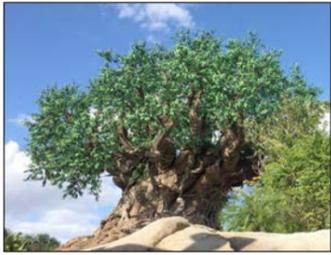


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## County earmarks \$1M for affordable housing

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

Osceola County appropriated \$1 million Monday night to assist with affordable housing.

It is the latest in a series of measures meant to address a severe lack of low-income housing.

Metro Orlando – which includes Osceola, Orange, Lake and Seminole counties – ranks third nationally for its shortage of rentals that are affordable enough for the region's lowest-income residents, according to an annual report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Of the top 50 metro areas nationally, only Las Vegas and Los Angeles had a greater shortage than Metro Orlando.

On Monday night, County Commission Chairman Fred

Hawkins Jr. said the new affordable housing measure is a comprehensive package in line with the county's strategic plan for affordable housing.

It aims to offset mobility fee increases that may drive away affordable housing developers.

It also allows certain incentives, such as low income tax credit developments, and gives commissioners authority to purchase land for future projects with the appropriated funds.

The appropriation won't actually increase the county's overall budget, Hawkins said. It simply moves money from one fund to another.

The original proposal called for a \$707,520 appropriation. It included \$321,600 for a 100-unit affordable housing complex called Los Altos

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PHOTO/OSCEOLA COUNTY

The Osceola County Commission on Monday approved spending \$1 million for affordable housing.

**AROUND TOWN**

### A colorful bunch



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARK HORAN

Crowds celebrate at the end of the 5k Color Run Hero Tour that was held at Osceola Heritage Park on Saturday. For more photos, see page 24.

### 'The Center Kissimmee' to open this year

By Charlie Reed  
For the News-Gazette

The LGBT+ Center announced it would open its first satellite office in Kissimmee later this year.

Better known as The Center, the 40-year organization provides, among other things, free HIV and hepatitis C testing seven days a week.

LGBT is the common acronym for people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

However, The Center serves everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, said executive director George Wallace.

The Center now provides HIV and hepatitis C testing for between 600 to 700 Central Florida residents each month, a large portion of them from Osceola County.

Almost 30 percent of the people who used

The Center Orlando's for health screening during the first quarter of 2018 were from Osceola County, according to Wallace.

"We see there is a gap in services, particularly for Osceola residents and we want to bridge that gap," Wallace said.

Like its Orlando home office, The Center Kissimmee will also have local support groups, a cyber center and counseling services.

"All the services we offer are free. And our therapists see everyone, from people going through life transitions, marriage problems and post-traumatic stress disorder," Wallace said. "A lot of people coming through are not gay."

The Center also provides low-cost meeting space for other groups including Alcoholics Anonymous the Orlando Youth Alliance – a nonprofit, peer group for LGBT

See **Center**, Page 6.

### UCF professor talks upcoming governor, Senate race



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Aubrey Jewett, a political science associate professor at the University of Central Florida, served as the event's keynote speaker at a legislative session round-up. Jewett provided insight into the two biggest elections for the 2018 Florida midterms.

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

The 2018 midterm elections are right around the corner and as usual, Florida residents will face some important choices on their ballots.

The Kissimmee/Osceola County Chamber of Commerce gathered last week during a legislative session round-up to discuss these upcoming races and recap statehouse victories.

Aubrey Jewett, a political science associate professor at the University of Central Florida, served as the event's keynote speaker. Jewett provided insight into the two biggest elections for the 2018 Florida midterms.

**Gubernatorial race**

The first is a hotly

contested race for the governor's seat.

Current Gov. Rick Scott reaches his two-term limit this year, opening up the ring to candidates from both sides of the aisle.

Jewett said many states are electing governors this year, but only four, including Florida, will be competitive races.

Jewett first reviewed Democratic gubernatorial forerunners.

► Phillip Levine: Former Miami-Dade mayor. A 55-year-old multi-millionaire entrepreneur who made his fortune running media companies in the cruise industry, Levine has described himself as a "radical centrist."

Jewett said the candidate's biggest asset

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# State law to give greater control, flexibility of funds to school districts

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

The Osceola County School District clinched a major legislative victory in Tallahassee this year.

Thanks to lobbying work by the School Board and Osceola Legislative Effort (OLE), districts will now have greater control and flexibility over locally generated funds, such as the half-penny sales tax and impact fees.

The issue was important to local education leaders across the state, including

Osceola County Schools Superintendent Debra Pace.

"That was a big win for us," Pace said after a legislative event April 12. "The way the Department of Education was interpreting some language, it really became a tremendous need."

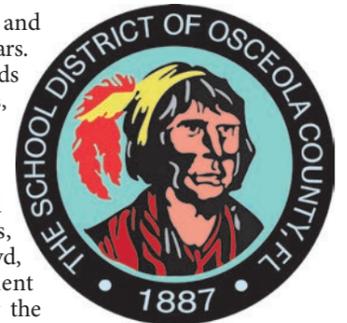
The triumph was included in three last-minute sections added to HB 7055, this year's massive 208-page education bill signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott on March 11.

Sections 43, 44 and 45 contain specific language

that the School Board and OLE have sought for years.

The language amends existing state statutes, and assists Osceola County in receiving its fair share of county funds for school construction projects, according to John Boyd, director of government and labor relations for the school district. It also loosens some regulations concerning construction projects and the state application process.

Section 45 revises language in an education



amendment from last year that made traditional public schools share capital outlay money with charter schools.

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## HOUSING

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Apartments, and \$385,920 for a 120-unit senior living affordable development called PalosVerdes Apartments.

But Commissioners Viviana Janer and Peggy Choudhry both moved to round the figure up to \$1 million to assist future projects.

Choudhry also said she wanted the measure to include alternative forms of housing, not just brand new developments.

"I've mentioned many times for a change of product, for example, from a hotel to tiny home studios," she said. "As long as that's all in the picture, then I'm good with it."

With limited funding available from state and federal housing resources, local governments have moved to strengthen private-

public partnerships with developers who can provide the kind of low-income housing the community needs, according to Monday's addendum.

One reason the county is offering funds to Los Altos and Palos Verdes is to offset recent mobility and impact fee hikes approved by the County Commission earlier this year.

Originally, mobility fees for both projects were estimated at \$527,400. That number is anticipated to jump to \$997,100 under new mobility fee rates, according to the addendum.

Mobility fees help maintain roads and

infrastructure around new developments.

But they can also drive away affordable housing developments, which have much smaller profit margins than other housing projects.

"The cost of impact fees can affect a development and cause a financial strain that could result in the development not being viable," according to background information in the addendum. "The strain could also result in fewer developers pursuing opportunities to construct affordable housing."

The money appropriated by the Commission is meant to offset this strain.

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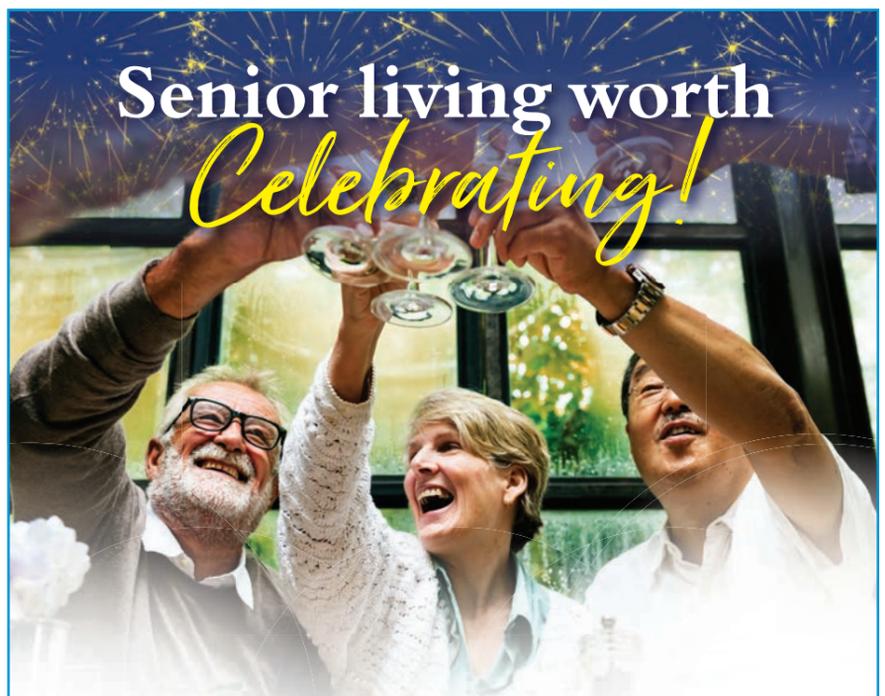
Dr. Sandhu served as Chief Resident at UMDNJ-New Jersey Medical School. His training puts him at the cutting-edge in cosmetic dermatology and skin cancer surgery. Dr. Sandhu is also trained in cosmetic procedures including BOTOX and filler injections, chemical peels, and photorejuvenation. Dr. Sandhu attended the University of Wisconsin, where he graduated Summa Cum Laude before going on to attend the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health, where he again graduated at the top of his class. Dr. Sandhu has authored multiple scientific articles, including one focusing on the use of laser procedures in dermatology. He is a member of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, American Academy of Dermatology, and the American Society of Mohs Surgery.

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# POINCIANA

## Weisheyer to host School District 3 update April 24

By Lisa Concepcion  
Poinciana Writer

Osceola County School District's district 3 community update will be Tuesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty High School's Auditorium.

School Board Member Tim Weisheyer will host this update. All community residents are invited to attend to hear updates on educational and community issues. Light refreshments will be served. Time will be allowed for questions and answers.

Liberty High School is located at 4250 Pleasant Hill Road.

► The Poinciana Friends of the Library will hold its annual spring book sale today through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember that all proceeds go directly back into the library for their programs. Friends of the Library are all volunteers who work very hard to make these book sales profitable for the children.

The Physician Lecture Series, presented by Poinciana Medical Center, will discuss knee pain. This presentation will be today 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 Poinciana Branch Library is located at 101 N. Doverplum Ave.

► The Association of Poinciana Villages will present "Movies Under the Stars" Friday 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!

► The Ladies Club of Poinciana's Yard and Craft Sale will be Sunday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the soccer fields at Vance Harmon Park.

Vendors are needed. Cost is \$20 for a 8-by-10 foot space. Vendors must provide their own table, chair and canopy.

For more information, call Shari Saunders at 863-496-4415.

► Summer is the perfect time to advance every child's learning in a fun and engaging environment! The Osceola School District will be offering a number of programs for students this summer as enrichment opportunities. There are several camps in various age groups in Poinciana. Programs to be offered include:

- Summer Bridge STEAM Enrichment Camp

Cost: free  
Grade Level in the 2017-18 school year: Current Kindergarten - Grade 4 students

Description: Summer Bridge STEAM Enrichment Camp returns to VPK-12 Summer Bridge 2018 with fun, creative activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math to increase the development of reading and math skills and decrease summer learning loss.

Locations: KOA Elementary and Poinciana Academy.

Dates: Mondays-Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6/11-7/19 no camp week of 7/2-7/5

► K-2 Math Camp  
Cost: free

Grade Level in the 2017-2018 school year: Current Kindergarten - current Grade 2 students

Description: Students in Grades K-2 will have an opportunity to engage in mathematics in order to be better prepared for the next grade level.

Locations: Poinciana Academy of Fine Arts.

Dates: Monday-Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. 6/4-6/7

To Register: School staff will provide the registration to students who are eligible for this opportunity.

► Environmental Center Swamp Site

Cost: free  
Grade Level in the 2017-18 school year: Current Grade 4 students

Description: Students will engage in STEM and environmental activities at the Environmental Center Swamp Site. These activities will include force and motion, scientific methods and adaptations to scrub habitats.

Locations: Environmental Center, 4300 Poinciana Blvd., Kissimmee.

Dates: Week One: Tuesday-Thursday and Week Two: Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 6/4-6/15

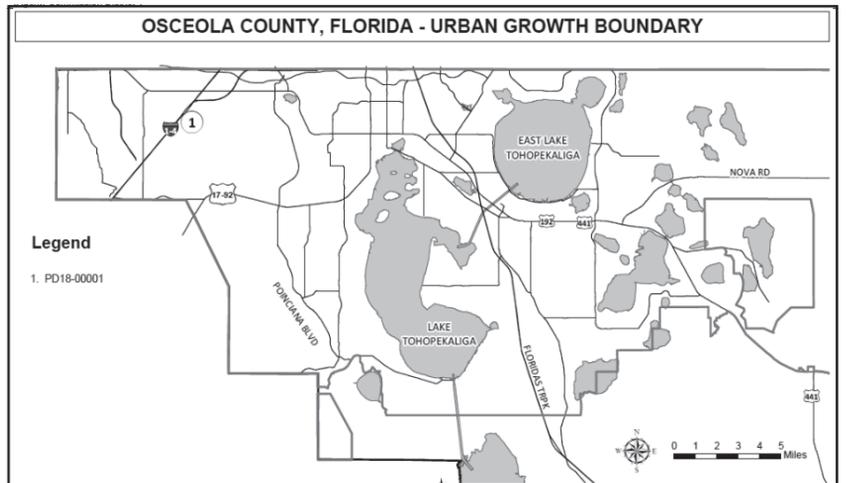
To Register: Current 4th grade students may request the application from their teacher to complete. Students will be notified of their acceptance.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Osceola County Planning Commission beginning at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as practical, on May 3, 2018, and by the Board of County Commissioners beginning at 1:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as practical, on May 7, 2018, in the Osceola County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 4th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida, 34741 to consider the following:

1. PD18-00001: Approval to amend and restate the previously approved Celebration Planned Development (PD17-00001) to increase the total number of permitted hospital beds from 240 to 393 by reducing the allowable medical office building space by 43,602 square feet. The property is approximately 4,842 acres and is located on both sides of Interstate 4 (I-4), south of W. Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, east of N. Old Lake Wilson Road, and west of Holiday Trail. Adventist Health Systems/Sunbelt Inc dba Florida Hospital (Applicant/Owner) Major Stacy (Agent) Commission District 1



Materials relating to the above may be examined in the offices of the Osceola County Community Development, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 1100, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department at the above address.

For questions regarding these requests please contact the Osceola County Community Development Department at 407-742-0200; fax number at 407-742-0206 or email at [notice@osceola.org](mailto:notice@osceola.org). Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to these items.

Any person requiring special accommodations at the public meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board 407-742-2100, at 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, prior to the meeting. Complete details of all Board of County Commissioners meetings are posted at <http://www.osceola.org/about-osceola-county/county-meetings/>

## Serial robbery suspect stopped by Osceola County deputies

By Brian McBride  
Editor

A Bartow man who authorities said committed 20 robberies spanning from Bradenton to Orange County was arrested in Kissimmee on April 10 where he was planning yet another crime.

Polk County Sheriff's Office robbery detectives, who were working with the Lakeland Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Osceola County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), arrested Terell Covington, 32.

Covington was wanted for robberies in Kissimmee, Orange County, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Plant City, Hillsborough County and Bradenton.

Polk county deputies obtained an arrest warrant for Covington, charging him with three robberies, two of which were armed.

"Thanks to the great teamwork with our Central Florida partnering agencies, his robbing days are over," said Polk Sheriff Grady Judd.

According to a Sheriff's Office report, on April 10, while awaiting approval for an arrest warrant, Polk detectives went to Covington's Bartow home, and watched him leaving in a truck. They followed the truck, which stopped at a Home Depot in Lakeland. Covington got out of the truck, and into the passenger side of a Nissan Altima, which then drove to Kissimmee, and circled a Dollar General store, the report stated. The driver of the Altima, 27-year-old Joshua Patterson, of Lakeland, then headed to a Dollar Tree store in Kissimmee. That's when Polk deputies requested assistance from the Osceola County Sheriff's Office. Osceola deputies responded and made contact with Patterson and Covington.

Covington was taken to a Polk Sheriff's Office substation for an interview where he confessed to committing 18 robberies in the Tampa Bay area.

Covington said that Patterson was the "getaway driver" during three of the robberies, and that on April 10, they were planning to commit another one before being stopped by law enforcement, the report stated.

Polk deputies placed Patterson under arrest for conspiracy to commit an armed robbery and booked him into the Polk County Jail.

The Polk County charges for Covington were two counts of armed robbery, burglary with battery, robbery with a mask, two counts of armed burglary with battery and two counts of false imprisonment.

He was being in the Polk jail held on no bond.

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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## Mark Zuckerberg's insufferable tripe

Once again, Mark Zuckerberg is sorry. The founder of Facebook, who has apologized for privacy breaches throughout much of his company's existence, is back at it, on a much larger stage than ever before.

The proximate cause is the Cambridge Analytica controversy. In violation of Facebook's rules, the Trump-linked political consultancy schemed to get access to the data of 87 million users. This has made Facebook a scapegoat for President Donald Trump's victory on par with the Russians and James Comey (at least before the FBI director got fired and became a Trump adversary).

It's not Zuckerberg's fault that he has suddenly been deemed on the wrong side of history, but the Cambridge Analytica blowup is bringing a useful spotlight on the most sanctimoniously self-regarding large company in America. Facebook can't bear to admit that it has garnered the largest collection of data known to man to sell ads against and line the pockets of its founder and investors.

The problem isn't that Mark Zuckerberg is a businessman, and an exceptionally gifted one, but that he pretends to have stumbled out of the lyrics of John Lennon's song "Imagine." To listen to him, Facebook is all about connectivity and openness -- he just happens to have made roughly \$63 billion as the T-shirt-wearing champion of "the global community," whatever that means.

It's this pose that makes him and other Facebook officials sound so shift. In a

rocky interview with Savannah Guthrie of the "Today" show, Sheryl Sandberg was asked what product Facebook sells. "We're selling the opportunity to connect with people," she said, before catching herself, "but it's not for sale."

**It's not Zuckerberg's fault that he has suddenly been deemed on the wrong side of history, but the Cambridge Analytica blowup is bringing a useful spotlight on the most sanctimoniously self-regarding large company in America.**

Something or other must be for sale, or Facebook is the first company to rocket to the top ranks of corporate America based on having no product or profit motive. Guthrie, persisting, stated that Facebook sweeps up data for the use of advertisers. Sandberg objected: "We are not sweeping data. People are inputting data."

Uh, yeah. That's the genius of it. In a reported exchange with a friend while he was a student at Harvard, Zuckerberg boasted of having data on thousands of students because "people just submitted it."

Zuckerberg has now managed the same trick on a global scale. On the one hand, Facebook has indeed made efforts to protect the data of its users, knowing that it can't

risk a fundamental breach of trust. On the other, Zuckerberg has repeatedly said he's sorry for offenses against his users' privacy because his business model contradicts his self-righteous public posture.

It's possible to imagine something like Facebook run as a nonprofit service for the global commons. That's not what Zuckerberg chose to do to. To his credit, he created a compelling -- nay, for some people, addicting -- product and made a killing for the ages.

Perhaps the public pressure will force the social network to give its customers even more control over the use of their data. At a minimum, it will have achieved something if it gets Facebook to give up the saccharine one-world rhetoric about its mission and admit the bottom line is as important to it as any other profit-making company.



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is his massive amount of personal wealth.

▶ **Andrew Gillum:** The 37-year-old mayor of Tallahassee. He was elected to the Tallahassee City Council when he was still a senior at Florida A&M. Jewett said that Gillum, an African American, will rely heavily on minority support across the state. As the most liberal of the four Democratic candidates, Gillum appeals to the “Bernie Sanders wing of the party.”

▶ **Gwen Graham:** An accomplished politician with a strong family name; she is the daughter of Bob Graham, former U.S. Senator and Florida governor. Graham was an active Congressional representative from the Panhandle area. Jewett said it would likely be her family’s network of supporters and donors, not the Graham name itself, that serves as her

major asset. She is running as a moderate Democrat.

▶ **Chris King:** A 38-year-old entrepreneur from Winter Park. King is CEO of a financial corporation that invests in affordable and senior housing projects.

Jewett said King jump-started his own campaign over a year ago with a hefty personal donation. He is also an evangelical Christian.

Among the Republican candidates discussed:

▶ **John DeSantis:** A 39-year-old Congressman from Volusia County. Formerly served as a military lawyer before entering politics six years ago. President Trump has already endorsed DeSantis and said he should run.

▶ **Adam Putnam:** commissioner for the Florida Department of Agriculture. He served in Congress for 10 years,

representing the Central Florida-based 12th Congressional district. He’s originally from Polk County. Jewett said that during a normal election year, Putnam would be the Republican party forerunner, but noted that shifting political landscapes make it difficult to call.

“To be kind of an establishment Republican candidate in a Republican primary will not necessarily be a great thing for him,” Jewett said.

▶ **Richard Corcoran:** Currently serves as speaker of the Florida House. Has yet to officially announce his run, but has already started campaign ads. Like all of the Republican candidates, Jewett said Corcoran adheres to a conservative ideology.

**U.S. Senate race**

Republicans can count on about 48 seats and Democrats are looking

to maintain 44 seats in the U.S. Senate. That leaves eight competitive Senate races for the upcoming 2018 midterms, Jewett said.

This once again allows Florida voters to make a difference on the national stage.

Jewett said Democrats “certainly have some hope” of taking over majority control of the U.S. Senate this year, but acknowledged that the “numbers don’t look terrific.”

Holding the line and getting Sen. Bill Nelson re-elected will be imperative for Democrats, Jewett said.

Current Gov. Rick Scott announced plans to run against the three-term Democrat incumbent April 6, following months of political speculation.

Jewett used a quote by the governor himself to classify the race: “It’s one of the most exciting races in the country between two of the least exciting candidates.”

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## CENTER

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youth ranging in age from 13 to 24. There is a chapter in Osceola, which now meets in Orlando but will move to the local center once it opens. The organization has yet to determine where The Center Kissimmee will be located.

That's in part because funds are still being gathered, Wallace said.

"In order to open, we need to raise \$75,000 for our year-one operating expenses that will help mold what kind of programs we can offer and how many people will be coming in for testing," he said.

Contigo Fund – a South Florida nonprofit that provides financial resources for LGBT programs – got the ball rolling for The Center Kissimmee with a \$26,000 grant earlier this month.

"Contigo Fund, which emerged from the Pulse massacre, recognizes the road to recovery continues and will for years to come,"

Contigo Fund Program Director Marco Antonio Quiroga said in a news release. "An expansion of LGBTQ services and community spaces in Osceola County to

**We see there is a gap in services, particularly for Osceola residents and we want to bridge that gap.**

—GEORGE WALLACE

support the predominantly Puerto Rican underserved community, which half of the Pulse victims called home, we see as critical to our mission."

Zebra Coalition, another nonprofit Orlando-based LGBT organization, this year started offering counseling services in Kissimmee.

Equality Florida, an advocacy group and educational charity, also has provided training for guidance counselors and social workers from the Osceola County School District to help better understand issues faced by LGBT students.

The Center started 40 years ago as a men's crisis center and morphed through the AIDS crisis to be more of a health-focused place, Wallace said.

Started 40 years as men's crisis center, The Center began focusing on health screening during the AIDS crisis.

"As we've gained more equality over the years, we're more of a community center now and that's where our straight allies come in. They're so important to what we do," Wallace said.

The Center will have a table at the second annual Pride Fest in June.

Find more information on the center at: [www.thecenterorlando.org](http://www.thecenterorlando.org)

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**LAW**

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The change is good news for traditional public schools, but Boyd said charters aren't likely to love the revision.

"Charter schools will likely react to this," Boyd said. "The language favors traditional public schools, so charter schools stand to lose money from this."

School Board Chairman Ricky Booth said the push to get those three amendments included in HB 7055 came during the final weeks of Florida's legislative session.

"We didn't go in there knowing this would be added to the education bill,"

he said. "Once we saw it had a chance though, we pulled together along with other counties around the state to show lawmakers this was important for us."

The importance of new school funding will only continue to grow as Osceola County's population continues to boom. According to recent U.S. Census estimates, Osceola has seen the second largest population growth in Florida since 2010. The school district plans to build five schools in the next five years, based on current growth projections.

**POINCIANA**

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► Extended Learning Camp I:

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# SPORTS



## Lions roar

Orlando runs win streak to 3 in Philly.

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## Harmony defends 3A-8 boys track title; regional next

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

Either home-track advantage is a thing, or the Harmony track program is "the" thing.

The Longhorns had a very good day hosting the District 3A-8 meet, repeating as district team boys champions and taking second in the girls event.

The boys team (163 points), thanks to a deep pool of runners from 400 meters and on out, beat out Auburndale (106), Winter Haven (103), Lake Region (74), Liberty (68) and Poinciana and Sebring (52.5).

"In total, we have 27 regional qualifiers, which is a school record," Longhorns boys coach Kyle Carr said. "Also for the first time in school history, all three relay teams (4x100, 4x400, 4x800) will be moving on to regionals."

Auburndale, boosted by its sprint program, won the girls meet (196.5) followed by Harmony (143.5), Liberty (117) and Poinciana (61).

Lady Longhorns Coach Adam Kerns called it "a great day on the girls side."

"We knew going in it was going to be tough catching Auburndale," he said. "Overall we are happy the way things turned out and looking forward to improving at regionals."

