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KUA invests in major solar energy project

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Kissimmee Utility Authority and 11 other municipal electric companies announced plans Friday for a massive solar power project projected to generate energy for roughly 44,600 residential customers by 2020.

The energy will come from three new solar farms spanning a combined 900,000 solar panels in Orange and Osceola counties.

The Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) oversees the initiative, known as the Florida Municipal Solar Project.

KUA Vice President of Corporate Communications Chris Gent said the utility company has been exploring solar energy options for years. Until recently though, the

cost proved too prohibitive for the city-run utility company.

"The price for solar generation has finally come down to the cost of traditional power," Gent said. "This has been made possible through the extension of federal tax incentives for solar companies."

The project's scope includes the installation of about 900,000 solar panels across three solar farms in Orange and Osceola County.

Panels will be installed on a racking system that uses computer-controlled motors to move panels in the direction of sunlight for maximum efficiency.

A group called NextEra Florida Renewables will own and run the plants, selling the power to the cities at locked-in rates.

The three solar farms would produce 223.5 megawatts of energy



for roughly 44,600 residential customers.

Permitting is expected to take about 18 months, with construction set to begin in early 2020. The project should be operational by June 30, 2020, Gent said.

KUA and the other utility companies won't have to pay for the construction of the solar farms.

Nearby Orlando Utilities Commission is expected to purchase about half of the three plants' See **KUA**, Page 2.

AROUND TOWN

Music to your ears



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Students from Osceola School for the Arts play Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake during the Moonlight Symphony that was held inside the Kissimmee Civic Center on Friday night.

Students celebrate higher education with Decision Day



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Anderson Colon with a T-shirt from the college of his choice - Valencia. Colon will be majoring in psychology.

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Excitement hung in the air as hundreds of St. Cloud High School seniors filed into the courtyard Friday afternoon.

It was in celebration of Decision Day, an event hosted at high schools across the country to recognize students heading off to college, trade school or enlisting in the military after graduation.

Principal Nate Fancher said he is proud of his students, but also reminded them that the end of high school is only the beginning.

"I tell my students all the time that graduating high school is not the goal," Fancher said. "In 2018, that diploma has to be a ticket into something else."

Seventy percent, or 411 St. Cloud High School students, plan to attend a college, trade school or enlist in the military, according to the school's guidance counselor department.

The class of 2018 saw another major accomplishment at St. Cloud this year. More than \$8 million in scholarships were awarded to students, up from \$6 million in 2017.

See **Students**, Page 2.

Osceola County School District grapples with \$2.4M health care debt

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

The Osceola County School District's Health Insurance Trust Fund is rapidly spiraling into debt.

The fund, which pays for employee healthcare with monthly insurance premiums, racked up \$2.4 million in outstanding expenses in the first quarter of 2018.

In just three months, healthcare expenses exceeded revenue by twice as much as the same time last year.

It's a trend that Superintendent of Osceola County Schools, Debra Pace, described as "unsustainable." Several board members described the debt as "a crisis situation."

Pace went before the School Board last week to share the latest numbers.

"We've got to continue to discuss what other things we can and need to do," Pace said.

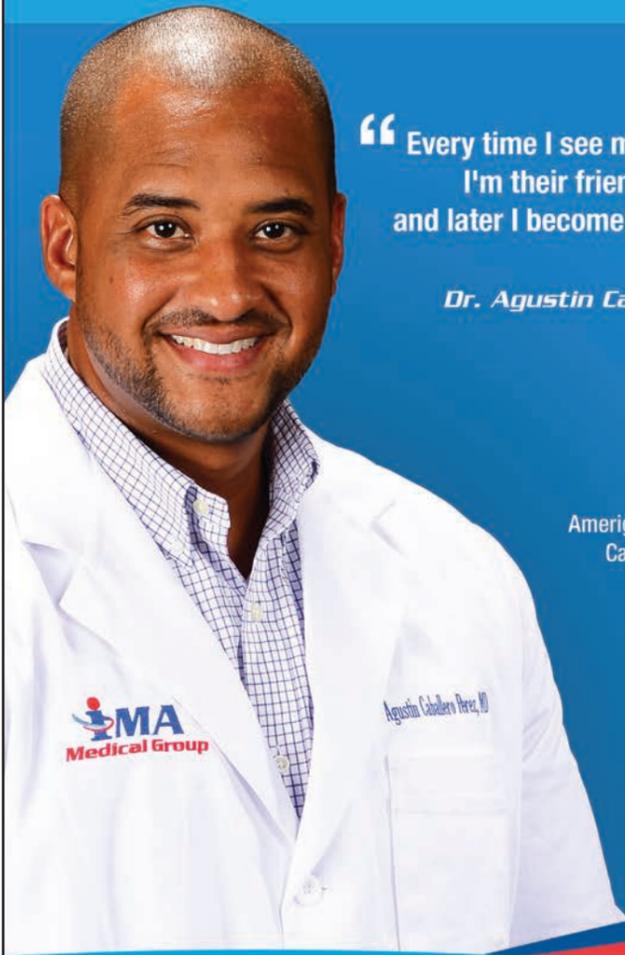
Expensive treatments for employee illnesses, such as diabetes and muscular-skeletal diseases, as well as the pricey specialty drugs associated with them, are contributing factors to the district's mounting debt.

"But in general," Pace noted, "it has been from higher claims from dependents and spouses."

District officials knew numbers didn't bode well last year when they attempted to increase employee health insurance

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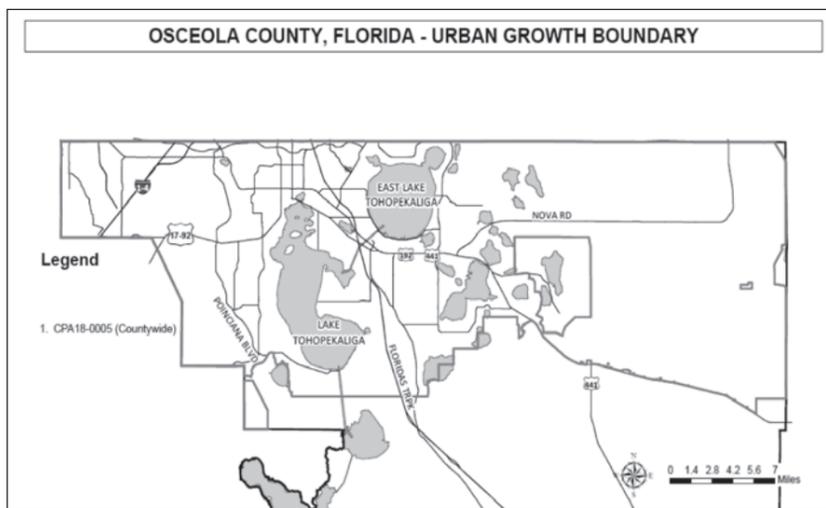


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

- 1. CPA18-0005:** Request approval to transmit to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), a Large Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) to add a Climate Change and Renewable Energy Element to the Osceola County Comprehensive Plan. The proposed amendment is related to the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR) consistent with Florida Statutes. Osceola County Community Development Department (Applicant) Commission District: Countywide



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

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

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POLICE NEWS

Osceola County firefighter arrested for domestic abuse

By Brian McBride
Editor

An Osceola County firefighter was arrested and charged with domestic battery in Davenport on May 3 after he allegedly spit at his wife and pushed her during an argument.

Robert Wolfe Jr., 45, was taken to the Polk County Jail in Bartow and charged with domestic violence simple battery.

According to a Polk County Sheriff's Office report, deputies arrived at Wolfe's home in Davenport at about 4:25 a.m.

Wolfe is an engineer with Osceola County Fire Rescue.

His wife claimed that she and Wolfe were in a verbal dispute that turned physical. It began when she arrived home from work earlier than usual to find Wolfe not there. Wolfe had told her that he was already home before she arrived, the report stated.

She tried to contact him several times, but he never answered. When Wolfe finally replied, he told his wife that he fell asleep at a friend's house, according to the report.

When he got home, an argument ensued and the victim said Wolfe "spit in her face multiple times," the report stated.

She said he then grabbed her and slammed her against a bedroom



Wolfe

door, breaking the door and injuring her back. The victim said she just had nine surgeries to install nine rods in her back.

When deputies interviewed Wolfe, he said that he had returned home to gather some of his items and was going to leave, but his wife would not let him.

Based on his wife's written statement, Wolfe was arrested without incident.

Man arrested for shooting, killing woman at motel

Kissimmee detectives arrested a man for murder on May 3 after shooting a woman he was living with during an argument.

Leumas Moraza, 38, was arrested and charged with domestic homicide and taken to the Osceola County Jail.

On May 3 at approximately 10:30 p.m., the Kissimmee Police Department responded to a shooting incident at the Super 8 Motel, 1815 W. Vine St.

The victim, Maria Santiago-Burgos, 43, was

taken to a local hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries.

Moraza was taken to the Kissimmee Police Department where he cooperated with detectives.

He told detectives that he was in a relationship with Santiago-Burgos and staying with her and family members at the motel. Recently, he noticed that she was texting another man. On the night of May 3, Santiago-Burgos came home to the motel and said she only wanted to be friends with Moraza and that he had to leave the motel room. Santiago-Burgos went into the motel room and began collecting Moraza's clothes. He followed her in and questioned why she was treating him this way, according to a police report. That's when Santiago-Burgos attempted to grab the gun Moraza had in his waistband. Moraza said the gun went off striking Santiago-Burgos. He said he then heard two more shots but did not remember firing them, the report stated.

But when police interviewed the victim's children and mother, they reported that he shot Santiago-Burgos three times intentionally while they argued.

The Kissimmee Police Department is urging any other potential witnesses to call 407-846-3333.

KUA

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output, or 108.5 megawatts, for about \$200 million.

Winter Park will buy 10 megawatts, or a third of what Kissimmee is purchasing.

Gent did not state how

much KUA is spending on its 30-megawatts of solar power.

Project details were announced at the University of Central Florida's Solar

Energy Center in Cocoa Friday.

For more information on the Florida Municipal Solar Project, visit www.fmpa.com.

STUDENTS

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Senior Lialanis Rivera is heading to University of Miami in the fall. She chatted with her three friends Friday after the group of teens collected their free cupcakes, sodas and T-shirts from volunteering faculty members.

Rivera said attending Decision Day was a great way to get recognized by her peers and teachers.

"I think it's really cool because we've worked so hard this whole year," she said. "People have been writing essays, applying to multiple schools, and to finally be able to show off which school you've chosen and have a little party, I think it's really cool."

Skyler Franz was accepted into West Point this year. Franz, a four-year ROTC student, said the military academy was the only school he applied for. He was planning to enlist if he didn't get in.

"My mom was a little nervous," said Franz, who is the first member of his immediate family to join the military.



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Natalia Gutierrez will be swimming for Pfeiffer University, Tiara Resto is going to Valencia, enrolled in the Bridges to Success Program for nursing, and William Cortes will also be attending Valencia to pursue a career as a paramedic.

The St. Cloud senior said he loves the idea of Decision Day, and was happy teachers and staff took the time to host the event.

"The students all tried and put forth their best efforts, and everyone has achieved what they've wanted in their own ways," he said. "It's great to be able to celebrate that."

National College

Decision Day is usually held May 1. It's an adaptation of former first lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher initiative, according to Florida College Access Network.

Both initiatives are inspired by the NCAA's National Signing Day, which celebrates students who have received athletic scholarships.

OSCEOLA BUSINESS

Finalists named for KUA board

The Kissimmee Utility Authority board of directors on Wednesday interviewed five applicants to fill an upcoming vacancy on the five-member volunteer utility board. A sixth candidate was not able to participate in a scheduled interview.

The outgoing director, Ethel Urbina, has served one term on the board and is eligible for reappointment.

Per the guidance of the Kissimmee City Commission, the board narrowed the list to three recommended applicants whose names have been sent to the commission for a second round of interviews and final appointment on June 5.

The recommended applicants are:

- L. Ashley Coke, 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 Gemske, a retired foreman with Associated Roofers in Chicago, Ill. He is a 22-year resident of Kissimmee and previously served 10 years as a Kissimmee city commissioner. Gemske served for several years as chairman of Kissimmee's Relay for Life fundraising event to benefit the American Cancer Society.

- 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 candidate appointed by the city commission will be sworn in at the board's October meeting.

Nemours receives accreditation for pediatric residency program

Nemours Children's Hospital in Lake Nona has received accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and will launch its first Pediatric Residency Program next summer.

The Pediatric Residency Program leadership will begin recruiting residents this fall with the inaugural class beginning in July 2019.

"We opened the doors to Nemours Children's Hospital five and a half years ago with a distinct vision to create something new for Central Florida," said Dana Bledsoe, president of Nemours Children's Hospital. "Our mission was to build a world-class pediatric academic medical center, and this training program is an essential piece that will benefit families struggling to access care."

Nemours Children's Hospital has institutional accreditation and is sponsoring the program with the support of Nemours Children's Health System. Florida ranks near the bottom in sponsoring GME residents and fellows, per capita (41 out of 50). Starting a pediatric residency program and subsequently building fellowship programs in a freestanding pediatric hospital, is a unique opportunity to make a difference.

"At Nemours, we have a rapidly growing population of children with medical complexity and those with high acuity needs," said Dr. Amber Hoffman, program director for Nemours Children's Hospital Pediatric Residency Program. "This paired with an expert faculty that has assembled from across the country is a combination that provides a perfect training ground to teach pediatric residents and subspecialists evidence-based, cutting edge medicine."

The new residency program will help relieve the statewide physician shortage crisis. The state anticipates an increase of children and a shortage of 7,000 medical specialists by the year 2025. The risk is that medical situations for sick children can become acutely worse with a delay in care, or lack of specialty expertise.

In years to come, Nemours specialists will build a pipeline of high-level pediatric specialty care physicians in central Florida. Families will have more access to specialty care and won't be forced to travel out of the region in search of care.

"Academic medicine is defined by a threefold mission. As a faculty physician you are expected to be an excellent clinician championing quality and safe care, a researcher to advance the field, and a medical educator to ensure high caliber training," said Dr. Heather Fagan, vice chair of education at Nemours' Department of Pediatrics. "Our doctors have been recruited from academic medical centers across the country, and are ready to help families in Florida by training the next generation of pediatricians and pediatric specialists."

DEBT

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premiums for the more than 6,600 teachers and support staff who get coverage through the district.

Time ran out during union negotiations last year, and now even greater increases are back on the table once again.

The district released its Salary and Benefits Negotiation Proposal for 2018-19 in March. The proposed contract has been unpopular with teachers and staff, who argued that minute salary increases were negated by substantial monthly premium hikes.

The proposal includes a \$2,560 increase per year for district employees with a spouse on their plan, and \$4,440 more for the family plan.

Those enrolled in basic employee-only coverage will still have a \$0 monthly premium - at the price of a higher deductible - while those on the popular Wellness Local Plus plan would begin paying \$41.60 a month, or \$500 a year.

