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Unemployment remains low, but so do wages

► 2017 weekly pay in Osceola County was \$658, data shows

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Osceola County's recent rapid growth is undeniable.

The booming population can be felt in gridlock traffic on congested roads and in the classrooms of overcrowded schools.

It is also reflected in data and statistics.

Since 2010, Osceola County has become the second fastest growing county in Florida, according to recent U.S. Census Bureau population estimates.

In those seven years, 32,577 people joined the Osceola County labor force, according to Quarterly

Census of Employment and Wages data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Yet, the unemployment rate in Osceola County came in admirably low in 2017 - just 4.6 percent - despite the influx of thousands of new job seekers.

It's a drastic improvement from 2010, when unemployment hit a staggering 12.5 percent, leaving one out of every eight people in the Osceola County labor force jobless.

The recession hit Central Florida hard, and as the economy began to improve, state and local lawmakers set sights on job growth.

Osceola County has shrunk its unemployment rate 63 percent since

2010, but the average weekly wage for workers has remained nearly static in the last several years.

In Osceola County, the numbers simply don't reflect the national trend of a booming economy - at least not for the average worker in several industries.

Workers in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford Metropolitan Statistical Area had an average hourly wage of \$20.70 in May 2016, about 13 percent below the nationwide average of \$23.86, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Bureau Regional Commissioner Janet S. Rankin noted that, after testing for statistical significance, 16 groups had significantly lower wages than their respective national averages, including construction and extraction, arts and media and production.

According to Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data, the average weekly wage in Osceola across all industries was \$656 at the beginning of 2014. By the end of 2017, that figure had only increased by \$2.

The data also shows that jobs such as serving and food processing - typically low-wage earning positions - are plentiful in Central Florida. Those jobs made up 12.8 percent of employment in the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford region, significantly higher than the 9.2-percent share nationally.

Similar jobs classified as "leisure and hospitality," including motel and theme park employees, saw wages decline, from \$442 in 2013 to \$432 in 2017.

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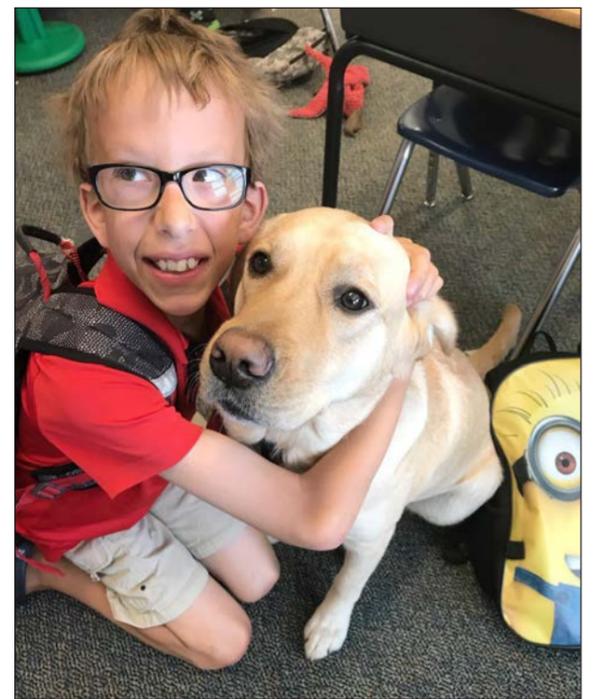
All dolled up



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A collection of antique dolls can be seen at the Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum. Totally Tots is a temporary exhibit presented by the Osceola Historical Society displaying some children's toys and clothing from the late 1800s to the 1950s. The exhibit will be on display until Sept. 2.

Pets making a difference for residents of all ages



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Fifth grade student Logan Allington, who is autistic, bonds with his service dog, Belle.

By Charlie Reed
For the News-Gazette

Fifth-grader Logan Allington and his service dog, Belle, are inseparable - even during the school day.

The St. Cloud Elementary student is autistic and since bringing Belle to school this year, not only have his grades soared, but his ability to communicate with peers and adults has improved markedly. What's more, other autistic kids in Logan's class have also benefited from Belle's presence in the classroom.

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder, refers to a range of conditions

characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. It's thought to be caused by different combinations of genetic and environmental influences.

"Seeing the difference in the students' bond with a dog and the reassurance and connection with Belle has helped many of my students communicate, not to mention Logan. He is able to talk to adults and communicate with strangers about Belle. Logan has overcome his fears of strangers and has shown perseverance and patience

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1st female deputy makes SWAT team

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

The Osceola County Sheriff's Office celebrated a historic event last week with the first female member of its SWAT team.

Michele Sayers, 24, joined the Sheriff's Office three years ago as a patrol deputy, but the young law enforcement agent said she always felt driven to achieve more.

"I knew I wanted to be in this field and help people as much as I could," she said.

While growing up in a rough neighborhood in Miami-Dade County, Sayers said she formed a strong admiration for members of law enforcement who patrolled her streets.

Her father became a corrections officer when Sayers was older, but the women in her family pursued careers in education and nursing.



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Osceola County Sheriff's Office Deputy Michele Sayers is the agency's first female SWAT member.

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Aviation high school to open in August

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

A new opportunity for students interested in the aerospace industry is coming to the Kissimmee Gateway Airport this fall.

The Florida Aviation Academy, a 9-12 grade privately-funded charter school, promises hands-on training in the aviation business to students right on airport property.

The program will launch phase one in August, with a small freshman class of up to 50 students. The plan is to gradually expand enrollment to 800 students over the next four years.

Until the new 13-acre on-site facility is complete, classes will be held at Aviator College across from Gateway Airport on Dyer Boulevard.

Many features of the new school were modeled after an aviation charter school



FILE PHOTO

The Florida Aviation Academy, a 9-12 grade privately-funded charter school, is set to open at Kissimmee Gateway Airport in August.

in Lakeland called Florida Aerospace Academy. The Kissimmee campus will give students a similar chance to earn Federal Aviation Association credentials and a private pilot license by the time they graduate high school.

It will include instructors with industry experience and a college feeder track so students can smoothly transition from high school to a bachelor's degree program.

Melissa March, president of a nonprofit group called the TCE Foundation, discussed the school at a recent Kissimmee Commission meeting.

She emphasized the value of creating a skilled labor

force for the aviation field.

"You'll read in article after article that there's a shortage of mechanics and pilots within this industry, and if something is not done in the next five years, we face a major transportation issue," March said.

Charter schools, although privately funded, still follow certain public school regulations, including statewide graduation requirements. The academy is free to all students accepted into the program.

Private donors are expected to invest \$30 to \$40 million to the school, and fundraisers are still being held to raise capital.

Mayor Jose Alvarez has been a major advocate and

supporter of bringing the aviation school to Kissimmee for years.

Alvarez said he wanted to give Osceola County students a chance to learn about a rapidly growing industry in need of smart, young workers.

"The reason I continued to push for this is I was tired of seeing kids dropping out of high school," Alvarez said. "When something good is in front of you, you can't leave it alone because you know it's going to help those kids."

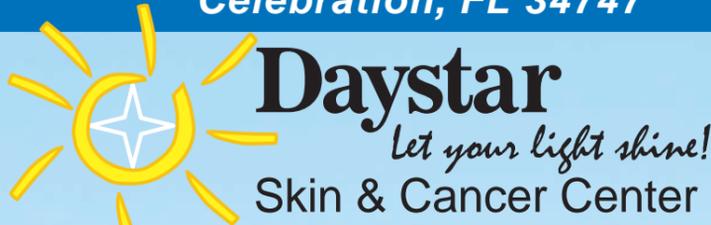
March said the school plans to host open house events each month until the school opens in August.

For more information about Florida Aviation Academy, visit www.aero schools.org.

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Osceola County job fair set for May 11

Based on the success of a job fair held in October where 120 people found jobs on the spot, Osceola County is hosting a new hiring and career counseling event on May 11 at the Osceola Heritage Park Events Center.

More than 1,200 people participated in the October event, which helped Hurricane Maria evacuees who had relocated to Osceola County. In addition to the people hired on the spot, many more scheduled follow-up interviews that led to employment.

Once again, the job fair is free and open to anyone seeking employment. It is

scheduled to run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Members of Osceola County's Human Resources Department will offer two free workshops to help with résumé writing and interviewing skills – at 8:30 a.m. and again at noon.

"The response to the first job fair was fantastic, and demonstrated that these events provide significant benefits to our citizens," said Commission Vice Chairwoman Cheryl Grieb. "We anticipate another successful connection between employers and job-seekers on May 11. This is an excellent way to serve those residents who need a job, or

who are looking to improve their current employment situation."

Approximately 65 employers have signed up to participate at the Job Fair through the County's Human Services Department. Employers range from companies in the hospitality industry to professional services to health care to construction. Any employers interested in participating at the job fair should call the Osceola County Human Services Department at 407-742-8423.

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Likewise, employees working in the education and health care sectors suffered stagnant wages, with weekly average pay decreasing by \$1 from 2013 to 2017.

Some industries like construction, thanks in part to the recent local economic boost, fared better than some other industries in Osceola County, though wages in this field remain below the national average.

Construction jobs saw an average 13.47 percent increase in weekly earnings, from \$720 in 2013 to \$817 four years later.

Wages for local government jobs jumped from an average of \$817 to \$903, or 10.5 percent, during the same four-year period.

The number of Osceola County residents living in poverty is nearly 15 percent, and the median household income is \$45,535, according to data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Sandy Shugart, president and CEO of Valencia College, commented on the number of residents struggling to make a living wage in Osceola County during a groundbreaking

ceremony April 26.

"Central Florida has the best economy in the world for putting unskilled people into low-paying jobs," Shugart said at the construction site of two facilities on Osceola County's Valencia campus aimed at rapidly training local workers.

Shugart added that, "If you want to work in Central Florida, if you want to work at all, you can get a job. You can get two. You can get three. And you might need them, because at \$8.50 or \$9 an hour, you cannot sustain a family."

OSCEOLA BUSINESS

Six apply for KUA board

Six residents have submitted applications to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Kissimmee Utility Authority board of directors.

The deadline for completed applications was April 27. The outgoing director, Ethel Urbina, has served one term and is eligible for reappointment. Applicants must be registered voters, reside within Kissimmee city limits, and should demonstrate a successful business or professional management career. The applicants are:

► Zahir Ahmad is a licensed real estate broker and owner/manager of Associates First Insurance Agency, Inc. in Orlando. He is a 10-month resident of Kissimmee and fluent or semi-fluent in seven languages. He holds a chemistry/mathematics/physics degree from the Government College of Sahiwal in Pakistan.

► L. Ashley Coke is a two-year resident of Kissimmee and principal of Boes Financial Services, Inc. in Kissimmee. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of the West Indies and an MBA degree from the NYU Stern School of Business.

► Jerry Gemskie is a retired foreman with Associated Roofers in Chicago, Ill. He is a 22-year resident of Kissimmee and a former Kissimmee city commissioner.

► Jennifer Patterson is a 41-year resident of Kissimmee and president/owner of J.G. Patterson, CPA in Kissimmee. She is a certified public accountant and holds a business administration degree from the University of Central Florida. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Kissimmee Bay, a Junior Achievement volunteer, and she serves on the finance committee at First United Methodist Church in Kissimmee.

► Carlos Rodriguez is owner of Osceola Developmental Center. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he is a 26-year resident of Kissimmee. He holds a math and science degree from University of Turabo in Puerto Rico, and a master's in education from Ana G. Méndez University in Orlando.

► Ethel Urbina is a real estate broker and owner of Mercedes Investments in Kissimmee. A resident of Kissimmee for the past 15 years, she is a former AT&T executive with service in the U.S., Nicaragua and Puerto Rico. Urbina has served on the utility board since 2013.

The KUA board interviewed the applicants at its regular meeting on May 2. The board will now send three recommended applicants to the Kissimmee City Commission for second interviews and final appointment. The candidate appointed by the city commission will be sworn in at the board's October meeting.

Osceola Regional Medical Center opens level III NICU

Osceola Regional Medical Center has opened an 18-bed Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) – offering the highest level of neonatal care for babies, including those born as young as 24 weeks. The hospital is the only medical facility to offer this level of care for children in Osceola County.

Osceola Regional transformed its existing 10-bed Level II NICU into a Level III unit, adding eight beds for a new total of 404 beds hospital-wide. The NICU is staffed by Nemours Children's Health System physicians, who also staff the nursery. Osceola Regional also offers a Pediatric Unit, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and Maternal Fetal Medicine specialists for high-risk pregnancies.

The Level III NICU addition is part of the hospital's multi-phase, \$50 million expansion in a continued effort to meet the healthcare needs of the community.

Osceola County jail passes 5th straight FCAC inspection

As a sign of its commitment to providing a safe, secure, and humane environment for those housed in the jail, the Osceola County Corrections Department recently passed its reaccreditation inspection by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC).

The Florida Corrections Accreditation program allows jails to evaluate their operations against standards and best practices. Over the course of four days, FCAC inspectors visited the Osceola County Jail and scrutinized policies and procedures covering all aspects of operations. Out of over 250 standards, the Osceola County Jail was found to be in 100 percent compliance.

PETS

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for others this school year," said Crystal Nori-Gross, who teaches Logan's class for autistic students.

With Belle serving as a teacher's aide of sorts, Nori-Gross said the class has learned how to work as a team and how to express empathy and compassion for others. Disruptive behaviors and attendance also have improved.

Other teachers and students also love the sweet-natured Belle, who greets everyone around with a smile and wagging tail. Belle's even the subject of a book written by St. Cloud Elementary students that will soon be available in the school's library. The pooch came from the Pawsitive Action Foundation, a St. Cloud organization that trains service dogs for military veterans, first responders and those with autism and other disabilities. The dogs are named for U.S. veterans.

When Logan moves on to Neptune Middle School next year, so will Belle. Her presence at the elementary school has been so successful that the school

district and Pawsitive Action are teaming up to bring service dogs to three more schools next year – at no cost to the district. The new dogs will go to the Exceptional Education classrooms at Narcoossee Elementary, St. Cloud Middle and back to Nori-Gross's class at St. Cloud Elementary.

"I have seen an amazing transformation in my classroom this year," she said. "Belle was definitely was part of this and I look forward to moving forward in helping other students with disability participate in therapy and service dogs in our community."

For more information, visit www.pawsitiveaction.org.

Pets helping seniors

Special needs kids aren't the only ones who benefit from pets, even if they're not necessarily therapy dogs.

The Osceola Council on Aging is providing low-income seniors in the Meals on Wheels program with pet food. All of the food is donated by residents and

local businesses. But like the dwindling shelves at the council's food pantry, its pet food supplies are running low. The Pets Meals on Wheels program was established to honor volunteer Jimmy Scarborough, who first began delivering pet food to the seniors on his routes years ago. The program has grown over the years and now serves 50 low-income seniors whose pets are their only companions.

"They make them laugh and believe again. They give the seniors a purpose. Donations of pet food, cat litter or any other pet items are always needed and welcome," said Wilda Belisle, the nutrition director at the Council on Aging.

Kissimmee Valley Feed & Ranch Supply in St. Cloud is helping raise funds and collecting donations for the seniors.

The store's first fundraiser is today from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at its new second location at 215 13th St., St. Cloud.

To learn more about donating pet food and supplies, call Wilda Belisle at 407-847-2144.

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.

Train wreck of 1911



Source: "Kissimmee Valley Gazette", December 1, 1911
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The December 1, 1911 "Kissimmee Valley Gazette" reported "One of the most frightful wrecks of a passenger train ever known in this section occurred last night just as train No. 85 of the Atlantic Coast Line was entering the city limits, although no one was seriously injured except Mr. L.C. Royal, the baggage master, who was badly crushed from falling trunks."



The article states the wreck was caused by a broken rail. The train was late and running at high speed to make up lost time so even if the engineer had seen the break, it would have been impossible to stop the train. The engine passed safely over the break but the baggage car and

every car after it left the track, several turning over on their sides.

Passengers were thrown about in the cars but sustained only a few bruises. A later report on Mr. Royal stated he was just badly shaken up and bruised, not gravely injured as previously reported.

Downtown St. Cloud fire of 1917

Between midnight and 1 a.m. on the night of July 28, 1917, fire broke out in the W.A. Drawdy storeroom on Pennsylvania Avenue in St. Cloud, Florida. The fire swept down both sides of Pennsylvania Avenue, affecting eighteen businesses before it was brought under control.

Townpeople assisted in removing items, which could be saved but efforts to extinguish the flames were futile. Fire Chief Billy Milson worked with his fire fighters, stationed with buckets of water on roofs, which helped to prevent the spread of the fire to other parts of town. Fortunately there was no wind blowing or the entire city would have been endangered. Water service was still incomplete and limited to a few places in the business district. Members of the Kissimmee Fire Department and citizens of Kissimmee also assisted in fighting the fire.

Three men were taken into custody; an investigation, numerous hearings and a trial, which lasted two years finally ended in November 1919 with a verdict of not guilty.

Some businesses relocated to other buildings on adjoining streets but several began rebuilding immediately, using brick or concrete to ensure against possible losses in the future.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

We're all in this together

By Lee H. Hamilton

Our republic is under stress. So much so, in fact, that if you're not worried about its future, you probably haven't been paying attention.

What makes me say this? Our public discourse has become uncivil and shrill. Corruption and unethical actions by prominent politicians headline the daily news. Too many politicians make their mark by fueling division, exploiting frustration and casting doubt on our democratic institutions — and too many Americans respond by agreeing with them.

On the whole, Americans' regard for our political institutions and the people who run them is scraping rock bottom. By two-to-one margins, parents urge their children not to go into politics.

And who can blame them? These days, it's far easier to enumerate the things that are wrong with our republic than what is right. It's marked by a proliferation of special interests, an avalanche of money, disregard for facts, gridlock, partisan gerrymandering, excessive partisanship, and indifference to the common good among political leaders.

So it's not surprising that many Americans have tuned out. They understand our republic only vaguely and participate in it less. Voting rates are depressing, and a disturbing number of young Americans reject politics in all its forms.

While political engagement — as measured by people taking to the streets — may be on the rise, that's not necessarily a

sign of good civic health. In fact, we appear to be caught in a dangerous downward cycle. Government is seen as dysfunctional and corrupt; this causes the ablest people to stay out of government and politics; and this, in turn, hobbles politics and government.

The risk in all this is that as Americans disengage, we place the entire American democratic enterprise in jeopardy. Lincoln's burning question at Gettysburg — "Whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure" — was apt then; it is disturbingly so today.

So what do we do? There are plenty of steps we could take to strengthen our democratic institutions and make government more efficient, effective, and responsive. But what we need most of all is for our citizens — that's you and me — to appreciate this democracy we've inherited, and to step up to the responsibilities it asks of us.

Our republic, despite its many challenges, is at its core a monumental achievement. It is marked by strong, independent branches of government, entrusted to exercise limited and defined powers within the bounds of the Constitution. It enshrines checks and balances, separation of powers, equal individual rights and opportunity, and the rule of law.

It provides fair, free elections — mostly free from fraud and manipulation. Most remarkably of all, it is constructed to allow us to seek a more perfect union — to improve it as the nation evolves. This is its great strength.

But we can only take advantage of its strength when we act as though we're all in this republic together — when we work

cooperatively to secure a country where all people have the opportunity to enjoy the promise of America by living a life of honor, excellence...and responsibility.

Because democracy places demanding responsibilities on its citizens — to cast an informed vote, to engage in the dialogue of democracy with civility and a willingness to learn, to make discriminating judgments about politics and politicians, to work with others to strengthen the institutions of democracy and improve our part of the world.

We will disagree with one another about all kinds of issues — but also know that we need to accept and tolerate those differences, because we are far stronger when we seek to reconcile them rather than ignore or exacerbate them.

Let's not deny it: the trends these days are worrisome. We face a bewildering array of dangers to our republic. Authoritarian rule and autocratic leadership, once unthinkable, are now true concerns. We are subject to unwanted foreign influence, prey to public and private figures who use government to pursue money and power and manipulate the rules of the game for personal gain, and at the mercy of politicians who believe that whatever it takes to win is just fine.

But if we also lose trust that we, as citizens, can turn the republic around by shouldering our responsibilities to act, that's when we're truly sunk.

Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



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POLICE NEWS

Kissimmee man killed in Osceola while riding on dirt bike

A Kissimmee man was killed while driving a dirt bike on Sunday after hitting an ATV.

Jonathan Colon Garcia, 41, was driving the dirt bike on a dirt road southbound near the intersection of Bella Citta Boulevard and Bobcat Road in Osceola County at about 6:20 p.m., according to a Florida Highway Patrol report.

He was behind an ATV being driven by Jesus Salinas, 23, of Winter Garden. Salinas stopped and attempted to make a U-turn, turning into the path of Garcia, the report stated.

The front of the dirt bike hit the side of the ATV. Garcia was pronounced

dead on scene. He was not wearing a helmet, the report stated.

Salinas suffered minor injuries. The crash remains under investigation.

Miami man killed in turnpike crash

A Miami man was killed in a wreck on the Florida's Turnpike in Osceola County on April 26, after the driver lost control of the vehicle he was driving.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol report, the 49-year-old man was driving a 2017 Dodge van southbound on the turnpike at about 6:25 a.m. at mile-marker 220.

For an unknown reason, the van driver lost control of

the vehicle and the left side hit a center guardrail.

The van came back onto the roadway and the right side hit a portion of an unknown truck. The van then veered to the right side and struck a guardrail again, the report stated.

The van driver, who was not identified pending next of kin notification, was pronounced dead on scene. He was not wearing a seat belt, the report stated.

There were no witnesses to the crash, but troopers believe that another larger vehicle was involved based on the damage to the van. Anyone who witnessed the crash is asked to call FHP at 407-737-2213.

SWAT

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Despite a break with family tradition, Sayers said her parents and family supported her decision to join the Sheriff's Office, and later, to try out for the SWAT team.

"They always encouraged me, all along the way," she said. "Though I think my dad was a little nervous when I first told him about the SWAT thing."

Some of Sayers' peers encouraged her to pursue SWAT team training after the new recruit expressed interest in the task force unit.

Becoming a member of the SWAT team wasn't easy, though. Sayers committed to a rigorous training and dietary program for two years before she felt confident enough to undergo testing.

Still, Sayers said her decision never wavered.

"I never thought I

couldn't do it," she said. "It was just a matter of if I was ready yet."

To make the team, officers must pass a fitness test, a firearms proficiency test and a memory test, according to the Sheriff's Office. Officers are also exposed to scenarios that test their reactions to stressful situations, as well as tactics and leadership skills.

Sayers' hard work paid off when she officially became one of four SWAT graduates in Osceola County last week.

Sheriff Russ Gibson commended Sayers' achievement as the department's first female SWAT operator in a press release Friday.

"We are so very proud of Deputy Sayer's tremendous accomplishments," Gibson said. "And if there ever was such a thing as a glass ceiling at our office, I promise you,

it was shattered the very day I was sworn in."

Law enforcement has remained a male-dominated profession, and studies estimate that women make up anywhere from 10 to 15 percent of the industry. Those who choose to pursue a career in special programs like SWAT are an even smaller minority.

Sayers said she is aware of the gender gap in her profession and thinks many women may be concerned about a stable life-work balance, which Sayers admitted can be difficult to achieve in her line of work.

As far as the treatment she's received from other deputies and her peers, Sayers said her experiences are positive.

"Everyone I work with is really encouraging and supportive," she said. "We've always been a team."

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PHS students compete in journalism contest

By Lisa Concepcion
Poinciana Writer

Recently, student reporters from Poinciana High attended the Florida Scholastic Press Association's annual convention in Orlando, joining more than 1,300 student journalists from across the state.

Students spent three days competing in more than 50 categories and received a total of five Best of the Best nominations, which means the work in those five categories was considered a top three finalist in the state. Freshman Zamaiya Marquez took home two Best of the Best wins in the following categories: Off Campus Feature and Spot News Photo. Senior Arthur Welch won the Best of the Best award in Profile Story for his piece on Poinciana High instructor Jorge Arce.

► Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. Here's two ideas to help prepare for Mom's Big Day.

The Association of Poinciana Villages' LifeStyle recently announced their 2018 Mother and Child Paint Night. Let's Gogh Art has planned another bonding and fun event for Moms and children ages 6 up.

The 2018 Mother and Child Paint Event will be on Wednesday, May 9, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Tony DePalma Community Building, 395 Marigold Ave. Cost is \$20 per painter.

In order to participate, you must pre-register. The event has limited seating and last year it filled up quickly. To register, go to Association of Poinciana Villages Facebook page and follow the link to Mother and Child Paint Night.

"Mommy and Me" Tea Party at the Poinciana Branch Library, 101 N. Doverplum Ave., will be on Saturday, May 12, from 2 to 3 p.m. Celebrate that special lady in your life - your mother! Honor your Mother at this tea party. Enjoy tea, make a craft and a memory that will last a lifetime. To register go to <http://osceolalibrary.evanced.info/signupadmin/eventxml.aspx?dm=ical&eventid=58212>.

► "Once On This Island" opened on May 1 at Liberty High. This is an interactive and entertaining production you won't want to miss. Seating will be limited, and tickets will only be available online. Showtimes include tonight at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m.; Monday, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday at 5 and 8 p.m. Reserve tickets at www.seatyourself.biz/libertytheatre.

► Incoming sixth grade student orientation night is today, May 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. All middle (including Discovery Intermediate) and K-8 schools (including Bellalago Academy)

in the Osceola School District will be part of sixth grade orientation night.

Students who will move on next year to sixth grade, along with their parents, are invited to attend the orientation night at their new school to meet their principal, to get an idea of what classes will be offered, to make their way around the campus, to learn about the extracurricular sports and club offerings and more. This Orientation Night will be a great opportunity for parents to get involved in the next step of their child's education. Parents with orientation night questions are encouraged to contact the middle school their child will attend.

► Poinciana (Polk) Neighborhood Crime Watch will present Women's Basic Self Defense and Personal Safety Class on Wednesday, May 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. This class is open to all women in any Poinciana Village ages 13 and up (those 13 to 17 years old must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver).

This class will be held at the Poinciana Community Center, 445 Marigold Ave. RSVP to Martin Negron at MARTINNEGRONSR@gmail.com.