Harmony freshman Brooke Mullins was runner-up in the 800 meters (2:35.59), and the Longhorns swept the top three of the 1,600 (Allison Hicks, 5:43.68; Mullins, 5:47.53; Vanessa Bolen, 6:03.78) and 3,200 (Hicks 13:16.52, Mullins 13:21.4, Bolen 13:31.04). Mullins and Hicks teamed with

Ariana Ramos Mercado and Claire Darrin to win the 4x800 (10:23.21) by 25 seconds.

Overall, Mullins and Hicks qualified in four events for next week.

"They were the horses on Saturday and did what they had to do," Kerns said. "I don't think they get enough credit at the feat they did."

The top four in each event qualified for the Region 2 meet next Thursday at Lakeland George Jenkins, and the top four there will go on to the state meet May 4-5 at the University of North Florida.

Among Saturday's highlights:

As expected, Poinciana senior Shaneylix Davila swept the 110 (14.20) and 300 hurdles (43.91).

Liberty's Christelle Bonzil, Alandi Jacobs, Emilie Edouard and Alani Jacobs formed the winning 4x100 relay team (48.83). The Jacobs teamed with Khadijah McClean and Queen Washington for second in the 4x400.

Bonzil (winner on attempts) and Poinciana's Jendaya Nesbitt both went 5 feet in the high jump. Nesbitt won the long jump (17-1.25), and Bonzil went second in the triple jump (34-9.75). Olivia Chamberts (7-6) won the pole vault for the Chargers.

For the boys, Poinciana's Charles Pierce (2:03.73) was the 800 meter district champion, followed by Harmony's Ahmeen Dinzey and Bradley Justesen. Jesus Sepulveda (4:42.80) led a 2-3-4 Longhorn finish in the 1,600 and Nicholas Morrison (10:26.41) did the

See **Track**, Page 9.

## ALL-COUNTY BOYS WRESTLING

# Champ, part two

▶ OHS' Hines earned another wrestling state title

By J. Daniel Pearson  
For the News-Gazette

He was the best in the state for the last two years and he won a national title last week, so perhaps it is not surprising that Osceola High School junior Malyke Hines is the *Osceola News-Gazette's Boys Wrestler Of the Year*.

"Obviously it is a well-deserved honor," Osceola Head Coach Jim Bird said of Hines. "He came into the season with the specific goal of just getting better every day and he certainly accomplished that. His only loss was during a holiday tournament to an out-of-state opponent."

In breezing to the Class 3-A FHSAA State Championship, Hines ran his season record to 50-1 on the season. He pinned his first three opponents in the state tournament before



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Osceola's Malyke Hines sends South Dade wrestler Tyler Khawly-Orta for a ride in the Class 3A 126-pound championship wrestling match at the Silver Spurs Arena. His 16-3 win earned Hines his second consecutive state title.

recording a 16-3 majority decision over South Dade's Tyler Khawly-Orta in the finals.

His victory kept two important streaks alive, as it gave Osceola an individual state champion for a 12th consecutive year and also gave the Kowboys' a top six team finish for a 12th consecutive year.

Hines would make his junior year even more

impressive when he traveled to the National High School Coaches Nationals recently in Virginia Beach, Va. and captured his first national championship, beating three state champions and a state runner up in that tournament.

Not counting post-season tournaments, Hines is 173-4 in his Osceola High School career and will attempt to become just

third Osceola High School wrestler to win three or more individual state titles next season.

Averaging just one loss in each of the last three years, Hines was asked how he was actually getting better when his individual season records have been almost identical each season. "It's a matter form," Hines

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## BOYS WRESTLING



### Player of the Year: Malyke Hines (OHS, Jr.)

**All-county team: Osceola:** Jaekus Hines, Esau Bazilme, Josue Calderon, Chase Fuller, Nolin Eady, Dion Bergan. **Harmony:** Carter Harris, Owen Wetzel, Dhavanya Hill, Dylan Jones, Jordan Spoonhour. **Celebration:** Ario Montezeri, Alfonson Serrano, KeShawn Peterson. **Liberty:** Jonathan Figueroa. **St. Cloud:** Valdemar Guerra, Bryce Bakken.



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/DONALD LAMB

Poinciana senior Shaneylix Davila won both the 100 and 300 hurdles events at Saturday's District 3A-8 track meet at Harmony High School.

## FHSAA: Encourage your kids to play for their high school over expensive travel ball

The following is an editorial released by the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) that addresses the movement of parents investing thousands of dollars to enroll their children to play club sports, spending the money on club fees, equipment purchases, summer camps, private coaching and the cost of travel to out-of-state tournaments with the hopes of helping increase the children's chances of getting a college athletic scholarship.

According to the authors, only 1 child in 54 actually gets a sports scholarship and very few of those cover the full cost of tuition, let alone room and board. The FHSAA feels an overwhelming majority of teenagers would be better served by playing high school sports and learning the life lessons they teach.

### The Truth About Sports Scholarships

By Bob Gardner, Executive Director of the National Federation of State High School Associations and George Tomy, Executive Director of the Florida High School Athletic Association.

Many parents are trying to live the dream through their sons and daughters – the dream of landing a college athletic scholarship

by specializing in a sport year-round. Unfortunately, most of these dreams are never realized.

The odds of a sports scholarship paying for even a portion of a student's college education are miniscule.

The College Board, a not-for-profit organization comprised of 6,000 of the world's leading educational institutions, reports that a moderate cost for college

students who attend a public university in their state of residence is \$25,290 per year. The annual cost at a private college averages \$50,900.

Meanwhile, the most recent data from the NCAA reveals that the average Division I athletic scholarship is worth only \$10,400. More significantly, the same study shows that fewer than two percent of all high school athletes (1 in

54) ever wear the uniform of an NCAA Division I school.

Even if the dream is realized, parents likely will spend more money for club sports than they ever regain through college athletic scholarships. Thanks to the costs of club fees, equipment, summer camps, playing in out-of-state tournaments and private coaching, youth sports has

See **Teams**, Page 9.

# American Valor charity clay shooting event Saturday at Teneroc

Jack Youngblood, the former University of Florida All-American and member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, headlines a list of celebrities and Navy SEALs scheduled to participate in the inaugural "Shoot to Salute" sporting clays invitational tournament on Saturday at Teneroc Shooting Sports in Lakeland.

The event is presented by the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, with proceeds benefitting the American Valor Foundation (AVF), a charitable corporation dedicated to supporting military veterans, first responders and their families through fund raising efforts and direct support. The AVF also honors our heroes by funding memorial scholarships.

The event will feature teams of four paired with a celebrity shooter as they rotate through each of 15 stations. "Shoot to Salute" participants also receive an invitation to a reception and pairings party the night before at Publix Field. An awards luncheon is also included.

Voted one of the top 20 players in the University

of Florida's rich football history, Youngblood would go on to play 14 seasons for the Los Angeles Rams, be named to the first unit of the All-Pro team five times, participate in seven Pro Bowl games and be named NFC Defensive Player of the Year twice. Youngblood was inducted into the Florida Sports Hall of Fame in 1975 and was immortalized with his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

"It's a great honor to host the inaugural Shoot To Salute event and to raise funds for the American Valor Foundation," Youngblood said. "The foundation helps fill an incredible need in supporting our military veterans and first responders and I am not only honored to participate but also want to encourage others to put a team together and support this great cause."

Entry is \$1,250 per four-person team or \$325 for an individual and includes reception and awards luncheon. Team registration, additional information and sponsorship opportunities can be found at [www.flasportshof.org](http://www.flasportshof.org).

## HINES

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said. "As a freshman and sophomore I was making a lot more mistakes. For the most part I was able to overcome them, now I'm making fewer mistakes. Winning is just part of it, you always want to get better."

Bird agrees. "He's much improved — both on his feet and on the ground, and that's all because of his work ethic and willingness to get better. He's the type of kid that's in the weight room at 6 a.m. He's never been the type of kid that tries to skate by on ability alone."

Hines added that having his younger brother (Osceola freshman Jaekus Hines) on the team made the season especially satisfying.

"It was really a lot of fun having him around and watching him develop this season," Malyke said. "To tell you the truth, I was more excited for him at the state tournament than I was about my performance."

Jaekus finished the season with a 41-6 record

and surprised many by advancing all the way to the state finals in the Class 3-A, 106-pound class.

"Their personalities are totally different," Bird said. "Malyke is quiet, reserved and all business on the mat and at practices. Jaekus is more out-going and a bit of a jokester. Yet, they work really well together. Malyke is a great teacher and mentor to Jaekus."

Malyke, who finished the season ranked 14th in the nation and sixth among underclassmen, will compete in several more national events this summer before getting ready for his senior season. As far as colleges, Bird said Malyke will have no shortage of options.

"All the prominent programs are calling and offering," Bird said. "He's put all that on the back burner for now. Malyke will wrestle at nationals this summer and then he will sit down in the fall and decide the best place to continue his career."

## TRACK

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same in the 3,200.

Liberty's Niles Hunte was runner-up in both the 110 (15.18) and 300 (42.15) hurdles and moves on to regionals, as do Harmony's Elijah Gunn (11-6.25), Edgar Leede and Owen Wetzels thanks to their 1-2-3 pole vault finish.

The District 4A-5 meet (Tuesday at St. Cloud),

where St. Cloud, Osceola, Celebration and Gateway competed, and the A-10 meet (scheduled for April 10 but rescheduled to Wednesday due to inclement weather, where City of Life competed) finished after the print deadline for this issue, check [www.aroundosceola.com](http://www.aroundosceola.com) or in Saturday's print edition.

# Orlando City runs winning streak to 3

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

After a slow start, the Orlando City Lions have stomped on the gas and are in the express lane in the Major League Soccer Eastern Conference standings after three wins.

The latest was a dominant 2-0 road victory Friday against the Philadelphia Union. Dom Dwyer (his fourth in three games) and rookie Chris Mueller scored goals and goalie Joe Bendik was dominant in net protecting the shutout.

"Really proud of the guys' effort tonight. The

performance was, for me, the most complete game of the year. There's no question about it," Lions head coach Jason Kreis said. "Our guys' commitment to stay the course and not become too rattled I thought was really good. We couldn't be happier with the complete performance."

Orlando City (3-2-1, 10 points) struck first when Sacha Kljestan chipped the ball over the Union (1-2-2, 5) back line for Dwyer, who took a touch before slipping it inside the far post in the 38th minute. The goal was the 99th of Dwyer's MLS career.

"A fantastic cross from Sacha, just a little chip

through," Dwyer said. "I think we're getting a good stride now."

Seven minutes later, Mueller drove right through the middle of the Union defense and fired a low shot past goalkeeper Andre Blake. It was Mueller's second career goal and gave City its first two-goal lead of the young 2018 season.

"Just found a good time to get on the ball and make a good run," Mueller said. "It's a big step for the club, getting three points on the road and getting on that three-game win streak helps a lot going into the next few games, but we're

still the farthest thing from satisfied."

Despite picking up a yellow card in the 63rd minute, Bendik came up huge on shots from Union attackers David Accam, Fafa Picault and captain Alejandro Bedoya in the second half to preserve the Lions' first shutout victory since June 30, 2017 at Real Salt Lake, first road victory of the season and first three-game winning streak in nearly a year.

The Lions return to Orlando City Stadium on Saturday to host Chris Wondolowski and the San Jose Earthquakes at 7:30 p.m.

## TEAMS

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become a \$15 billion-per-year industry.

There is an option, and it's a financially viable one: Encourage your sons and daughters to play sports at their high school.

In education-based high school sports, student-athletes are taught, as the term implies, that grades come first. The real-life lessons that students experientially learn offer insights into leadership, overcoming adversity and mutual respect that cannot be learned anywhere else. Unlike club sports, coaches in an education-based school setting are held accountable by the guiding principles and goals of their school district. And the cost of participating in high school sports is minimal in most cases.

**"Parents will likely spend more money for club sports than they ever regain through college athletic scholarships."**

— GARDNER & TOMYNS

While there is a belief that the only way to get noticed by college coaches is to play on non-school travel teams year-round, many Division I football and basketball coaches recently have stated that they are committed to recruiting students who have played multiple sports within the high school setting.

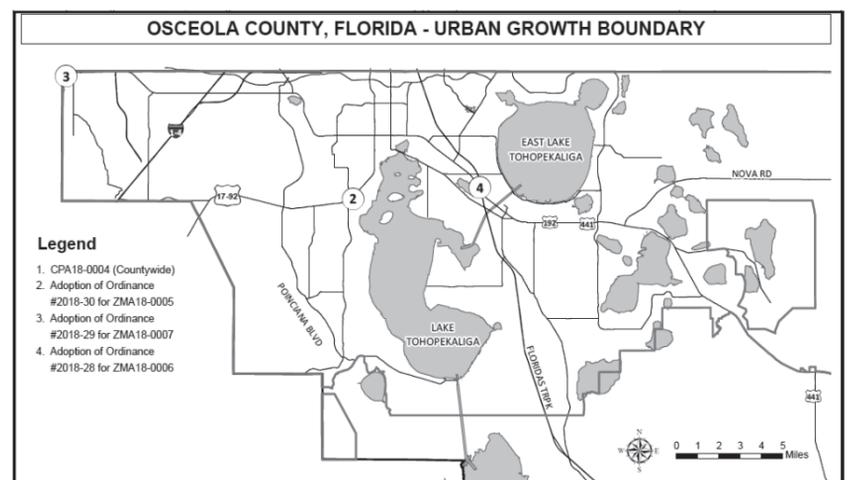
In addition, by focusing on academics while playing sports within the school setting, students can earn scholarships for academics and other talents—skill sets oftentimes nurtured while participating in high school activities. These scholarships are more accessible and worth more money than athletic scholarships. While \$3 billion per year is available for athletic scholarships, more than \$11 billion is awarded for academic scholarships and other financial assistance.

Without a doubt, your sons and daughters will have more fun, make more friends and be better prepared for life beyond sport by participating in multiple sports and activities offered by the high school in your community.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Osceola County Planning Commission beginning at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as practical, on May 3, 2018, and by the Board of County Commissioners beginning at 5:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as practical, on May 21, 2018, in the Osceola County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 4th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida, 34741 to consider the following:

- 1. CPA18-0004:** Request approval to transmit to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), a Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) to modify the text and map series of the Osceola County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element. The proposed amendments are related to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) consistent with Florida Statutes. Osceola County Community Development Department (Applicant) Commission District: Countywide
- 2. Adoption of Ordinance #2018-30 for ZMA18-0005:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Commercial Restricted (CR) to Commercial General (CG), on certain real property generally located on the south side of South John Young Parkway and east of The Oaks Boulevard and comprised of approximately 1.77 acres, more or less; Amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and, Providing for an effective date. The Green Solution (Applicant) and Sherlen Properties LLC, a FL Limited Liability Co. AKA Sherlyn Properties, LLC (Owners) Commission District: 3
- 3. Adoption of Ordinance #2018-29 for ZMA18-0007:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Commercial Restricted (CR) and Agricultural Development and Conservation (AC) to Commercial Tourist (CT), on certain real property generally located on the south side of West Irlro Bronson Memorial Highway, west of Westside Boulevard and east of Polk County and comprised of approximately 14.33 acres, more or less; Amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and, Providing for an effective date. 2010 Investments Group, LLC (Applicant/ Owner) Commission District: 1
- 4. Adoption of Ordinance #2018-28 for ZMA18-0006:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Commercial Restricted (CR) to Commercial General (CG), on certain real property generally located on the east side of East Irlro Bronson Memorial Highway, west of the Florida Turnpike and north of Florence Drive and comprised of approximately 3.37 acres, more or less; Amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and, Providing for an effective date. The Green Solution (Applicant) and Levin Alfred Charles Jr and Traci Bass Levin (Owners) Commission District: 4



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### Osceola County Official Sample Ballot Special General Election May 1, 2018

The ballot below is for registered voters residing in District 39. This sample ballot is prepared in accordance with Florida Statute 101.20 and is furnished by the office of the Supervisor of Elections Mary Jane Arrington. Sample ballots have been mailed to all registered voters in District 39 who do not have a vote by mail request on file. For more information, please call our office at 407.742.6000 or visit our website [www.voteosceola.com](http://www.voteosceola.com).

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Early Voting will be held April 21, 2018 to April 28, 2018 from 10am to 6pm at the Celebration Library.  
The library is located at 305 Campus Street Celebration, FL.

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# OSCEOLA COUNTY HISTORY

Thank you to our friends at the Osceola County Historical Society for providing the editorial content and photos to bring this section to you.

## Company B, 2nd Infantry, National Guard



Source: "Kissimmee Valley Gazette" Photo Courtesy: Osceola County Historical Society

In the summer of 1916, sixty-five young men from Osceola County answered the call to form a National Guard unit, originally called Company K, but became Company B, 2nd Infantry. Their roster contained many familiar family names: Barber, Bass, Bronson, Carson, Farmer, Graves, Johnston, Lupfer, Makinson, Oliver, Padgett and Tress. A grand reception was given as the "lads" were sent off by train to Black Point Camp

near Jacksonville where they would be deployed to Mexico to join in the fight against Poncho Villa.

They were welcomed home with great ceremony in March of 1917, but rest was short as war on the European front was building. In late July, Company B was automatically drafted into service and prepared to be shipped off to camp in Macon, Georgia, and joined by other local men who had been registered for military service.

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## Kissimmee Pioneer Spotlight: Colonel Jacob Aderhold

Jacob Wilson Aderhold was the son of German immigrant John George Aderhold and Margareth Hasselberger, of North Carolina.

He was the youngest of their nine children, and was born on November 28, 1825, in Georgia. Aderhold spent his early years in and around Macon, GA. Under the name of Wilson J. Aderhold, he enlisted, at the age of 20, as a Private in the Georgia regiment of Volunteers for the Mexican War, his service

in the company earned him a fine military record.

Upon his return to Macon, Jacob and Miss Harriet Jane Wagon, were married on June 1, 1848. They moved to the town of Godfrey in Bibb County, Georgia, where Jacob listed his occupation as "sportsman" in the 1860 census. Although they lost a child in 1850, they had a son, Henry, in 1854.

On March 15, 1861, Jacob organized Company A, 1st Battalion Georgia Infantry for the Confederate Army at Macon, with himself

as Captain. He was promoted to Major on November 18, 1862, then two days later to Lieutenant Colonel. He served until the end of the war and was awarded a badge of honor for his bravery.

Jacob returned to his family in Bibb County where he and Harriet had a daughter Ella. Around 1880, after failing in business, Jacob and Harriet moved to Kissimmee; then part of Orange County, Florida. Harriet died on October 2, 1883. Two years after her death on September 8, 1885, sixty year old Jacob wed twenty year old Mary J. Cross, a native of Macon, Georgia. They had four children together, the last born when Jacob was 73 years old.

It is reported that as an early settler his house on Park, between Main and Aderhold was the second built in Kissimmee. When Kissimmee had grown to a population of several hundred, Jacob erected a hotel, however it was engulfed in flames and destroyed in 1883. Jacob next embarked in a drug business under the name of Aderhold and Burley.

He also served as a notary public in the firm of Aderhold and Johnston, real estate agents. When Osceola became a County in 1887, he was appointed Supervisor of Registration by the Governor. Jacob Aderhold was a leader in the growth and development of Kissimmee,



Sources: "Kissimmee Valley Gazette"; Ancestry.com Photo Courtesy: Ancestry.com

serving two separate times as Mayor in 1891-1892 and again from 1900-1906.

Sadly, Jacob's health began to fail when he was 81, so in 1907 he applied for and received a pension for his Confederate service. Suffering from Bright's disease and a cancerous growth on his face, Jacob left Kissimmee in August of 1909 to live with his daughter in Tampa.

Upon his death on April 3, 1911, Jacob was the only remaining charter member of the Friendship Lodge No. 10 of the Knights of Pythias of Kissimmee. His obituary describes his passing, "Because of his interest and encouragement in building the Osceola County seat, he has been called 'The Father of Kissimmee.'"

His remains were met at the station by a large number of members of the Knights of Pythias and laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, "in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends."

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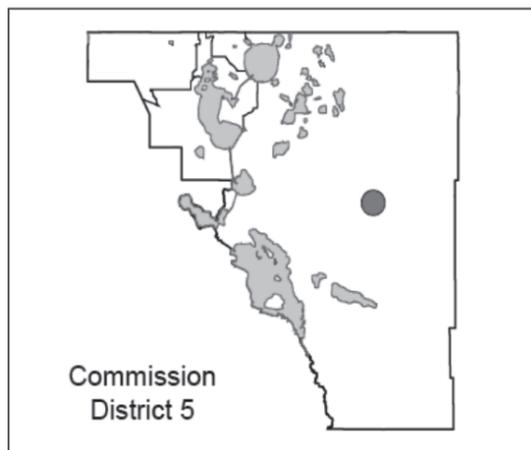
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Adoption of Resolution #18-050R for VAC18-0005: Approval of a vacation of a portion of Hicks Street right of way previously dedicated per Plat and delineated on the Plat of New Town of Narcoossee, of Section 17, Township 25, Range 31, Osceola County, Florida, as filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Osceola County, Florida, in Plat Book 1, Pages 71 and 72, as petitioned by Marion Philips, Karen Phillips, and Brian Smith. Commission District 5

Materials relating to the above may be examined in the offices of the Osceola County Community Development, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 1400, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Development Department/Development Review Office at the above address.

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### SATURDAY, APRIL 28



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Animal Kingdom is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a two-week celebration, running April 22 through May 5.

# Party for the Planet

## Animal Kingdom to host 20th anniversary celebration

By **Jennifer DiDomenico**  
A&E Editor

Disney's Animal Kingdom is celebrating its 20th anniversary in a big way. While its anniversary date is April 22, that is just the beginning of this two-week extravaganza. Special events will run through May 5 in part of the theme park's Party for the Planet celebration.

To kick off the events, April 22 will mark the debut of a brand-new show.

"UP! A Great Bird Adventure" will feature Senior Wilderness Explorer Russell and his fuzzy friend Dug — two characters from the Disney Pixar animated comedy, "Up" — and share their adventure including encounters with exotic birds from around the world, like the marabou stork with a 10-foot wingspan.

The 25-minute show welcomes guests of all ages, and can be seen multiple times daily at the theater in the theme park's Asia section.

But you didn't know this: Not only is Animal Kingdom 500-acres in size and an Association of Zoos and Aquariums-accredited theme park, but it's also home to more than 2,000 animals. Throughout the celebration, guests can attend conservation talks by animal-care experts, and even participate in enhanced interactions with some of the animals.

The talks will include six Tiffins Talks—themed dinners hosted by animal experts

at Tiffins, the theme park's signature, full-service restaurant. The restaurant hosts unique dinner menu items such as Charred Octopus, Spiced Chickpea Falafel, Pomegranate-Lacquered Chicken, Braised Berkshire Pork Belly Ramen, Pan-Seared Duck Breast, Snake River Farms Wagyu Eye of Rib-Eye, Aloo Ko Achar and Gobi Manchurian.

Rafiki's Planet Watch, accessible by the Wildlife Express Train, will offer backstage experiences with experts where guests can learn about animal nutrition, visit the veterinary hospital and hear how Disney promotes global wildlife conservation. Guests may even get to visit with Rafiki, himself.

Unrelated to Party for the Planet — but a personal favorite, located at Rafiki's Planet Watch — is the Affection Section. This open-air petting zoo will remain open during the celebration, and welcomes guests of all ages to enjoy some friendly, hands-on encounters with a variety of animals including goats and sheep. Other experiences at Rafiki's Planet Watch will also remain open during the celebration.

With Disney theme park celebrations always come special photo opportunities. Guests are invited to step into an oversized picture frame, marking the park's 20th anniversary. Other photo frames include "Reverse the Decline," a Disney initiative created to help support and protect 10 threatened animal species.

While all of these activities invite the whole family to participate, Animal Kingdom is offering something special just for kids. Kid visitors have the chance to earn a limited-edition badge as part of the Wilderness Explorer program—a year-round program for kids, also inspired by the movie "Up." This limited-edition badge is just one of more than 30 badges that can be earned, and it can be obtained by completing challenges and adventures as families work their way around Animal Kingdom.

The 20th anniversary celebration will offer limited-edition merchandise, including a special-edition print created by renowned Walt Disney Imagineer Joe Rohde. Rohde will be available to sign prints at Discovery Trading Company on April 22, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In other Animal Kingdom news, a "dino-tastic" celebration with Donald Duck and his friends will premier Memorial Day weekend in DinoLand, U.S.A. The dinosaur-themed party will celebrate Donald's discovery that his bird ancestors were actually dinosaurs.

Donald's dino party will feature meet-and-greets with rarely seen characters like Scrooge McDuck, Launchpad McQuack and more. New colorful decor will take over DinoLand U.S.A. for the party, plus a DJ-powered dance party will mix tunes from the truck-o-saurus stage at night.

See **PARTY**, Page 13.



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# THAT'S A WRAP

## CONCERT SERIES ENDS WITH FINAL PERFORMANCE

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
 A&E Editor



The Celebration Foundation wrapped up its Concert Series on Sunday, with a performance by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

The 16th annual season began in December with a holiday concert presented by the Brass Band of Central Florida. Other performances throughout the season included those by Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra (FYSO), Trout Steak Revival and the world renowned Branford Marsalis Quartet. All of the concerts took place at the Celebration Presbyterian Church.

"As support for the Concert Series has grown, the quality of classical and traditional music we have been able to present has increased dramatically," said Paul Collins, Concert Series co-founder. "This past year The Branford Marsalis Quartet - which is internationally recognized

### Celebration Foundation Concert Series

as one of the most respected jazz quartets - gave a remarkable performance. Guests from throughout the State especially appreciated the rare opportunity to see him up close and personal in a 400 seat, acoustically beautiful setting here in Celebration."

