those who travel often and want something more hands-off in their gardens.

According to the succulents resource Succulents and Sunshine, most succulents prefer warm temperatures and are not very cold-tolerant. However, there are some varieties that can survive freezing temperatures. Still, for most succulents, it’s best if they are kept in warm, moderately sunny conditions. The DIY Network says succulents grow best in bright light, but not always in full, hot sun.

Succulents also may attract gardeners thanks to their diverse looks. Better Homes & Gardens says that color variations of succulents are quite varied and include green, yellow, burgundy, white, blue-green, pink, red, and variegated combinations. Their shapes can be just as diverse, with many having pointy, rounded, spiky, or ruffled leaves.

People may be particularly familiar with one type of succulent: cacti. These traditional desert-dwellers are prized for their water-retention abilities, but some seem downright scary with their prickly exteriors. While all cacti are succulents, it’s important to note that not all succulents are cacti. Less needle-like succulents include aloe, jade, snake plant, and agave. Hens and chicks (*sempervivum*) and wax plant (*hoya*) are other succulents to consider.

Searching for succulents online is another great way for gardeners to discover these wonderful plants.

## Stock up on gardening essentials

Gardening attracts new devotees year after year. While Baby Boomers may spend more on gardening than any other demographic, even millennials are getting on the gardening bandwagon.

When it comes to outfitting a gardening shed, gardeners will not want to be without certain tools and gear.

► **Digging shovel:** A rounded-blade digging shovel is needed to plant shrubs and trees as well as to excavate areas in a landscape.

► **Rake:** A rake can be used to clear the ground, remove thatch and leaves from a lawn and level soil in a garden bed.

► **Hand tools:** Hand tools, such as a hand fork and trowel, are essential for small digging jobs, especially when working with flower pots or containers.

► **Edging spade:** This flat-blade shovel is handy to have around because of its versatility. Edging spades can slice turf, edge gardens and cut through roots.

► **Pruners:** Sharpened pruners can cut through stems and branches effortlessly.

► **Hose:** Choose a high-quality hose that is lightweight and durable, as hoses will always be necessary.

## Preparing garden beds for spring and beyond

Gardening enthusiasts may have been thinking about their landscape plans throughout the winter, eager to once again get their hands dirty with soil. Whether a home gardener is making preparations for edible crops or beautiful flowers, he or she must take time to make the soil amenable to planting. To establish hearty, durable plants, gardeners can focus on three main areas: addressing soil composition, cultivating and adding nutrients.

### Soil composition

Many gardeners prefer growing a variety of plants in their gardens. Such an approach requires taking inventory of the type of soil in one’s garden and making the necessary modifications so that the types of vegetables, herbs, shrubs, or flowers that will be planted can grow in strongly. In fact, according to the plant company Proven Winners, the most important step to developing good roots is preparing the soil.

Take a sample of the soil and examine it to see what is present. If the soil is too full of clay, too sandy, too dense, or too loose, that can lead to problems where plants cannot grow in strong. Work with a garden center to add the right soil amendments to make a rich soil. This may include organic compost or manure, which will also add nutrients to the soil.

### Cultivation

Cultivating the soil can involve different steps. Removal of weeds, errant rocks, roots, and other items will help prepare the soil. Mother Earth News suggests working on garden soil when the soil is damp but never wet; otherwise, garden soil can become messy and clumpy. Use a digging fork or shovel to lightly turn the soil when it’s mostly dry. Gentle tillings also can open up the soil to incorporate the nutritional amendments



and relieve compaction that likely occurred from freezing temps and snow pressure. Tilling also helps with drainage and oxygen delivery to roots. The DIY Network suggests turning over soil at a depth of 12 inches to work the soil — about the length of a shovel spade. However, the resource Earth Easy says that existing garden beds have a complex soil ecosystem and simply top-dressing with compost or manure can be enough preparation for planting. Gardeners can experiment with the methods that work best for their gardens.

### Nutrition

Testing the pH and the levels of certain nutrients in the soil, namely nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, will give gardeners an idea of other soil additions

that may be needed. Soils with a pH below 6.2 often can benefit from the addition of lime several weeks before planting. Soil tests will determine just how much fertilizer to add to the soil. Complete fertilizers will have equal amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium. Individual fertilizers can amend the soil with only these nutritional elements that are needed.

Top-dressing empty beds with a layer of mulch or compost can prevent weed growth and preserve moisture until it is time to plant. If existing shrubs or plants are in garden beds, use more care so as not to disturb roots or dig too deeply.

Preparing garden beds takes some effort initially, but can be well worth the work when plants flourish throughout the growing season.

## Select the right fertilizer for your needs

For plants to truly flourish, the right growing conditions and soil that offers the right nutrients is of paramount importance. Fertilizer enhances soil so that plants and flowers can thrive. However, fertilizer is not a one-size-fits-all mix.

Choosing fertilizer can be a little overwhelming thanks to the variety of formulations available at neighborhood lawn and garden centers. Shelves contain all-purpose products, such as those billed as vegetable fertilizer, and even formulations geared toward specific flower varieties. Others may feature buzz words like “all-natural” or “organic,” and consumers may not be sure just what they need to keep plants healthy. The following guidelines can help any would-be gardener or landscaper grow more vibrant plants.

### Start with a soil test

It’s difficult to determine what plants need without an accurate picture of what’s going on in the ground. A soil test can paint a picture of what’s going on and indicate if any nutrients are lacking. A common misconception is that gardeners fertilize plants. But fertilizer amends the soil that feeds plants, according to the soil-testing lab professionals at Virginia Tech. Soil types vary by region, and conditions may even vary between spots on a landscape. Testing where the plants will be placed can yield the most accurate results. Soil tests are available at gardening centers and online. Otherwise, landscaping professionals can conduct tests.

### Know the N-P-K ratio

Most fertilizers will come with



information concerning the nutrients within. Most notably it will have a breakdown of how much nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K) is in the mix. Judging by the soil test, gardeners can choose a product that will give them the right ratio to amend the soil for the type of plant they are hoping to grow. Complete fertilizers often have NPK in the formulation. Incomplete fertilizers may have only one or two nutrients. This allows a person to customize fertilizer even more without overdoing it with a particular nutrient.

### Grow plant knowledge

A cursory knowledge of the plants being planted in the garden also can be helpful. Gardeners must recognize that some plants will not tolerate excess amounts of a particular fertilizer component, while some may need more. Checking books out

of the library, seeking information online and consulting with landscaping experts will help expand homeowners’ knowledge about plant types and the needs of each particular plant they hope to grow.

### Solid and liquid fertilizer

Fertilizers are generally sold in pellets, spikes and liquid forms. Pellets or granules are dispersed over large areas and will gradually offer nutrients when the soil is watered. Liquid fertilizer is concentrated and fast-acting. These may be used for container plants or smaller areas. Spikes usually are placed in houseplants or to feed individual trees or shrubs. Depending on the formulation, fertilizer may need to be reapplied once a month or more. Consult the product packaging for the correct application advice.

Fertilizer amends soil to grow stronger, more resilient plants.

# BRAIN FOOD

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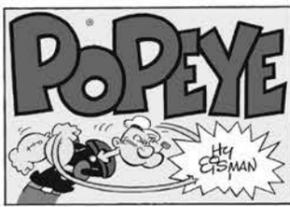
## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Lithe  
**EMBLIN**

Swish  
**ULSTER**

Descent  
**GULPEN**

Chafe  
**CAPERS**

TODAY'S WORD

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Songbook is missing. 2. Cushion is missing. 3. Picture is different. 4. Arm is moved. 5. Leg is shorter. 6. Beads are missing. 7. Picture is different.

I would love to be a heavyweight champ someday, but people tell me it's only a fight of fancy.

## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: A equals L

R ZWFAU AWGJ XW IJ M  
CJMGKZJRBCX TCMQY EQWJUMK,  
IFX YJWYAJ XJAA QJ RX'E WOAK  
M NRBCX WN NMOTK.

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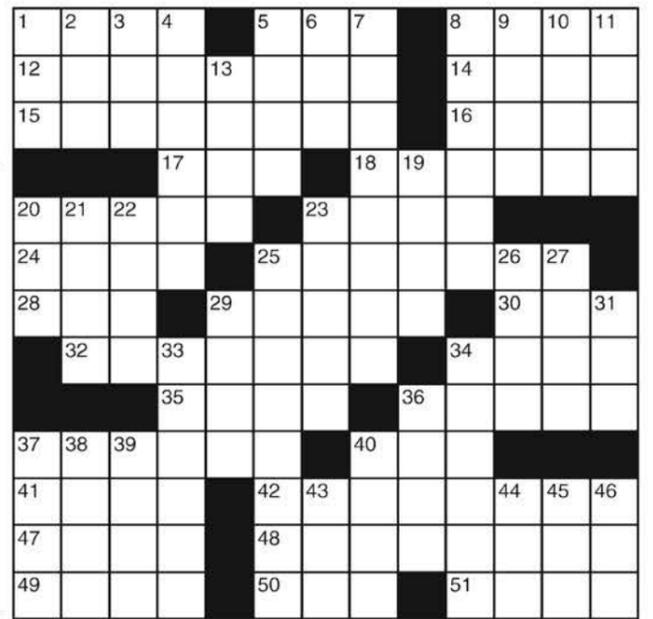


"... As I was saying, before the ice-cream truck came along..."

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Dillon or Damon
- 5 Greek vowel
- 8 Heap
- 12 Cooling drink
- 14 Smell
- 15 Execrate
- 16 Island garlands
- 17 Sch. org.
- 18 Not quite upright
- 20 Big name in California wines
- 23 Soreness
- 24 Do as you're told
- 25 Wide ruffle
- 28 Conk out
- 29 Lead the way
- 30 Playwright
- 32 Beat decisively
- 34 Follow closely
- 35 Manitoba native
- 36 Tending (to)
- 37 Lecherous observer
- 40 — carte
- 41 Off the base, for short
- 42 Proclaim
- 47 Toy block name
- 48 Washington Monument,



- e.g.
- 49 Rewrite, maybe
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 Chills and fever
- er's woe
- 9 Concept
- 10 Pork cut
- 11 Formerly, formerly
- 13 Car
- 19 Actress Elisabeth
- 20 Deity
- 21 Somewhat
- 22 Sly look
- 23 Carroll heroine
- 25 Solemn occasions
- 26 "Arrivederci"
- 27 Ireland
- 29 Mentor
- 31 Beer cousin
- 33 Spotted wildcat
- 34 Emotional upset
- 36 Trudge on
- 37 Crooner Jerry
- 38 As yet unpaid
- 39 Boo-Boo's companion
- 40 "— Karenina"
- 43 Siesta
- 44 Run-down horse
- 45 French vineyard
- 46 — out a living

### DOWN

- 1 Central
- 2 High card
- 3 Roman X
- 4 Doubly thick
- 5 Sicilian volcano
- 6 Sleuth, briefly
- 7 212 or 718, e.g.
- 8 Allergy suffer-

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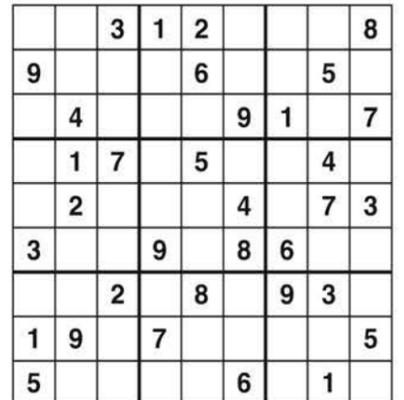
## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: How much is a dram in U.S. measurements?
- ASTRONOMY: What kind of star is our sun?
- LITERATURE: What children's book features the characters Tigger, Eeyore and Piglet?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the island nation of Cape Verde located?
- MATH: What is M divided by L in Roman numerals?
- MOVIES: Who was the lead actor in the 1968 movie "Planet of the Apes"?
- TELEVISION: What 1960s show featured POWs by the name of Newkirk, LeBeau and Kinchloe?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is the call sign of the helicopter that carries the president?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Bangkok in native Thailand?
- RELIGION: How many candles does a Hanukkah menorah have?

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Answer

- Answers
- One-eighth fluid ounce
  - Yellow dwarf
  - "White-the-Pooh"
  - Off the western coast of north Africa
  - 5, XX (1,000 divided by 50)
  - Charlan Heston
  - "Hogan's Heroes"
  - Martine One
  - Kringelp
  - Nine

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word  
1. Nimble; 2. Rustle; 3. Plunge; 4. Scrape

## Grandparents called upon to raise grandchildren

Older adults whose children have grown up often look forward to the next stages in life, which may involve retirement, downsizing and enjoying visits with their grandchildren.

A growing number of aging adults may find themselves playing a key role in their grandchildren's lives.

According to data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2.7 million grandparents across the country are stepping into parental roles for their grandkids. Some assist their adult children while others have become the primary caregivers. Factors like military deployment, illness, incarceration, and substance abuse are forcing grandparents to take on responsibilities they may have thought were over. PBS reports that, between 2009 and 2016, the number of grandparents raising grandchildren in the United States rose by 7 percent.

As grandparents navigate the unexplored waters of raising grandchildren, there are certain factors they need to consider.

### Legal advice or advocacy

Certain circumstances may require grandparents to seek legal help so they can raise their grandchildren in lawful ways. If there is neglect, divorce, arrest, or other factors, it may be a smart idea for grandparents to seek the help of an attorney or advocacy group to clarify their legal rights and ensure access to grandchildren. In addition, grandparents may need certain legal documents, such as a power of attorney,

citizenship papers, adoption records, or consent forms.

### Get educated

The rules have changed since grandparents raised their own children. It is important they learn as much as possible on child safety guidelines. Consumer advocacy groups or pediatricians can help explain how guidelines have changed. New furniture and toys that meet current safety guidelines may have to replace older, unsafe items.

### Take care of yourself

Raising grandchildren can be emotionally taxing, especially if poor circumstances led to the grandchildren being placed with family. It is crucial to recognize feelings and one's own health when caring for others. A grandparent who is exhausted or overwhelmed may not offer the appropriate care. Emphasizing one's own mental and physical health is essential, as is getting help and advice when it's most needed. The organization AARP recommends compiling a list of support services, such as respite care providers, counselors and support groups.

### Grandchildren will have feelings, too

Children, whether they are old enough to understand or not, may react to change differently. Some children may act out while others may grow detached. Grandparents can focus on providing stable environments and offer support and consistency even if grandchildren are withdrawing or pushing their loved ones away with words or actions.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

- Carlos Luis Lopez, 86, of Kissimmee, passed away on Saturday March 24, 2018, Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee.
- Lucy C. Ortiz, 92, of Ocala, passed away Friday March 23, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee is handling the arrangements. 407-847-2494.
- John B. Lyng, 64, of Kissimmee, passed away on Wednesday March 28, 2018, Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee.
- Millicent Johnson, 65, of Kissimmee, passed away Wednesday, March 28, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee, is handling the arrangements.

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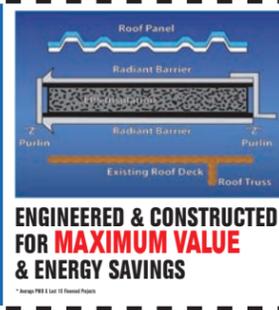
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Case No.: 49-2013-CA-001939 MF  
WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST 2006-8, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-8, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
HEFFICO, AS TRUSTEE FOR TRUST 12607-4512; et. al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale Entered on February 12, 2018 in Civil Case No. 49-2013-CA-001939 MF, of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, WILMINGTON TRUST, NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, F/B/O HOLDERS OF STRUCTURED ASSET MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS II INC., BEAR STEARNS ALT-A TRUST 2006-8, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-8, is the Plaintiff, and HEFFICO, AS TRUSTEE FOR TRUST 12607-4512; ORLANDO SUN VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF TRUST 12607-4512; TENANT #1, N/K/A KAREN COSME; TENANT #2, N/K/A SONIA INOSTORZA; MARCELO ROMAN-GARCIA, A/K/A MARCELO ROMAN GARCIA; CITIBANK, NA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on APRIL 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Attorney for Plaintiff  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case No.: 2013-CA-1923 MF  
WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-FF17 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF17, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ANDREW W. ARTHURS, et. al.  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST ANDREW W. ARTHURS, A/K/A ANDREW WILLIAM ARTHURS, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who maybe spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mort-

gage being foreclosed herein.  
**TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA A. ARTHURS, A/K/A CYNTHIA ANNE ARTHURS, F/K/A CYNTHIA THURBER,** whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
**THE NORTH EAST 1/4 OF LOT B, BLOCK 4, MARY B. MORGANS SUBDIVISION OF CAMPBELL CITY OF NE 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 28, EAST, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGES 30 AND 40, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before MAY 2, 2018 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.  
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Osceola County, Florida, this 12th day of March 2018.  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, & SCHNEID, PL  
6409 Congress Avenue  
Suite 100  
Boca Raton, FL 33487  
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gation being foreclosed herein.  
**TO: UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CYNTHIA A. ARTHURS, A/K/A CYNTHIA ANNE ARTHURS, F/K/A CYNTHIA THURBER,** whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2012-CA-005741  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I, LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE9, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
FRANCISCO J. MILIAN RODRIGUEZ, A/K/A FRANCISCO MILIAN RODRIGUEZ, A/K/A MILIAN RODRIGUEZ FRANCISCO; ET. AL.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**UNDER F.S. CHAPTER 45**  
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Agreed Order on Defendant's Verified Motion For Relief From Final Summary Judgment and Motion for Rehearing dated February 12, 2015, and Order on Plaintiff's Motion to Reschedule Sale, dated February 20, 2018, in the above-styled cause, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Armando Ramirez, shall sell the subject property at public sale on the 24th day of APRIL, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Osceola County Courthouse, located at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, for the following described property:  
**LOT 12, BLOCK 2165, POINCIANA, NEIGHBORHOOD 1, VILLAGE 5, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, AT PAGE 144-158, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 905 SOUTH RENNES COURT, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34759.  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Flor-

ida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (Notice of Action); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.  
Dated: March 21, 2018.  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2015-CA-002820 MF  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Maleia Moore; et al.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
pursuant to an Order dated February 16, 2018, entered in Case No. 2015-CA-002820 MF of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, is the Plaintiff, and Maleia Moore; Theodore Moore; Any and All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under and Against the Herein Named Individual Defendant(s) who are not known to be Dead or Alive, Whether said Unknown Parties may Claim an Interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or other Claimants; Association of Poinciana Villages, Inc.; Poinciana Village One Association, Inc.; Tenant # 1; Tenant # 2; Tenant # 3; Tenant # 4, are the Defendants, that Armando R. Ramirez, Osceola County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, Suite 2600/Room 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the 17th day of APRIL, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 19, BLOCK 1416, POINCIANA, NEIGHBORHOOD 1 SOUTH, VILLAGE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 9 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
DATED on this 22nd day of March 2018.  
BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2010-CA-005696 MF  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATOS, NOEL AND BRUNILDA, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 24, 2016, and entered in 2010-CA-005696 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, is the Plaintiff, and NOEL MATOS; BRUNILDA MATOS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR SOMERST INVESTORS CORP.; THE BUENAVENTURA LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; JANE DOE, N/K/A SUKANYA OLIVA; JOHN DOE, N/K/A PEDRO OLIVA are the Defendant(s). Armando Ramirez, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Suite 2600/Room # 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on APRIL 17, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 8, BLOCK 152, BUENAVENTURA LAKES SUBDIVISION, UNIT 6, SECOND ADDITION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 829 BIRCHWOOD CIR, KISSIMMEE, FL 34743  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
**IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.** If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; (describe notice); If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.  
DATED on this 21st day of March 2018.  
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March 29, 2018  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2015-CA-002820 MF  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Maleia Moore; et al.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
pursuant to an Order dated February 16, 2018, entered in Case No. 2015-CA-002820 MF of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, is the Plaintiff, and Maleia Moore; Theodore Moore; Any and All Unknown Parties Claiming by, Through, Under and Against the Herein Named Individual Defendant(s) who are not known to be Dead or Alive, Whether said Unknown Parties may Claim an Interest as Spouses, Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, or other Claimants; Association of Poinciana Villages, Inc.; Poinciana Village One Association, Inc.; Tenant # 1; Tenant # 2; Tenant # 3; Tenant # 4, are the Defendants, that Armando R. Ramirez, Osceola County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at, Suite 2600/Room 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the 17th day of APRIL, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 19, BLOCK 1416, POINCIANA, NEIGHBORHOOD 1 SOUTH, VILLAGE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGES 9 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
DATED this 23rd day of March 2018.  
By: /s/ Eric Knopp  
Stephanie Simmonds, Esq.,  
Bar. No.: 85404