► If you have any Poinciana news or information that you would like to share, call Lisa Concepcion at 407-319-9700 or email news@osceolanewsgazette.com.

JOB FAIR

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SPORTS



Flagged down

Harmony, St. Cloud fall in districts.

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CLASS 1A/3A/4A STATE TRACK MEET

County athletes set sights on the podium

► Six of seven county public schools, plus City of Life, qualify athletes for state track

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Saving some of their best for last, Osceola County track and field athletes qualified for 45 entries in the Class 1A, 3A and 4A state track meets this weekend at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Several athletes qualified for multiple events by placing in the top four at Thursday's Region 2 meet at Lakeland George Jenkins, which hosted the 3A and 4A regionals simultaneously. And others, like St. Cloud distance runner Tristen Montalvo, Poinciana hurdler Shanelyx Davila, throwers Essence Tornabene (St. Cloud) and Hunter Hummel (Celebration), and Osceola sprinters Sadae Davidson and Amaya Phillips, are returning to state to chase a coveted gold medal.

Montalvo defended his regional championship in the 3,200 meters (9:21.37), and Zach Cloud (fourth, 9:39.06) will join him in that race along with the 4x800 relay, where the Bulldogs were second (8:01.62) to Lakewood Ranch by two seconds. Montalvo also earned a bid in the 1,600 meters (third, 4:27.65).

Matthew Velez was second in the 300 hurdles (39.34) and punched a return ticket to Jacksonville.

Osceola put five athletes in five events: Quavon Brown (second, 14.48) and Jeremiah William (fourth, 14.82) in the 110 hurdles; Dyshawn Baker (fourth, 11.14) in the 100 meters, Markevous Jackson in the 200 (second, 22.49) and 400 (third, 48.70) and Kameron Green (tied for first/third on attempts, 6-5.50) in the high jump.

Hummel, who was 4A state runner-up last year in the discus at 163 feet, won the region at 172-7.

In the team standings, Osceola (54 points) was third at regionals. St. Cloud (41.5) was seventh, Celebration (18) was 12th and Gateway (5) was 20th.

On the girls side of 4A, Osceola's 4x100 (third, 48.49) and 4x800 (third, 9:42.26) meter relays are in, along with Phillips, who was runner-up in the 100 hurdles (15.28) and regional champ in the 300 hurdles (45.65). Alliann Johnson was champion in the 100 (12.10) and second in the 200 (25.04), and Davidson was second in the 400 (55.92). Isabel Pancake qualified for the discus as an at-large selection.

"I was satisfied, everyone I took to Regionals made it to States," OHS Girls coach Eric Pinellas said. "Alliann has a shot in the 100 and Sadae is the second seed in the 400."

St. Cloud goes to state with its 4x400 relay (second, 4:14.85), hurdler Simone Giggetts (third in the 100, 15.88), pole vaulter Haudi Whitson (third, 10-4) and Tornabene, who was second last week in the discus (118-1) and shot put (40-6.25) and is in the running to return to the podium.

"Regionals went really well for us," St. Cloud Track Coach Kevin Harkema said. "We had a lot of personal best to qualify for state. The hard work of the athletes paid off."

The Kowgirls, like their male counterparts were third (76) in the team standings. St. Cloud (39) was sixth.

In the 3A boys, Liberty's Niles Hunte (third, 14.87) and Marion Brown (fourth, 15.18) will push each other in the 110 hurdles. In the field events, Poinciana's Guy Bond (fourth, 5-11.5) hopes to continue the legacy of Eagle high jumpers (Mike Edwards was a 2006 state champion), while



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/KEN JACKSON

Osceola's Quavon Brown, shown here winning the 110 high hurdles at the District 4A-5 track meet, was second at last week's Region 2 meet in 14.48 seconds, earning a trip to the Class 4A state meet this weekend at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, along with a dozen other Kowboys athletes.

pole vaulter Elijah Gunn (12-9.5) flies to the bar for Harmony.

Poinciana's Isaiah Miller (third, 143-10) and Harmony's Timothy Davis (fourth, 141-8) are in the discus.

Harmony was 10th (28.5), Liberty 14th (20) and Poinciana 18th (15) in the boys 3A regional standings.

In the 3A girls race, Liberty used its depth to tie Mainland for seventh with 40 points. The Chargers, led by its regional champion 4x100 (48.50) and 4x400 (4:02.01, by three seconds over Auburndale) relays will be in five events in Jacksonville. Alandi Jacobs (fourth, 25.81) is in the 200, Queen Washington (third, 58.73) is in the 400. Christelle Bonzil (fourth, 4-11.75) will compete in the high jump.

Poinciana's Davila, previously unbeaten this season in the 100 hurdles, was third (15.28), good enough for a state berth. Shyann Jackson (second, 57.71) is in the 200, and Jendaya Nesbitt (second, 5-1.75) will high jump with Bonzil.

Harmony's 4x800 relay team (third, 10:09.11) earned a berth.

Poinciana (26) was 11th and Harmony (16) was 16th in the team totals.

At the Region 1A-3 finals on April 25 at The First Academy, City of Life put three athletes into the 1A state meet: long jumper Kenny Payton (fourth, 19-6.25), discus thrower Kayla Hefner (third, 96-10) and Debra Buggs (fourth, 18.12) in the 100 hurdles.

OHS, SC softball champions again

Editor's Note: Wednesday night's regional softball quarterfinals were played after deadline for this issue. For updates on the playoff games, go to www.aroundosecola.com or on Twitter (@OsceolaSports).

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

St. Cloud and Osceola both defended their district softball championships last week in nail-biting, close games that featured at least one late-inning comeback.

In last Thursday's District 8A-10 championship, the Bulldogs trailed Windermere 2-0 with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, only to tie it and then win it in the seventh on Taylor McFann's walk-off bases-loaded single.

At Osceola, the Kowgirls claimed their third straight district title with a 4-3 win Davenport Ridge to claim a spot Wednesday against Oviedo at 7 p.m. at Coffey Field.

St. Cloud four-peated as district champs for the first time in school history.

"Winning these doesn't get old, but the process in getting here tonight makes me feel old," Bulldogs Coach Ray Whobrey said after the game. "The girls showed a lot of heart, and I'm so proud because this team is so young. (Pitcher Alyssa) O'Donnell hung in there in the circle and really battled until the end."



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

The St. Cloud softball team and some of their fans celebrate its fourth district championship in a row after a 3-2 come-from-behind victory last week over Windermere in the District 8A-10 championship game.

The win earned St. Cloud, who started two freshmen and five sophomores Thursday, a place in Wednesday's quarterfinal playoffs against Hagerty (22-4), who fell in the 8A-9 title game 8-6 to Winter Springs in 10 innings.

After the Wolverines (15-12) broke open a scoreless game in the top of the sixth helped by an error, the Bulldogs answered right

back in their half of the sixth. Senior Bri Rodriguez worked a leadoff walk, stole second, went to third on McFann's groundout and scored when Ariana Manzanares reached on a fielder's choice. Lindsey Burns followed with a pinch-hit triple that tied it when Manzanares scored.

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Celebration lacrosse falls in regional playoffs, but Storm's future is bright, coach says

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Like last year, the Celebration girls lacrosse program's 2018 season ended in the regional playoff round with a loss to Lithia Newsome.

But, during the 13-3 campaign, Coach Beverly Alksninis saw reason to believe the lacrosse team, currently the only one fielded in Osceola County, is in good shape going forward.

The Storm rolled through District 13 play undefeated — its closest match was a 17-6 decision against Bartow in the regular season. Celebration beat the same Yellow Jackets 18-3 in the district championship on April 19 after pasting Lakeland 18-0 in the semifinals.

Despite losing 21-5 to Newsome in last week's regional quarterfinals, the Storm outscored opponents 234-121. The season featured separate win streaks of seven (to start the year) and six (leading into the regionals).

"We tried our best but Newsome was the better team on Thursday," Alksninis said. "I don't know if I'd say we had a better season this year ... just different. Last year we had a definite star in

Charlotte Spencer (now playing for Army at West Point), this year we had more of a 'constellation of stars,' and it was difficult for our opponents to figure out and target our strongest player because we had several who worked together beautifully.

"Also this year we had more players on our varsity bench with lacrosse experience thanks to the influx of freshman players who developed their skills in middle school lacrosse clubs. Last year we were only able to field a varsity team but this year we had enough players to field a JV team as well. I think our District win last year helped promote our program within the student body."

By putting away district opponents early, Alksninis said she was able to turn to her younger players and get them meaningful live-action playing time.

"I was able to see how some of our freshman players would perform when thrown into the varsity mix. They did very well," she said. "The future of Celebration lacrosse is strong. I was impressed with the Polk County programs this year, they have all definitely improved."

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Despite double-digit win seasons, flag football season ends in regionals for HHS, SC

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

For the first time in three seasons, flag football season in Osceola County won't extend into the regional playoffs.

Just as Harmony fell 7-0 to Jones in the District A-10 final last week, St. Cloud couldn't get the one play they needed for most of the night in Thursday's District 2A-5 final and lost, 7-6, to Lake Nona (12-2), who will host Tampa Bloomingdale tonight in a region semifinal.

"We made more mistakes than them, they were the better team (Thursday)," Bulldogs Coach Codie Nieder said after the game. "Their pass rush came a little stronger (six sacks) than we expected, they

brought three instead of two on the extra point play we needed to tie it."

St. Cloud (11-2) moved the ball — a lot — just not into the end zone until there were two minutes left in the game, and its defense kept quarterback Nashley Zayas (8-of-18 passing) in check.

Bulldogs Sophomore quarterback Elly Schmidt was 25-of-35 passing for 183 yards, and tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Destinee Wright late in the game with St. Cloud trailing 7-0, but Lake Nona batted down the ensuing extra-point pass.

The Bulldogs fell behind on a freakish offensive play — after a completed pass, Lions' defender Chelsee Martino snatched a bobbling lateral out of the air and took it 30 yards to the end zone.

"We run that play a lot. I've seen some odd things happen, but it's the first time in six years that's happened on that play," Nieder said. "We didn't strike until it was too late. I thought the defense played very well."

Harmony, playing at East River in the A-10 championship for its third title in a row and ninth in 12 years, couldn't get the big play needed on offense and fell to Orlando Jones, 7-0, ending its season at 11-1.

"We won 11 games and we're heartbroken, but that's the way it should be," said Longhorns Coach Paul Strauch, who is used to coaching the Longhorns into the regional and state playoff levels into May. "We've set a standard for Harmony flag football."

SOFTBALL

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After O'Donnell sent Windermere down in order in the seventh, St. Cloud quickly loaded the bases when Amy McNabb walked, Morgan Watrel singled and went to second as McNabb took third, and Rodriguez was intentionally walked. That set up McFann's game-winning hit.

Rodriguez, the lineup's lone senior Thursday, said winning districts in each year of her four-year career is "kind of a big deal," which she said she impressed on her younger teammates.

"I keep saying it's important for us to keep

up our energy as a team until after the last out of the game," she said. "After we gave up those two runs, in the dugout it was like, 'Forget it, let's go get them back.'"

And they did. For Osceola, the winning margin in its district title game — Audra Thompson's two-out, walk-off double — came after a scary play that sent Kowgirls catcher Maria Nunez to a local hospital for observation.

With runners on second and third and no outs in the bottom of the seventh, Nunez sent a bouncing grounder to first. The Ridge

throw home to the plate to get the winning run hit Nunez between the mouth and chin, made worse when umpire called Osceola's lead baserunner out under the continuation rule.

OHS Coach George Coffey said spent a night in the hospital and was in good spirits earlier in the week as she awaited if oral surgery would be required.

"We'll figure it out," Coffey said of the team's playoff catching situation. "We'll survive, it's what a family does."

Wednesday's winners play in the regional semifinals on Tuesday.

LACROSSE

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The Celebration Storm girls lacrosse team celebrated defending its District 13 championship on April 19 with a dominating 18-3 win over Bartow. The team lost in Thursday's regional playoffs.

"I strategically created our schedule this year to play teams that would give us challenges. Our losses to Hagerty and West Orange were extremely valuable to see where we want to go and what we need to do to improve. We added Rockledge and Viera to the schedule this year and had to work hard

for those wins. We lost to Timber Creek last year (12-11) but redeemed ourselves this year with an 11-7 win.

Senior Captain Katie Arce, who has signed to play collegiately for Bentley (Mass.) University, led the Storm attack with 58 goals and 38 assists.

Freshman Midfielder

Kaelyn Figueras led the team on draw control with 71 and scored 42 goals. She was also strong on ground balls. Senior captain Olivia Warner was a threat in the midfield and on attack, adding 31 goals. Sophomore goalie Vivian Spencer had 127 saves as Celebration pitched three shutouts.

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St. Cloud's Tornabene to throw at state, then in college after signing with Christian Brothers

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

A lot was going on at St. Cloud High School on April 17 during the District 4A-5 track meet, but there was enough time in the day for the Bulldogs to take a moment to celebrate one of their best athletes over the last four years.

Essence Tornabene, a state-ranked thrower looking to return to the state track meet for the third year in the shot put and discus, signed a full-ride scholarship — during the district meet — to Christian Brothers University, a Division II school in Memphis.

Tornabene, who also went to the weightlifting meet the last two years, made the commitment official Tuesday in front of family, teammates and Coach Kevin Harkema.

"This was late in the season, so I'm happy that it's over," she said, literally hours after defending her District 4A-5 titles in the discus and shot put.

Lorrie Tornabene, Essence's mother, was also on hand Tuesday and succinctly put how the signing made her feel.

"Relieved. Happy. Overwhelmed," she said, noting many major air carriers fly directly into Memphis.

Tornabene, who was also a state-qualified weightlifter, will also compete in the hammer throw, essentially a weight on a rope, at Christian Brothers, which competes in the Gulf South Conference. Tornabene has thrown the hammer in AAU and USA Track competitions, she said.

She said the school decision came down to the Buccaneers and Southwest Minnesota State, but CBU was able to offer a full scholarship, not common in collegiate track and field.

Harkema said Tornabene's story and journey is "the result of what hard work does."

"I know firsthand that full rides are hard to come by," he said. "I knew she

was good early on, but she's been steadily improving her whole career to get to this point."

Tornabene said Harkema sought her out to become a Bulldog — and now a Buccaneer later this summer — thrower.

"I was in the weight room my freshman year and Coach Harkema came in and said he needed a thrower. It took me a little while to get used to it but I quickly fell in love with it," she said. "Going to states my sophomore year made me realize that I could do this in college and be competitive."

Tornabene placed third in the discus at last year's Class 4A at 120 feet, 8 inches. She won Tuesday's district meet at 126-8. She said she's only a couple feet from being competitive at the college level in the shot put, "maybe 10 feet" in the discus and "pretty close" in the hammer throw.

(She's closer than she thinks — in a recent conference meet, CBU's leading shot putter finished second at

39.7 feet — Tornabene won the district on Tuesday at roughly 39.3 feet.)

Tornabene said focusing on the next throw and not about those at bigger meets weeks from now hasn't been a problem.

"It's been a pretty nice senior season, I've already made PRs and I'm excited to get to state."



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St. Cloud thrower Essence Tornabene, seated and celebrating with Coach Kevin Harkema (standing fourth from left), signs a track scholarship to Christian Brothers University, a Division II school near Memphis. Tornabene has qualified for her third trip to the Class 4A state track meet, held this weekend in Jacksonville, in both the shot put and discus.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

▶ **PHS alum Cirino signs with Colts**

2012 Poinciana High graduate and defensive back Mike Cirino, who played collegiately at Ventura (Calif.) College and Division II Adams State (Colo.) University, was signed as a free agent by the Indianapolis Colts following the completion of last weekend's NFL Draft. For more see a story in Saturday's News-Gazette sports section.

▶ **City of Life's Buggs, Harvey, OHS' Langer named All-State**

Shooting guard Reyna Buggs and power forward Asia Harvey from City of Life Christian Academy, who won the Class 2A girls basketball state championship in February, were named to the 10-player FABC/

Source Hoops 2A All-State team. Osceola shooting guard Jaden Langer earned a spot on the Class 9A All-State team. All three are underclassmen.

▶ **St. Cloud High Hall of Fame banquet**

St. Cloud High School will hold its ninth annual athletic Hall of Fame dinner banquet and silent auction on May 4 at Royal St. Cloud's Royal Crest Room. Tickets are \$30 in advance, table sponsorships are \$350 which includes program recognition. To reserve seats or tables, email Steffanie Ansbaugh at c6923a@yahoo.com. The school is also seeking donated items for its silent auction. For information on donating items or cash, contact Chad Ansbaugh at Chad.Ansbaugh@osceolaschools.net.

▶ **St. Cloud "We Dare To Care" golf tourney**

The City of St. Cloud Public Services staff will hold its fourth annual charitable golf tournament on May 19 at 8 a.m. at Royal St. Cloud Golf Links. The event benefits the We Dare to Care Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization that supports and raises funds for local charities, police officers, firefighters and other city employees in need. Registration is \$70 per player or \$250 per four-person team; other sponsor packages are available. To register, or for sponsorship information, go to <http://stcloudcharitygolf.eventbrite.com>, email alvey@stcloud.org or call 407-957-7326.

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The 411 on Mother's Day flowers



Mother's Day is an annual holiday that honors motherhood and provides an opportunity for men, women and children to show their mothers how much they appreciate them.

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia. Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and well wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in Mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother's love.

Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.

Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.

Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift gives a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.

Unique Mother's Day gift ideas

Mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, and many more remarkable women often work tirelessly and without fanfare to provide for their families. Even though they may deserve to be recognized throughout the year, moms enjoy a special day nestled within the month of May when children, spouses and others celebrate Mother's Day.

Many people give heartfelt gifts on Mother's Day to express their love for the mothers in their lives. The perfect gift may focus on Mom's interests and the things that make her truly happy. With that in mind, the following shopping tips can help anyone find the perfect Mother's Day gift.

▶ Explore spa packages. What mother won't benefit from some rest and relaxation with a little pampering thrown in? Salons and massage therapists typically put together Mother's Day packages that cater to mothers. Packages may include massages, facials, hair treatments, manicures, and pedicures. Gift-givers can customize the services depending on their budgets.

▶ Dining out can be a treat. A meal at a favorite restaurant can be a welcome change from kitchen duty. Mother's Day is a busy day for restaurants, many of which have limited menus to better handle the crowds. As a result, if dining out on Mother's Day, Mom may not get the full menu she desires. To ensure mothers have full menus at their disposal, gift givers can cook a meal at home on Mother's Day and then choose another day of the week to enjoy a meal in an upscale restaurant.

▶ Schedule a paint and sip. A paint and sip session is a unique gift. A session is typically two hours and includes step-by-step instructions. Patrons are



encouraged to bring snacks and their favorite beverages. With the right planning, well-intentioned children can turn the evening into a "ladies night out" and encourage other moms to join in the fun. Or the entire family can paint masterpieces together.

▶ Give tickets to a show or sporting event. Whether Mom is a sports fan or she prefers the theater or live music, event tickets can make a wonderful gift. Unique gift ideas include tickets to Cirque du Soleil, Shen Yun or a Broadway play.

▶ Give the gift of wine tasting. Wineries can be found across the country and frequently open their doors to wine tastings and wine pairing events. A Mother's Day wine tasting can be special for the entire family and support local businesses. Check the vineyard's rules on guests. Many times those under 21 can attend but will not be permitted to consume wine, though other refreshments may be available.

Mother's Day offers the perfect opportunity to lavish attention on special women. Gifts that cater to Mom's interests will make the biggest splash.

5 ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

Losing a loved one is never easy. Whether the loss is recent or not, many people find the void created by a loved one's passing never leaves them. Celebrating holidays or milestones can magnify feelings of loss, and such feelings may surface on Mother's Day among people whose mothers are deceased.

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion. It can be challenging scrolling through other's social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can



remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother

and display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.

Coping with loss on Mother's Day is seldom easy. With time and by focusing on the positive, people who have lost their mothers can enjoy Mother's Day.

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THE KISSIMMEE SCULPTURE PUB CRAWL, runs all night, beginning at 6 p.m. at Kissimmee Main Street. Stops include Broadway Pizza, Big John's Rockin' BBQ, 3 Sisters Speakeasy, Shipwrecked in the Islands, Main Street Pizza and more. *Downtown Kissimmee.*



HOT N JUICY CRAWFISH, is offering \$5 margaritas all day long, with a full-menu selection of delicious seafood. 7572 W Sand Lake Road in Orlando.



THE MANELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART, invites you and your furry friends to Yappy Hour from 3 to 5 p.m. The fiesta includes margaritas, sangria, dog chips and dip, photo booth stations and more. Admission is \$10. 900 E Princeton Street in Orlando.



CHURCH STREET, is hosting its annual Block Party from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Featuring Chillers, Cahoots, Latitudes and Irish Shannon's. RSVP includes free entry before 6 p.m. and free margaritas 6 to 7:30 p.m. *Orlando.*



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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is offering a special rate this summer. From June 4 to Sept. 30, buy two nights and get a third night free.

Naples Beach Hotel offers 'buy 2 nights, get 1 free'

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Summer is near. With just a few weeks left until school's out for summer vacation, it's time to start planning ahead. Luckily, living in Florida puts us at a bit of an advantage, as Florida is one of the top vacationing spots in the world.

Traveling from Central Florida to the coast is an easy drive for day trips, but sometimes one beach day is just not enough.

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is offering an exclusive deal for summer. Between June 4 and Sept. 30, 2018, guests are invited to stay two nights and get a third night free.

The guest rooms and suites feature cool, tropical colors, flat-panel televisions, patios or balconies (with varying views of the Gulf, golf course or lush resort interior), a coffee maker and refrigerator— all for a perfect, relaxing staycation.

"The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is perfect for a relaxing getaway," said Jason Parsons, general manager of the family-owned resort. "It is absolutely beautiful here. Plus, there is something at our resort to please almost anyone."

This AAA Four-Diamond Resort sits on the white-sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, as Southwest Florida's only beachfront resort with an on-site tennis

center, luxury spa and championship golf course.

The full-service spa offers hair and nail services, but also houses nine individual spa treatment rooms, for treatments including the Hot Stone Massage, Revitalizing Fruit Fresh Facial, Moisture Rich Conditioning Wrap, Aroma-Reflexology Massage, Ultimate Lifting Facial, Espresso Mud Detoxifying Wrap, and Signature Salt Scrub.

Additionally, the spa offers separate women's and men's relaxation areas and locker rooms, saunas, steam rooms, whirlpool baths, state-of-the-art cardio and weight rooms in separate areas, and a private aerobics studio.

While it's great to relax indoors, resort guests can take their vacation outside for a round of golf. Over the last few years, the resort as spent more than \$50 million in renovations and enhancements, one of the major upgrades being the golf course.

The \$9 million redesign practically reinvented the course. Completed in November 2016, the plans were designed by golf icon and acclaimed course designer Jack Nicklaus in collaboration with renowned course architect John Sanford. The par-71 course features five tees, ranging from 4,800 to 6,900 yards.

Though these amenities are for adults, the resort offers plenty of leisure for the whole family.

The beachfront pool complex features two pools and whirlpools, while beach rentals are available for a sandier experience. Plus boating and fishing trips can be arranged at the hotel.

The resort also houses multiple restaurants and lounges, including the signature beachfront restaurant HB's on the Gulf, which offers both indoor and outdoor dining. The Seminole Store offers quick-service deli sandwiches, ice cream, gourmet coffees, pizza, pastries and desserts, all in a cafe atmosphere.

Specifically for the kids is the Beach Kids Club. This complementary, supervised program allows parents to drop off their kids (ages five to 12) so they can enjoy the adult amenities.

"This enables Mom and Dad to play golf on our championship course, enjoy a soothing service at The Spa, play tennis, or simply relax on the beach or by one of the pools – while the kids are having a great time," said Parsons. "Favorite activities include scavenger hunts, face painting, beach walks, crafts, and games."

Teens can have their own fun, too, as the resort offers volleyball tournaments, beach olympics, beach-side scavenger hunts and more.

Looking for some nearby fun? There's a lot to do in Naples. Check out the Naples Pier, only 2.3 miles down from the resort.

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CELEBRATE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY COLISEUM OF COMICS TO GIVE AWAY FREE COMIC BOOKS

By Jennifer DiDomenico
 A&E Editor

Saturday, May 5, is Free Comic Book Day at Coliseum of Comics. The comic book chain will be giving away more than 35,000 comics to celebrate its largest event of the year.

“Free Comic Book Day is one of the the busiest days for comic stores, but also the day we see a lot of new faces, people we haven’t seen in a while, and fans we see regularly, all looking for what’s new in comics,” said Coliseum chain owner Phil Boyle, in a press release.

This is the 17th year Colosseum has celebrated this event, offering the community

a fun, family-oriented event where everyone can find a comic they’ll enjoy.

The comics that will be given away have been selected by retailers on the FCBD Committee, ranging from Star Wars and Disney Princesses, to the Avengers and Adventure Time.

Free Comic Book Day will run throughout the day, at all nine Florida Coliseum of Comics locations. Each location has a different schedule of events.

Coliseum Kissimmee (2511 Old Vineland Road) will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event will feature local artists, face painting, Stormtroopers of the 501st Legion and a morning



appearance by balloon artist Denzil Jackson.

Coliseum is just one of the thousands of comic book retailers around the world giving over six million comic books to millions of fans to introduce them to the wonders of comics.

For more information, visit www.Free-Comic-Book-Day.com or www.Coliseum-of-Comics.com. For more information on Coliseum Kissimmee’s events, call 407-870-5322 or email kissimmee@coliseumofcomics.com

EVERY SCOOP COUNTS AT CULVER’S GUESTS CAN ENJOY \$1 SCOOPS OF FRESH FROZEN CUSTARD

By Jennifer DiDomenico
 A&E Editor

Every scoop counts today, May 3, at Culver’s locations across the nation, as the restaurant chain celebrates Scoops of Thanks Day. More than 650 participating Culver’s restaurants are offering guests \$1 scoops of Fresh Frozen Custard.

The celebration is in part of Culver’s Thank



You Farmer’s Project, and helps support agricultural education programs like the National FFA Organization.