Employee-child yearly

premiums are poised to increase by \$1,800. Employer contributions from the district are set to decrease by nearly 25 percent for the same plan.

Chief Financial Officer Sarah Graber said in March that the School Board is trying to move away from insuring employee spouses, who drive up overall costs without contributing to the district.

This is why, she said, spouse and family plans are facing the biggest increases.

Board members at the May 1 meeting lamented the district's health trust fund predicament.

"Do we have any leverage at all?" Board Member Kelvin Soto asked Pace. "Or do we just have to accept that every year drugs are more expensive, procedures are more expensive, and that's just something we can't do nothing about, and we are slaves to these market-driven prices?"

Pace said the district is working with Sigma, its healthcare provider, Gallagher, a consulting

firm, and Florida Hospital to find solutions to rising costs.

School Board President Ricky Booth asked Pace if Gallagher has examined similar school districts in Florida to see how they are grappling with national healthcare increases.

Pace said she would discuss this with the consulting firm and update the board with new information.

Meanwhile, negotiations between the district and the teachers' union have intensified.

Unable to reach agreeable terms during bargaining meetings last month, the two groups declared impasse.

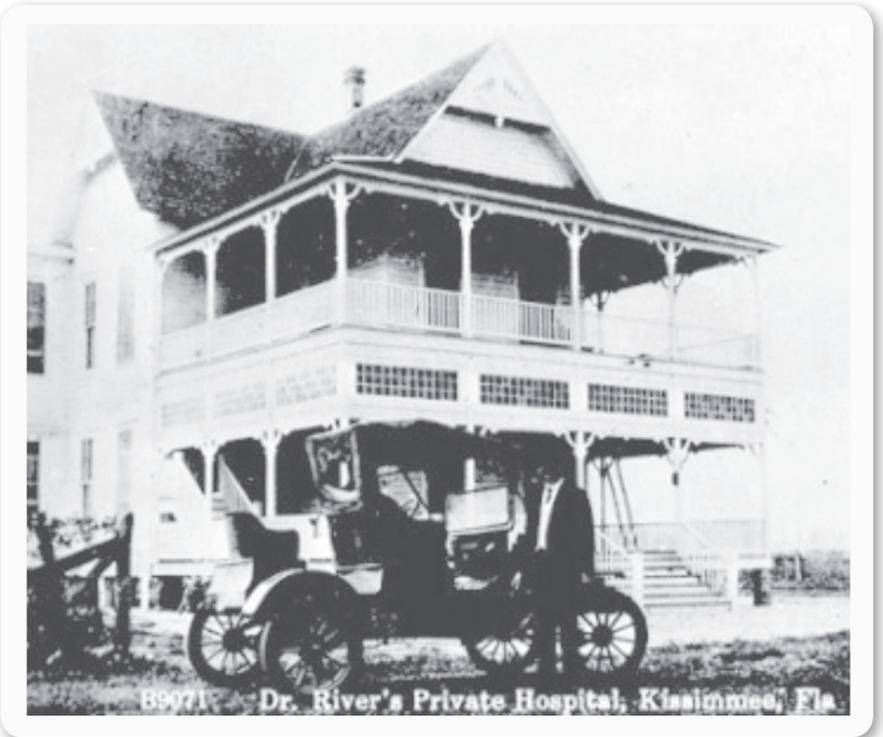
Declaring impasse starts a process involving mediation, and a special trial where both sides submit what they want and evidence to support why they should get it.

That special trial takes place at 9 a.m. May 31 and is open to the public. The location has yet to be determined.

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.

Dr. Thomas M. Rivers



Sources: "Kissimmee Valley Gazette", Ancestry.com. Photo Courtesy: OCHS, Kissimmee Valley Gazette

Born near Lake City, Columbia County, Florida on August 8, 1868.

Thomas Maximus Rivers was the fourth of nine children born to Susan Amanda Walston and Lewis William Rivers. After a general education, he attended the Medical College of South Carolina and graduated in the class of 1900. While attending medical school, Thomas and Rosalie Clare Godfrey married on September 4, 1895 in Lake Park, Georgia. Thomas began his medical profession in Lake Park where he and Rosalie had three sons, but by 1902 only their third son remained. It appears Thomas and Rosalie's marriage ended shortly afterwards and Thomas married Roberta Peterson about 1903. They added two daughters to the family and in January of 1906 the family arrived in Kissimmee, Florida where Thomas embarked on a 37 year practice.

Roberta passed away on September 23, 1934 and Thomas, now in his late sixties married again, to Josie Amy Prouty. Josie was 33 years younger than Thomas and was an attendant in his office following their marriage.

Dr. Rivers died on June 27, 1943; his obituary in the "Kissimmee Valley Gazette" gave a detailed account of his life in Kissimmee -

"Dr. Rivers proved himself to be not only one of the best 'horse and buggy' doctors, but also a scholarly and scientific one. The

old county trails from Fort Drum to Kissimmee, and from Lake Hart to Davenport, were well traveled by the doctor and his horse and buggy, ministering to the sick and unfortunate, way back in the early days of the county, and long before the era of the automobile had dawned.

In 1913, he pioneered with the first hospital in Osceola County, his practice extending over the entire Kissimmee valley territory.

In addition to his private professional accomplishments he also contributed his talents in an official capacity. He served as health officer of Kissimmee and of Osceola County for many years.

He was a member and former president of the Orange County Medical Society, a member of the Florida Midland Medical Society and also belonged to the Florida State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Florida Railway Surgeons Association, and the Society of the Atlantic Coast Line.

He had read numerous papers before the Florida Medical Association and Southern Medical Association, as well as being the author of a book



DR. T. M. RIVERS.

entitled 'The Atonomic Diseases or the Rheumatic Syndrome.'

Throughout his career Dr. Rivers was a most public-spirited citizen, contributing generously of his time and talents to the welfare of the community. In his civic activities he was a member of the city council, member of the Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce, Orange Blossom Blue Lodge No. 80, the Free and Accepted Masons, and of the First Christian Church of Kissimmee. He had served for several months as health and housing unit chairman under the Osceola County Defense Council."

Dr. Rivers is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery with his second wife Roberta and two of his children, Gerald and Eunice. Josie eventually returned to her home state of Massachusetts where she passed away in 1983.

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APV to host adult prom

By Lisa Concepcion
Poinciana Writer

It's Thursday and many of you may be ready for the workweek to end. You may be done with being an adult. Just hang on until next weekend, being an adult has its perks.

The Association of Poinciana Villages presents its second Adult Only Prom on Saturday, May 19.

The prom will be held at the Tony De Palma Community Building, 395 Marigold Ave., from 7 to 10 p.m. Those 21 and older are invited to attend. This year's theme is Dance Under the Hollywood Stars.

Registration is required. For more information, call 863-427-0300.

► Incoming Sixth Grade Student Orientation Night is today 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.

► Liberty High School, 4250 Pleasant Hill Road, will hold a community yard sale on Saturday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Vendors are welcome. You can rent a booth space for \$30 (payable by cash or check made out to Liberty High School). The space is two adjacent parking spaces. Reserve your spot by contacting Mrs. Carmona, 407-922-2910 ext. 60222 or email Kuz.FerreiraCarmona@osceolaschools.net.

► 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.

NALC to conduct Stamp Out Hunger food drive

For the 26th year in a row, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be conducting its Stamp Out Hunger food drive to benefit the St. Cloud Community Pantry and other Osceola County food agencies.

Every year on the second Saturday in May, postal carriers, in addition to their regular workload, collect food from people in more than 10,000 cities across the

country. Each year, it is the largest one-day food drive in the world.

Before the regular mail pickup on Saturday, May 12, residents are asked to leave bags of non-perishable/non-expired food items by their mailbox.

Since it is expected to rain, consider putting food items in plastic bags and protect them from getting wet to prevent water from damaging any cardboard cartons. Letter carriers

pick up the bags and deliver the food to the St. Cloud Community Pantry and other Osceola County food agencies with the help of retired letter carriers, other postal employees and countless volunteers.

Items specifically requested at this time are canned fruit in natural juices or light syrup, ready to eat and condensed soups, pork and beans or baked beans, jelly in plastic jars/squeeze containers, peanut butter

(18 oz plastic containers), spaghetti sauce in plastic jars or metal containers. The postal carriers, food pantry volunteers and clients receiving the food ask residents to avoid donating items in glass jars. However, all non-expired non-perishable food donations are appreciated.

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— WATER AUTHORITY —

You use it everyday

You probably know that about 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water. But did you know that only 3% of it is fresh water, and only about 1% of that is accessible? That's why we at Toho Water Authority (Toho) every year celebrate Drinking Water Week (May 6-12) and recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives and our responsibility to provide safe drinking water to our community.

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Today we provide about 35 million gallons of potable water to our customers on a daily basis. For us, it is vitally important to safeguard this continuous supply for generations to come. So we are proud to be a member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and celebrate with them Drinking Water Week. Please visit www.awwa.org to learn more.



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— BANKING —

Spring Cleaning For Your Finances

Ah, Spring Cleaning! You know how it works: once a year you massively overhaul your house, garden, yard, and so on, but spring cleaning doesn't just apply to your house. It's also a healthy exercise to review your financial position from time to time so that you can be sure your behaviors are in line with your short and long term objectives. This can be accomplished by creating or examining your current budget for your finances.

If you've never created a budget for your personal finances, the first step in your financial spring cleaning needs to be just that. Budgeting is the most effective way to take control of your spending and saving. Sometimes it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our everyday lives and not take the time to pause and make sure we're spending and saving our money wisely.

There are all kinds of tools for budgeting to fit your personality. Form a spreadsheet, use online tools, or even pencil in your numbers in a

notebook every month. The method doesn't matter; the budget itself does. Creating a budget in writing will give you something tangible to remind you of your goals and help to keep you on track.

If you're familiar with budgeting, spring cleaning for you might be reassessing your current budget. Ask yourself if there are areas of spending that you could cut. What would you rather spend more on? The point is to reassess your priorities and make sure your budget lines up to those priorities. Then, consider having someone look it over with you. This could be someone close to you, like a spouse or friend, or a financial advisor who can give you a better idea of what's realistic in your budget and potentially point out any hidden consequences that you don't see.

Hopefully, creating or reviewing your budget this spring will be a platform for improving your finances. If nothing else, taking time to do it will give you a temporary excuse from doing yard work!



Brett Barnhardt
Community President
Osceola, Orange, and
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— LEGAL —

Obtaining a Green Card Through Family

Getting a USCIS Green Card is an important step and a proud moment for people who want to live permanently and work in the United States. Even with the cooperation of an eligible family member, it can be a challenge to get all the bases covered properly which can lead to unnecessary delays or even denials. Working with an experienced immigration lawyer can help avoid common pitfalls associated with green card denials and delays.

Immediate relatives versus preference categories

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CLASS 4A STATE TRACK CHAMPION

Hunter Hummel is the best in 4A discus

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Saturday at the Class 4A state track meet at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville was Coronation Day for Celebration High's Hunter Hummel.

The Storm's senior thrower, in his third state meet competing in the discus and shot put and his last competition wearing the purple and white CHS colors, wowed the crowd, his onlooking family, his coaches and himself with a personal best discus throw of 181 feet, 5 inches on the fourth of his six throws that was good enough to earn the gold medal as a state champion.

Hummel, who left for a trip to his native West Virginia following the state meet, said earlier in the week that the victory still hadn't sunk in.

"I haven't taken the medal off yet," he said Monday. "This validates all those nights of practice and hard work."

After competing in the shot put, in which he finished 20th, he was able to execute a game plan for his six throws that he started to excitedly visualize the night before.

"I didn't do much sleeping, it was a long night, but I felt great going in," he said. "Everything went as I planned. The throw was nice and easy to get into the final (top eight), and then the fourth throw was just effortless power."

The clinching throw was some nine feet over his previous personal record. Hummel's main competition was Derek Akey of



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Celebration's Hunter Hummel is crowned the Class 4A state discus champion Saturday at the University of North Florida. Hummel, who has signed to throw at the University of South Florida this fall, sailed his winning throw of 181 feet, 5 inches over eight feet past his prior personal best.

Gainesville Buchholz, who had a 173-foot effort already on the board and was in the rotation ahead of Hummel.

"I knew he could go 181, so I wasn't counting my chickens," Hummel said. "When he didn't on his last throw, that was the greatest feeling of my life."

With the title locked up, he took his final throw anyway as

a chance to try to close his high school career with another PR.

Celebration track coach Cliff Branch said he never doubted Hummel's game plan and mental state going into the weekend, and embraced his role as a cheerleader and adviser.

"When you have a student athlete of the sport like Hunter that works hard everyday with the

passion to win, I just continue to encourage his efforts to be the best he can be at every opportunity, visualize your throws before the meet, have a short term memory, and just be yourself and compete," Branch said, who also noted Hummel looked good and ready to compete from the outset.

"Earlier during our season, I registered Hunter for the pre-

state meet (at UNF) to get a feel of the atmosphere and discus area. It seemed to pay off," he said. "Hunter's 1st throw was over (170 feet) and I said to myself, 'He's feeling good today.'"

"I was so happy for him because he responded to his competition that sealed the deal for him to become the 4A state discus champion. It was the icing on the cake for Hunters' career at Celebration High School."

Hummel's effort gave Celebration 10 points, good for a tie for 20th in the 4A boys team standings. The county's other standout thrower, St. Cloud Essence Tornabene, earned 12 points for the Lady Bulldogs in her third and final state meet appearance. She was fifth in the shot put (40 feet, 10 inches) and second in the discus (134-11), two feet behind winner Georgette Simpson of Colonial.

Three others finished in the top three: St. Cloud distance runner Tristen Montalvo was second in the 3,200 meters at 9:15.26, less than a second behind Coral Gables' Cavan Wilson (9:24.42). He was also 9th in the 1,600 at 4:23.33, less than .05 seconds from the podium.

Osceola's Sadae Davidson was third in the 400 (56.17) and the Kowgirls' 4x400 relay team of Davidson, Alliann Johnson, Amaya Phillips and Niyah Harris (3:52.21) was third.

In the 4A team standings, St. Cloud (9) was tied for 24th right behind Hummel's effort for Celebration, and Osceola (3) was

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OHS claims first district baseball title and regional berth since 2015

Editor's Note: The regional quarterfinal playoff round was played Tuesday night, after the editorial deadline for this print edition. For updates, go to www.aroundosceola.com.

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Osceola capped a solid baseball regular season with its first district title since 2015, thanks to a thrilling District 9A-5 title game at Haines City.

After letting a 1-0 lead slip away to Gateway Friday in the bottom of the seventh, the Kowboys (18-7) picked up two in the top of the eighth and made them hold up.

"They gave us one, we gave them one," OHS Coach Scott Birchler said.

Kenny Badillo and Frankie Santaniello started the top of the eighth by getting hit by a pitch and a double, putting them on second and third with one out. A passed ball moved them up and OHS into the lead. With one out, Luis Nunez lifted a sacrifice fly that scored Santaniello.