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2016-CA-003118 MF  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed February 20, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-003118 MF, of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is the Plaintiff, and MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. ARMANDO RAMIREZ, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN SUITE 2600/ ROOM 2602 OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 2 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, KISSIMMEE IN OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on the 24th day of APRIL, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 23, LAUREL RUN AT CRESCENT LAKES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 12-13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
DATED this 23rd day of March 2018.  
By: /s/ Eric Knopp  
Stephanie Simmonds, Esq.,  
Bar. No.: 85404

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2016-CA-003144 MF  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-AR14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR14, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ISMAEL RAMOS, A/K/A ISMAEL A. RAMOS; et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale Entered on January 18, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-003144 MF, of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-AR14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR14, is the Plaintiff, and ISMAEL A. RAMOS; EVELYN RAMOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVELYN RAMOS; ELPIDIO RIVERA; DEMETRIA RIVERA; ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC.; POINCIANA VILLAGE ONE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, N/K/A LUZ CARMONA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on APRIL 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT(S) 14, BLOCK 1493, POINCIANA NEIGHBORHOOD 2, VILLAGE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 17-31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.  
**IMPORTANT**  
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.  
DATED on this 29th day of March 2018.  
ALDRIDGE | PITE, LLP  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2010-CA-005696 MF  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATOS, NOEL AND BRUNILDA, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

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**LOT 8, BLOCK 152, BUENAVENTURA LAKES SUBDIVISION, UNIT 6, SECOND ADDITION, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 9, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 829 BIRCHWOOD CIR, KISSIMMEE, FL 34743  
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DATED on this 21st day of March 2018.  
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March 29, 2018  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2015-CA-002820 MF  
U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-WFHE3, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-WFHE3, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
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DATED on this 22nd day of March 2018.  
BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2016-CA-003118 MF  
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; Defendants.

**RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale filed February 20, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2016-CA-003118 MF, of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, is the Plaintiff, and MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATTHEW HAYNES, A/K/A MATTHEW THEODORE ANDERSON HAYNES; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are Defendants. ARMANDO RAMIREZ, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN SUITE 2600/ ROOM 2602 OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 2 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, KISSIMMEE IN OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on the 24th day of APRIL, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 23, LAUREL RUN AT CRESCENT LAKES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 12-13, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
DATED this 23rd day of March 2018.  
By: /s/ Eric Knopp  
Stephanie Simmonds, Esq.,  
Bar. No.: 85404

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2016-CA-003144 MF  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-AR14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR14, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ISMAEL RAMOS, A/K/A ISMAEL A. RAMOS; et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order Resetting Sale Entered on January 18, 2018 in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-003144 MF, of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR INDYMAC INDX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-AR14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-AR14, is the Plaintiff, and ISMAEL A. RAMOS; EVELYN RAMOS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVELYN RAMOS; ELPIDIO RIVERA; DEMETRIA RIVERA; ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC.; POINCIANA VILLAGE ONE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, N/K/A LUZ CARMONA; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez, will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on APRIL 19, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT(S) 14, BLOCK 1493, POINCIANA NEIGHBORHOOD 2, VILLAGE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 17-31, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Redevelopment Agency 2017 Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report for the City of Kissimmee Community Redevelopment Agency and the Vine Street Community Redevelopment Agency may be inspected in the Office of the City Clerk at the City of Kissimmee, 101 Church Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34741.

In accordance with S. 163.356(3)(c), Florida Statutes, the City of Kissimmee Community Redevelopment Agency and Vine Street Community Redevelopment Agency, have developed the annual reports of its activities for the preceding fiscal year 2017. This report has been filed with the Kissimmee City Clerk and is available for inspection during business hours in the office of the City Clerk, located at 101 Church Street, Suite 526, Kissimmee, FL 34741, phone number 407-518-2308. In addition, the report is available in the office of the CRA, located at 101 Church Street, Suite 110, Kissimmee, FL 34741, phone number 407-518-2586 or on the CRA webpage www.kissimmee-cra.com. April 5, 7, 2018

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 18-031R RV17-00013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 19th day of March, A.D. 2018, the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, adopted a Resolution vacating, abandoning, and discontinuing as a public road or street and forever renouncing and disclaiming any right of the County of Osceola, State of Florida, and the public, in and to the following deeded right-of-way delineated in OR Book 324, Page 93, as filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Osceola County, Florida, particularly described as follows, to wit:

Legal Description:

The South 41.00 Feet of the North 66.00 Feet of Lots 33 and 39, New Map of Narcoossee, Lying in Section 21, Township 25 South, Range 31 East, According to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 73 & 74, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, Less the West 31.37 Feet Thereof.

Containing 1.17 Acres, More or less.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, Plaintiff, vs. JASON M. SABLE; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on February 28, 2018, in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-001472 MF, of the Circuit Court of the NINETEENTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, is the Plaintiff, and JASON M. SABLE; MELISSA P. SABLE; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; WATERSTREET AT CELEBRATION CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.; CELEBRATION RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT 1, N/K/A JENNIFER MCLENDON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants.

The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on APRIL 17, 2018, at 11:00 A.M., EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: THE CONDOMINIUM PARCEL KNOWN AS UNIT 455, OF WATER STREET AT CELEBRATION, A CONDOMINIUM ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1482, PAGE 1998, AND AS AMENDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1496, PAGE 206; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1513, PAGE 1369; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1539, PAGE 2014; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1557, PAGE 2373; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1602, PAGE 590; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1620, PAGE 1783; OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1631, PAGE 689, CORRECTION AFFIDAVITS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1636, PAGE 2266, AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 1780, PAGE 1651, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND ALL FURTHER AMENDMENTS THERETO, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO AS SPECIFIED AS SAID DECLARATION.

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

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. DATED on this 29th day of March 2018.

ALDRIDGE | PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 Telephone: (561) 392-6391 Facsimile: (561) 392-6965 By: /s/ Christopher T. Peck CHRISTOPHER T. PECK FL Bar No. 88774 FBN #: 33626 Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridgepite.com 1113-752830B April 5, 12, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SASENARAYAN SACKHICHAND, DECEASED; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on February 28, 2018, in Civil Case No. 2015-CA-001986 MF, of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, is the Plaintiff, and THE ESTATE OF SASENARAYAN SACKHICHAND, DECEASED; PLEASANT HILL LAKES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, SURVIVING SPOUSE, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEE, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SASENARAYAN SACKHICHAND, DECEASED; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1, N/K/A PUJA GUITRI SACKHICHAND, A/K/A PUJA SACK-

N/K/A PUJA GUITRI SACKHICHAND, A/K/A PUJA SACKHICHAND; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2, N/K/A SHIVA SACKHICHAND; DHANESHWAR MUKESH SACKHICHAND; ANIL SHIVANAND SACKHICHAND A/K/A SHIVA SACKHICHAND; VADEWATTY SACKHICHAND; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez will sell to the highest bidder for cash at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/Room # 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on APRIL 17, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: ALL THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE IN THE COUNTY OF OSCEOLA AND STATE OF FLORIDA AND BEING DESCRIBED IN A DEED DATED 05/02/2003 AND RECORDED 09/24/2003 IN BOOK 2345 PAGE 1898 AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY AND STATE SET FORTH ABOVE AND REFERENCED AS FOLLOWS: LOT 1, SUBDIVISION PLEASANT LAKES UNIT 8, PLAT BOOK 4, PLATPAGE 56.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. DATED on this 29th day of March 2018.

ALDRIDGE | PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 Telephone: (561) 392-6391 Facsimile: (561) 392-6965 By: /s/ Christopher T. Peck CHRISTOPHER T. PECK FL Bar No. 88774 FBN #: 33626 Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridgepite.com 1252-387B April 5, 12, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2016-CA-001384 MF PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT E. PASSNO, JR. AND JAMIE M. PASSNO, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 05, 2017, and entered in 2016-CA-001384 MF of the Circuit Court in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff, and ROBERT PASSNO, JR.; JAMIE M. PASSNO, are the Defendant(s). Armando Ramirez, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Suite 2600/Room # 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on APRIL 24, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: LOT 16, OF LORRAINE ESTATES UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 264, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 1720 EAST CLINTON DRIVE, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34769

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; (describe notice); If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. DATED on this 22nd day of March 2018.

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: mail@rasflaw.com By: /s/ Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350 Telephone Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com 16-016077-MoP March 29, 2018 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2017-CA-002916 OC PEACHTREE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. YANETH GUTIERREZ, JESSICA GUERANDEZ, JONATHAN AYALA, JASON AYALA, IWONA THOMAS, KEITH LAYNE, B.L., a minor, and JANET ODOM, Respondents.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE PRESTON'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on the following dates at 09:00 a.m. at 605 E Dovegan Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34744, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. PRESTON'S TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. APRIL 18, 2018 VIN: YV4CZ852061288663 APRIL 23, 2018 VIN: 5GTEN13E198143065 2) 2004 MERCEDES-BENZ VIN: WDBTJ65J04F091383 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2017-CA-002916 OC PEACHTREE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. YANETH GUTIERREZ, JESSICA GUERANDEZ, JONATHAN AYALA, JASON AYALA, IWONA THOMAS, KEITH LAYNE, B.L., a minor, and JANET ODOM, Respondents.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2017-CA-002916 OC PEACHTREE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. YANETH GUTIERREZ, JESSICA GUERANDEZ, JONATHAN AYALA, JASON AYALA, IWONA THOMAS, KEITH LAYNE, B.L., a minor, and JANET ODOM, Respondents.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JASON L. AYALA; JOEL L. AYALA YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action seeking non-monetary declaratory relief to determine insurance coverage has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Osceola County, Florida. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to the action on Stephen A. Spaid, Esq., the petitioner's attorney, whose address is 100 S. Ashley Dr., Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida 33602, on or before MAY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Osceola County Clerk of Court either before service on the petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Osceola County: ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, FL 34741, (407) 742-2417, Fax #: 407-835-5079, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. DATED on March 9, 2018.

ARMANDO R. RAMIREZ As Deputy Clerk March 29, 2018 April 5, 12, 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2017-CA-003192 MF CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. EVA APOSTOLOU, et al, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE TO: EVA APOSTOLOU and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVA APOSTOLOU Whose Residence Is: 3200 N. OCEAN BLVD., # 807, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308, and who is evading service of process and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendant(s), who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: CONDOMINIUM UNIT 161, PHASE 21, OAKWATER, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3390, PAGE(S) 617 THROUGH 891, AND ANY AMENDMENTS AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS THERETO, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED INTEREST IN AND TO THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO AS SPECIFIED IN SAID DECLARATION. has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before MAY 2, 2018/ (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

ARMANDO R. RAMIREZ As Deputy Clerk March 29, 2018 April 5, 12, 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2017-CA-002063 MF DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR2, Plaintiff, vs. ANDREW PORTACIO, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: ANDREW PORTACIO, LISA PORTACIO, A/K/A LISA ELLEN PORTACIO, and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANDREW PORTACIO, whose residence is unknown, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOT 4, KEYSTONE POINTE PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 16, PAGE 18-20; AND AFFIDAVITS CORRECTING PLAT RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2448, PAGE 1027, OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2557, PAGE 2685, AND OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2557, PAGE 2686, ALL OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is: 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before MAY 8, 2018/ (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Osceola County, Florida, this 9th day of March 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: mail@rasflaw.com By: /s/ Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350 Telephone Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com 16-016077-MoP March 29, 2018 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2018-CA-000387 MF HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SEURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OP2, Plaintiff, vs. JAYNE CATHCART, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: JAYNE CATHCART and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAYNE CATHCART, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOT 1, LESS THE SOUTH 25.0 FEET THEREOF, BLOCK 119, THE SEMINOLE LAND AND INVESTMENT CO.'S (INCORPORATED) MAP OF TOWN OF ST. CLOUD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGES 33 & 34 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before MAY 1, 2018, (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Osceola County, Florida, this 16th day of March 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: mail@rasflaw.com By: /s/ Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350 Telephone Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com 16-016077-MoP March 29, 2018 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case No.: 2018-CA-454 OC HORIZON OF THE SEA, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. IAN GILDER; LISA GILDER; MERS, INC., ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE OF

PINNACLE FINANCIAL CORP., d/b/a TRI STAR LENDING GROUP; THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR OF JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE; JEEVES HOLIDAY HOMES; HERITAGE CROSSING CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

To the above-named Defendants: IAN GILDER; LISA GILDER; ANY UNKNOWN PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH AND UNDER THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to Quiet Title to real property described as: Unit T-5, Heritage Crossing, a Condominium according to the Declaration and amendments thereto, recorded in Official Records Book 2783, Page 2180, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereto. Has been filed by Plaintiff, HORIZON OF THE SEA, LLC, and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on ALISA D. WILKES, Esq., 13400 Sutton Park Dr. S., Suite 1204, Jacksonville, FL 32224, (904) 620-9545 within 30 days after the first publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court and Plaintiff's attorney, otherwise a default and judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in this Petition.

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on this 16th day of March 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk

Alisa D. Wilkes, Esq. Wilkes & Mee, PLLC 13400 Sutton Park Dr., S., Suite 1204 Jacksonville, FL 32224 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2018-CA-000387 MF HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SEURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OP2, Plaintiff, vs. JAYNE CATHCART, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: JAYNE CATHCART and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JAYNE CATHCART, whose residence is unknown and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property: LOT 1, LESS THE SOUTH 25.0 FEET THEREOF, BLOCK 119, THE SEMINOLE LAND AND INVESTMENT CO.'S (INCORPORATED) MAP OF TOWN OF ST. CLOUD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGES 33 & 34 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before MAY 1, 2018, (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

IMPORTANT If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Osceola County, Florida, this 16th day of March 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: mail@rasflaw.com By: /s/ Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350 Telephone Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com 16-016077-MoP March 29, 2018 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2018-CA-000387 MF HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ACE SEURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-OP2, Plaintiff, vs. JAYNE CATHCART, et al., Defendant(s).

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 561-241-6901 Facsimile: 561-997-6909 Service Email: mail@rasflaw.com By: /s/ Thomas Joseph Thomas Joseph, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350 Telephone Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com 16-016077-MoP March 29, 2018 April 5, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2018-CP-000199 PR IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN OSUNA CHARLEMAN a/k/a, HELEN CHARLEMAN a/k/a, HELEN O. CHARLEMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of HELEN OSUNA CHARLEMAN, Deceased, who died testate, whose date of death was February 7, 2018, File Number 2018-CP-000199 PR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of a person designated as personal representative in the Decedent's will or Petitioner and a person designated as personal representative in the Decedent's will or Petitioner's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this Court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF THREE 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. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL IRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE No.: 2013-CA-002565 MF

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RONALD M. CRAY, A/K/A RONALD MALCOLM CRAY, ET AL., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered March 5, 2015 in Civil Case No. 2013-CA-002565 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, is Plaintiff, and RONALD M. CRAY, A/K/A RONALD MALCOLM CRAY, ET AL., are Defendants, the Clerk of Court Armando Ramirez will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/ Room 2602, Kissimmee, FL. 34741 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 1st day of MAY, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit: **THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LOT, PIECE, OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF OSCEOLA, STATE OF FLORIDA, TO WIT:**

Commence at the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 29, McCool's Addition to Kissimmee Park, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 78, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, run thence S 2° 45' W along the East side of Cherokee Road 1324.50'; thence in an Easterly direction 408.95', to the Point of Beginning, thence continue in an Easterly direction a distance of 360.55' to a point on the Easterly line of a parcel of land described in Official Records Book 511, Page 659, Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, thence in a Northerly direction 1324.50' to the North line of said Lot 1, thence run West along said North line, 240.55'; thence run S 1° 35' 05" W, a distance of 159.59'; run thence S 90° 00' 00" W a distance of 120.00'; run thence S 1° 40' 01" E, a distance of 1165.58' to the Point of Beginning. (Less road right of way). SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 10.64 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

Being that parcel of land conveyed to Ronald M. Cray from Deborah A. Cray by that deed dated 10/26/1995 and recorded 10/26/1995 in Official Records Book 1287, at Page 2399 of the OSCEOLA County, FL Public Registry.