“We’re proud to support local FFA chapters as they continue to prepare young people to strengthen American agriculture,” said Culver’s Senior Marketing Manager Jessie Kreke, in a press release. “Scoops of Thanks Day allows our guests to join us in supporting young leaders who will work to create a sustainable food supply for future generations.”

To date, the Thank

you Farmers Project has raised more than \$1.7 million for the National FFA Organization, local FFA chapters, plus a variety of local agriculture organizations. Every dollar from today’s Scoops of Thanks Day will continue to benefit these organizations.

More on the National FFA Organization, from the release:

“The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 653,359 student members as part of 8,568 local FFA chapters in all 50 states,

Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The organization is supported by 344,239 alumni members in 2,051 local FFA alumni chapters throughout the U.S. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.”

To learn more about Culver’s Thank You Farmers Project, visit www.Culvers.com/ThankYouFarmersProject.

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Located right across the street from Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Adventure

Island is a 30-acre waterpark featuring endless opportunities to unwind after finals with high-thrill slides to the lazy river and wave pool. Students can take advantage of this offer to experience Adventure Island’s newest attraction: Vanish Point. The 70-foot drop slide lets riders choose between two wave paths, one that drops the floor

from beneath their feet or one that begins in a seated position before taking a steep dive on a 455-foot-long speed slide.

The exclusive discount on single-day tickets is available now through May 25 online and at the front gate. To purchase tickets and learn more, students can visit www.AdventureIsland.com/College.

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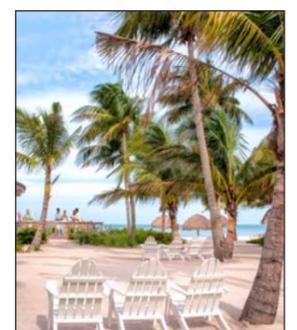
Visit the Naples Zoo (2.0 miles) or the Naples Botanical Garden (5.4 miles). Take the kids over to the Sun-n-Fun Water Park (11 miles), or do some shopping at the Village at Venetian Bay shopping center (3.2 miles). Take a day trip over to the Revs Institute for Automotive Research to see the vintage car collection (4.7 miles), or make reservations for a romantic date night at a restaurant in Downtown Naples (2.0 miles).

“Whether you wish to golf on the redesigned

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For more information and to take advantage of this limited-time offer, visit www.NaplesBeachHotel.com

(visit the “Specials” section), or call 800-237-7600 or 239-261-2222. The offer is based on availability, and blackout dates apply during holiday weekends.



'STAR WARS' TAKES OVER LEGOLAND

THEME PARK PRESENTS THREE WEEKENDS OF 'STAR WARS DAYS'

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

'LEGO Star Wars Days' is back and better than ever before. This year's events from "a galaxy far, far away" will take place over a record three consecutive weekends, beginning May 5-6.

The event will welcome back infamous characters like LEGO Darth Vader for meet-and-greets and photo opportunities, plus a new character: LEGO Captain Phasma, First Order Stormtrooper from the blockbuster Star Wars film franchise.

MINILAND USA—the theme park's miniature display of famous landmarks, built from more than 32 million LEGO bricks — will feature a brand new addition during opening weekend of Star Wars Days. 'LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens MINILAND Model Display' will spotlight memorable moments from

Episode VII of the Star Wars saga.

Some of the 2,000 models on display stand six feet tall, enhanced with interactive lights, sound effects and animation.

"We are delighted to celebrate the installation of LEGO Star Wars: The Force Awakens MINILAND Model Display on May 4 just in time for three consecutive event weekends at the place built for kids," said LEGOLAND Public Relations Executive Chloe Boehm. "An incredible amount of detail went into the creation of the giant LEGO model display, and we're excited for guests to explore the newest addition."

Guests can also meet one of MINILAND USA'S Master Builders, and learn exclusive model tips and insights.



Other fun things to see and do include photo opportunities with the world's largest LEGO Yoda model, LEGO Chewbacca and LEGO Rey; Star Wars themed LEGO competition builds; fan photographer photo exhibits; chances to win LEGO prizes; and much more.

Guests are encouraged to dress up as their favorite Star Wars characters for this event, for more

chances to win LEGO prizes.

Up next, LEGOLAND invites you to celebrate America's independence with a fireworks show over Lake Eloise on July 4. Also, help build a giant American flag out of LEGO bricks before the sun goes down.

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'LIVE AT THE GARDENS'

TICKETS ON SALE FOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Tickets are now on sale for "Live at the Gardens" — Bok Tower's Summer Music Series, presented by Allen & Company. The series features an eclectic mix of five top artists from June to September.

"As the summer heats up, Bok Tower Gardens cools down with amazing performances in the Visitor Center," said Bok Towers Director of Marketing Erica Smith. "These evenings present some of the best musical artists in Florida and offer an intimate entertainment experience."

From the release, the concert lineup is as follows:

Saturday, June 9
Ashley Liberty & Daniel Strange

Sponsored by Duke Energy
Violinist, Ashley Liberty, and pianist, Daniel Strange, will perform an entire program of smokin' fast, exciting, foot-stomping music in their show Hot Fiddle!

Saturday, July 14
The Rowdy Roosters
Mark Green plays the

hottest trumpet this side of New Orleans. Enjoy an evening of authentic, toe-tapping, foot-stomping New Orleans jazz, that turns any concert into an instant Mardi Gras!

Saturday, July 28
Betty Fox Band
Sponsored by Terrie Lobb Catering

With an extensive background in gospel and a lifelong passion for soul music, Tampa native Betty Fox has come a long way from her southern roots to headlining festivals and captivating thousands with her raw swagger and unwavering talent.

Saturday, August 18
Mrs. Murphy's Chowder Celtic Band

Cooking up hot jugs and reels, poignant Celtic ballads and rousing pub tunes with an eclectic mix of instruments, don't miss this evening of hammered dulcimer, fiddle, guitar, octave mandolin, tin whistle, Irish flute, upright bass, banjo and the Irish rum, Bodhran.

Saturday, September 8
O-55 Show

Composed of the area's most talented musicians the O-55 Show band has been delighting audiences for more than 20 years. Relive classics from the Great American Songbook as this group presents an evening of Jazz, Big Band, Broadway and more.

All concerts are held in the air-conditioned comfort of the facility's Visitor Center. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.

Advanced tickets are required. Tickets for non-members are \$30 per concert, members pay \$25 per concert. Series packages are available at \$125 for non-members, \$120 for members.

Pre-show dining is available between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Blue Palmetto Cafe, for an additional charge. Snacks and beverages will be available through intermission.

For more information on the concert lineup, featured menu, or to purchase tickets, visit www.BokTower.org or call 863-734-1222. Tickets can also be purchased in the Visitor Center.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT BOK

In other Bok Tower news, the garden facility is welcoming you to explore volunteer opportunities at Bok Tower Gardens during a volunteer fair on May 17.

Bok Tower is currently looking for individuals

and students of eight years or older to assist throughout the grounds in various departments including education, cafe, maintenance, the gift and plant shops, and more.

If interested, please RSVP

to the volunteer fair by calling 863-676-1408 x2258, or emailing jlandmichl@boktower.org. Registration is also available online at <https://boktowergardens.polladdy.com/s/volunteer-fair>.

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 Meals on wheels is a 501 (c) 3, nonprofit, private charitable organization dedicated to providing services to enable independence and self-sufficiency for seniors, disabled adults, the disadvantaged and families in poverty. www.osceola-generations.org.
 - ▶ **OASIS volunteers needed**
 Make a difference and help enrich the education of students by becoming a school volunteer today at Discovery Intermediate. As students enter the time of testing through May, the school could use some volunteers acting as proctors, watching over students as they test, escorting students to the restroom, handling out pencils, etc. Please consider helping out during this very busy time at school. Please visit the district website at www.osceolaschools.net/OASIS.
 - ▶ **Bookmark Buddies**
 P.M. Wells Charter Academy (<http://www.pmwellscharter.org/>) is a public charter school-serving students in grades K-8. The school is in need of volunteers to serve as Bookmark Buddies at the school. Bookmark Buddies is a mentor reading program that helps third grade students improve their reading skills and score at Level 2 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). The program recruits volunteer mentors each year that help to improve the reading skills of low performing students. Mentors meet at the P.M. Wells Charter Academy for 30 minutes a week, one-on-one, throughout the school year. No prior tutoring experience is necessary and all the tutoring materials are provided, making for an easy and fun volunteer experience. The Bookmark Buddies mentor builds a strong friendship and takes great satisfaction in their student's success as they begin to gain confidence and improve their reading and writing skills. P.M. Wells is looking for volunteers to help elementary school art teacher work with students, and clean tables, desks and work surfaces. The school also is seeking volunteers to help tutor middle school students in math. Volunteers interested in becoming Bookmark Buddies at P.M. Wells Charter Academy can contact Principal Alan Ramos at 321-697-1020 or Mrs. Ingrid Hernandez, volunteer coordinator, at ihernandez@pmwellscharter.org.
 - ▶ **Volunteer at SNIp-it Clinic**
 The SNIp-it Clinic is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization working to: Reduce the pet overpopulation in our shelters. Educate the public on the benefits of spay/neuter. Provide low cost, high quality spay/neuter services. Service TNR and Animal Rescue Organizations. The clinic provides high quality spay/neuter services for cats and dogs to help dramatically reduce the number of animals entering in to shelters each year. More than 30,000 animals were euthanized in Central Florida last year. Reducing the pet population is the only way to guarantee that animals won't have to suffer or die because of the lack of homes. The clinic has many opportunities for all levels 18 years or older. Normal business hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The clinic can use help with laundry, sterilizing surgical packs, cleaning, filing, answering phones, fundraising and marketing. It also has weekend opportunities that include special events and feral cat trapping for TNR. Contact Susan Muncy: email: 2snipit@gmail.com or by phone: 407-476-4748.
 - ▶ **The Backyard Project**
 The Backyard Project is a local organization that strives to enhance community awareness and support by providing resources to those in need. The Backyard Project regularly provides meals to the homeless community in Kissimmee and we are looking for volunteers ages 16 and up to help with meal preparation and delivery. Those interested can email The Backyard Project at bypflvolunteer@gmail.com.
- ▶ **TO SUBMIT YOUR REQUEST, CONTACT BRIAN MCBRIDE**
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VOLUNTEER

Is your nonprofit group or local organization looking for volunteers to help you out in the community?

The News-Gazette is establishing a new Volunteer section to list where volunteers are needed. If your organization or nonprofit needs volunteers, then give the group name, a description of your group, the volunteer requirements and contact information.

Email that information to Editor Brian McBride at bmcbride@osceolanewsgazette.com.

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Weekly and Monthly Events

Don't stop believing. Come out to Books A Million at The Loop this Saturday to meet Jonathan Cain from the band Journey. Tickets are available and required to attend. Tickets include a signed copy of Cain's new book, plus meet-and-greets and photo opportunities. Call 407-552-0077.

WHO Jonathan Cain from the band Journey
WHAT Book signing, meet-and-greets, photo opportunities
WHEN Saturday, May 5
WHERE Books A Million at The Loop
TADMISSION Included with ticket



DAILY 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.*

FRIDAY 05-04

"TOTALLY TOTS!" EXHIBIT
 The Osceola County Historical Society presents "Totally Tots!" — a temporary exhibit that will run through August. *The opening reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. 4155 W. Vine Street in Kissimmee. OSCEOLAHISTORY.ORG*

MOVIE NIGHT AT LEU GARDENS

The whole family is welcome to Movie Night at Leu Gardens. Bring your blankets, chairs and picnic baskets. The film "Breathe" (rated PG) will begin at 8:30 p.m. *Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children (ages 4-17). 1920 N. Forest Avenue in Orlando*

MENNELLO MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR

Join Mennello Museum of American Arts' Executive Director for a guided tour of the current exhibition—"When the Water Rises: Recent Paintings by Julie Heffernan." The tour is free with regular paid admission or Mennello Museum membership. *For tickets, visit store. MENNELLOMUSEUM.ORG*

PORKY'S COMEDY CLUB
 Porky's Comedy Club in St. Cloud is hosting a performance with headliner Jim Holder. Plus feature act BJ Odom and opener Ben Brainard. The show starts at 8:30 p.m., doors at 7 p.m. A second performance will be held on Saturday, May 5. Beer, wine, liquor, and a selection of Jimmy Bear's BBQ food. *Guests must be 18 years of age. For tickets and more information, visit PORKYSCOMEDYCLUB.COM*

SATURDAY 05-05

MEET JONATHAN CAIN FROM THE BAND JOURNEY.
 Come out to Books A Million at The Loop and meet Jonathan Cain from the band Journey. Tickets are available and required to attend. *Tickets include a signed copy of Cain's new book, plus meet-and-greets and photo opportunities. Call 407-552-0077.*

BAHIA SHRINERS CIRCUS
 Osceola Heritage Park is pleased to announce the 64th Bahia Shriners Circus. *Tickets are on sale now, \$18 for all ages and free for children ages two and under. They can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com, by phone 800.745.3000 and at the Silver Spurs Arena Box Office. For more information, please visit OHPARK.COM*

LEGO STAR WARS DAYS
 LEGOLAND kicks off its LEGO Star Wars Days. The theme park will unveil its newest addition to the MINILAND, featuring memorable moments from Star Wars' Episode VII, enhanced with lights, sound effects and animation. Special appearances by LEGO Darth Vader. *LEGO Star Wars Days include weekends in May: 5-6, 12-13, 19-20. Visit LEGOLAND.COM/FLORIDA*

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*

DOG EVENT AT THE BREWSTILLERY
 Bring your pup out to The Brewstillery at The Bear and Peacock from 5 to 7 p.m. Dog treats, dog beer, stylish accessories, raffles and more. Swag bags will be given to the first 20 attendees. *1288 North Orange Avenue in Winter Park*

BOK TOWER GARDENS
 Bok Tower Gardens is offering free admission for National Public Gardens Day. *Download the free admission voucher online, before entering: PUBLICGARDENS.ORG/PROGRAMS/NATIONAL-PUBLIC-GARDENS-DAY/ABOUT-NATIONAL-PUBLIC-GARDENS-DAY*

SATURDAY 05-12

SMOKIN' BREWS, BOATS & BBQ
 St. Cloud Main Street presents Smokin' Brews, Boats & BBQ featuring P1 Power Beats. This event is packed with excitement, featuring a Craft Brew Festival, exhilarating Power Boat Races, and the People's Choice BQ Competition. Eat, drink and enjoy the races. *Tickets available on Eventbrite. Visit STCLOUDMAINSTREET.COM*

WEDNESDAY 05-16

OH WONDER
 OH WONDER takes the stage at House of Blues Orlando at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. *Tickets start at \$25. For tickets, visit HOUSEOFBLUES.COM/ORLANDO*

FLEA MARKET
 The Council on Aging is hosting a flea market from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will feature a large selection of new and vintage items, and lots of jewelry — all at a low price. *For information, call Carmen Carasquillo at 407-483-1473.*



FLORIDA PLANTS SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP
 Harry P. Leu Gardens Executive Director Robert Bowden will lead a Florida Plants Sustainability Workshop at the Mennello Museum of American Art. Discover a surprisingly wide variety of vegetables and fruits that perform their best in our region's intense summer heat and humidity. *Admission for non-members is \$10.*

THURSDAY 05-17

PHYSICIAN LECTURE SERIES
 Poinciana Medical Center is hosting Dr. Owen Kieran in part of its May physician lecture series. Dr. Kieran is a general surgeon at Poinciana Medical Center. He will conduct a lecture about surgical options for diabetic patients, and discuss symptoms, treatment options and lifestyle modifications for this condition. A Q&A will be hosted after the lecture. *The event is open to the public. Call 407-530-2013.*

FRIDAY 05-18

AFIE JURVANEN AKA BAHAMAS
 Afie Jurvanen is a Finnish-Canadian from Ontario. Since 2009 he's been making music under the name Bahamas. Through simple arrangements, he charts an escape route from the snow belt to the coral reefs. *Watch him take the stage at The Orpheum: 1915 East 7th Avenue in Tampa. The show starts at 9 p.m., doors open at 8 p.m. For tickets, visit THEORPHEUM.COM*

SATURDAY 05-19

COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET
 Attention all shoppers. The Home & Community Education (HCE) of Osceola County is hosting an indoor/outdoor community flea market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Extension building in Osceola Heritage Park. All fundraising profits benefit HCE's college scholarship programs. *Contact Karen Kirkendall 407-973-4058 or karenkirkendall@aol.com for information or to rent a table. Rent fees are \$10 for a table inside, or \$5 for a space outside (bring your own table or tent).*

THURSDAY 05-31

"STAR TREK: ABDUCTION"
 The first performance of "Star Trek: Abduction" at Plaza Live in Orlando. Opera Orlando performers plus music from the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra. *Tickets range \$29-\$59. For tickets and other show dates, visit OPERAORLANDO.ORG*

SATURDAY 06-16

WINTER GARDEN CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW
 Classic cars and other show cars will line the streets of historic Winter Garden at the Winter Garden Cruise-In Car Show. Guests are asked (but not required to) bring items for the homeless, including socks, sample size toiletries, canned goods, boxed items, etc. Each person who donates will receive a raffle ticket and is eligible for a \$50 drawing at 8 p.m.

I DIGNITY OSCEOLA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS
 To help with the next event, Friday, Feb. 9. The group was created to assist the disadvantaged in Central Florida to navigate the complexities of getting personal identification like Social Security and Florida ID cards and more. It requires nearly 100 volunteers and professional staff of the various agencies involved. *The event will be held at First Christian Church, Kissimmee, 215 N. Main St. For questions email idignity.osceola@idignity.org.*

ONGOING

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

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



FLORIDA OMBUDSMAN

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

CRAFTY LADIES

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

THURSDAY NITE CRUISE IN

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

A recovery ministry that applies the eight Biblical Recovery Principles (based on the Beatitudes) with a goal to let God work through us in providing His healing power. Open to everyone in the community who experiences pain, brokenness and needs support and encouragement. Some of the hurts, habits and hang-ups that are addressed are: anger, food addiction, co-dependency, grief and loss, abandonment, divorce, self-mutilation, tobacco, all types of abuse, work-alcoholics, bitterness, all addictions, sexual integrity, selfishness, unforgiveness and so much more. *Every Friday night; Kissimmee Christian Church, 415 N. Main St., Kissimmee, at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor in rooms 206 and 208; 407-847-2543*

CRIBBAGE ON FRIDAYS

The Cribbage Group at Parks and Recreation on Palm Drive welcomes anyone who would like to play — or learn how to play — cribbage. *The group meets every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon at the community center. The charge is \$.25 for every skunk. Winners can take the half or full pot.*

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2018 Ford ESCAPE

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The Ford Escape has a confident, rugged persona. The hood and raised trapezoidal upper set a wider stance evoking a more prominent feel. The 2018 Escape is the first Ford vehicle to make Auto Start/Stop technology standard with either of two EcoBoost engines — a 1.5-liter EcoBoost and a 2.0-liter twin-scroll turbocharged EcoBoost. Auto Start/Stop technology shuts off the engine during common stops, so the vehicle burns no gas and emits zero tailpipe emissions. Base models are powered by a 2.5-liter i-VCT four-cylinder engine.

By Sue Mead
Motor Matters

The Escape is appealing to many families who find it a perfect blend of drivability and utility for both everyday motoring and getaways, too.

So, it's no surprise that it is one of Ford's most popular vehicles, second to its number-one-best-selling F-150 pickup truck, and a leader in one of today's most competitive automotive segments where it contends with more than two dozen other compact crossover models.

The five-passenger 2018 Escape comes with a new SEL version that joins the existing S, SE, and Titanium trims. The front-wheel-drive Escape starts at \$23,850 for the entry-level S model, \$25,605 for the SE, \$28,005 for the new SEL trim level, and \$32,045 for the indulgent Titanium model.

Three four-cylinder engine choices are available: a 2.5-liter powering both the S and SE trims makes 168 horsepower and 170 lb.-ft. of torque; the 1.5-liter four-cylinder that boasts 179 hp and 177 lb.-ft. of torque is standard on the SEL; while a 2.0-liter twin-scroll turbocharged four-cylinder available for the Titanium trim pumps out 245 hp and 275 lb.-ft. of torque.

The turbocharged Escapes also feature active upper-grille shutters to streamline airflow at highway speeds. Standard on the other two four-cylinder engines is fuel-saving auto start-stop technology that shuts down the engine whenever the Escape stops and restarts it when the driver lifts off the brake. Fuel economy ranges from 21 mpg city and 29 mpg highway in the front-wheel-drive S model, 23/30 in the FWD SE and SEL, to 20/27 for the AWD Titanium.

All are mated to a six-speed automatic transmission with SelectShift semi-automatic shifting for additional performance and control. All-wheel drive — available on SE, SEL, and Titanium trims — ensures power is distributed as needed for maximum traction under a variety of road conditions, and also allows light off-roading.

I drove an all-wheel-drive Escape in the high-end Titanium trim recently in New England along a mix of roads that included small-town two-lanes and higher-speed freeways. Notable are its sporty road manners with car-like ride and tight handling; high vantage for good visibility; smart technologies; and its impressive list of safety and driver-assistance features.

Also of note is the pleasant mix of premium materials, and its good stowage

capacity with split-folding rear seats that allow 34 cubic-feet of cargo with the rear seats up and 68 cu.-ft., with the seats folded flat. The Escape has a towing capability of up to 3,500 pounds.

Updates to the SE series bring front heated cloth seats, roof side rails, and a perimeter alarm. The new SEL trim sports leather-trimmed seating, a power liftgate, heated exterior mirrors, signature LED lighting, and a reverse sensing system. The top-of-the-line Escape Titanium features a 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine, intelligent access with remote start, navigation, enhanced active park assist, and high-intensity discharge headlamps. The standard rearview camera carries over for 2018, and all but the base S model feature heated front seats. Standard on all trim levels, the Escape offers Apple CarPlay and Android Auto connectivity; SEL and Titanium levels boast SYNC 3 with an 8-inch capacitive LCD display (an upgrade from the standard 4.2-inch SYNC system found in the S and SE).

The roomy utility vehicle has an impressive suite of standard safety features; available driver-assist technologies include adaptive cruise control and collision warning with brake support, lane-keeping, and an enhanced active park assist system that will guide the crossover into parallel and perpendicular parking lanes (and out of tight parallel spots). Of note is a driver alert system that uses data from the lane-keeping system to detect signs of fatigued driving and provide a warning on the instrument cluster—it even vibrates the wheel if it thinks you're dozing off.

SPECIFICATIONS 2018 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM

VEHICLE TYPE
5-passenger AWD compact CUV

BASE PRICE
\$32,045 (as tested: \$33,395)

ENGINE TYPE
EcoBoost 4-cylinder w/DI

DISPLACEMENT
2.0-liter

HORSEPOWER (net)
245 at 5500 rpm

TORQUE (lb.-ft.)
275 at 3000 rpm

TRANSMISSION
6-speed automatic

OVERALL LENGTH
178.1 in.

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

CURB WEIGHT
3,576 lbs.

FUEL CAPACITY
15.7 gal.

EPA MILEAGE RATING
20 mpg city, 27 mpg highway

Tips to improve your memory

Forgetfulness can affect anyone.

For example, few, if any, adults can say they have not experienced moments when they could not find their keys. And once the keys are found, people move on without giving much thought to why they did not immediately remember where they left their keys.

Isolated incidents where people cannot recall where they placed their car keys or other minor bouts with forgetfulness do not occur by accident.

In fact, the Harvard Medical School notes that they are likely byproducts of age-related changes in thinking skills. When people reach their 50s, chemical and structural changes in the brain may begin to occur, and these changes can affect a person's ability to process memories.

Father Time may be a formidable foe, but people can take steps to give their memories a boost as they get older.

► Embrace recognition instead of trusting recall. Dr. Joel Salinas, a neurologist who specializes in behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital, notes that human beings are better at recognition than recall. That means people are more likely to remember something they read, such as a note or a list, than something they're simply told.

► Recognize the value of repetition. The Harvard Medical School notes that people might be more inclined to remember what they hear if they repeat it out loud. Names and addresses might be more easily remembered after they're repeated out loud because repetition increases the likelihood that the brain will record the information and be capable of retrieving it later. When studying for exams, many students repeat important points to themselves time and again, and that same approach can be applied by adults who are trying to improve their memories.

► Eat a healthy diet. A study published in 2015 in the journal *Neurology* found that people who eat healthy diets with lots of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and fish and little alcohol and red meat may be less likely to experience declines in their memory and thinking skills. Authored by Andrew Smyth of McMaster University in Ontario and the National University of Ireland in Galway, the study following more than 27,000 people in 40 countries for an average of roughly five years. All participants were 55 and older and had diabetes or a history of heart disease, stroke or peripheral artery disease. Those who ate the healthiest diets were 24 percent less likely to experience cognitive decline than people with the least healthy diets.

► Break things down. Breaking things down into small chunks also can help improve memory. If tasked with remembering something extensive,



such as a speech, focus on a single sentence at a time, only moving on to the next sentence when you're confident you have

successfully committed the preceding sentence to memory.

Periodic memory lapses are often nothing to

worry about. But men and women concerned about maintaining their memories can employ various strategies to do just that.

OBITUARIES

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TENGAN-Judith Ann Tengan, age 70, of Narcoossee, FL, passed away at 5:43 a.m.



on April 15, 2018 at St Cloud Regional Medical Center. Judy was born on October 8, 1947 in Beacon, NY to Irving and Gwendolen Nerrie.

Judy grew up in Beacon, NY and soon after graduation left to enroll in nursing school in Connecticut. She worked as an Operating Room Nurse at the prestigious Yale New Haven Hospital. From there she traveled to California where she worked for a short time before moving to Hawaii, where she met Rodney Tengan. They then moved to Guam and got married. Judy worked as an OR Nurse for the Guam Memorial Hospital, where she delivered her three children. After 17 years on Guam, she retired from the Guam Memorial Hospital, got divorced and

moved to Kissimmee, FL with her children. Judy was a very strong, hardworking, independent and successful woman.

After settling in Kissimmee, she went back to work for St. Cloud Regional Hospital as an Endoscopy nurse for many years, where she also retired.

She met Ron in 1995, and they have been together ever since. They loved and cared for each other for over 22 years.

Judy spent much of her free time reading, watching football, caring for her dogs and horses, garage sale hunting, and enjoyed spending time at her timeshare in Daytona Beach with Ron.