C.J. Oliveria worked a 1-2-3 eighth inning to get the save in relief of starter J.P. Clement, who pitched seven innings for the win.

Gateway Coach Jim Moran said the teams' third meeting of the year was just like the regular-



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Outfielder Edgard Velasquez is one of the hitters Osceola Coach Scott Birchler counts on in the Kowboys' baseball postseason run, their first since 2015. Osceola hosted Oviedo Tuesday night in a Region 2 quarterfinal game.

season series, which they split with matching 2-1 scores before last week's rubber match.

"It was a terrific ballgame, and our kids have no reason to hang their heads," he said following the game. "We're 18-5 and having a great year and the kids will go back and battle on Tuesday. This

group here, they just go to work and play hard no matter what the stakes are. I'm proud of them. We're fine."

The Kowboys hosted District 6 runner-up Oviedo in Tuesday's Region 2 quarterfinal. The

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Celebration volleyball runner-up at state, ends ranked 45th nationally

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Celebration High's boys volleyball team played the longest of any team in Florida that didn't win the state title, it was still an impressive showing in the first appearance at the eight-team state tournament of any program in Osceola County.

The Storm finished the season 27-2. The two losses were to other teams at the state tournament in Miami last weekend — Miami Killian during a regular-season tournament, and Cardinal Gibbons, who completed an undefeated season with a four-set win over Celebration on Saturday.

Gibbons beat Killian in one of four quarterfinal matches on Friday.

Celebration, coached by Pedro Davila, began the festivities Friday night with a 25-21, 25-27, 25-21, 25-16 win over Palm Beach Central (18-4). The Storm's three-headed offensive machine of Johnansen Negron (20 kills), Alejandro Hernandez (19) and Carlos Adrian Mercado (11, with five service aces) put the ball down hard. Setters Diego Arroyo (33 assists) and Christopher Rivera (19) combined for 52 assists.

In their Saturday semifinal, the Storm took on undefeated Miami Southwest, which was ranked No. 2 in the MaxPreps rankings entering the tournament, looked the Eagles in the eye from across the net, then promptly dispatched them in straight sets, 25-22, 25-9, 25-21, with Negron (18 kills), Mercado (11) and Arroyo (35 assists) leading the way.

It all led to a meeting with Cardinal Gibbons (28-0), which was ranked No. 1 in Florida and No. 10 nationally by MaxPreps, and the championship began well for Celebration, which won the first set, 31-29.

Despite another 23 kills by Negron, and 36 assists from Arroyo, the Chiefs took the next games 25-21, 25-23, 28-26, despite much resistance from the Storm.

The Storm dropped only 10 sets all season, with four coming during the state tournament.

Celebration, which entered the state tournament ranked No. 5 in the state and No. 66 in the nation, improved those marks to No. 2 and No. 43 after the event.

Following its victory, Gibbons was ranked No. 4 in the nation.

The Top 25 nationally is dominated by California squads, including No. 1 Newport Beach Newport Harbor (29-0).

State qualifying hurdler Davila signs with USF

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

The month of April had five weekends in it.

So if it was a whirlwind for you, imagine its impact on Poinciana High hurdler and sprinter Shaneylix Davila.

The senior won championships at the Orange Belt Conference and District 3A-8 track meets in both the 100 and 300 hurdles, and at last week's Region 3A-2 meet, she qualified for last weekend's FHSAA state track meet in the 100 hurdles for the third time, where she came in 14th place (15.28 seconds).

While all that was going on, she locked down where she'd be jumping over hurdles after this month's graduation, when she recently signed a Letter of Intent and scholarship to run track at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

Undeclared in any 100 hurdles race this season until the regional meet, she sent March out with a bang, too, when she won the girls 100-meter hurdles in a time of 14.26 seconds on March 30 at the Florida Relays in Gainesville.

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Poinciana High hurdler Shaneylix Davila signed a track scholarship to USF prior to the 3A Region 4 meet.

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tied for 44th. The Kowgirls were tied for 15th (14), just ahead of St. Cloud (118, 12).

Harmony, Liberty and Poinciana competed in the 3A meet. Thanks to pole vaulter Elijah Gunn (14-3), fifth-place showing, the Longhorns (4) were tied for 39th.

"Not only is this a personal record but it makes Eli tied with one other sophomore for the youngest pole vaulter to clear this height in the entire state," HHS Coach Kyle Carr said. "This young man has been a joy to coach and I can't wait to see what the future holds for him."

Liberty high jumper Christelle Bonzil (5-3 3/4) was seventh, earning 2 points to place the Lady Chargers 42nd.

The rest of the county's state meet finishers, by school:

Poinciana: Shaneylix Davila, 14th in 100 meter hurdles (15.28), Shayan Jackson, 15th in 400 meters (58.74); Jendaya Nesbitt, ninth in high jump (5-1 3/4); Guy Bond, 11th in high jump (5-11 1/2); Aaron Hernandez, 9th in long jump (21-6 1/2); Isaiah Miller, 18th in discus (139-9).

Liberty: Alandi Jacobs, 22nd in 200 meters (26.33); Queen Washington, 21st in 400 (1:01.19); girls 4x100 relay, 9th, 49.10; 4x400, 17th, 4:08.71; Marion Brown and Niles Hunte, 19th (15.61) and 21st (15.66) in 110 hurdles.

Harmony: Elimarys Gonzalez-Gotay, 17th in 100 hurdles (15.97), girls 4x800 relay, 23rd (10:17.55); Josh Grimes, 22nd in 51.13; boys 4x400, 24th (3:30.34), Tim Davis, 20th in discus (135-7).

St. Cloud: Simone Giggets, 19th in 100 hurdles (16.23), Ashanti Ramirez, 20th in 300 hurdles (46.83), girls 4x800, 20th (10:12.18), Haudi Whitson, 11th in pole vault (9-10), Zach Cloud, 20th in 3,200 (10:02.60), boys 4x800, 8th (8:21.95), Josh Smith, 10th in the high jump (6-1 5/8).

Osceola: Johnson, 14th in 100 (12.35) and 8th in 200 (24.82), Davidson, 18th in the 200 (25.27), Phillips, 13th in 100 hurdles (15.32) and 8th in 300 hurdles (46.27), 12th in girls 4x100 (48.82) and 4x800 (9:47.35) relays, Isabella Pancake, 19th in discus (105-3), Dyshawn Baker, 19th in 100 (11.18), Markevious Jackson, 16th in 200 (22.49) and 11th in 400 (48.62), Marvin Gatlin, 23rd in 400 (52.33), Quavon Brown 9th (14.64) in the 110 hurdles, Jeremiah Wilson 21st in 110 hurdles (15.28) and 17th in 300 hurdles (40.31), 13th in boys 4x100 (43.09), Kameron Green, sixth in high jump (6-3 1/2).

Three athletes from City of Life Christian competed in the Class 1A meet. Debra Buggs was 20th in the 100 hurdles (18.30), Kayla Hefner finished 13th in the discus (94-7) and Justin Harris placed 17th in the long jump (11-9 1/2).

Buggs and Harris set PR's in their events, Warriors Coach Ray Buggs said.

"Each of those kids set new school records this year," he said.

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Panthers, as runners-up, played at Timber Creek. While Gateway is in the playoffs for the fourth straight year, the Kowboys, who lost to the Panthers in the last two district semifinals, are in it for the first time since that 2015 district title, a year after OHS advanced to the state semifinals as a district runner-up and played every playoff game on the road.

"The kids are aware of the success we've had here in the past, but they just don't have the playoff experience after missing the last two years," Birchler said. "I wish there was a secret to it, but we'll approach the playoffs the same way as any game. If we try to do too much, we will not be successful."

"There's no superstars on this team, it's similar to the 2014 team we had, nobody got drafted off that team, they just did the small things we needed to win."



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Osceola baseball coach Scott Birchler has turned to pitcher C.J. Oliverria in key positions late in ballgames this year, including this extra-inning game against Owasso (Okla.) High, and in Friday's District 9A-5 championship against Gateway, where he was handed a 3-1 lead in the 8th and made it stand with a 1-2-3 inning that gave the Kowboys their first district championship since 2015.

DAVILA

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USF chose her, and Davila chose the Bulls over offers from Chicago State, Northwestern (La.) State and Johnson and Wales.

"They had started scouting me last year, and when I visited I really liked the USF staff, campus and team," she said.

Davila began running track in middle school, where she was a sprinter and just "hurdled for fun," she said.

"One time, during a meet, I saw a hurdle just sitting in the infield and I jumped over it and it was very easy, so I started doing it in meets," she said.

While she sprinted full-time as a freshman, when her 4x100 team advanced to the Class 3A state meet, Davila became a full-time hurdler as a sophomore, when she made her first appearance at state in the 100 high hurdles

and finished 10th. Last year she qualified for state in both hurdles and on both relay teams, and was fourth in the 300 hurdles in 43.28 seconds.

This year she's been running the hurdles and the 4x100 and 4x400 for the Eagles, and qualified for state in the 100 hurdles. Her qualifying time of 15.28, off of what she ran in Gainesville, leaves her in the middle of a tight pack of seeded runners.

"I've been time-managing it all, it's been exciting and this year has been the best so far," Davila said. She'll strictly be a hurdler in college, where any hard workout won't be such a shock compared to how hard she's worked at Poinciana, she said.

"Coach Rudy and Coach (Cathy) Esposito have really pushed me really hard."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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

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 "We Dare to Care" golf touney**

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.

▶ **Top Gun basketball camp**

The annual Top Gun Shooting Camp, at the St. Cloud High gym, is June 4-8 from 8 a.m.-noon for children in grades 4-12. Camp fee is \$100 and includes camp shirt, daily drinks and snacks. (Campers should bring their own water). For an additional \$40, campers can stay until 1:30

p.m. (Overtime) and play full court games. Space is limited, the camp routinely sells out and only 30 spots are available for overtime. Make checks payable to St. Cloud High School. For information email Chad Ansbaugh at chad.ansbaugh@osceolaschools.net.

▶ **Osceola School District Legacy Program**

The School District of Osceola County has launched a Legacy Club to promote greater community engagement with schools. Individuals ages 60-64 will receive to \$2 off admission to any district athletic, musical, arts, or theater performances. Those over 65 will receive to free admission. To apply go online to osceolaschools.net/legacyclub.

▶ **Senior softball**

Osceola Senior Softball welcomes players ages 55-over. All skill levels are welcome. Until the fall season starts, pickup games will be held at the Denn John fields behind Valencia College on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information, call League President Mike Rodriguez at 772-359-8415 or email mrod156@hotmail.com. For general information on pickup games, call Jim Parker at 321-333-2012.

▶ **Kissimmee tennis program**

The City of Kissimmee's Park and Recreation Department is now accepting participants for the Jr. Acers tennis program that runs monthly through September. This program is for students that have learned the basic techniques and are beginning to judge the ball and

sustain a rally. Jr. Acers emphasizes technical skills and introduces players to singles and doubles play.

The camp will take place Saturdays from 10 a.m.- noon (10-13 years old) and noon-2 p.m. (14-17) at Oak Street Park and 11-12 p.m. (13-13) and 12-1 p.m. at Mark Durbin Park at Lakeside. Fee is \$75 per month (\$60 at Lakeside). Participants can register at the Oak Street Park Community Center (717 Palm Ave.). For information call 407-518-2360 or visit www.kissimmee-parks.org.

▶ **Harmony wrestling**

The Harmony Longhorn wrestling club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Harmony High School Wrestling room. Athletes ages K-8 are invited to participate. Beginners are welcome. The club season runs Oct. 10 through May 27 and is broken into three sessions. The \$40 fee includes about 50 practices, a team T-shirt and an AAU card plus insurance. Former Gateway High standout Brian Miller is the club coach. Also on the staff is Harmony High head coach Victor Lorenzano and his staff, which includes Chris Grillo, Adam Hopman and Billy Linane Call Coach Miller at 908-752-7098 for further information.

▶ **Soldier City Wrestling**

The Soldier City Wrestling Club will hold youth club practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the St. Cloud High wrestling room. All ages are welcome to attend. Participants must purchase a \$16 registration card from AAUsports.org.

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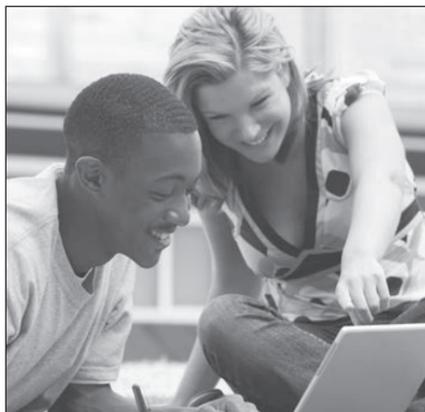
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Tips for grads considering studying abroad



Study abroad programs give students unique opportunities to experience other cultures while pursuing their degrees. Such programs appeal to students who want to see the world without interrupting their studies, and many students who study abroad develop an affinity for travel that remains with them for the rest of their lives.

When considering studying abroad programs or attending college overseas, recent high school graduates or current high school students should consider a few factors before committing to a program.

Language barrier

Students, particularly those who are not fluent in a foreign language, may find it easier to live in countries where English is the primary language. While study abroad students can expect to work with professors who speak English regardless of where they go, life outside the classroom can be difficult for young students who do not understand the primary language spoken in the country where they will be studying.

Life overseas

Students who want to attend school full-time overseas may benefit by first studying through a study abroad program before committing to a two- or four-year program in another country. This gives students a chance to get a feel for a country and its culture and lifestyle before making a long-term commitment to living and studying there.

Program size

The safety in numbers philosophy is applicable for all travelers, but it can be especially beneficial for young students studying abroad. Students may feel more safe and comfortable when signing up for programs that include many students as opposed to more exclusive programs that include only a handful of students. Large programs provide a built-in social network, and students may feel safer exploring foreign cities in large groups made up of fellow students than going it alone or traveling in small groups.

Documentation

Students should speak with program directors about the documentation they may need to make the most of their time overseas. CEA Study Abroad recommends that students bring photocopies of all important documents, including passports, driver's licenses, airline tickets, health insurance cards, and student identification cards, with them when studying overseas. This protects students should their wallets or backpacks be lost or stolen while they're overseas. Students also should include a list of any medical conditions or medications they take among their documentation and include their emergency contact information on this list.

Studying abroad can be a very rewarding experience for young students, who must consider a host of factors before committing to a program so they can have the most enjoyable experience possible.

Planning for a memorable and happy graduation day

Graduation day can be an exciting and nerve-wracking experience.

Steeped in tradition, graduation signifies the end of the line for academia for many students.

Knowing what to expect during the commencement ceremony and being prepared can help tame nerves and ensure the day moves along as smoothly as possible.

Get clothing set

Choose your attire several days before the graduation ceremony. Try on the clothing that will be worn beneath the graduation gown along with the gown to ensure everything fits well. Collared shirts look classic beneath the gown for both female and male graduates. However, schools may have their own dress requirements that should be followed. Iron or have the dry cleaners press all items so they are crisp and free of wrinkles.