**Tax Map Reference: R252629-410000290014**  
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
*If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.*  
DATED on this 22nd day of March 2018.  
By: /s/ Lisa Woodburn  
LISA WOODBURN, Esq.  
McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
225 E. Robinson Street, Suite 155  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Phone: (407) 674-1850  
Fax: (321) 248-0420  
Email: MRSservice@mccallaraymer.com  
Fla. Bar No.: 11003  
File #: 13-01645-6  
March 29, 2018  
April 5, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES. SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83-806 AND 83-807: CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BEDDING, TOYS, GAMES, PACKED CARTON, FURNITURE, TOOLS, TRUCKS, CARS ETC. THERE'S NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT THE LIEN SALE. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. Lien sale to be held online ending **Wednesday April 18, 2018**, at the times indicated below. Viewing and bidding will only be available online at [www.storage-treasures.com](http://www.storage-treasures.com), beginning at least 5 days prior to the scheduled sale date and time.  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE ST. CLOUD** - 350 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE ST.CLOUD, FL 34769 AT 10:00 AM:234 David J Cunningham II; 429 Jasmine D. Watson; 515 Constance E. Tuttle; 1019 Jamie B Russell; 1056 Catherine J. Butler; 1289 Brandon C. Hollis  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE CANOE CREEK**- 3690 OLD CANOE CREEK ROAD, ST. CLOUD,FL 34769 AT 10:15 AM: 223 Nancy E Ryder, 445 Melissa T Hansell, 1012 Brian Moss, 1150 Felix Acevedo Izquierdo, 1409 Valerie Vicente;1043 Charlie Verity  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE BROADVIEW**- 2581 BROADVIEW DRIVE KISSIMMEE, FL 34744 AT 10:30 AM: 135 Yolanda Tate;174 Frances Torres;238 Keyerra Buckley;336 Tonya Temple Hicks;338 Daniel Henry Couturiaux Jr.;344 Jomarie Rodriguez; 532 Quinton Tomaski;567 Alex Fernando Pacheco Arroyo;726 Charlesetta Bruneau; 851 Michael Soto Vega  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE KISSIMMEE** - 1404 E. VINE STREET, KISSIMMEE FL 34744 - AT 11:00 AM: 006 Altman David, 028 Fordham Lee Roy Thomas, 144 Griffieth Teresa Gayle, 149 Jose M Ramos.  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE DYER** - 932 DYER BOULEVARD KISSIMMEE, FL 34741- AT 11:30 AM: 441 Ricky Lee Heard c/o Palace of Praise Church of God; 450 Joseph Reid; 1001 Harold Taveras c/o Harold Discount Furniture; 1024 Edgardo Zavala Vazquez; 1124 Douglas Shirey; 1329 James Ireland; 1408 Dolores Eileen Donnell.  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE VINE** - 608 W. VINE ST KISSIMMEE, FL 34741 AT 12:00PM:B724 Tomeka Farmer-Fisher; B749 Celina Martinez;B763 Jennifer Collins; D025 Faymarie Gibson; E913 Christopher Ray;F233 Debra Ziegler; H367 Julio Caban; H444 Geralinne Rodriguez; H478 Luis Martinez;I502 Edward Cunningham Jr; J517 Ulrie S Violet;I550 Elizabeth Melendez Velez; I559 Raymond Rodriguez; 1569 Wilma J Ocasio Matta  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE BVL** - 2852 MICHIGAN AVE KISSIMMEE, FL 34744- AT 12:30 PM: 210 Ana Vargas Zambrano;316 Jorge Rivera;346 Julio Rodriguez;351 Jose Osorio;427 Luis Babilonia; 445 Argelio Ortega; 611 Landon Banton.  
April 5, 12, 2018

**WARNING**

**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **4433**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): PAUL MARTINA, TERESA MARTINA Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** BUENAVENTURA LAKES UNIT 1 PB 2 PG 110 113 TRACT K COM AT SE COR OF TRACT K, N 53 DEG E 80.54 FT TO POB; N 36 DEG W 89.70 FT, N 115 FT, E 85 FT, S 163.67 FT, S 53 DEG W 39.34 FT TO POB AKA LOT 7 & LESS COM AT SE COR TRACT K, N 53 DEG E 80.5 FT, N 36 DEG 89.70 FT TO POB; N 115 FT, E 85 FT, S 115 FT W 85 FT TO POB 8/25/30 Parcel No.: 07 25 30 2675 000K 0070  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com), on the 8th day of May, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
Dated this day, March 26, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE.  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following personal property of Richard McCool and If Deceased, All Unknown Parties, Beneficiaries, Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Richard McCool and All Parties Having or Claiming to Have Any Right, Title, or Interest in the Property Herein Described will on the 24th day of April 2018, at 10:00 a.m., on property at 2494 Roble Drive, Lot #51, Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida 34746, be sold for cash to satisfy storage fees in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 715.109:  
**Year/Make: 1973 BARR Mobile Home**  
**VIN Nos.: 33A34CS1945U/X**  
**Title Nos.: 0006075893/0006075900**  
**And All Other Personal Property Therein**  
PREPARED BY:  
Rosia Sterling  
Lutz, Bobo & Telfair, P.A.  
2155 Delta Blvd, Suite 210-B  
Tallahassee, Florida 32303  
April 5, 12, 2018

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Unincorporated Areas of Osceola County, Florida, Case No. 17-04-6937P.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at [www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe), or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).  
April 5, 12, 2018

RAINBOW TITLE & LIEN, INC.  
3389 SHERIDAN ST PMB 221  
HOLLYWOOD, FLA 33021  
(954) 920-6020

Rainbow Title & Lien, Inc. will sell at public sale at auction the following vehicles to satisfy lien pursuant to Chapter 713.585 of the Florida Statutes on 04/26/2018 at 10 A.M. **\*Auction will occur where vehicles are located\***

2000 Lincoln VIN #1LNHM82W8YY864956 At: 5,355.44  
At: 1660 E Irlto Bronson Mem Hwy, Kissimmee, FL 37444

Notice to owner or Lienor that he has a right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the clerk of the court. Notice to the Owner or Lienor that he has the right to a hearing prior to the scheduled date of sale by filing with the Clerk of Courts. Owner has the right to recover possession of vehicle by posting bond in accordance with Fla. Statutes Sect. 559.917 Proceeds from the sale of the vehicle after payment lien claimed by lienor will be deposited with the clerk of the court. Any person (s) claiming any interest(s) in the above vehicles contact: RAINBOW TITLE & LIEN, INC. (954-920-6020) **ALL AUCTIONS ARE HELD WITH RESERVE..25% Buyers Premium** Some vehicles may have been released prior to the sale date. Lic # **AB-000125**  
Interested Parties must call one day prior to sale. No Pictures allowed.  
April 5, 2018

**WARNING**

**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2211**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): ALUMINI PARTNERS II LLC Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V2 NBD 3 PB 3 PG 109 BLK 1278 LOT 12 3/27/28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6112 1278 0120  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com), on the 8th day of May, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
Dated this day, March 26, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE.  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2309**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): FERNANDO ALTAMIRANO Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V1 NBD 1N PB 3 PG 2 BLK 1445 LOT 13 1-27-28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6116 1445 0130  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2496**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): ANTHONY H ISMAEL, EDITH A ISMAEL Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V1 NBD 2 PB 3 PG 28 BLK 1540 LOT 7 2/27/28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6118 1540 0070  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2394**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): EMMA ESTAMPADOR Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V1 NBD 2 PB 3 PG 19 BLK 1554 LOT 12 2/27/28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6118 1554 0120  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com), on the 8th day of May, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2510**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): AMY HO CHAN, BUU CHI HA, HAI TRAN Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2149 LOT 27 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2149 0270  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that MARK H FINK, the holder of tax certificate No. **2624**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): PEARLE GRAY, PEARL GRAY ESTATE Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** MARYDIA PB B PG 067 BLK 68 N 100 FT LOT 10 Parcel No.: 02 25 29 4080 0068 0100  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com), on the 8th day of May, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
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Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

**WARNING**

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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **7630**, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): THOMAS D BEHR Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** CANAVERAL ACRES IV PB 2 PG 020 LOT 112 Parcel No.: 24 27 32 2735 0001 1120  
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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By: DLC, DEPUTY CLERK  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

Public notices don't affect me. Right?

The property next to the lot you just bought was rezoned as land fill. Maybe you should have read the public notice in your local paper.

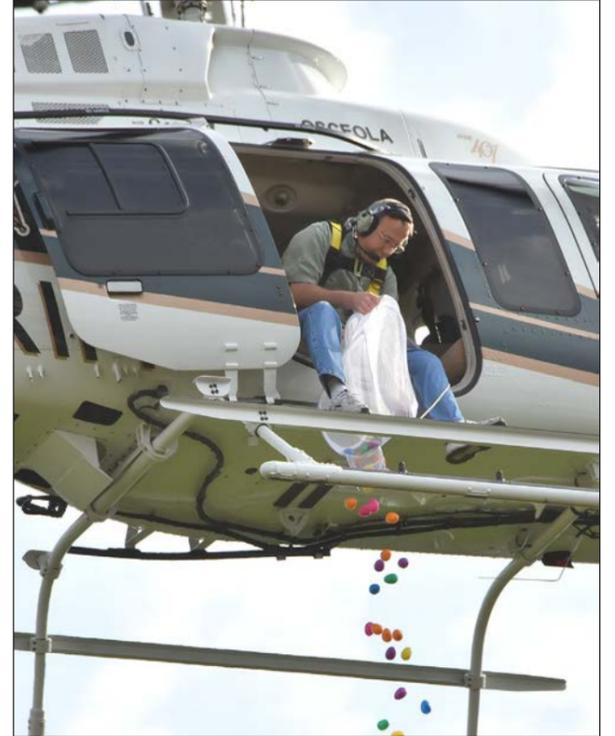
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# EASTER EGG DROP



The Osceola County Sheriff's Office helped the Easter Bunny deliver eggs via helicopter on Saturday morning at Osceola County Stadium. Hundreds of children and their parents came out for the egg drop that was hosted by the Florida Fire Frogs baseball team. Top row: Jordan and Grant Counselman from Charlotte, North Carolina along with their friend Madelynn Yatsko from Kissimmee, meet up with the Easter Bunny before the big drop. The Osceola County Sheriff's Office helicopter arrived and dumped multiple sacks of colorful eggs onto the ball field. Second row: Children wait in anticipation for the word to start gathering eggs. Third row: Children stampede the field in a rush to gather up as many goodies as they could. Xiomara Lezama from Kissimmee shows off her basket full of eggs while a line forms behind her where children got a little one on one time with the Easter Bunny and the Fire Frogs mascot Striker. Right: Patrick and Penny Reiman came out to to the stadium with their boys, Ayden and Colton, who were more than happy to show off some of the eggs they collected.



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# Salty, sour — and savory?



This March 18, 2018 photo shows baked chicken thighs with preserved lemons and artichoke hearts. AP

## Serve baked chicken thighs with lemon pickles

BY SARA MOULTON  
Associated Press

Preserved lemons, aka lemon pickles, are a delicious and unique treat that have long delivered a ton of salty and acidic crunch to the cuisines of North Africa, the Middle East and South Asia — and to America in recent years.

You can buy lemon pickles at a specialty store (or online) or you can make some at home. But both options have their problems. Lemon pickles from the store are often left to overstay their welcome and become rancid on the shelf, while making them at home can take up to a month because that's how much time they need to cure. Plus, you're generally forced to make a big batch because a minimum critical mass is required to produce enough juice to cover the lemons as they cure.

This recipe offers a much quicker way to make lemon pickles. Usually, the lemons are cured

whole. Here they are sliced thin, layered with salt and left to cure at room temperature for 12 to 48 hours — your choice — although the longer they cure, the softer the texture and the stronger the flavor. Once cured, there's nothing left to do but rinse off your lemon pickles and decide which of a whole range of dishes they should glorify. You can add them as a garnish to soups, stews and roasted vegetables, chop and combine them with fresh herbs to top fish, slide them into a grilled cheese sandwich, or stir them into grain dishes.

What about those artichokes? They're in the recipe because they play so nicely with lemons. I've called for frozen or canned artichokes, although you're welcome to use fresh artichokes if you have the energy to cut them into hearts. (They'll be delicious.) If you do roll with the canned or frozen kind, just be sure to pat the artichokes very dry and cook them in a hot pan to achieve a nice golden color.

The beauty of this recipe is that once the lemon pickles are good to go, it takes no time at all to throw everything together. And the chicken, combined with a bit of wine, creates its own natural sauce as it cooks.

### Baked Chicken Thighs with Artichoke Hearts and Lemon Pickles

Start to finish: 13 hours, (40 minutes hands-on)  
Servings: 8

2 1/2 lemons, preferably thin-skinned  
3 tablespoons kosher salt  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
8 medium chicken thighs  
One 14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained, or one 9-ounce box defrosted frozen artichoke hearts  
1/3 cup dry white wine  
1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh

cilantro, parsley or dill

Rinse the lemons well and slice them crosswise 1/4-inch thick. Arrange half of the slices in one layer (or slightly overlapping) in the bottom of a noncorrosive baking dish or pie plate and sprinkle half the salt evenly over the slices. Repeat with the remaining slices and salt, cover and leave at room temperature for at least 12 hours and up to 48 hours. Rinse the lemons and remove the seeds. Only half will be used in this recipe; keep the second half, covered, in the refrigerator for other uses. The pickles will keep for two weeks in the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. In a large ovenproof skillet heat the 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat. Season the chicken with salt on the skin side, reduce the heat to medium and working in batches if necessary (if all the chicken doesn't fit easily in the pan), cook the chicken skin side down until the skin is nicely browned. Transfer the pieces to a plate and

repeat with the remaining chicken if it didn't all fit in the pan the first time. Pour off all but 2 tablespoons of the fat left in the pan.

Pat the artichoke hearts very dry using paper towels. Add them to the skillet and cook them over medium-high heat, turning them occasionally until they are golden. Turn off the heat, return the chicken to the skillet, skin side up, and add half the pickled lemon slices. Pour the wine over the skillet and put the skillet on the middle shelf of the oven. Bake the chicken for 20 minutes or until it is just cooked through. Transfer the chicken, artichokes and lemon slices to each of eight plates and pour some of the juice from the bottom of the skillet over each portion. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve right away.

*Nutrition information per serving: 248 calories; 156 calories from fat; 17 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 93 mg cholesterol; 344 mg sodium; 4 g carbohydrates; 2 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 16 g protein.*

## British show's take on rendang curry riles Southeast Asians

BY STEPHEN WRIGHT  
Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Judges on a popular British cooking show are being ridiculed for ignorance of Asian food after insisting a Malaysian contestant's chicken rendang curry should have been crispy.

Foodies in Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia have taken to social media to vent at the critique of the Malaysian-born cook's traditional and standard method for preparing chicken rendang.

"The skin isn't crispy. It can't be eaten but all the sauce is on the skin I can't eat," one of the MasterChef UK judges complained in a recent episode of the show.

Online, Southeast Asians point-

ed out that the chicken is cooked in curry sauce, not fried, and is never crispy. Some accused the judges of neo-colonial attitudes and racism.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak also chipped in, posting a photo of chicken rendang on Twitter and light-heartedly asking whether anyone has ever eaten a crispy chicken curry. Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said the judges were guilty of "whitesplaining."

The contestant, Zaleha Kadir Olpin, was eliminated from the competition but took to Instagram to vow she'd never stop cooking the traditional way.

Her offending rendang was presented as part of Malaysia's national dish, Nasi Lemak, or

rice cooked in coconut milk that comes with sides such as peanuts, spicy prawns and rendang.

The judges lavished praise on most of the ingredients but dismissed the non-crispy chicken rendang as a "mistake."

One of the judges, John Torode, later stirred more controversy online by trying to fuel the ages-old war of words between Malaysians and Indonesians over which country invented rendang. However the absurdity of the crispy curry saga has provided the neighboring countries with a rare point of agreement.

The curry, which originates from West Sumatra in Indonesia, is popular in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Brunei and southern Thailand.



Malaysia's national dish, Nasi Lemak and chicken rendang, at a restaurant in Subang Jaya, Malaysia, Tuesday, April 3, 2018. AP

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# COOKING ON A DEADLINE

## Try this simple vegetarian spring pasta salad

BY KATIE WORKMAN  
Associated Press

A great pasta salad is a beautiful thing. It anchors a picnic, potluck or buffet with aplomb. It's portable, flexible, and easily and often vegetarian.

One of the first things I made for my then-boyfriend's (now husband's) parents was a pasta salad, and for whatever reason, it won them over and became a most-requested dish.

Pasta salads are also such a nice way to play around with seasonal vegetables, so you can change things up all year. Spring and summer are peak moments to scoop up the great produce at the farmers' market, grab a box of pasta, and quickly turn all of it into a crowd-pleasing and easy side or main dish. I tend to pack in the vegetables, and the results are beautiful and nicely tilted toward the healthy side.

In this recipe, the asparagus and sugar snap peas get a bit more tender and keep their bright green color after a quick simmer, and the best part is that you can add them right into the pasta at the end of the cooking time; that saves a step and an extra pot.

If you chop the leafy greens, they will blend into the salad more, but sometimes I like to leave them whole and have the whole thing be kind of a cross between a pasta salad and a regular salad.

You can make this salad ahead of time, up to one day. Ideally, leave the arugula, spinach and basil out and add them right before serving.



This photo shows simple vegetarian spring pasta salad in New York. In this recipe, the asparagus and sugar snap peas get a bit more tender and keep their bright green color after a quick simmer, and the best part is that you can add them right into the pasta at the end of the cooking time.

Adding the greens at the last minute keeps them from getting wilted and darkening. Also, hold off on the tomatoes: Tomatoes really should never see the inside of a refrigerator, and since you'll have to refrigerate this salad to keep it fresh, tossing in the tomatoes at the very end will keep them from getting slightly mealy.

If you have made the salad ahead, let it sit at room temperature for at least 20 minutes to take the chill

off before serving, so the flavors all come shining through. Also, if you refrigerated the salad, the pasta will have absorbed the dressing a bit; add an extra drizzle of olive oil, and give it a toss to get it nice and glistening again.

### SIMPLE VEGETARIAN SPRING PASTA SALAD

25 minutes start to finish  
Serves 8

- 1 pound dried spiral pasta (or cavatappi, ziti, fusilli or other salad-friendly shaped pasta)
- 2 cups (8 ounces) halved sugar snap peas
- 2 cups (1-inch pieces) asparagus
- 2 cups baby or roughly chopped arugula
- 2 cups baby or roughly chopped spinach
- 1 bell pepper (red, yellow, or orange), finely diced

- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, cut in half, or quarters if larger
- 1/2 cup sliced scallions
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup slivered fresh basil
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to package directions, but 1 minute before the pasta is tender, add the sugar snap peas and the asparagus. Cook for 1 minute, then drain the pasta and the vegetables and rinse under cold water. Drain well.

Place the pasta, sugar snap peas and asparagus in a bowl with the arugula, spinach, peppers, tomatoes and scallions.

In a small bowl or container, combine the olive oil, mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, shallots, basil, salt and pepper. Pour this dressing over the pasta salad and toss well to combine. Add the Parmesan and toss again. Taste and adjust the seasonings as needed.

*Nutrition information per serving: 424 calories; 167 calories from fat; 19 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 4 mg cholesterol; 268 mg sodium; 53 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 11 g protein.*

## State to buy farms to help new farmers

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Rhode Island is launching a program to buy farms and sell them to new farmers for dirt cheap.

A farm bought for \$500,000, for example, could then be sold for \$100,000. It is an unconventional approach to ensure that farming remains viable.