She will be greatly missed by all of those who knew

her. We love you, Judy! Your wonderful and gentle soul will forever remain in our hearts. May you rest in eternal peace.

She is survived by her mother, Gwendolen Nerrie (age 99, Beacon, NY); her three daughters; Cheryl (David) Sundlov (Southlake, TX), Stacey Tengan (Absecon, NJ), and Denise (Ben) Garcia (Austin, TX); her boyfriend, Ron Zielsdorf; her grandchildren; Maile Escoto (age 12), Jadynd Sundlov (age 8), Kasen Sundlov (age 7), Anthony Garcia (8 months); and her brother, Brian Nerrie.

Please join us to honor Judy at her "Celebration of Life" which will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 12 noon at 1059 S. Lake Avenue, Saint Cloud, FL 34771.

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RICHARD A. WALLACE

Funeral services for Richard A. Wallace, 70, of Cochran who died Sunday, April 22, 2018 in a Augusta Hospital was held Monday, April 30, 2018 in the Chapel of Fisher Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Milledgeville.

Mr. Wallace was born in Breman, MD. The son of the late James A. and Ruby Lee Streetman Wallace. He has lived in Cochran since 2008

moving from Kissimmee, FL. He was retired from T.R.S. Inc., in Haines City, FL. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving in Vietnam and was of the Christian Faith.

Survivors are his son, Edwynn (Leah) Wallace of Cochran; 2 daughters, Lynette Wallace and Kristine (Charles) Kidwell both of Saint Cloud, FL; 2 brothers, Frank Green of Milford, IN, and James Wallace of Breman, MD. 2 sisters, Elizabeth

Spencer of Aylett, VA and Jane Dermott of South Bend, IN; 8 grandchildren, Alexis Linscott, Lana Gilbert, Tristan Ashbum, Mason Kidwell, Susie Wallace, Edwynn V. Wallace, Audrey Wallace and Isaac Wallace.

The family met friends Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and were at the residence of Ed and Leah Wallace, S. 3rd Street, Cochran.

Fisher Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY NOTICES

• James Rodney Howard Sr. passed away Monday, April 23, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Poinciana, is handling the arrangements. 407-931-4811.

• Rafael Gonzales, 79, of St. Cloud, passed away April 15, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee is handling the arrangements. 407-847-2494.

• Jose Wilfredo Perez Rosa, 44, of Orlando, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Poinciana, is handling the arrangements. 407-931-4811

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April 30, 1936

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Case No.: 2016-CC-002319
EAST LAKE RESERVE AT NARCOOSSEE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff
vs.
LISA MARIE KARRAS AND UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, N/K/A ROOSEVELT DARIUS, Defendants.

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LOT 125, 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.
Street Address: 468 ACACIA TREE WAY, KISSIMMEE, FL 34758
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: **McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC**, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 500 Australian Avenue South, Suite 1000, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, on or before JUNE 6, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court, otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
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 18th day of April 2018.
ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF SAID COURT
By: /s/ SN
As Deputy Clerk
McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
500 Australian Avenue South Suite 1000
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
Telephone: (561) 713-1400
FLpleadings@mwc-law.com
May 3, 10, 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 no-

NOTICE OF MEETING ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The May 2, 2018 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Enterprise Community Development District has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the District Office, located at 313 Campus Street, Celebration, Florida 34747.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provision of Florida Law for Community Development Districts and may be continued to a date, time and location to be specified on the record at the meeting.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate via telephone. In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Management Company, Inframark at (954) 603-0033 at least two (2) calendar days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 800-955-8771 (TTY)/800-955-8770 (Voice) for aid in contacting the District Management Company.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and accordingly, the person may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Gary L. Moyer
District Manager
May 3, 2018

Residence: Unknown
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTINE A. CADDLE A/K/A CHRISTINE CADDLE
Residence: Unknown
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in OSCEOLA County, Florida: 2728125220001 1250
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May 3, 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL DIVISION
Case No.: 2017-CA-2929 MF
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), Plaintiff,
vs.
EUGENIO LETONDEUR, A/K/A EUGENIO JEAN MICHEL PRISCIANTELLI LETONDEUR, et al., Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: EUGENIO LETONDEUR, A/K/A EUGENIO JEAN MICHEL PRISCIANTELLI LETONDEUR
Last Known Address: 8312 FONTERA DRIVE UNIT 201, CHAMPIONS GATE, FL 33896
Current Residence: UNKNOWN

VERONICA ALEXANDRA SALAZAR MALAVE, A/K/A VERONICA MALAVE
Last Known Address: 8312 FONTERA DRIVE UNIT 201, CHAMPIONS GATE, FL 33896
Current Residence: UNKNOWN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 15-CA-2312 MF
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
JUAN NAVARRO, et al., Defendants

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 24, 2016, and entered in Case No. 15-CA-2312 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, is Plaintiff, and JUAN A. NAVARRO, are Defendants. Armando Ramirez, Clerk of the Circuit Court for OSCEOLA County, Florida will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash SUITE 2600, ROOM 2602 of the OSCEOLA County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, at 11:00 a.m., on the 22nd day of MAY 2018.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 2017-CA-003106 CI
JEL SITE DEVELOPMENT, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
FAHAD AL-TURKI, Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: FAHAD AL-TURKI,
Last Known Address: P.O. BOX 87433, RIYADH, 11642, SAUDI ARABIA
and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property herein described:
Osceola County Parcel No.: 132528000002800000 a/k/a BEG AT NW COR TRACT A ORLANDO SUN VILLAGE PH 1A PB 10 PG 38, S 83 DEG W 63.12 FT, S 70 DEG W 52.09 FT, S 85 DEG W 48.35 FT, S 71 DEG W 192.26 FT, N 22 DEG W 15.98 FT, S 67 DEG W 49.44 FT, S 80 DEG W 114.94 FT; N 24 DEG W 71.14 FT, N 2 DEG E 24.04 FT, N 3 DEG E 122.52 FT, N 10 DEG E 25.08 FT, N 7 DEG E 36.27 FT, N 12 DEG E 45.73 FT, N 8 DEG E 38.73 FT, N 12 DEG E 46.67 FT, N 11 DEG E 50.93 FT, N 7 DEG E 62.76 FT, N 2 DEG E 77.15 FT, N 18 DEG W 42.08 FT, N29 DEG W 51.29 FT, N32 DEG W 51.56 FT, N 33 DEG W 43.75 FT, N 30 DEG W 64.74 FT, N 46 DEG W 27.91 FT, S 85 DEG W 30.91 FT, S 46 DEG W 53.09 FT, N 33 DEG W 3.42 FT, N 58 DEG W 34.83 FT, N 68 DEG W 53.98 FT, N 54 DEG W 57.94 FT, N 74 DEG W 56.78 FT, E 49 DEG W 28.01 FT, N 32 DEG W 23.98 FT, N 6.67 FT, E 1047.84 FT TO W/RW ORLANDO VINELAND RD AND TO PT ON NON-TAN CURVE, CONC NELY, RAD 560 FT TO CH BEARING S 10 DEG E 53.39 FT) SELY ALONG CURVE 53.41 FT, S 13 DEG E 631.88 FT, S 12 DEG E 139.18 FT TO N LINE ORLANDO SUN VILLAGE PHASE 1A, S 78 DEG W 150 FT, N 72 DEG W 188.74 FT TO POB.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Osceola County, Florida. You are required to file a written response with the Court and serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: **William L. Grant**, 300 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1600, Orlando, FL 32801, at least thirty (30) days from the date of first publication, 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.
REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
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.
WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 12th day of April 2018.
ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF THE COURT OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: /s/ SN
As Deputy Clerk
April 26, 2018
May 3, 10, 17, 2018

COMMON ELEMENTS AND ALL APPURTENANCES HERETOUPON APPEARING AND SPECIFIED IN SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM.
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on **Choice Legal Group, P.A.**, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is P.O. BOX 9908, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33310-0908, on or before MAY 30, 2018, a date which is within thirty (30) days after the first 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.
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 12th day of April 2018.
ARMANDO RAMIREZ As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ SN
As Deputy Clerk
17-01605
April 26, 2018
May 3, 3018

the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 6 BLOCK A OF DAVIS BUNGALOW PARK ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 101 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 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 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

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: **MFC SERVICES** located at: 1420 Celebration Blvd., Suite 305, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Celebration, Florida 34747, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows:
SUSAN KARLIC, EA
DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida, on this 26th day of April, 2018.
May 3, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2018-CA-56-OC
ORANGE BRANCH BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff,
vs.
DONALD KOTHENBEUTEL, PAMELA MATCHETT and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION
2900 Orange Bud Drive
Kissimmee, FL 34746
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien foreclosure on the following property in Osceola County, Florida:
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

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)
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By: /s/ DS
As Deputy Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT,
IN AND FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROBATE DIVISION
File #: 2018-CP-000248 PR
DIVISION: Probate.
IN RE: ESTATE OF PEDRO
JOSE ROMAN COLON,
A/K/A PEDRO J. ROMAN,
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the
Estate of PEDRO JOSE
ROMAN COLON, a/k/a
PEDRO J. ROMAN, de-
ceased, whose date of death
was December 9, 2017, is
pending in the Circuit Court
for Osceola County, Florida,
Probate Division, the ad-
dress of which is: 2 Court-
house Square, Kissimmee,
Florida 34741. The names
and addresses of the Person-
al Representative and the
Personal Representative's at-
torney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent
and other persons having
claims or demands against
decedent's estate on whom a
copy of this notice is re-
quired to be served must file
their claims with this court
WITHIN THE LATER OF
THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER
THE TIME OF THE FIRST
PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE
OR 30 DAYS AFTER
THE DATE OF SERVICE OF
A COPY OF THIS NOTICE
ON THEM.

All other creditors of the de-
cedent and other persons
having claims or demands
against decedent's estate,
must file their claims with this
Court WITHIN (3) MONTHS
AFTER THE DATE OF THE
FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS
NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO
FILED WITHIN THE TIME
PERIOD SET FORTH IN
SECTION 733.702 OF THE
FLORIDA PROBATE CODE
WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE
TIME PERIODS SET FORTH
ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED
TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE
AFTER THE DECEDENT'S
DATE OF DEATH IS
BARRED.

The date of first Publication
of this notice is: April 26,
2018.

Personal Representative:
/s/ Ileana Roman
ILEANA ROMAN
708 Grape Avenue
St. Cloud, Florida 34769

**Attorney for
Personal Representative:**
/s/ C.D. Lewis Jr.
C.D. LEWIS Jr.
Attorney for Ileana Roman
Florida Bar No. 435848.
LEWIS and MASSEY, P.A.
Attorneys-at-Law
1021 Massachusetts Avenue
P.O. Box 701654, St. Cloud,
Florida 34770-1654
Telephone: (407) 892-5138
Fax #: (407) 892-1534
E-Mail:
cdlewis@lewismasseylaw.com

April 26, 2018
May 3, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 2018-CP-000206
IN RE: ESTATE OF
JESUS ANTONIO CABRA
GUTIERREZ,
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Summary Administration)**
TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
CLAIMS OR DEMANDS
AGAINST THE ABOVE
ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that
an Order of Summary Admin-
istration has been entered in
the estate of **JESUS ANTONIO
CABRA GUTIERREZ**,
deceased. File Number
2018-CP-000206, by the Cir-
cuit Court for Osceola
County, Florida, Probate Divi-
sion, the address of which is:
2 Courthouse Square,
Kissimmee, Florida 34741;
that the decedent's date of
death was September 14,
2014; that the total value of
the estate is \$65,000.00, and
that the names and ad-
resses of those to whom it
has been assigned by such
order are:

Name:
Maria Del Carmen Cabra
Address:
4828 Ashurst Street,
Kissimmee, Florida 34758
ALL INTERESTED PER-
SONS ARE NOTIFIED
THAT:

All creditors of the estate of
the decedent and persons
having claims or demands
against the estate of the de-
cedent other than those for
whom provision for full pay-
ment was made in the Order
of Summary Administration,
must file their claims with this
court WITHIN THE TIME
PERIODS SET FORTH IN
FLORIDA STATUTES SEC-
TION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS
AND DEMANDS NOT SO
FILED WILL BE FOREVER
BARRED. NOTWITHSTAND-
ING ANY OTHER APPLIC-
ABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY
CLAIM FILED TWO (2)
YEARS OR MORE AFTER
THE DECEDENT'S DATE
OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication
of this Notice is April 26,
2018.

Person Giving Notice:
MARIA DEL
CARMEN CABRA
4828 Ashurst Street
Kissimmee, Florida 34758

**Attorney for
Person Giving Notice:**
NORBERTO S. KATZ,
ESQUIRE
Florida Bar No. 399086
425 West Colonial Drive
Suite 104
Orlando, Florida 32804
Telephone: (407) 849-7072
Fax #: (407) 849-7075
E-Mail: velizlaw@TheVel-
izLawFirm.com
Secondary: rriedel@TheVel-
izLawFirm.com
April 26, 2018
May 3, 2018

**NOTICE OF
PUBLIC AUCTION**

Pursuant to Chapter
713.585(6) F.S. United Amer-
ican Lien & Recovery, as
agent w/ power of attorney,
will sell the following
vehicle(s) to the highest bid-
der; net proceeds deposited
with the clerk of court; owner/
lienholder has right to hear-
ing and post bond; owner
may redeem vehicle for cash
sum of lien; all auctions held
in reserve

Inspect 1 week prior @
lienor facility; cash or cashier
check; 18% buyer premium;
any person interested phone
(954) 563-1999
Sale date: MAY 25, 2018 @
10:00 a.m., 3411 NW 9th
Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL
33309

**31780 2000 NISSAN
VIN#: 3N1CB51D6YL325565
Lienor:** Ideal Service Ctr
Inc., 125 W. Keen St.,
Kissimmee, FL 321-697-0005
Lien Amt:\$3458.36
**Licensed Auctioneers
FLAB422 FLAU 765 & 1911**
May 3, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA
General Jurisdiction Division
Case No.: 2017-CA-2317 MF
DITECH FINANCIAL LLC,
Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
BENEFICIARIES,
DEVISEES, GRANTEEES,
ASSIGNEES, LIENORS,
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES
AND ALL OTHERS WHO
MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST
IN THE ESTATE OF
EDUARDO SANCHEZ,
DECEASED, et al.,
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION -
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
BENEFICIARIES, DEVI-
SEES, GRANTEEES, AS-
SIGNEES, LIENORS, CRED-
ITORS, TRUSTEES, AND
ALL OTHERS WHO MAY
CLAIM AN INTEREST IN
THE ESTATE OF EDUARDO
SANCHEZ, DECEASED,
whose residence is unknown,
if he/she/they be living; and
if he/she/they be dead, the
unknown defendants who
may be spouses, heirs, devisees,
grantees, assignees, lienors,
creditors, trustees, and all

THIS NOTICE WAS RECORDED IN THE OFFICIAL
RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON
04/19/2018, IN OR BOOK 5319, PAGES 2833-2921.

MARKETABLE RECORD TITLE ACT NOTICE

Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, (hereinafter referred to as the "Association"), is a homeowners association subject to Chapter 720, Florida Statutes. The Association hereby certifies that preservation of the covenants or restrictions affecting the land identified hereinafter has been approved by a two-thirds vote of the Association's Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum of the Board was present, prior to which the Statement of Marketable Title Action (the "Statement") was mailed or hand delivered to the members of the Association, along with due notice of the time and place of said meeting. The Association hereby preserves the covenants or restrictions imposed on the land affected by filing this Marketable Record Title Act Notice (the "Notice") as follows: 1. **ASSOCIATION:** The name and post office address of the Association desiring to preserve the covenants or restrictions is as follows: Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc., 2180 W SR 434, Suite 5000, Longwood, FL 32779; 2. **AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OR HAND DELIVERY OF STATEMENT OF MARKETABLE TITLE ACTION:** The Affidavit of an appropriate Member of the Board of Directors of the Association is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" affirming that the Association's Board of Directors caused the Statement to be mailed or hand delivered to the members of the Association not less than seven (7) days prior to and again following the meeting of the Board of Directors, at which at least two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors of the Association voted to approve the preservation of covenants or restrictions, as set forth in this Notice. The Affidavit is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" with the Statement attached thereto as Exhibit "A"; 3. **LAND AFFECTED:** The legal description(s) of the land affected by this Notice and subject to the covenants or restrictions (the "Land") is/are set forth on the plat(s) filed in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida (the "Plat(s)") as follows: **Plat(s)/Plat Book/Page/et seq:** Buenaventura Lakes Lakepointe Townhomes Plat Book 5 Page 78 et. seq. 79-80. A copy of the Plats are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "2". 4. **COVENANTS OR RESTRICTIONS BEING PRESERVED WHICH AFFECT THE LAND:** The covenants or restrictions being preserved are set forth on the Plat(s) and in the governing documents identified hereinafter as the "Governing Documents". Copies of the Governing Documents containing the covenants or restrictions being preserved are recorded in the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, as follow(s): **Document/Official Records Book/Page/et seq:** Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions for Buenaventura Lakes - Lakepointe Townhomes OR Book 875 Pg 1116 et seq. 1117-1130; Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc. OR Book 875 Pg 1161 et seq. 1162-1168; Articles of Incorporation Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc. OR Book 875 Pg 1131 et seq. 1132-1140; By-Laws of Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc. OR Book 875 Pg 1145 et seq. 1146-1159; Lakepointe Townhomes Homeowners Association Rules & Regulations (Revised April 13, 2002), previously unrecorded; Lakepointe Townhomes @ BVL Homeowners' Association, Inc. Resolution to Amend the Rules and Regulations (Adopted March 10, 1992), previously unrecorded; Party Wall Agreement and Roof Overhang Easement OR Book 875 Pg 1141 et seq. 1142-1143; Developer's Agreement (Regarding Tree Protection) OR Book 862 Pg 1593 et seq. 1594-1598; Notice of Maintenance Assessments OR Book 985 Pg 2002. A copy of these Governing Documents are attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "3".

By and through its undersigned authorized representative and pursuant to Chapter 712, Florida Statutes, the Association does hereby preserve and extend for the maximum duration permitted by law the covenants or restrictions imposed on the Land affected by this Notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have set their hand and seal this 12th day of April, 2018.
Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation
By: /s/ (sign) Jenny Maldonado
(print) President, Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc.

Attest:
/s/ (sign) Kitty Lynne Cornale
(print) Secretary, Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc.
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of:

/s/ Witness - Sign Name Emmanuel Farrugia
Print Name: /s/ Witness -
Sign Name Laura Rios Pineiro
Print Name

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF

The foregoing was acknowledged before me this 12 day of April, 2018, by Jennie Maldonado, as President, and Kitty Lynne Cornale, as Secretary, of Lakepointe Townhomes at Buenaventura Lakes Homeowners' Association, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, [x] who is personally known to me or [] who produced _____ as identification.

s/ Laura Rios Pineiro
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF FLORIDA
Notary Seal <SEAL>
My Commission Expires _____
April 26, 2018
May 3, 2018

PRIMARY EMAIL:
mail@rasflaw.com
17-038422-AdB
April 26, 2018
May 3, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND
FOR OSCEOLA
COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION
Case #: 2017-CA-002382 MF
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE,
LLC, D/B/A MR. COOPER,
Plaintiff,
vs.
LEON SCHULTZ, et al,
Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: LEON SCHULTZ
RESIDENT: Unknown
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:
44 ABBEY LN, UNIT 4310,
DANBURY, CT 06810-5241
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-
FIED that an action to fore-
close a mortgage on the fol-
lowing described property
located in OSCEOLA County,
Florida:

**Unit 307, Building 6, of
Artisan Club Condo-
minium, according to the
Declaration of Condo-
minium recorded in Of-
ficial Records Book 2859,
Page(s) 2216, and all sub-
sequent amendments
thereto, together with its
undivided share in the
common elements, in the
Public Records of Osceola
County, Florida.**

has been filed against you,
and you are required to serve
a copy to your written de-
fenses, if any, to this action
on **Phealan Hallinan Dia-
mond & Jones, PLLC**, attor-
neys for plaintiff, whose ad-
dress is: 2723 West Cypress
Creek Road, Fort Lauder-
dale, FL 33309, and file the

original with the Clerk of the
Court, within 30 days after
the first publication of this no-
tice, either before or immedi-
ately thereafter, MAY 30,
2018, otherwise a default
may be entered against you
for the relief demanded in the
Complaint.
This notice shall be pub-
lished 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 no-
ticed has been made or that,
because of time considera-
tion, such effort has not yet
been made but will be made
prior to the scheduled hear-
ing.

If you are a person with a
disability who needs any ac-
commodation to participate
in this proceeding, you are en-
titled, at no cost to you, to the
provision of certain assist-
ance. Please contact the
ADA Coordinator, Court Ad-
ministration, Osceola County
Courthouse, 2 Courthouse
Square, Suite 6300, Kissim-
mee, Florida 34741, (407)
742-2417, at least 7 days be-
fore your scheduled court ap-
pearance, or immediately
upon receiving this notifica-
tion if the time before the
scheduled appearance is
less than seven (7) days; if
you are hearing or voice im-
paired, call 711.
Dated: April 12, 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 #: 83790
April 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. WESS-
LING, KRISTIN H. WESS-
LING and UNKNOWN
PARTIES IN POSSESSION
3901 Blossom Dew Drive
Kissimmee, FE 34746

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an
action to enforce a lien fore-
closure on the following prop-
erty in Osceola County, Flori-
da:

**Lot 173 of ORANGE-
BRANCH BAY, according
to the Plat thereof as re-
corded in Plat Book 18,
Page(s) 65 through 71, in-
clusive, of the Public Re-
cords of Osceola County,
Florida.**

A lawsuit has been filed
against you and you are re-
quired to serve a copy of
your written defenses, if any,
to it on **CARLOS R. ARIAS,
ESQUIRE**, Plaintiff's Attor-
ney, whose address is
ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC,
140 N. WESTMONTE
DRIVE, SUITE 203, ALTA-
MONTE SPRINGS, FL
32714, within thirty (30) days
after the first publication of
this notice, JUNE 6, 2018,
and file the original with the
Clerk of this Court either be-
fore service on Plaintiff's
attorney or immediately
thereafter; otherwise a de-
fault will be entered against

you for the relief demanded
in the Lien Foreclosure Com-
plaint.

If you are a person with a
disability who needs any ac-
commodation in order to par-
ticipate in these proceedings,
you are entitled, at no cost to
you, to the provision of cer-
tain assistance. Please con-
tact: 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 22, 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit
and County Court
By: /s/ SM
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 #: 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 re-
quired to serve a copy of
your written defenses, if any,
to it on PLAINTIFF DIRECT
GENERAL INSURANCE

COMPANY through its coun-
sel **Robert K. Savage, Esq.**,
whose address is 412 East
Madison Street, Suite 815,
Tampa, FL 33602 on or be-
fore 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 en-
tered against for the re-
lief demanded in the de-
claratory judgment action.

Copies of all court docu-
ments in this case, includ-
ing 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 ad-
dress. 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 ac-
commodation in order to par-
ticipate in this proceeding,
you are entitled, at no cost to
you, to the provision of cer-
tain assistance. Please con-
tact Court Administration at
Two Courthouse Square,
Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Flori-
da 34741, Telephone: (407)
742-2417 within two (2) work-
ing days of your receipt of
this (describe notice); if you
are hearing or voice im-
paired, 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



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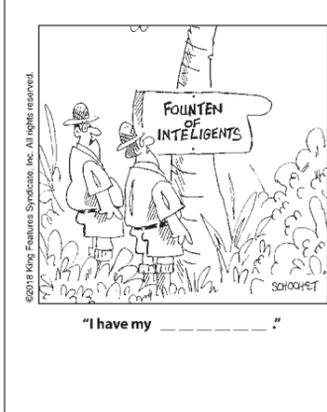
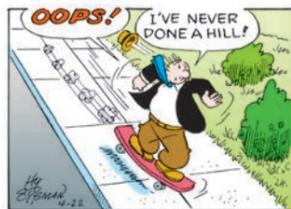
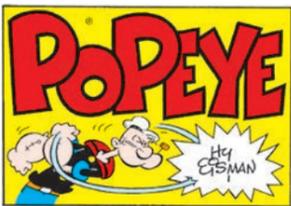
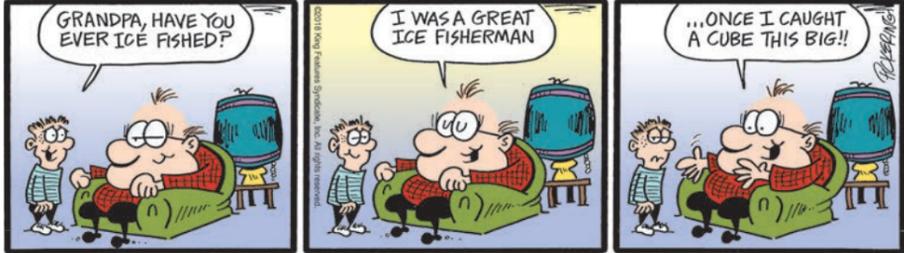
Amber Waves

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!

Array
DUBLN

Appreciation
SCEPT

Stall
YEALD

Scour
REEDO

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Falling is lower, 2. Sleeve is shorter, 3. Truck is missing, 4. Fence top is different, 5. Cap is missing, 6. Shovel is missing.

If a deep serving dish answer
came from a certain Italian province, one might deem it a Turin tureen.
Cryptoquip

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: F equals T

QI R UPPJ DPYMQEK UQDV

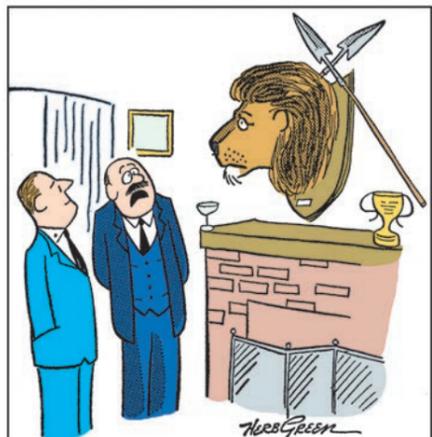
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JYSMQEWP, SEP BQKVF UPPB

QF R FOYQE FOYPPE.