The Concert Series is just one of the many fundraisers that supports the Celebration Foundation's programs and initiatives.

The Foundation's signature event - and its biggest fundraiser of the year - will take place on Friday, with tickets already sold out.

Founded in 1996, the Celebration Foundation works hand-in-hand with its neighbors to build a stronger, better

community throughout Osceola County. The Foundation promotes community engagement, and is committed primarily to human services, education and the arts.

"We are involved in a wide variety of programs and initiatives that help tackle different needs that exist in our county," said Celebration Foundation Executive Director Gloria Niec. "Learning without Hunger is a group of partners that provide weekend care packs, every week during the school year, to over 1,000 elementary children who experience hunger issues. Campus Express has taken over 6,000 Osceola students on Campus tours of oTech and Valencia to help improve the County's college going rate. WINGS encourages young woman to develop strong life stories."

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## SUNSET MUSIC FESTIVAL, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

We are officially in music festival season.

Coachella photos and updates have taken over all social media platforms—with even more to come, as the California music festival continues through this weekend.

With all of this Instagram inspiration right at our fingertips, the hype is building for Central Florida's own Sunset Music Festival. The two-day electronic dance music festival will take place in Tampa this

Memorial Day weekend. Check out this year's lineup.

Saturday: Marshmello, Rezz, Nightmre, San Holo, Slander, K?D, Elephante, Two Friends, Loud Luxury, Borgore, Hippie Sabotage, Space Jesus, Bear Grillz, Boogie T, Squinto, Quix, Warez, Winta, Destructo, Yo Gotti, Anna Lunoe, AC Slater, Wax Motif, Habstrakt, Gypz, Black Frames.

Sunday: Excision, Illenium, 3lau, Alan Walker, Boombox Cartel, Bonnie X Clyde, Parker, Christian Alexander, Joyryde, Zomboy, Herobust, Barely Alive, Virtual Riot,

Crankdat, Riot Ten, Kuuro, D3V, A-Trak, YehMe2, Ekali, Whethan, Medasin, Vincent, Cray, Party Pupils, GG Magree, Hex Cougar.

Sunset Music Festival will take place at the Raymond James Stadium in Tampa. General Admission tickets allow entry to the festival on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27. VIP Admission tickets allow entry to both days of the festival, plus a host of amenities including express entrance, private bars, better viewing areas and upgraded restroom facilities.

For information visit [www.SMFTampa.com](http://www.SMFTampa.com).

# GET DAPPER AT DISNEY

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

Grab your bows and bowties, Dapper Day is headed back to Walt Disney World.

Though this event is not affiliated with the Disney Parks, it has become one of the most anticipated events of the year by Disney-lovers across the globe.

Dapper Day is a celebration of refined style from yesterday and today, with — of course — a little bit of Disney bounding.

While the attire isn't mandatory to enter the park, guests are invited to dress up a little or a lot. Those attending Dapper Day dress to impress, with bows, bowties, suspenders, dresses, gloves and much more.

Because the events are held at Disney Parks worldwide, Disney characters are often incorporated into these looks.

The celebrations will kick off this weekend in Disneyland, California, before heading to Walt Disney World Resort here

in Orlando. The Walt Disney World events will take place at Magic Kingdom on Saturday, April 28, and at EPCOT on Sunday, April 29.

Can't make it? Don't sweat it.

Dapper Day will return to Walt Disney World Resort in the fall. Events will take place Nov. 17-18 at Animal Kingdom, Magic Kingdom and EPCOT.

For more information on Dapper Day events or to shop a Dapper Day look, visit [www.DapperDay.com](http://www.DapperDay.com).

# PARTY

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This Memorial Day will also mark the one year anniversary of Animal Kingdom's "Pandora—The World of Avatar." This section of the park, inspired by the blockbuster film AVATAR, takes guests into a mystical world of floating mountains and bioluminescent rainforests. The area includes rides, entertainment, food and



beverage, gift shops and more.

For more information on the Party for the Planet celebration, visit [www.DisneyWorld.com/PartyforthePlanet](http://www.DisneyWorld.com/PartyforthePlanet). For more information on Disney's Animal Kingdom theme park, visit [www.DisneyWorld.com/AnimalKingdom](http://www.DisneyWorld.com/AnimalKingdom).

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## Responsible partying tips for teens

As graduation nears for millions of students, proms, parties, travel excursions, and other opportunities to celebrate are on the horizon.

Teenagers and young adults understandably want to let loose and enjoy a bit of revelry this time of year. But they shouldn't do it at the expense of their safety. Even though Monitoring the Future's survey of drug use and attitudes among high-schoolers shows some promising trends — notably that past-year use of illicit drugs other than marijuana holding steady at the lowest levels in two decades — drug and alcohol use remains a concern whenever teens are in social situations. Furthermore, the National Institute on Drug Abuse found high school seniors reported reduced perception of harm in occasional cocaine, heroin and steroid use, and reduced disapproval of trying LSD.

Underage drinking, and binge drinking in particular, is responsible for the deaths of thousands of underage kids each year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With planning and effective communication, parents, caregivers and teens can make smart and responsible decisions this graduation season.



▶ **Lead by example.** Parents need to be careful when speaking with teens about alcohol and recognize that kids may be observing their parents' alcohol consumption. Parents should lead by example and avoid drinking to excess.

▶ **Trust your judgement.** Teens should not let peer pressure compel them to do anything they do not want to do. It's not necessary to drink or do drugs to have a good time. Encourage teens to surround themselves with like-minded friends who watch out for one another.

▶ **Have a plan.** It's important that students and their parents know where parties will be held and how to get there, and also how to get home.

Make sure kids know that it's unsafe to ride home with someone who has been drinking.

▶ **Keep home parties safe.** Parents hosting prom or graduation parties at their homes should limit invitees to a set number of guests and ask that their children do not advertise parties on the internet or social media. Gate-crashers may lead to unmanageable situations, and parents may have trouble controlling parties when there are too many people present. Focus on food, music and other fun that doesn't involve drugs or alcohol.

Open communication and honesty can help young adults responsibly navigate the end-of-school social scene.

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## Top dance hits featured at proms for the last 40 years

High school is a pivotal time in a teenager's life that is marked by many academic and social experiences, including sports games, extracurricular clubs and school dances.

School dances are so iconic and intertwined with student life that they have — together with their accompanying musical score — provided a setting for popular movies like "Pretty in Pink," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Never Been Kissed." Perhaps no dance is more widely associated with high school than prom.

Soon-to-be graduates have been attending proms for many decades. Music and dancing is at the centerpiece of these celebrations.

Many people look back fondly on their prom experiences and remember the hit songs of their heydays. The following are some of the chart-topping dance songs and popular hits were likely featured at proms over the last 40 years, courtesy of Billboard.

- 1978: "Last Dance," Donna Summer
- 1979: "Le Freak," Chic
- 1980: "A Lover's Holiday," Change
- 1981: "Try it Out," Gino Soccio
- 1982: "Glad to Know You," Chaz Jankel
- 1983: "Billie Jean," Michael Jackson
- 1984: "When Doves Cry," Prince
- 1985: "Neutron Dance," The Pointer Sisters
- 1986: "Two of Hearts," Stacey Q
- 1987: "Come Go With Me," Exposé
- 1988: "Never Gonna Give You Up," Rick Astley
- 1989: "Secret Rendezvous," Karyn White
- 1990: "Groove Is in the Heart," Deee-Lite

- 1991: "Gonna Make You Sweat," C+C Music Factory
- 1992: "Rhythm Is a Dancer," Snap!
- 1993: "Supermodel," RuPaul
- 1994: "100% Pure Love," Crystal Waters
- 1995: "Bedtime Story," Madonna
- 1996: "Make the World Go Round," Sandy B.
- 1997: "Discotheque," U2
- 1998: "Ray of Light," Madonna
- 1999: "Believe," Cher
- 2000: "Your Child," Mary J. Blige
- 2001: "Keep Control," Sono
- 2002: "Escape," Enrique Iglesias
- 2003: "Into the Sun," The Weeknd Players
- 2005: "Don't Cha," The Pussycat Dolls
- 2006: "House Is Not a Home," Debora Cox

- 2007: "I Need Someone," Ralph Falcon
- 2008: "Together," Bob Sinclar & Steve Edwards
- 2009: "Waking Up in Vegas," Katy Perry
- 2010: "Bad Romance," Lady Gaga
- 2011: "We Found Love," Rihanna ft. Calvin Harris
- 2012: "How We Do (Party)," Rita Ora
- 2013: "Lose Yourself to Dance," Daft Punk ft. Pharrell Williams
- 2014: "Chandelier," Sia
- 2015: "Something New," Axwell / Ingrosso
- 2016: "Closer," The Chainsmokers ft. Halsey
- 2017: "Despacito," Luis Fonsi ft. Daddy Yankee.

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**Did You Know?**

It is commonplace for female guests of honor and those attending special events to wear floral corsages. Corsages are a popular feature at proms, graduations, weddings, and big birthday bashes and generally coordinate with gentlemen's boutonnieres.

The corsage has French origins and actually means "bodice." "Corsage" was the common term for the top part of a woman's dress or jacket. Eventually the word "corsage" was used as part of the term bouquet de corsage and represented the flowers women would wear to special events.

Although corsages are now typically placed about the wrist or pinned to the lapel or shoulder of a dress, corsages originally were worn on the hip or at the décolletage. They gradually shifted to other locations, but today requests can be made for wrist, ankle, waist, and even hair corsages. The corsage is generally designed to not only match the attire, but also the personality of the wearer. Favorite flowers are often chosen.

In certain circumstances, groups of people will all wear the same type of flower or corsage to symbolize awareness of convictions to a cause, patriotism or another group effort.

# THE DAILY PLANNER

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## Weekly and Monthly Events

Bring a chair, grab some snacks and enjoy the evening playing games and watching a flick under the stars. The entire family is invited to Old Town for a free showing of Justice League. Starting at 5 p.m. in the South Entertainment Area, giant games will be set up for families of all ages. The movie will begin at 7 p.m.



**WHO** Everyone is invited!  
**WHAT** Free movie night: Justice League  
**WHEN** Sunday, April 22  
**WHERE** Old Town

## DAILY 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

Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Cloud Presbyterian Church to benefit local charities, sponsored by the Presbyterian Women. The sale will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Includes clothing, shoes, household items, books and linens. Donations for the sale will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 19. 909 10th Street in St. Cloud, in Fellowship Hall.

#### PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OF ORLANDO'S HISTORY

There's only one week left to visit the "More than a Memory: A Photographic Exhibition of Orlando's History" exhibit, hosted by Orlando Public Library (101 E. Central Boulevard, in downtown Orlando). *The exhibit runs through April 27. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. No admission fee. Call 407-835-7323 or visit OCLS.INFO*

#### 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*

## SATURDAY

### 04-21

#### NATIVE PLANT SALE

Florida Native Plant Society Pine Lily Chapter will host a Native Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chisholm Park: 4700 Chisholm Park Trail, St. Cloud, FL 34771.

#### PAWS FOR PEACE WALK

Harbor House presents its annual Paws for Peace Walk and Family Fun Day. The walk begins at 9 a.m., registration begins at 8 a.m. *A \$25 registration fee includes a t-shirt and dog bandana. The walk is pet-friendly. More info and early registration, visit HARBORHOUSEFL.COM/PAWS*

#### 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 or email info@narcoosseehistory.org.*

#### A NIGHT OF COCKTAILS & COMEDY

Melia Orlando Suite Hotel presents: A Night of Cocktails & Comedy. Guests are invited to enjoy an intimate, but entertaining evening with some really funny folks. *Tickets packages including dinner and the show are available. Space is limited. For more information, visit EVENTBRITE.COM and search 'Cocktails & Comedy' in Kissimmee.*

#### RECORD STORE DAY

Celebrate Record Store Day at Park Ave CDs: 2916 Corrine Drive in Orlando. Exclusive releases, games, raffles, coupons and more.

## 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.

## TUESDAY

### 04-24

#### PINK'S BEAUTIFUL WORLD TOUR

There are still tickets available for P!NK's Beautiful World Tour 2018 at Amway Center. *To purchase tickets, visit AMWAYCENTER.COM*

#### KISSIMMEE VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY

The Kissimmee Valley Audubon Society presents Kim Titterington of Swamp Girl Adventures. Kim and her crew return to educate listeners on a variety of live Florida wildlife. Her presentation features some critters to meet. *The event starts at 6:30 p.m., at the Kissimmee Utility Authority (KUA) Headquarters: 1701 W. Carroll Street in Kissimmee. The event is free and open to everyone.*

## 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

#### A NIGHT OF MAGIC MUSIC AND MERCH

The Lost Bros present The Kingdom Classic, a night of magic music and merch. *The event begins at 7 p.m. at 3NINE at Rosen Plaza. Tickets are \$29. Visit THEKINGDOMCLASSIC.COM*

#### UNCORKED: FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

Uncorked: Food and Wine Festival is in its second year at Cocoa Beach. The festival runs all weekend. *Tickets are \$55 per person, per day for general admission. VIP tickets are available for \$75 per person, per day. Visit COCOABEACHUNCORKED.COM*

#### 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. For more information, contact Devin Brown at 561-279-8606.*

#### SPRING BREAK CAMP

Registration is open for Camp LOL, a sketch comedy camp for kids at Osceola Arts is now open. Cost of the camp is \$125 for the week and will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a final showcase on Friday at 3 p.m. *Call 407-846-6257 for more information.*



#### 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*

#### 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.).*

## SUNDAY

### 04-29

#### 7TH ANNUAL SCIENCE OF WINE

Orlando Science Center welcomes adults to the 7th annual Science of Wine from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Presented by Southern Glazer's Wines and Spirits, the event takes you through a tour of your wine. Experience the science behind the taste and body of your favorite wines while dining on hand-selected pairings provided by some of Orlando's best restaurants. *For more information, visit OSC.ORG*

#### MICHELEE PUPPETS

MicheLee Puppets is performing at the Sunday Family Fun Day event at the Lake-Maitland Civic Center. *For more information, visit MICHELEEPUPPETS.ORG or call 407-898-7925.*

## WEDNESDAY

### 05-02

#### ENCHANTED FLORIDA EXHIBITION

Culture Pop! opening Enchanted Florida at the Art and History Museums in Maitland. Preview the Enchanted Florida exhibition. "Elemental Arts" activity for adults and kids, plus live music by The Moss Park Trio. Light bites and cash bar with wine and craft beer. *Tickets are \$10 at the door. Visit ARTANDHISTORY.ORG/EVENT/CULTURE-POP-ENCHANTED-FLORIDA*

## THURSDAY

### 05-03

#### PHYSICIAN LECTURE SERIES

Poinciana Medical Center is hosting Dr. Prakash Maniam in part of its physician lecture series at the Poinciana Library at 2:30 p.m. Dr. Maniam is a credentialed urologist at Poinciana Medical Center, and will discuss symptoms, treatment options and lifestyle modifications for this condition. He will hold an open Q&A after the lecture. *Poinciana Library: 101 N. Doverplum Avenue. Reservations can be made: 1-888-253-8117.*

## ONGOING

#### ST. CLOUD SHUFFLEBOARD CLUB

The club, which has \$20 yearly dues, meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoon for games and card games including bridge, mahjong, cribbage and more. Lessons for shuffleboard and card games also are available. *Call 407-498-0603 for more information.*

#### RETIRED RACING GREYHOUND ADOPTION

Meet retired racing Greyhounds and learn more about the adoption program. Every third Saturday. *Pet Supermarket, 2924 13th Street, St. Cloud; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 407-498-0929; 407-578-7496; godsgreys.com*

#### TAI CHI FOR ENERGY

Tai chi for energy. *Saturdays at Hart Memorial Library, 211 E. Dakin Ave. Kissimmee; 10 a.m.; 407-900-9003*

#### TAI CHI FOR HEALTH ON SATURDAYS

Tai Chi for Health takes place on Saturdays at 10 a.m. Check the library calendar for classes. *For more information, call Tracy at 407-900-9003.*

#### TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Tai chi for arthritis and falling prevention. *Mondays at Poinciana Library, 101 N. Doverplum Ave. 2 p.m.; and Wednesdays at Orlando Family Physicians, 1502 Village Oak Lane, Kissimmee 11 a.m.; 407-900-9003*

*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.*

## MONDAY

### 05-07



#### GATOR WEEK AT WILD FLORIDA

Wild Florida is hosting its second Gator Week, May 7-12. *Free admission to the Gator and Wildlife Park during Gator Week, plus family-friendly, gator-themed activities every day.*

## FRIDAY

### 05-11



#### DISNEY ON ICE

Disney on Ice presents Dare to Dream at Orlando's Amway Center for six performances, May 11-13. The ice skating extravaganza will feature Moana for the first time in a live production. *Visit AMWAYCENTER.COM*



# BRAIN FOOD

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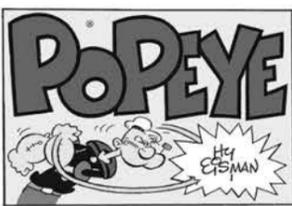
## Amber Waves

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!

Swoop  
**GULPEN**

Taunt  
**LESASH**

Rebuke  
**CLODS**

Consume  
**SIGNET**

TODAY'S WORD

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pancake is missing. 2. Bunny is missing. 3. Shirt is different. 4. Can is smaller. 5. Picture is missing. 6. Ruffle is different.

I believe one should never hitchhike after dark. You could say it's been my rule of thumb.

## 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: G equals H

U QLTULYL PIL EGPCTF ILYLV  
 GUZBGGUJL MKZLV FMVJ. DPC  
 BPCTF EMD UZ'E QLLI RD VCTL  
 PK ZGCRQ.

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## LAFF-A-DAY



"Maybe this would be a good time to ask them for a loan."

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Bandleader Kyser
- 4 Equitable
- 8 Frizzy hairdo
- 12 Hockey surface
- 13 Andy's pal
- 14 Circulate
- 15 Historic time
- 16 Twist
- 18 "Aida" composer
- 20 Expert
- 21 Food
- 24 Poolroom supply
- 28 Bring together
- 32 Hammer or sickle
- 33 Inseparable
- 34 Casino machines
- 36 "Kitchy- —!"
- 37 Young female
- 39 Remorseful
- 41 Milkmaid's place
- 43 Analgesic target
- 44 — long way
- 46 Fortunetellers' reading matter?
- 50 Recite a verb's forms
- 55 Verily
- 56 Notion
- 57 — Brockovich"
- 58 Uncooked
- 59 Consider

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- 60 Transmit
- 61 Type measures

- 10 Deteriorate
- 11 Have bills
- 17 Sphere
- 19 Dict. info
- 22 Body powder
- 23 Urban hang-out
- 25 Mischievous Norse god
- 26 Swag
- 27 — gin fizz
- 28 Gear teeth
- 29 Not procrastinating
- 30 Pianist Peter
- 31 Sicilian spouter
- 35 Grad student's income
- 38 Blockage of a

- sort
- 40 Genetic letters
- 42 "Skip to My —"
- 45 Quite some time
- 47 Muse's instrument
- 48 Intend
- 49 Cutting implements
- 50 "El —"
- 51 Praise in verse
- 52 Born
- 53 Exist
- 54 Can matter

### DOWN

- 1 Ukraine's capital
- 2 Farm measure
- 3 Once around the sun
- 4 Salon treatments
- 5 I love, to Livy
- 6 Charged bit
- 7 Answer an invite
- 8 Showing buoyancy
- 9 Winter bug

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- INVENTIONS: Who invented the first successful electric razor?
- U.S. STATES: What is Ohio's official gemstone?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Griffith Observatory located?
- ORGANIZATIONS: What volunteer organization celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2011?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many gills are in a pint?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the heaviest?
- LITERATURE: Who popularized the term "The Jazz Age" in a book title?
- MUSIC: Who had a 1961 hit with the song "Hit the Road Jack"?
- GEOLOGY: The terms "carrara" and "calacatta" refer to what type of stone?
- PROVERBS: What is the end of the proverb that begins, "What's good for the goose ..."?

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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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Solution time: 25 mins.

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Answers

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8	5	1	7	2	6	9	4	3
7	3	4	9	8	1	2	6	5

Answers  
 1. Jacob Schick  
 2. Flint  
 3. Los Angeles  
 4. The Peace Corps  
 5. Four  
 6. William Tell weighed 332 pounds  
 7. Scott Fitzgerald  
 8. Ray Charles  
 9. Marble  
 10. "... is good for the gander!"

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word  
**CANINE**  
 solution  
 1. Plunge; 2. Hassle;  
 3. Scold; 4. Ingest

# OBITUARIES

In Memoriam

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**HUTCHISON** - James Kenneth Hutchison Jr., age 71, of St. Cloud, FL passed away on April 8, 2018. He was born on February 3, 1947 to James and Margaret Hutchison Sr. in Ligonier, PA.



James was a Navy Veteran, bar owner and a truck driver. He is survived by his loving wife, Georgiana

Hutchison; son, James Kenneth Hutchison III; daughter, Kimberly Diane Solano of St Cloud, FL. The intemest with military honors will be Friday, May 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, FL.

The family is under the care of CONRAD AND THOMPSON FUNERAL HOME, 511 Emmett Street, Kissimmee, FL 34741, (407) 847-3188. Condolences may be left at: ConradandThompson.com.

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**MCMILLEN** - Robert E. McMillen, MD, age 92, of St. Cloud, died April 18, 2018, at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA, February 22, 1926.



Dr. Mac was a long time physician in the St. Cloud area. He was educated at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA and earned his medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh. After practicing in Butler, PA he moved his practice to St. Cloud, and eventually became Chief of Staff at St. Cloud Hospital. After retiring from private practice, he became Medical Director at Polk General Hospital until his retirement

in 1995. He was a skilled and beloved practitioner. He believed in the integration of the best medical knowledge and the real world of his patients. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Family Practitioners. He was a master gardener, volunteered at Boggy Creek Gang Camp, loved golf, the sea and everything in it. Robert was also a member of First United Methodist Church of Kissimmee, FL, and he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, from 1943 to 1946. His service took him to ports all over the

world, and he will be buried with military honors. Robert is survived by his wife of 63 years, Kathleen Kerr McMillen, and daughters; Laurie Cornelis, Suzanne (Greg) Smith, Grandchildren; Jessica Cornelis and Emily Hyatt. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 101 Dakin Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34741, or Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778. Fisk Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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## OBITUARY NOTICES

- Winifred I. Lafayette, 94, of Kissimmee passed away Tuesday, April 10, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee is handling the arrangements. 407-847-2494.
- David Andrew Tierno, 36, of St. Cloud, passed away Friday April 13, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee is handling the arrangements. 407-847-2494.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
General Jurisdiction Division Case No.: 2012-CA-005679 U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-9, Plaintiff, vs. LANCE E. JONES, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2018, and entered in 2012-CA-005679 of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO WACHOVIA BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-9, is the Plaintiff, and LANCE E. JONES, CARRIE B. JONES, A/K/A CARRIE JONES; WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.; LAKE AJAY VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., 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 AM, on MAY 15, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOTS 13 AND 14, LAKE AJAY VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 201, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 3170 LAKE BREEZE COURT, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34771-7807  
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 this 5th day of April 2018.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100  
Boca Raton, FL 33487  
Telephone: 561-241-6901  
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By: /s/ Thomas Joseph THOMAS JOSEPH, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350  
Communication Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com  
14-45473-McP  
April 12, 19, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
On 05/02/2018 at 09:00 A.M., an auction will take place at 1720 ALEXANDER ST., KISSIMMEE, FL 34746. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:  
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April 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **THE ENGLISH WOOD-WORKING COMPANY** located at: 8880 1st Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Saint Cloud, Florida 34773, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. That the corporation interested in said business enterprise is as follows:  
**SHIELD PROPERTY SERVICES, LLC**  
DATED at Saint Cloud, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
RK TOWING, INC. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., 907 A Garden Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.  
RK TOWING, INC. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
1) 2004 PONTIAC VIN: 5Y2SL62804Z416153  
April 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
General Jurisdiction Division Case No.: 2015-CA-000297 MF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3, Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND A. OBRIEN, A/K/A RAYMOND A. O'BRIEN, et al., Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 28, 2018, and entered in 2015-CA-000297 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 MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE3, is the Plaintiff, and RAYMOND A. OBRIEN, A/K/A RAYMOND A. O'BRIEN; LAVERN O'BRIEN, A/K/A LAVERN O'BRIEN; LORENA ROOS; MATT ROOS; CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., 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 MAY 15, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 27, CREEKSIDE PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 100, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 4314 CREEKSIDE BLVD, KISSIMMEE, FL 34746  
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 this 5th day of April 2018.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.  
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April 12, 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **MEGA PAWN** located at: 4006 W. Vine Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. That the corporation interested in said business enterprise is as follows:  
**MEGA PAWN**  
located at: 4006 W. Vine Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
PRESTON'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on the following dates at 9:00 a.m. at 605 E. Donegan 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.  
**MAY 2, 2018**  
1) 2008 CHRYSLER VIN: 1C3L3C56R88N270412  
2) 2001 HONDA VIN: 1HGEM22521L017737  
**MAY 4, 2018**  
1) 2003 BMW VIN: WBAE737443NJ31492  
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**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2016-CA-003168 MF WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-6 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff, vs. BHANOMATIE PERSAUD, et al., Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 26, 2017, and entered in 2016-CA-003168 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR BANK OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-6 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, is the Plaintiff, and BHANOMATIE PERSAUD; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BHANOMATIE PERSAUD, 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 MAY 15, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 15 BLOCK 178 BUENAVENTURA LAKES, UNIT 11-2ND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS FILED AND RECORDED IN THE PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 88, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
Property Address: 81 TROTTERS 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 this 5th day of April 2018.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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16-232518-MoP  
April 12, 19, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
PRESTON'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on the following dates at 9:00 a.m. at 605 E. Donegan 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.  
**MAY 2, 2018**  
1) 2008 CHRYSLER VIN: 1C3L3C56R88N270412  
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**MAY 4, 2018**  
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April 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **MEGA PAWN** located at: 4006 W. Vine Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**  
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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
Case #: 2016-CA-000088 MF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-6, Plaintiff, vs. FELIPA RIOS, and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under and against the above named Defendant who are unknown to be dead or alive whether said unknown are persons, heirs, devisees, grantees, or other claimants; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF FELIPA RIOS; OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; TENANT I/ UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT II/ UNKNOWN TENANT; TENANT III/ UNKNOWN TENANT, and TENANT IV/ UNKNOWN TENANT, in possession of the subject real property, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to the final judgment/order entered in the above noted case, that the Clerk of Court of Osceola County, Florida, will sell the following property situated in Osceola County, Florida, described as:  
**LOT 33, BLOCK 37 BUENAVENTURA LAKES UNIT 3 A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OR MAP THEREOF AS DESCRIBED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGE 124 THROUGH 133 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, at: Suite 2600/Room # 2602, of the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, at 11:00 A.M. on MAY 15, 2018. The highest bidder shall immediately post with the Clerk, a deposit equal to five percent (5%) of the final bid. The deposit must be cash or cashier's check payable to the Clerk of the Court. Final payment must be made on or before 4:00 P.M. on the date of the sale by cash or cashier's check.  
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 described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. To file response, please contact Osceola County Clerk of Court, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-3479; Fax #: (407) 742-3652.  
DATED: April 12, 2018.  
LAW OFFICE OF GARY GASSEL, P.A.  
2191 Ringling Boulevard Sarasota, Florida 34237 (941) 952-9322  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
By: /s/ Gary Gassel GARY GASSEL, ESQUIRE Florida Bar No. 500690  
April 19, 26, 2018