The National Farmers Union knows of no other state that buys farmland to sell to farmers at less than market price. Other states give tax credits and loans to beginning farmers.

Though some critics say this is not the role of state government, Rhode Island sees it as a way to keep young entrepreneurs from moving to other states, where land may be cheaper. It also could attract other farmers to the state, though retaining farmers who already are here is the main goal and the selection process favors Rhode Island farmers.

"We want these minds, their energy, this entrepreneurial spirit to stay here in Rhode Island," said Ken Ayars, chief of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's agriculture division.

The state does not know exactly how many people are leaving, but officials often hear from the agriculture community that the high price of land is forcing some people out, while others are leasing land because they cannot afford to buy it, Ayars said.

"When we think about the future of agriculture in Rhode Island, this is a weak link," he said.

Sarah Turkus, 30, started the Sidewalk Ends Farm with two other young women in a vacant lot in Providence

in 2011. When they wanted to expand three years later, they could not find available, affordable land in Rhode Island. They now lease 2 acres (0.81 hectares) in Seekonk, Massachusetts, to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers.

"This program specifically, or a program like it, would probably be the only way I'd ever be able to own farmland in our area because of the cost of the land," she said.

Under the program, the state will buy a farm at the full appraised value, which takes into account the land's worth if it was developed. The state will then resell the farm at the agricultural appraised value, which is its worth solely as a farm. That is typically 20 percent of the full value, Ayars said. The condition is that it must remain a farm, which the state broadly defines as anything related to the production of agricultural crops or raising livestock.

Rhode Island plans to spend \$3 million from the most recent environmental bond approved by voters to buy farmland and development rights.

The value of all land and buildings on farms nationwide averaged \$3,080 per acre for 2017, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. The farm real estate value in Rhode Island was the highest in the nation at \$13,800 per acre.

Rhode Island plans to solicit applications for its new program within 45 days. The National Farmers Union, which represents farmers, fishers and ranchers with divisions in 33 states, is typically wary of anyone other than a family farmer owning farmland, said Thomas



Driscoll, director of conservation policy.

But, Driscoll said, property values may be getting so high along both coasts that unconventional solutions are needed to ensure food production.

"We want to see how this operates in practice and how it affects farmers who are farming there already, but ultimately access to land is a major problem for farmers and we're glad that people are thinking creatively about it," he said.

Some Republican state lawmakers and established farmers in Rhode Island have said that buying and selling farmland is not the state's role.

Glen Cottrell owns Cottrell Homestead, a 118-year-old dairy farm that is going out of business. He fears this is a roundabout way to seize



Top: Farmer Sarah Turkus, of Providence, R.I., displays chives while planting them on a leased plot of land, in Seekonk, Mass. Above: Sarah Turkus, left, and Dave Kuma, both of Providence, R.I., plant chives on a leased plot of land in Seekonk, Mass., as Sarah's dog Mabel, a 3-year-old hound mix, greets Dave.

property and divide it.

"That's what the communists did," he said.

Ayars said the state will only own the land long enough to transfer it from one farmer to another, and a farmer's decision to participate is completely voluntary.

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# Trump advisers urge against hasty US retreat from Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a decision seemingly imminent about whether to bring home U.S. troops from Syria, President Donald Trump's national security team is advising against a hasty withdrawal even as he makes his preference clear: "I want to get out."

Trump's director of national intelligence, Dan Coats, told reporters Wednesday that the White House would announce a decision about America's military involvement in the war-torn country "relatively soon." Coats said national security officials held an "all-hands-on deck" meeting Tuesday and "some decisions were made."

Trump said he expects to decide "very quickly" whether to remove U.S. forces, saying their primary mission was to defeat the Islamic State group. "We've almost completed that task," he said.

Trump's comments to reporters at the White House on Tuesday conflicted with views of his military advisers, some of who spoke at a separate event in Washington about the need to stay in Iraq and Syria to finish off the militant group that once controlled large swaths of territory in both countries.

At a news conference with the leaders of the Baltic nations, Trump was asked whether he still favored pulling U.S. troops out of Syria.

"As far as Syria is concerned, our primary mission in terms of that was getting rid of ISIS," Trump answered, using an acronym for the Islamic State group. "We've completed that task and we'll be making a decision very quickly, in coordination with others in the area, as to what we will do."

The mission is "very costly for our country and it helps other countries a helluva lot more than it helps us," Trump said.



In this Saturday, March 31, 2018 file photo, Syrian boys, right, sit on a pickup truck as they travel next to a U.S. vehicle, on a road leading to the tense front line with Turkish-backed fighters, in Manbij, north Syria. President Donald Trump expects to decide "very quickly" whether to remove U.S. troops from war-torn Syria, saying their primary mission was to defeat the Islamic State group and "we've almost completed that task."

"I want to get out. I want to bring our troops back home. I want to start rebuilding our nation," he said.

Trump later met with his national security team to discuss Syria.

According to officials familiar with the preparations for the meeting, that team, including CIA chief Mike Pompeo, who has been nominated to be secretary of state, strongly advised against a hasty withdrawal from Syria. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal talks.

Also on the meeting agenda was the fate of some \$200 million in U.S. stabi-

lization assistance for Syria that the White House put on hold after Trump said last week that he wanted to leave Syria "very soon." The State Department was to have spent the money on building up the country's infrastructure, including power, water and roads.

Trump in recent weeks has asked Saudi Arabia to contribute \$4 billion for reconstruction in Syria, according to a U.S. official, as part of the president's effort to get other countries to pay for stabilizing the country so the U.S. isn't on the hook. The United States is awaiting a response from the Saudis, said the official, who wasn't authorized to

discuss the conversations publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

A senior Syrian Kurdish official said Trump's comments on wanting to withdraw from Syria came at an "inappropriate time" as Islamic State militants reemerge in eastern Syria and amid threats from Turkey.

The main IS holdout in Syria is in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, where momentum by the U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces has stalled in recent weeks as many Kurdish members of the group have shifted west to the Afrin area to fight Turkish forces. Pentagon officials have publicly raised the prospect

of this giving the IS group the breathing room it needs to regroup.

Many have warned that a premature U.S. withdrawal from Syria would cede the country to Iran and Russia, which have supported Syrian President Bashar Assad. Iran's continued presence in Syria is especially troubling to neighboring Israel, a U.S. ally that regards Iran as an existential threat.

Some high-ranking Trump administration officials urged caution.

Gen. Joseph Votel told a conference at the United States Institute of Peace that the United States would have to continue its work against remnants of

IS in eastern Syria. Votel is commander of U.S. Central Command, which oversees U.S. military operations across the Middle East, including Syria.

Votel said the military campaign has been largely successful but is not over.

"The hard part, I think, is in front of us, and that is stabilizing these areas, consolidating our gains, getting people back into their homes, addressing the long-term issues" such as reconstruction. "There is a military role in this, certainly in the stabilization phase."

# Trump says 'strong action' coming on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump pledged "strong action today" on immigration, a day after he said he wants to use the military to secure the U.S.-Mexico border until his "big, beautiful wall" is erected.

In an early-morning tweet Wednesday, Trump said "Our Border Laws are very weak" and said Democrats "stand in our way" of new laws. He added "We will be taking strong action today."

Trump did not offer further details and the White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Trump told reporters on Tuesday that he's been discussing the idea of using the military at the border with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis.

"We're going to be doing things militarily. Until we can have a wall and proper security, we're going to be guarding our border with the military," Trump said, calling the move a "big step."

It wasn't immediately clear exactly how the proposal would work or what

kind of troops Trump wanted to deploy, but the White House later said Trump wanted to mobilize the National Guard.

Federal law prohibits the use of active-duty service members for law enforcement inside the U.S., unless specifically authorized by Congress. But over the past 12 years, presidents have twice sent National Guard troops to the border to bolster security and assist with surveillance and other support. The White House counsel's office has been working on the idea for several weeks, according to a senior official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal plans.

Trump has been frustrated by slow action on building a wall along the Mexican border. He's previously suggested using the Pentagon's budget to pay for the wall, arguing it is a national security priority, despite strict rules that prohibit spending that's not authorized by Congress.

At the Pentagon, officials struggled throughout the day Tuesday to answer questions

about the plan, including rudimentary details on whether it would involve National Guard members.

But the administration appeared to be considering a model similar to a 2006 operation in which President George W. Bush deployed National Guard troops to the southern border.

Under Operation Jump Start, 6,000 National Guard troops were sent to assist the border patrol with non-law enforcement duties while additional border agents were hired and trained. Over two years, about 29,000 National Guard forces participated as forces rotated in and out. The Guard members were used for surveillance, communications, administrative support, intelligence, analysis and the installation of border security infrastructure.

In addition, President Barack Obama sent about 1,200 National Guard troops to the U.S.-Mexico border in 2010 to beef up efforts against drug smuggling and illegal immigration.

Texas also deployed military forces to its 800-mile

(1,290-kilometer) border with Mexico. Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now Trump's energy secretary, sent 1,000 Texas National Guardsmen to the Rio Grande Valley in 2014 in response to a sharp increase in Central American children crossing the border alone.

Trump met Tuesday with top administration officials, including Mattis, Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen and Attorney General Jeff Sessions, to discuss the administration's strategy to address what White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders described as "the growing influx of illegal immigration, drugs and violent gang members from Central America."

In addition to mobilizing the National Guard, Trump and senior officials "agreed on the need to pressure Congress to urgently pass legislation to close legal loopholes exploited by criminal trafficking, narco-terrorist and smuggling organizations," Sanders said.

Trump has been fixated on the issue since he grudgingly signed a spending bill

last month that includes far less money for the wall than he'd hoped for.

The \$1.3 trillion package included \$1.6 billion for border wall spending — a fraction of the \$25 billion Trump made a last-minute push to secure. And much of that money can be used only to repair existing segments, not to build new sections.

Trump spent the first months of his presidency bragging about a dramatic drop in illegal border crossings. Indeed, the 2017 fiscal year marked a 45-year low for Border Patrol arrests. But the numbers have been slowly ticking up since last April and are now on par with many months of the Obama administration. Statistics show 36,695 arrests of people trying to cross the southwest border in February 2018, up from 23,555 in the same month of the previous year.

At last week's meeting, Trump "directed a vigorous administrative strategy to confront this threat and protect America's national security," said Sanders. Tuesday's briefing was a fol-

low-up to discuss the plans.

Trump appeared to claim credit Tuesday for halting a caravan of about 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, who had been marching along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

"I said (to Mexican officials), 'I hope you're going to tell that caravan not to get up to the border.' And I think they're doing that because, as of 12 minutes ago, it was all being broken up," he said.

But the caravan of largely Central American migrants had never intended to reach the U.S. border, according to organizer Irineo Mujica. It was meant to end at a migrants' rights symposium in central Mexico later this week.

The caravan stopped to camp at a sports field in Oaxaca over the weekend. Mexican immigration officers have been signing them up for temporary transit visas, which would allow them to travel to the U.S. border, possibly to seek asylum, or to seek asylum status in Mexico.

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# Cosby defense alleges discrimination in jury selection

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's lawyers challenged the prosecution's exclusion of a black woman from serving on the jury at his sexual assault retrial, alleging on Wednesday that the decision was made on the basis of her race.

Prosecutors pushed back, noting two blacks have been already been seated on the panel that will sit in judgment of the 80-year-old comedian. The judge said he didn't believe the prosecution had any "discriminatory intent" but halted the third day of jury selection to consider the defense argument.

Cosby's lawyers had appeared ready to strike at the first instance of prosecutors blocking a black juror, producing a legal brief that argued the move violated a 32-year-old Supreme Court ruling that prohibits prosecutions from excluding prospective jurors because of their race. The defense had made the same argument on Tuesday regarding the prosecution's exclusion of several white men, but Judge Steven O'Neill rejected it.

The legal maneuvering came as lawyers picked an eighth juror, a white woman who was at first hesitant to guarantee she could block out what she's read and seen about the Cosby case and the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct.

"I could try. I mean, it's still in my head," she explained, before eventually agreeing.

The jury so far consists of six whites and two blacks. Four jurors are men and four are women.

A dozen people were invited back for individual questioning Wednesday as the prosecution and defense looked to fill the remaining spots. A third batch of 120 potential jurors was also called to the courthouse in suburban Philadelphia.

Cosby chatted with lawyer Kathleen Bliss in court, saying, "How are you this



**Bill Cosby, center, leaves hearings for jury selection in his sexual assault retrial with spokesperson Andrew Wyatt, right, Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.**

morning?" She replied, "bright eyed and bushy tailed." He then feigned a glance behind her, as if looking for a tail.

Cosby has pleaded not guilty to charges he drugged and molested Andrea Constand at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004. He says the encounter with the former Temple University women's basketball administrator was consensual.

No major rulings were expected Wednesday after the trial judge opened Tuesday's session by issuing decisions favorable to a defense team that is trying to cast Cosby as the victim of a shakedown scheme involving false accusations of sexual assault.

O'Neill granted the Cosby team's request to call a woman who says Constand talked about framing a celebrity before she lodged allegations against him in 2005. The judge also ruled that jurors can hear how much Cosby paid Constand in a 2006 civil settlement.

O'Neill's ruling allowing Marguerite Jackson to testify was at odds with his decision to block her from the first trial, which ended in a hung jury. O'Neill did not explain his change of heart but issued one caveat, saying he could revisit her testimony after Constand takes the stand.

During the first trial, O'Neill ruled that Jackson's testimony would be

hearsay after Constand testified she did not know the woman. Since then, prosecutors have told Cosby's lawyers that Constand had modified her statement to acknowledge she "recalls a Margo."

Jackson, a longtime Temple University official, has said that she and Constand worked closely together, had been friends and had shared hotel rooms several times. Jackson says Constand once commented to her about setting up a "high-profile person" and filing a lawsuit.

Constand's lawyer has said Jackson is not telling the truth.

Jackson's availability as a witness for Cosby could be crucial to a defense plan

to attack Constand's credibility.

O'Neill previously gave a boost to the prosecution, ruling they can call five additional accusers in a bid to portray Cosby — the former TV star once revered as "America's Dad" for his family sitcom "The Cosby Show" — as a serial predator.

The AP does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand has done.

As Wednesday's session got underway, a judge gave The Associated Press and other media organizations more access to jury selection.

Media lawyers had chal-

lenged an arrangement that forced reporters to watch the group questioning part of the process on a closed-circuit feed from another courtroom. The camera showed the judge, prosecutors and defense lawyers, but not potential jurors who were being questioned as a group.

Montgomery County President Judge Thomas DelRicci agreed to move the camera to the back of the courtroom so the media could see the potential jurors. The judge refused to make room in the crowded courtroom for a pool reporter, but said if the jury pool did not fill the room to capacity, he'd allow reporters to attend live.

# YouTube shooter told family members she 'hated' the company

SAN BRUNO, Calif. (AP) — A woman who believed she was being suppressed by YouTube and told her family members she "hated" the company opened fire at the company's headquarters in California, wounding three people before killing herself, police said.

Investigators do not believe Nasim Aghdam specifically targeted the three victims when she pulled out a handgun and fired several rounds in a courtyard at YouTube's headquarters south of San Francisco on Tuesday, police said.

But a law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that Aghdam had a longstanding dispute with the company. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case, said Aghdam used the name "Nasime Sabz" online.

A website in that name decried YouTube's policies

and said the company was trying to "suppress" content creators. She posted about veganism, animal cruelty along with glamor shots of herself and exercise videos.

"Youtube filtered my channels to keep them from getting views!" one of the messages on the site said. "There is no equal growth opportunity on YOUTUBE or any other video sharing site, your channel will grow if they want to!!!!!"

People who post on YouTube can receive money from advertisements that accompany their videos, but the company "de-monetizes" some channels for reasons including inappropriate material or having fewer than 1,000 subscribers.

Aghdam "hated" YouTube and was angry that the company stopped paying her for videos she posted on the platform, her father, Ismail Aghdam, told the Bay Area News Group.

On Monday, he called police to report his daughter missing after she didn't an-

swer the phone for two days and warned officers that she might go to YouTube, he said.

Officers in Mountain View — about 30 miles (48 kilometers) from YouTube's headquarters — found her sleeping in her car in a parking lot around 2 a.m. Tuesday but let her go after she refused to answer their questions. Aghdam didn't appear to be a threat to herself or others, police spokeswoman Katie Nelson said.

Nelson would not say whether officers had been warned that Aghdam might have been headed to YouTube headquarters.

Law enforcement first said the shooting was being investigated as a domestic dispute but did not elaborate. It was not immediately clear why police later said the people shot were not specifically targeted.

One of the victims — a 36-year-old man — was in critical condition, a spokesman for San Francisco

General Hospital said. A 32-year-old woman was in serious condition and a 27-year-old woman in fair condition, the spokesman said.

YouTube employee Dina Arnspiger said she was on the building's second floor when she heard gunshots, ran to a window and saw the shooter on a patio outside.

"It was a woman and she was firing her gun. And I just said, 'Shooter,' and everybody started running," Arnspiger said.

She and others hid in a conference room for an hour while another employee repeatedly called 911 for updates.

The world's biggest online video website is owned by Silicon Valley giant Google, but company officials said it's a tight-knit community. The headquarters has more than a thousand engineers and other employees in several buildings. Originally built in the late 1990s for the clothing

retailer Gap, the campus south of San Francisco is known for its sloped green roof of native grasses.

Inside, Google several years ago famously outfitted the office with a 3-lane red slide for workers to zoom from one story to another.

"Today it feels like the entire community of YouTube, all of the employees, were victims of this crime," said Chris Dale, a spokesman for YouTube.

YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki said in a tweet that the company would "come together to heal as a family."

Officers and federal agents responding to multiple 911 calls swarmed the company's campus sandwiched between two interstates in the San Francisco Bay Area city of San Bruno.

Zach Vorhies, 37, a senior software engineer at YouTube, said he was at his desk working on the second floor of one of the buildings when the fire alarm went

off.

He got on his skateboard and approached a courtyard, where he saw the shooter yelling, "Come get me." He said the public can access the courtyard without any security check during working hours.

There was somebody lying nearby on his back with a red stain on his stomach that appeared to be from a bullet wound.

He said he realized it was an active shooter incident when a police officer with an assault rifle came through a security door. He jumped on his skateboard and took off.

Officers discovered one victim with a gunshot wound when they arrived and then found the shooter with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound several minutes later, San Bruno Police Chief Ed Barberini said. He said two additional gunshot victims were later located at an adjacent business.



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# China lists \$50B of US goods it might hit with 25 pct tariff

BEIJING (AP) — China on Wednesday issued a \$50 billion list of U.S. goods including soybeans and small aircraft for possible tariff hikes in an escalating and potentially damaging technology dispute with Washington.

The country's tax agency gave no date for the 25 percent increase to take effect and said it will depend on what President Donald Trump does about U.S. plans to raise duties on a similar amount of Chinese goods.