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LAFF-A-DAY

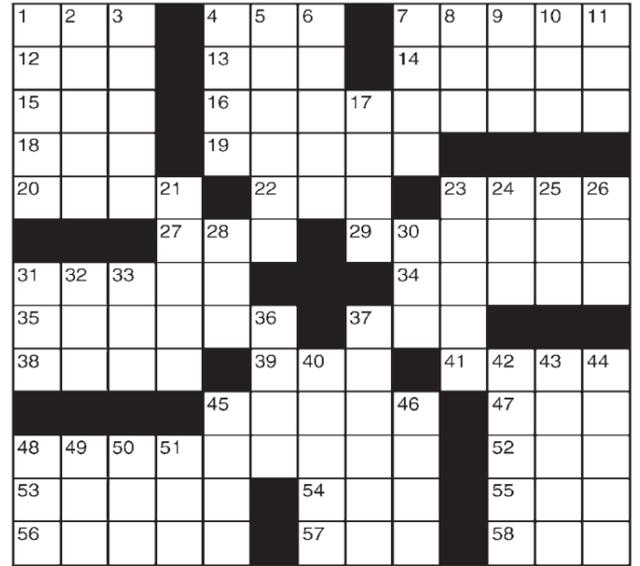


"Poor beast—died a horrible death—he was hiding near our safari and ate some of Jane's cooking."

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chances, for short
- 4 TV watchdog org.
- 7 Obliterate
- 12 Shell game need
- 13 Under the weather
- 14 Started eating
- 15 Take a whack at
- 16 Scrabble or Parcheesi
- 18 "Monty Python" opener
- 19 Wander off
- 20 Hack
- 22 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 23 Prayer ending
- 27 Rhyming tribute
- 29 Burning
- 31 Magician's cry
- 34 Cow catcher
- 35 Triangular home
- 37 Total
- 38 Constellation component
- 39 Eccentric
- 41 Unctuous
- 45 Twine fiber
- 47 Payable
- 48 Indiana university
- 52 Literary collection
- 53 "Drops of



- 10 — card (cell-phone chip)
- 11 Away from WSW
- 17 Hindu royal
- 21 On top of the world?
- 23 Memorable mission
- 24 More, to Manuel
- 25 Type squares
- 26 Ultramodernist
- 28 Weir
- 30 Swine or bird
- 31 Anatomical duct
- 32 Frequently
- 33 Glass of NPR
- 36 Oklahoma city
- 37 Pistil counterpart
- 40 Grammarian's concern
- 42 Coeur d'Alene's home
- 43 Moon-related
- 44 You'll get a rise out of it
- 45 Fax
- 46 Dregs
- 48 To the — degree
- 49 Raw rock
- 50 Pitch
- 51 "Flying Down to —"

DOWN

- 1 Vision-related
- 2 Australian city
- 3 Permission
- 4 Wee whoppers
- 5 Dress
- 6 Barton or Bow
- 7 Vortex
- 8 Carpet
- 9 Khan title

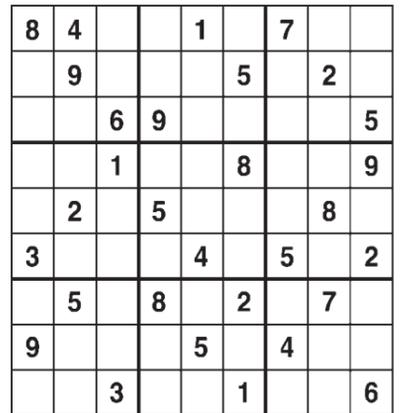
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1. FOOD & DRINK: What is a manzanilla?
2. SCIENCE: At what temperature are the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales equal?
3. U.S. CURRENCY: Which non-president's image is on the \$100 bill?
4. LANGUAGE: What word represents the letter Q in the international phonetic alphabet?
5. MUSIC: How many strings does a pedal harp have?
6. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character Quasimodo appear?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many points does a snowflake have?
8. HISTORY: Where was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?
9. BIBLE: Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What city claims to be the most northernmost in Europe?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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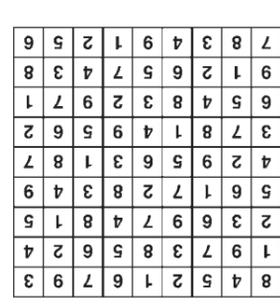
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Answers

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- 2. 40 degrees
- 3. Benjamin Franklin
- 4. Quebec
- 5. 40-47
- 6. "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame"
- 7. Six points
- 8. Saint Helena, an island off the African coast
- 9. Mount Sinai
- 10. Hammerfest, Norway

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
1. Bungle; 2. Respect; 3. Delay; 4. Erode

WATER SAFETY CLASS



The Chris Lyle Aquatic Center in St. Cloud is offering Pre Level 1 and Pre Level 2 swim lessons for kids aged 3-5 and Parent /Tot lessons for children as young as 6 months. Classes run Monday to Thursday for two weeks. Water safety can't be stressed enough and its never too early to teach a child how to swim should they fall into a pool accidentally. There has already been 25 drownings in the state since Jan. 1 and Osceola County ranks 4th out of 67 counties for drowning accidents: Top row: A class of preschoolers prepare for their lesson. Veronica Torres has the group start off with a kicking exercise. Second row: Veronica helps Case Berg use his arms for paddling and Melanie Carrasquillo with kicking while doing a back float. Third row: Veronica prepares her kids for another exercise while Terri Colabella-Lewis has one of the students get comfortable with keeping her face in the water. Terri Colabella-Lewis helps Amber Murphy relax on her back, helping her to float more easily. Colabella-Lewis has been an instructor for 18 years now.

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CZECH IT OUT



In this picture taken on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, woman adjusts open-face sandwiches at bistro Sisters in Prague, Czech Republic. With an undying popularity, the traditional Czech open-face sandwiches have entered a new century of its existence with a respect for tradition combined with new innovative approaches.

Traditional Czech open-faced sandwiches may be coming to US

BY KAREL JANICEK
Associated Press

PRAGUE (AP) — Open-faced sandwiches have been a popular Czech tradition since 1916.

The sandwiches have become part of everyday life here, a universal snack that looks good, tastes good and is relatively easy to make. They can be served for any occasion, from formal receptions to informal parties or simply as an affordable fast food for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Some chefs are innovating, creating new varieties of the sandwich using fresh vegetables and greens to reflect contemporary food trends.

One sandwich-maker hopes to introduce them this year to the U.S. market.

Open-faced sandwiches are also popular in other countries, from Austria to Scandinavia, but the Czech sandwiches have some distinctive features, including their ingredients and unique look.

Here's a look at the delicacy.

HISTORY

Legend says the sandwich was created by accident. It happened when a family friend of Jan Paukert, a famed Prague delicatessen owner, asked for a quick bite, something he could hold in his hand while he was working on paintings in Paukert's cafe. He was served a smaller-than-usual slice of bread with fish paste and anchovy on it. The sandwich was then offered to customers and it's been a hit ever since.

Today, the sandwiches are typically made with one slice of white bread, a layer of potato salad or other salad, a slice of ham, hard-boiled egg, pickled cucumber or pepper, and a parsley sprig on top. They might also have toppings like salami, cheese or fish, often with mayonnaise.

During World War II, the tempt-

ing snack was once used as a weapon, to poison four journalists collaborating with Nazi occupation forces.

After the Communists took power in 1948, the choice of ingredients was limited but the sandwich's popularity endured.

In the years since the 1989 anti-Communist Velvet Revolution, cuisines from all over the world have flooded the country, ending its isolation behind the Iron Curtain. But the sandwiches have retained their status as the favorite local fast food.

TRADITION

The Golden Cross has been serving the sandwiches in downtown Prague since the early 20th century. In a large underground kitchen, the same as 100 years ago, up to 25 employees start preparing sandwiches at 5 a.m. They make over 50 varieties, and the sandwiches are taken by a small elevator to the deli above.

"The uniqueness of the sandwich is that it's all handmade," owner Ivana Klinderova said. "It's almost like a piece of art and that's what we like about it."

Klinderova and her business partner are working on a plan to expand their business to New York. They hope to open in Manhattan once they sort out sourcing of the necessary ingredients. The precise location has not been determined.

"America is a relaxed country with many nationalities and many cultures," Klinderova said. "The only thing it misses is the Czech sandwich."

INNOVATION

When renowned food expert Hana Michopulu was opening a small bistro in Prague in 2014, the sandwiches were an obvious choice for the menu because, she said, unlike most other local meals influenced by cuisines of other coun-



tries, these sandwiches "are very authentic."

But Michopulu offers a departure from tradition, using contemporary food trends to innovate. She makes them on artisanal bread, includes unusual ingredients and relies on fresh vegetables and "micro greens."

"It's all about the flavor that has to be as rich, full and complex as possible," Michopulu said.

Today, her "Sisters" sandwich is popular among the locals and has even become part of food tours in the Czech capital. Michopulu said the variety favored by tourists is made with a beet root paste, goat cheese and a glazed walnut on the top. The meat-loving Czech customers prefer a roast beef version, she said.

"We've been trying to improve the Czech tradition," Michopulu said. "Any food needs innovation to survive."

IF YOU GO...

Traditional open-faced Czech sandwiches are served all over



Top and above: Women prepare and adjust open-face sandwiches at traditional delicatessen Golden Cross in Prague, Czech Republic.

Prague for about \$1 to \$2 apiece. Some popular places to sample them include:

—The Golden Cross, Jungmannova street near the B line subway station Mustek, <http://typicalczechdeli.cz>

—The Sisters, at the beginning of a food arcade in Dlouha street, walking distance from Old Town Square, <https://www.chlebicky-pra>

[ha.cz/chlebicky](http://chlebicky-pra.cz/chlebicky)

—Chlebicek (the Czech word for the sandwich) Store in the Liben district, which offers vegan versions, http://www.chlebicekstore.cz/homepage_en/

—Bistro Jan Paukert, named for the legendary creator of the sandwich, in the Karlin district, <https://www.facebook.com/JanPaukertLahudkarstvi/>

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Spatzle Primavera is made with vegetables, cream and cheese

BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Springtime is the right time for Pasta Primavera, which is, after all, the Italian word for spring. There's some controversy about who invented this wonderful dish, but everyone agrees that it was made famous in the late '70s at New York's Le Cirque restaurant. In any case, the recipe consists of spring vegetables, cream and cheese. How far wrong can you go?

My take on this classic swaps out the traditional Italian pasta for the fresh egg pasta called spatzle, a kind of soft noodle that's widespread throughout southern Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Hungary, Moselle and South Tyrol. "Wait a minute," you say. "Homemade pasta? Sounds like too much work." Not to worry. The spatzle will be ready to cook in the time it takes to bring a pot of water to a boil.

Spatzle dough is about the consistency of a thick pancake batter, which means it's much more liquid than typical pasta dough. You can make it with electric beaters or by hand. The only requirement is using the right tool for the job: a spatzle maker. The device looks like a metal washboard with holes on it, topped by a small open box made of metal. You set the "washboard" over the pot of boiling water and pour the batter into the little box. The dough drips through the holes as you slowly move the metal box back and forth along the washboard to cut the strands of pasta. Some folks have suggested that you can use a colander with large holes instead of a spatzle maker, but I've never had success with that utensil.

"Who needs yet another kitchen gadget?" you say. I strongly believe that you do. With a spatzle maker in



This April 1, 2018 photo shows spatzle primavera in New York.

house — you can easily find them online for about \$12 — you'll find yourself making fresh pasta once a week, because doing so is that simple.

Here I've combined the pasta with typical spring ingredients — asparagus and peas — along with mushrooms, to make it more substantial. But you're welcome to toss it instead with any of your favorite sauces.

SPATZLE PRIMAVERA

Start to finish: 1 hour (30 active)

Servings: 4 to 6

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt plus extra for salting the water

1 pound asparagus

1 pound shelled fresh or defrosted frozen peas

8 ounces assorted whole mushrooms, halved or quartered, if large

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 cups chicken or vegetable broth

1 cup heavy cream
240 grams (about 2 cups) all-purpose flour

2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 ounce grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, plus extra for garnish

Chopped fresh dill for garnish

Bring a large pot of boiling salted water to a boil. Break or cut off the bottom tough part of the asparagus and, if it is thicker than 1/3-inch, peel

it from right underneath the tip all the way to the bottom of the stem. Working in a few batches, add the asparagus to the water and simmer until they are al dente but not cooked through (1 minute for thin asparagus and 2 minutes for thick), transfer them to a bowl of ice and water to chill. When they are chilled, pat them dry and slice them crosswise, at an angle, 1/2-inch thick. Set aside. If using fresh peas, add them to the water and simmer them until al dente, about 2 minutes. Use a strainer to remove them from the water and set them aside. If using defrosted frozen peas, do not cook them at this point (they were already blanched before they

were frozen).

In a large skillet cook the mushrooms in the oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until they are golden, about 8 minutes. Add the chicken broth and cream and bring to a boil, reduce to a simmer and simmer until thickened, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

In an electric mixer stir together the flour and 1/2 teaspoon salt, add the eggs and 1 cup water and beat until the mixture is smooth. The consistency should be like that of thick pancake batter. If it is thicker, add additional water, a few tablespoons at a time, until it reaches the desired consistency. Place the spatzle maker over the pot

of boiling water and slowly pour the batter into the box, letting it drip down into the water. Boil for a few minutes (taste a piece of pasta to see if it is just al dente). Strain the spatzle and add it to the skillet along with the asparagus, peas and cheese. Bring to a boil and simmer, stirring, until just heated through. Add salt and pepper to taste and serve right away topped with additional cheese, if desired, and the dill.

Nutrition information per serving: 450 calories; 195 calories from fat; 22 g fat (11 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 131 mg cholesterol; 358 mg sodium; 48 g carbohydrates; 7 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 16 g protein.

Review: 19th-century plant pioneer changed how America eats

BY KEVIN BEGOS
Associated Press

"The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats" (Dutton), by Daniel Stone.

Who knew avocados, citrus and cherry blossoms had a spellbinding past full of smuggling, spying, tycoons and death-defying adventure?

"The Food Explorer" by Daniel Stone brings a forgotten era of American food history back to the table, with a timely twist. It turns out some of America's first immigration battles were over plants, not people.

In the late 1800s, quantity, not variety, was the issue at most American tables. Different regions had specialties, but many farmers struggled to produce bountiful crops of grains, fruits and vegetables, partly because of limited native varieties.

A Midwest farm boy named David Fairchild dreamed of bountiful fields and tables, and he ultimately visited more than 50 countries to bring tens of thousands of new plant varieties to America.

Stone brings drama, humor and perspective to what began as a tentative U.S. Department of Agriculture program. Fairchild made a semi-official 1894 trip to Corsica, and suspicious lo-

cal officials arrested and expelled him — but not before he slyly pocketed local citron seeds and shoots.

A wealthy playboy stepped in to fund Fairchild's travels, and soon exotic fruits, grains and vegetables were streaming back to Washington — and to farmers who welcomed the new diversity. Fairchild eventually became director of the USDA's "Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction."

Bureaucrats and politicians linked crop diversity with national prosperity, and some varieties were quickly embraced, while others languished for decades.

Fairchild eventually oversaw five globe-trotting USDA seed hunters, including Frank Meyer, heralded by newspapers as "the Agriculture Department's Christopher Columbus." The Meyer lemon, collected in China, was named after him.

Manchurian spinach, soybeans, wild pears, millet and the first asparagus to enter the country came in through the program.

The agricultural bounties led to personal and professional fame. Fairchild married one of Alexander Graham Bell's daughters and spoke at the National Geographic Society. But a backlash was coming. The exotic new plants sometimes carried devastating insects and diseases. The blight that

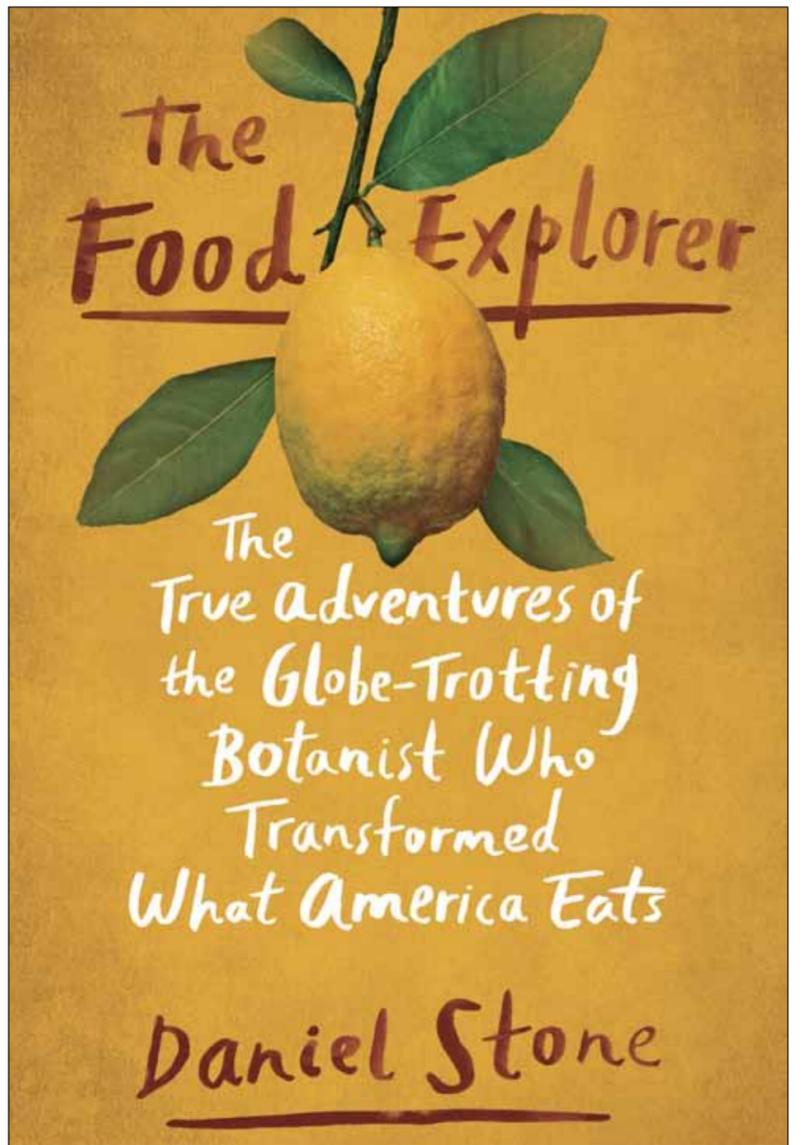
destroyed millions of American chestnut trees was accidentally introduced from Asia, and soon Fairchild had a botanical enemy: Charles Marlatt, a USDA rival who believed "the greatest danger is often from something you do not know about."

Japan's first gift of beloved cherry trees to Washington, D.C., nearly turned into a diplomatic disaster when Marlatt found infestation in the roots — and had the entire shipment burned. But the Japanese were mortified at having sent faulty trees, and a new delivery flourished.

In 1910, Marlatt told Congress that America needed a "Chinese Wall" to keep out plant enemies, and the Plant Quarantine Act soon became law. One of Meyer's huge shipments was seized in San Francisco and burned, and his job description changed: "to find useful plants ... and to investigate plant diseases."

The warnings about imported plants that greet travelers at airports today are a legacy of that century-old bureaucratic fight.

After World War I, America began to close its doors to immigrant plants. Faced with dwindling budgets, Fairchild left the USDA but continued to do his own botanical expeditions. He settled in Florida with his wife, surrounded by the exotic plants he loved.



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Fed set to leave rates alone amid signs of rising inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve achieved an inflation milestone this week, but that isn't likely to alter expectations for what the Fed will announce when its latest policy meeting ends Wednesday.

After six years of mostly missing its annual 2 percent target for inflation, the Fed learned Monday that its preferred gauge of consumer inflation had reached a year-over-year pace of 2 percent. And in the coming months, inflation is widely expected to stay around that level.

The debate the Fed is now likely to have is whether it should accept a period in which inflation rises above 2 percent without accelerating its pace of rate increases. But for now, a rate increase is considered unlikely. In a statement it will issue Wednesday afternoon, the Fed is expected to leave its benchmark rate unchanged at a still-low level of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent.

Solid economic growth, low unemployment and evidence of inflation pressures, though, are expected to keep the central bank on a path of gradual rate hikes the rest of the year. Most Fed watchers foresee either two or three additional increases in the Fed's key rate by year's end, coming after an earlier hike in January.

The central bank is meeting as its board is undergoing a makeover, with a raft of new appointees by President Donald Trump who appear generally supportive of the Fed's cautious approach to rates since the Great Recession

ended.

Despite Trump's complaints during the presidential race that the Fed was aiding Democrats in keeping rates ultra-low under President Barack Obama, his choices for a chairman and for other slots on the Fed's board have been moderates rather than hard-core conservatives who would favor a faster tightening of credit.

"The Trump Fed could have been a much more hawkish Fed but so far, these choices are pretty middle-of-the road," said Diane Swonk, chief economist at Grant Thornton in Chicago.

As Jerome Powell, Trump's hand-picked new Fed chairman, said at a news conference after the central bank's most recent meeting in March, "We're trying to take the middle ground, and the committee continues to believe that the middle ground consists of further gradual increases in the federal-funds rate."

Bond investors are signaling that they expect a pickup in U.S. inflation, having bid up the yield on the 10-year Treasury note last week above 3 percent before the yield settled just below that by week's end. A year ago, the 10-year yield was just 2.3 percent.

Under Powell's predecessors, Janet Yellen and Ben Bernanke, the Fed's board endured criticism from House Republicans over its decision to pursue a bond purchase program designed to lower long-term borrowing rates and to leave its key rate at a record low near zero for



This June 19, 2015, file photo shows the Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building in Washington. The central bank is meeting this week as its board is undergoing a makeover, with a raft of new appointees by President Donald Trump who appear generally supportive of the Fed's cautious approach to rates since the Great Recession ended.

seven years. The critics charged that those policies would eventually produce destructive bubbles in the prices of stocks and other assets and, eventually, undesirably high inflation.

But so far, Trump's reshaping of the Fed's board reflects a generally status quo approach.

"Trump's criticisms during the campaign have not been borne out by his decisions on who to put on the Fed," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Since the Fed began raising rates in December 2015, the pace has been modest and gradual: One quarter-point rate increase in 2015, one in 2016, three in 2017 and one so far this year.

When the Fed announced its most recent rate hike in March, it forecast that it would raise rates twice more this year. But some economists think that the Fed will respond to the increased government stimulus in the form of tax cuts and higher spending

to accelerate the rate hikes slightly from three to four this year.

Congress in December passed a \$1.5 trillion tax cut that took effect in January. And then in February, it approved \$300 billion more in government spending for this year and next year. That stimulus, coming at a time when unemployment is at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent, could raise the threat of higher inflation.

Yet even against this backdrop, the prevailing

view is that the Trump-shaped Fed will remain cautious about rate increases.

"The central bank does not want to make the mistakes made in the past when the Fed raised rates too high, too fast and became the No. 1 cause of a recession," said Sung Won Sohn, an economics professor at California State University, Channel Islands.

Special counsel team has floated idea of subpoena for Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The special counsel leading the Russia investigation raised the prospect in March of issuing a grand jury subpoena for President Donald Trump, his former attorney said, confirming that investigators have floated the extraordinary idea of forcing a sitting president to testify under oath.

Attorney John Dowd told The Associated Press on Tuesday that special counsel Robert Mueller's team broached the subject during a meeting with Trump's legal team while they were negotiating the terms of a possible interview with the president.

It was not immediately clear in what context the possibility of a subpoena was raised or how serious Mueller's prosecutors were about the move. Mueller is probing not only Russian election interference and possible coordination with Trump associates but possible obstruction of justice by Trump.

Trump lashed out against the investigation in a familiar fashion Wednesday, saying on Twitter: "There was no Collusion (it is a Hoax) and there is no Obstruction of Justice (that is a setup & trap)."

Even if Mueller's team decided to subpoena Trump as part of the investigation,

he could still fight it in court or refuse to answer questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment protection from self-incrimination.

Dowd's comments come more than a month after he resigned from the legal team, and they provide a new window into the nature of the Trump lawyers' interactions with the special counsel, whom the president has increasingly tried to undermine through public attacks.

On Tuesday, Trump said it was "disgraceful" that a list of proposed questions drafted in response to Mueller's negotiations with the legal team was "leaked" to the news media.

The about four dozen questions were compiled by Trump's lawyers during negotiations with Mueller's investigators earlier this year over the prospect of a presidential interview.

A person familiar with the matter, who insisted on anonymity to discuss ongoing negotiations, told the AP that the president's lawyers extrapolated the list of expected questions based off conversations with Mueller's team about the topics prosecutors wanted to cover in a potential sit down with Trump. The questions reflected what the defense lawyers anticipated Trump would be

asked, rather than verbatim queries that Mueller's team provided, the person said.

The Washington Post first reported that Mueller's team raised the possibility of a subpoena for Trump. The New York Times first published the list of questions.

According to the list, the questions range from Trump's motivations for firing FBI Director James Comey a year ago to contacts Trump's campaign had with Russians. Although Mueller's team has indicated to Trump's lawyers that he's not considered a target, investigators remain interested in whether the president's actions constitute obstruction of justice and want to interview him about several episodes in office. They have not yet made a decision about an interview.

In his tweet, Trump said there were "no questions on Collusion" and, as he has many times before, called Mueller's investigation a "Russian witch hunt." He said collusion with the Russians "never existed."

In a second tweet, Trump said: "It would seem very hard to obstruct justice for a crime that never happened."

The questions do appear to indicate that Mueller is looking into possible collusion. Some touch on Rus-



President Donald Trump speaks to media as he meets with crew and passengers of Southwest Airlines Flight 1380 in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

sian meddling and whether the Trump campaign coordinated in any way with the Kremlin. In one question, Mueller asks what Trump knew about campaign staff, including his former campaign chairman Paul Manafort, reaching out to Moscow.

Mueller has brought several charges against Manafort already, including money laundering and

bank fraud. None of the charges relates to allegations of Russian election interference and possible coordination with Trump associates, and Manafort has denied having anything to do with such an effort.