**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 this 12th day of April 2018.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100  
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Telephone: 561-241-6901  
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By: /s/ Thomas Joseph THOMAS JOSEPH, Esquire Florida Bar No. 123350  
Communication Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com  
16-102608-DeT  
April 19, 26, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
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**MAY 2, 2018**  
1) 2008 CHRYSLER VIN: 1C3L3C56R88N270412  
2) 2001 HONDA VIN: 1HGEM22521L017737  
**MAY 4, 2018**  
1) 2003 BMW VIN: WBAE737443NJ31492  
April 19, 2018

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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

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DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
April 19, 2018

MENT, 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 MAY 22, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:  
**LOT 116, OF ST. CLOUD BOULEVARD, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 63, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, LESS RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR C-31, IF ANY.**  
Property Address: 3050 LAKESHORE BOULEVARD, 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 this 12th day of April 2018.  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.  
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  
Communication Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com  
16-025698-DeT  
April 19, 26, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 2, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; (407-847-5197), pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.  
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1) 2008 CHEVROLET VIN: 1G12

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2018-CA-000248 MF  
U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ARCHI TRUST LLC, AS TRUSTEE FOR TRUST NUMBER 061215-2887, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
TO: ARCHI TRUST LLC, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF 2016-SE5519 LAND TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 11, 2016, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they are living; and if he/she/they are dead, the unknown defendants who may be 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 mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:  
**LOT 133 J, BRIGHTON LAKES PHASE 2 PARCEL J, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT 17, PAGES 139 AND 140, 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 15, 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 23rd 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  
PRIMARY EMAIL:  
mail@rasflaw.com  
17-123448-AdB  
April 12, 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Case No.: 2017-CA-2419-OC  
DORAL POINTE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PABLO VELEZ, et al.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: ROSA M. RODRIGUEZ JAIME  
4619 Woodford Drive  
Kissimmee, FL 34758  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien foreclosure on the following property in Osceola County, Florida:  
**Lot 192, Doral Pointe Unit Two, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 19, Pages 19 - 21, Public Records of Osceola County, Florida.**

A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CARLOS R. ARIAS, ESQUIRE, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC, 140 N. WESTMONTÉ DRIVE, SUITE 203, ALTA-MONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, MAY 15, 2018, 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 Lien Foreclosure Complaint.

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.  
DATED on March 23, 2018.  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Circuit and County Court  
By: /s/ SN  
As Deputy Clerk  
April 12, 19, 26, 2018  
May 3, 2018

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case#: 2018-CC-000297 CL  
POINCIANA PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, AS ASSIGNEE OF ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LUIS A. MEREDITH, et al,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: Sharon R. Meredith,  
203 Redwood Bark Trail,  
Kissimmee, FL 34758

Luis A. Meredith,  
203 Redwood Bark Trail,  
Kissimmee, FL 34758

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been commenced against you to Foreclose a Claim of Lien for unpaid Assessments owed to the Plaintiff on the following real property, lying and being situated in Osceola County, Florida, more particularly described as follows:  
**LOT 142, TAMARIND PARKE AT CYPRESS WOODS, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 12, AT PAGES 176 & 177, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
This property is located at the street address of:  
**203 Redwood Bark Trail, Kissimmee, FL 34758**

This action has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defense, if any, upon Garfinkel Whynot, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is: 300 North Maitland Avenue, Maitland, FL 32751, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice and file the original with the Clerk of the 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.

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 impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8770. If you are voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of said Court this 4th day of April 2018.  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
Clerk of the Court  
By: /s/ SN  
As Deputy Clerk  
20150-462  
April 19, 26, 2018  
May 3, 10, 2018

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE LIVESTOCK F.S. 588.17 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**  
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I, Russell Gibson, Sheriff, will offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand the following described livestock:  
**TWO (2) BLACK AND WHITE ANGUS COWS**  
At the hour of 11:00 A.M. O'clock or as soon thereafter as possible on the 26th day of April A.D. 2018, at the Osceola County Animal Control Facility, 3910 Old Canoe Creek Road (formerly 2280 Kissimmee Park Road, St. Cloud, Florida, 34769, pursuant to Florida Statute 588.17. The proceeds from the sale shall be applied first to cover the cost of sale, if any. The Sheriff may charge \$20.00 for conducting the sale, \$20.00 for reporting the sale, and the cost of advertising notices. Secondly, the proceeds shall be paid to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners for the cost of care and provisions provided for the animal by the Osceola County Animal Control Department. The animal Control Department may charge an impound fee of \$25.00 per animal taken into the facility, and \$18.00 per day for care, food and shelter provided for the animal from March 6, 2018. Any remaining proceeds shall be forwarded to the owner of the animal. In the event the owner is unknown any remaining proceeds shall be forwarded to the Court.

Pursuant to Osceola County Ordinance 99-23, Osceola County has the right to regulate the conditions under which animals are maintained. As such, the placement of the above listed livestock must be approved by the Director of Animal Control prior to the release of same.  
DATE: April 14, 2018.  
Russell Gibson  
Osceola County Sheriff  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lt. Dan Weis  
Deputy Sheriff

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Persons with disabilities needing a special accommodation to Participate in this proceeding should contact the Osceola County Sheriff's Office at 2601 E. Inlo Bronson Mem Highway, Kissimmee, Florida, 34744, Telephone (407) 348-2222, not later than seven days prior to the proceeding. If Hearing is impaired, (TDD) 1-800-955-8771 or Voice (V) 1-800-955-6770, Via Florida Relay Service.  
April 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2016-CA-000082  
SUNTRUST BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
GARY T. SNYDER, ET. AL.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered March 29, 2018, in Civil Case No. 2016-CA-000082 of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, wherein SUNTRUST BANK, is Plaintiff, and GARY T. SNYDER, ET. AL., are the 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 3rd day of MAY, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:  
**LOT 22, CELEBRATION SOUTH VILLAGE UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE(S) 13 THROUGH 21 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 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 5th day of April 2018.  
By: /s/ Lisa Woodburn  
LISA WOODBURN, Esq.,  
McCalla Raymer  
Leibert Pierce, LLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
110 S.E. 6th Street,  
Suite 2400,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301  
Phone: (407) 674-1850  
Fax: (321) 248-0420  
Email:  
MRService@mccallaraynr.com  
Fla Bar No.: 11003  
13-03318-4  
April 12, 19, 2018

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2017-CC-002129 CL  
EAGLE LAKE PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
NELLYDA RAMOS, et al.,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2018, in Case No. 2017-CC-002129 CL, of the County Court, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein EAGLE LAKE PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, NELLYDA RAMOS and JASON M. BRADY, are the Defendants. The Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Suite 2600/ Room 2602 of the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, at 11:00 a.m., on MAY 29, 2018, the following described property set forth in the Order of Final Judgment:  
**Lot 76, EAGLE LAKE PHASE 2A, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 17, Pages 65 through 66, 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, FL 34741, (407) 742-2417 AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS BEFORE YOUR SCHEDULED COURT APPEARANCE, OR IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTIFICATION IF THE TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE IS LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, CALL 711.  
DATED: April 5, 2018.  
By: /s/ Carlos R. Arias  
Carlos R. Arias, Esquire  
Florida Bar No.: 10277  
ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC  
140 North Westmonte Drive  
Suite 203  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(407) 636-2549  
70286079  
April 12, 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2017-CA-002045 MF  
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUE MORTGAGE SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES ARSI 2006-M3,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MICHAEL P. KUZMA, et al.,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
TO: MICHAEL P. KUZMA and UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHAEL P. KUZMA, 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 173, ACADEMY ROW REPLAT NUMBER 5 OF CELEBRATION VILLAGE UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGES 78-80, 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 22, 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 (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.  
DATED on this 3rd day of April 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  
PRIMARY EMAIL:  
mail@rasflaw.com  
16-180362-AdB  
April 19, 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case #: 2018-CA-000049 CI  
DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
CYNTHIA D. JOSEPH, Defendant.

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**  
TO: CYNTHIA D. JOSEPH, 2908 GRAFTON DRIVE, KISSIMMEE, FL 34741-7778.  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on PLAINTIFF DIRECT GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY through its counsel Robert K. Savage, Esq., whose address is 412 East Madison Street, Suite 815, Tampa, FL 33602 on or before MAY 30, 2018, and file with the clerk of this Court, Armando R. Ramirez, whose address is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, before service on Plaintiff, or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against for the relief demanded in the declaratory judgment action. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk's office. You may review these documents upon request.  
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.

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: April 5, 2018.  
ARMANDO R. RAMIREZ  
By: /s/ SN  
As Deputy Clerk  
2 Courthouse Square  
Kissimmee, FL 34741  
407-742-3500  
Our File No. 745  
April 19, 26, 2018  
May 3, 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case No.: 49-2016-CA-002521 MF  
AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
LESLIE PEREZ, ET AL., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered August 21, 2017, in Civil Case No. 49-2016-CA-002521 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, wherein AMERICAN ADVISORS GROUP, is Plaintiff, and LESLIE PEREZ, 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 15th day of MAY, 2018 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:  
**LOT 32, BLOCK 20, PEBBLE POINTE UNIT 3 B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 91 AND 92, 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 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.  
DATED on this 5th day of April 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  
PRIMARY EMAIL:  
mail@rasflaw.com  
16-180362-AdB  
April 19, 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Case No.: 2018-DR-001030-AD.  
Division: Domestic.  
AMANDA DRUMMOND, Petitioner,  
and  
TERESA LARSON, Respondent

**NOTICE OF ACTION FOR PUBLICATION**  
TO: TERESA LARSON  
Address: UNKNOWN  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Termination of Parental Rights, including has been filed against you. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to this action on April 20th, 2018. Petitioner's attorney, whose address is P.O. BOX 700687, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34770-0687, on or before April 30, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court at OSCEOLA County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, either before service on Petitioner's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.  
**WARNING:** Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.  
DATED this 29th day of March, 2018.  
(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL)  
ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ DS  
As Deputy Clerk  
April 12, 19, 26, 2018  
May 3, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Case No.: 2017-CA-2889-OC  
ORANGE BRANCH BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
MICHAEL L. WESSLING, KRISTIN H. WESSLING, and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: MICHAEL L. WESSLING, KRISTIN H. WESSLING and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION  
3901 Blossom Dew Drive  
Kissimmee, FE 34746

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien foreclosure on the following property in Osceola County, Florida:  
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A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on CARLOS R. ARIAS, ESQUIRE, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC, 140 N. WESTMONTÉ DRIVE, SUITE 203, ALTA-MONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, MAY 15, 2018, 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 Lien Foreclosure Complaint.

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.  
DATED on March 23, 2018.  
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Clerk of the Circuit and County Court  
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As Deputy Clerk  
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May 3, 2018

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April 12, 19, 26, 2018  
May 3,

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 Case #: 2017-CA-001417 MF BANKUNITED, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. DARREN ALBERT THOMAS IMPLETON, A/K/A DARREN IMPLETON; ET AL, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed March 5, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-001417 MF, of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida, wherein BANKUNITED, N.A., is Plaintiff, and DARREN ALBERT THOMAS IMPLETON, A/K/A DARREN IMPLETON; LISA JACQUELINE IMPLETON; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; HAMILTON'S RESERVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., 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 8th day of MAY, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 46, BAY POINTE PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 179 AND 180, 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 on this 12th day of April 2018.  
 By: /s/ Stephanie Simmonds  
 Stephanie Simmonds, Esq.  
 Bar. No.: 85404

**Submitted by:**  
 Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
 8201 Peters Road,  
 Suite.3000  
 Plantation, FL 33324  
 Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
 Telefacsimile:(954) 382-5380  
 Designated service email:  
 notice@kahaneandassociates.com  
 File No. 17-01369-BU  
 April 19, 26, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 Case #: 2017-CA-002916 OC PEACHTREE CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY, Petitioner, vs. YANETH HERNANDEZ, JESSICA GUTIERREZ, JOEL 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.

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 Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ SM  
 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 CIVIL ACTION  
 Case No. 2018-CA-000579 SECURITY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Utah corporation, Plaintiff, vs. DIANA ANGELICA AVILA NIETO; STONEYBROOK SOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; THE RETREAT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation; CHAMPIONSGATE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation; COUNTRY CLUB AT CHAMPIONGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: DIANA ANGELICA AVILA NIETO**  
 Francia 98 Colonia Florida Delegacion Alvaro Obregon MX 1030 Mexico  
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage recorded on September 21, 2016, at Book 5027, Pages 2645 - 2660, in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida on the following property in Osceola County, Florida:

**LOT 102 IN BLOCK H OF STONEYBROOK SOUTH PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**Parcel ID Number: R312527-5134000H1020**  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: **Warren R. Ross, Esquire**, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: 1107 W. Marion Avenue, Unit # 111, Punta Gorda, Florida 33950, on or before MAY 16, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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.  
 DATED on this 22nd day of March 2018.  
 ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
 As Clerk of the Court  
 By: /s/ SN  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 April 12, 19, 2018

**NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES**

To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **PARTNER PAWN** located at: 4006 W. Vine Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.  
 DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 13th day of April, 2018  
 April 19, 2018

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 April 19, 2018

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

Case #: 2017-CA-000675 MF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-3CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-3CB, Plaintiff, vs. LURLENE E. ROULSTON, A/K/A L. ROULSTON, ET AL., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

To the following Defendant(s): **PERCY J. ROULSTON (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)**  
**Last Known Address:** 509 GLADE COURT, KISSIMMEE, FL 34758  
**Last Known Out of Country Address:** 150 VILLAGE ROAD, BIRMINGHAM, B6 6RD, UNITED KINGDOM  
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

**LOT 10, BLOCK 1377, WILLAGES 1, NEIGHBORHOOD 1 SOUTH POINCIANA SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3 PAGES 9 THROUGH 16, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 509 GLADE CT, KISSIMMEE FL 34758**  
 has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to J. Anthony Van Ness, Esq, at **VAN NESS LAW FIRM, P.L.C.**, At-

torney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE # 110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442, on or before MAY 16, 2018, a date of which is within thirty (30) days after the first date of publication of this Notice in the Osceola News-Gazette, 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. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065.

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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 22nd day of March 2018.  
 ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
 CLERK OF COURT  
 By: /s/ SN  
 As Deputy Clerk  
 BF9831-17  
 April 12, 19, 2018

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 April 12, 19, 2018

**WARNING**

**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**  
 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.  
 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 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. 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 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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 April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CASE NO.: 2018-CA-000335 MF

COMPASS BANK, Plaintiff, vs. FUENTES, HERMINIA, A/K/A HERMINIA FUENTES OCASIO, et al., Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**

**TO: HERMINIA FUENTES, A/K/A HERMINIA FUENTES OCASIO**  
 2553 HUNLEY LOOP  
 KISSIMMEE, FL 34743

HERMINIA FUENTES, A/K/A HERMINIA FUENTES OCASIO  
 124 PINWOOD CIR.  
 KISSIMMEE, FL 34743

HERMINIA FUENTES, A/K/A HERMINIA FUENTES OCASIO  
 RR 6 BOX 6881  
 TOA ALTA, PR 00953

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF HERMINIA FUENTES, A/K/A HERMINIA FUENTES OCASIO  
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**AND TO:** All persons claiming an interest by, through, under, or against the aforesaid Defendant(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in Osceola County, Florida:

**LOT(S) 13, BLOCK 235, BUENAVENTURA LAKES BRIARWOOD VILLAGE TRACT 3 ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE(S) 37-40, 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 this action, on **Green- spoon Marder, LLP, Default Department, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is Trade Centre South, Suite 700, 100 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309**, and file the original with the Clerk within 30 days after the first publication of this notice in OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE, on or before MAY 15, 2018; otherwise a default and a judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**IMPORTANT**

In accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, persons needing a reasonable accommodation to participate in this proceeding should, no later than seven (7) days prior, contact the Clerk of the Court's disability coordinator at COURT ADMINISTRATION AT TWO COURTHOUSE SQUARE, SUITE 6300, KISSIMMEE, FL 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417. If hearing or voice impaired, contact (TDD) at (800) 955-8771, via Florida Relay System.  
 WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on this 27th day of March 2018.  
 ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
 AS CLERK OF SAID COURT  
 By: /s/ S.N.  
 As Deputy Clerk

(27798.0024/AS)  
 April 12, 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
 CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 2017-CA-002848 MF

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR HILLDALE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. HOWARD R. KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD ROBERT KRUGER, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BERNICE R. KRUGER, A/K/A BERNICE KRUGER, DECEASED, et al, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
**TO: HOWARD R. KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD ROBERT KRUGER, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF BERNICE R. KRUGER, A/K/A BERNICE KRUGER, DECEASED**

**RESIDENT:** Unknown  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:** 140 TULPAN DRIVE, KISSIMMEE, FL 34743-9557  
**TO: HOWARD R. KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD KRUGER, A/K/A HOWARD ROBERT KRUGER**  
**RESIDENT:** Unknown  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:** 140 TULPAN DRIVE, KISSIMMEE, FL 34743-9557  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property located in OSCEOLA County, Florida:

**LOT 29, BLOCK 94, BUENA VENTURA LAKES UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2, PAGES 124 THROUGH 133, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy to your written defenses, if any, to this action on **Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PLLC**, attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is: 2727 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, and file the original with the Clerk of the Court, within 30 days after the first publication of this notice, either before or immediately thereafter, MAY 15, 2018, otherwise a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
 This notice shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in *The Osceola News-Gazette*.  
 Movant counsel certifies that a bona fide effort to resolve this matter on the motion noticed has been made or that, because of time consideration, such effort has not yet been made but will be made prior to the scheduled hearing.  
 If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation 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 seven (7) days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.  
 Dated: March 27, 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court  
 By: /s/ S.N.  
 Deputy Clerk of the Court

**Copies furnished to:**

PHELAN HALLINAN, DIAMOND & JONES, PLLC  
 2001 N.W. 64th Street, Suite 100  
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309  
 PH #: 84358  
 April 12, 19, 2018

**RAINBOW TITLE & LIEN, INC.**

3389 SHERIDAN ST PMB 221  
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 (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 05/10/2018 at 10 A.M. \*Auction will occur where vehicles are located\*

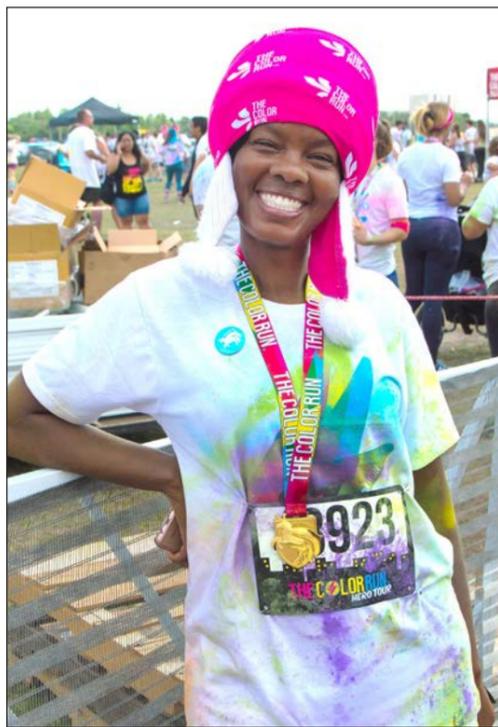
- 1) 2000 Chrysler VIN# 2C3HD36J0YH439994 Amount: \$4,724.26 At: 1460 E Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744
- 2) 2013 Dodge VIN # 3C4PDCABDDT630937 Amount: \$4,321.26 At: 1460 E Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744
- 3) 2004 Chrysler VIN # 1C3EL55R74N114284 Amount: \$3,730.54 At: 1460 E Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34744

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 19, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
 CASE NO. 2017-CA-000127 MF

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR RESIDENTIAL ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION,

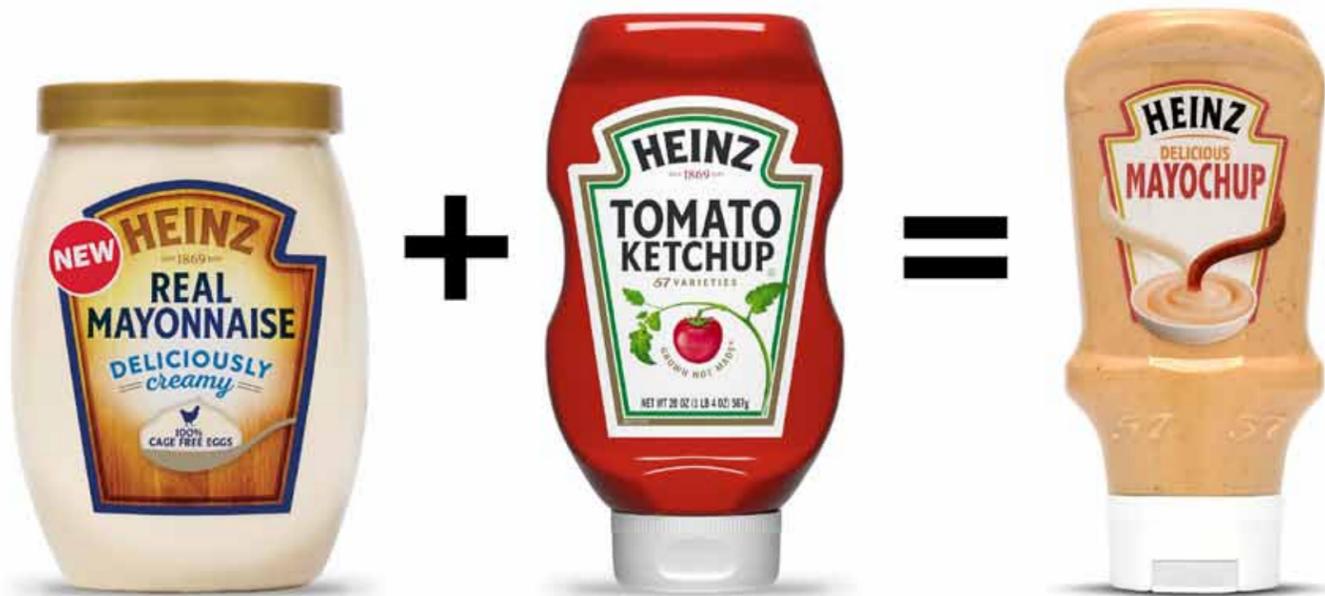
# COLOR RUN HERO TOUR ALL ABOUT FUN



The Color Run Hero Tour took place on Saturday at Osceola Heritage Park. The event started back in 2011 with the intent to bring people together and make the world a happier, healthier place. The 5k run has participants running through obstacles while getting bombarded by colored packs of corn starch and is dubbed as the largest running series in the world that has been experienced by over 6 million people worldwide in over 35 countries. Top row: Lauren Friedriun, Jenna Luciano, Claire Murphy and Andrea Rodrigues leap for joy. Cindy Sederopoulos from Lake Mary crosses the finish line. Second row: Runners celebrate in an explosion of color. Channel Six anchor Kristen O'Connor and reporter Vanessa Araiza along with Connor Giamietri tried the course for themselves. Bottom row: Eddie, Darlene and Lyilah Cortez spending quality time together. Danielle Cador managed to come out of it relatively unscathed. Gage Bittenbinder gets a better view from his dad Jeff's shoulders.