It's a good idea to wear flat shoes for the commencement ceremony. Whether traversing the football field or the school auditorium, flat, comfortable shoes will be easy to walk in and help graduates avoid slipping or tripping.

Fuel up

Depending on the size of the graduating class, commencement ceremonies can take a few hours. Make sure to eat a hearty breakfast and be well-hydrated prior to leaving the house. If possible, bring along a small bottle of water. Outdoor ceremonies or those in stuffy auditoriums can mean contending with sun and warmth. Sipping water can prevent overheating.

Leave travel time

Much of the community will be en route to the graduation, making for congested roads and difficult parking situations. Do not add to nerves by rushing around. Give yourself an extra half hour or so to arrive at the destination and get settled. Suggest



an early departure for guests as well, as the parking lot or on-street parking will fill up quickly.

Expect limited tickets

Many schools have space restrictions and can only accommodate a predetermined number of attendees. Tickets may be limited to a specific number per graduate. Extend a courtesy to those who cannot be invited by explaining the ticket policy. Find a way to honor loved ones in another way, such as during a toast at an after-party or with personalized photo gifts.

Practice ceremony etiquette

The school will set the tone for the commencement ceremony. Formal schools may have a more buttoned-up atmosphere, while other schools embrace livelier traditions. Heed the direction of faculty, as

there will be plenty of time to let loose after the ceremony.

Make sure that you give all graduates the respect they deserve by turning off cell phones. In addition, remain seated until the ceremony is over and allow each graduate to get individualized recognition and take photos without feeling rushed.

Wear academic dress properly

Graduation caps are worn flat on the head, parallel to the floor and with the front point centered on the forehead. The gown should be free of jewelry and flowers. Some schools will adorn caps and gowns with academic regalia, while others will not. Reserve your graduation party as a chance to personalize if you so desire.

Graduation is full of tradition. Planning for the day can tame nerves and make it an enjoyable experience.

Productive ways to spend the summer after graduation

Graduation is a momentous day in the lives of college students. After years of schooling that dates all the way back to preschool or kindergarten, newly minted college graduates are finally ready to begin their professional lives.

That can be a scary prospect for some students, especially those who graduate without jobs lined up. The summer after graduating from college can be a time like no other in the lives of new graduates. It can be easy to grow dejected as weeks or months go by without receiving a job offer. But spending the summer after graduation as productively as possible can help graduates overcome any dejection they might feel and increase their chances of landing a job.

▶ Contact career services offices at your alma mater. Career services offices can help recent graduates as they look for their first jobs out of college. Such offices may have access to job and internship opportunities that grads do not. In addition, they may coach grads on interviewing techniques and on ways to stand out in crowded job markets.

▶ Seek internships. If part- or full-time employment is proving elusive, don't be afraid to seek and ultimately accept internships, which can provide a way for grads to get their foot in the doors in certain industries. Summer internships may already be filled, so scour job boards for fall or winter internships.

▶ Start networking. Students who interned can get in touch with their past

supervisors or mentors and find out if the company is hiring. Such people may be more inclined to bring someone with direct experience onboard — even if that experience was brief and unpaid. In addition, grads can connect with adjunct professors who work in their desired fields.

▶ When job hunting, don't get pigeon-holed by your major. Just because a student graduates with a particular degree does not mean he or she needs to look for work in that field. In fact, many companies may prefer entry-level applicants with degrees that are not specific to their industries so their new hires are blank slates who can be easily trained.

▶ Attend job fairs. While other graduates may be taking the summer off, enterprising grads looking for work should attend as many job fairs as possible. Graduates likely won't leave job fairs with employment offers in hand, but job fairs are a great way for grads to meet hiring managers and submit their résumés to potential employers.

▶ Customize a résumé for every job. Write and refine résumés for each job you apply for, mildly tweaking the wording or accomplishments to address the key phrases used in the job listing.

It can be tempting for recent college grads to spend the summers after graduation relaxing, but those who spend that time productively may land jobs more quickly than those who do not.

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Countries around the world emphasize the importance of educating their young people. In spite of the importance of education, not every locality has the same level of resources for the people in need. Some countries excel at educating their young people, and their policies may contribute to the higher rates of high school graduation. The following is a ranking of countries with the highest high school graduation rates courtesy of data compiled by Insider Monkey.

1. Portugal: 96 percent
2. Slovenia: 96 percent
3. Finland: 95 percent
4. Japan: 95 percent
5. United Kingdom: 92 percent
6. Ireland: 91 percent
7. Norway: 91 percent
8. New Zealand: 90 percent
9. Switzerland: 90 percent
10. Iceland: 89 percent

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New at SeaWorld

Park to open Sesame Street area, plus kid weekends



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SeaWorld Orlando will debut its new Sesame Street-themed area in spring 2019. The photo above is a rendering of the new addition to the theme park.

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

SeaWorld Orlando shared some exciting news last week, as construction is officially underway for the opening of a brand-new section of the theme park.

Sesame Street at SeaWorld Orlando will make its big debut in spring 2019.

"We are excited to transport our guests into the colorful and creative world of Sesame Street through immersive theming, character interactions and interactive play," said SeaWorld Orlando President Jim Dean, in a press release. "Sesame Street at SeaWorld Orlando is an amazing addition to our park, providing more unique and memorable experiences for the entire family."

Sesame Street at SeaWorld will invite guests to explore Sesame Street's iconic neighborhood setting. You will be able to walk through Abby Cadabby's garden, visit Mr. Hooper's store, visit Big Bird's nest, and even sit on the famous 123 stoop. (Talk about a great photo opportunity for the kids... Or parents.)

The neighborhood will feature interactive experiences, wet and dry play areas for summer and winter weather, plus exciting rides, all designed to entertain the whole family.

You won't be alone in this fun, new area. Elmo and his friends will be there,

too. Meet-and-greet opportunities will be featured throughout the section, with special appearances by Elmo, Cookie Monster and Big Bird.

"In partnering with Sesame Workshop, we are creating a land for guests to make an authentic connection that can only be found in hugging a furry friend or reading a book with Big Bird," said Experience Design Manager Amanda Trauger, in a press release.

But that's not all. SeaWorld's first ever parade is coming to the park, as the characters and parade dancers invite guests to party with them on Sesame Street daily.

According to the release, Sesame Street at SeaWorld will be located on the south end of the park, where Happy Harbor currently stands. More information to come.

With an opening date just under a year away, we have some time before we can visit with Elmo and friends. In the meantime, there are a lot of other kid-friendly activities to check out at SeaWorld.

Right now, SeaWorld is hosting its "Just for Kids" weekends. Families are invited to experience SeaWorld through the eyes of a child. The events are filled with kid-centric fun, including tons of interactive surprises, dance parties, and places to play and learn.

The "Just for Kids" weekends series will close out its events with a performance by Shoppkins Live! at SeaWorld's Nautilus

Theater this weekend, with varying performances May 12-13.

SeaWorld's "Inside Look" weekends will continue through next weekend (May 19-20). This one-of-a-kind event allows park guests of all ages to learn more about the care SeaWorld provides to its animals.

"We are very excited about our new event, Inside Look, which provides our guests a peek into the day-to-day care our animal experts provide, as well as the life-saving operations of our Rescue Team," Lori Cherry, Director of Public Relations for SeaWorld Orlando, told the News-Gazette. "Our hope is that guests will have fun, learn something new and walk away inspired to protect animals in the wild."

The 11 Inside Look locations highlight SeaWorld's mission to provide extraordinary care and help animals in need. To date, SeaWorld has rescued more than 31,600 animals— always with a goal of rehabilitating them and returning them to the wild.

Explorer's Guides are available for pickup at the front of the park, upon guest arrival. Collect stamps in your guide to earn a SeaWorld Expert Explorer's pin, at the SeaWorld Rescue store.

On event days, SeaWorld offers 20 percent off purchases at the SeaWorld Rescue store. Plus buy one, get one free offers on animal tours and interactions.

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5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE MOM

CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY TOGETHER, THIS WEEKEND

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

With Mother's Day this weekend, it's important to remember how much our moms do for us. And though we should show appreciation for our moms every day of the year, this day should be especially great.

Let mom sit back, relax, and enjoy her day. Here are some fun ways to show mom you love her.

► Winter Park's Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a family fun event at Ward Park. Kids of all ages can make personalized gifts for mom, featuring a special art project of decorating a flower pot complete with seeds. The event will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Admission is free. For more information, call 407-559-3342.

► Treat mom to a delicious meal at Gaylord Palms' Villa de Flora. A

personal favorite of my own mom's, this buffet-style, fine-dining restaurant offers a Mediterranean menu. Gaylord Palms is also offering a "Love Her with Lavender" spa experience, featuring relaxing, lavender-scented spa treatments including body treatments, facials, pedicures and more. Book more than one treatment and receive a 15 percent discount.

► Wake mom up with a yummy treat. Duck Donuts in Kissimmee is offering you the chance to pre-order fresh, made-to-order donuts to make mom's day a little extra special. Featured donuts include those with vanilla, chocolate, strawberry or lemon icing, spring sprinkles, Oreo crumbles, powdered sugar, shredded coconut, vanilla or key lime drizzle, and much more. Pre-orders can be made online at www.DuckDonuts.com, or by calling 407-350-5832.



► The Coca-Cola Orlando Eye is celebrating Mother's Day with its "Eye Love Mom" package. This \$139 deal includes a private family capsule for up to four people (additional tickets are available for \$20 per person), a "MOMosa" bar featuring champagne and non-alcoholic options, a Sweet Treats Bar, plus special gifts for mom to treasure. Children under 3 are free. For more information, or to make a reservation, visit www.OfficialOrlandoEye.com.

OfficialOrlandoEye.com/ Mom. Reservations can be made for time slots May 11-13.

► Take a day trip over to Tarpon Springs for a Mother's Day Mother Nature Hike. The fun, educational walk will take place at Brooker Creek Preserve, exploring the creek's ecosystems, and plants and animals associated with them. The leisurely 1-mile hike will run 9:30 to 11 a.m. Admission is free.

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TWISTEE TREAT TO OPEN IN KISSIMMEE

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Big news for Twistee Treat.

The ice cream chain, known for and easily recognized by its iconic 25-foot tall, ice cream

cone-shaped buildings, is expanding just in time for summer.

The three locations will open in Cypress, Tx., Port Richey, Fla., and right here in Kissimmee at 2480 E. U. S. 192 (Partin Settlement).

"We are thrilled to be adding new stores and we're looking forward to making a positive impact in these new communities," said Twistee Treat USA President Max Fromberg.

Twistee Treat Social Media & Marketing Manager Ryan Glaze told the News-Gazette that the Partin Settlement location "will offer all of the favorites"



— like Twistee Treat's famous homemade soft serve ice cream, delicious sundaes, creamy shakes, unique ice cream waffle tacos and much more.

The menu will also include ballpark hot dogs and soft drinks.

Since opening its first See **TWISTEE**, Page 13.

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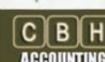
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OSCEOLA COUNTY JOB FAIR

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Osceola County is set to host a new hiring and career counseling event on Friday, May 11, at Osceola Heritage Park. The fair is being held based on the success of the county's October job fair, which welcomed more than 1,200 people and employed 120 of them on the spot.

"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 in a press release. "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."

The job fair is free and open to anyone seeking employment. It is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with two free workshops at 8:30 a.m. and noon. The workshops

will be held by members of Osceola County's Human Resources Department, to help with resume writing and interviewing skills.

Job Fair Participants: AARP, Adult Learning Center Osceola (ALCO), Andretti Karting & Games, Angels for Kids On-Call,

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NEW LOCATION, NEW MENU

MAIN STREET PIZZA RE-OPEN FOR BUSINESS

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Main Street Pizza hosted its official grand re-opening last month, at its new location on Broadway in Downtown Kissimmee.

Though the local business started serving customers at its new location earlier this year, the grand re-opening set the start date of new menu offerings, including flatbreads, salads, wings, pasta selections and more. The pizzeria will, of course, still offer its favored hand-tossed pizzas, including the 24" Jumbo.

"The move has been such a huge benefit," said Main Street Pizza co-owner Lanson Miller. "We struggled a lot with the smaller location. Now that we've moved [to Broadway], the whole dynamic of the restaurant has changed. We have a lot more freedom."

The look of the new location is much different than the old. While the square footage is much bigger and allows for more seating, the overall interior has a very sleek, modern style—featuring dark grey walls, lime green accents and wood finishes. The

front of house is an open concept, with glass walls dividing the pizza station from customers.

The plan for the modern interior was heavily influenced by Miller and his business partner, David Hill. The two young adults — Miller, 22, and Hill, 21 — had a very sharp idea of what they wanted the establishment to look like.

With a modern setting, comes modern ideas. Miller said he has big plans for the pizzeria, as he plans to lay a patio and plant a garden out back. He said the patio will host live musical performances by local musicians, for an atmosphere the small business hasn't been able to provide before.

"Being young owners, we want to relate to what's current," said Miller, noting that live music has become a large part of dining out.

"Plus we really take pride in our resources," he continued. "We want people to be able to walk through the garden, and see the basil and other products we use."

Miller grew up around the restaurant business, and began training in a pizzeria at a young age. At 18, he started a new



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Main Street Pizza co-owner Lanson Miller working the ovens at the new location on Broadway.

path in fine-dining. He said the Mediterranean-style restaurant had great food and great service—two elements he feels are necessary in a successful restaurant business, no matter the type.

And with that, ingredients are also very important to Miller. He said the new menu has allowed him and his team to step outside of the traditional pizzeria menu, and create unique recipes, while focusing on fresh produce.

"Everything is made to order," he said. "We want to be what I was trained in:

farm-to-table, fresh food, but with a comfortable and homey atmosphere."

Miller opened Main Street Pizza on Main Street in 2016. Needless to say, the business has brought what Downtown Kissimmee had been missing.

"We don't feel like a competition to other businesses because we are so different," said Miller. "We saw a niche in Kissimmee that wasn't fulfilled." And they fulfilled it.

To see Main Street Pizza's full menu, visit www.MainStreet-Pizza-Kissimmee.com/menu.

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BEER IS BACK

BUSCH GARDENS OFFERS FREE BEER THIS SUMMER

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

You may have noticed that "#BeerIsBack" has been one of Twitter's most trending hashtags in Central Florida as of late... And that's for a very good reason.

Busch Gardens has gone back to its roots, with the return of free beer all summer long.

Guests are invited to receive two complimentary 7-ounce beers from the Garden Gate Café during each visit. Selections include populars and favorites such as Bud Light, Founders All Day IPA, M.I.A. 305, Miller Light, Shock Top and Yuengling. All beer selections are included in Busch Gardens theme park general admission.

The Tampa Bay theme park is tapping into the growing Tampa beer culture, too. Guests can now sign up to join the Busch Gardens Brew Club— an all-new beer stein program, featuring memberships that include a reserved Stein on display at the park. The membership also offers \$5



refills from more than 20 on-tap brews through the end of the year.