The questions also involve key moments from the early months of the Trump administration, including his reaction to Attorney General Jeff Ses-

sions' recusal from the Russia investigation and Trump's firing of his national security adviser, Michael Flynn.

One question asks whether there were any efforts to reach out to Flynn "about seeking immunity or possible pardon" ahead of his guilty plea last year. Flynn is now cooperating with Mueller.

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Waffle House regulars seek return to normal after massacre

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — He felt like an invisible force was drawing him into the parking lot, past the four new white crosses in the driveway, the balloons and the flowers, and the letters addressed to the dead.

He felt it pulling him into his regular spot, the one where he had been sitting in his car when a stranger, three spaces over, stepped out of a truck carrying an AR-15. He surprised himself by walking into the restaurant and sitting down in his regular booth, which had always seemed like the most comfortable seat in the world — until all of a sudden it didn't.

At 3:25 a.m. on April 22, a Waffle House in Nashville joined the growing list of cherished American places morphed into the site of a massacre. And Chuck Cordero, a regular customer, joined the growing list of survivors left traumatized and struggling with how to move on.

Children often have little choice but to return to their schools after a mass shooting and employees must return to their offices. But 51-year-old Cordero thought at first he'd never come back here. Then he found himself again and again back at his Waffle House — No. 2,267 in the ubiquitous chain of yellow and black storefronts that are open 24/7, 365 days a year.

The eateries are so ingrained in American culture the federal government uses them after hurricanes to help gauge suffering: An open Waffle House signals hope for recovery; a closed one means disaster. Cordero's Waffle House was closed for three days.

Four young people died, the oldest of them a 29-year-old cook, Taurean Sanderlin, whom Cordero

had always called "T." He saw the gunman shoot him in the parking lot, and now he feels compelled to come back, multiple times a day, desperate to cling to a community he never realized he was so attached to until a man with a gun threatened to destroy it.

"I don't know why I'm doing it," Cordero says. "Maybe I want to make sure my friends are OK. Maybe I want to know that I'm OK. Maybe I don't want to let the bad people win. I just don't know."

Dozens of others feel it, too. The restaurant has been packed after the company pledged to donate a month's worth of profits to the families of the victims, and people have come from hours away, insisting on buying strangers' meals.

Cordero is grateful but also eager for this to be his normal Waffle House again, the place where his favorite waitress always had his coffee ready just how he likes it, with cream and three packets of Splenda. On the night of the shooting, her fiancé, a cook, threw her to the ground and lay on top of her as bullets whizzed by.

Before all of this, Cordero had thought of the restaurant as a utilitarian stop, a place to pass the time between calls on his overnight shift with a roadside assistance company. Though he's not crazy about the greasy food, Cordero likes the people who cook and serve it, and the familiarity of the jukebox and the bright fluorescent lights in the middle of the night.

"Chuck's a special guy. But Chuck's a normal guy for Waffle House," says Jeff Camp, a manager for the chain. "We have a Chuck in every store: that guy that associates know, that comes in every night, that sits in the same seat,



In this photo taken Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Nashville, Tenn., crosses are seen as a memorial outside the Waffle House where four people were shot and killed. At 3:25 a.m. on April 22, a Waffle House in suburban Nashville joined the growing list of cherished American places morphed into the site of a massacre.

eats the same food."

Now, people on the street recognize Cordero from the news, and he knows they mean well when they stop him. "They say, 'God bless you. Nice to see you,' and then I start thinking to myself, 'It's nice to be here.' And then I get all emotional about how close it came."

He pictures himself dying — not the death itself, but the news of it being delivered to his 5-year-old daughter, Emily. So he shaved his head so that people might stop recognizing him. He sometimes fantasizes about moving out to the mountains so his daughter never has to feel fear like this. He feels hopeless, like the shooting will never make sense and

gun violence will never be stopped.

When he ran into a pastor one day outside the Waffle House, he told him, "It seems like the bad people are winning."

The pastor replied: "They're not winning."

Cordero is struggling to believe it: "They're terrorizing us. To me, that's them winning. To me, keeping someone from going into their restaurant without feeling scared means they won."

Then he feels awful for feeling so awful because he lived and four others didn't.

When he heard a community group had planned a vigil exactly one week after the shooting, at 3:25 a.m. Sunday morning, he

pulled back into the parking lot for the second time that day. His favorite waitress, Virginia Stanley, was waiting for him at his spot, wearing a T-shirt she'd hand-painted with the phrase "Waffle House Strong." They hadn't seen each other since the shooting, so they hugged and cried and he immediately felt relieved — like things might be normal again. They went inside and slid into a booth along with her fiancé, Douglas Lauderdale.

Cordero had, for a week, struggled to find the right adjectives to convey what had happened to them. Scary. Horrible. Devastating. None seemed big enough to describe it: the first glimpse of the gun,

the blood, what it feels like to consider that inches or seconds separated those who lived from those who didn't.

But sitting with others who had experienced it all, too: "I don't have to say that I was scared," he says. "They were there. They know that."

Stanley promised Cordero she'd return to work soon, and then she raised her sleeve to show him a new tattoo: "spread love," it said, with the L drawn in the shape of an orange ribbon.

They should all get matching ones, she told him, all of the survivors.

Arizona teachers vow to end strike if funding plan passes

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona teachers said they will end a historic statewide strike Thursday that shut down schools for days if lawmakers pass a plan that offers big raises and increased school funding but that still falls short of their demands.

Organizers made the announcement Tuesday after educators statewide walked off the job last week and closed schools to demand higher pay and more education spending. The Arizona action followed a teacher uprising that started in other parts of the U.S. and was punctuated by a march of tens of thousands of red-clad supporters.

Those mobilizing teachers criticized a Republican-led funding plan but said it was time to go back to work.

"Our fight is not over, we have options," said Rebecca Garelli, a teacher and strike organizer. "But it is time for us to get back

to our students and get back into our classrooms."

Republican Gov. Doug Ducey and GOP legislative leaders have agreed on a state budget proposal that could be passed into law this week but doesn't increase classroom resources as much as educators sought.

The plan moving through the Republican-led Legislature gives teachers a 10 percent raise next year and starts restoring some of the nearly \$400 million in cuts to a fund that pays for supplies, repairs and some support staff salaries. It is expected to pass Wednesday, setting the stage for the walkout to end.

The governor has promised to bump teacher pay 20 percent by 2020 and restore payments to that fund to pre-recession levels in five years. Ducey had resisted giving teachers more than a 1 percent raise that he promised in January until teachers neared a strike vote. Then

he came up with a new spending plan.

"We're glad the strike is coming to an end. We've been working exceptionally hard to pass this budget and get this money to teachers," Ducey spokesman Daniel Scarpinato said. "While our students head back to the classroom, we hope our teachers will head back knowing we have worked very hard to take a major step toward rewarding them for their invaluable work."

An Arizona grass-roots group that launched in early March after West Virginia teachers won a 5 percent raise said they would not let off the pressure, despite the decision to go back to work. Before teachers return to school Thursday, they will hold walk-ins, dressing in red T-shirts and standing in solidarity.

After that, the long game is to push for a ballot initiative that creates new funding streams for

education and to elect policymakers who support increasing school funding, said Joe Thomas, president of the Arizona Education Association, the largest teacher membership group.

"We have so many people now that are paying attention to what's going on, they will never turn away from this fight now," he said. "They understand that there are people down here who do not care as much about students as they care."

The walkout began last Thursday, shutting down most public schools. Two-thirds of Arizona's student population was still out of school through Tuesday, and some districts were expected to stay closed Wednesday.

Teachers have packed raucous rallies at the state Capitol for days, while others have helped care for students and tried to maintain community support.

Organizers urged teach-

ers to hold community events, with some talking to parents over coffee and others crowding street corners in red shirts.

Gladys Garcia said many of her students rely on free or reduced price meals at Challenger Middle School in Tucson and she organized with colleagues to collect food to hand out at a public library.

"It's our way to let the kids know, 'We're actively trying to do something for you, please don't feel like we're turning our backs on you,'" the first-year teacher said.

Many community members supported teachers' efforts, but pressure was increasing on some parents and school administrators.

Gabriel Trujillo, superintendent of the Tucson Unified School District, the second-largest in the state, said he didn't support the walkout because it takes teachers out of classrooms. He said he

does back the objectives of the so-called #Red-forEd movement, with his schools facing a host of funding needs.

But Trujillo was concerned teachers would lose public support if the strike dragged on. He said when he called off school for the fourth day in a row, he received more "angry communications" from parents than he had last week.

"I felt like the energy on Thursday was palpable," Trujillo said of the launch of the walkout. "Now that we're into day four, I think that's on the line."

Organizers seemed to acknowledge the strain but reasserted what the walkout was about.

"Our greatest victory is the powerful movement we have created, which we are going to continue on behalf of our students, because this movement has always been about our students," Garelli said.

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More fiction than fact, Chinese documentary still a hit

SHANGHAI (AP) — A Chinese company that manufactured Ivanka Trump shoes and has been accused of serious labor abuses is being celebrated in a blockbuster propaganda film for extending China's influence around the globe.

The state-backed documentary "Amazing China" portrays the Huajian Group as a beneficent force spreading prosperity — in this case, by hiring thousands of Ethiopians at wages a fraction of what they'd have to pay in China. But in Ethiopia, Huajian workers told The Associated Press they work without safety equipment for pay so low they can barely make ends meet.

"I'm left with nothing at the end of the month," said Ayelech Geletu, 21, who told the AP she earns a base monthly salary of 1,400 Birr (\$51) at Huajian's factory in Lebu, outside Addis Ababa. "Plus, their treatment is bad. They shout at us whenever they want."

With epic cinematography, "Amazing China" — produced by China Central Television and the state-owned China Film Group Co. Ltd. — articulates a message of how China would like to be seen as it pursues President Xi Jinping's vision of a globally resurgent nation, against a reality that doesn't always measure up.

China's ruling Communist Party recently announced it would take direct control of major broadcasters and assume regulatory power over everything from film and TV to books and news.

As the party deepens its ability to cultivate "unity of thought" among citizens, "Amazing China" demonstrates the scope of China's propaganda machine, which not only crafted a stirring documentary about China's renaissance under Xi but also helped manufacture an adoring audience for it.

The movie, which weaves together extraordinary feats of engineering and military, environmental and cultural achievements, hit theaters three days before China's rubber-stamp legislature convened to amend the constitution and allow Xi to potentially rule China for life.

The star — duly noted by IMDb.com — is Xi himself, who appears more than 30 times in the 90-minute film.

"Amazing China" presents Huajian as an inspiring example of China exporting the success of its own economic miracle by creating transformative jobs for thousands of poor Ethiopians and sharing China's knowledge, language and can-do discipline to build a new industrial foundation for Ethiopia's economy.

The company is celebrated as a model of the inclusiveness at the heart of a much larger project: Xi's signature One Belt One Road initiative, a plan to spread Chinese infrastructure and influence across dozens of countries so ambitious in scope that it's been compared to the U.S.-led Marshall Plan after World War II.

"In opening to the outside world, China's pursuit is not to only make our lives better, but to make the lives of others better," the narrator says.



In this Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, file photo, Ethiopian factory workers produce shoes at the Chinese company Huajian's plant in the Lebu Industrial complex near Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Chinese company that manufactured Ivanka Trump shoes and has been accused of serious labor abuses is being celebrated in a blockbuster propaganda film for extending China's influence around the globe.

In the film, Huajian chairman Zhang Huarong stands before neat rows of Ethiopian workers singing a song about unity, describing himself as a father to his employees, who "like me very much."

But four current and former Huajian employees told the AP their wages were so low that they struggled to pay their bills. They said they had no protective gear, were forced to work 12 hours a day and participate in military-style physical drills, were not permitted to form a union and were regularly yelled at by their Chinese managers.

All that made it hard for them to relate to the inspirational video about Huajian circulated by mobile phone with its sweeping shots of a gleaming factory and a soundtrack that repeats in operatic Mandarin: "Huajian has come, Huajian has come ... holding the torch of hope."

"If someone complains, he will be accused of disturbing the workplace and will be fired right away," said Ebissa Gari, a 22-year-old who estimated he earns 960 Birr (\$35) a month. "That's why we keep quiet and work no matter how much we are subdued."

Getahun Alemu, a 20-year-old who quit Huajian last year to continue his studies, complained of inadequate safety gear.

"There are chemicals that hurt our eyes and nose, and machines that cut our hands," he said. "They have no idea about hand gloves! If you refuse to work without that protective gear, then you will be told to leave the company."

Huajian declined the AP's requests for comment. Ivanka Trump's brand said it no longer does business

with Huajian and "has always and continues to take supply chain integrity very seriously."

Huajian's investment in Ethiopia was part of a government-led industrialization drive. In the last few years, Ethiopia's leaders and business allies came under intense criticism, with more than 300 businesses attacked by protesters who saw them as bolstering a repressive regime.

These days, armed soldiers stand guard at the entrance to the Eastern Industrial Zone in Ethiopia's Oromia region, where Huajian opened its first factory.

Six years after the company's arrival, the dream of turning Ethiopia into a shoe-manufacturing hub remains unrealized, and a few harbor illusions about the main incentive for Huajian's investment in a country where there is no legal minimum wage.

"These companies are moving out of Asia and coming to Africa to save labor costs," said Fitsum Arega, who recently stepped down as head of the Ethiopian Investment Commission to become an adviser to the new prime minister. He praised Huajian for employing more than 5,000 Ethiopians, but said the company "could have done better."

"I'm not saying all employees are happy and there are no abuses here and there," Arega said, adding that the government pushes companies to protect workers. "There's a labor law which actually the companies say favors the employees."

The Chinese-owned Eastern Industrial Zone effectively took fertile land from Ethiopian farmers and handed it over to for-

eign investors — a strategy the Ethiopian government is rethinking, according to Nemer Mamo, a teaching fellow in economics at the University of London.

"You can clearly see that these industrial zones are absolutely favorable to the Chinese investors, but not to the local communities or the local private investors," he said. Huajian workers told the AP they made 960 Birr (\$35) to 1,700 Birr (\$62) a month. A basic living wage in Ethiopia is about 3,000 Birr (\$109) a month, according to Ayele Gelan, a research economist at the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

In a post promoting "Amazing China" on its official WeChat account, Huajian claimed to be Ethiopia's largest exporter — an exaggeration also promulgated by China's official Xinhua News Agency.

Huajian is Ethiopia's largest shoe exporter, shipping out \$19.3 million worth of goods last fiscal year, according to Ethiopia's Leather Industry Development Institute. But coffee producer Mullege PLC said it exported \$42 million worth of coffee during the same period and that other companies export even more.

Huajian's record within China also has been troubled. In at least five cases since 2015, Huajian sued workers in Chinese court rather than pay compensation mandated by a government arbitration panel. Huajian lost every case, court records show, and the court had to freeze Huajian's assets to get one worker the 44,174 yuan (\$7,000) he was owed.

Last year, Huajian found itself entangled in labor and human rights controversies that made global headlines

but attracted little attention in China's official media. Three men working with the New York-based non-profit group China Labor Watch were arrested after their investigation of Ivanka Trump's suppliers zeroed in on Huajian. The men are out on bail, but remain under police surveillance.

China Labor Watch founder Li Qiang said Huajian's factory in Ganzhou, in southeastern Jiangxi province, had some of the worst conditions he has ever encountered, including excessive overtime, low pay, and verbal and physical abuse.

Huajian has called those allegations "completely not true to the facts, taken out of context, exaggerated" and accused the investigators of conducting industrial espionage — a charge that was parroted in China's party-controlled media.

Wei Tie, the director of "Amazing China," said he wasn't aware of the controversy surrounding Huajian until the AP informed him. That's not too surprising given the years of positive coverage of Huajian in party-controlled media and the fact that many foreign news sites, especially Chinese-language ones, are blocked inside China.

Wei said he included the company in the film because it is "introducing China's experience of prosperity to Africa."

He said he prefers to focus on the good. "What I did was absorb the essence and discard the dross," he said, citing a longstanding aphorism of Chinese political thought.

At first glance, Wei's selective approach appears to have resonated with Chinese audiences. "Amazing China" smashed box-office records for documentary

films, raking in 456 million yuan (\$72 million) in its first five weeks, according to ticketing website Maoyan.com. It even thumped "Star Wars: The Last Jedi."

Wei attributed this success to the "spontaneous feeling" of citizens inspired by the arc of tremendous progress they've witnessed, a national rejuvenation forged with sweat and skill that he compared to Europe's Renaissance and the pioneering days of the American republic.

In Shanghai, midday screenings during the week sold out immediately, suggesting either unquenchable public appetite or organized bulk ticket sales.

None of the viewers surveyed by AP had purchased their own tickets. Instead, they said they got them from state-run companies, neighborhood committees or government departments that handed them out as part of their "party building work."

Douban, a popular film review website, blocked users from rating and commenting on the movie. The only entries came from official media, which gave it an 8.5 out of 10 ranking. On IMDb.com, a subsidiary of Amazon, "Amazing China" earned only one star.

But for some, "Amazing China" is balm for old feelings of inferiority and a welcome reaffirmation that China is ready to resume its rightful place in the community of great nations.

"I did not know how good our country is until I watched this movie," said Zuo Qianyi, a 68-year-old retiree. "I have been to many countries, Britain, Spain, and they are not as good as China, at least not as Shanghai. I am very happy, and I will love my country more."



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Schools fret as teens take to vaping, even in classrooms

BOSTON (AP) — Sneaking a cigarette in the school bathroom? How quaint. Today's teens have taken to vaping, an alternative to smoking that's so discreet they can do it without even leaving the classroom.

Health and education officials across the country are raising alarms over wide underage use of e-cigarettes and other vaping products.

The devices heat liquid into an inhalable vapor that's sold in sugary flavors like mango and mint — and often with the addictive drug nicotine. They're marketed to smokers as a safer alternative to traditional cigarettes, but officials say they're making their way to teens with surprising ease.

A new wave of smaller vapes has swept through schools in recent months, officials say, replacing bulkier e-cigarettes from the past. It's now common in some schools to find students crowded into bathrooms to vape, or performing vape tricks in class.

"We've seen significant increases across the student body," said Robert Keuther, principal at Marshfield High School on the south shore of Massachusetts. "This is not something specific to one group of kids. It's across all of my grades, nine to 12. It's all students."

Vaping devices are notoriously difficult to detect for schools, often leaving behind only a quick puff of vapor and a light fruity scent. Students get away with it in bathrooms, halls and even classrooms, where some say they exhale the vapor into their shirts.

Although buying e-cigarettes is illegal under age 18 — and some states have bumped the minimum age to 21 — students say they can buy them online or from older friends. Some say there are dozens available for sale in school hallways at any given time.

The rise of teen vaping has sparked concern among parents, politicians and federal health authorities, who on Tuesday announced a nationwide crackdown on underage sales of e-cigarettes.

The Food and Drug Administration issued a warning to retail stores as part of its new operation against illegal sales. It also requested marketing and design documents from the maker of the Juul, a popular vape product that is shaped like a flash drive.



In this Tuesday, April 10, 2018 photo Marshfield High School Principal Robert Keuther displays vaping devices that were confiscated from students in such places as restrooms or hallways at the school in Marshfield, Mass. Health and education officials across the country are raising alarms over wide underage use of e-cigarettes and other vaping products. The devices heat liquid into an inhalable vapor that's sold in sugary flavors like mango and mint, and often with the addictive drug nicotine.

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The agency says it's looking into whether certain features are specifically appealing to young people.

Some schools have been inundated by the Juul, which dispenses a flavored vapor containing higher concentrations of nicotine than tobacco cigarettes.

The device's maker says it's intended only for adults trying to quit smoking. Its website aims to block underage customers, and the company says it supports legislation to raise the minimum age for vaping products to 21 nationwide.

But critics say the Juul's sweet flavors and stealthy design seem to be aimed at kids. In an April 18 letter to the FDA, a coalition of medical and health groups called for a suspension of online sales until authorities create stronger rules against underage sales.

Similar measures have

been backed by school leaders including Keuther, who oversees 1,300 students south of Boston.

"There's a reason why it's marketed that way," he said, referring to the Juul's concealable design. "We wish there was a way to curb that, because the industry is clearly targeting younger kids."

Many schools are pushing back with education campaigns against vaping. Health and gym classes feature new lessons on potential risks. Teachers are being trained on what to look for. Schools are producing online videos on the dangers of e-cigarettes.

At some schools, vaping penalties have been raised to an automatic suspension. Several in New Jersey now require drug tests for offenders, partly because vapes can dispense marijuana.

New York's Plainedge High School was among the first to install new bathroom

sensors that can detect e-cigarette vapor and immediately alert administrators. Few students have been caught so far, but officials say that isn't a sign of failure.

"The truth of the matter is the kids see it, they know what it is — and it in itself is a deterrent," said Edward Salina, superintendent of Plainedge Public Schools.

Whether schools' efforts are making a broader difference has yet to be seen, though. Teen vaping decreased for the first time in 2016 after rapidly rising for years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Updated numbers are expected in June.

Medical experts are still trying to understand the potential risks tied to vaping. Most agree that it's safer than smoking traditional cigarettes, but little is known about long-term effects.

And while research has

found trace amounts of chemicals like formaldehyde in many e-cigarettes, it's unclear whether they exist at levels that can cause health problems.

Some students say that it's better to be vaping than using cigarettes or other drugs. Cameron Uldricks says he vapes almost every day but has never smoked tobacco. And even though it landed him a suspension from his high school near Columbus, Ohio, the 17-year-old said he has no plans to cut back or quit.

"Honestly they treat it like friggig cocaine," said Uldricks, a sophomore at Worthington Kilbourne High School. "What would they rather have me do, smoke cigarettes or vape?"

While high schools have typically faced the widest problems, some districts say it's now spreading to middle schools.

At Chickamauga City Schools in rural Georgia, officials instituted a three-day suspension for vaping this year after catching several students doing it at the middle school. Superintendent Melody Day said it's still unclear whether the crackdown has worked.

North of New York City, officials at South Orangetown Middle School hosted a forum for parents last month after starting to see some cases. Students caught vaping go through counseling on risky behaviors, which officials hope will halt any escalation to further drug use down the line.

"They'll do that after taking the risk here," said Karen Tesik, principal at the middle school. "This is the age group that is the most at risk for taking that first step."

Boy whose parents fought to keep life support mourned in UK

LONDON (AP) — Alfie Evans, a British toddler with a degenerative brain condition whose parents lost a legal battle to keep him on life support at a Vatican hospital, was mourned with balloons set free in the sky and prayers from the pope after he died Saturday weeks shy of his second birthday.

Kate James and Tom Evans said their son's death overnight in Liverpool, England had left them "heartbroken." Alfie's condition left him with almost no brain function, and multiple courts ruled that keeping him alive was not in his best interests before doctors removed his ventilator five days ago.

"My gladiator lay down his shield and gained his wings at 02:30," Evans, 21, wrote in a Facebook post decorated

with a broken heart and crying emojis.

As news spread in the community, dozens of people laid flowers and mementoes in a park near Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool, where Alfie was treated.

About 1,000 people gathered 12 hours after the boy died to release blue and purple balloons in solidarity with the grieving mother and father who had struggled to come to terms with their child's terminal illness.

James, 20, posted a message on social media thanking everyone who supported the family through Alfie's illness and court fight.

Alfie's case sparked a medical ethics debate that resonated far beyond Britain.

Doctors overseeing his care said further treatment

was futile and he should be allowed to die. But his parents fought for months to try to convince judges to allow them to take him to the Vatican's children's hospital, where life support would have been maintained.

Under British law, courts are asked to intervene when parents and doctors disagree on the right course of treatment for a child. In such cases, the rights of the child take primacy over the parents' right to decide what's best for their daughters and sons.

Pope Francis, who met with Evans and publicly supported the parents' campaign to bring Alfie to Bambino Gesù Hospital, wrote condolences that were posted Saturday on Twitter.

"I am deeply moved by the death of little Alfie," Francis

said. "Today I pray especially for his parents, as God the Father receives him in his tender embrace."

Italy granted Alfie citizenship and put a military plane on standby to transport him to Rome, if the courts allowed it.

"Goodbye, little Alfie. We loved you," Italian Foreign Minister Angelino Alfano tweeted Saturday.

Tensions between the toddler's parents and the hospital had eased in recent days. Evans, who earlier said doctors were wrong about Alfie's prognosis and threatened to resume the court battle over his care, pledged to work with hospital staff to give his son "dignity and comfort" in his final days.

"Our lives have been turned upside down by the

intense focus on Alfie and his situation," Evans said Thursday outside the Liverpool hospital.

He thanked the hospital staff "for their dignity and professionalism during what must be an incredibly difficult time for them too."

Alder Hey issued a statement to express "heartfelt sympathy and condolences to Alfie's family."

"All of us feel deeply for Alfie, Kate, Tom and his whole family and our thoughts are with them," the hospital said. "This has been a devastating journey for them, and we would ask that their privacy and the privacy of staff at Alder Hey is respected."

Alfie's case received widespread attention outside Britain, especially in predomi-

nantly Catholic countries. Francis recently appealed for the wishes of the boy's parents to be heeded, saying only God can decide who dies.

Officials in Poland and Italy criticized Britain's courts and state-run National Health Service. A leading right-wing politician in Italy, Veneto Gov. Luca Zaia, said that in Alfie, the "so-called civilized world has supplied the latest proof of enormous incivility."

Supporters of the parents staged angry protests regularly outside the hospital and tried to storm the entrance at times. Alder Hey asked for tributes to Alfie to be left in a park next door so the hospital's work wasn't disrupted.

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US delays decision on tariffs for EU, prolonging uncertainty

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government will take another 30 days to decide whether to impose tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from the European Union, Canada and Mexico, extending a period of uncertainty for businesses in those regions.

The delay helps the U.S. avoid a potential trade war with allies as it prepares for tense trade talks in China this week. But the EU slammed the decision as bad for business that "prolongs market uncertainty, which is already affecting business decisions."

"As a longstanding partner and friend of the U.S., we will not negotiate under threat," the EU said in a statement Tuesday.

The Trump administration said Monday it had reached an agreement with South Korea on steel imports following discussions on a revised trade agreement. And the administration said it had also reached agreements in principle with Argentina, Australia and Brazil on steel and aluminum that will be finalized shortly.