*News-Gazette Photos by Mark Horan*

# AMERICA DECIDES



## Heinz MayoChup to make its U.S. debut

(AP) — Condiment lovers are hot to get their hands on the internationally available Heinz MayoChup, the pre-made blend of mayonnaise and ketchup that has the internet abuzz, and Heinz has let America vote to make its U.S. debut a reality.

Those wanting to try the winning combination had the opportunity to vote at [Twitter.com/HeinzKetchup\\_US](https://twitter.com/HeinzKetchup_US). If the poll closed with 500K votes in its favor, the brand will bring Heinz MayoChup to the United States. The sauce got the votes and will come into

fruition. The name 'MayoChup' is already in fierce debate on Twitter, so the brand has also committed to putting the final name up for vote before the launch.

Those who can't wait as the nation makes its decision can now make their own Heinz MayoChup combination with New Deliciously Creamy Heinz Real Mayonnaise and Heinz Ketchup. Made with high quality ingredients like 100% cage free eggs, Heinz Real Mayonnaise is the newest member of the Heinz family and has a deliciously creamy texture that's crafted to taste

more like homemade.

"At Heinz, we are always looking for opportunities to bring great tasting products to our consumers," said Nicole Kulwicki, Director of Marketing for Heinz. "Our new Heinz Real Mayonnaise recipe lives up to the same great taste and quality people have come to expect from the Heinz family of products, including ketchup, mustard and BBQ sauce."

To introduce Heinz Real Mayonnaise, the brand is launching a comprehensive marketing campaign to drive mass awareness across

TV, digital, print, sampling, and PR. In the campaign, the nation will meet Cousin Mayo, a member of the Heinz family that has just opened shop in the town of Sandwich, USA. One thing is clear – sandwiches can't resist the great taste of Heinz Real Mayonnaise. The commercial and digital videos can be viewed here.

Heinz Real Mayonnaise is available at retailers nationwide in 13oz. and 19oz. squeeze bottles, and 15oz. and 30oz. jars, starting at a suggested retail price of \$2.98. The jars have been specially designed to look

like an egg, reminding fans that 100% cage free eggs are one of the key ingredients in our mayonnaise.

For more information on Heinz Real Mayonnaise, visit [www.heinzmayo.com](http://www.heinzmayo.com).

Founded by entrepreneur and food quality pioneer H.J. Heinz in 1869, Heinz has been a staple in American households for almost 150 years. Heinz is best known as the maker of America's Favorite Ketchup® with 650 million bottles sold annually. The Heinz ketchup portfolio now includes varieties to meet every consumer

taste, including Organic, Simply Heinz, and Heinz Sweetened only with Honey. Heinz has continued its commitment to delivering great tasting, high quality products by expanding its family of products to include other favorites like Heinz Yellow Mustard, Heinz Regional BBQ Sauces, and now Heinz BBQ Baked Beans and Heinz Real Mayonnaise.

Whether it's at the local diner, at the dinner table, at picnics or at barbecues, Heinz can be enjoyed with family and friends at any occasion.

## Free food for thought: Campus food pantries proliferate

BY MARY ESCH  
Associated Press

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Free food pantries are becoming nearly as common as the campus bookstore at a growing number of colleges.

More than 570 campus food pantries nationwide are registered with the College and University Food Bank Alliance, which formed in 2012 and helps colleges set up food pantries and other hunger programs. New York recently required that they be established at all institutions in its state university system.

"You can't concentrate when you're hungry; you're irritable, you're not focusing. I did not perform well on some exams," said 47-year-old Borough of Manhattan Community College student Melanie Aucello, who is working on a college degree in hopes of improving her family's quality of life.

A report published this month by a lab at the University of Wisconsin found 36 percent of 43,000 students attending two- and four-year colleges who were surveyed in 20 states had trouble getting enough to eat, threatening the academic success that's key to overcoming poverty.

Among community college students alone, 42 percent struggled to pay for balanced meals.

"We see food-insecure students devote as much time to school and homework as other students, but they also work longer hours and get less sleep," said Sara Goldrick-Rab, a Temple University sociologist and founder of the HOPE (Harvesting Opportunities for Postsecondary Education) Lab at Wisconsin.

Studies, she said, have shown such students are likely to have lower grades and graduation rates.

For young students from well-to-families, spending time as a starving student scarfing ramen noodles is often written off as a humorous rite of passage. But the demographics of typical college students are changing, and for many, hunger is a serious reality, Goldrick-Rab said.

Food insecurity is related to soaring college costs, stagnant family incomes, a poor labor market for part-time workers and employment requirements that make food stamps inaccessible, Goldrick-Rab said. There are also more low-income students, sometimes with children of their own, she said.

"There is no typical student who's food insecure; it can impact any type of student," said Clare Cady, a Temple University official who is co-founder of the College and University Food Bank Alliance.

Food pantries cost little to col-

leges because they're typically run by volunteer students and faculty and are supported by donations of food and money.

The student-run Michigan State University Student Food Bank, launched in 1993, was the first. It buys food from a regional food bank and distributes it to more than 4,000 students and their families per year.

In California, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017 signed a law allocating \$7.5 million to fight campus hunger — not only for pantries, but also for other approaches, such as helping with access to public benefits programs.

In New York, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo said an initiative launched this spring makes New York the first state to require food pantries to be established at all 64 institutions in the State University of New York system. About 70 percent already had them.

At Schenectady County Community College, any student, regardless of income, can visit up to three times a month and select three days' worth of food such as canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

"It helps immensely because it's really difficult trying to balance school and finances, and it's difficult to work to have money for groceries while in school," 22-year-old biology major Hannah



**In this April 10, 2018 frame grab from video, student Hannah Daignault fills a grocery bag at the Schenectady County Community College food pantry in Schenectady, N.Y. As a 22-year-old student living on her own, Daignault finds it hard to stretch her student loans to cover the rising cost of books and fees, let alone food and rent, so she was thrilled when a campus food pantry opened last year.**

Daignault said.

"We have a lot of students who are low-income working parents or single people struggling to get by," said Robyn King, a college counselor who coordinates the pantry. "Some receive food stamp benefits, but some make a little too much to qualify. We try to fill the gap."

Monroe Community College in Rochester seeks to provide a path to longer-term solutions. Its food wagon distributes free granola bars

with labels directing students to the food pantry and Single Stop, an organization that helps students apply for government benefits such as food stamps, housing and child-care.

"The traditional student today is older with other obligations," Monroe president Anne Kress said. "A lot of them are living in a very narrow margin between financial security and insecurity. What's going to connect them to financial security is a college degree."

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# Cooking Under Pressure

## Speed up the process on this Dijon chicken

BY MELISSA D'ARABIAN  
Associated Press

Not a day goes by that I don't get a recipe request or question about the Instant Pot. So, dear readers, today is the day for my starter recipe for you Instant Pot (Multi-Pot, etc.) fans.

I'll start by pointing out that we are really talking about here is an automated, easy-to-use electric pressure cooker. I hear a collective sigh of recognition from a whole generation of home-cooks who have relied on a pressure cooker for years to deliver stews, chilis and braises to their families in quick order.

But for the rest of us who were freaked out by managing the pressure on the stovetop ourselves, fearing exploding hot liquids or bursts of scalding steam, an automated pressure cooker welcomes us into the fold. Cooking under high pressure speeds up the process quite a bit, meaning you can have tender braised meat in minutes instead of hours, which can be a boon for weeknight meals.

In case you decide to get an electric pressure cooker, here are a few tips. First, read the entire manual before you start cooking anything. Even if you are one to put an entire Ikea living room set together with nary a glance at the instructions, read the manual. It will explain how the cooker works, and give you step-by-step operating instructions.

My second tip is to start with something easy that



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This April 9, 2018 photo shows instant Dijon chicken in Bethesda, Md.

can't be overcooked: stock or bone broth, for example. Load up the pressure cooker with bones and a few hunks of onion and celery, cover with water (don't overfill), and set the timed cooker (exactly how long is in - you guessed it - your manual - see it's paying off already!).

Next tip: Use less liquid than you would use stovetop as evaporation is eliminated, and don't overcook. High pressure means you can't easily open the lid to check on food's progress and texture as you would with a typical stovetop braise. Be extra aware of the possibil-

ity of overcooking if you are cooking tougher meat with tender vegetables.

Finally, be aware that "instant" is a bit of a misnomer. While "cook time" in any recipe is relatively short - today's recipe for Instant Dijon Chicken only "cooks" for 10 minutes - don't forget to add the time it takes to come to pressure (about 5-15 minutes) plus time for pressure release, if you aren't manually releasing the pressure (which I don't recommend for a newbie). Just in case any of you thought that dinner would be done in an actual instant.

### INSTANT DIJON CHICKEN

Servings: 6  
Start to finish: 40 minutes

- 1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 2 teaspoons dried tarragon (or 1 teaspoon fresh, chopped)
- 1/2 large yellow onion, chopped, about 3/4 cup
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of excess fat
- 1/2 pound white button mushrooms, wiped clean

- and halved
- 2 medium carrots, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup Dijon mustard
- Additional tarragon or chopped parsley for garnish, optional
- salt and pepper
- Special equipment: Electric Pressure Cooker (such as Instant Pot or Multi-Pot)

Spray the inside of an electric pressure cooker with an olive oil mister for easy cleanup. Place the canned diced tomatoes, wine, tarragon and garlic at the bottom of the pot and stir with

a wooden spoon to blend. Sprinkle the chicken thighs with salt and pepper, and cut each thigh twice (into three pieces), and place on top of the tomato mixture. Place the halved mushrooms and cut carrot pieces on top of the chicken. Place the lid on, secure, and close the pressure valve. Set the timer to 10 minutes at high pressure.

Once the cooking is done, allow the pressure cooker to sit for 10 minutes, allowing the pressure to release slowly (without moving the valve). Then, carefully turn the pressure valve to open, releasing any remaining pressure. (Note: it will take 8-10 minutes for the cooker to come to pressure, plus 10 minutes of cooking time, plus the release time, so total cooking time will be near 30 minutes.) Spoon about 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid into a small bowl and whisk in the Dijon mustard until creamy. Whisk the mustard mixture into the pot of cooked chicken.

Top with parsley or additional tarragon, if desired. Serve with cooked cauliflower rice, spaghetti squash, quinoa or brown rice.

**Chef's Note:** The dish can be made in a conventional pot on a stove. Simmer, covered, on low heat until meat is tender, about 60-75 minutes.

*Nutrition information per serving: 246 calories; 57 calories from fat; 6 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 142 mg cholesterol; 941 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 32 g protein.*

## Try traditional fattoush during this Ramadan season

BY KATIE WORKMAN  
Associated Press

During the month of Ramadan, observant Muslims perform daily fasts from dawn to dusk, only breaking the fast with a meal (usually a light one) after the sun sets.

Fasting is intended to cleanse the soul, allowing Muslims to turn their attention inward, toward charity work and prayer, and away from material things.

One of the dishes on many tables in Levantine countries during Ramadan is fattoush. It may be served during the evening break fasts, and is often part of the celebratory spread that marks the end of the month of abstinence.

Many countries have a version of fattoush. As with many cross-cultural dishes, researching the different varieties is both fun and slightly exhausting. There's always some type of flatbread, such as pita, and tomatoes and cucumbers. But then ... lettuce or no lettuce? Vegetables sliced or diced? Radishes? Peppers? Lemon or lime juice? A bit of sweetener? Sumac? Choices to be made.

Mince your garlic as much as you can so that it really blends into the dressing. A way to get it super-fine is to chop it quite a bit, then sprinkle on a bit of salt and drag the flat side of the knife blade across the gar-

lic several times, pressing down as you go to create a paste. Chop some more, drag the knife over it once again, repeat, and soon you will have a fine garlic paste.

I used a little pomegranate syrup in my dressing because I had a bottle lying around (which I realize is not normal for most American cooks). Use honey if you are not as ingredient-nerdy as I am (or you can find the syrup online or in a specialty foods store).

Sumac is a spice made from berries that grow wild on bushes in Lebanon and other countries in the region; it's a classic fattoush seasoning. The flavor is tart and tangy. You could use that instead of the za'atar, which is a lovely, tangy and earthy combination of sumac, thyme, sesame and marjoram (sometimes cumin), and is often easier to find in supermarkets.

### FATTOUSH

Serves 6  
Start to finish: 30 minutes

- Pita Crisps:**
- 2 pieces pita bread
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon za'atar

- Salad:**
- 1 heart of romaine, thinly sliced crosswise
- 4 Persian cucumbers, sliced, or 1 seedless or hot-

house cucumber, halved lengthwise, seeds removed, and thinly sliced

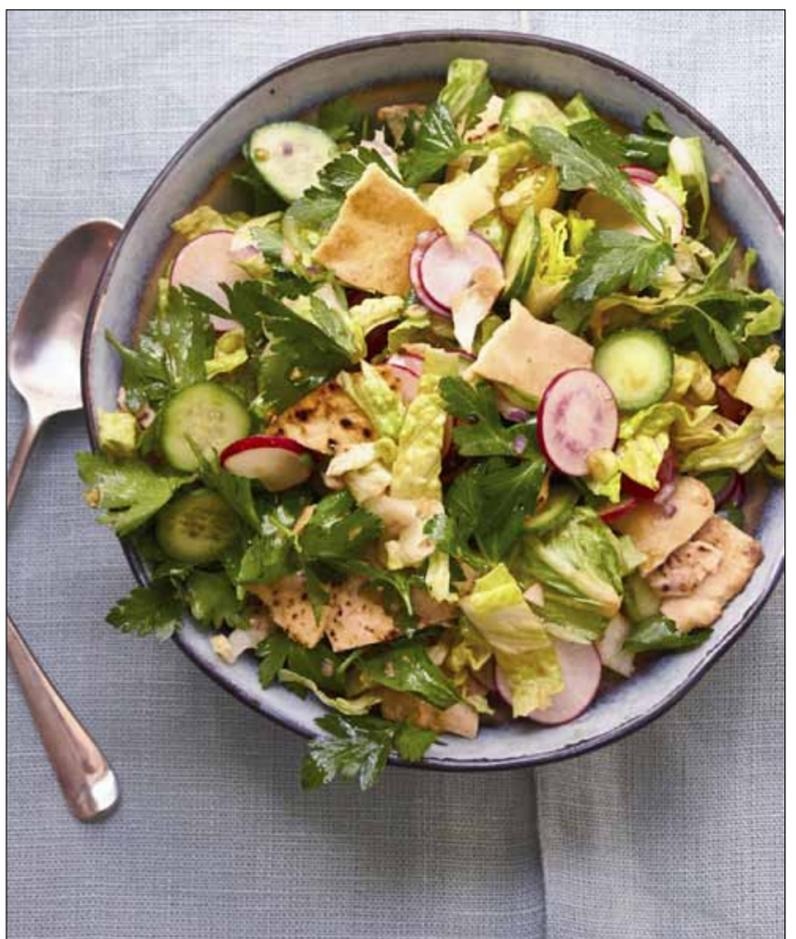
- 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup finely diced red onion
- 4 scallions trimmed and thinly sliced (white and green parts)
- 6 radishes, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 cup fresh parsley leaves

- Vinaigrette:**
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon pomegranate syrup or honey
- 1 teaspoon very finely minced garlic (almost a paste)
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 1/2 teaspoon za'atar
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Make the Pita Crisps. Brush the tops of the pitas with the tablespoon of olive oil, sprinkle with salt and za'atar. Place on a baking sheet and bake for 4 to 5 minutes, until toasted and crisp. Remove and let cool.

Make the Salad: In a large bowl combine the lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, onions, scallions, radishes and parsley.

Make the Vinaigrette: In a small bowl, combine the 1/4 cup olive oil, lime juice, pomegranate syrup or hon-



AP

This 2018 photo shows a fattoush in New York.

ey, garlic, mint, za'atar, and salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss well.

Break the cooled pita into pieces about 1-inch large (they will be uneven) and

add them to the salad just before serving. Give a final toss, let sit for 5 minutes so the pita starts to soften just slightly in the dressing, and serve.

*Nutrition information*

*per serving: 187 calories; 106 calories from fat; 12 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 311 mg sodium; 18 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 5 g protein.*

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# Trump says 'good relationship' formed with North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Wednesday confirmed that his CIA chief secretly met with Kim Jong Un in North Korea and said "a good relationship was formed" heading into the adversaries' anticipated summit.

Mike Pompeo's highly unusual talks took place "last week," Trump tweeted, and "went smoothly," with details about the presidential meeting within the next few months "being worked out now."

"Denuclearization will be a great thing for World, but also for North Korea!" Trump wrote while at his Florida estate, where he was hosting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Trump had disclosed on Tuesday that the U.S. and North Korea were holding direct talks at "extremely high levels" in preparation for a possible summit. He said five locations were under consideration for the meeting, which could take place by early June.

Confirmation of Pompeo's trip later came from two officials, who were not authorized to discuss the meeting publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Washington Post, which first reported the development, said it took place over Easter weekend — just over two weeks ago, shortly after Pompeo was nominated to become secretary of state. Two White House officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the sensitive discussions, confirmed Wednesday that



This combination of two file photos shows CIA Director Mike Pompeo, left, listens during his introductions before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during a confirmation hearing on his nomination to be Secretary of State on Capitol Hill in Washington on April 12, 2018, and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un attends a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, in Pyongyang, North Korea on April 9, 2018.

the trip took place over Easter weekend.

Kim's offer for a summit was initially conveyed to Trump by South Korea last month, and the president shocked many by accepting it. U.S. officials indicated over the past two weeks that North Korea's government had communicated directly with Washington that it was ready to discuss its nuclear weapons program.

It would be the first-ever summit between the U.S. and North Korea during more than six decades of hostility since the Korean War. North Korea's nuclear weapons and its

capability to deliver them by ballistic missile pose a growing threat to the U.S. mainland.

The U.S. and North Korea do not have formal diplomatic relations, complicating the arrangements for contacts between the two governments. It is not unprecedented for U.S. intelligence officials to serve as a conduit for communication with Pyongyang.

In 2014, the then-director of U.S. national intelligence, James Clapper, secretly visited North Korea to bring back two American detainees.

China, North Korea's closest ally, said it wel-

comes direct contact and talks between the U.S. and North Korea after news emerged of Pompeo's meeting with Kim.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a briefing Wednesday that Beijing hopes the two sides will work on a political resolution of tensions on the Korean Peninsula and set up a peace mechanism. The Koreans are technically still in a state of war after fighting in the 1950-53 Korean War ended with a ceasefire, not a peace treaty.

At a Senate hearing last week on his nomination, Pompeo played

down expectations for a breakthrough deal on ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program at the planned summit, but said it could lay the groundwork for a comprehensive agreement on denuclearization.

"I'm optimistic that the United States government can set the conditions for that appropriately so that the president and the North Korean leader can have that conversation and will set us down the course of achieving a diplomatic outcome that America and the world so desperately need," Pompeo told the Senate Foreign Relations

Committee.

After a year of escalating tensions, when North Korea conducted nuclear and long-range missile tests that drew world condemnation, Kim has pivoted to international outreach.

The young leader met China's President Xi Jinping in Beijing in late March, Kim's first trip abroad since taking power six years ago. He is set to meet South Korean President Moon Jae-in in the demilitarized zone between the rival Koreas on April 27.

# DOJ watchdog finds himself in familiar political hot seat

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump wasted no time before seizing on last week's report by the Justice Department's internal watchdog on misconduct allegations against the FBI's former No. 2 official, Andrew McCabe. Trump tweeted it was proof that his archrival James Comey, the former FBI director, "totally controlled" McCabe.

But the report by Inspector General Michael Horowitz said no such thing. In fact, it depicted clashing accounts of a conversation they had that contributed to McCabe's dismissal.

It wasn't unusual for Horowitz to see his actions — or his own credibility — caught up in Washington's political storms, despite the apolitical reputation he has cultivated over six years on the job. Trump has disparagingly called Horowitz an "Obama guy" even as McCabe's lawyers have decried the report and investigative process as unfair. No matter the opinion, there's no doubting the impact of the work: It helped lay the groundwork for McCabe's firing and opened him to torrential criticism by Trump and his supporters.

The controversies he has endured are likely nothing compared to what awaits him in coming weeks when he announces

the findings of his review into the FBI's handling of the Hillary Clinton email investigation. The report will inflame the debate about whether FBI actions during the campaign affected the race's outcome. And Trump's friends and foes will inevitably scour for any nugget that can undermine his criticism of their side, and Horowitz himself.

Charles McCullough, a former intelligence community inspector general who referred the Clinton emails to the FBI, said he believes Horowitz's report will be "absolutely thorough and completely accurate."

Still, he said, Horowitz "will be in the same vortex that we were in, and you just have to manage that as best as you can because of the politics."

Horowitz declined to comment, through a spokesman.

The Clinton report is unquestionably Horowitz's most politically consequential case, but it's not his first high-profile investigation.

He spent years as a federal prosecutor in the powerful Southern District of New York as chief of its public corruption unit, where he built cases against crooked police officers. He later served in top Justice Department roles under Presidents Bill

Clinton and George W. Bush.

Attorney Josh Berman, a close friend who has played basketball and softball with him, recalled that Horowitz had anticipated departing at the end of the Clinton administration and had packed up his office as chief of staff to the criminal division head. Yet, unexpectedly, he was asked to stay on.

"He is the kind of guy who plays it straight, plays it fair, doesn't let politics ... play into his decision-making," Berman said.

President Barack Obama nominated him for inspector general in 2011, and he quickly dived into big scandals.

Five months after he took the position came a report on the botched gun-tracking operation called Fast and Furious. It criticized individual agents and prosecutors and prompted the resignation of a top criminal division official whose supporters say was unfairly maligned by Horowitz's office. It largely spared from direct attack then-Attorney General Eric Holder and other senior officials. Lawmakers questioned whether he'd held back out of friendship, which he denied.

"The only thing that was going to make my decisions here were the facts and the law, period,"

Horowitz said at a 2012 hearing.

His supporters note that while Horowitz was appointed inspector general by Obama, Bush had named him to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. As a watchdog in a Democratic administration, he sometimes enjoyed the support of congressional Republicans performing similar oversight.

"He is the brain trust that we on the Hill have relied on for years," said Keith Ashdown, former Republican staff director for the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. "He's not just great at what he does for the Department of Justice, he has had an aggressive, important and vital role in shaping the IG community at large."

As chairman of an inspector general umbrella group, he's championed the interests of fellow watchdogs. Ashdown recalled Horowitz being the first inspector general to publicly criticize his counterpart at the Department of Veterans Affairs after he subpoenaed a watchdog group in a move other inspectors general privately found aggressive. McCullough said Horowitz supported him during the fracas over the Clinton email referral.

Robert Storch, who was hired by Horowitz and is

now the National Security Agency inspector general, called him a nurturing boss who made a point to show interest in his employees despite the job's long hours and rigorous demands.

"He is a marvelous leader in that sense," Storch said.

In 2015, Horowitz complained about an Office of Legal Counsel opinion that he felt interfered with his office's ability to obtain grand jury records, wiretap information and other data normally protected from public disclosure. Justice Department officials were rankled by what they saw as Horowitz's mischaracterization of the opinion and his criticism of an under-the-radar office. Yet Horowitz succeeded in drawing attention to his stance and secured legislation to ensure the access he wanted.

Horowitz has also been sensitive to media coverage of his office and public perception of its work. After the Justice Department disclosed anti-Trump text messages between FBI agent Peter Strzok and another FBI official, Horowitz issued an unusual statement to make clear his office hadn't been consulted on whether it approved the release.

Given the public and congressional interest in the FBI's handling of the

Clinton case, there was probably no way Horowitz could have avoided wading in, McCullough said.

"Once you're tasked to do it, it's the whole nine yards. You can't do it half-way."

The Clinton report has had practical consequences even before its release.

It was Horowitz who flagged the texts from Strzok, who worked on the bureau's Clinton investigation and later joined special counsel Robert Mueller's team. Strzok was reassigned.

And it was Horowitz's office that concluded McCabe hadn't been forthcoming about having authorized FBI officials to speak with a journalist about an investigation into the Clinton Foundation. The FBI's internal disciplinary office recommended McCabe's firing. Attorney General Jeff Sessions dismissed him last month.

McCabe denies misleading anyone. His lawyer, Michael Bromwich, a former inspector general himself, blamed Horowitz for severing the McCabe matter from the rest of the investigation. He says Horowitz and FBI disciplinary officials rushed to complete their work before McCabe's planned retirement.

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## A retired school nurse says she performed CPR on the Southwest Airlines plane

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A preliminary examination of the blown jet engine of the Southwest Airlines plane that set off a terrifying chain of events and left a businesswoman hanging half outside a shattered window showed evidence of "metal fatigue," according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

Passengers scrambled to save the woman from getting sucked out the window that had been smashed by debris and a registered nurse and emergency medical technician on the flight rushed to try to help her. She later died, and seven others were injured.

The pilots of the twin-engine Boeing 737 bound from New York to Dallas with 149 people aboard took it into a rapid descent Tuesday and made an emergency landing in Philadelphia. Oxygen masks dropped from the ceiling and passengers said their prayers and braced for impact.

"I just remember holding my husband's hand, and we just prayed and prayed," said passenger Amanda Bourman, of New York.

The dead woman was identified as Jennifer Riordan, a Wells Fargo bank executive and mother of two from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The seven other victims suffered minor injuries.