Beijing's list of 106 products included the biggest U.S. exports to China, reflecting its intense sensitivity to the dispute over American complaints that it pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

The clash reflects the tension between Trump's promises to narrow a U.S. trade deficit with China that stood at \$375.2 billion in goods last year and the ruling Communist Party's development ambitions. Regulators use access to China's vast market as leverage to press foreign automakers and other companies to help create or improve industries and technology.

President Donald Trump says the U.S. lost a trade war with China "years ago."

In a tweet Wednesday after China's announcement, Trump said: "We are not in a trade war with China, that war was lost many years ago by the foolish, or incompetent, people who represented the U.S."

A list the U.S. issued Tuesday of products sub-

ject to tariff hikes included aerospace, telecoms and machinery, striking at high-tech industries seen by China's leaders as the key to its economic future.

China said it would immediately challenge the U.S. move in the World Trade Organization.

"It must be said, we have been forced into taking this action," a deputy commerce minister, Wang Shouwen, said at a news conference. "Our action is restrained."

A deputy finance minister, Zhu Guangyao, appealed to Washington to "work in a constructive manner" and avoid hurting both countries.

Zhu warned against expecting Beijing to back down.

"Pressure from the outside will only urge and encourage the Chinese people to work even harder," said Zhu at the news conference.

Companies and economists have expressed concern improved global economic activity might sputter if other governments are prompted to raise their own import barriers.

But Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross is brushing off concern over trade war with China. In an interview with CNBC Wednesday morning, Ross said that tariffs imposed by China amount to 0.3 percent of U.S. GDP and that some action on tariffs has been "coming for a while."

"What we're talking about on both sides is a fraction of 1 percent of both economies," he said.

The larger concern, Ross said, is the protection of

U.S. intellectual property.

Still, U.S. stock futures slumped over concerns that the back-and-forth tariff actions will stunt trade and growth. Ross said he would not comment on the stock market's reaction, but then said he thinks "it's being out of proportion."

China announced tariffs worth \$50 billion on a series of U.S. products including soybeans, whiskey and cars.

Chinese officials said they were obliged to act after the U.S. announced plans for retaliatory tariffs in an escalating dispute over China's technology program and other trade issues.

The dispute "may compel countries to pick sides," said Weiliang Chang of Mizuho Bank in a report.

"U.S. companies at this point would like to see robust communication between the US government and the Chinese government and serious negotiation on both sides, hopefully to avoid a trade war," said the chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, William Zarit.

"I can only hope that we solve our differences as soon as possible to avoid damage to the U.S. economy, Chinese economy and to U.S. companies."

American companies have long chafed under Chinese regulations that require them to operate through local partners and share technology with potential competitors in exchange for market access. Business groups say companies feel increasingly unwelcome in China's state-dominated economy and are being

squeezed out of promising industries.

Chinese policies "coerce American companies into transferring their technology" to Chinese enterprises, said a USTR statement.

Foreign companies are increasingly alarmed by initiatives such as Beijing's long-range industry development plan, dubbed "Made in China 2025," which calls for creating global leaders in electric cars, robots and other fields. Companies complain that might block access to those industries.

Wang, the commerce official, defended "Made in China 2025." He said it was "transparent, open and non-discriminatory" and foreign companies could participate.

Wang said the plan, which sets specific targets for domestic brands' share of some markets, should be seen as a guide rather than mandatory.

A report released Tuesday by the USTR also cited complaints Beijing uses cyber spying to steal foreign business secrets. It was unclear whether the latest tariff hike was a direct response to that.

The Chinese list Wednesday included soybeans, the biggest U.S. export to China, and aircraft up to 45 tons in weight. That excludes high-end Boeing Co. jetliners such as the 747 and 777, leaving Beijing high-profile targets for possible future conflicts.

Also on the list were American beef, whisky, passenger vehicles and industrial chemicals.

Zhu, the deputy finance

minister, expressed thanks to American soybean farmers who he said had lobbied the Trump administration to "safeguard hard-won economic relations between the United States and China."

To minimize the cost to China, regulators picked products for which replacements are available, such as soybeans from Australia or Brazil, said Tu Xinquan, director of WTO studies at the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing.

"China has made meticulous efforts in deciding the list of the products to make sure the impact on China's economy is controllable," said Tu.

"If the U.S. decides to increase intensity, China will surely follow suit," said Tu. "In the event of all-out trade war, both may lose all sense of reason, but I do hope it will never happen."

The Global Times newspaper, published by the ruling party and known for its nationalistic tone, suggested further retaliatory action might target service industries in which the United States runs a trade surplus. Regulators have wide discretion to withhold licenses or take other action to disrupt logistics and other service businesses.

"What China needs to do now is to make the United States pay the same price" so Americans "understand anew the Chinese-U.S. strength relationship," the newspaper said.

In a separate dispute, Beijing raised tariffs Monday on a \$3 billion list of U.S. goods including pork,

apples and steel pipe in response to increased duties on imports of steel and aluminum that took effect March 23.

The United States buys little Chinese steel or aluminum, but analysts said Beijing would feel compelled to react, partly as a "warning shot" ahead of the technology dispute.

In another warning move, Chinese regulators launched an anti-dumping investigation of U.S. sorghum last month as rhetoric between Beijing and Washington heated up.

China has accused Trump of damaging the global system of trade regulation by taking action under U.S. law instead of the through the WTO.

Previously, Trump approved higher import duties on Chinese-made washing machines and solar modules to offset what Washington said were improper subsidies.

The technology investigation was launched under a little-used Cold War era law, Section 301 of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974.

However, as part of its response, the USTR also lodged a WTO case last month challenging Chinese policies it said unfairly limit foreign companies' control over their technology.

U.S. authorities say Beijing denies foreign companies the right to block use of technology by a Chinese entity once a licensing period ends. And they say it imposes contract terms that are less favorable than for local technology.

# France puts 78,000 security threats on vast police database

PARIS (AP) — France has flagged more than 78,000 people as security threats in a database intended to let European police share information on the continent's most dangerous residents — more than all other European countries put together — according to an analysis by The Associated Press.

A German parliamentarian, Andrej Hunko, was the first to raise the alarm about potential misuse of the Schengen Information System database in a question to his country's Interior Ministry about "discreet checks" — secret international checks on people considered a threat to national security or public safety. He questioned whether and why different countries seemed to apply very different criteria.

"The increase in alerts cannot be explained by the threat of Islamist terrorism alone. Europol reports a four-digit number of confirmed foreign fighters, yet the increase of SIS alerts in 2017 is several times that," Hunko said in a statement late last month when he released the Interior Ministry response to his query.

That response included a spreadsheet detailing for the first time how many people were flagged for checks by each European

country last year — more than 134,000 in all.

"This could mean that families and contacts of these individuals are also being secretly monitored. It is also possible that the measure is being used on a large scale for combatting other criminal activity," Hunko said.

The number of French entries by police and intelligence agencies "indicates a misuse" of the system intended to monitor dangerous criminals, he added.

The overall Schengen database — which is separate to the Europol database and far more widely used — forms the backbone of European security, allowing police, judicial authorities and other law enforcement to immediately check whether a person is wanted or missing, or a car is stolen, or a firearm is legal, for example. The database was checked 5 billion times in 2017 alone, according to the director of the EU-LISA agency, Krum Garkov.

But a relatively unknown provision in European law allows countries to flag people for the "discreet checks" — allowing law enforcement in one country to quietly notify counterparts elsewhere of a person's location and activities. Use of the system

— intended for individuals who pose a threat to national security or public safety — has expanded enormously since Islamic State extremists attacked Paris and Brussels in 2015 and 2016, from 69,475 in 2015 to 134,662 last year, according to data from EU-LISA and Germany.

If someone is flagged for a check, their name will come up for any law enforcement official who has stopped them anywhere in Europe — whether trying to cross an external border or running a red light. In the entry, the requesting country can ask for a subsequent action, ranging from simply reporting back their location, vehicle, and traveling companions to detaining them immediately for arrest.

The checks, unlike arrest warrants, expire after a year, although Garkov said countries are notified of pending expirations and can renew them at will.

But vast disparities in its use by individual countries raise questions about both the effectiveness of the tools and the criteria countries are using to enter people into the system.

With 78,619 entries by 2017, France makes up 60 percent of the requests. Britain, with nearly the same population and 16,991 people flagged,

comes in a distant second. Germany, Europe's most populous country, had 4,285 people flagged last year, according to the Interior Ministry data.

To put the French number in perspective, the country's intelligence chief, Laurent Nunez, said late last year that France had recorded 18,000 people as suspected extremists, and considered 4,000 of those to be highly dangerous. The Interior Ministry did not respond to requests to comment about the criteria for discreet checks. CNIL, the government data protection agency, said the 78,000 entries covered every person that France wanted flagged for any reason.

Like the U.S. "no fly list," people can only learn by inference whether they are flagged for a discreet check.

"People are not informed about the existence of this alert, which makes sense. But at the same there needs to be a proportionality assessment," said Niovi Vavoula, a legal scholar at Queen Mary University of London who studies the use of the database. "If certain member states are introducing alerts en masse to the system, this needs to be flagged as a problem."

# Iraq grapples with Iranian influence ahead of May elections

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iran's influence is looming large as Iraqis prepare to head to the polls for parliamentary elections in May, with many in the country worried that Tehran may be looking to strengthen its political grip on Baghdad through the ballot box.

Iranian support and military advisers helped Baghdad's Shiite-led government beat back the Islamic State group. But with IS militants now largely defeated militarily, Iran's expanding influence has emerged as one of Iraq's most divisive issues ahead of the balloting.

That influence has sown fear among Iraq's disenfranchised minority Sunnis, who bore the brunt of the war's destruction, and has also caused concern in Washington. Despite tensions between the United States and Iran, both remain key allies of Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's government.

U.S. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis last month accused Iran of "mucking around" in Iraq's upcoming elections, telling reporters the U.S. has what he called "worrisome evidence" that Iran is funneling "not an insignificant amount of money" into Iraq to try to sway votes. Baghdad rejected the accusation.

Government spokesman Saad al-Hadithi stressed that the use of foreign money in domestic politics "is illegal and unconstitutional."

"The government is taking great efforts to hold free and fair elections and prevent the manipulation of election results," he said.

Both Iran and Iraq are Shiite-majority countries and share deep economic and cultural ties — as well as a 1,500-kilometer (900-mile) border.

The two countries fought a devastating war in the 1980s that left hundreds of thousands dead. But Iranian influence in Iraq has steadily grown since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, marking the start of a prolonged period of sectarian division, extremist violence and political strife.

Under Saddam, many of Iraq's Shiite political elite spent years in exile in Iran. Since Saddam's ouster, Iraqi markets have been stocked with Iranian goods and millions of Iranian pilgrims descend on Iraq each year to visit holy shrines in the cities of Samarra, Baghdad, Najaf and Karbala.




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# A chicken in every backyard

## Urban poultry needs more regulation to protect human and animal health

(THE CONVERSATION) Colorado has received a lot of attention recently as one of the first states to allow recreational marijuana, but it's also legalizing other things. Denver, one of the nation's hottest urban real estate markets, is surrounded by municipalities that allow backyard chicken flocks.

This isn't just happening in Colorado. Backyard chickens are cropping up everywhere. Nearly 1 percent of all U.S. households surveyed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported owning backyard fowl in 2013, and 4 percent more planned to start in the next five years. That's over 13 million Americans flocking to the backyard poultry scene. Ownership is spread evenly between rural, urban and suburban households and is similar across racial and ethnic groups. A 2015 review of 150 of the most-populated U.S. cities found that nearly all (93 percent) allowed backyard poultry flocks.

Our lab group analyzes health issues that connect humans, animals and the environment. In a recent study with University of California, Davis animal scientist Joy Mench, we examined urban poultry regulations in Colorado — the only state that collects and makes public animal shelter surrender data. Our findings suggest that as backyard chicken farming spreads, states need to develop regulations to better

protect animal welfare and human health.

### When animals roamed the streets

U.S. cities once were powered by animals. Horses provided transport through the early 1900s. Pigs and hens fed on household garbage before municipal trash collection became routine. Thousands of cattle were driven up Fifth Avenue in New York City daily in the late 19th century, occasionally trampling children and pedestrians.

To reduce accidents, disease and nuisances, such as piles of smelly manure and dead animals, early public health and planning agencies wrote the first ordinances banning urban livestock. By the 1920s, farm animals and related facilities such as dairies, piggeries and slaughterhouses were barred from most U.S. cities. Exceptions were made during World War I and World War II, when meat was rationed, encouraging city dwellers to raise backyard birds.

### Locavores and animal lovers

The local food movement has helped drive interest in raising backyard birds. People want to grow their own food. In response, cities across

the country are modifying regulations and overturning long-standing bans to legally accommodate backyard chickens.

Surveys show that backyard chicken owners are concerned about where their food comes from, how it was produced and possible risks associated with eating industrially produced meat and eggs. They believe their birds have a better quality of life and produce safer and more nutritious eggs and meat than commercially raised versions.

Risks to humans and chickens

However, raising backyard chickens is not risk-free. As one example, an outbreak of highly infectious H5N1 avian influenza in Egypt resulted in 183 confirmed cases and 56 deaths between 2014 and 2016. The majority of clinically confirmed cases were linked to close contact with diseased backyard birds.

In the United States, contact with backyard poultry is associated with hundreds of multistate salmonella outbreaks every year. A 2016 USDA survey of backyard poultry owners found that 25 percent of respondents did not wash their hands after handling birds or eggs. In another study, the majority of backyard owners knew little about identifying or preventing poultry diseases.

Commercial poultry fa-

cilities protect birds against a variety of diseases by injecting vaccines into growing chicks while they are still in the egg. Many backyard growers do not know to request vaccinated birds when they purchase chicks or eggs. In 2002 an outbreak of exotic Newcastle disease in California originated in backyard flocks and spread into commercial poultry operations. Operators had to euthanize more than 3 million birds. They received compensation from USDA for doing so, which cost taxpayers US\$161 million. USDA also had to restrict poultry exports, which caused economic losses for commercial poultry producers.

Many animal control and welfare agencies around the country oppose allowing urban livestock. Some activists argue that it can foster abuse, inhumane conditions and the development of backyard "factory farms," and increase burdens on thinly stretched animal shelters and rescue groups.

### Few rules for backyard flocks

We began our study by reviewing every local law in the state of Colorado pertaining to livestock. Then we looked at Colorado animal shelter and rescue data for 2014 and 2015. We wanted to see whether counties with large commercial operations were likely to prohibit raising

backyard birds; when most ordinances originated; and what animal care standards were written into local laws.

We found that 61 of 78 Colorado municipalities allowed backyard chickens, and only 13 municipalities explicitly banned the practice. Local laws most commonly controlled for coop design and placement, prohibited owning roosters and limited the total number of birds allowed. Unlike commercial guidelines or typical standards for domestic cats and dogs, most ordinances did not require vaccination or veterinary care.

Very few regulations required humane slaughter or disease reporting. Only four municipalities required owners to provide birds with food; 16 required water, and two mandated veterinary care as warranted. Many owners understand that water and food are basic necessities, but when cities do not codify these requirements, animals have little legal protection and are not officially entitled to veterinary care even when they are sick, injured or dying.

On the positive side, we found that most shelters had not yet experienced an increase in chicken intake, and reported that people were interested in taking in stray chickens. But several organizations were concerned that they would receive more chickens in the future as the number of

homes with space for stray birds decreased.

### Setting higher standards

We found several cities with model ordinances that safeguarded avian and human health. Fort Collins, home to Colorado State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, requires annual permitting fees that are collected by the nonprofit Larimer Humane Society. The agency educates owners about disease prevention and husbandry and connects them with veterinarians and agricultural extension agents.

Nonprofit animal welfare agencies often depend heavily on donations to run animal shelters and care for strays. Fee systems such as that required in Fort Collins can help them cover costs of managing unwanted and stray animals. And streamlined permitting overseen by animal welfare agencies and veterinarians can prevent many backyard diseases or catch them early.

Based on our survey of Colorado, we believe cities need to carefully consider their backyard chicken regulations and develop strong legal frameworks that protect animal and human health and welfare. In particular, they should develop rules that require food and water, mandate veterinary care and connect owners with animal welfare agencies.

# Medical ethics

## UK uses data from doctors to find migrants

LONDON (AP) — To track down people in Britain who may have broken immigration rules, the government is turning to a new and controversial source of information: doctors.

Doctors who work with refugees and asylum-seekers have described the move as a major breach of medical ethics, saying it isn't up to physicians to enforce immigration rules.

In letters recently made public, politicians sparred with immigration officials over a data-sharing agreement quietly signed in 2016 that gives the government access to personal information collected by the country's family doctors. Medical details are excluded.

A parliamentary health committee condemned the situation as "unacceptable," calling for the agreement to be suspended.

But Britain's immigration department has dismissed those concerns, arguing that such data sharing allows the U.K. to

remove people "who might pose a danger to the public."

Medical workers back the health committee's viewpoint.

"We understand the government has a job to do, but going into health records to get patient information is not OK," said Lucy Jones, director of programs at Doctors of the World U.K. "The idea that any patient information is being shared with a government body immediately breaks their trust in a doctor-patient relationship."

Several leading medical organizations, including the Royal College of General Practitioners, Public Health England and the General Medical Council, have all slammed the data-sharing deal, saying it could worsen the health of vulnerable people and drive disease outbreaks underground, hurting health care for all.

Dalia Omer, a refugee from Sudan who was granted asylum in the U.K. in February after nearly two years, sought medical

help several times while awaiting the government's decision. She said had she known about the data sharing arrangement, she would not have been as forthcoming.

"If I knew the doctors could share information with the Home Office, I would not tell them everything," she said, referring to the British department that oversees immigration and security. She said she might even lie about certain details to protect herself.

Dr. Kitty Worthing, a London-based doctor with the group Docs Not Cops, said "the cornerstone of the doctor-patient relationship is confidentiality and this data-sharing is a direct breach of that." She said when she's advised people that their personal information could be shared with immigration officials "their reaction is always fear."

Elsewhere in Europe, many countries have a strict firewall that stops information gathered by health services from being

disclosed to other government agencies. Germany's data protection office said regulations prohibit any blanket sharing of such information. In France, no data obtained by doctors is shared with the Interior Ministry.

Some health experts said it was critical that some types of health care are available to everyone in the U.K., regardless of their immigration status.

"With HIV treatment, it makes much more sense to treat everybody with HIV, because treatment lowers the level of virus in your blood so you can't pass it on," said Kat Smithson of the National AIDS Trust. "If people are not diagnosed because they're not accessing health care, they're not aware they're living with HIV, which means they're far more likely to pass it on to somebody else."

The British government, however, says protecting its borders outweighs those concerns.