The #BeerIsBack celebration kicked off on May 1, just in time for Cinco de Mayo weekend, and guests can continue enjoying free beer through Aug. 5. Participating guests must be 21 years of age or older, with valid identification.

The celebration will continue past August, as Busch Gardens presents its all-new Bier Fest event. More than 200 years of Oktoberfest will come to life each weekend, in partnership with Tampa Bay's hottest beer culture. Weeknd events will run

Aug. 25 through Sept. 16, including traditional German cuisine, festive music and a selection of 100 brews from local and global breweries.

Admission to the #BeerIsBack celebration and Bier Fest is included in Busch Gardens general theme park admission. One-day tickets to annual passes can be purchased in advance, or at the park. Right now, Florida residents can purchase an annual pass starting as low as \$14 per month.

For more information on Tampa Bay's Busch Gardens theme park and admission, or the #BeerIsBack celebration, visit www.BuschGardensTampaBay.com.

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All of SeaWorld's current events are included in general theme park admission.

Visiting guests can purchase single-day tickets, or annual passes for unlimited admission

throughout the year. For more information, visit www.SeaWorld.com/Orlando.

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location in 1983, Twistee Treat has expanded throughout Florida and Texas.

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- Verna White, 67, of Orlando, passed away Saturday May 5, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188.
- Gertie Dew, 91, of Kissimmee, passed away Thursday, May 3, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188.
- Angel L. Vazquez, 80, of Kissimmee, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188.
- Frances I. Schmit, 94, of Kissimmee, passed away Saturday, May 5, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188.
- Ladonna Baldwin, 80, of Kissimmee, passed away Friday, May 4, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188.
- James R. Morgan, 72, of St. Cloud, passed away on Saturday, May 5, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee.

Early signs of Parkinson's disease

Despite affecting roughly 10 million people worldwide, Parkinson's disease, a neurodegenerative disorder, remains a mystery to many people.

To people outside of the medical field with no personal or family history of Parkinson's, the disease may only ring a bell because of some notable names attached to it.

The late Muhammad Ali and actor Michael J. Fox are two household names that made their Parkinson's diagnoses public. But even those who study Parkinson's for a living do not know everything about this puzzling disease.

According to the Parkinson's Foundation, the cause of Parkinson's disease is largely unknown. While there's no cure for the disease, various treatment options can help those diagnosed with the disease live as normal and productive a life as possible.

The PF notes that understanding the disease and its progression is the first step to living well.

Though the foundation also notes that people first start experiencing symptoms later in the course of the disease, learning to recognize some early symptoms may compel people to seek treatment.

- ▶ **Tremor:** Many people might experience shaking after a vigorous workout or when they are dealing with stress or injury. But the PF notes that a tremor in a finger, thumb, hand, or chin while at rest is a common early sign of Parkinson's disease.
- ▶ **Small handwriting:** Handwriting can change as people age, especially if they are experiencing stiffness in their hands or their vision is deteriorating. But micrographia, a disorder in which handwriting becomes abnormally small and cramped, is another early indicator of Parkinson's disease.
- ▶ **Loss of smell:** The PF advises people who are having trouble smelling foods such as bananas, dill pickles or licorice speak with their physicians about Parkinson's disease. Temporary loss of smell due to something like the common cold, congestion or the flu is not an early indicator of Parkinson's.
- ▶ **Difficulty sleeping:** A significant other may notice their partner moving suddenly during sleep, and such movements may be indicative of Parkinson's. The PF notes that periodic tossing and turning is normal, as is

quick jerks of the body during initial sleep and in lighter stages of sleep are common and should not be mistaken for Parkinson's.

▶ **Stiffness:** Stiffness related to current or past injuries or even arthritis is not indicative of Parkinson's. But stiffness in the arms, body and legs that is unrelated to injury or arthritis and does not go away with movement might be a sign of Parkinson's. The PF notes that people sometimes describe this symptom by saying their feet feel stuck to the floor when they try to move.

▶ **Constipation:** People who strain to move their bowels might be showing an early sign of Parkinson's. However, various factors, such as dehydration and a diet without adequate fiber, can cause constipation. In addition, men and women on medication may want to look into side effects of their medications to determine if their medicine, and not Parkinson's, is the cause of their difficulty moving their bowels.

These are just a few potential early indicators of Parkinson's disease. Information about additional symptoms is available at www.parkinson.org.



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

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FRIDAY

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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*



JOB FAIR
 An Osceola County Job Fair will be held in the Osceola Heritage Park Events Center. The fair is free and open to anyone seeking employment, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of Osceola County's Human Resources Department will offer two free workshops to help with resume writing and interviewing skills at 8:30 a.m. and noon.

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 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*

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 Winter Park's Parks & Rec presents Blooming for Mothers from 10 a.m. to noon. The event allows children to create one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day. *Admission is free and open to the public. Ward Park: 250 Perth Lane in Winter Park. Call 407-599-3342.*

DESPICABLE ME 3

Bring your family and friends to Despicable Me 3. Gru meets his long-lost twin brother and together they take down a former child star seeking revenge against the world. Food and beverages available for purchase. Come early to watch the choreographed fountain show. *Cranes Roost Park in Altamonte Springs.*

TUESDAY

05-15

SHINE MEDICARE COUNSELING
 Free, unbiased help with healthcare plans, medication, financial assistance and claims. *10 a.m. to noon. Osceola Council on Aging: 700 Generation Pointe in Kissimmee.*

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*

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.*

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.*

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*

ORLANDO BALLET
 Come see Orlando Ballet's award-winning repertory favorites by Artistic Director Robert Hill, plus new works by Gonzalo Espinoza and Oliver Munoz accompanied by FSYO. *Tickets are \$15. Bob Carr Theater: 401 W Livingston Street in Orlando.*

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).*

BOK TOWER

Free admission at Bok Tower for all military veterans, including active duty. Must have a valid ID.

TUESDAY

05-22

SHINE MEDICARE COUNSELING
 Free, unbiased help with healthcare plans, medication, financial assistance and claims. *10 a.m. to noon. St. Cloud Community Center: 3101 17th Street in St. Cloud.*

SUNDAY

05-28

BOK TOWER
 Free admission at Bok Tower for all military veterans, including active duty. Must have a valid ID.

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

06-09

BOK TOWER'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
 Violinist Ashley Liberty and pianist Daniel Strange will perform an entire program of smokin' fast, exciting, foot-stomping music in their show 'Hot Fiddle,' in part of Bok Tower's summer concert series. *Tickets*

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.

ONGOING

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

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH ON SATURDAYS

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

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*

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR A THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

Located in St. Cloud, working with special needs children and adults on horseback. Duties include sidewalking, horse lead, barn, tack and property maintenance, help with fundraisers and more. *Ages 14 and up. Retired folks welcome. Call 407-405-7850 for more information.*

ART AFTER DARK IN LAKE NONA

Visit Lake Nona every Friday night for Art After Dark, featuring art booths, food and wine, and live music.

GRIEFSHARE

A non-denominational support group for people who have lost a loved one. *Good Samaritan Village, 1441 Hoeger Circle, Kissimmee. Every Friday until March 31, 10 a.m. - noon; 407-572-8284.*

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.*

SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

Bring your pup and celebrate Yappy Hour at College Park. Prizes, raffles, free treats, dog beer, local vendors, live music and more. Dog bowls provided. Partial proceeds benefit Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando. *K Restaurant: 1710 Edgewater Drive in Orlando.*

OVEREATER'S ANONYMOUS

Open to anyone who wants to stop eating compulsively. Meetings are conducted in English; some materials are available on Spanish. *Meets every Monday at 7 p.m. in main office at 1485 Mill Slough Road, Kissimmee (Casa de Fe y Benediccion).*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Senior Resource Alliance Volunteers are needed to help seniors in the community. Volunteers help with Medicare questions, insurance and possible eligible programs for seniors. For more information, call 407-514-1823.

DEAF EDUCATION SERIES

In the Deaf Education Series, a sign language interpreter is provided. It's from 6 to 8 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. *It's at the Hart Memorial Central Library, 211 E. Dakin Ave., Kissimmee. It's free. Any questions, call Renee at 407-268-6269.*

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Manufacturer Photos

2018 Jaguar F-TYPE CONV. Joy for Two



Manufacturer Photo: The 2018 F-Type exhibits a near-perfect proportion and stance, with a long hood, a rearward-positioned cabin, and a short rear deck and overhang. The sculpted, clamshell hood features a central power bulge and functional, slotted vents, blended with powerful fenders that appear to be “shrink-wrapped” over the car’s mechanical form.

By Arv Voss
Motor Matters

The Jaguar F-Type is a seriously sexy sports roadster for two people. Not since the legendary XK 120, XK 140, XK 150, and XKE-Type has Jaguar produced a true sports roadster for the avid driving enthusiast.

Okay, I’ll admit Jaguar currently produces a luxurious and highly desirable stable of vehicles, but certainly nothing more alluring and capable than the Jaguar F-Type, offered in coupe and convertible configurations.

I just drove the 2018 Jaguar F-Type Convertible base model, although this open-air lineup actually consists of five different models: entry-level F-Type, R-Dynamic, 400 Sport, an R convertible, plus the creme-de-la-creme SVR convertible F-Type.

Three powertrains are available; the base convertible draws its motive force from a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder mated to an eight-speed automatic transmission that gears energy to the rear wheels, producing 296 horsepower along with 295 lb.-ft. of torque.

Next up is a 3.0-liter supercharged V-6 that pumps out 340 horses while boosting the torque level to 332, mated to either

a six-speed manual or the eight-speed automatic. A more-powerful supercharged V-6 is also available that delivers an additional 20 horsepower along with an increase in torque of 7 lb.-ft., paired only with an automatic gearbox.

The SVR F-Type is powered by a 5.0-liter supercharged V-8 that cranks out 575 horsepower and develops 516 lb.-ft. of torque while delivering power to all four wheels via an automatic transmission. All F-Type models are equipped with an Intelligent Stop/Start system to enhance fuel economy under certain driving conditions.

In terms of its visual appeal, the 2018 F-Type is seductive from every angle, continuing Jaguar’s sporting bloodline that reaches back more than 75 years. The F-Type exhibits a near-perfect proportion and stance, with a long hood, a rearward-positioned cabin, and a short rear deck and overhang.

The sculpted, clamshell hood features a central power bulge and functional, slotted vents, blended with powerful fenders that appear to be “shrink-wrapped” over the car’s mechanical form. A deployable rear spoiler operates automatically or manually.

The F-Type convertible is equally attractive with the top up or down. The top, incidentally, is a “Z”-fold unit that operates in either direction in 12 seconds at up to 30 mph.

Moving to the inside, the 1+1 cockpit is unashamedly driver-focused in terms of controls and switchgear positioning. The dashboard is low, and provides optimum visibility. A deployable center vent atop the dash disappears from view along with control icons with the ignition off. The purposeful, bronze-accented toggle switches below the three dual-purpose rotary knobs, and paddle shifters along with the substantial three-spoke steering wheel, contribute to the sporty persona of the F-Type that is not unlike the feel of a jet fighter cockpit.

In a simple analysis, the 2018 Jaguar F-Type Convertible serves up the same emotional design quality as its more expensive stablemates, but it is affordable in relative terms, coming in at nearly half the cost of the SVR F-Type example. The technology level is more than satisfactory, and seats are supportive and comfortable as well.

Acceleration is considerably more than adequate and braking is equally impressive. Ride quality and stability render the car solid and planted, but without any sensation of harshness. The steering input delivers an on-center feel with instantaneous response. In fact, every response from the steering to transmission shift points, throttle response, braking, and suspension has been finely tuned to deliver the most connected, accurate, and involved driving experience possible for a turbocharged four-banger-powered ragtop.

The driver’s environment is emphasized through an asymmetrical cabin layout with all the controls placed naturally to hand and logically grouped, allowing for maximum attention on the driving experience. A grab handle sweeps down the center console on the passenger side, delineating it from the driver’s position and wrapping around the center console.

Virtually everything about the Jaguar F-Type stirs one’s senses and emotions. It definitely deserves to be categorized as a performance luxury sports roadster. It’s obviously not in the same league as the SVR F-Type, but think of what all the money saved can buy. In any case, the F-Type plays a significant role in Jaguar’s return to providing the world with a highly desirable and genuine sports car, and now one that is truly affordable.



SPECIFICATIONS 2018 JAGUAR F-TYPE

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| VEHICLE TYPE | 2-passenger RWD convertible |
| BASE PRICE | \$63,000 (as tested: \$67,793) |
| ENGINE TYPE | 16-valve turbocharged 4-cylinder |
| DISPLACEMENT | 2.0-liter |
| HORSEPOWER (net) | 296 at 5500 rpm |
| TORQUE (lb.-ft.) | 295 at 1500 rpm |
| TRANSMISSION | 8-speed automatic |
| OVERALL LENGTH | 176.0 in. |
| TURNING CIRCLE (curb-to-curb) | 35.1 ft. |
| CURB WEIGHT | 3,405 lbs. |
| FUEL CAPACITY | 18.5 gal. |
| EPA MILEAGE RATING | 23 mpg city, 30 mpg highway |

BRAIN FOOD

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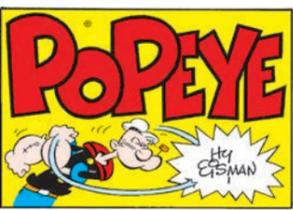
Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



SCRAMBLERS

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

- Deduce **ANGEL**
- Huge **GATER**
- Issue **CIPTO**
- Ignite **LIKEND**

TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Zipper is missing. 2. Hat is different. 3. Paper is missing. 4. Sign is missing. 5. Balloon is moved. 6. Box is missing.

To see how much starchy grain a country is using, would you calculate its consumer rice index?