Retired registered nurse Peggy Phillips told WFAA-TV that she performed CPR on Riordan for about 20 minutes, until the plane landed in Philadelphia.

She said that shortly after takeoff "we heard a loud noise and the plane started shaking like nothing I've ever experienced before. It sounded like the plane was coming apart, and I think we pretty quickly figured out that something happened with the engine."

She said they started losing altitude and the masks came down and "basically I think all of us thought this might be it."

She then heard a lot of commotion a few rows behind her.

"It was a lot of chaos back there — a lot of really upset people and a lot of noise, and a big rush of air, a big whoosh of air," Phillips



**National Transportation Safety Board investigators examine damage to the engine of the Southwest Airlines plane that made an emergency landing at Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The Southwest Airlines jet blew the engine at 32,000 feet and got hit by shrapnel that smashed a window, setting off a desperate scramble by passengers to save a woman from getting sucked out. She later died, and seven others were injured.**

lips said.

After a flight attendant asked if anyone knew CPR, Phillips and an EMT lay the woman down and performed CPR until the plane was on the ground.

"If you can possibly imagine going through the window of an airplane at about 600 mph and hitting either the fuselage or the wing with your body, with your face, then I think I can probably tell you there was significant trauma," Phillips said.

The National Transportation Safety Board sent a team of investigators to Philadelphia and NTSB chairman Robert Sumwalt said late Tuesday that one of the engine's fan blades was separated and missing. The blade was separated at the point where it would come into the hub and there was evidence of metal fatigue, Sumwalt said.

The engine will be examined further to understand what caused the failure. The investigation is expected to take 12 to 15 months.

Photos of the plane on the tarmac showed a missing window and a chunk gone from the left engine, including part of its cover. A piece of the engine covering was later found in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) west of Philadelphia, Sumwalt said.

As a precaution, Southwest said Tuesday night that it would inspect similar engines in its fleet over the next 30 days.

Passengers praised one of the pilots, Tammie Jo Shults, for her cool-headed handling of the emergency. The former Navy pilot was at the controls when the plane made the emergency landing, according to her husband, Dean Shults. She

walked through the aisle and talked with passengers to make sure they were OK after the aircraft touched down.

"She has nerves of steel. That lady, I applaud her," said Alfred Tumlinson, of Corpus Christi, Texas. "I'm going to send her a Christmas card, I'm going to tell you that, with a gift certificate for getting me on the ground. She was awesome."

In a recording of conversations between the cockpit and air traffic controllers, an unidentified female crew member reported that there was a hole in the plane and "someone went out."

Tumlinson said a man in a cowboy hat rushed forward a few rows to grab the woman and pull her back in. "She was out of the plane. He couldn't do it by himself, so another gentleman came over and helped to get her back in the plane, and they

got her," he said.

Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said there were no problems with the plane or its engine when it was inspected on Sunday.

The jet's CFM56-7B engines were made by CFM International, jointly owned by General Electric and Safran Aircraft Engines of France. CFM said in a statement that the CFM56-7B has had "an outstanding safety and reliability record" since its debut in 1997.

Last year, the engine maker and the Federal Aviation Administration instructed airlines to make ultrasonic inspections of the fan blades of engines like those on the Southwest jet. The FAA said the move was prompted by a report of a fan blade failing and hurling debris. A Southwest spokeswoman said the engine that failed Tuesday

was not covered by that directive, but the airline announced it would speed up ultrasonic inspections of fan blades of its CFM56-series engines anyway.

"There's a ring around the engine that is meant to contain the engine pieces when this happens," said John Goglia, a former NTSB member. "In this case it didn't. That's going to be a big focal point for the NTSB — why didn't (the ring) do its job?"

In 2016, a Southwest Boeing 737-700 blew an engine as it flew from New Orleans to Orlando, Florida, and shrapnel tore a 5-by-16-inch hole just above the wing. The plane landed safely. The NTSB said a fan blade had broken off, apparently because of metal fatigue.

## Campus food pantries proliferate

SCHENECTADY, N.Y. (AP) — Free food pantries are becoming nearly as common as the campus bookstore at a growing number of colleges.

More than 570 campus food pantries nationwide are registered with the College and University Food Bank Alliance, which formed in 2012 and helps colleges set up food pantries and other hunger programs. New York recently required that they be established at all institutions in its state university system.

"You can't concentrate when you're hungry; you're irritable, you're not focusing. I did not perform well on some exams," said 47-year-old Borough of Manhattan Community College student Melanie Aucello, who is working on a college degree in hopes of improving her family's quality of life.

A report published this month by a lab at the University of Wisconsin found 36 percent of 43,000 students attending two- and four-year colleges who were surveyed in 20 states had trouble getting enough to eat, threatening the academic success that's key to overcoming poverty.

Among community college students alone, 42 percent struggled to pay for balanced meals.

"We see food-insecure students devote as much time to school and homework as other students, but they also work longer hours and get less sleep," said Sara Goldrick-Rab, a Temple University sociologist and founder of the HOPE (Harvesting Opportunities for Postsecondary Education) Lab at Wisconsin.

Studies, she said, have shown such students are like-

ly to have lower grades and graduation rates.

For young students from well-to-families, spending time as a starving student scarfing ramen noodles is often written off as a humorous rite of passage. But the demographics of typical college students are changing, and for many, hunger is a serious reality, Goldrick-Rab said.

Food insecurity is related to soaring college costs, stagnant family incomes, a poor labor market for part-time workers and employment requirements that make food stamps inaccessible, Goldrick-Rab said. There are also more low-income students, sometimes with children of their own, she said.

"There is no typical student who's food insecure; it can impact any type of student," said Clare Cady, a Temple University official

who is co-founder of the College and University Food Bank Alliance.

Food pantries cost little to colleges because they're typically run by volunteer students and faculty and are supported by donations of food and money.

The student-run Michigan State University Student Food Bank, launched in 1993, was the first. It buys food from a regional food bank and distributes it to more than 4,000 students and their families per year.

In California, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown in 2017 signed a law allocating \$7.5 million to fight campus hunger — not only for pantries, but also for other approaches, such as helping with access to public benefits programs.

In New York, Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo said an initiative launched this spring

makes New York the first state to require food pantries to be established at all 64 institutions in the State University of New York system. About 70 percent already had them.

At Schenectady County Community College, any student, regardless of income, can visit up to three times a month and select three days' worth of food such as canned beans, tuna, spaghetti sauce and pasta.

"It helps immensely because it's really difficult trying to balance school and finances, and it's difficult to work to have money for groceries while in school," 22-year-old biology major Hannah Daignault said.

"We have a lot of students who are low-income working parents or single people struggling to get by," said Robyn King, a college

counselor who coordinates the pantry. "Some receive food stamp benefits, but some make a little too much to qualify. We try to fill the gap."

Monroe Community College in Rochester seeks to provide a path to longer-term solutions. Its food wagon distributes free granola bars with labels directing students to the food pantry and Single Stop, an organization that helps students apply for government benefits such as food stamps, housing and childcare.

"The traditional student today is older with other obligations," Monroe president Anne Kress said. "A lot of them are living in a very narrow margin between financial security and insecurity. What's going to connect them to financial security is a college degree."



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# Satisfaction and grim disquiet share the stage

## Israelis mark 70 years as a country

JERUSALEM (AP) — Is Israel a success as it turns 70? As Israelis commemorate the milestone this week, satisfaction and a grim disquiet share the stage.

It has a standard of living that rivals Western Europe, though it lacks significant natural resources. It can boast of scientific achievements and military and technological clout beyond its modest size. It controls most of biblical Israel, and despite widespread criticism of its policies toward the Palestinians, it has cultivated good diplomatic ties with most of the world.

But it's also a country that is weary from decades of conflict with the Palestinians. It is riven by religious, ethnic and economic divisions. It is still seeking recognition in a region that has not fully come to terms with the presence of a Jewish state.

Its founding declaration offers it as a "light unto the nations," but it still is regularly accused of war crimes against Palestinians, millions of whom it has controlled for decades without the right to vote. There is no end in sight to its occupation of the West Bank, or to its crippling blockade of Hamas-ruled Gaza.

The grand peace hopes of the 1990s have mostly evaporated. Israel still feels endangered, with well-armed adversaries calling for its destruction and no permanent borders. Israelis are fretting over the possibility of war with archenemy Iran, which has a military presence in neighboring Syria.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, despite winning three elections since 2009, is reviled by many and faces corruption scandals.

A look at Israel at 70:

### WEALTH AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY

Fueled by a vibrant high-tech sector, Israel's per capita GDP of almost \$40,000 ranks with Italy and South Korea, and is within reach of Britain and France.

But it also suffers from one of the highest levels of inequality in the developed world, and poverty is especially prevalent among its Arabs and ultra-Orthodox Jews.

These two sectors, at nearly a third of the population and growing, risk dragging down the rest of the economy.

### PUNCHING ABOVE ITS WEIGHT

For a country of just under 9 million, Israel has enjoyed surprising success. It counts eight living Nobel winners among its citizens and has helped give the world instant messaging, Intel chips and smart, autonomous vehicles. High-tech units in the military have made Israel a global cybersecurity powerhouse.

It is in a small club of nations to have launched a satellite, and is widely believed to be among an even smaller group with nuclear weapons, although the government won't confirm it. Israel has one of the world's

strongest air forces.

It has won European basketball championships and song contests, and hit shows like "Homeland," "In Treatment" and "Fauda" are Israeli creations. Last year's blockbuster "Wonder Woman" — the highest-grossing live-action movie directed by a woman — starred Israeli actress Gal Gadot.

### FORGING A NATIONAL IDENTITY

Despite decades of development, Israel is still working at forging a national identity.

Over a century ago, Zionists in Europe saw the Jews as a nation, not just a religion. Persecution in Europe, culminating in the Holocaust, sent European Jews pouring into the Holy Land.

Soon after Israel's establishment in 1948, they were joined by immigrants from countries like Morocco, Yemen, Iraq and Iran.

These Middle Eastern, or Mizrahi, Jews had little in common with their European counterparts. They were poorer, more religious and often targets of discrimination. Three generations of integration and intermarriage have blurred the distinctions, but gaps remain.

Arrivals from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia have made Israel even more diverse, yet the different communities still often keep to themselves.

The entire arrangement can seem an affront to the founding idea of the Jews as a nation — yet it is also a rare feat that all of these have been forged into a Hebrew-speaking population with considerable national pride.

Still, antipathy exists along cultural lines: Many Europeans, still said to account for perhaps half the Jews in Israel, cannot stand the popular Arabic-style "Mizrahi music" that in earlier days was suppressed; Moroccan-descended Culture Minister Miri Regev once boasted she does not read Chekhov.

Meanwhile, nationalist lawmakers push legislation that would define Israel as the Jewish nation-state. These initiatives have faltered so far amid criticism that they would discriminate against the Arab minority of about one in five citizens.

### DISAGREEMENTS OVER JUDAISM

After 70 years, the place of Judaism in the Jewish state is unclear.

Most Israelis are either secular or mildly religious. Yet the devout ultra-Orthodox, about 10 percent of the population, wield disproportionate influence because right-wing coalitions never have been able to muster a majority without them.

They have used their political power to shut down much of the country on Saturdays, the Jewish day of rest; obtain exemptions from compulsory military service; and gain a monopoly overseeing rituals



In this Dec. 6, 2017 file photo, Jerusalem's Old City is seen through a door with the shape of the star of David. As Israel marks the 70th anniversary of statehood starting at sundown Wednesday, April 18, 2018, satisfaction over its successes and accomplishments share the stage with a grim disquiet over the never-ending conflict with the Palestinians, internal divisions and an uncertain place in a hostile region.



This June 21, 2017 photo shows a view of Tel Aviv, Israel.

like weddings and funerals. Their strict rules have upset the secular majority, but attempts at change frequently result in violent protests.

The issue of religion has also affected relations with U.S. Jews — the largest Jewish community outside Israel and a key base of support. Israel's Orthodox establishment repeatedly has sought to prevent inroads made by the liberal streams of Judaism popular in the U.S. Last year, it blocked plans to allow egalitarian prayer at Jerusalem's Western Wall.

Such moves have created a sense that liberal American Jews are unwelcome. They also have been disenchanted by Israeli policies toward the Palestinians. American Jews tend to be liberal and support the Democratic Party, while Netanyahu boasts close ties with President Donald Trump.

### RELATIONS WITH ARAB WORLD

After Israel declared independence, its Arab neighbors attacked it. And even after the watershed 1967 Mideast war, in which Israel captured parts of Syria, Jordan and Egypt, the Arab world refused to engage.

That began to change with the 1979 peace agreement with Egypt, Israel's first with an Arab country. Jordan followed in 1994, after Israel reached an interim peace deal with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Meanwhile, Netanyahu strengthened ties with countries like India, China and Russia.

He often boasts of covert ties with moderate Arab countries — presumably Saudi Arabia and other Gulf nations that share Israel's concerns about Iran. Saudi Arabia now allows flights between Israel and India to use its airspace. But without resolution of the Palestinian issue, formal relations remain elusive.

### PALESTINIAN ENTANGLEMENT

The euphoria that accom-

panied the interim peace accords of the mid-1990s was short-lived.

The sides established an autonomous "Palestinian Authority" with limited powers on islands of territory but were never able to complete a final deal, due to deep disagreements and repeated violence that killed thousands. Israel's relations with the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank are poor; its relations with Gaza's militant Hamas rulers, who seized the territory from the Palestinian Authority in 2007, are hostile.

Israel has faced heavy criticism and war crimes allegations for high civilian casualties in Gaza — most recently with the deaths of over two dozen Palestinians in border protests. Israel and Hamas have fought three wars. Hamas, which is committed to Israel's destruction, has repeatedly fired rockets at Israel, with Israel accusing its leaders of using civilians as cover for attacks.

Despite the autonomy

arrangement, Israel has effective control in the West Bank over 2.5 million Palestinians who are left without voting rights, while it has expanded Jewish settlements in the same territory. That has drawn international condemnation and comparisons to apartheid in South Africa.

For years, it seemed that Israel would agree to a Palestinian state next door in order to preserve its status as a democracy with a Jewish majority. But after failed talks, Israel's current hard-line government opposes the very idea of negotiations. Opponents consider this a suicidal path.

If things continue this way, a fateful decision awaits: Give Palestinians citizenship in a single state, and end Israel's status as a Jewish-majority country; or maintain a two-tiered system, with a disenfranchised Palestinian population that could no longer credibly claim to be a democracy.



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# When to say when

## Study says limit alcohol to 1 drink a day

NEW YORK (AP) — Here's some sobering news: A large international study says adults should average no more than one alcoholic drink per day, and that means drinking guidelines in many countries may be far too loose.

The study found that people who down more than seven drinks a week can expect to die sooner than those who drink less.

"What this is saying is, if you're really concerned about your longevity, don't have more than a drink a day," said David Jernigan, a Johns Hopkins University alcohol researcher who was not involved in the study.

While the U.S. government currently recommends no more than seven drinks a week for women, the recommendation for men is 14 drinks. That's because earlier studies found women are hit by the effects of alcohol at lower amounts than men for several reasons, including women weigh less than men on average and blood alcohol concentrations rise faster.

The new study estimates that 40-year-old men who drink as much as the current U.S. guidelines allow can expect to live one to two years less than men who have no more than seven drinks per week.

Canada and Sweden have guidelines similar to those in the U.S. set by the Department of Agriculture. Some countries have much higher ceilings. Spain and Romania set the upper limit for men at the equivalent of 20 drinks each week, for example.

British guidelines were like the U.S. standards until two years ago, when U.K. health officials brought the recommendation for men down to the level for women.

The study "is a serious wake-up call for many countries," Jeremy Pearson of the British Heart Foundation said in a statement. The group partly funded the



**This June 16, 2016 file photo made with a fisheye lens shows bottles of alcohol during a tour of a state liquor store in Salt Lake City. A large international study released on Thursday, April 12, 2018 says adults should average no more than one alcoholic drink per day, and that means many countries' alcohol consumption guidelines may be far too loose.**

study, which was published Thursday by the Lancet journal.

The research combined results from 83 studies conducted in 19 countries, tracking nearly 600,000 people who drank alcohol. The researchers focused on who developed — and died from — stroke and different forms of heart disease. They made a point of excluding people who had a known history of heart problems at the time they had entered a study.

About half the participants said they had more

than 100 grams of alcohol a week. There's variation from country to country as to how many grams of alcohol are generally found in a standard drink. In Britain, that's about six pints of beer a week. But in the U.S., 100 grams is equivalent to what's in seven 12-ounce cans of beer, 5-ounce glasses of wine, or 1.5-ounce shots of rum, gin or other distilled spirits.

The researchers found a higher risk of stroke, heart failure and other problems in that group of heavier drinkers. That may partly reflect

that alcohol can elevate blood pressure and alter cholesterol levels, the researchers said.

Notably, the heavier drinkers were less likely to have a heart attack. But balanced against the increased risk of a stroke and other heart problems, the impact of drinking more than seven drinks a week is more bad than good, said the study's lead author, Dr. Angela Wood of the University of Cambridge in England.

Like most studies, this one has flaws. It's not built to make firm conclusions about

cause and effect. Research that rolls together previous studies can be problematic if they aren't similar enough, though this one appears to have done a good job at overcoming that obstacle and combining comparable data, Jernigan said.

Researchers relied on what participants reported drinking at the start, recognizing that many people may be lowballing how much they actually down. And the study didn't account for any changes in their drinking habits.

At O'Hara's Restaurant

and Pub, a watering hole in lower Manhattan, one patron shrugged off the study and its recommendation. Shawn Freeman, visiting from St. Louis, said other things influence how much he drinks, like his mood and whether he'll be driving.

Another patron, Jaussi Ruotsalainen, a tourist from Finland, said he rarely drinks because he has two young kids at home.

"That takes care of it," he said.

# Doctors keep licenses despite sex abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Hollywood moguls, elite journalists and top politicians have been pushed out of their jobs or resigned amid allegations of sexual misconduct, the world of medicine is more forgiving, according to an Associated Press investigation.

Even when doctors are disciplined, their punishment often consists of a short suspension paired with therapy that treats sexually abusive behavior as a symptom of an illness or addiction.

Decades of complaints that the physician disciplinary system is too lenient on sex-abusing doctors have produced little change in the practices of state medical boards. And the #MeToo campaign and the rapid push in recent months to increase accountability for sexual

misconduct in American workplaces do not appear to have sparked a movement toward changing how medical boards deal with physicians who act out sexually against patients or staffers.

"There's been a failure of the medical community to take a stand against the issue," said Azza Abudagga, a health services researcher with nonprofit advocacy organization Public Citizen.

She published a report recently detailing sexual misconduct among physicians. Its findings showed of the 253 doctors reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank for having been sanctioned by their respective hospitals or health care organizations for sexual misconduct, or paid a settlement that stemmed from such an allegation, 170 of them

were not disciplined by state medical boards, even though all boards have access to the reports filed with the data bank.

Current guidelines from the Federation of State Physician Health Programs, which represents doctor rehab programs in 47 states, are largely silent on handling sexual misconduct treatment and describe sexual harassment as a "cause of impairment" in a doctor. Programs to treat doctor impairment are inherently supposed to be "non-disciplinary," per the federation's guidelines.

State-authorized programs that attempt to oversee the rehabilitation of doctors who have committed sexual misconduct aren't always forthcoming about their methods. In Florida, the Professional's Resource Network asked the AP to provide detailed

questions and a list of sources before it would answer questions.

After the AP provided the head of the program, Alexis Polles, with basic questions about the program's approach to clearing doctors for return to work after instances of sexual abuse, she declined to answer any of them.

The lenience of penalties for sexually abusive doctors sometimes a source of frustration even for members of the medical board who administer the discipline, according to Jason Rosenberg, a former chairman of the Florida medical board.

"This is incredibly inappropriate," Rosenberg said during one 2013 meeting when Florida's medical board allowed James Yelton-Rossello, a psychiatrist alleged to have molested jailed psychiat-

ric patients, to keep his license. The settlement with the Florida board of medicine did not require Yelton-Rossello to admit guilt.

"You can't do this and serve french fries," Rosenberg said at that meeting, citing some fast food restaurants' policies against hiring sex offenders. "I'm ashamed of what's going on here."

Yelton-Rossello's lawyer did not respond to telephone messages or an email request for comment.

In practice, even some lawyers who represent doctors find the physician health programs to be problematic. David Spicer, who has represented doctors facing medical board discipline in Florida, says the state's doctor rehabilitation program isn't well designed to evaluate or

treat sexual misbehavior. The program's key component, he said, is a "one-size-fits-all" requirement that doctors engage in therapy sessions and not get into trouble for a specified period, generally five years.

Experts in the treatment of sexual misbehavior question whether the treatments mandated for doctors who molest patients are even appropriate for such misconduct.

"It's insufficient," said Rory Reid, a UCLA psychology professor who studies addiction and hypersexual behavior. "We have clinical trials for everything underneath the sun," Reid said. "But there's not one clinical trial that I'm aware of on the efficacy of treatment for doctors who have engaged in sexual misconduct."



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# Anxiety grows for Trump after raid on his personal lawyer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and his allies have hit a new level of anxiety after the raid on his personal attorney's office, fearful of deeper exposure for Trump, his inner circle and his adult children — and more than concerned that they don't know exactly what is in those records and electronic devices seized last week.

There is also some worry that Michael Cohen, the self-described legal fixer who helped make bad stories go away and took a leading role in Trump Organization projects in foreign outposts, may strike a deal with prosecutors out of concern about his own prospects.

"I think it's a huge minefield for Donald Trump and the Trump Organization," said trial attorney Joseph Cammarata, who represented Paula Jones in her sexual harassment suit against President Bill Clinton. "I think this is on its own track and this train is coming down the track with brute force."

The wild legal show continued to play out Monday, at a court hearing in New York before a federal judge who is considering what to do with the material that the FBI seized from Cohen. The scene was punctuated by dramatic entrances and revelations. Stormy Daniels — the porn actress who alleged she had a sexual affair with the president — made an appearance, stumbling on her high heels as she was swarmed by press. Cohen was forced to reveal that another one of his clients is Fox News host Sean Hannity, a high-profile confidant of the president.

Trump left the White House for Florida, for a two-day summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the president's Mar-a-Lago estate. Advisers are hoping the meeting will draw attention from the legal tempest in Washington and New York.

On the trip south, White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders sought to put distance between Trump and Cohen, saying: "I believe they've still got some ongoing things, but the president has a large number of attorneys, as you know."

The federal raid, carried out a week ago in New



AP  
President Donald Trump walks from the Oval Office of the White House to Marine One in Washington, Monday, April 16, 2018, for the short trip to Andrews Air Force Base en route to Miami.

York City, sought bank records, information on Cohen's dealing in the taxi industry, Cohen's communications with the Trump campaign and information on payments he made in 2016 to former Playboy model Karen McDougal and to Daniels, both of whom allege relationships with Trump. The court proceedings Monday dealt with who gets to look at Cohen's seized documents and devices before they are turned over to prosecutors.

Though Cohen once said he "would take a bullet" for Trump, he is aware of the possible outcome — including potential prison time — and has expressed worry about his family, said a person who has spoken to the lawyer in recent days but is not authorized to discuss private conversations. Cohen has not been charged with anything.

Trump's moods have grown darker in recent days, as he lashes out at

the "overreach" of the raid. Further angering the president is that the raid was triggered in part by a referral from special counsel Robert Mueller, who is looking into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. The raid was authorized by the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York.

On Twitter Sunday, Trump said that all lawyers are now "deflated and concerned" by the FBI raid on Cohen, adding that "Attorney Client privilege is now a thing of the past." Trump has also taken to downplaying Cohen's role.

The president also inveighed further against former FBI Director James Comey, who said Monday morning that Trump was morally unfit to be president. That was a few hours after Comey said the same and worse in a highly promoted ABC interview.

Many in the White House view the aftershocks of the Cohen raid

as potentially more threatening than Mueller's Russia probe, fearful of what skeletons may be in the lawyer's closets, according to five officials and outside allies who all spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

"I agree with the consensus forming that it's very dangerous for the president, probably the most serious thing yet," said Sol Wisenberg, a defense attorney who was a deputy independent counsel during the Starr special counsel investigation into Clinton. "Even if you shut Mueller down some way, how do you shut down the Southern District (federal court)?"

Trump's anger at the probe has intensified, with him musing publicly about firing Mueller and the man who authorized the probe, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Those around Trump have hoped that this week's visit to Mar-a-Lago, where he is

generally happier, along with the tightly scheduled summit with Abe, would somewhat distract him from Cohen and from Comey's ongoing publicity tour.

But White House aides have also expressed worry that they can control Trump less at his palatial Florida estate, where he is known to seek out counsel from club members and get revved up by their at-times provocative advice. One recent presidential dinner guest was Hannity, a long-time Trump ally whose connection to Cohen shed more light on the attorney who was more than just a lawyer for Trump.

Cohen has long been a key power center in the Trump Organization and a fixture along the edges of Trump's nascent political life. In Cohen's own estimation, he is Trump's Ray Donovan, the bruising television character who takes whatever steps are needed to fix problems for the tycoon he serves.

He has regularly threatened lawsuits against those who pose a challenge to Trump. He has berated reporters for writing unflattering words about his boss. He has worked with tabloids, including the National Enquirer, to kill unfavorable stories about Trump. He has said he used a home-equity loan to finance a \$130,000 payment to Daniels in the final days of the 2016 campaign and did so without Trump's knowledge.