"In all of these negotiations, the administration is focused on quotas that will restrain imports, prevent transshipment and protect the national security," the White House said.

Facing a self-imposed deadline, President Donald Trump was considering whether to permanently exempt the EU and Mexico, Canada, Australia, Argentina and Brazil from tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on imported aluminum that his administration imposed in March. The White House had given itself until the end of Monday to decide whether to extend the exemptions.

The EU has taken a tough stance, raising the prospect of a trade war if the U.S. does not back down. It has a list of retaliatory tariffs worth about \$3.5 billion on imports from the U.S. that it will activate if the EU loses its exemption.

Germany said it continues to expect a permanent exemption. The EU's largest steel exporter to the U.S., it accounted for about 5 percent of U.S. steel imports last year.

"Neither the EU nor the U.S. can have an interest in



Containers are stored for export at a harbor in Duisburg, Germany, Monday, April 30, 2018.

an escalation of their trade tensions," a spokeswoman for Chancellor Angela Merkel said Tuesday in a statement.

European financial officials have cited the trade tensions created by the U.S. tariffs proposal as a risk to the economy. Some surveys suggest a downtick in business and consumer confidence, though it's unclear how big an impact the trade tensions are having.

While experts say the immediate potential damage from the aluminum and steel tariffs is limited, the danger is of a tit-for-tat escalation in which both sides slap more duties on each other's goods.

"The imposition of tariffs might signal that the two regions are heading towards a more serious trade conflict," said Stephen Brown, European economist at Capital Economics.

Trump says he wants to protect American metal producers from unfair competition and bolster national security. But the tariffs' announcement in March,

which followed an intense internal White House debate, triggered harsh criticism from Democrats and some Republicans and roiled financial markets.

At the time, Trump excluded several vital trading partners — the EU, Mexico, Canada, Australia, Argentina and Brazil — from the tariffs.

That meant the steel tariff covered just 30 percent of all imports, according to Oxford Economics. If all the exemptions were ended, it would have deepened the impact of the tariffs on American companies that use steel and potentially affect financial markets. Stock prices fell nearly 2 percent when the tariffs were announced.

Two people familiar with the process said the Trump administration had been considering whether to provide a short-term extension of the exemptions to allow for more time to review the countries' efforts to secure permanent exemptions. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity to

describe internal deliberations.

The EU and others had been asked to spell out what limits they could accept on the amount of steel they export to the United States, how they would address the issue of excess production of steel and aluminum, and how they would support the U.S. before international bodies like the World Trade Organization. Security relationships with the U.S. have also been part of the criteria.

South Korea made up the largest share of U.S. steel imports last year, shipping about 13 percent of U.S. imports, according to an American Iron and Steel Institute analysis of government data. It has agreed to limit its exports to the United States and was granted a permanent exemption.

China, Japan and Russia haven't received exemptions, which will likely reduce steel shipments from those countries over time. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Friday that quotas on imports from Eu-

rope and other countries are necessary so imports from those countries don't simply replace Chinese imports. The goal of the tariffs is to reduce total steel imports and boost U.S. production, Ross said.

"If you let everybody back out of the tariff, and you let them out of any kind of quota, how would you ever reduce the imports here?" Ross asked at a conference of journalists.

European leaders have resisted the idea of a quota. Merkel said Sunday that she discussed the issue with French President Emmanuel Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May after returning from a White House visit Friday.

In her meeting with Trump, Merkel said, she saw little progress in obtaining permanent exemptions. "The decision lies with the president," she said Friday.

A British spokesperson called Monday's postponement "positive" and said the country will continue to work with EU partners and the U.S. to achieve a perma-

nent exemption.

In a separate trade battle with China, the United States has threatened to impose tariffs on \$150 billion of Chinese goods in retaliation for what it argues are Beijing's unfair trade practices and its requirement that U.S. companies turn over technology in exchange for access to its market. The White House also wants China to agree to reduce its \$375 billion goods trade surplus with the U.S.

China has said it would subject \$50 billion of U.S. goods to tariffs if the U.S. taxes its products. Trump has said that a delegation led by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and trade adviser Peter Navarro will visit Beijing for negotiations Thursday and Friday.

"We're going to have very frank discussions," Mnuchin in an interview broadcast Monday on Fox Business.

Most analysts think the talks will lead to longer-term negotiations.

Like a showman, Trump suggests DMZ for 'big event' with Kim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a consummate showman, President Donald Trump began rolling the drum Monday for his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, suggesting the "big event" take place in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the Koreans. That's where Kim just met his South Korean counterpart.

But Trump said that the Southeast Asian city state of Singapore was also in the running to host what few would have predicted when nuclear tensions were soaring last year — the first face-to-face meeting between the leaders of the United States and North Korea.

While policy experts, and even his own national security adviser, voice skepticism that North Korea is sincere about giving up its nuclear efforts, Trump

sounds like he's gearing up for a date with history, and clearly wants the backdrop to be just right.

First by Twitter, and then at a press conference in the White House Rose Garden, Trump said he likes the idea of going to the southern side of the demarcation line that separates the Koreans, where South Korean President Moon Jae-in met Kim on Friday.

"There's something that I like about it because you are there, you are actually there," Trump said. "If things work out there's a great celebration to be had on the site, not in a third-party country."

There's been much speculation about where Trump and Kim might meet. Countries in Europe and South-east Asia, in Mongolia and even a ship in international waters have all been sug-

gested as possible venues. Monday was the first time that Trump had publicly named potential locations.

His planned meeting with Kim will be the crucial follow-up to the summit between Kim and Moon on Friday where they pledged to seek a formal end this year to the Korean War — a conflict that was halted in 1953 by an armistice and not a peace treaty, leaving the two sides technically at war. They also committed to ridding the peninsula of nuclear weapons.

Former reality television star Trump now has to help turn the Korean leaders' bold but vague vision for peace into reality. Undaunted, he gave the impression Monday that governments were vying to host his face-to-face with Kim and share in the attention it would bring.

"Everybody wants us. It has the chance to be a big event," the president said on a bright spring day in Washington, alongside Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, whom he'd just met at the White House. "The United States has never been closer to potentially have something happen with respect to the Korean Peninsula that can get rid of the nuclear weapons, can create so many good things, so many positive things, and peace and security for the world."

It wasn't clear whether his enthusiasm was stirred by the South Korean president's suggestion Monday that Trump could take the Nobel Peace Prize if the two Koreans win peace. Moon's remark came when he deflected a question about whether he might win the award as one of his predecessors, Kim

Dae-jung, did in 2000 after the first ever inter-Korean summit.

The United States has reached aid-for-disarmament deals with North Korea before, but they've ultimately failed. The most enduring effort negotiated by the Bill Clinton administration in 1994 halted the North's production of plutonium for nearly a decade. But it collapsed over suspicions that North Korea had a secret program to enrich uranium, giving it an alternative route to make fissile material for bombs.

Trump's recently installed national security adviser, John Bolton, who has in the past advocated military action against North Korea, reacted coolly Sunday to its reported willingness to give up nuclear programs if the United States commits to a

formal end to the war and a pledges not to attack.

"We've heard this before," Bolton told CBS' "Face the Nation," adding that the U.S. wanted to see concrete action "not just rhetoric."

This year, Kim has already suspended his nuclear and missile tests. According to South Korean officials, he told Moon that he's going to shut down his country's only known nuclear testing site and allow experts and journalists to observe.

Trump cited that prospect with approval on Monday, saying Kim is "talking about no research, no launches of ballistic missiles, no nuclear testing." But as usual, the president left open the possibility of pulling the plug on talks, saying: "If it's not a success, I will respectfully leave."

Even as spring arrives, backcountry skiing thrives

BARTLETT, N.H. (AP) — Standing at a scenic vista, Tyler Ray looks out at 2,661-foot Bartlett Mountain and envisions a network of ski trails winding through the dense forest below.

Ray, who heads the Granite Backcountry Alliance, is working with federal and local land trusts to improve, construct and expand backcountry skiing in the mountains of northern New Hampshire and western Maine. The group recently received approval from the White Mountain National Forest Service to develop and maintain ski trails on sections of Bartlett Mountain and Baldface Mountain.

"We'll be skiing right off the summit, which is pretty exciting," Ray said.

Backcountry skiing has a long history in the White Mountain National Forest. Mount Washington is considered the epicenter of backcountry skiing in the Northeast. Skiers have been flocking to the mountain's Tuckerman Ravine for nearly 100 years, attracted by its steep, consequential terrain, more commonly found out West or in Europe.

"What we have here is historic," Ray said. "It is really exciting because we are going full circle with the concept of what we now call backcountry skiing, which is an ironic term in many ways because we are doing something that was happening way before chairlifts and everything else. So we are really going full circle and bringing it back to the fore."

The sector of the sport is booming, with skiers complaining they don't have enough trails to keep up with demand. On a spring weekend, as many as 2,000 skiers may hike up into



In this Saturday, April 21, 2018, photo, Andrew Drummond, below, and Drew Zimmer ski through the glades on Crescent Ridge in the Randolph Community Forest in Randolph, New Hampshire. In the summer of 2017, Granite Backcountry Alliance recruited 75 volunteers to clear brush and thin trees to create a 75-acre glade on a hillside north of the Presidential Range.

the ravine. The new trails should help.

Greg Maino, spokesman for Vermont's Catamount Trail Association, which helps manage more than 300 miles (483 kilometers) of winter trails, including the Brandon Gap and Dutch Hill in the Green Mountain National Forest, which are used for backcountry skiing, agreed the activity has been growing in popularity in recent years as the

specialized ski equipment needed to climb mountains without chairlifts has gotten less expensive.

"It definitely opens the doors; you can go so many more places. Anywhere you want, anywhere there's snow, I think it opens up a lot of opportunities," Maino said.

Andrew Drummond, owner of Ski The Whites, a backcountry ski shop in Jackson, New Hampshire,

said he wishes more people would take advantage of the sport.

"It doesn't matter if you're in a new zone or a familiar zone. The weather's nice, you're with your friends, and it's your personal playground," Drummond said. "If everyone was outside more doing more of this stuff, everyone would be in a better mind frame, be better people."

Last summer, Granite

Backcountry worked with the town of Randolph to open up about 75 acres (30 hectares) of glades on Crescent Ridge. Dozens of volunteers showed up to work with professional foresters to clear brush while opening up several ski lines through a hardwood grove.

Unlike a traditional ski resort, these trails will leave no broad scars on the mountains. There are no chairlifts to take skiers to the summit,

which means skiers must attach climbing skins to the base of their skis to prevent them from slipping down the mountainside.

"There is unbelievable satisfaction that is involved when you hike up a mountain or skin a mountain," Ray said. "What I like to say is you may only get one run in a day but you are going to remember every single turn and that's a really special thing."

Tina Fey's 'Mean Girls,' 'SpongeBob' musical lead Tony nods

NEW YORK (AP) — Two popular entertainment brands — Tina Fey's high school morality tale "Mean Girls" and the goofy undersea cartoon "SpongeBob SquarePants" — lead the Tony Award nominations with 12 apiece. Another massive property, a play based on the wizard Harry Potter, also cast a spell, earning 10 nods.

Fey, who adapted the story of her oft-quoted 2004 movie with her composer husband, Jeff Richmond, admitted they awaited Tuesday's announcement with bated breath. "We're new to this whole Broadway thing and this whole musical thing so it was hard to tell which way everything could swing," Richmond said. "We're delighted."

A British revival of "Angels in America," Tony Kushner's monumental, two-part drama about AIDS, life and love during the 1980s, grabbed 11 nominations — the most for any play this season — 25 years after it first appeared on Broadway. The shimmering, grown-up musical "The Band's Visit"

also earned 11 nods.

Katrina Lenk earned her first Tony nomination for "The Band's Visit," based on a 2007 Israeli film about an accidental clash of cultures when an Egyptian orchestra gets lost and ends up in the wrong Israeli town.

"I suppose it sounds cheesy if you say it, but it's really an honor. It's kind of hard to put into words. It's a deep joy." Next up for the actress: a nap. "Then I get to do the show again. I love doing it. I love this cast. I love being here. So the best way to celebrate is just to come back and do it."

J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" franchise extended its magical touch to Broadway, with the two-part stage play "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" featuring the bespectacled wizard earning 10 nominations, as did a revival of "My Fair Lady."

The best new musical category is filled by "The Band's Visit," "Frozen," "Mean Girls" and "SpongeBob SquarePants." Those musicals that failed to make the cut were the Hal Prince revue "Prince

of Broadway," the Jimmy Buffet musical "Escape to Margaritaville" and "Summer," about disco diva Donna Summer.

Taylor Louderman, a veteran of such musicals as "Bring It On: The Musical" and "Kinky Boots," earned her first nomination for playing a high school queen bee who is laid low in "Mean Girls."

"I really haven't sat back and thought about the young version of me and how she would be freaking out right now," she said. "I'm from a small town where people don't really get out and dream big. I just really thought I would never be here."

She faces competition from Lenk; Lauren Ambrose of "My Fair Lady," Hailey Kilgore of "Once On This Island," LaChanze of "Summer: The Donna Summer Musical," and Jessie Mueller of "Carousel."

This is Tony-winner Mueller's fourth nomination but she said it never gets old. "It's still exciting. It always feels different because every show means something different, and is very personal in its own

way. I just keep thinking of all the happy faces I'm going to see tonight when I go to work," she said.

The two-part "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," which picks up 19 years from where Rowling's last novel left off and portrays Potter and his friends as grown-ups, won nine Olivier Awards in London before coming to the U.S. and bewitching critics and audiences alike. It now will face "The Children," "Farinelli and The King," "Junk" and "Latin History for Morons" for best new play.

Anthony Boyle won a nomination for best featured actor for his work in "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child." He played Scorpius Malfoy in London and now on Broadway. He said he's having a ball with Broadway audiences.

"They're so vocal, it's like having an extra cast member onstage," he said. "You hear audible gasps, and sobs. Broadway audiences are incomparable."

Best male acting nominations for a play include Denzel Washington, starring in a revival of Eugene O'Neill's epic "The Iceman

Cometh." The 2010 Tony winner for "Fences" faces off against Andrew Garfield in "Angels in America," Tom Hollander of "Travesties," Jamie Parker of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" and Mark Rylance in "Farinelli and The King."

Amy Schumer, who made her Broadway debut in Steve Martin's comedy "Meteor Shower," won a nomination for best actress in a play. Others in the category include Glenda Jackson from "Three Tall Women," Condola Rashad in "Saint Joan" and Lauren Ridloff in "Children of a Lesser God."

"Carousel," "My Fair Lady" and "Once on This Island" make up the best musical revival category, mostly because they're only eligible nominees.

The best play revival category is filled by "Angels in America," "Three Tall Women," "Lobby Hero," "Travesties" and "The Iceman Cometh."

One surprise was the relatively few nominations for Disney's "Frozen" — three, for best original score, best book and best musical. The much-antici-

pated adaptation of the animated blockbuster got no nominations for its leading ladies — Caissie Levy and Patti Murin — or for traditional Disney strengths like sets and costumes.

While Broadway veterans like Louderman, Mark Rylance and Condola Rashad all received nominations, some Hollywood stars were shut out, including Uma Thurman, Chris Evans and Clive Owen.

Bruce Springsteen, whose solo show mixes songs and stories from his best-selling memoir "Born to Run" and has been banking over \$2 million each week he's onstage, will be granted a special, non-competitive Tony, along with John Leguizamo for "Latin History for Morons."

Plenty of nominations don't necessarily lead to actual wins on Tony night. While "Hamilton" was nominated for 16 awards in 2016 and went on to win 11, just last year "Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812" earned a leading 12 nominations but got just two technical awards on the big night.

Chinese influx transforming Myanmar's quintessential city

MANDALAY, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's last royal capital harbored the most learned Buddhist monks and exquisite artists, citizens speaking the most refined Burmese and cooks who prepared the best curries in the land. Mandalay was rhapsodized as the nation's cultural core.

Today, along the grand moat of the former royal palace, Chinese music rings out as people perform tai chi exercises, a sign of an uneasy transformation taking place in Myanmar's second-largest city. This once quintessential Burmese metropolis, residents say, is losing its traditions as a massive influx of Chinese migrants reshapes it in their own likeness.

"I feel that I am no longer a resident of Mandalay," says Nyi Nyi Zaw, a 30-year-old journalist, adding that problems between Burmese and Chinese caused by the changing dynamics have become a staple of his reporting. "They (Chinese people) look like the residents. They have money, so they have the power."

This makeover of Mandalay — located about 300 kilometers (185 miles) from China's Yunnan province and at the crossroads of trade, transport and smuggling routes — reflects a Chinese footprint across Southeast Asia that has grown alongside Beijing's economic and military clout. And it is one that is expected to widen as China pushes forward with its One Belt, One Road initiative to link Eurasian nations via land and sea routes.

Propelled by Beijing's policy of encouraging Chinese enterprises to expand abroad as well as official Chinese government investment in its neighbors' infrastructure, the influx has sparked a measure of prosperity in some impoverished Southeast Asian regions. But along with it has come local resentment, sometimes anger, at perceived Chinese aggressiveness, cultural insensitivity and environmental damage.

Chinese have been drawn to Southeast Asia for centuries, with waves of migrants fleeing war, revolution and starvation in the first half of the 20th century. While most of them came with little more than the shirts on their backs, many of the latest migrants are arriving with cash and savvy.

"Out of the 10 top entrepreneurs in Mandalay, seven are Chinese," says Win Htay, vice president of the Mandalay Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He says Chinese in the city own everything from small noodle shops to expensive commercial buildings.

He estimates some 60 percent of Mandalay's economy, including the key industries, is now in Chinese hands.

Next to Laos' capital, Vientiane, Chinese are building a virtually new city on more than 300 hectares (741 acres) of government-provided land that is expected to cater to an influx of migrants coming to work on Chinese-backed infra-

structure projects reshaping the once sleepy town on the banks of the Mekong River.

Residents of Sihanoukville are calling Cambodia's only seaport "China Town" as more Chinese corner real estate and settle in a country that has turned from the West toward Beijing, now its key political and economic supporter.

Spearheaded by a surge of Chinese tourists, condominiums and second homes marketed to mainlanders are sprouting in the northern Thailand hub of Chiang Mai, along with both legal and illegal businesses catering to their needs. A tourist with no knowledge of Thai or English can now hire an unlicensed Chinese taxi driver or even a bodyguard.

Chinese investment has increased sharply in Malaysia, sparking concerns over sovereignty. In addition to mega ventures including a \$100 billion property development project, Chinese state-linked firms have also bought assets linked to the indebted IMDB state fund, which was set up by Prime Minister Najib Razak and is being investigated by the U.S. and other countries for embezzlement and money laundering. Opposition leaders have used the influx of Chinese money as an issue in the May 9 general election, warning that the government is selling off the country — a claim dismissed by Najib.

In Mandalay, anti-Chinese jibes have become a staple of workaday conversation. Cartoons, comedy routines and literature label the country the "Chinese Republic of the Union of Myanmar" and the city as "Mandalay, Yunnan." A popular song — "The Death of Mandalay" — laments what Mandalay has become: "The city where I was born is no longer there/ Who are these people in the city?"

While a Chinese community has long existed in Mandalay, a new wave flocked to snap up swaths of cheap vacant land following massive fires that tore through the city's core in the 1980s. As isolationist Myanmar opened up in the 1990s, Chinese entrepreneurs also took advantage of low interest rates at home and high ones in Myanmar to invest in real estate. Others are involved in shadier areas such as the jade trade and narcotics trafficking.

Since foreigners are not allowed to own land or enjoy other privileges, a large but unknown number of Chinese have obtained Burmese citizenship through bribes to Myanmar immigration officials or outright forgery of documents, Burmese businessmen and local journalists say.

The result has been soaring real estate values that have forced many locals to move to the city's outskirts.

"If we can't enact laws and take effective action on immigration, we will see a continuation of the Chinese influx because this area is good for them," says Win Htay, who also heads a large sugar company.

The ease with which Chinese are able to illegally



This Nov. 2, 2017, photo shows a Chinese temple in the heart of Mandalay, one of many in the city. The road outside is lined with buildings owned by the Chinese. As China's shadow grows in Southeast Asia, residents of Myanmar's former royal capital are lamenting an influx of Chinese migrants.



This Nov. 4, 2017, photo shows the Mahamuni Monastery in Mandalay, a magnet for pilgrims from all over the country. This Buddhist pagoda exemplifies the traditional Burmese character of the city. An image of the Buddha in the monastery is one of the oldest and most revered in Myanmar.

obtain citizenship contrasts with the plight of the Rohingya, a Muslim minority group at the heart of an ongoing refugee crisis who despite having lived in Myanmar for generations are denied citizenship.

Some take a balanced view of the Chinese presence in Mandalay, frequently reported as high as 50 percent of the city's 1.2 million inhabitants, although estimates are unreliable given the undocumented status of many and depending on how assimilated ethnic Chinese are counted.

"As a native I am not so concerned about Mandalay changing because of the Chinese. The world is becoming a global village," said Tin Maung, managing director of the Royal Tun Thitsar Company. "Races

mix all the time, but it is important that all are loyal to the country."

The Chinese presence in Mandalay and Myanmar is simply a natural outcome of intensified and positive relations with Southeast Asia, said Zhu Xianghui, associate professor at the Institute of Myanmar Studies of Yunnan University.

He said concerns by Burmese nationalists that their country is under threat of Chinese expansionism is "an overreaction from a poor country."

In response to questions about illegal immigration, the Foreign Affairs Office of Yunnan in China said it "always urged those going overseas to abide by local laws and customs."

While some of the regional migration is driven

by Chinese government-backed policies, other migrants are aided by the age-old "guanxi," the informal networks through which Chinese from a particular locality or clan have moved abroad. These networks aid and ease the entry of those following them into a foreign environment.

Some simply come on their own, seeking a better, freer life outside China.

Dai Qing, a prominent author and environmental activist who now calls Chiang Mai home, says she enjoys the absence of an internet firewall in Thailand, clean food and water, and being among "nice, peaceful people," some of whom she helps through charities.

Living in a rural area outside the city, Dai says she has not yet encountered

Thais averse to her countrymen.

"But when I travel here and there, I do see the impolite, following-no-rules, arrogant Chinese and I feel ashamed for that," she says. "We have a long way to go before China's true modernization is complete."

Now that China has urged its citizens to go out into the world, it's only natural that many will choose to "follow their dreams," says Aranya Siripon, an anthropologist at Chiang Mai University.

"That's what we humans do," she says. "But we have to be able to manage the negative aspects of these dreams."

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Philadelphia 76ers' Joel Embiid, left, talks with Rapper Meek Mill, right, during the second half in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Miami Heat, Tuesday, in Philadelphia. The 76ers face the Boston Celtics in the second round of the playoffs, rekindling an old rivalry with new faces.

Celtics, Sixers renew rivalry with new casts

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid are about to find out what the NBA playoffs are really about.

After dispatching the Miami Heat in five games in the first round in their first career postseason appearance, the Philadelphia 76ers' youngsters will open the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night in Boston against the Celtics.

All those banners hanging from the Garden rafters.

All that history on the parquet floor.

All that bad blood between the two cities.

A civic rivalry that dates back to the Revolutionary War era came of age on the basketball court with Wilt Chamberlain leading the Philadelphia Warriors, and later the 76ers, against Bill Russell's Celtics in the 1960s. Larry Bird and Julius Erving picked it up in the 1980s.

Celtics forward Marcus Morris,

a Philadelphia native, grew up watching the Allen Iverson-led 76ers that went to the NBA Finals in 2001 but lost to Paul Pierce and Antoine Walker's Celtics in the Eastern Conference finals the following year.

He's not expecting any favors from his hometown crowd.

"I'm expecting the same treatment as far as them not even caring that I'm from Philadelphia," he said after practice on Sunday, a day after the Celtics advanced by eliminating the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 7 of their first-round series. "I really don't care either, when I'm competing against them."

The franchises have met 19 times in the playoffs (though only three times in the past 33 years), with Boston holding a 12-7 edge.

YOUTH IS SERVED

Two years after winning just 10

games, the Process is paying off for the 76ers.

Embiid, the third overall pick in 2014, returned after missing the first two games of the playoffs and averaged 18.7 points and 10.3 rebounds in three wins over Miami.

Simmons, the No. 1 overall pick in 2016 before missing all of last season, averaged 18.2 points and 10.6 rebounds against the Heat — both improvements over his regular-season numbers.

"They're super-talented," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "That's what happens when you're in the NBA playoffs. It's fun."

HOMETOWN SHOUTOUT

Morris said he's enjoyed watching the hometown Eagles win the Super Bowl, followed by Villanova's NCAA basketball championship.

"Philly, we had a great year,"

the Celtics forward said. "(Rapper) Meek Mill got out of jail — it's funny, but it was pretty big for our city. A lot of people really appreciated it. You can tell that feeling when you get there, where it's coming back. A guy that's been there my entire life and not really seeing it at its peak. Right now Philly is at its peak with everything, sports, living out there. It's coming back."

RUNNING GAME

The Celtics held Milwaukee and star forward Giannis Antetokounmpo to zero fast break points in Game 7 of their first-round series.

They know that transition defense will also be a key against Philadelphia, which was one of the best in the NBA on the break.

"In transition, they just make you pay," Celtics center Al Horford said.

"They just present a whole different challenge."

BROWN OUT

Stevens said guard Jaylen Brown still had some soreness from a hamstring injury he sustained in Game 7 and is doubtful for Game 1 against the Sixers. Tests on Sunday were negative, the coach said.

"It looks like it could be something that allows him to play as the series goes on," Stevens said.

The No. 3 overall pick in the 2016 draft, Brown averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game this season. He said on Saturday he would be back.

"Whatever it takes, I wouldn't miss this series for the world," Brown said.

The Celtics are already without stars Gordon Hayward and Kyrie Irving, as well as Daniel Theis.

Parker's future, coaching search will define Bucks offseason

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Giannis Antetokounmpo is trying to eliminate the drama around whether Jabari Parker will return to the Milwaukee Bucks.

It doesn't sound like he wants Parker to leave as a restricted free agent.

"Jabari ain't going nowhere," Antetokounmpo said with a smile. "He's going to be here and he's going to be ready for the next season."