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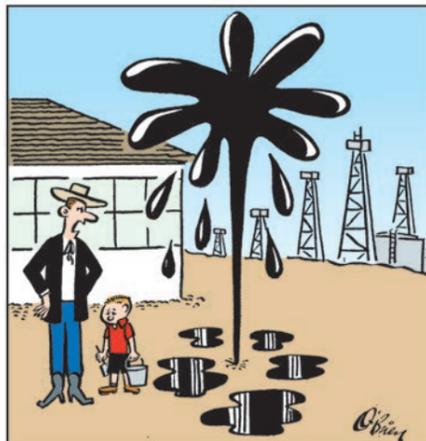
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: M equals C

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NKHVI H MYQIGKR VD QDVIN,
CYQXB RYQ MXXMQXHGU VGD
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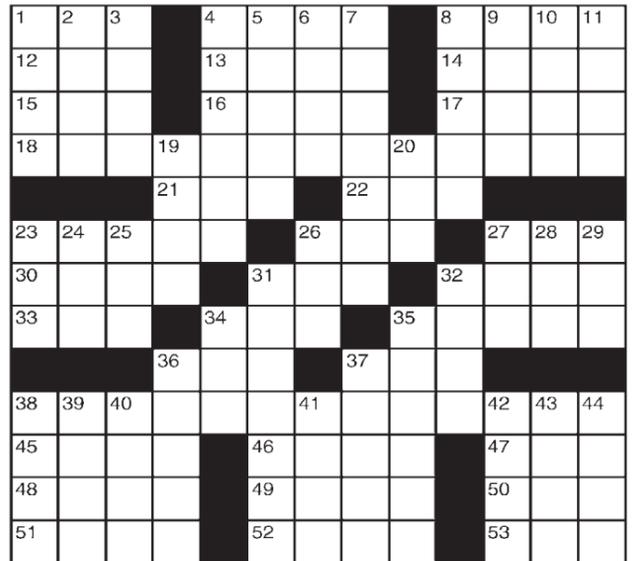


"I told you not to dig so close to the house!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Swelled head
- 4 Marble chunk
- 8 Taj Mahal city
- 12 "You've got mail" co.
- 13 Carry on
- 14 Hairstyle
- 15 Hollywood trickery, for short
- 16 Basin accessory
- 17 Greek vowel
- 18 Firetruck gear
- 21 "Impossible"
- 22 Officeholders
- 23 Bocce equipment
- 26 Coquettish
- 27 Coll. transcript no.
- 30 Fairy tale preposition
- 31 Unc's kid
- 32 Witticism
- 33 Kitten's comment
- 34 Wield oars
- 35 Choral composition
- 36 Jewel
- 37 Dine
- 38 Free from responsibility
- 45 PC picture
- 46 Tramcars' contents
- 47 Grand —, N.S.



- 7 "Symphonie Fantastique" composer
- 8 Low-pH chemicals
- 9 Suitable
- 10 Ceremony
- 11 Somewhere out there
- 19 Potter's need
- 20 Whatever number
- 23 Vagrant
- 24 Mimic
- 25 Depressed
- 26 Intimidate
- 27 Eviscerate
- 28 Chart format
- 29 Likely
- 31 Ease
- 32 Hebrew letter
- 34 Ump
- 35 Oats-nuts-fruit concoction
- 36 Hook-nosed Muppet
- 37 Rid of fleece
- 38 Grown-up nits
- 39 Beige
- 40 Go sightseeing
- 41 Genealogy chart
- 42 Oil cartel
- 43 Sandwich treat
- 44 Iodine source

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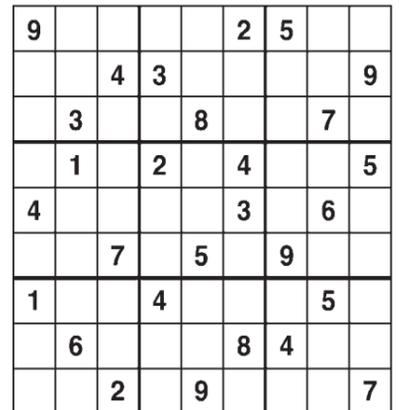
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. AD SLOGANS: Which company's ads advised consumers to "put a tiger in your tank"?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state designated the American seagull as its official state bird?
3. HISTORY: When was the potato introduced to Europe?
4. OLYMPICS: How long is the balance beam used in women's gymnastics?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
6. PROVERBS: What is the end to this common proverb: "The early bird ...?"
7. MEASUREMENTS: What does a Geiger counter measure?
8. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 18th-century statesman and military leader observed, "Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever"?
9. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is the closest to Earth?
10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the name of the first manufactured breakfast cereal?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

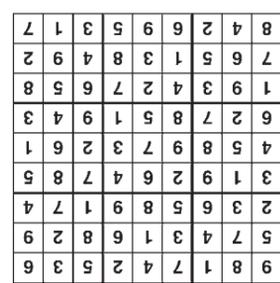
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solution time: 24 mins.
Answers



Answer

- 1. Esso
- 2. Utah
- 3. 16th century
- 4. 16 feet, 5 inches
- 5. Canberra
- 6. ... gets the worm!
- 7. Radation
- 8. Napoleon Bonaparte
- 9. Venus
- 10. Granula (1863)

Answers

COLLEGE

Today's Word

1. Clean; 2. Great; 3. Topic; 4. Kindle

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 49-2017-CA-002344-MF
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff,
vs.
EVELYN M. DUPONT, A/K/A EVELYN BOTELHO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EVELYN M. DUPONT, A/K/A EVELYN BOTELHO; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVEISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH L. COOPER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VICKI LYNN COOPER, A/K/A VICKI E. COOPER; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2 IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION
To the following Defendant(s):
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RALPH L. COOPER
Last Known Address: 436 MICHIGAN AVENUE SAINT CLOUD, FL 34769
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:
LOT 5, BLOCK 369, LAKEFRONT ADDITION TO TOWN OF ST. CLOUD, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK B, PAGE 61 THROUGH 64, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, A/K/A 436 MICHIGAN AVENUE, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34769 OSCEOLA
has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of you written defenses, if any, to it, on: **Marinosci Law Group, P.C.**, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is: 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, on JUNE 13th, 2018, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the *Osceola News-Gazette*, file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2.065.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: 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 this 4th day of May 2018.
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L., Attorney for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901
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By: /s/ Thomas Joseph THOMAS JOSEPH, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 123350
Communication Email: tjoseph@rasflaw.com
16-029948-DeT
May 10, 17, 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: **HYPONISANLIFE COACH.COM**
located at: 2404 P-Summerfield Place, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows:
STACEY COX
DATED at Kissimmee, Florida on this 7th day of May 2018.
May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
On 05/23/2018 at 09:00 A.M., an auction will take place at 1720 ALEXANDER ST., KISSIMMEE, FL 34746. The vehicles which will be auctioned include:
1) 2007 FORD
VIN: 1FAHP34N7W247535
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VIN: 1FMRU15L8YLB44308
3) 2011 CHRYSLER
VIN: 2A4RR8DG0BR702647
Please be advised, per F.S. 713.78 that a newspaper ad must be published for 1 day in a newspaper of general circulation (daily or weekly circulation) which has been in circulation for at least 1 year. The advertisement must be published at least 10 calendar days prior to the date of sale, in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the sale is to be held. The 10 calendar days do not include the date of the advertisement nor the date of the sale.
May 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
General Jurisdiction Division
Case #: 2016-CA-001942 MF
WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-AC2 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AC2, Plaintiff,
vs.
CARLOS F. RIVERA AND LINDA M. RIVERA, et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 25, 2018, and entered in 2016-CA-001942 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AC2, is the Plaintiff, and CARLOS F. RIVERA; LINDA M. RIVERA; BELLALAGO AND ISLES OF BELLALAGO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; EQUABLE ASCENT FINANCIAL, LLC, F/K/A HILCO RECEIVABLES LLC, are the Defendant(s). Armando Ramirez, as the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Suit 2600/Room # 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on JUNE 12, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 80, ISLES OF BELLALAGO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGES 191-195, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Property Address: **4079 NAVIGATOR WAY, KISSIMMEE, FL 34746**
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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Inspect 1 week prior @ lienor facility; cash or cashier check; 18% buyer premium; any person interested, phone (954) 563-1999
Sale date: JUNE 1, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m., 3411 NW 9th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale FL 33309
1) 31980 2013 Honda
VIN#: 2HGFB6E51DH706053
Lienor: Jo Tech Performance 613 E. Donegan Ave., Kissimmee, FL 407-846-4884
Lien Amt: \$10442.95
2) 31981 2005 F1rt
VIN#: 1FUJA6CK45DU11492
Lienor: Evergreen Auto Sales Corp., 4402 Allan St., Kissimmee, FL 407-870-8252
Lien Amt: \$8190.00
Sale date: JUNE 8, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m., 3411 NW 9th Avenue, # 707, Fort Lauderdale FL 33309
1) 32001 2016 Great Dane
VIN#: 1GRAA0620GB701328
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION
The following vehicles will be sold at auction free of all prior liens for cash:
1) 2013 Chevrolet Spark 4 Door Hatchback - Black
VIN: KL8CB6S95DC500609
Sale Date: MAY 23, 2018
Sale Time: 10:00 A.M.
Sale Location: Magic Tows, LLC - 1201 Sawdust Trail - Kissimmee, Florida 34744
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2017-CA-2933-OC
Division: 22
CFEC PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALI INVESTMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation, and WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC., A Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC. 250 North Orange Ave, Suite 1400 Orlando, FL 32801
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you seeking partition of the real property consisting of 0.450 acres of unimproved land in Osceola County, Florida, Osceola County Parcel Number: R122528-00004100000 and which is more particularly described as follows:
From the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, Osceola County, Florida; run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 710.77 feet to the Point of Beginning; continue South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, 172.59 feet to a point, 427.30 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 12; run thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds East, 115.41 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 56 seconds West, 172.88 feet to the North line of the South 600 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; run thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds West, 113.98 feet to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on: James D. Kisio, Esquire Bogin, Munns & Munns, P.A. Attorneys For Plaintiff 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1000 Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 578-1334 jkisio@boginmunns.com bmmsservice@boginmunns.com
on or before JULY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: 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: May 3, 2018.
Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 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: **DAIRY QUEEN**
located at: 1217 W Vine Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows:
AMEKO FOOD INC
DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida on this 4th day of May, 2018.
May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
PRESTON'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on the following dates at 9:00 a.m. at 605 E. Donegan Avenue, Kissimmee, FL 34744, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
PRESTON'S TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
MAY 24, 2018
1) 2015 VOLKSWAGEN
VIN: 3VWD07A8JFM320171
MAY 29, 2018
1) 2007 MAZDA
VIN: JM1BK12G671746492
May 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2017-CA-2933-OC
Division: 22
CFEC PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALI INVESTMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation, and WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC., A Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: ALI INVESTMENTS, INC. 250 North Orange Ave, Suite 1400 Orlando, FL 32801
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you seeking partition of the real property consisting of 0.450 acres of unimproved land in Osceola County, Florida, Osceola County Parcel Number: R122528-00004100000 and which is more particularly described as follows:
From the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, Osceola County, Florida; run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, 710.77 feet to the Point of Beginning; continue South 00 degrees 16 minutes 26 seconds East, 172.59 feet to a point, 427.30 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 12; run thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds East, 115.41 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 56 seconds West, 172.88 feet to the North line of the South 600 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; run thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds West, 113.98 feet to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it, on: James D. Kisio, Esquire Bogin, Munns & Munns, P.A. Attorneys For Plaintiff 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1000 Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 578-1334 jkisio@boginmunns.com bmmsservice@boginmunns.com
on or before JULY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: 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: May 3, 2018.
Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

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IN THE COUNTY COUR OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2017-CC-2188
DIV: 60-G
HARMONY RESIDENTIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a not-for-profit Florida corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
LORENZO J. ABELLA and ELSA N. ABELLA, Trustees, or their successors in trust, under the Abella Living Trust, dated June 13, 2006, and UNKNOWN TENANT(S), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in this cause, in the County Court of Osceola County, Florida, Armando Ramirez, Clerk of Court, will sell all the property situated in Osceola County, Florida described as: **Lot 7C of BIRCHWOOD NEIGHBORHOODS B & C, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 14, Pages 67 through 73, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida, and any subsequent amendments to the aforesaid.**
Property Address: **3326 Cat Brier Trail, Harmony, FL 34773**
at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in Suite 2660/Room # 2602, of the Osceola county Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square at 11:00 A.M. on MAY 29, 2018.

IF THIS PROPERTY IS SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL MONEY FROM THE SALE AFTER PAYMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS PURSUANT TO THIS FINAL JUDGMENT. IF YOU ARE A SUBORDINATE LIENHOLDER CLAIMING A RIGHT TO FUNDS REMAINING AFTER THE SALE, YOU MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A CLAIM, YOU WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY REMAINING FUNDS.
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 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771. MANKIN LAW GROUP
By: /s/ Brandon K. Mullis

WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed
Notice is hereby given that JONATHAN WEIERMAN, the holder of tax certificate No. 6547, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): CANAVERAL INVESTMENT LAND CORP Assessed to:
Legal Description: W 150 FT OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 Parcel No.: 14 27 31 0000 1233 0030
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.
DATED this day, April 25, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE.
ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed
Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 7459, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): THE ALEXAN GROUP LLC Assessed to:
Legal Description: CANAVERAL ACRES NO 2 PB 2 PG 018 TRACT 279 Parcel No.: 18 27 33 2720 0001 2790
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed
Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 7480, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): EFREN OCHOTORENA, EVAN RODRIGUEZ Assessed to:
Legal Description: HOLONAP COUNTY EAST UNIT A PB 1 PG 351 BLK A LOT 2C Parcel No.: 24 27 33 3410 000A 002C
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 6980, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): LEE HOLMES Assessed to:
Legal Description: CANAVERAL ACRES 1 PB 2 PG 017 LOT 84 Parcel No.: 13 27 32 2710 0001 0840
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

BRANDON K. MULLIS, ESQ. Attorney for Plaintiff
E-Mail: Service@MankinLawGroup.com
2535 Landmark Drive, Suite 212
Clearwater, FL 33761
(727) 725-0559
FBN: 23217
May 10, 17, 2018

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

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 (to correct Court)
Notice is given that pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 18, 2018, in Case No. 2016-CC-002319, of the County Court in and for Osceola County, Florida, in which EAST LAKE RESERVE AT NARCOOSSEE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is the Plaintiff, and Lisa Marie Karras and Unknown Parties in Possess, n/k/a Roosevelt Darius are the Defendants, the Clerk of the Court shall sell the property at public sale on JUNE 19, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., according to Administrative Order 201-01, at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, in accordance with Section 45.031, Fla.Stat. The following described property set forth in the Order of Final Judgment:
Lot 112, EAST LAKE RESERVE AT NARCOOSSEE UNIT THREE, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 16, at Pages 82-84, inclusive, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida; A/K/A
Property Address: **122 Rachel Lin Lane, St. Cloud, Florida 34771**
Any Person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT COURT

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case #: 2018-CA-000840 MF WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR ABFC 2002-0PT1 TRUST, ABFC ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-0PT1, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CHRISTINE A. CADDLE A/K/A CHRISTINE CADDLE; ASSOCIATION OF POINCIANA VILLAGES, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRISTINE A. CADDLE A/K/A CHRISTINE CADDLE; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION
 TO: CHRISTINE A. CADDLE A/K/A CHRISTINE CADDLE
 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 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 This action 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 notice and file the original with the Clerk of the Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8770. If you are voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 A.R.C. TOWING Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 25, 2018, 08:00 a.m., at 7421 W. Irlro Bronson Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34747, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

A.R.C. TOWING Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 1) 2001 TOYOTA TUNDRA
 VIN: 5TBRT341015211175
 May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 19, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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 decedent 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 FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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.
 Dated: May 3, 2018.
Personal Representative:
 Robert Reid
 5225 Waterside Vista Lane
 St. Cloud, FL 34771

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 David H. Slonim, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 0583634
 The Slonim Law Firm, P.A.
 2230 N. Wickham Road
 Suite A
 Melbourne, Florida 32935
 Telephone: (321) 757-5701
 Fax: (866) 249-5702
 Primary E-Mail: dslonim@slonimlaw.com
 Secondary E-Mail: brose@slonimlaw.com
 May 10, 17, 2018

fore service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Lien Foreclosure Complaint.