The president has consistently denied a relationship with Daniels, who claims the two had sex not long after first lady Melania Trump gave birth to the couple's son Barron. He has also pushed back against other claims from women.

A recent Trump fundraising email praised Mrs. Trump, with the president calling her "my rock and foundation."

# White House says Russia sanctions still under consideration

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House scrambled Monday to walk back U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley's weekend announcement that new economic sanctions against Russia are imminent, but stressed the penalties are still being considered.

Haley created a firestorm Sunday when she said the new sanctions would be imposed by the Treasury Department on Monday, when, in fact, no such announcement was planned, according to two officials familiar with the matter.

In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tried to clarify the situation, but her explanation created

more confusion and led to suggestions that President Donald Trump had personally intervened to halt the sanctions from taking effect Monday.

"We are considering additional sanctions on Russia and a decision will be made in the near future," Sanders said in a statement.

The two officials, who were not authorized to discuss private administration deliberations publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity, said Haley had misspoken when she said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin would announce the sanctions Monday "if he hasn't already." Haley said the sanctions would target

those who are enabling Syrian leader Bashar Assad's government to continue using chemical weapons.

The two officials said the administration had no plans to announce Syria-related sanctions on Russia this week, although they noted that two entities were hit with such penalties last month in a largely overlooked portion of a sanctions package that dealt mainly with Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and hacking.

After Haley's comments, some in the administration suggested the sanctions now being considered could be rolled out Monday. But others said it would be

wiser and more effective to wait for a period longer than three days after the U.S., British and French infuriated Russia with their missile strikes on Syria on Friday.

The officials could not say when the new sanctions would be announced.

Meanwhile, President Donald Trump continued to hail the missile attack as perfectly carried out.

Trump tweeted "Mission Accomplished" on Saturday after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. While he declared success, the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-

related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.

Trump's choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that would tie down U.S. forces for years.

Later Sunday, Trump sent a letter to congressional leaders informing them in writing of his decision to order the strike. Under the

War Powers Resolution, the president must keep Congress informed of such actions.

The nighttime assault on Syria was carefully limited to minimize civilian casualties and avoid direct conflict with Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow it was coming. The Pentagon said it gave no explicit warning. The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, Jon Huntsman, said in a video, "Before we took action, the United States communicated with" Russia to "reduce the danger of any Russian or civilian casualties."

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# Months later, mudslide survivors finding personal treasures

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When a torrent of mud crashed through Mari Mitchel's bedroom in Southern California three months ago, it carried away everything from massive pieces of antique family furniture to a tiny pouch that held her wedding and engagement rings and a beloved pendant.

As the days turned into weeks and the weeks into months, Mitchel had nearly lost all hope she would ever see her most treasured jewelry again.

But on April 3, the 65-year-old Mitchel got what she calls her "tiny miracle." The pouch filled with her jewelry was plucked from a 6-foot (2-meter) pile of mud down the street from her house.

"My knees were shaking, and I was oh-my-goshing and jumping up and down," Mitchel said. "I cried tears of joy, disbelief and thorough happiness."

Months after the Jan. 9 mudslides killed at least 21 people and nearly wiped the small community of Montecito off the map, those who survived are still looking for and finding their belongings in the deep and hardened sludge. They lost loved ones, neighbors and houses in the catastrophe, which still looks like it happened yesterday. Two children remain missing.

Through the shock and the misery, a Facebook page called Montecito Disaster Lost & Found has become a ray of hope for many, a tiny bit of good amid a whole lot of heartache. Started a couple of days after the tragedy, the page has connected hundreds of lost items with their owners — everything from old family photos and wedding veils to a 400-pound (180-kilogram) hippo statue.

Items still unclaimed on the site include signed NFL helmets, a WWII canteen, a trumpet, an intact teacup and a wedding photo from the early 1900s.

Last week, Santa Barbara resident Sarah Eglin made one of the more incredible finds as she walked along a Montecito trail with her children. It was a zipped-up bag covered in mud, with just a touch of lace sticking out. It turned out to be a wedding veil and the underskirt of a wedding dress.

Eglin posted the find on the Facebook page and two days later, Montecito resident Karen MacDonald responded that they were hers; they had been swept away along with MacDonald's entire house.

"The thing that's surprising is it's been three months since the catastrophe, and you wouldn't expect stuff to still be turning up," said the 63-year-old MacDonald, who wore the veil and underskirt at her wedding 35 years ago.

They had been packed away ever since, perhaps waiting for the day when one of her two daughters decided to marry. The veil and underskirt are among only a handful of items the family has recovered.

"We treasure and we take comfort in what we've got because we lost so much," MacDonald said. "It offers some consolation."

Santa Barbara resident Amanda Hockham found a massive hippo statue in February while volunteering with a group called the Bucket Brigade, which helps clear mud from people's homes.

The hippo was missing one leg, lying on its side and caked in mud.

Hockham immediately took to the Facebook page: "Anyone missing a hippo?" she posted.



In this Wednesday, April 11, 2018, photo, mudslide survivor Mari Mitchel visits her home, which was heavily damaged in the mudslide, in Montecito, Calif

Soon enough, the 55-year-old Hockham connected with the owner, who had been desperate to find the statue. It had sentimental value because it was a gift to her late husband.

Using heavy equipment and a hoist, volunteers rescued the hippo, cleaned it with a power washer, and fitted it with a stump as a prosthetic leg — nearly completely restoring the statue to its former glory.

"A lot of people have absolutely nothing left," Hockham said. "If we can go find something — anything — and give it back, it feels really good."

Finding such personal items can be an important part of psychological recovery in the wake of a traumatic event, said Judith Fox, a professor and director of the University

of Denver's International Disaster Psychology Program.

"They really are symbols of the life that they've led and one's life with one's family," Fox said. "For most people those are pretty important symbols, and to have that all wiped away is extremely traumatic."

Erin Doherty, who lives near Montecito in Santa Barbara, said she began the Facebook page after finding blue diamond earrings inside a pouch in a massive pile of debris while she was walking on the beach.

She put a photo of the earrings on Facebook in a post that was shared more than 10,000 times. It turned out the earrings belonged to a woman who died in the disaster with her husband after their

home was swept away.

Doherty returned the earrings to the woman's tearful and grateful daughter and realized it was just the beginning.

"I thought, 'This is going to become a big problem,'" said Doherty, who also ended up finding the Boy Scout uniform of a 17-year-old who's still missing. After cleaning it, she gave the uniform back to his mother.

"Everything was at the mercy of the mud," Doherty said. "It's absolutely impossible to comprehend the force of this thing until you've been there. You'll be walking through some trees, and you look 20 feet (6 meters) up, and there's somebody's hair dryer tangled up in the branches."

"This thing was a beast," she said.

Mitchel, the woman who recently recovered her jewelry, barely escaped the disaster with her own life.

She and her husband were standing in their bedroom in the middle of the night when it hit. They had been awoken by a loud boom and the noise of the impending mudslide.

When it hit their bedroom, Mitchel said she and her husband were completely submerged before being slammed into separate corners of the room as mud roared through their French doors, through their house and downhill.

She said they're grateful to be alive and for everything they have left.

"That mud ate things," Mitchel said. "The mountain came down on us, so it's a miracle that anything can be found."

# Starbucks faces image crisis after arrest of 2 black men

NEW YORK (AP) — Three years ago, Starbucks was widely ridiculed for trying to start a national conversation on race relations by asking its employees to write the words "Race Together" on coffee cups. The initiative, though it backfired, was in line with the company's longstanding effort to project a progressive and inclusive image.

The company is now through the looking glass, trying to tamp down a racially charged uproar over the arrest of two black men at one of its stores in Philadelphia. How could Starbucks, which once urged its employees to start conversations about race with customers, now be under fire for its treatment of black people?

The episode highlights the risks large corporations run when they tie their brands so closely to social messaging. In 2015, then-CEO Howard Schultz shrugged off the "Race Together" fiasco as a well-intentioned mistake and pressed on with his public efforts to engage in the debate over race in America.

His successor, Kevin Johnson, is now scrambling to keep the Philadelphia incident from shattering the message Schultz was going for: Starbucks is a corporation that stands for something beyond profit.

"The more your brand is trying to connect emotionally to people, the more hurt people feel when these kinds of things happen," said Jacinta Gauda, the head of the Gauda Group, a New York strategic communications firm affiliated with the Grayling network. "They are breaking a promise. That's what makes it hurt deeper."

Beyond racial relations, Starbucks has staked much of its brand on its dual promise of providing good customer service and treating its employees well, said John Gordon, a restaurant industry analyst with Pacific Management Consulting Group. The Seattle company has a reputation for well-managed stores, "a point of difference that allows them to sell primarily drinks and coffees that have a higher cost," he said.

But in a multinational

company with more than 28,000 stores worldwide, there has "to be a situation every day where some human being handles things wrong. You can't have that many employees and not have something stupid happen," Gordon said. "Even with a huge operations manual that lays out what to say and what to do, you can't cover everything."

Still, Starbucks has set its own high bar.

Last month, the company claimed it had achieved 100 percent pay equity across gender and race for all its U.S. employees and committed to doing the same for its overseas operations, an initiative publicly backed by equality activist Billie Jean King. The company also touts the diversity of its workforce, saying minorities comprise more than 40 percent of its employees in the U.S.

In 2016, Starbucks promised to invest in 15 "underserved" communities across the country, trying to counter an image of a company catering to a mostly white clientele.

One of those stores opened in Ferguson, Missouri, the scene of the 2014 protests that erupted following the police shooting of Michael Brown, one of several such killings that moved Schultz to launch the Race Together campaign.

Those efforts are in stark contrast to the video that went viral over the weekend showing the two black men being arrested by police who were called by an employee. Officials have said police officers were told the men had asked to use the store's restroom but were denied because they hadn't bought anything and they refused to leave. A Starbucks spokeswoman said Tuesday that the employee no longer works at the store, but declined to give further details.

On Monday, about two dozen protesters took over the Philadelphia shop, chanting slogans like, "A whole lot of racism, a whole lot of crap, Starbucks coffee is anti-black." The hashtag #BoycottStarbucks trended on Twitter.

Johnson, who called has called the arrests "rep-

rehensible," arrived in Philadelphia this weekend to personally confront the crisis. He met with the two men Monday, the company's spokeswoman said. Johnson also promised to revamp store management training to include "unconscious-bias" training.

"I watched the video, which was hard to watch. That is not what Starbucks is about. That is not representative of our mission, our values and our guiding principles," Johnson said.

Gauda, who has developed workplace inclusion and diversity strategies for corporate clients, cautioned that any unconscious-bias training should not be treated as "special subject" but incorporated as a core part of its employee training. She warned Starbucks against treating Philadelphia as a one-off affair, urging the company to investigate whether there were any warning signs.

"I would suspect that this particular issue is something that has occurred before," Gauda said. "The company is in crisis mode now, but they

should not look at this as an isolated issue."

Gauda and other corporate communications experts said they were impressed that Johnson immediately took a hands-on approach to addressing the crisis, saying his efforts would pay off in an age where corporations are under the glare of social media.

"I'm actually surprised he is handling it the way a CEO should be handling it. He went in head first and he took the blame for it," said M.J. McCallum, vice president and creative director of Muse Communications, an advertising and communications agency with an African-American focus. "I definitely applaud that. Most people won't jump on the bomb."

"Starbucks has a great reputation. They stand for a better culture. They have stores in inner cities," McCallum said. "I think he realizes what this one incident can do for his brand."

# Chemical weapons inspectors reach Syrian town

BEIRUT (AP) — International inspectors have entered the Syrian town where an alleged chemical attack was carried out earlier this month, Syrian state media reported Tuesday, after they had waited for days in the capital for permission from Syrian and Russian authorities.

The fact-finding mission from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons is investigating reports that government forces launched an April 7 chemical attack in the final stages of their fight to retake the town of Douma from rebels. The alleged gas attack, which Syrian activists say killed more than 40 people, prompted punitive U.S., British and French airstrikes.

Syria and its ally Russia deny any chemical attack took place, and Russian officials have accused Britain of staging a "fake" chemical attack. British Prime Minister Theresa May says Syria and Russia — whose forces now control the town east of Damascus — are trying to cover up evidence.

Journalists were allowed access to the suspected attack sites on Monday, but the OPCW said Syrian and Russian authorities blocked the inspectors.

The Associated Press spoke to survivors and witnesses who described being hit by gas. Several said a strange smell started spreading and people screamed. "It's chlorine! It's chlorine!"

The U.S. and France say they have evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces used poison gas in the attack, but they have not provided any evidence, even after Saturday's punitive missile strikes.

Douma was the last rebel-held town near Damascus, and the target of a government offensive in February and March that killed hundreds of people and displaced tens of thousands. Hours after the alleged chemical attack, the rebel faction that controlled the town, the Army of Islam, relented and was evacuated along with thousands of



**Syrians walk through destruction in the town of Douma, the site of a suspected chemical weapons attack, near Damascus, Syria, Monday, April 16, 2018. Faisal Mekdad, Syria's deputy foreign minister, said on Monday that his country is "fully ready" to cooperate with the fact-finding mission from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons that's in Syria to investigate the alleged chemical attack that triggered U.S.-led airstrikes.**

residents.

The site visit came hours after reports of more international air strikes on Syrian military installations. The Syrian military later said a false alarm set off air defense systems early Tuesday, retracting earlier reports of a pre-dawn "outside aggression" on its airfields in the central Homs region and a suburb of Damascus.

The Pentagon denied any American military activity in the area. There was no comment from Israel, which frequently carries out airstrikes in Syria but rarely acknowledges them.

Explosions were heard in the areas of the two bases, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the conflict

through a network of sources inside the country. But it said no missiles landed inside the bases.

Earlier this month, four Iranian military personnel were killed in an airstrike on Syria's T4 air base, also in Homs. Syria and its main allies Iran and Russia blamed Israel for that attack. Israel did not confirm or deny the allegations.

The lack of access to Douma has left unanswered questions about the attack earlier this month. OPCW Director-General Ahmet Uzumcu said Syrian and Russian officials cited "pending security issues" in keeping its inspectors from reaching Douma.

"The team has not yet deployed to Douma," Uzumcu told an executive council

meeting of the OPCW in The Hague on Monday.

Instead, Syrian authorities offered them 22 people to interview as witnesses, he said, adding that he hoped "all necessary arrangements will be made ... to allow the team to deploy to Douma as soon as possible."

Earlier Monday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said the inspectors could not go to the site because they needed approval from the U.N. Department for Safety and Security. He denied that Russia was hampering the mission and suggested the approval was held up because of the Western airstrikes.

However, U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said the United Nations had

provided all the necessary clearances for the team to visit Douma.

On Monday, the AP visited a two-room underground shelter where Khaled Mahmoud Nuseir said 47 people were killed, including his pregnant wife and two daughters, 18-month-old Qamar and 2 1/2-year-old Nour. A strange smell lingered, nine days after the attack.

Nuseir, 25, said he ran from the shelter to a nearby clinic and fainted. After he was revived, he returned to the shelter and found his wife and daughters dead, with foam coming from their mouths.

He and two other residents accused the rebel Army of Islam of carrying out the attack. As they

spoke, government troops were nearby but out of earshot. Nuseir said a cylinder was found leaking the poison gas, adding that he didn't think it was dropped from the air because it still looked intact.

Separately, the AP spoke to a medic who was among those who later were evacuated to northern Syria. Ahmed Abed al-Nafaa said helicopters were flying before the attack and when he reached the site, people were screaming "chlorine." He said he tried to enter the shelter but was overcome by a strong smell of chlorine and his comrades pulled him out.

# For some, MLB's Puerto Rico trip is a homecoming

GURABO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Cleveland star Francisco Lindor held a baseball in his hand, ready to pitch, and asked the young boy standing at home plate if he knew how to swing a bat.

The kid said no.

The kid might have been fibbing. Lindor's soft-toss pitch became a line drive, and the kid at Escuela Villa Marina — the same grammar school that Lindor attended years ago — looked at the All-Star shortstop and grinned as onlookers applauded.

"This is what it's about," Lindor said.

Cleveland and Minnesota are in Puerto Rico to play a two-game series in San Juan starting Tuesday night. But the Indians and Twins also know they're serving a larger purpose on this trip, which is why many of the players from both teams ventured out

among the Puerto Rican people Monday to give back to an island that was robbed of so much by Hurricane Maria last September.

Lindor went back to his first school in Gurabo, his hometown. Minnesota's Jose Berrios, who will start on the mound for the Twins in his homeland on Wednesday night, visited a children's hospital in San Juan and was flanked by many of his teammates. Twins outfielder Eddie Rosario, like Lindor, also went home — he was headlining a clinic in Guayama, the city where he grew up.

"It's an honor. It's a privilege," Lindor said at the school where some local residents were standing outside the chain-link fence more than an hour before he arrived, hoping to just catch a glimpse of Gurabo's favorite son. "I'm

blessed to be here. It's a dream and I'm excited. Stuff like that is something I always wanted to do. As soon as I was a professional baseball player, I always wanted to come back and do something like this special for the kids — not for me, for the kids, for the community."

Berrios knows exactly what Lindor is feeling. On Wednesday night, the right-hander from Bayamon — located just south of San Juan — is expected to become the second Puerto Rican pitcher to start a regular-season big-league game at Hiram Bithorn Stadium. Javier Vazquez started four in 2003, when the park was used as an alternate home field by the Montreal Expos.

"It's emotional," Berrios said. "I feel it already. The stadium where we're playing, Roberto Clem-

ente played there. My dad watched him play there. Growing up, I watched baseball there. And now we're going to play there."

Part of this trip is about giving, and the Indians elected to give a full playoff share, roughly \$37,000, from last season to causes in Puerto Rico. Some of that money is going to the Nuestra Escuela school, which was hit hard by Hurricane Maria. The wives of Indians players collaborated on a separate donation as well.

"Absolutely honored," said Ana Yris Gusman Torres, the school's principal, as she clutched the check that was brought in an Indians envelope. "We will make the best use of it that we can."

Much more is coming over the next couple days on the donation fronts.

Tuesday, a cargo van and truck that will serve

as mobile response units — financed by MLB — will be delivered, both vehicles outfitted and loaded with supplies to assist in the ongoing home-repair and construction efforts in Puerto Rico. Wednesday, another check from MLB will be delivered to give more than 2,000 Little League players new uniforms and apparel, as well as a donation from the MLB Players Association and Players Trust to Feeding America.

"Sports, it's underrated," former big-league great Bobby Bonilla, who was born in New York but is of Puerto Rican descent, said as he watched Lindor interact with hundreds of kids — with a tattered blue tarp blowing off one roof in the distance. "Sports heals. Big time."

Hiram Bithorn has hosted about four dozen MLB regular-season games over

the last two decades.

There was a Texas-Toronto game in 2001, then 43 more in the 2003 and 2004 seasons when the Expos relocated there on occasion, and a three-game set between the then-Florida Marlins and the New York Mets in 2010. The Marlins and Pittsburgh were to play a two-game series in San Juan in honor of Roberto Clemente Day in 2016, but the games were relocated to Miami over concerns about the Zika virus.

But the scene Tuesday night is expected to just be different.

"Extremely emotional," Lindor said. "It's something that I don't take for granted. Take in every little second of it. I'm blessed. I'm blessed to see how everything's coming along ... it's a dream come true."



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In this Nov. 30, 2017 file photo, then-Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) catches a pass for a touchdown over Washington Redskins cornerback Bashaud Breeland (26) in Arlington, Texas.

## Cowboys' Prescott sad to see Bryant go, says he had no part in decision

DALLAS (AP) — While speculation abounds regarding which Dallas Cowboys captains played a role in Dez Bryant's departure as the receiver alluded to in an interview with the NFL Network on Friday, quarterback Dak Prescott denied any involvement and expressed sadness over the receiver's departure.

"Obviously it's sad news," said Prescott, speaking at the Albertsons and Tom Thumb Dak Prescott Women's Clinic at Parish Episcopal School on Saturday night. "That is a brother to me. Put the football stuff beyond you, what he meant to me as a person, what he meant to me as a brother, it's tough to see him gone. It shows you it's a business. It motivates me. And it puts all this in perspective. Just got to go to work."

Prescott has already heard that Bryant pointed the finger at the team captains for playing a role in his

departure.

"As much you want to say yeah I want a say so ... those guys get paid a lot more than me," Prescott said. "That is what those guys are there to do. That is not my decision."

"I am sure [Bryant] is hearing stuff," Prescott continued. "I am sure he is getting it from a lot of different ways. So I am not going to finger point at anybody. I'm not going to get upset about who he is pointing at or who he thinks did this. As I said, it's a business and that's part of it."

Prescott said Bryant will be missed and the Cowboys have to figure out how to replace him. But he said his focus is on getting better at his job.

"He was a great player," Prescott said. "He did a lot of great things for us. He was a guy in man-to-man you go to. At this point, we got to figure that out with the guys we got. I am sure we are going to go after guys

in the draft and free agency. Who knows? All I can do is to continue to get better at my job and do the best I can do."

Free agent signees Allen Hurns and Deonte Thompson will be a big part of the team's plans to replace Bryant, as will a receiver in the draft. The Cowboys are focused on taking one in the first or second round.

"We have thrown. I have thrown with Hurns," Prescott said when asked about the new receivers. "Deonte is on his way. We have communicated. We will see. We will figure it out. Dez is going to be a hard guy to replace. He is a talented guy. So he will be missed."

Prescott has been a part of a group of 50 Cowboys who have been working out on their own for the last two months. He is excited about Monday's start of the offseason program as the Cowboys officially begin life without Bryant.

## Bryant Clemson's starter, but rising Lawrence making waves

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
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Hunter Renfrow can't walk anywhere around Clemson without the same topic quickly coming up: What's happening at quarterback?

"It's all people want to know about, all the time," said the Tigers' senior receiver.

That's an odd situation for Clemson given it returns a starter in Kelly Bryant who led the team to 12 wins, its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship and another spot in the College Football Playoff.

The excitement is all about long-haired freshman Trevor Lawrence, the top high-school quarterback in last year's recruiting cycle according to ESPN who enrolled early at Clemson and has excited coaches and teammates with his ability. And Lawrence put on a show Saturday for rabid fans with a perfectly thrown 50-yard TD pass to receiver Tee Higgins in Clemson's spring game.

Tigers coach Dabo Swinney said the 6-foot-6 Lawrence — who some have dubbed "Sunshine" after South Carolina's long-haired quarterback Ronnie Bass as depicted in "Remember The Titans" — has all the tools of former Clemson star Deshaun Watson but is more physically developed as a freshman.

It's a package of power and panache that has many Clemson fans swooning for more national titles — and discarding Bryant's one stellar year.

Everyone, perhaps, except for Swinney and Bryant.

Swinney said there'll be no earth-shaking, upcoming pronouncement about Clemson's starting quarterback. It's Bryant.

"He's the returning starter for us. He started 14 games. That's where we are," Swinney said. "Unless something changes, then there's an announcement. But other than that there's no announcement to make."

Bryant understood what was coming this spring and pledged to work hard to improve his game and keep Clemson on top.

"Everybody wants to write me off," Bryant said. "But I'm still here and I ain't going nowhere."

Clemson fans had grown accustomed to fast-paced offenses led by dynamic, passing quarterbacks since 2011. Tajh Boyd set records as the Tigers starter from 2011-13 before the strong-armed Watson came in and, after an injury plagued freshman season, passed Clemson to a 28-2 mark in 2015 and 2016, two ACC titles and the national championship his final year.

Bryant led more a run-based attack and was sometimes criticized for misfires when passing. Clemson's total yards of 6,014 were lower than all but one of the last seven seasons. Its 3,297 yards passing was the fewest since 2010. The Tigers 17 touchdown passes were also their lowest in seven years.

Part of last year, Swinney said, was having so many first-year starters on offense after playmakers like Watson, receivers Mike Williams and Artavis Scott, tailback Wayne Gallman and tight end Jordan Leggett left for the NFL.

There was a learning curve all the first-timers, like Bryant, had to battle.

This spring, the offense has worked on increasing tempo and — with Bryant in charge — have regularly gotten the better of Clemson's experienced defense.

That doesn't mean coaches have not been wowed by Lawrence's star power. The freshman broke Watson's Georgia state prep records for career yardage (13,908) and touchdowns (161).

Those numbers, his winning (55-2 record at Cartersville High) and even the hair have captivated fan imaginations, co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said.

"I think with what he was able to accomplish as a high school play, just the winning, how he put his team on his back," Elliott said.

Lawrence won the spring game stats battle, completing 11 of 16 passes for 122 yards Bryant threw for 35 yards on 8-of-15 passing.

Clemson's faced spring drama in the quarterback spot before. Before Watson's freshman year, senior Cole Stoudt and sophomore Chad Kelly were fighting for the starting spot after Boyd's departure — and seeing firsthand how talented Watson was. But Kelly snapped at the coaches on the sidelines during the spring game, and then two days later was dismissed from the team.

Stoudt opened the year as the starter, but was surpassed by Watson in week three at Florida State.

Swinney does not want a similar back-and-forth this offseason.

"We've got a starter right now," he said. "Kelly's our starter."

## Longtime Steelers linebacker James Harrison retires again

PITTSBURGH (AP) — James Harrison is taking another shot at retirement, and this time it's likely to stick for the longtime Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker.

The five-time Pro Bowler, two-time All Pro and 2008 NFL Defensive Player of the Year announced on Instagram early Monday he is stepping away from the game following a 15-year career that saw him go from undrafted free agent to one of the most feared players in the league.