It's just one of two big decisions facing the Bucks this offseason. They might be hiring a new coach, too.

The organization has arrived at a crossroads. A new arena is opening in the fall, while Antetokounmpo is

a budding NBA superstar because of the athleticism that earned him his "Greek Freak" nickname.

However they proceed, the Bucks have grown beyond being a feel-good story. They've established a baseline of success with the Antetokounmpo-led group, having gone to the playoffs three times in the last four years.

The next step is to get beyond the first round for the first time since going to the Eastern Conference finals in 2001. The best way to do that is to play more consistently in the regular season in order to secure a top-four seed and home-court advantage in the first round. The Bucks were eliminated on Saturday night by the Boston

Celtics in seven games, with all four losses coming on the road.

"Climbing the playoffs, going to Game 7, somewhat of an accomplishment. Not really what we set out to do," guard Malcolm Brogdon said Sunday as players had exit interviews with coach Joe Prunty at the team's downtown training facility and packed up for the offseason.

Whether Prunty is back when the Bucks reconvene for training camp remains in question. The veteran assistant was promoted to replace the fired Jason Kidd in late January.

General manager Jon Horst said at the time that the team would conduct a search after the

season and that Prunty would be a candidate. That's still the case, Prunty said, although the team has not detailed when it will conduct interviews.

"To be honest with you, I think at this stage we all thought we would still be playing and were hoping that we would be playing," Prunty said.

Milwaukee was 21-16 under Prunty in the regular season after starting 23-22 with Kidd. Getting to Game 7 in the first round was a small measure of progress after Milwaukee was eliminated in six games the previous season by Toronto.

But issues that plagued the Bucks during the regular season

contributed to their demise against the Celtics. Milwaukee finished last in the NBA in rebounding (39.8 per game) and 25th in opponent 3-point shooting (37 percent). The Bucks excelled on the break and were sixth in the league in 2-point shooting (53 percent) but 22nd from 3-point range (35 percent).

A full year with Parker might help. He averaged 12.6 points in 31 games after returning in February from the second left knee injury of his four-year career.

Antetokounmpo thinks his teammate's return is a done deal.

"And we are going to be all excited, playing in a new arena and everyone is going to be having fun," he said.

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In Trump era, the death of the White House press conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential news conference, a time-honored tradition going back generations, appears to be no longer.

More than a year has passed since President Donald Trump held the only solo news conference of his administration — a rollicking, hastily arranged, 77-minute free-for-all during which he railed against the media, defended his fired national security adviser and insisted nobody who advised his campaign had had contacts with Russia.

But there are no signs the White House press shop is interested in a second go-round. Instead, the president engages the press in more informal settings that aides say offer reporters far more access, more often, than past administrations.

"President Trump is more accessible than most modern presidents and frequently takes questions from the press," says White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders.

The president often answers shouted questions at so-called pool sprays, in which a small group of rotating reporters is given access to events such as bill signings and Cabinet lunches. Trump has also taken to answering shouted questions on the White House lawn as he arrives at and departs the White House.

The frenzied exchanges — frequently taking place over the roar of Marine One's rotor — often produce news.

But the format also gives the president far more control than he would have during a traditional question-and-answer session. Trump can easily ignore questions he doesn't like and dodge follow-ups in a way that would be glaring in a traditional news conference.

On Friday, for instance, Trump answered several questions in the Oval Of-

fice about North Korea and Iran. But when a reporter asked about his threats regarding intervening in the Justice Department, Trump responded with a curt "thank you" that signaled to reporters that he was done with the Q&A session.

The president also holds joint news conferences with visiting world leaders, a format reporters call "two and two" because each leader selects two of its country's reporters to ask questions. While the format looks similar to a solo news conference, the president more often than not calls on friendly reporters from conservative outlets and limits the opportunity for follow-up questions.

On Friday, during a joint news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Trump called on reporters from Fox Business Network and the Christian Broadcasting Network. Fox News correspondent John Roberts has been called on so often that Trump once picked him and then changed his mind. "Actually, we'll go somebody else this time, John. You've been doing enough, John," he said to laughs.

Trump also submits to occasional one-on-one interviews with individual news outlets. Last week, he called in to "Fox & Friends," his favored format during the campaign. And several times he has held longer, impromptu question-and-answer sessions, including one in the Rose Garden with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that, for reporters, had the feel of a mosh pit.

Margaret Talev, a longtime White House reporter and president of the White House Correspondents Association, said the association welcomes Trump's "openness to engage on a regular basis, in pool sprays in the Oval Office and less traditional settings such as South Lawn



In this March 23, 2018 file photo, President Donald Trump responds to reporters' questions in the Diplomatic Room of the White House in Washington after he spoke about the \$1.3 trillion spending bill he signed earlier in the day. The presidential news conference, a time-honored tradition going back generations, appears to be no longer. Instead, the president engages the press in more informal settings that aides say offer reporters far more access, more often, than past administrations.

departures."

But, she said, "We have been disappointed at his reluctance to engage in regular full-format news conferences and we will continue to encourage him and his team to return to the practice. Such news conferences help the public to gain a deeper understanding of a president's thinking on an issue; show transparency and accountability; allow journalists to raise questions the public may be concerned about; and also allow a president to shape his message."

Indeed, during his campaign, Trump often criticized his rival, Democrat Hillary Clinton, for failing to engage more with the press.

"Crooked Hillary Clinton has not held a news conference in more than 7 months. Her record is

so bad she is unable to answer tough questions!" he tweeted in June 2016.

The pattern marks a dramatic departure from historic precedent, according to records kept by The American Presidency Project and dating back to Calvin Coolidge. In their first years alone, President Barack Obama held 11 solo news conferences, George W. Bush held five, and Bill Clinton a dozen. Trump held just one.

It's part of a pattern reflecting Trump's extraordinarily hostile relationship with a press he loves to hate.

"The White House isn't legally mandated or required to hold press conferences, but it's a tradition that's been in place because it serves the public," said Katie Townsend, the litigation director at

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

"And I think the idea that the media is the enemy of the American people and an enemy of the president itself ... I think the unwillingness to talk to the members of the media is part of that."

But Ari Fleischer, who served as press secretary for George W. Bush, said there is little benefit for a White House to hold solo news conferences anymore since the president can communicate with the public in other ways.

"So long as the president is held accountable as a result of frequent pool sprays, as a result of frequent press conferences with heads of state, one-on-one interviews, the public gets its accountability through other tactics beyond formal long-wind-

ed news conferences," Fleischer said.

Bush, he noted, wasn't a fan of the prime-time news conference, complaining that reporters would "peacock" at those events, making them more about themselves than the president.

Trump, however, seems to like the format, which he credited last year for his election win.

"Tomorrow, they will say, 'Donald Trump rants and raves at the press.' I'm not ranting and raving. I'm just telling you. You know, you're dishonest people. But I'm not ranting and raving. I love this," he said during his press conference last year. "I'm having a good time doing it."

Menendez still has edge despite ethics censure

WASHINGTON (AP) — New Jersey Democrat Bob Menendez seems in good shape to win a third term despite a harsh rebuke from fellow senators who say he violated chamber rules and federal law, according to political analysts and party colleagues.

The Senate ethics committee found that Menendez repeatedly accepted gifts of significant value, failed to report them and advanced the personal and business interests of the donor who provided the gifts.

The allegations were hardly new to most New Jersey voters. Menendez's federal bribery trial last fall centered on those same accusations. It ended with a hung jury; prosecutors decided not to retry the case.

Whatever negatives were generated from the trial appear to be more than offset by the fact he has a "D" next to his name in the Democratic stronghold, said Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute in New Jersey.

Monmouth's polling this month showed Menendez with a 53 to 32 percent advantage over his likely Republican challenger in November, former Celgene executive Bob Hugin.

"They're not happy with his behavior, but they seem to be willing to overlook it," Murray said of New Jersey's voters.

A poll from Quinnipiac University released in March showed a similar result, 49 percent for Menendez and 32 percent for Hugin.

The Senate committee's findings certainly won't help Menendez, Murray said, but "he has a long runway to put this behind him as long as no new allegations come out."

There are, however, warning signs.

Menendez, 64, seems to be hovering around 50 percent in his head-to-head matchups with Hugin, even with the vast majority of voters not having enough information to form an opinion of the Republican.

Hugin, with much money

at his disposal, could persuade most of those undecided voters to move his way. Hugin has lent his campaign \$7.5 million so far and has said he's willing to add substantially to that.

National Republicans also note from the Quinnipiac poll that 38 percent of New Jersey voters believe Menendez was involved in serious wrongdoing, about double those who believed he was not. The remainder said they didn't have enough information to draw a conclusion.

"I think it's going to be a closer race than most observers think it's going to be simply because of how unpopular Bob Menendez is," said Bob Salera, a spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

Hugin, 63, was a top executive at New Jersey-based Celgene, which develops cancer treatments, for nearly two decades before retiring as chief executive this year. A Princeton graduate and Marine veteran, Hugin was a major financial

backer of former Gov. Chris Christie's failed Republican presidential campaign and served on his finance leadership team.

In an emailed statement, Hugin said the ethics committee's findings would be a focus of his campaign in the coming months. He said Menendez "disgraced himself and embarrassed New Jersey."

"New Jersey voters deserve to know the truth about their incumbent senator, and we intend to make sure that they do," Hugin said.

New Jersey hasn't elected a Republican to the Senate since 1972, and Democrats have nearly 900,000 more registered voters than Republicans. Trump is also unpopular in New Jersey, and he lost the state to Democrat Hillary Clinton in 2016 by 14 points. In the end, Trump could play a much bigger role in the race than the Senate committee's public admonishment.

Still, the ethics report represented a rare rebuke of a sitting senator. The com-

mittee is equally split, with three Republicans and three Democrats. All six signed off on the letter admonishing Menendez for actions they said "reflected discredit upon the Senate."

Marc Elias, an attorney for Menendez, said on Twitter that the committee's conclusions "were not only contradicted by the presiding judge and rejected by the jury, but the proceedings clearly demonstrated that there was no violation of any law."

Matthew Hale, an associate professor at Seton Hall University, said polling has consistently shown that people have more confidence in the courts than in the Senate.

"So I don't think the tongue-lashing from the U.S. Senate is going to have too much of an effect," Hale said.

In 2002, allegations of ethics failings ended the career of Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., who abruptly dropped his bid for a second term just five weeks before Election Day. He also was

admonished by the ethics committee, but that came much later in the election season and in a different political climate. Menendez will benefit from voters who plan to use the Senate race to make a statement about Trump.

Rep. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., now serving his 11th term representing a Paterson-based district, said he believes Menendez will be re-elected by a comfortable margin.

"I think the courts spoke for themselves. The Senate spoke, and now we can get on with the business of running a campaign," Pascrell said. "I think he'll come out of this standing tall."

The Monmouth poll was conducted by telephone from April 6 to 10 with 632 registered voters. The margin of error is 3.9 percentage points.

The Quinnipiac poll was conducted by telephone from March 8 to 12 with 1,052 registered voters. The margin of error is 4.2 percentage points.

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Cosby juror: Comedian's talk of quaaludes led to conviction

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Speaking out for the first time, the jury that convicted Bill Cosby at his sexual assault retrial said Monday its decision was influenced only by what happened in court. The youngest member of the panel said the comedian's own words sealed his fate.

Harrison Snyder, 22, said in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" that Cosby's deposition — in which he admitted giving women drugs to have sex with them — was the evidence that made him believe he was guilty.

"I think it was his deposition, really. Mr. Cosby admitted to giving these quaaludes to women, young women, in order to have sex with them," Snyder said.

Snyder said it "wasn't an open and shut case," but added he had no doubt the jury made the right decision Thursday in convicting Cosby on three counts of aggravated indecent assault.

The investigation into Cosby was reopened in July 2015 after a federal judge, acting on a request from The Associated Press, unsealed portions of Cosby's deposition testimony from a civil lawsuit he settled with his accuser, Andrea Constand, in 2006 for nearly \$3.4 million. In the testimony, which was read to jurors at both trials, he described giving quaaludes to women before sex in the 1970s. Cosby also described his sexual encounters with Constand, a Temple University women's basketball administrator.

Five other women testified at the retrial that Cosby had drugged and molested them as well, but Snyder said they weren't a factor in his decision.

"I don't think it really necessarily mattered that these other five women were here because he said it himself that he used drugs for other women," he said.

The Cosby jury issued a statement saying its decision



In this April 18, 2018 file photo, Bill Cosby arrives for his sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown, Pa. The prosecutors who put Cosby away said Sunday, April 29, 2018, they're confident the conviction at his suburban Philadelphia sexual-assault retrial will stand.

was not influenced in any way by factors other than what was seen and heard in the courtroom. Race and the #MeToo movement against sexual misconduct were never discussed, according to the statement, obtained by NBC's "Today" show.

"After thoughtful and meticulous consideration of the information and evidence provided to us, we came to our unanimous verdict," the jury said. "Not once were race or the #metoo movement ever discussed, nor did either factor into our decision, as implied in various media outlets."

Cosby, 80, is now a prisoner in his own suburban Philadelphia home and faces the prospect of spending the rest of his life behind bars as he awaits sentencing, likely within the next three months. His publicist has declared his conviction a "public lynching," and his lawyers have vowed to appeal.

"This is what they wanted," Cosby told the New York Post's Page Six after his conviction. He referred to prison as "that place."

The Post said it also interviewed Cosby last year during his first trial, which end-

ed in a mistrial because of a hung jury. But the newspaper agreed to hold his comments while his case wound through the courts.

Cosby said he rejected a plea deal that would have required him to serve house arrest and register as a sex offender — a claim rejected by the DA's office last year, when Cosby's side first made it, and again on Monday.

"We never offered Mr. Cosby a plea deal at any time. We were confident in our evidence and were focused on proceeding to trial," District Attorney Kevin

Steele's spokeswoman, Kate Delano, said Monday.

Cosby also seemed to compare himself to Nelson Mandela, the imprisoned anti-apartheid leader who later became South Africa's first black president.

"I think back to the time when Camille and I went to visit Nelson Mandela in South Africa. He was a free man, but I remember when we met him at Robben Island where he had been in a prison for all of those years. I sat in that cell where he lived, and I saw how he lived . . . what he had to eat to live and what he went

through. So, if they send me to that place, then that's what they will do, and I will have to go there."

It wasn't the first time Cosby referenced Mandela. A photo of Cosby and Mandela was displayed in at least one of Cosby's shows in 2015, at a time when sexual assault accusations against the comedian were mounting.

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

How to build your 'Oh, crap!' fund

The emergency fund is a bust.

Millions of Americans don't have one, and some of those who do resist tapping what they've saved. I'd like to propose an alternative for both sets of people: The "oh, crap!" fund, a savings account for not-quite-emergency expenses.

One of the reasons people don't have emergency funds is misplaced optimism. People think that if they're healthy, they'll stay healthy. If they're employed, ditto. The car will keep running, the roof will never need to be replaced and, since everybody's a better-than-average driver, there won't be any accidents. Behavioral scientists call that "recency bias," which is the delusion that whatever happened in the recent past will continue into the indefinite future.

Everyone, though, has experienced "oh, crap!" moments: the no-parking sign they didn't see, the crown the dentist says they need, the smartphone dropped in the toilet. A relatively small amount in such a fund can keep people from turning to expensive credit cards or payday loans.

"The power of just a few hundred dollars of savings can really help reduce the use of short-term, high-cost lending," says John Thompson, chief program officer for the Center for Financial Services Innovation, a nonprofit that promotes financial health.

Having a cushion is particularly important if you're a homeowner. In a recent Harris Poll survey commissioned by NerdWallet, nearly two-thirds of homeowners say they've experienced anxiety about their home, with unexpect-

ed home repair costs the top cause of anxiety.

The "oh, crap!" fund is designed to be spent, not hoarded. Emergency funds are meant to be spent, too, but people are often reluctant to part with money labeled as savings, says financial literacy expert and Rutgers University professor Barbara O'Neill.

"People hate to experience losses, (and) pulling money out of a savings account feels like a loss," O'Neill says.

Many people also give up on the idea of an emergency fund because any money they manage to put aside is quickly wiped out by unexpected expenses. They don't realize that the emergency fund did its job by keeping those expenses from going on a credit card, or that saving for unexpected expenses is a "rinse and repeat" deal. You don't just hit a savings

goal and you're done. You save, you spend, and then you save again.

The "oh, crap!" fund can help people build that muscle. It can be viewed as a transactional account with constant additions and subtractions as life unfolds. The fund also can help people who already have savings they don't want to touch except in big emergencies, such as a job loss.

The first "oh, crap!" goal can be pretty modest, say \$500. For those new to saving, here's how to get there.

—SET UP A DEDICATED ACCOUNT. Consider using an online bank, since most don't have minimum balance requirements or account fees and they'll let you name the account almost anything you'd like (although anything stronger than the word "crap" might get you a "tut tut —

let's keep it clean" auto-response from the bank). Some prepaid cards, such as American Express Bluebird and WalMart MoneyCard, have a savings feature if you don't use bank accounts.

—AUTOMATE IT, IF YOU CAN. Those with regular paychecks and bank accounts can set up automatic transfers, so \$10 or \$20 or whatever amount you like gets swept into a savings account each pay period. Or you can use technology that automatically rounds up your purchases to the nearest dollar and deposits the money in savings. Bank of America's Keep the Change debit card and Chime, a mobile bank account, both offer this option. Or try Digit, an app that analyzes your spending and moves unneeded funds to a savings account.

—IF YOU CAN'T AU-

TOMATE, MAKE A RULE. Decide to put aside a set dollar amount or percentage from every check or other income you receive. Examples: "I'll save \$10 from every paycheck and 10 percent of any windfalls."

—DON'T STOP. Once you're in the habit of saving, keep going. Your next goal can be \$2,000, which is the median cost of the largest financial shock experienced by households studied by the Pew Charitable Trusts. After that, you can shoot for the traditional emergency fund recommendation of building a fund equal to three months' worth of expenses.

Even as you do, though, you may still want to keep a separate fund for those everyday mishaps. Because crap happens.



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After political snag, Israel in gear to host Giro d'Italia

JERUSALEM (AP) — After resolving a brief crisis over the status of its proclaimed capital, Israel is ready to finally get things underway this week with its historic hosting of the Giro d'Italia cycling race.

The world's best riders will start the race in Jerusalem on Friday in the first time a cycling Grand Tour will ever be held outside Europe. It's the biggest and most prestigious sporting event ever hosted in Israel and features four-time Tour de France champion Chris Froome, who is looking to become only the third person ever to win the three Grand Tour titles in a row.

For Israel, hosting the event marks a major coup and looks to draw tens of thousands of tourists and a chance to showcase its people and landscape to a global television audience.

In its 101-year history, the Giro has previously opened a dozen times outside Italy but never outside Europe. Its arrival in Israel is the result of the lobbying efforts of Sylvan Adams, a Canadian-Israeli cycling enthusiast who conjured the idea to coincide with Israel's marking 70 years of independence. He said his aim was twofold: to promote the sport in Israel and to project its "normal" image to the world, rather than the typical association of war and conflict.

"This is a mini-Giro, if you will. In three days we can cover a similar percentage of the country as Italy does in the whole race," Adams told The Associated Press. "We'll show the beauty of the country, that Israel is a sporting country and that it is open and free and most importantly safe."

As with anything regarding Israel, though, politics could not be avoided.

The 2018 race will open in Jerusalem, but organizers insisted the route will not go through any land considered occupied by the international community. That means the course will circumvent the West Bank and east Jerusalem, territories Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war and claimed by the Palestinians as parts of a future independent state. Racers will steer clear of the Old City, the crown jewel of Israeli tourism and home to



In this Dec. 6, 2011 file photo, cyclists from the Saxo Bank team ride past the walls of Jerusalem's Old City during a race. Israel is ready to finally get things underway this week with its historic hosting of the 2018 Giro d'Italia cycling race after resolving a brief crisis over the status of its proclaimed capital. The world's best riders will start the race in Jerusalem on Friday in the first time a cycling Grand Tour will ever be held outside Europe.

Jerusalem's most important Jewish, Christian and Muslim holy sites.

Palestinians have protested the decision to hold the event in Israel, and boycott activists have promised to demonstrate against it.

The Giro itself caused a minor uproar when organizers billed the opening leg as in "West Jerusalem," angering Israel, which considers the entire city to be its eternal capital. The Giro ultimately reverted back to simply using "Jerusalem," which in turn enraged Palestinians, who said it served to "legitimize the annexation of Jerusalem." The Palestinians and their allies have also objected to promotional materials on the Giro's social media that

include photos and videos of the Old City of Jerusalem.

Adams, who has been named the Giro d'Italia Big Start Israel Honorary President, shunned the controversy, saying that at no stage did the course ever intend to pass through the Old City and its narrow, bumpy roads that are unsuitable for racing.

"It's off-message. This is a sporting event. I don't want to get into politics. It's about building bridges through sports," he said, noting that he hasn't gotten any negative feedback from potential visitors.

After the 6-mile opening time trial in hilly Jerusalem, the 104-mile second stage will whizz down the Mediterranean coast from Haifa to

Tel Aviv. Stage 3 will follow a lengthy 143-mile route — the second-longest leg of the entire race — from Beersheba in the Negev desert down to Israel's southern tip of Eilat along the Red Sea.

The 176 cyclists are made up of 22 teams of eight, including the first two Israelis to participate in a Grand Tour event as part of the inaugural Israel Cycling Academy team. The race will then transfer to Italy, and the island of Sicily, for an early rest day on May 7.

All eyes will be on Froome. A victory at the Giro would make him the seventh rider to win all three Grand Tours — cycling's top three stage races — and only the third to hold the three titles

at the same time. After successfully defending his Tour de France title last year, the 32-year-old Froome went on to win the Spanish Vuelta for the first time.

In a surprise announcement, he then said he was going to participate in the Giro for the first time since 2010.

"The Giro is special and full of history, and I am looking forward to racing it again after almost a decade," Froome said in a statement. "I've had a different start to the season as I've obviously been aiming to try and reach my peak quite a bit earlier than usual. But the target of going for a third consecutive Grand Tour has given me new motivation."

He will also try to win the

Tour for a record-equaling fifth time this year. No rider has completed a Giro-Tour double since Marco Pantani in 1998.

Froome, a British cyclist who rides for Team Sky, will be racing in Israel under the cloud of a potential ban after a urine sample he provided at the Vuelta in September showed a concentration of the asthma drug salbutamol that was twice the permitted level. The International Cycling Union's ruling on the case is expected after the Giro wraps up in Rome on May 27.

The event consists of 21 days of racing, totaling 2,203.6 miles with 27 miles of vertical elevation.

Twin bombings in Afghanistan kill 25, including 9 reporters

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two Islamic State suicide bombers struck in Afghanistan's capital on Monday, killing 25 people, including nine journalists who had rushed to the scene of the first attack, in the deadliest assault on reporters since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

An Agence France-Presse photographer, a cameraman for the local Tolo TV station and several reporters for the Afghan branch of Radio Free Europe were among the fatalities, police said. At least 45 people were wounded in the attacks, according to Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai, who said four police were among those killed.

The attack was the latest in a relentless string of large-scale bombings and assaults in the capital and elsewhere in Afghanistan this year.

A few hours later, in the southern Kandahar province, a suicide car bomb target-

ing a NATO convoy killed 11 children from a nearby religious school, police said. The children had gathered around the NATO convoy for fun when the bomber struck, said Abdul Rahim Ayubi, a lawmaker from Kandahar. Eight Romanian NATO soldiers were wounded.

The Islamic State group claimed the Kabul bombings in a statement posted online, saying it targeted the Afghan intelligence headquarters. The statement did not say anything about specifically targeting journalists. The blasts took place in the central Shash Darak area, home to NATO headquarters and a number of embassies and foreign offices — as well as the Afghan intelligence service.

Stanekzai said the first suicide bomber was on a motorbike, while the second targeted those scrambling to the scene to aid victims. He said

the second attacker was on foot in a crowd of reporters, pretending to be a member of the press, when he set off his payload.

AFP said the news agency's chief photographer in Kabul, Shah Marai, was among those killed. Hundreds of people attended his funeral later on Monday.

Media watchdog Reporters Without Borders said it was the deadliest attack targeting reporters since the U.S.-led invasion that overthrew the Taliban in 2001.

The Paris-based group named the nine journalists killed, who worked for media organizations from multiple countries, and said another six reporters were wounded. The group, also known by its French acronym RSF, said 36 media workers have been killed in Afghanistan in attacks by IS or the Taliban since 2016.

In a separate attack in the

eastern Khost province, a 29-year-old reporter for the BBC's Afghan service was shot dead by unknown gunmen. The BBC confirmed the death of Ahmad Shah, saying he had worked for its Afghan service for more than a year and. BBC World Service Director Jamie Angus called it a "devastating loss."

Survivors of the attacks in Kabul recounted scenes of mayhem.

"When the explosion happened, everywhere was covered with dust and fire, it was such a horrific scene," said Jawed Ghulam Sakhi, a 28-year-old taxi driver. "I saw journalists covered with blood."

Masouda, a young woman who was with her husband when he was wounded in the attack, lashed out at the authorities.

"I don't know who is responsible for all these attacks. Every day we lose our

loved ones and no one in this government is taking responsibility for the killing of these innocent people," she said. Like many Afghans, she has one name.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani condemned the attacks, as did the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

"We extend our deepest condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of all the victims, including a number of brave journalists among the dead and injured," the embassy said. "Where media are in danger, all other human rights are under greater threat."

In other violence Monday, insurgents killed at least four Afghan policemen in an ambush in the northern Balkh province, said Sher Mohammad Abu-Tariq, the district chief in Nahri Shahi. In the eastern Nangarhar province, an explosion killed an Afghan police officer and

wounded four other people, said Attuhullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks. The IS affiliate in Afghanistan first emerged in Nangarhar a few years ago, then expanded its footprint across the country.

IS and the more firmly established Taliban carry out regular attacks, with the Taliban usually targeting the Afghan government and security forces, and IS targeting the country's Shiite minority, whom the militants view as apostates.

The relentless assaults underscore the struggles that Afghan security forces have faced since the United States and NATO concluded their combat mission at the end of 2014. Both armed groups want to establish strict Islamic rule in Afghanistan.



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