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

DATED on April 17, 2018.
 ARMANDO RAMIREZ
 Clerk of the Circuit and County Court
 By: /s/ SN
 As Deputy Clerk
 May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE OF SALE
 Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE OF SALE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 14, 2010, and entered in Case No. 2009-CA-008732 of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOVASTAR MORTGAGE FUNDING TRUST, SERIES 2006-4, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 SHAMIROON KHALIL, NAZEER KHALIL, et al., Defendant(s).

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
 By: /s/ Jonathan I. Jacobson
 Jonathan I. Jacobson, Esq.
 FL Bar #: 37088

McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 500 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1000
 West Palm Beach, FL 33401
 Telephone: (561) 713-1400
 Email: FLpleadings@mwc-law.com
 Matter #: 13-400325
 May 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 24, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; (407-847-5197), pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 1) 2006 VOLKSWAGEN
 VIN: WVWAK93C56P073938
 May 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
 Case No.: 49-2017-CA-001603 MF U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 PAUL M. JOHN SR., ET. AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered May 2, 2018, in Civil Case No. 49-2017-CA-001603 MF of the Circuit Court of the NINTH Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Kissimmee, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATION-

AL ASSOCIATION, is the Plaintiff, and PAUL M. JOHN SR., ET. AL., are Defendants, the Clerk of the Court, ARMANDO RAMIREZ, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2600/ Room 2602, Kissimmee, FL 34741 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the 19th day of JUNE, 2018 at 11:00 A.M., on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

Lot 138, Isles of Bellalago Phase II, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 21, Page(s) 173 through 175, inclusive, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

DATED on this 3rd day of May 2018.
 By: /s/ Lisa Woodburn
 LISA WOODBURN, Esq.
 McCalla Raymer
 Leibert Pierce, LLC
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 110 S.E. 6th Street,
 Suite 2400,
 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
 Phone: (407) 674-1850
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Pursuant to Osceola County Ordinance 99-23, Osceola County has the right to regulate the conditions under which animals are main-

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 Fla Bar No.: 11003
 17-01067-2
 May 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE LIVESTOCK F.S. 588.17
 ToWhom It May Concern:
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I, Russell Gibson, Sheriff, will offer for sale and sell at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand the following described livestock: **One (1) BLACK BULL**, At the hour of 11:00 A.M. O'clock or as soon thereafter as possible on the 17th day of MAY A.D. 2018, at the Osceola County Animal Control Facility, 3910 Old Canoe Creek Road (formerly 2280 Kissimmee Park Road, St. Cloud, Florida, 34769, pursuant to Florida Statute 588.17. The proceeds from the sale shall be applied first to cover the cost of sale, if any. The Sheriff may charge \$20.00 for conducting the sale, \$20.00 for reporting the sale, and the cost of advertising notices. Secondly, the proceeds shall be paid to the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners for the cost of care and provisions provided for the animal by the Osceola County Animal Control Department. The animal Control Department may charge an impound fee of \$25.00 per animal taken into the facility, and \$18.00 per day for care, food and shelter provided for the animal from April 17, 2017. Any remaining proceeds shall be forwarded to the owner of the animal. In the event the owner is unknown any remaining proceeds shall be forwarded to the Court.

Pursuant to Osceola County Ordinance 99-23, Osceola County has the right to regulate the conditions under which animals are main-

ained. As such, the placement of the above listed livestock must be approved by the Director of Animal Control prior to the release of same.
 DATE: May 10, 2018.
 Russell Gibson
 Osceola County Sheriff
 By: _____
 Lt. Dan Weiss
 Deputy Sheriff

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 25, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; (407-847-5197), pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 1) 2008 CHEVROLET
 VIN: 1G1ZT58N58F147329
 May 10, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 Case No: 2016-CP-0323 PR
 IN RE: ESTATE OF CHARLES MAX PONTIUS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the ESTATE OF CHARLES MAX PONTIUS, deceased, whose date of death was November 19, 2015, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, File Number 2016-CP-0323 PR, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unliquidated claims, and who have been served a copy of this notice, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons who have claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

ALL OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED 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: May 10, 2018.
Personal Representative:

/s/ W. Joy Carpenter
 W. Joy Carpenter, Esq.
 222 South Vernon Avenue
 Kissimmee, Florida 34741
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 CARPENTER LAW, P.A.
 222 South Vernon Avenue
 Kissimmee, Florida 34741
 (407) 343-7737
 joy@carpenterlawpa.com
 By: /s/ W. Joy Carpenter
 W. Joy Carpenter
 Florida Bar No.: 080225
 May 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 30, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; (407-847-5197), pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
 1) 2008 HYUNDAI
 VIN: 5NMSH13E88H200814
 May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 The vehicles described below shall be sold at Public Auction on the following dates at 3:00 P.M., cash only. Auction to be held at DELLWOOD SERVICE, 2112 North Main Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34744. Telephone: (407) 847-2334.
MAY 25, 2018
 1) 2007 ACURA
 VIN: 19UUAJ76547A013897
MAY 28, 2018
 1) 2003 MITSUBISHI
 VIN: 4A3AC74H73E097187
JUNE 6, 2018
 1) 1997 LEXUS
 VIN: JT8BF22G9V5013108
JUNE 12, 2018
 1) 2014 MOTI
 VIN: RFVPM204E1007002
 May 10, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 KISSIMMEE AUTO SALVAGE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on MAY 25, 2018, at 8:00 A.M., 1400 Harrelson Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representatives and the personal representatives' attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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 decedent 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 FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 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.
 Dated: May 3, 2018.
Personal Representative:
 Robert Reid
 5225 Waterside Vista Lane
 St. Cloud, FL 34771

Attorney for Personal Representatives:
 David H. Slonim, Esq., Attorney for Petitioner Florida Bar No. 0583634
 The Slonim Law Firm, P.A.
 2230 N. Wickham Road
 Suite A
 Melbourne, Florida 32935
 Telephone: (321) 757-5701
 Fax: (866) 249-5702
 Primary E-Mail: dslonim@slonimlaw.com
 Secondary E-Mail: brose@slonimlaw.com
 May 10, 17, 2018

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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, S 49 DEG W 28.01 FT, N 32 DEG W 23.98 FT, N 6.67 FT, E 1047.84 FT TO W R/W ORLANDO VINELAND RD AND PT ON NON-TAN CURVE, CONC NELY, RAD 560 FT (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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

The Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority (LYNX) has scheduled the following public workshops / hearings to which all persons are invited.

PURPOSE: LYNX is proposing changes to the following routes: 1, 15, 18, 23, 26, 34, 42, 45, 46W, 103, 104, 111, 306, 418, 426, 434, 436N, NL 604, NL 631, NL 632, and NL 652. Xpress-Link 208 is proposed to be eliminated. Link 155 is proposed as a new feeder route. LYNX will be collecting public comments in regards to these changes.

PUBLIC WORKSHOPS / HEARINGS

DATE / TIME: Tuesday, May 15, 2018 / Workshop (4 – 5 p.m.) ; Hearing (5 – 6 p.m.)

LOCATION: LYNX Central Station, 2nd Floor Open Space, 455 N. Garland Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.

DATE / TIME: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 / Workshop (10 – 11 a.m.) ; Hearing (11 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

LOCATION: Altamonte Springs City Hall, 225 Newburyport Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

DATE / TIME: Thursday, May 17, 2018 / Workshop (10 – 11 a.m.) ; Hearing (11 a.m. – 12 p.m.)

LOCATION: Kissimmee City Hall, 101 Church St., Kissimmee FL 34741.

Interested parties may view the proposed service change information at the LYNX Central Station First Floor Security Guard Post between the hours of 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday, beginning May 1 through May 30, 2018. Additionally, comments will be accepted at all public workshops, and at www.golynx.com, or mailed or delivered to:

Service Planning Department
455 North Garland Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801
ATTN: Service Change

For additional information contact Bruce Detweiler at (407) 254-6136. The LYNX Board of Directors will vote on these proposed changes at its scheduled meeting on May 24, 2018.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and any subsequent amendment(s), persons requiring a special accommodation at these meetings because of a disability should contact Benjamin Gonzalez at (407) 254-6038 no later than two (2) business days prior to the meeting. If hearing impaired, contact LYNX at (407) 423-0787 (TDD).
May 10, 2018

AVISO DE TALLERES PUBLICOS

La Autoridad de Transporte Regional de la Florida Central (LYNX) ha planeado las siguientes audiencias y talleres públicos a las cuales todas las personas están invitadas.

PROPÓSITO: LYNX está proponiendo cambios para las siguientes rutas: 1, 15, 18, 23, 26, 34, 42, 45, 46W, 103, 104, 111, 306, 418, 426, 434, 436N, NL 604, NL 631, NL 632 y NL 652. Se propone eliminar la ruta XpressLink 208. Se propone que la nueva ruta sea Link 155. LYNX estará coleccionando los comentarios del público con respecto a estos cambios.

TALLERES PÚBLICOS / AUDIENCIAS PÚBLICAS

FECHA / HORA: Martes 15 de Mayo de 2018 / Taller 4 – 5 p.m. / Audiencia 5 - 6 p.m.

LUGAR: LYNX Central Station, 2nd Floor Open Space, 455 N. Garland Ave., Orlando, FL 32801.

FECHA / HORA: Miércoles 16 de Mayo de 2018 / Taller 10 – 11 a.m. / Audiencia 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

LUGAR: Altamonte Springs City Hall, 225 Newburyport Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.

FECHA / HORA: Jueves 17 de Mayo de 2018 / Taller 10 – 11 a.m. / Audiencia 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

LUGAR: Kissimmee City Hall, 101 Church St., Kissimmee, FL 34741.

Las personas interesadas pueden ver los cambios propuestos para los servicios en el puesto de Seguridad en el Primer Piso de LYNX Central Station a partir del 1 de Mayo hasta el 30 de Mayo de 8am a 5pm de lunes a viernes. Adicionalmente, comentarios serán aceptados durante los Talleres Públicos y a través de la página web: www.golynx.com o enviados por escrito a la siguiente dirección:

Service Planning Department
455 North Garland Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801
ATTN: Service Change

Para información adicional, comuníquese con Bruce Detweiler al (407) 254-6136. La Junta Directiva de LYNX votará sobre esta propuesta de cambios en el servicio en su próxima reunión programada para el 22 de Marzo de 2018.

Según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Incapacidad (ADA, por sus siglas en inglés) de 1990, las personas que necesiten acomodaciones especiales en cualquiera de estas reuniones debido a una incapacidad deben comunicarse con Benjamin González al (407) 254-6038, dos días laborables antes de la reunión. Si tiene problemas de audición, favor de comunicarse con LYNX al (407) 423-0787 (TDD).
May 10, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that IMK PRODUCTS INC, the holder of tax certificate No. **2323**, issued on June-01-2011, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows:
Apparent Titleholder(s): EQUIFUNDING LVII LLC Assessed to:
Legal Description: HOTEL SITE FROM THE INT OF THE S LINE OF THER/W OF U S HWY 17 AND THE E LINE OF HOTEL SITE RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W ALONG THE S LINE OF THE SAID R/W OF SAID HWY 111 FT FOR POB FROM THIS PT RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W 40 FT, THENCE S 16 DEG W 102.5 FT, S 76 DEG 12 MIN E 40 FT, N 16 DEG E 102.5 FT. TO POB PB A PG 169 Parcel No.: 33 25 28 3450 0001 0410
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

Dated this day, April 25, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **3992**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): KISSIMMEE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Assessed to:
Legal Description: KISSIMMEE PARK PB 1 PG 41 BLK 27 LOT 16 1/2 LESS BEG AT NW COR, SELY TO NE COR, SLY ALONG E LINE 60 FT, NWLY PARALLEL TO THE N LINE, TO THE W LINE, NELY 60 FT TO POB AND THAT PORTION OF VACATED LAKESHORE BLVD ABUTTING THE WEST SIDE Parcel No.: 24 26 29 3670 0027 0165
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **3321**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): MEI TAN MING, SHENG TAN MING, ZHUANG TAN MING Assessed to:
Legal Description: R H P DROUGHTS ADDN PB A PG 13 BLK B N 20 FT OF E 110 FT LOT 1 & S 35 FT OF E 110 FT LOT 2 Parcel No.: 22 25 29 1360 000B 0017
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that THE STORY GROUP INC, the holder of tax certificate No. **3613**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): HUNTER LAND COMPANY Assessed to:
Legal Description: N 20 FT OF SE 1/4 LYING W OF HOAGLAND BLVD LESS W 1/3 OF N 3/4 OF NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 Parcel No.: 30 25 29 0000 0075 0000
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that ANTONIA COLON, the holder of tax certificate No. **4291**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): JONATHAN N OMARI, SOUAD OMARI Assessed to:
Legal Description: ROYAL CROWN APARTMENTS AT BUENAVENTURA LAKES PB 5 PG 116 UNIT 26 Parcel No.: 07 25 30 2674 0001 0260
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **5106**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): DIAMOND HOMES LLC Assessed to:
Legal Description: LAKE FRONT ADD PB B PGS 61-64 BLK 440 THE S 62.5 FT OF LOT 5 2/26/30 Parcel No.: 01 26 30 0001 0440 0050
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **5120**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): DIAMOND HOMES LLC Assessed to:
Legal Description: LAKE FRONT ADD PB B PGS 61-64 BLK 440 THE S 25 FT OF LOT 6 AND THE N 37.5 FT OF LOT 5 2/26/30 Parcel No.: 01 26 30 0001 0440 0055
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that NEW HOPE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, the holder of tax certificate No. **6618**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): CLYDE H SHRIVER Assessed to:
Legal Description: BEG 1979.04 FT S & 716 FT W OF NE COR OF SEC. W 165 FT, S 659.92 FT, E 165 FT, N 659.92 FT TO POB Parcel No.: 25 27 31 9992 0441 001E
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **7495**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): ALMA JEAN FOLK POA FOR ALVA PACK, DOUGLAS DIXON, PACK ALVA EST Assessed to:
Legal Description: N 175.4 FT OF E 1/2 OF E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 Parcel No.: 35 27 33 0000 0040 0000
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2114**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): JOYCELINE A CHRISTIE Assessed to:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V2 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 83 BLK 561 LOT 4 34/26/28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6100 0561 0040
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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ARMANDO RAMIREZ
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2332**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): FE ESPERANZA TIMBOL Assessed to:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V1 NBD 2 PB 3 PG 17 BLK 1564 LOT 5 2-27-28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6118 1564 0050
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2368**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): EUGENIA SILVEIRA, JOAO SILVEIRA Assessed to:
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PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN



The Downtown Business Association of Kissimmee and Kissimmee Main Street kicked off a two day pedestrian awareness campaign. The first day of the campaign was May 3 at First United Methodist school where children made signs to post along busy roadways with the help of the Kissimmee Police Department. On May 4, signs were placed on Broadway as well with the help of members of the association, local merchants and the Kissimmee Police Department. Above: Jeremy Lanier, president of the Downtown Business Association of Kissimmee along with its members, Chucky Levine, Chef Pouchon Savion, and Jackie E. Espinosa post signs along the median of Broadway with the help of Kissimmee police officer Brian West. John Fields helps out Kissimmee city employee Justin Hetu with reminders for motorists to slow down and stop for pedestians at crosswalks.