Harrison, 39, posted a collage of pictures of his two sons and noted he's "missed way too much for way too long ... and I'm done."

Harrison played nearly his entire career with the Steelers,

collecting 80.5 of his 84.5 career sacks while wearing black and gold, a franchise record. He spent the 2013 season in Cincinnati and signed with New England late last season, appearing in all three playoff games for the Patriots, including their Super Bowl loss to Philadelphia.

This is the second time Harrison has called it quits. He retired briefly in September 2014 only to be lured back to the Steelers. He remained productive into his late 30s, registering at least five sacks from 2014-16. Not bad for a player who went undrafted after graduating from Kent State and spent the early portion of his career primarily on special teams.

Harrison compensated for his relative lack of height — he's listed at 6-feet tall — with remarkable strength and a relentlessness that made him one of the best edge rushers in the league and a vital part of a team that reached the Super Bowl three times from 2005-10, winning it twice.

His 100-yard interception return for a touchdown on the final play of the first half of the 2009 Super Bowl is one of the most iconic in NFL history.

Harrison's physical play at times ran him into trouble with the league office. He was fined four times during the 2010 season alone for what the NFL considered illegal or unnecessary

hits. Harrison lashed out at commissioner Roger Goodell, calling him "a crook" in a 2011 magazine article.

Harrison twice left the Steelers. He signed a deal with Cincinnati in the spring of 2013 but played only sparingly, leading him to retire in the fall of 2014. It lasted all of 18 days. He returned to Pittsburgh after injuries decimated the team's linebacker group and in his second act became a valuable leader on the field and elsewhere, often including teammates in his draining (and well-documented) offseason workout regimens in Arizona.

At a position where few last into their mid-30s, Harrison continued to thrive. He finished

among the top three on the team in sacks every year from 2014-16, and his pressure forced a hold by Kansas City left tackle Eric Fisher that negated the tying two-point conversion by the Chiefs in the divisional round of the 2016 playoffs.

Harrison signed a two-year deal last spring that would have kept him in Pittsburgh through his 40th birthday. He played sparingly for much of 2017 and the Steelers granted him his release in December. The Patriots quickly scooped him up. He had two sacks in his debut with New England in the 2017 regular-season finale and added seven more tackles in the playoffs.

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# White House weighing more Russia sanctions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House says a decision on new economic sanctions against Russia will be made soon — not committing to an announcement Monday that U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley had said to expect.

In a statement, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said: "We are considering additional sanctions on Russia and a decision will be made in the near future."

Haley had said Sunday that new sanctions were coming against Russia for enabling the government of Syrian leader Bashar Assad to continue using chemical weapons. She said Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin "will be announcing those on Monday, if he hasn't already." She said Russia has blocked six attempts by the U.N. Security Council to make it easier to investigate the use of chemical weapons.

"Everyone is going to feel it at this point," Haley said, warning of consequences for Assad's foreign allies. "The fact he was making this more normal and that Russia was covering this up, all that has got to stop."

President Donald Trump on Sunday said a U.S.-led missile attack on Syria's chemical weapons program was "perfectly carried out."

Trump tweeted "Mission Accomplished" on Saturday after U.S., French and British warplanes and ships launched more than 100 missiles nearly unopposed by Syrian air defenses. While he declared success, the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it

chooses. His choice of words recalled a similar claim associated with President George W. Bush following the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. Bush addressed sailors aboard a Navy ship in May 2003 alongside a "Mission Accomplished" banner, just weeks before it became apparent that Iraqis had organized an insurgency that would tie down U.S. forces for years.

Later Sunday, Trump sent a letter to congressional leaders informing them in writing of his decision to order the strike. Under the War Powers Resolution, the president must keep Congress informed of such actions.

Haley made clear the United States won't be pulling troops out of Syria right away, saying U.S. involvement there "is not done."

Haley said the three U.S. goals for accomplishing its mission are making sure chemical weapons are not used in a way that could harm U.S. national interests, defeating the Islamic State group and having a good vantage point to watch what Iran is doing.

"We're not going to leave until we know we've accomplished those things," she said.

Haley said the joint military strike "put a heavy blow into their chemical weapons program, setting them back years" and reiterated that if Assad uses poison gas again, "the United States is locked and loaded."

French President Emmanuel Macron said Sunday that France wants to launch a diplomatic initiative over Syria that would include Western powers, Russia and Turkey. Speaking on French television BFM and online site Mediapart, Macron stressed that



**In this image released by the Department of Defense, a U.S. Air Force B-1 Bomber separates from the boom pod after receiving fuel from an Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker on April 13, 2018, en route to strike chemical weapons targets in Syria. President Donald Trump declared "Mission Accomplished" for a U.S.-led allied missile attack on Syria's chemical weapons program, but the Pentagon said the pummeling of three chemical-related facilities left enough others intact to enable the Assad government to use banned weapons against civilians if it chooses.**

the French diplomacy is able to talk with Iran, Russia and Turkey on one side and to the United States on the other side.

He said, "Ten days ago, President Trump wanted to withdraw from Syria. We convinced him to remain."

Sanders asserted that Trump's plans for the region have not changed. In a statement, she said "he wants U.S. forces to come home as quickly as possible."

The nighttime assault on Syria was carefully limited to minimize civilian casualties and avoid direct

conflict with Russia, but confusion arose over the extent to which Washington warned Moscow it was coming. The Pentagon said it gave no explicit warning. The U.S. ambassador in Moscow, John Huntsman, said in a video, "Before we took action, the United States communicated with" Russia to "reduce the danger of any Russian or civilian casualties."

Russia has military forces, including air defenses, in several areas of Syria to support Assad in his long war against anti-government rebels.

Assad denies he has used chemical weapons, and the Trump administration has yet to present hard evidence of what it says precipitated the allied missiles attack: a chlorine gas attack on civilians in Douma on April 7. The U.S. says it suspects that sarin gas also was used.

The strikes "successfully hit every target," said Dana W. White, the chief Pentagon spokeswoman. The military said there were three targets: the Barzah chemical weapons research and development site in the Damascus area,

a chemical weapons storage facility near Homs and a chemical weapons "bunker" a few miles from the second target.

Although officials said the singular target was Assad's chemical weapons capability, his air force, including helicopters he allegedly has used to drop chemical weapons on civilians, were spared. In a U.S. military action a year ago in response to a sarin gas attack, missiles took out nearly 20 percent of the Syrian air force, the Pentagon said.

# Comey speculates Russians may have damaging info on Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — In his scathing appraisal of the man who fired him as FBI chief, James Comey cited "some evidence of obstruction of justice" in President Donald Trump's actions and speculated that Russians might have dirt on the president. Trump struck back, branding Comey a criminal.

Their war of words escalated Monday after Comey, in an ABC interview broadcast the night before, labelled Trump "morally unfit" for office.

Trump tweeted that Comey drafted an exoneration of Hillary Clinton long before he talked to her as part of an investigation into her email practices. He labelled Comey "disgruntled" and accused him and allies of having "committed many crimes." For his part, Comey has said that nine or 10 months into the Clinton probe, he had a "clear picture" where it was going and it's common to draft statements before an investigation is complete.

Comey's remarks, coupled with the release of his forthcoming book, offer his version of events sur-

rounding his firing and the investigations into Russian election meddling and Clinton's email practices. Several of the episodes he describes in detail, including a private conversation about former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn, are central to special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and his recollections are presumably valuable for prosecutors examining whether the president's actions constitute obstruction of justice.

The ex-FBI director, who until his firing in May led an investigation into possible ties between Russia and the Trump campaign, acknowledged that it was "stunning" to think that Russia could have damaging information about a U.S. president. But he said that in Trump's case, he could not discount the possibility that the president had been compromised.

"These are more words I never thought I'd utter about a president of the United States, but it's possible," Comey told ABC News' chief anchor George Stephanopoulos. He also

acknowledged he had no proof that Russia has dirt on Trump: "I think it's possible. I don't know."

He also answered "possibly" when asked if the president was attempting to obstruct justice when he cleared the Oval Office of other officials in February 2017 before encouraging him to close the investigation into Flynn, who by that point was suspected of lying to the FBI about his Russian contacts. The retired general pleaded guilty in December and is now cooperating with Mueller's investigation.

Comey also said he believed Trump treated women like "pieces of meat."

"A person who sees moral equivalence in Charlottesville, who talks about and treats women like they're pieces of meat, who lies constantly about matters big and small and insists the American people believe it — that person's not fit to be president of the United States, on moral grounds," Comey said.

Trump on Sunday rejected Comey's assertion that Trump had sought his

loyalty at a January 2017 dinner, saying "I hardly even knew this guy. Just another of his many lies." He also suggested Comey should be imprisoned, tweeting, "how come he gave up Classified Information (jail), why did he lie to Congress (jail)." There is no indication Comey is under investigation for doing either.

The president began assailing Comey even before the interview came out.

He seized on an excerpt shown Saturday in which Comey said his belief that Clinton would beat Trump in the 2016 presidential election was probably a factor in his decision to disclose the investigation into her emails. Comey, Trump tweeted, "was making decisions based on the fact that he thought she was going to win, and he wanted a job. Slimeball!"

That argument was startling given that Comey's handling of the email investigation, including his disclosure shortly before the election that the FBI had reopened its probe, enraged Democrats. After Clinton's loss, many Democrats blamed Comey, and

Clinton herself has said it hurt her election prospects.

Comey again defended his actions, telling ABC that he made what he thought was the best decision at the time. Comey said he did not remember "consciously thinking" about the election results as he decided to disclose that the FBI had reopened its investigation into candidate Clinton's email use. But, he acknowledged, "I was operating in a world where Hillary Clinton was going to beat Donald Trump, and so I'm sure that it was a factor."

"I don't remember spelling it out," he added, "but it had to have been that she's going to be elected president and if I hide this from the American people, she'll be illegitimate the moment she's elected, the moment this comes out."

Trump fired Comey in May 2017, setting off a scramble at the Justice Department that led to the appointment of Mueller as special counsel overseeing the Russia investigation. Mueller's probe has expanded to include whether Trump obstructed

justice by firing Comey. So far, 19 people — including Flynn and Trump's former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort — have been charged in the investigation. Flynn and two of the president's campaign aides, Rick Gates and George Papadopoulos, have pleaded guilty and are cooperating with Mueller.

Asked whether he believed Trump ought to be impeached, Comey replied, "I hope not because I think impeaching and removing Donald Trump from office would let the American people off the hook and have something happen indirectly that I believe they're duty bound to do directly. People in this country need to stand up and go to the voting booth and vote their values."

He added: "But you cannot have, as president of the United States, someone who does not reflect the values that I believe Republicans treasure and Democrats treasure and independents treasure. That is the core of this country. That's our foundation. And so impeachment, in a way, would short circuit that."

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## Bill Cosby lawyer scours accuser's words, looking for doubt

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's chief accuser was headed back to the witness stand on Monday for a second day of testimony in the comedian's sexual assault retrial after enduring cross-examination by his attorney last week.

Cosby lawyer Tom Mesereau was expected to continue questioning Andrea Constand about discrepancies between what she's said in the past about Cosby and what she said on the witness as the defense seeks to undermine her credibility and sow doubt in the jury.

Mesereau opened the retrial with a blistering attack on Constand, telling jurors that evidence would show she's nothing more than a con artist who framed the comedian and cashed in with a \$3.4 million civil settlement.

Now with Constand on the witness stand and facing more defense questions on Monday, Mesereau is scouring a binder full of her police statements and prior testimony — and he's finding some inconsistencies.

Cosby arrived at the rain-soaked suburban Philadelphia courthouse on Monday morning wearing a black raincoat and walking under a large, black umbrella held by his spokesman.



AP  
Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial, Monday, April 16, 2018, at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa.

Mesereau hasn't set off many fireworks yet, but in more than two hours of cross examination on Friday the veteran trial lawyer had Constand flustered with questions about whether she'd ever said she was affectionate toward Cosby, and a line of attack centered on her involvement in a Ponzi scheme.

In her testimony on Friday, Constand denied ever having intimate contact with Cosby prior to the night in January 2004 that she said he drugged and molested her, but Mesereau showed her a 2005 deposition in which she testified that she told her mother she'd occasion-

ally been affectionate toward him.

Constand, who's from the Toronto area, told Mesereau she was just being nice when she hugged Cosby or kissed him on the cheek, because she was grateful for his friendship and mentorship.

But Mesereau, who's best known for winning Michael Jackson an acquittal in his 2005 child molestation case, was incredulous as Constand denied being aware that Cosby was sexually attracted to her — even after he touched her thigh on one occasion and tried unbuttoning her pants on

another.

Constand was more confident and composed as she told jurors about the night in question.

She testified that Cosby offered her pills and a sip of wine after she said she was "stressed" about telling the coach of her plans to leave to study massage therapy in her native Canada. She said she awoke to find the actor known as "America's Dad" penetrating her with his fingers, touching her breast and putting her hand on his penis.

Mesereau clawed back, making clear to jurors that Constand's answers have

varied on the date of the alleged assault, how often she dined out with Cosby, whether she made a point of wearing a cashmere sweater he gave to her and where she wound up when she visited his room at a Connecticut casino.

Constand was the director of women's basketball operations at Temple University in Philadelphia when she met Cosby, a powerful alumnus and member of the board of trustees.

Mesereau was trying to portray Constand to jurors as the aggressor, suggesting she pursued Cosby for a romantic relationship

and preyed on the loneliness he felt after the 1997 killing of his son, Ennis, even though such activity may have been barred by her employment.

Constand said she didn't remember taking a required sexual assault and harassment training seminar when she started working at Temple, or another one on avoiding conflicts of interest, such as fraternizing with board trustees.

Mesereau showed documents Constand signed confirming she participated in the classes.

Asked if she was taught to promptly report sexual assault allegations, Con-

stand replied: "I can't speak to what was in the curriculum."

Constand also struggled to explain why she had sent emails soliciting funds for a purported Ponzi scheme while at Temple, claiming she didn't know much about the company and had only cut and pasted promises of big returns for a risk-free \$65 investment to help a friend.

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

## Granddaughter: Barbara Bush is 'a fighter,' in good spirits

HOUSTON (AP) — Former first lady Barbara Bush, who was reported in "failing health" over the weekend, is in "great spirits" and the family is grateful for "everybody's prayers and thoughts," her granddaughter said Monday.

Bush family spokesman Jim McGrath said in a news release Sunday that "Mrs. Bush, now age 92, has decided not to seek additional medical treatment and will instead focus on comfort care" at home in Houston following consultations with her doctors and family.

McGrath did not elaborate on the nature of Bush's health problems but on Monday said she's suffered in recent years from congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. She also has been treated for decades for Graves' disease, which is a thyroid

condition, had heart surgery in 2009 for a severe narrowing of her main heart valve and was hospitalized a year before that for surgery on a perforated ulcer.

Jenna Bush Hager, an anchor on NBC's "Today" show, told the program Monday morning that Bush is resting comfortably with family.

"She's a fighter. She's an enforcer," Hager said, using the family's nickname for her grandmother. "We're grateful for her, for everybody's prayers and thoughts, and just know the world is better because she is in it."

"We are grateful for her. She's the best grandma anybody could have ever had ... or have," she said.

Bush is one of only two first ladies who was also the mother of a president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, the nation's second presi-

dent, and mother of John Quincy Adams, the sixth president.

Bush married George H.W. Bush on Jan. 6, 1945. They had six children and have been married longer than any presidential couple in American history.

Eight years after she and her husband left the White House, Mrs. Bush stood with her husband as their son George W. was sworn in as the 43rd president.

Hager said the former president "still says, 'I love you Barbie' every night," describing their grandparents' close relationship as "remarkable."

McGrath said Bush was concerned more for her family than herself.

"It will not surprise those who know her that Barbara Bush has been a rock in the face of her failing health, worrying not for herself — thanks to her abiding faith — but for others," he said.

President Donald Trump's press secretary, Sarah Huckabee Sanders, said in a statement Sunday evening that "the President's and first lady's prayers are with all of the Bush family during this time."

Bush is known for her white hair and her triple-strand fake pearl necklace.

Her brown hair began to gray in the 1950s, while her 3-year-old daughter Pauline, known to her family as Robin, underwent treatment for leukemia and eventually died in October 1953. She later said dyed hair didn't look good on her and credited the color to the public's perception of her as "everybody's grandmother."

Her pearls sparked a national fashion trend when she wore them to her husband's inauguration in 1989. The pearls became synonymous with Bush, who later said she selected

them to hide the wrinkles in her neck. The candid admission only bolstered her common sense and down-to-earth public image.

Her 93-year-old husband, the nation's 41st president who served from 1989 to 1993, also has had health issues in recent years. In April 2017, he was hospitalized in Houston for two weeks for a mild case of pneumonia and chronic bronchitis. He was hospitalized months earlier, also for pneumonia. He has a form of Parkinson's disease and uses a motorized scooter or a wheelchair for mobility.

Before being president, he served as a congressman, CIA director and Ronald Reagan's vice president.

Barbara Pierce Bush was born June 8, 1925, in Rye, New York. Her father was the publisher of McCall's and Redbook magazines.

She and George H.W. Bush married when she was 19 and while he was a young naval aviator. After World War II, the Bushes moved to Texas where he went into the oil business.

Along with her memoirs, she's the author of "C. Fred's Story" and "Millie's Book," based on the lives of her dogs. Proceeds from the books benefited adult and family literacy programs. The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy began during her White House years with the goal of improving the lives of disadvantaged Americans by boosting literacy among parents and their children. The foundation partners with local programs and had awarded more than \$40 million as of 2014 to create or expand more than 1,500 literacy programs nationwide.



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# Raul Castro leaves Cuba with new freedoms, deep problems

HAVANA (AP) — In 2008 Raul Castro took over a country where most people couldn't own computers or cellphones, leave without permission, run most types of private businesses or enter resort hotels.

Castro set about re-engineering the system he had helped create and Cuba opened dramatically over his decade in office. But when Castro steps down Thursday after two terms as president he will leave his successor a host of problems that are deeper than on the day his brother Fidel formally handed over power.

Cuba has nearly 600,000 private entrepreneurs, more than 5 million cellphones, a bustling real estate market and one of the world's fastest-growing airports. Limited internet use is expanding fast, with thousands of Cubans installing new home connections this year. Foreign debt has been paid. Tourism numbers have more than doubled since Castro and President Barack Obama re-established diplomatic relations in 2015, making Cuba a destination for nearly 5 million visitors a year, despite a plunge in relations under the Trump administration.

On the other side of the ledger, Cuba's Soviet-style command economy still employs three of every four Cuban workers but produces little. Private sector growth has been largely frozen. The average monthly state salary is \$31 — so low that workers often live on stolen goods and handouts from relatives overseas. Foreign investment remains anemic. The island's infrastructure is falling deeper into disrepair. The break with Washington dashed dreams of detente with the U.S., and after two decades of getting Venezuelan subsidies totaling more than \$6 billion a year, Cuba's patron has collapsed economically with no replacement in the wings.

Castro's inability or unwillingness to fix Cuba's structural problems with deep and wide-ranging reforms has many wondering how a successor without Castro's founding father credentials will manage the country over the next five or 10 years.

"People in Cuba really haven't processed yet what it means to have a government without Raul or Fidel leading it," said Yasel Padron Kunakbaeva, a prolific 27-year-old blogger who writes frequently from what he describes as a Marxist, revolutionary perspective. "We're entering unknown territory."

Tens of thousands of highly educated professionals are abandoning the island each year, leaving Cuba with the combination of third-world economy and the demographics of a graying European nation. After a 2016 recession, Cuba said growth was 1.6 percent last year, although official accounts remain opaque and questioned by experts. The single-party government controls virtually all forms of expression and organization, with near-zero toler-



**In this Dec. 20, 2014 file photo, workers stand behind their food stalls at a state-run market in Havana, Cuba. The average monthly state salary of \$31 is so low that some workers often live on stolen goods and handouts from relatives overseas.**

ance of public criticism or dissent. The mood on the street is pessimistic, with few expecting a better future anytime soon.

"The political future of whoever takes over in April depends on the economic question," said Jose Raul Viera Linares, a former first deputy minister of foreign affairs. "It's the possibility for young people to dream, to design their own future. That's all based in the material wealth that this country is able to achieve."

The greatest immediate challenge for Castro's expected successor — 57-year-old Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez — is unwinding a byzantine dual-currency system featuring one type of Cuban peso worth 4 cents and another that is nearly a dollar. The system was designed to insulate a state-run, egalitarian internal market using "national money" from trade with the outside world denominated in "convertible pesos."

The barrier between the two worlds swiftly collapsed and the system has fostered big economic distortions. Inefficient state enterprises receive mammoth subsidies by obtaining expensive convertible pesos for the price of the cheaper "Cuban peso." The dual-currency system also allows private businesses to receive subsidized goods and services like water and electricity in Cuban pesos, then turn around and charge their relatively wealthy clients in convertible pesos at a significant profit.

Castro called for elimination of the dual currencies from the beginning of his presidency, but never

got around to it. Unlike his brother Fidel, who extended his time in office until illness forced him to retire, Raul has long made clear that he would step down as president in 2018 as part of a coordinated handoff to a new generation of leaders.

He will remain first secretary of the Communist Party, the country's guiding body, but many Cubans expect him to move into semi-retirement in Santiago, the largest city in Cuba's east, where he was born and led rebel troops in the country's 1959 revolution.

In one of his final speeches last year he called once again for the system's urgent elimination, a process that many expect to start in Diaz-Canel's first year in power. Eliminating dual currency is widely seen as necessary for Cuba's economy to grow, but it carries risks of inflation and major disruption for inefficient state businesses whose subsidized balance sheets will finally become understandable when they are denominated in a single currency.

Those state businesses gained new competitors as Castro expanded the space for capitalism in the Cuban economy by permitting private enterprise in dozens of fields ranging from agriculture to hospitality to construction.

"We've risen up economically. The new possibilities have changed my life, of course," said Yanelis Garcia, a 44-year-old mother of three who saved money from raising pigs in her backyard to slowly build a prosperous six-room bed-and-breakfast and taxi business in the central city of Santa Clara. "I've always liked

having my own business to be able to provide for my family. It's been really good."

Cubans fill thousands of flights a year to Miami, Panama and Cancun, where they cram duffel bags with gym socks and Xboxes for the vibrant private sector and rising middle class. But last August, the Cuban government froze new licenses for private bed-and-breakfasts, restaurants and other popular businesses, leaving many Cubans questioning how their government envisions a path to prosperity.

"We've seen necessary reforms and I think that in the future there will have to be more," said Norma Chiang, a 77-year-old state accountant and auditor. "Self-employment needs to be broadened, little things like bakeries or food stands that can be in the hands of individuals and not the state."

Despite the image of Raul Castro as an all-powerful military strongman, many Cubans say back-and-forth moves and the overall slow pace of reform have shown the difficulty of modernizing a Soviet-era bureaucracy controlled by hundreds of thousands of civil servants who would be threatened by a transition into a market economy, a difficulty Castro's successor will also face.

"No one dares to disobey Raul to his face. They quietly don't get things done and search for ways to cover their backs so no one can accuse them of not getting things done," Padron said.

Cuba's next president also must find a way to make its economy grow

while maintaining social stability and satisfying the millions of Cubans who depend on the state and a shrinking list of subsidized essentials sold in Cuban pesos for their survival. While Cuba sees Russia as one of its closest allies, Cuba's leaders are desperate to prevent the sort of shock transition to capitalism that marked the end of the Soviet Union.

"I can't eat, dress myself and live on \$20 a month," said Adela Arpaion, a 54-year-old accountant for the Communist Party. "I either eat or buy clothes. It's hard, but that's the way it is."

Wariness of disruption is exacerbated by Cuba's increasing economic dependence on the Cuban emigres and exiles once seen by the Communist government as a threat to its survival.

As part of his broader immigration reforms, Raul Castro changed Cuba's relationship with its diaspora by allowing Cubans to maintain their rights to own property and receive social benefits as long as they return once every two years. That change fueled the growth of a new class of Cubans who earn money overseas but invest at home and are responsible for hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars in small-scale investment on the island in recent years.

More than 20,000 Cuban emigres have "repatriated" and regained their property rights since the emigration reforms, according to Cuban figures. Still, the flow of emigres back to Cuba is swamped by the outward flood of Cubans unleashed by Castro's elimination of the hated exit permit known as the "white card."

According to U.S. Homeland Security statistics, the United States admitted 463,502 Cubans between 2006 and 2016, with tens of thousands more heading to countries such as Spain and Ecuador.

"I don't think people have realized how momentous that is in terms of for the first time having circular migration," said Lisandro Perez, an expert on the Cuban diaspora at New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "They take back things, they finance private restaurants. It's a totally different ballgame."

Castro's successor will have to manage the delicate relationship with Cuba's prosperous exiles at a time when relations with the U.S. have dropped from an unprecedented high under President Barack Obama to a deep low under President Donald Trump.

For Reinaldo Taladrid, a popular commentator on state television, tensions with the U.S. will serve as a brake on any reforms sought by Raul Castro's successor.

"While there's a sense of a state of siege, there's an instinct of self-preservation that doesn't have anything to do with politics. It's the human instinct for self-preservation. You have the world's most powerful state, the most powerful government in the history of humanity that has regime change in Cuba as its official policy," Taladrid said. "While that's true this little, poor country's government will have a siege mentality, and it's logical to have it."



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