"We believe that the release of (patient) informa-

tion is lawful and proportionate action in pursuit of the effective enforcement of the U.K.'s immigration policy," wrote Caroline Noakes, the minister of state for immigration, and James O'Shaughnessy, parliamentary undersecretary of state for health, responding to lawmaker's concerns.

They cited the case of a Pakistani citizen who overstayed a visitor's visa. After the Pakistani was refused residency in 2013, contact with the Home Office was broken off. Immigration officials sent a request to health services, which revealed a new address.

"The Home Office visited the address and arrested the individual, a convicted sex offender, who is now complying with the Home Office and will leave the U.K.," Noakes and O'Shaughnessy wrote, describing patients' non-medical data as being "at the lower end of the privacy spectrum."

From last November to January, health officials

agreed to nearly 1,300 requests for information. Of those, health officials found 501 cases where patients had a different address from the one in Home Office records.

Some Londoners said it was OK for immigration officials to get data from doctors under certain conditions.

"If the Home Office needs the information for a good reason, I guess it's OK, but they should ask the people for permission," said Farooq, outside an east London clinic that provides health care largely for migrants. He declined to give his last name because he was worried about the immigration status of his father, originally from Afghanistan.

Farooq said data sharing could make migrants nervous about getting medical attention.

"It could put people in a risky situation if they're worried about their visa and they need to see a doctor," he said.



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# US raises prospect of Trump-Putin meeting at the White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Trump administration says it is amenable to a White House meeting between President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin, raising the prospect of the Russian president's first Washington visit in more than a decade even as relations between the two powers have eroded.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the White House was among "a number of potential venues" discussed in Trump's telephone call last month with Putin. The Kremlin said earlier Monday that Trump invited Putin during the call.

Both sides said they hadn't started preparations for such a visit.

If it happens, Putin would be getting the honor of an Oval Office tete-a-tete for the first time since he met President George W. Bush at the White House in 2005. Alarms rang in diplomatic and foreign policy circles over the prospect that Trump might offer Putin that venue without confronting him about Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election or allegations that Russia masterminded the March 4 nerve agent attack on a former Russian double agent.

"It would confer a certain normalization of relations and we're certainly not in a normal space," said Alina Polyakova, a foreign policy fellow at the Brookings Institution. "Nothing about this is normal."

Much has happened since Trump and Putin spoke in the March 20 phone call. Trump said afterward he hoped to meet with Putin "in the not too distant future" to discuss the nuclear arms race and other matters. But their call was followed by reports that Trump had been warned in briefing materials not to congratulate the Russian president on his re-election but did so anyway.

Since the call, two dozen countries, including the U.S. and many European Union nations, and NATO expelled more than 150 Russian diplomats in solidarity with Britain over the poisoning of Sergei Skripal, the former spy, and his



**In this Nov. 11, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump, right, and Russia President Vladimir Putin talk during the family photo session at the APEC Summit in Danang. The Trump administration is opening the door to a potential White House meeting between Trump and Putin. It would be the first time Putin has been at the White House in more than a decade and come at a time of rising tensions between the two global powers.**

daughter Yulia. Moscow has denied any involvement in the nerve attack and retaliated by expelling the same number of diplomats from each nation.

Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, told reporters Monday that when the two leaders spoke by phone, "Trump suggested to have the first meeting in Washington, in the White House," calling it a "quite interesting and positive idea."

Ushakov voiced hope that tensions resulting from the diplomatic expulsions wouldn't derail discussions about a summit.

Trump has said maintaining a strong personal relationship with Putin is in the U.S. interest and has signaled to allies that he trusts his own instincts in dealing with the Russian president.

A White House official, speaking on condition of

anonymity to describe private discussions, said Trump raised the possibility of a White House meeting in a "casual, open-ended" fashion during the call. The official reiterated that no extensive preparations had taken place.

Talk of a White House summit comes as Trump is preparing to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at an undetermined location. White House welcomes are typically reserved for friends and allies.

Trump has avoided criticizing Putin personally even as his administration has crossed Moscow by providing Ukraine with lethal weapons and upholding Obama-era sanctions against Russia and its shuttering of diplomatic outposts.

Michael McFaul, who served as the U.S. ambassador to Russia under

President Barack Obama, said the "symbolism of Putin standing in the East Room with the president at a news conference" would be a major goal for the Russian leader. "The only reason you should do it is if you're going to obtain a concrete objective that serves America's national security interest before the meeting," he said.

McFaul said he feared that Trump "thinks that a good meeting with Putin is the objective of his foreign policy with Russia. That should never be the objective. That should be the means to achieve things that are actually of importance to the United States."

Trump had already fallen under sharp criticism from some Republican lawmakers for congratulating Putin on his re-election during the call and for not raising the expy's poisoning. The fact

that Trump also extended a White House invitation during that call was likely to increase concerns that Trump, when in direct contact with Putin, is inclined to offer olive branches and reluctant to raise difficult issues.

"I worry that Trump wittingly or unwittingly may be sending a more positive signal to Putin than he deserves," said Nicholas Burns, a top State Department official during the Bush administration who also served as U.S. ambassador to NATO.

Russia's disclosure of the invitation came the day before the leaders of three Baltic countries — Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — were to visit the White House. The three NATO nations are seen as a bulwark against Russia's aspirations of extended influence west of its border.

Trump has met Putin

twice as president, at the Group of 20 summit in Germany last summer and briefly at the Asia-Pacific economic summit in Vietnam in November.

Putin, who was president of Russia once before, visited the White House in 2005, when Bush welcomed him in the East Room as "my friend."

Putin has been to other parts of the U.S. frequently in recent years, including a visit to the Bush family compound in Maine. Putin's meetings with Obama occurred at international summits and along the sidelines of the United Nations gathering in New York.

Obama met Russian President Dmitry Medvedev at the White House in 2010, when the pair also chowed down on burgers at a popular hamburger joint outside the capital.

# Trump administration seeks to close immigration 'loopholes'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trump administration officials said they're crafting a new legislative package aimed at closing immigration "loopholes" after the president called on Republican lawmakers to immediately pass a border bill using the "Nuclear Option" to muscle it through.

"The big Caravan of People from Honduras, now coming across Mexico and heading to our 'Weak Laws' Border, had better be stopped before it gets there. Cash cow NAFTA is in play, as is foreign aid to Honduras and the countries that allow this to happen. Congress MUST ACT NOW!" Trump tweeted at daybreak Tuesday. The president also tweeted about "caravans" on Sunday and Monday.

The president has been

tweeting about immigration and the border for the last few days, declaring protections for so-called Dreamer immigrants "dead," accusing Democrats of allowing "open borders, drugs and crime" and warning Mexico to halt the passage of "caravans" of immigrants or risk U.S. abandonment of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Trump has been seething since realizing the major spending bill he signed last month barely funds the "big, beautiful" border wall he has promised supporters. The \$1.3 trillion funding package included \$1.6 billion in border wall spending, but much of that money can be used only to repair existing segments, not to build new sections.

Among the new measures the administration is

pursuing: ending special safeguards that prevent the immediate deportation of children arrested at the border and traveling alone. Under current law, unaccompanied children from countries that don't border the U.S. are turned over to the Department of Health and Human Services and undergo often lengthy deportation proceedings before an immigration judge instead of being deported.

The administration is also pushing Congress to terminate a 1997 court settlement that requires the government to release children from custody to parents, adult relatives or other caretakers as their court cases proceed. Officials complain that many children never show up at their hearings.

The proposals appear the

same as those included on an immigration wish list the White House released in October but failed to gain traction during negotiations over the border wall. Such proposals are likely to face opposition from moderate Republicans and Democrats going into the midterm elections. But Trump appears intent on ensuring the issues remain at the forefront of public conversation, even though the spending bill was widely seen as the last major legislation likely passed this year.

Trump spent much of the weekend at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, having meals with his family, watching cable news shows and rubbing elbows with conservative commentators including Fox News host Sean Hannity, according to several club members. Also spotted

at the club: champion golfer Dustin Johnson, MyPillow maker Michael J. Lindell, boxing promoter Don King and former New York Police Commissioner Bernie Kerik.

Staffers with Trump over the Easter holiday included policy adviser Stephen Miller, a chief architect of the administration's anti-immigration policies.

Trump's past calls for the "nuclear option" — changing Senate rules so that a simple majority of 51 votes is needed to advance legislation, instead of the current 60 votes — have been dismissed by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. McConnell says Republicans will welcome the 60-vote margin if they return to the minority. The current 51-49 Senate split favors Republicans.

"Dreamer" immigrants are

due to lose coverage under a program Trump tried to eliminate. Notably, his favored solution for extending protections to them mustered only 39 votes in the Senate, meaning it couldn't have passed even if the rules had been changed.

Trump's tweets calling on Mexico to halt "caravans" followed a "Fox & Friends" report Sunday that featured the leader of the union representing border patrol agents predicting that those in the caravan would create havoc and chaos in the U.S. as they wait for immigration reform.

About 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, have been marching along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexican state of Oaxaca.

# Spotify to test how its music service plays on Wall Street

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Spotify is about to find out whether investors view its music streaming service as a budding superstar or a flash in the pan.

The Swedish company will make its stock market debut Tuesday, casting a spotlight on its early lead in music streaming — a still-evolving field trying to hook people on the idea that it's better to subscribe for online access to millions of tunes than to buy individual albums and singles.

Spotify CEO Daniel Ek sought to manage expectations, saying he expects a bumpy road.

"I have no doubt that there will be ups and downs as we continue to innovate and establish new capabilities," Ek said in a blog post Monday evening.

"Nothing ever happens in a straight line — the past ten years have certainly taught me that."

Spotify has struck a chord with 71 million worldwide subscribers so far and is aiming to increase that number to as many as 96 million subscribers by the end of the year.

By comparison, Apple's nearly 3-year-old music streaming service has 38 million subscribers. A list of other formidable competitors that includes Google and Amazon also offer similar music streaming services, raising the specter of Spotify being wiped out by far richer rivals.

Spotify's early lead in music streaming has drawn comparisons to Netflix, which built upon its pioneering role in DVD-by-mail rentals and then video streaming to create a hugely successful, subscription-driven franchise that has produced spectacular returns for the company's investors.

A \$10,000 investment in Netflix's 2002 initial public stock offering would now be worth more than \$2.6 million, leaving some investors wondering if Spotify might be on a similar trajectory in music streaming.

"The similarities here, we believe, are much greater than the differences," RBC Capital Markets analyst Mark Mahaney wrote in a recent research note assessing the parallels between Spotify and Netflix.

Besides blending technology with a subscription model to reshape a popular form of entertainment, Spotify and Netflix have a common executive in their lineage. Spotify's current chief financial officer, Barry McCarthy, held the same job when Netflix went public and remained in that position until leaving the video service in 2010.

Unlike Netflix, Spotify still isn't profitable, having lost more than 2.4 billion euros (\$3 billion) since it started more than a decade ago. Spotify has also made it clear that it intends to remain focused on adding more subscribers instead



This March 20, 2018, file photo shows the Spotify app on an iPad in Baltimore. On Tuesday, April 3, music-streaming pioneer Spotify plans an initial public offering of stock.

of making money for now.

Netflix has also set itself apart from its rivals in video streaming by spending billions on original programming such as "Stranger Things," and "The Crown." Analysts are worried that will be more difficult for Spotify to do because it is primarily negotiating for the same music streaming rights as Apple, Google and Amazon — companies that can afford to pay even more, if they want.

"One of the big questions about Spotify is whether they can take it to the next level like Netflix has," said Daniel Morgan, senior portfolio manager for Synovus Trust.

Spotify Technology SA also is making its Wall Street debut in an unconventional way. It's using a "direct listing" on the New York Stock Exchange that will allow the company's early investors and employees to sell as many shares as they want when-

ever they want. That's a departure from a traditional initial public offering in which a company and a few select investors first sell a limited amount of stock at a starting price determined by investment bankers who spend weeks gauging investor demand.

The direct listing could result in wild swings in Spotify's stock pricing during the first few days of trading, especially since Spotify's shares have sold in a range of \$48.93 to

\$132.50 in privately negotiated transactions during the first 11 weeks of this year.

"Normally, companies don't pursue a direct listing. While I appreciate that this path makes sense for most, Spotify has never been a normal kind of company," CEO Ek said.

"Our focus isn't on the initial splash. Instead, we will be working on trying to build, plan, and imagine for the long term."

# Teen survives 12 hours in Los Angeles sewage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was miraculously rescued Monday after falling into a river of sewage in Los Angeles, getting swept away and spending more than 12 hours in the city's toxic and mazelike underground sewer system.

Jesse Hernandez had been playing with other children on wooden planks over an access portal to the sewer system during a family outing Sunday at a Los Angeles park. When a plank broke, Jesse fell about 25 feet (8 meters) and landed in fast-moving sewage, said Brian Humphrey, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

The other children immediately notified adults, who called 911, initiating a frantic and exhaustive 12-hour search of labyrinthine underground pipes using cameras propped on flotation devices.

Rescuers finally found Jesse after seeing images of handprints on a sewage pipe. A sanitation crew rushed to the area and opened a manhole.

"The first thing they heard was 'Help!'" said Adel Hagekhalil, assistant general manager of the sanitation department.

The crew lowered down a hose to Jesse, who was about 11 feet (3 meters) deep in the pipe.

"He caught onto the hose and was reeled back up," Hagekhalil said.

Rescuers gave him immediate medical attention,

including hosing him down to get rid of the sewage and cleaning out his eyes and nose with sterile saline, Humphrey said.

Jesse immediately asked for a cellphone to call his family. A worker handed him a phone, and he called his mom.

The boy later told KNBC-TV that he was tired and a bit scraped up, but otherwise OK.

"I was praying to God to help me and to not die," Jesse said. "It was all quiet. You could just hear the water running through and you couldn't see anything. It was dark."

Video released by the city later in the day showed long dark marks on the sides of the dank sewage pipe, which was about 4 feet (1 meter) in diameter, where Jesse's fingers would have slid.

After an accident like Jesse's, rescuers say the likelihood of someone being found safe diminishes by the hour. Hagekhalil said rescuers were thrilled at the outcome.

"They never gave up hope," Hagekhalil said. "They wanted to bring Jesse back to his family."

About 2,400 feet (731 meters) of pipe had been inspected when rescuers found Jesse less than a mile from where he disappeared. He was taken to a hospital for a full evaluation and to be reunited with his family.

In addition to the massive rescue effort involving more



Firefighters search for a 13-year-old boy in a hole near the LA River at the 134 and 5 Freeway interchange Sunday, April 1, 2018, in Los Angeles.

than 100 people, Humphrey credited Jesse for his survival. Not only did he survive getting swept through sewage moving at 15 mph (24 kph), he managed to find a pocket of breathable air and hang on until he was found, authorities said.

"Any subterranean location, particularly one that involves waste, can produce toxic gases — methane, hy-

drogen sulfide — so breathable air is a key element," Humphrey said. "The odds of someone falling into such a pipe and surviving are slim. The odds were not in his favor, and many would call it miraculous."

He called Jesse "a resolute young man."

"He has tremendous inner strength," Humphrey said. "It's obvious he's not a

quitter."

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti was among the many Angelenos closely watching the rescue efforts for Jesse. In a string of tweets, Garcetti praised rescuers and thanked the teen's family for their "patience and optimism during this harrowing experience."

"We're keeping Jesse's health and recovery in our

thoughts today," he said.

Famously in October 1987, rescuers freed an 18-month-old girl who had been trapped in a narrow, abandoned well in Midland, Texas, for more than 58 hours. Jessica McClure's rescue captured the nation's attention in some of the first round-the-clock television coverage in the U.S.



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# Poverty fuels brazen drug trade in Spain's neglected south

LA LINEA DE LA CONCEPCION, Spain (AP) — Faces hidden by masks and hoods, a group of 40 men emerge from the darkness of beach-front houses and step into the sand as a state-of-the-art speedboat approaches the shore. They frantically unload dozens of plastic-wrapped burlap bundles, each containing 30 kilograms (66 pounds) of Moroccan hashish.

In little over two minutes, most of the cargo has filled two full-size SUVs. All seats but the drivers' have been removed. The lights are off and the windows have been darkened with black spray.

Then, somebody yells: "Cut it! Cut it!"

As fast as they came, the SUVs speed away and the smugglers find shelter in the narrow streets of the La Atunara fishing neighborhood. The boat vanishes into the night, still holding half of its cargo. When a patrol car arrives seconds later, all that remains is the sound of the waves.

Another night, another chapter in the battle between Spanish authorities and the crime gangs who have turned this neglected town in the shadow of the Rock of Gibraltar into a key European entry point for Moroccan cannabis resin.

"Right now, we are losing this battle," said Francisco Mena, leader of Nexos, a federation of local community action groups that offer rehab for drug addicts. "Trafficking can't be stopped with the human resources and material means that we have in place at the moment."

He insisted the war could still be won. But such optimism flies in the face of the brazen drug operations witnessed by Associated Press journalists, and of the very words of drug chieftains who agreed to rare interviews.

One of the area's most notorious "narcos" insisted that the illicit trade is here to stay.

"Trafficking has always existed, and it always will. If not here, it will move elsewhere along the coast," said the gang leader, who like others spoke on condition that they not be named because they feared prosecution. "If drug trafficking didn't end in Colombia with death penalties and extraditions to the United States, nobody will end it here."

Half a dozen trafficking ring members and their leaders pointed to the 30 percent provincial jobless rate in the Cadiz province, the highest in the country, as a fuel for their criminal activity. They claimed that shipping drugs is a way of life in this forgotten corner, justifying it as a "necessary bad" that feeds hundreds of families directly, and thousands more indirectly.

"Many of us are fathers. We need to take food home," said another gangster who asked to be identified as Pepe. "If we couldn't provide for our children this way, another kind of violence would come."

Three dozen clans are believed to be working in Campo de Gibraltar, a county of 268,000 that cradles the Bay of Algeciras. On a clear day, the contours of the coast of Morocco, the world's top producer of hashish, are visible across a

busy shipping waterway at the mouth of the Mediterranean, just 30 kilometers (less than 19 miles) away.

A new generation of bolder gangsters is challenging underfunded law enforcement agencies, as local families watch their teenagers lured into a life of easy money.

"The national government needs to do more, and not only when the media's attention is here," said Mena. "When the state disappears, what appears is impunity."

Criminals that in the past dropped their few hundred kilograms of cargo in the sea as soon as they came across a customs surveillance boat are now ready to defend their bigger, bulkier shipments.

The RIBs, or rigid-hulled inflatable boats known as "rubbers," are partially to blame. With three, four and even five 350-horsepower engines, they can ship an average cargo of 1 to 3 tons of hashish in over one hour from northern Moroccan shores. A trafficker told the AP he held the local record: 178 stashes, or 5.3 tons, in a single shipment.

Car chases at high-speeds and personal threats to judges, prosecutors and underpaid, short-handed officers have now become common.

On land and at sea, traffickers use shuttle vehicles — SUVs or rubbers without cargo whose function is to mislead authorities and, increasingly, ram patrol cars and boats.

So far, casualties have been higher on the traffickers' side. Two years ago, four traffickers died when a patrol vessel sailed over their rubber, prompting angry protests against the authorities.

According to police investigators and drug traffickers themselves, the uptick in violence is also related to inter-gang burglaries of drug cargo from beaches or from hundreds of "kindergartens" — storage spaces, often in local homes. These "vuelcos" are often the work of outsiders, the sources said, frequently gangs from Eastern Europe. "The earlier generation had a respect for police uniform but there is now a new generation that has an absolute contempt for authority," says Juan Franco, the mayor of La Linea. "My worry is that these guys are armed and so far, they are not using them against civil guard or police agents, but that's the next step."

Fears that civilians could also be caught in the crossfire reached a height last month when a group of drug traffickers stormed the emergency ward in La Linea's public hospital. The assailants freed Samuel Crespo, a top aide and nephew to Los Castanitas, two brothers who run the town's most influential drug clans.

Police say there were at least 20 attackers, armed with sticks and knives. Witnesses have disputed the official account, saying a handful of unarmed youngsters took Crespo away with little resistance from their two custodians. The attacked policemen said using their guns inside the busy emergency ward would have escalated things.

The events hit a nerve in La Linea, a town of 63,000.



In this Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018 photo, people walk past stall streets along a street with Gibraltar's Rock in the background in La Linea de la Concepcion, in Cadiz province, south of Spain. Spain's neglected southern corner is reeling under an escalating war between authorities and crime gangs who have turned it into a key entry point for Moroccan cannabis resin into Europe.

"How can a handful of young criminals be so bold to act with such impunity in broad daylight?" asks Mena, the activist. "Why were there only two policemen guarding a prominent gangster? And why didn't they have any other means to stop the attackers?"

Outrage increased when news emerged that the fugitive was taken in a jet ski across the Strait of Gibraltar for treatment in a private clinic in northern Morocco. A police investigation led to the arrests of two of those involved in the attack, in addition to one person that was detained on the spot at the hospital.

Crespo himself is now back in Spain according to his aides' account. He remains at large.

A week after the attack, the country's Interior Minister descended on the town with an entourage of bodyguards and special police forces. Juan Ignacio Zoido's visit was timed to announce a police operation that led to the arrest of 16 people, members of a sophisticated gang that had installed radar to monitor patrol boats. Police found it under rooftop solar panels in a waterfront house. They also snatched 4 tons of hashish, 17 vehicles and four firearms.

Zoido promised crime squads and additional security measures for the county over coming months.

That same morning, a 90-minute drive away, men in hoods entered a guarded compound and stole a speedboat that had been confiscated and held in evidence, along with a truck to pull it.

The Cadiz province, which at its southernmost tip only 14 kilometers (8.6 miles) away from North Africa, already amounts for 40 percent of the drugs entering Spain, according to Interior Ministry figures.

Hashish is arriving on these beaches at the pace of seven to 20 loaded rubbers per day, according to calculations by police and traffickers. A Civil Guard operation last year dismantled a network that used dangerous night helicopter journeys to fly drugs into hideouts further inland.

The county is also a main

entry point for cocaine, Europe's second most popular drug according to the region's Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addictions. It makes its way concealed in containers and merchant ships docking in Algeciras, across the bay from La Linea.

Some of the smuggled drugs are consumed south of the Pyrenees, but most of it — up to 90 percent, by some police accounts — travels on land to France, Italy and the Netherlands, which plays a central role as a regional distribution hub, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

As in any other business, shipping a stash of hashish involves plenty of stakeholders. The clans operating in and beyond the Campo de Gibraltar are usually family-run and territorial, but only a handful of them are in control of all the phases of the trade.

Sooner or later, the job will be outsourced to gangs offering pilots, rubbers, stolen Land Cruisers — the most common SUV in their operations — or the army of people watching every corner for police presence. Known as "puntos," spotters, they are placed in strategic locations, often with a non-smartphone to alert others. These low-ranking gangsters can make from 600 to 1,000 euros (\$700 to 1,200) in just one day, according to traffickers.

The "bushmen," as those unloading speedboats and loading Land Cruisers are called, can earn up to 2,000 to 3,000 euros a day. But the best paid in the chain are SUV drivers (10,000-15,000 euros for one job) and rubber pilots, starting from 30,000 euros and rising with the number of hashish bundles they deliver. The owner of a "kindergarten," which can be a family with a basement rented to the traffickers, can make up to 15,000 euros for each day hiding the stash.

The smugglers take umbrage at their reputation as a violent, fractured community.

"Police are looking for a war by pitting us against each other," said a prominent drug lord speaking in

a modest safe house where the leaders of half a dozen local gangs, some of them on the run from the law, convened to discuss business. "But this is not Medellín or Sinaloa, and there is no such thing as a Pablo Escobar among us," he said. "There are no assassins here. There are only groups who are good at what they do and others who make mistakes, the same way as police make them."

"We, the veterans, are here to stop this from escalating to any kind of violence," he added, eliciting nods from others in the room.

A gang member with a walkie-talkie enters announcing that a rubber has arrived. The group moves quickly to the beach, only a few meters away; in an impressive feat of choreography, more than 100 bushmen and spotters unload the craft as reporters and passers-by look on. Only word that a police patrol car is streets way, driving toward the beach, brings an abrupt end to the operation.

"You see, this is like a game of cat and mouse, but you won't see the guns, at least not on our side," said a top associate of Los Castanitas. "I have never stolen or gotten myself involved in anything else that is not the smuggling. Yes, this is illegal, I'll give you that. But we are not hurting anyone."

Despite its struggles with trafficking, Spain is the European Union member seizing the largest volumes of both cocaine and cannabis. In 2015, cannabis seizures accounted for more than 70 percent of the drug apprehended in the block, according to Eurostat figures. Of the 373 tons of drugs seized in Spain last year, according to the Interior Ministry, 145 tons were cannabis resin confiscated in the Campo de Gibraltar region, a 45 percent increase from the previous year.

Still, much more slips through the cracks. Investigators said seizures amount to only 4 to 5 percent of the hashish that could be entering the country.

More resources to investigate money laundering would target gang leaders, says Mena.

Police unions say that a regional court specialized in drug trafficking would speed up some of the cases, because drug-trafficking probes require large amounts of judicial red tape for wiretapping and other investigating methods.

Other proposed remedies range from harsher sentences — Spain punishes hashish-trafficking with up to six years if no other crimes involved, whereas sentences can double that in France and the United Kingdom — to regulating consumption and sales of cannabis.

Mena welcomes recent steps taken by the Spanish government on a bill to restrict the use of large speedboats. He says the European Union should aid Spain, and pressure Morocco for stronger action on its end.

But the biggest challenge is local collusion with the drug networks. Revenues feed the local economy, often laundered through beauty parlors, gyms, clothing stores or other small businesses, creating a "narco-economy" that Franco, the mayor of La Linea, describes as "bread for today and hunger for tomorrow."

Unemployment in La Linea, at 35 percent in 2016, reaches 80 percent among the youth in its poorest neighborhoods, the mayor's office said.

In late March, dozens of people in one of the La Linea's impoverished neighborhoods protected a trafficker who was being chased by a national police patrol. Police said agents had to fire gunshots into the air to disperse the crowd, but by then their quarry had vanished, leaving behind a car with half a ton of hashish.

Still, there are signs that some residents know that drugs are a dead end for their town. On Feb. 27, two weeks after the hospital incident, more than 2,000 people gathered to protest.

"No more drugs, we want jobs," they shouted.

But Franco does not believe that his city has truly turned a corner.

"Once in a while there is a specific event that creates a catharsis of some kind," he said, "but months on we go back to the same point."



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In this Sept. 10, 2017, file photo, fans stand for the playing of the National Anthem at New Era Stadium before an NFL football game between the Buffalo Bills and the New York Jets, in Orchard Park, N.Y. The Buffalo Bills' long-term future in Western New York was secured when Terry and Kim Pegula purchased the franchise following the death of Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson in October 2014. Where the team will play its home games — at its current stadium in suburban Orchard Park, or at a new downtown Buffalo facility — within the next decade is the question now inching to the forefront.

## Buffalo stadium plans inch to forefront of discussion

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills' long-term future in western New York was secured when Terry and Kim Pegula purchased the franchise following the death of Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson in 2014.

Where the team will play its home games — at its current stadium in suburban Orchard Park or at a new downtown Buffalo facility — within the next decade is the question.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell touched on the topic at league meetings in Florida on Wednesday by saying the Pegulas are "at a very early stage" in assessing their options. Goodell then left the details to be announced by the owners when they are ready to share them with the community.

On Tuesday, Terry Pegula said, "We talk about that heavily internally, but not publicly," when asked if the Bills would consider using the opt-out clause in their lease in two years to explore a new stadium site.

The Bills later clarified Pegula's comment by saying he was referring to long-term stadium plans and adding that the team had

no plans to opt out of the lease, which expires in the summer of 2023.

The Bills maintain they are early in their planning process and have not ruled out any option. They're also aware that time will become an issue in determining whether the next lease negotiations will focus on a long- or short-term agreement.

The questions come down to building a new stadium, either downtown or near the Bills' existing site; renovating their current home, New Era Field; and how much public money would be spent.

One possibility is pairing a new stadium and Buffalo's need for a new convention center, which would ease concerns over taxpayer money being spent on a stand-alone sports facility.

A new stadium alone would cost approximately \$1 billion.

Staying at New Era Field, which opened in 1973, also wouldn't come cheap.

A stadium site selection study conducted by AECOM Technical Services in 2014 projected it would cost \$540 million for the next series of renovations, including structural improvements and rebuilding the

stadium's third deck. The study based its estimates on what it cost the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs to extensively renovate their facilities over the previous decade.

And that cost is on top of the \$130 million in renovations that took place four years ago, and the \$18 million the Pegulas are spending on club seat upgrades this year.

The next step would involve the Bills hiring a firm to conduct a feasibility study to identify sites, costs and what best suits a franchise based in one of the NFL's smallest markets.

The AECOM study was commissioned by New York state — not the Bills — at an uncertain time during the sale process. Concerned that someone out of town would purchase the Bills and consider relocating them, Gov. Andrew Cuomo had the study conducted to provide prospective owners a list of options of what the region had to offer.

The relocation fear ended once the Pegulas, who own the NHL's Sabres and have established a corporate base in Buffalo, emerged

as the front-runners.

The AECOM study can at least still serve as a guide.

Of the three downtown stadium sites identified, one is no longer an option because it has since been developed.

The site that drew the most attention is a large two-block parcel of street-level parking lots located in the city's emerging Cobblestone entertainment district. The site is located a block east of the Sabres' arena and within two blocks of HarborCenter, a \$200 million hotel and hockey entertainment facility built by the Pegulas, and the headquarters of Pegula Sports and Entertainment.

One person directly involved in discussions three years ago, after the Pegulas purchased the team, told The Associated Press in January that the Bills were focused on building a downtown stadium, and that the Cobblestone site was regarded as "one of the prime target areas." The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the talks were private.

It's unclear whether those plans have changed.

At the time, the state was

tentatively committed to funding the necessary infrastructure upgrades, such as expanding roadways and access ramps from nearby Interstate 190. The site is also close to public transportation. It's a five-minute drive from the Peace Bridge border crossing into southern Ontario, a few blocks from the Amtrak Rail station, and within about 15,000 parking spaces.

Developer Carl Paladino, who owns a large number of properties in the area, called the Cobblestone site "the most logical place to put it (a stadium)," in an interview with the AP in January.

Kim Pegula outlined the challenges the Bills faced during an interview with the AP in 2014.

"You only get to build a stadium once, so we just want to make sure we take our time and do the right thing," she said. "We just want to make sure that when the time comes that we have done all our homework and have the best stadium that we can for Buffalo."

The Pegulas have since backed off discussing stadium plans by calling them premature, and added they're satisfied with the most recent renovations.

## New helmet rule may be part of replay for officiating

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The NFL's new rule outlawing a player from lowering his head to initially make any sort of hit with his helmet likely will be included in replay reviews for officials.

That has not been decided yet, but Commissioner Roger Goodell and competition committee chairman Rich McKay made it clear Wednesday that video reviews probably will be part of the process.

"If we're able to have replay confirm one of these fouls and also confirms a player be ejected," Goodell said as the league meetings concluded, "I think there is more confidence among the coaches it will be called accurately."

After noting the unanimous approval of the new rule among coaches, Goodell said on-field officials felt the same way.

"We think that is appropriate to do and it would be the first time we use replay for safety or in respect to any kind of foul," Goodell added.

Late Tuesday, the owners rewrote the rule on using the helmet, making it a 15-yard penalty for any player to lower his head to initiate

any hit with the helmet. McKay called it "a significant change," noting that it was a "technique too dangerous for the player doing it and the player being hit."

While the offender could be disqualified, owners did not call for an automatic ejection on such a play — at least not yet. In college football, when a player is penalized for targeting and a replay review affirms it, he is ejected.

Including replay will be discussed and very possibly implemented at the NFL's May meetings in Atlanta, where another full agenda will include discussions of changes to the league's national anthem policy; the potential sale of the Carolina Panthers; and awarding the 2019 and 2020 drafts to two of the five finalist cities.

Before then, Goodell stressed that the workings of the new helmet use rule will be made clear to the players, and there will be further discussions on the standards to go from disqualifying a player to fines and possibly suspensions.

"Our intent is to go to each team with tape and all the analysis work done (by the football operations,

technology and medical staffs) and be able to present it to them," Goodell said, adding it will be "all hands on deck" in the educational process.

"We can take the head out, and we do want to make sure certain techniques are not used in our game. I am confident in the next few months (players) will understand it."

Like the coaches, the owners were emphatically behind the change.

"We've done so much research and investigation on what creates the real concussive plays in the NFL," Eagles owner Jeff Lurie said, "and it became obvious that so many of the plays are through the lowering of the helmet and using the helmet as a weapon. I thought this (rule) was very important."

Asked about the Rooney Rule and criticism of the Raiders in how they hired Jon Gruden as coach, Goodell said the league will look at it "and see if we can improve it, absolutely." Oakland was found to have not violated the rule that requires minority candidates to be interviewed for head coaching and

executive positions.

Also:

—Goodell said any findings in the investigation of the behavior of Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson will be made public once the probe is concluded. There is no timetable for that.

Richardson has been accused of workplace misconduct and in December said he was selling the team.

The league hopes a buyer can be found in the next few weeks, vetted and then presented for approval at the May meetings.

—While there were discussions in Orlando about the NFL's national anthem policy, Goodell said the focus was more on implementing social justice platforms in tandem with the players. Potential changes to that policy could come in May.

—Owners passed two more rules changes.

Most noteworthy, the league eliminated the requirement that a team that scores a winning touchdown at the end of regulation kick the extra point or go for a 2-point conversion.

In a January playoff game that

Minnesota memorably won on a final pass play, New Orleans players were required to return to the field after leaving for a meaningless extra point. The Vikings took a knee.

Of course, bettors and fantasy players could have a stake in the PAT, but neither participating team did, particularly now that points scored or points differential is so low in any tiebreaking procedures.

The owners also approved closing an overtime loophole that could have been embarrassing had it ever occurred.

Now, if the team that gets the ball first scores a field goal, then the opponent loses possession by an interception or fumble on its first series, the down will be permitted to run to its conclusion, including awarding points scored by either team during the down.

Previously, the turnover ended the game regardless — even though the team getting the takeaway conceivably could itself turn over the ball on that play and see it returned for a score by the opponent.

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# Trump calls for border legislation using 'nuclear option'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump demanded Monday that Congress pass new border legislation using the "Nuclear Option if necessary" to muscle it through the Senate — a drastic change in rules the Republican leader has previously dismissed.

Trump tweeted that the U.S. must build a border wall, but argued that "Democrats want No Borders, hence drugs and crime!" He also said that a deal to help "Dreamer" immigrants is "dead because the Democrats didn't care or act."

Trump has previously called for the "nuclear option" — changing Senate rules to end the filibuster. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has dismissed that option in the past, saying Republicans will welcome the filibuster if they return to being the Senate minority.

The White House did not immediately answer questions about Trump's tweets. The \$1.3 trillion funding package Congress passed last month included \$1.6 billion in border wall spending. But much of that money can only be used to repair existing segments, not build new sections. Congress also put restrictions on the types of barriers that can be built.

Trump began tweeting over the weekend on immigration from Florida, threatening to pull out of a free trade agreement with Mexico unless it does more to stop people from crossing into the U.S. He claimed they're coming to take advantage of protections granted certain immigrants.

He said Mexico must "stop the big drug and people flows, or I will stop their cash cow, NAFTA. NEED WALL!" The U.S., Canada and Mexico are participating in tense negotiations over the North

American Free Trade Agreement at Trump's insistence. Trump says NAFTA is bad for the U.S. "Mexico has got to help us at the border," Trump, holding his wife's hand, told reporters before the couple attended Easter services at an Episcopal church near his Palm Beach, Florida home.

Former President Barack Obama created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program to provide temporary protection and work permits to hundreds of thousands of immigrants who are living in the U.S. illegally after being brought here as children. Trump ended the program last year, but gave Congress six months to pass legislation enshrining it. A deal has so far proved elusive and Trump has blamed Democrats.

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President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump arrive for Easter services at Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea in Palm Beach, Fla., Sunday, April 1, 2018. AP

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"The Democrats have really let them down," he added during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll, adding: "It's a shame."

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The president also complained on Twitter that border patrol agents can't do their jobs properly be-

cause of "ridiculous liberal (Democrat) laws" that allow people caught for being in the country illegally to be released while they await a hearing before a federal immigration judge.

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About 1,100 migrants, many from Honduras, have been marching in a caravan along roadsides and train tracks in the southern Mexico state of Oaxaca.

These "Stations of the Cross" migrant caravans have been held in southern Mexico for at least the last five years. They be-

gan as short processions of migrants, some dressed in biblical garb and carrying crosses, as an Easter-season protest against the kidnappings, extortion, beatings and killings suffered by many Central American migrants as they cross Mexico.

Individuals in the caravans often try to reach the U.S. border, but usually not as part of the caravan. The caravans usually don't proceed much farther north than the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. The current march is scheduled to end this month with a conference on migration issues in the central Mexican state of Puebla, east of Mexico City.

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Mexico routinely stops and deports undocumented Central Americans, sometimes in numbers that rival those of the United States. Deportations of foreigners dropped from 176,726 in 2015 to 76,433 in 2017, in part because fewer were believed to have come to Mexico, and more were requesting asylum in Mexico.

# Trump on deal to protect 'Dreamer' immigrants: 'NO MORE'

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Donald Trump on Sunday declared "NO MORE" to a deal to help "Dreamer" immigrants and threatened to pull out of a free trade agreement with Mexico unless it does more to stop people from crossing into the U.S. He claimed they're coming to take advantage of protections granted certain immigrants.

"NO MORE DACA DEAL!" Trump tweeted one hour after he began the day by wishing his followers a "HAPPY EASTER!"

He said Mexico must "stop the big drug and people flows, or I will stop their cash cow, NAFTA. NEED WALL!" The U.S., Canada and Mexico are participating in tense negotiations over the North

pal church near his Palm Beach home. "If they're not going to help us at the border, it's a very sad thing between our two countries."

"A lot of people are coming in because they want to take advantage of DACA," he added.

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The president's tweets came after Fox News' "Fox & Friends" reported early Sunday on what it said is a group of 1,200 immigrants, mostly from Honduras, headed to the U.S. The segment was a follow-up to a report by BuzzFeed News on hundreds of Central Americans making

their way through Mexico in hopes that American authorities will grant them asylum or be absent when they attempt to cross the border.

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Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Republican, chided Trump over the tone of the tweets.

"A true leader preserves & offers hope, doesn't take hope from innocent children who call America home. Remember, today is Easter Sunday," tweeted

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, a Trump critic who challenged him for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination.

Arizona Republican Sen. Jeff Flake, another Trump foe, urged Congress to take up the fight for Dreamers.

"There are plenty of lawmakers on both sides ready to work with the administration on legislation to protect DACA kids who call America home," he tweeted. "Let's do it."

Sunday's church visit was Trump's first public appearance with his wife since CBS' "60 Minutes" aired an interview the previous Sunday with Stormy Daniels, the adult-film star who says she had sex with Trump in 2006, early in his marriage and a few months after Mrs. Trump gave birth to their son. The White House says Trump denies the affair. Mrs. Trump spent most of the past week in Palm Beach with her son.

The Trumps returned to Washington later Sunday.

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# It's so fluffy!

## Kristen Bell narrates cuddly IMAX documentary 'Pandas'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Anyone who has seen Kristen Bell break down in (happy) hysterics over a sloth knows the actress's affinity for animals, especially those of the cute and cuddly variety. So when the people behind the new IMAX original film "Pandas" asked "The Good Place" star if she would consider narrating the documentary, it was a no-brainer.

"I'm not un-secretive about the fact that I'm an animal lover, or an IMAX lover to be totally honest with you," Bell said. "I think they produce some of the best content out there and I take my kids to the science center every time there's a new IMAX movie. I just think the patience with which they produce particularly their animal documentaries is kind of astounding."

"Pandas," from David Douglas and Drew Fellman ("Born to be Wild" and "Island of Lemurs: Madagascar"), takes audiences to the Chengdu Research Base For Giant Panda Breeding in China where scientists are working toward a goal of releasing captive-born pandas into the wild, where only about 2000 remaining pandas live.

The film, out Friday, focuses in on one, Qian Qian (pronounced Chen Chen), from cub stage to her supervised release in the wild and the humans trying to make that happen. Hou Rong, the Director of Research at Panda Base since 1994, has raised over 200 baby pandas during her tenure and hopes that one day their work will help pandas thrive outside of captivity.

In an inspiring display of cross cultural solidarity, she travels to New Hampshire to observe how a man named Ben Kilham



**This image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows a giant panda cub in a scene from the IMAX documentary "Pandas." The film, from David Douglas and Drew Fellman, takes audiences to the Chengdu Research Base For Giant Panda Breeding in China where scientists are working toward a goal of releasing captive-born pandas into the wild, where only about 2000 remaining pandas live.**

has for 20 years been successfully raising orphaned black bear cubs for eventual release in the wild. At Kilham's suggestion, Panda Base hires American conservation biologist Jake Owens, who Douglas calls "the Indiana Jones of biologists" to help supervise Qian Qian's transition

from city panda to country panda.

Bell, who got involved later in the process, didn't get to meet the pandas but hopes that one day she will. But that didn't stop her from peppering the scientists like Owens with questions, like how much do their weigh ("150

pounds"), how much for they feel like they weigh ("about 300 pounds") and what do they smell like ("sweet grass and milk").

An avid watcher of nature documentaries, Bell said that she and her young daughters Lincoln and Delta particularly love David Attenborough and

the "Planet Earth" series. The girls saw an early cut of "Pandas" and "loved it" which makes Bell all the more excited for additional kids and families to experience "Pandas" too.

"It's inspiring the next crop of biologists and conservationists," she said.

She thinks the film will

connect beyond animal die-hards too.

"It makes you feel good," Bell said. "It's inspiring, it's beautiful, it's adorable, it's educational and personally I think currently the world could use more things that feel good, you know?"

## Harper Lee letters offer candid takes on religion, family

NEW YORK (AP) — Around the same time "To Kill a Mockingbird" made Harper Lee a best-selling author and Pulitzer Prize winner, she was still fighting for creative control.

"I must say it's increasingly difficult for magazine articles to be written any other way than a magazine editor standing over your shoulder telling you what to write. You know how well that sets with me," the Monroeville, Alabama, native wrote to her New York friend Harold Caulfield (affectionately referred to as "Darling Aitch"). The 1961 letter — the year after the book was published — told of Esquire's turning down a piece she had been asked to write.

"I didn't confirm to their Image (or the one they wish to project) of the South. My pastiche had some white people who were segregationists & at the same time loathed & hated the K.K.K. This was

an axiomatic impossibility, according to Esquire! I wanted to say that according to those lights, nine-tenths of the South is an axiomatic impossibility."

Lee's letter is among six donated to Emory University by a California-based book collector and being made public Monday. The typed correspondence dates from the mid-1950s, when she began writing "Go Set a Watchman," the precursor to "Mockingbird" that unexpectedly came out in 2015, through the early '60s and the release of "Mockingbird." They touch upon everything from politics and writing to religion and dating. They also describe her caring for her ailing father, Amasa Coleman (A.C.) Lee, the lawyer and newspaper man who was the basis for one of literature's most famous characters, Atticus Finch.

"This correspondence from Harper Lee provides wonderful insight into

her life during the critical years when she wrote what would be her only two novels," Joseph Crespino, an Emory professor and author of the upcoming "Atticus Finch: The Biography," said in a statement. "They provide a window into her life and her views during a period of tumultuous change in southern political life."

Lee died in 2016 at age 89. As Crespino writes in his book, she both revered and rebelled against her father, whose hallowed image formed by "To Kill a Mockingbird" and Gregory Peck's performance in the 1962 film adaptation was upended by the portrait of Atticus as a stubborn reactionary in "Go Set a Watchman." Harper Lee had argued with her father about the rising civil rights movement, but remained close to him. In the mid-'50s, she even moved from New York back to Monroeville after A.C. Lee fell ill.

"Daddy is sitting beside me at the kitchen table, fully clothed, and eating his four-o'clock meal. He gets around the house with a walking stick," she writes to "Dearest H" in 1956. "While thinking of something to say to you I found myself staring at his handsome old face, and a sudden wave of panic flashed through me, which I think was an echo of the fear and desolation that filled me when he was nearly dead. It has been years since I have lived with him on a day-to-day basis, and these months with him have strengthened my attachment to him, if such is possible. If he gets along every day like he has this day, it won't be long before I'll be back with you."

In another letter from 1956, she notes her amazement that she is capable of helping her father.

"Sugar, I guess we all somehow rise to occasions: I've done more things for him that I never

remotely thought I'd be called on to do for anybody," she writes. "But I suppose there's truth in the adage that you don't mind it if they're yours. I shoudn't: you will discover that your Nelle Harper is a much less squeamish individual. But the one thing I don't think I'll get used to if I live to be 100 is a needle. They fed him through his veins for 10 days after he was stricken, and I gagged every time I saw him hooked up to that thing."

Lee avoided the media for much of her life, but in private spoke her mind. She is candid and irreverent in her letters as she mocks religion, gets a kick out of Elvis Presley and knows well that she stands apart from her home community. In a letter dated "Sunday," she expresses frustration that she can't work on her books in Monroeville, and longs to be back in New York, where she has "a chair, a

table and a typewriter, and no people."

In one of her 1956 letters, she notes the romantic interest of a Presbyterian minister, but adds that she's "just not up to it."

"Besides, Presbyterian theology is about the gloomiest Protestant dogma I know of, and I don't trust myself to keep my mouth shut: if I feel moved to express myself thereon, it will get out all over Monroeville that I am a member of the NAACP, which god forbid," she writes. "They already suspect this to be fact anyway, because I said some strong words to one of our good Methodist brethren about my views on picture shows, dancing, dining, etc., — in short EVERYTHING but worshipping — in a Methodist church. I also told him it would be a good thing if the Methodists seceded again, which damns me."

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# China space lab mostly burns up on re-entry in south Pacific

BEIJING (AP) — China's defunct Tiangong 1 space station mostly burned up on re-entry into the atmosphere over the central South Pacific on Monday, Chinese space authorities said.

The experimental space laboratory re-entered around 8:15 a.m. Beijing time, the China Manned Space Engineering Office said.

Scientists monitoring the craft's disintegrating orbit had forecast the craft would mostly burn up and would pose only the slightest of risks to people. Analysis from the Beijing Aerospace Control Center showed it had mostly burned up.

Brad Tucker, an astrophysicist at Australian National University, said that Tiangong 1's re-entry was "mostly successful" and that it would have been better if the space station had not been spinning toward Earth.

"It could have been better, obviously, if it wasn't tumbling, but it landed in the Southern Pacific Ocean, and that's kind of where you hope it would land," Tucker said.

"It's been tumbling and spinning for a while, which means that when it really starts to come down it's less predictable about what happens to it," Tucker said. He likened it to an airplane landing, saying it's more difficult to predict where a plane that is "shaking around and moving" will land than one that is smoothly descending.

Launched in 2011, Tiangong 1 was China's first space station, serving as an experimental platform for bigger projects, such as

the Tiangong 2 launched in September 2016 and a future permanent Chinese space station.

Two crews of Chinese astronauts lived on the station while testing docking procedures and other operations. Its last crew departed in 2013 and contact with it was cut in 2016.

Since then, it has orbited gradually closer and closer to Earth on its own while being monitored.

Earlier forecasts had said that only about 10 percent of the bus-sized, 8.5-ton spacecraft would likely survive re-entry, mainly its heavier components such as its engines.

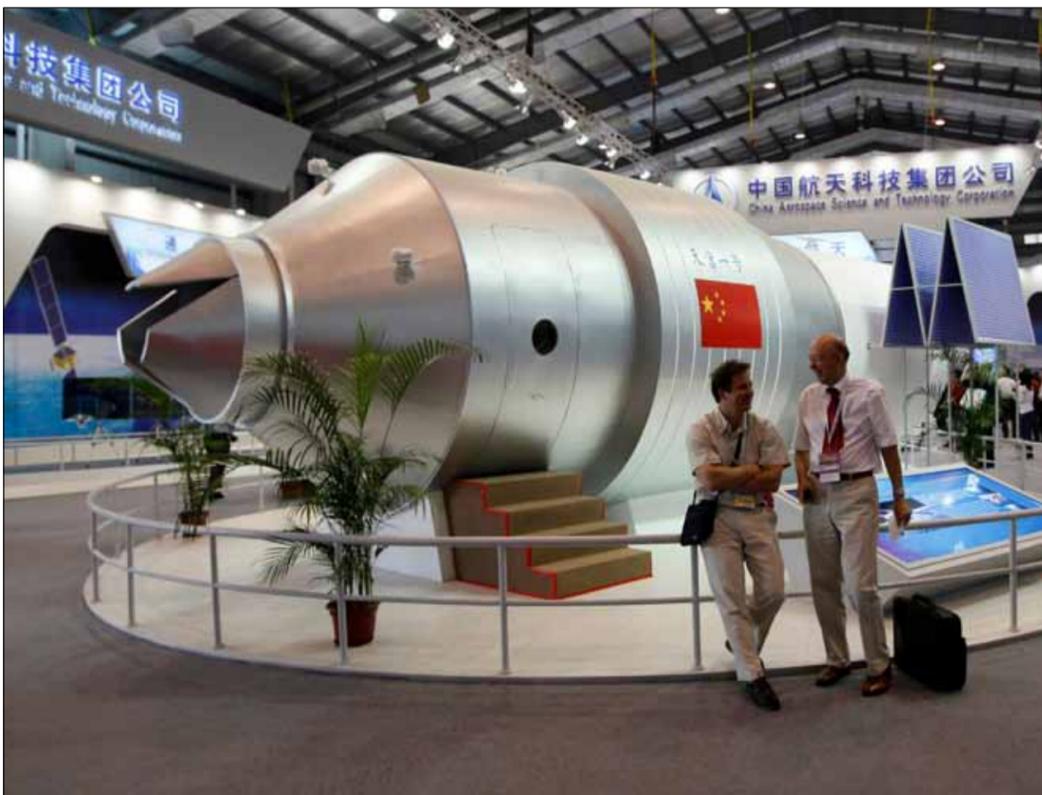
"The biggest takeaway from this is that as we put more things into space, all countries, we have to be aware that we do have to plan for these sorts of issues that are happening," Tucker said.

Roger Thompson, senior engineering specialist with the Aerospace Corporation in Virginia, said modeling of Tiangong 1's re-entry by monitors in the U.S. had been highly accurate, leaving him feeling "great" about their predictions.

"We believe it was an uncontrolled entry," Thompson said, adding that the corporation's own estimate had been just 15 minutes behind the time announced by China.

The lack of control was not unusual given that about 15 percent of satellites re-enter the atmosphere prior to the end of their useful lives, he said.

The corporation, which provides technical support for the space industry, had not been in touch with the Chinese side about the re-entry, Thompson said.



In this Nov. 16, 2010 file photo, visitors sit beside a model of China's Tiangong-1 space station at the 8th China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai in southern China's Guangdong Province. China's defunct Tiangong 1 space station is expected to re-enter Earth's atmosphere within the next day. The European Space Agency forecast Sunday April 1, 2018 the station will re-enter sometime between Sunday night and early Monday morning GMT.

China's foreign and defense ministries said the country had relayed information about Tiangong 1's return to Earth to the United Nations' space agency and others.

Debris from satellites, space launches and the International Space Station enters the atmosphere every few months, but only one person is known to have been hit by any of it: American woman Lottie Williams, who was struck but not injured by a falling piece of a U.S. Delta

II rocket while exercising in an Oklahoma park in 1997.

Most famously, America's 77-ton Skylab crashed through the atmosphere in 1979, spreading pieces of wreckage near the southwest Australian city of Perth, which fined the U.S. \$400 for littering.

Tiangong 1, whose name translates as "Heavenly Palace," had two modules, one for its solar panels and engines, and one for a pair of astronauts to live in and conduct experiments.

A third astronaut slept in the Shenzhou spaceships that docked with the station, which also contained facilities for personal hygiene and food preparation.

China's space program has made rapid progress since it launched its first crewed mission in 2003 — becoming only the third country after Russia and the U.S. to do so — including placing a rover on the moon and conducting a spacewalk.

A mission to land a ro-

ver on Mars and bring back samples is set to launch in 2020, while China also plans to become the first country to soft-land a probe on the far side of the moon.

The program's military background has at times been a barrier to greater cooperation with those run by other countries, and it was excluded from the 420-ton International Space Station that is now beginning to wind down.

# Italy's robot concierge a novelty on the way to better AI

PESCHIERA DEL GARDA, Italy (AP) — Robby Pepper can answer questions in Italian, English and German. Billed as Italy's first robot concierge, the humanoid will be deployed all season at a hotel on the popular Lake Garda to help relieve the desk staff of simple, repetitive questions.

During one of Robby's first shifts, Mihail Slanina, a guest from Moldova, congratulated the robot on his skills.

"He's like a real person, he's really good," she enthused. "He talks, he shook my hand."

Developed by Japan's Softbank Robotics, Robby as he has been christened by the hotel where he's resident has been taught a list of questions such as the locations of the spa, restaurants and opening hours, programmed by the Italian digital services company Jampaa. The summer tourist season will provide Robby with a crash course in unanticipated questions, not to mention accents, which will help improve his knowledge, vocabulary and ability to answer.

The use of such robots is growing in services sectors like tourism, where the scale of business can overwhelm staff with menial

tasks. Most of the automations serve mainly as novelties — humanoid versions of an Alexa or Siri meant to marvel customers. They represent an expansion in automation, but one that's likely to be scaled up only when better artificial intelligence is developed.

The International Federation of Robotics, based in Frankfurt, Germany, forecasts sales of professional service robots will grow between 20 percent and 25 percent a year through 2020, from about 79,000 last year. That includes such diverse categories as defense robots, cleaning robots, medical robots and logistics systems robots. In 2016, 7,200 public relations robots like Softbank's Pepper, used for mobile guidance and information, were sold — a full 135 percent increase over the previous year.

"Beyond the techy novelty to engage customers, the current use of robots for customer services is completely impractical, very simply because artificial intelligence digital agents are way too stupid to be practical beyond what the time is and what the weather is," said Richard Windsor, a technology analyst based in London. Their current limi-

tations are best illustrated by the fact that the two best artificial intelligence systems, Google Assist and the Chinese company DuerOS by the Chinese company Baidu, do not currently make such robots, he said.

Windsor predicts that such robots will fall off once their current novelty wears off, only to reappear when the technology has improved, something he sees off in the long-term.

"In order to make these things better, you need to gather data, so have you have to be out there," he said.

Giorgio Metta, deputy scientific director at the government-funded Italian Technological Institute, said the real utility will come into play when the service robots can pick up and move objects autonomously, delivering small items to rooms, or documents from office to office. Robots also are being used for security in say, shopping malls, to pick up on anomalies like forgotten bags, or to monitor where customers are congregating.

Public acceptance is an important factor. Robots seem to be catching on in mall and customer service settings more readily in the United States and Japan,



In this photo dated March 12, 2018, robot Robby Pepper stands at the front desk of hotel in Peschiera del Garda, northern Italy, Monday, March 12, 2018.

than in Europe, according to experts.

Customers at a grocery store in Scotland got one robot, a Softbank Pepper unit named Fabio, fired because they were not willing to interact with it. And a security robot patrolling an office complex in Washington last year drew unwanted attention when it rolled into a fountain.

The Cayu dealership in

Brescia is employing another Softbank Pepper unit as what well may be Italy's first robotic car dealership. Dubbed Cayuiki, the robot has been programmed to give information on cars, play games, and gather client personal information for call-backs, its gee-whiz presence helping to create interest in passers-by who otherwise might walk right past a parked car.

"In our sector I don't see the human factor, empathy, comfort, being replaced by a machine," said Andreas Barchetti, manager of the Cayu dealership, who said the robot's job is to draw people in, handle repetitive information tasks and create an aura of technological advancement. But to sell cars, he said, "of course you need our insiders made of flesh and bones."



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