News-Gazette Photos by Martin Maddock and Jeremy Lanier

COOKING ON DEADLINE

Bring the Mediterranean home with Provençal fish stew

BY KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

A bowl of this stew is like a tiny little trip to the Mediterranean. It's unbelievably easy, but I would serve it to guests in a heartbeat (and it would be a pretty special Mother's Day lunch or dinner). It's hearty, but still so light and clean and simple.

The saffron is optional, mostly because of cost. Saffron is a wonderful but pricy spice; it's made from the stamens of crocuses, which might not sound delicious, but it adds a flavor that is at once elusive, aromatic and deep. And a little goes a long way — just a pinch of saffron adds so much dimension to the soup.

You can absolutely positively serve the stew as is, with no extra adornment besides the shredded basil. Traditionally, in the south of France, this type of fish stew or soup is served with rouille, a bread-thickened sauce featuring peppers and seasonings. It's usually also accompanied by bread, and the sauce can be dolloped on the bread, and then floated in the stew so the sauce swirls into the liquid. As an unconventional but practical shortcut, you can stir a little bit of harissa or other chili paste into a mixture of sour cream and mayonnaise for a spicy-creamy approximation of rouille.

But truly, once the fragrance of this stew, both warmly and brightly flavored, rises from the bowl, the only accompaniment you'll be looking for is a spoon.

PROVENÇAL FISH STEW

Serves 4
45 minutes start to finish

4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 small bulb fennel, cored, quartered and chopped (about 1

cup)
1 onion, chopped
1 zucchini, diced
2 cloves garlic, minced
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth
2 teaspoons fresh chopped thyme leaves or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
Pinch saffron threads (optional)
2 Yukon Gold potatoes (about 8 ounces total), scrubbed or peeled and cut into 1/2 -inch dice
1 1/2 pounds flaky white fish, such as cod, scrod or halibut
1 orange, zested and juiced
3 tablespoons halved pitted black olives
2 tablespoons torn fresh basil leaves

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large Dutch oven or pot over medium heat. Add the fennel and the onions, and saute for 5 minutes until they start to become tender. Add the zucchini and the garlic, season with salt and pepper, and saute for another 3 minutes, until all of the vegetables start to become tender. Add the white wine, and stir to scrap up any browned bits stuck to the bottom of the pan.

Add the tomatoes with their juice, the broth, thyme and saffron, and bring to a simmer; add the potatoes and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes, until the potatoes are tender.

Meanwhile, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Season the fish with salt and pepper, and sear the filet on both sides, for 5 to 7 minutes per side, until the fish is just barely cooked through (it depends on the thickness of the fish). It's fine if it falls apart a bit. Remove and set aside.



This 2018 photo shows a Provençal fish stew in New York.

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When cooled slightly, use a fork to break the fish into 1-inch chunks. Add them to the pot along with the orange zest and juice, and olives, stirring gently to combine.

Serve hot with slivered basil on top of each portion.
Nutrition information per serving: 420 calories; 111 calories from fat; 12 g fat (2 g saturated;

0 g trans fats); 73 mg cholesterol; 884 mg sodium; 36 g carbohydrate; 6 g fiber; 14 g sugar; 36 g protein.

Asparagus with hollandaise gets a remake with dill, roasting

By America's Test Kitchen

The combination of asparagus and hollandaise is quintessential in French cooking. Steamed asparagus is typically used, but the combination gets even better when the asparagus is roasted; the browning adds deep flavor to the sweet and verdant vegetable.

This complexity called out for a hollandaise with a bit more character than our lemon-scented standby, so we decided to use our Foolproof Mustard-Dill Hollandaise; tasters thought its zingy, herbal flavor woke up the dish. When roasting the asparagus, America's Test Kitchen discovered that thicker spears held up better to the high heat. Peeling the bottom halves of the stalks — just enough to expose the creamy white flesh — delivered consistently tender and visually appealing asparagus.

To ensure a hard sear on our spears, we preheated the

baking sheet and resisted the urge to give it a shake during roasting. This recipe works best with thick asparagus spears that are between 1/2 and 3/4 inch in diameter. Do not use pencil-thin asparagus; it overcooks too easily.

ROASTED ASPARAGUS WITH MUSTARD-DILL HOLLANDAISE

Servings: 4 to 6
Start to finish: 20 minutes

2 pounds thick asparagus, trimmed
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Foolproof Mustard-Dill Hollandaise
3 large egg yolks
2 tablespoons lemon juice
Salt
Pinch cayenne pepper, plus extra for seasoning
16 tablespoons unsalted



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This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen shows Roasted Asparagus with Mustard-Dill Hollandaise in Brookline, Mass.

butter, melted and still hot (180 degrees)
1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
1 tablespoon minced fresh dill
Adjust oven rack to lowest position, place rimmed bak-

ing sheet on rack, and heat oven to 500 degrees. Peel bottom halves of asparagus spears until white flesh is exposed, then toss with oil, salt, and pepper in bowl.

Transfer asparagus to preheated sheet and spread

into single layer. Roast without moving asparagus, until undersides of spears are browned, tops are bright green, and tip of paring knife inserted at base of largest spear meets little resistance, 8 to 10 minutes.

To prepare hollandaise, process egg yolks, lemon juice, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and cayenne in blender until frothy, about 10 seconds, scraping bottom and sides of blender jar as needed. With blender running, slowly add hot butter and process until hollandaise is emulsified, about 2 minutes. Adjust consistency with hot water as needed until sauce slowly drips from a spoon. Add 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard and 1 tablespoon minced fresh dill to hollandaise and pulse until combined but not smooth, about 10 pulses. Season with salt and extra cayenne to taste.

Transfer asparagus to serving dish and drizzle with hollandaise. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 200 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18 g fat (9 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 97 mg cholesterol; 228 mg sodium; 7 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 3 g sugar; X4 g protein.

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Wasabi Cracker-Crusted Salmon is a quick weeknight meal

BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

Wild salmon season starts very soon, so be on the lookout for it at your local market. But, you say, I can find salmon at my supermarket all year-round. Yes, you can, because farmed salmon, which is what you find fresh at the store all the time, doesn't really have a season; wild salmon does.

Farmed salmon is raised in a controlled man-made environment; wild salmon is subject to the seasons. You can find frozen wild salmon year-round. It's flash-frozen, meaning frozen very quickly, which does little damage to the cell structure so the fish is perfectly good to eat. However, why not buy it fresh when you can?

The two types of salmon differ in both flavor and texture. Wild salmon has a more robust, distinct salmon taste and is leaner than farmed. It is also higher in omega-3 fatty acids, the fat that's so good for us. Farmed salmon has a more subtle flavor and higher fat content, which means it's more forgiving when it's overcooked.

This Wasabi Cracker-Crusted Salmon is a ridiculously simple recipe, perfect for a quick weeknight meal. The fish is first lathered with sour cream spiked with hot mustard, topped with crushed wasabi rice crackers and then baked. The general rule for baking fish is to cook it at 400 F for 10 minutes for every inch of thickness. How do you know when it is done? Stick a knife in it; if a knife goes through it easily, it's cooked through. I prefer to slightly undercook salmon, especially the wild variety (the government advises cooking salmon well done) since it's so lean, so take it out of the



This April 23, 2018 photo shows wasabi cracker salmon in New York.

oven when you find just a little resistance in the middle of the fillet.

WASABI CRACKER-CRUSTED SALMON

Start to finish: 30 minutes (10 minutes hands-on)
Servings: 4

1/3 cup sour cream
1 1/2 teaspoons prepared English mustard (Coleman's mustard)

1/4 teaspoon packed light brown sugar
Kosher salt
35 to 40 wasabi rice crackers
Four 6-ounce pieces center-cut salmon fillet, skin removed

Preheat oven to 400 F. In a bowl, combine the sour cream, mustard and brown sugar. Add salt to taste. Put 35 crackers in a re-sealable plastic bag and coarsely crush them using a rolling pin. (You

should have about 1 cup crushed crackers; if not, crush a few more.)

Season the salmon on all sides with salt. In a shallow baking pan, arrange the fillets in one layer, skinned side down, spread the top of each piece with the sour cream mixture and top with the crushed crackers.

Bake the salmon in the top third of the oven for 10 minutes, until barely cooked through.

Note: If all you can find is dried

Coleman's, follow the instructions on the side of the package to reconstitute it. If you cannot find English mustard, use Dijon mustard.

Nutrition information per serving: 316 calories; 122 calories from fat; 14 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 98 mg cholesterol; 409 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 31 g protein.

Perfectly roasted salmon requires hot oven, hot pan

By America's Test Kitchen

The key to perfectly roasted salmon is to preheat a baking sheet in a very hot oven, then lay the fish on the hot pan and reduce the oven to a gentle 275 degrees to cook.

The initial blast of high heat firms the exterior of the salmon and helps to render some of the excess fat. The fish then gently cooks as the oven temperature slowly drops, keeping the meat moist and succulent.

To help the fat render, we cut several slits in the skin. For evenly cooked salmon, be sure to cut the pieces the same size; America's Test Kitchen found it easiest to buy a large piece of salmon and cut the fillets ourselves.

OVEN-ROASTED SALMON FILLETS WITH ALMOND VINAIGRETTE

Servings: 8
Start to finish: 25-30 minutes

The consistency of the vinaigrette should be thick and clingy. It is important to keep the salmon skin on during cooking. You can remove it before serving if desired.

Toasted Almonds
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 cups skin-on raw almonds
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
Almond Vinaigrette
1/2 cup toasted almonds
1 shallot, minced
3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
4 teaspoons honey
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
2/3 cup extra-virgin olive

oil
3 tablespoons water, plus extra as needed
2 tablespoons minced fresh tarragon
Salt and pepper
Salmon
2 (2-pound) skin-on salmon fillets, about 1 1/2 inches thick
4 teaspoons olive oil
Salt and pepper

To toast the almonds: Heat 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil in a large non-stick

skillet over medium-high heat until just simmering. Add 2 cups skin-on raw almonds, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper (if desired). Toast the almonds over medium-low heat, stirring often, until fragrant and the color deepens slightly, about 8 minutes. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels and allow them to cool before serving.)

For the almond vinaigrette: Place almonds in zipper-lock bag and pound with rolling

pin until coarsely crushed. Whisk crushed almonds, shallot, vinegar, honey, and mustard in medium bowl. Whisking constantly, drizzle in olive oil. Whisk in water and tarragon and season with salt and pepper to taste. (Makes 1 1/2 cups.)

For the salmon: Use sharp knife to remove any whitish fat from belly of salmon and cut each fillet into 4 equal pieces. Using sharp (or serrated) knife, cut 4 shallow slashes, about 1 inch apart,

through skin of each fillet (do not cut into flesh). Pat salmon dry with paper towels and rub with oil. (Prepped salmon can be refrigerated for up to 24 hours before cooking.)

Adjust oven rack to lowest position, place rimmed baking sheet on rack, and heat oven to 500 degrees. Season salmon with salt and pepper. Reduce oven temperature to 275 degrees and remove hot baking sheet. Carefully lay salmon, skin side down, on hot sheet. Roast until cen-

ter is still translucent when checked with tip of paring knife and registers 125 degrees for medium-rare, 9 to 13 minutes.

Transfer fillets to individual plates or platter, spoon vinaigrette over top, and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 374 calories; 173 calories from fat; 19 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 125 mg cholesterol; 406 mg sodium; 2 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 45 g protein.



This Jan. 24, 2017, photo provided by America's Test Kitchen shows Salmon with Almond Vinaigrette.

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Detainees freed in North Korea, returning to US with Pompeo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three Americans detained in North Korea for more than a year are on their way back to the U.S. with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, President Donald Trump announced Wednesday in the latest sign of improving relations between the two longtime adversary nations.

Trump said on Twitter that Pompeo was "in the air" and was with "the 3 wonderful gentlemen that everyone is looking so forward to meeting." The president, who had been hinting about an imminent release, said he would greet them at Andrews Air Force Base at 2 a.m. Thursday.

The release of the detainees came as Pompeo visited North Korea on Wednesday to finalize plans for a historic summit between Trump and the North's leader, Kim Jong Un. Trump said on Twitter that there had been a "good meeting with Kim Jong Un," adding: "Date & Place set."

North Korea had accused Kim Dong Chul, Kim Hak Song and Tony Kim, all Korean-Americans, of anti-state activities but their arrests were widely seen as politically motivated and had compounded the dire state of relations over the isolated nation's nuclear weapons.

The family of Tony Kim thanked "all those" who worked for his return and also credited Trump for engaging directly with North Korea. "Mostly we thank God for Tony's safe return," the family said in a statement, and they urged people to "continue to pray for the people of North Korea and for the release of all who are still being held."

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement that Trump viewed the release "as a positive gesture of goodwill."

The release capped a dramatic day of diplomacy in Pyongyang for Pompeo. After his 90-minute meeting with Kim Jong Un, he gave reporters a fingers-crossed sign when asked about the prisoners as he returned to his hotel. But it was only after a North Korean emissary

arrived a bit later to inform him that the release was confirmed.

The three had been held for periods ranging between one and two years. They were the latest in a series of Americans who have been detained by North Korea in recent years for seemingly small offenses and typically freed when senior U.S. officials or statesmen personally visited to bail them out.

The last American to be released before this, college student Otto Warmbier, died in June 2017, days after he was repatriated to the U.S. with severe brain damage.

Warmbier was arrested by North Korean authorities in January 2016. He was accused of stealing a propaganda poster and sentenced to 15 years in prison with hard labor. His parents have filed a wrongful death lawsuit, accusing the government of torturing and killing their son.

Of the newly released detainees, Kim Dong Chul, a South Korean-born U.S. citizen, had been held the longest. The former Virginia resident was sentenced in April 2016 to 10 years in prison with hard labor after being convicted of espionage. He reportedly ran a trade and hotel service company in Rason, a special economic zone on North Korea's border with Russia.

The other two detainees hadn't been tried.

Kim Hak Song worked in agricultural development at an experimental farm run by the Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, or PUST. The university is the only privately funded college in North Korea and was founded in 2010 with donations from Christian groups. He was detained last May for alleged anti-state activities.

Tony Kim, who also uses the name Kim Sang-duk, was detained in April 2017 at the Pyongyang airport. He taught accounting at PUST. He was accused of committing unspecified criminal acts intended to overthrow the government.

Pompeo, in his visit, discussed the agenda for a potential Trump-Kim Jong Un summit in his meeting



In this April 29, 2016, file photo, Kim Dong Chul, center, a U.S. citizen detained in North Korea, is escorted to his trial in Pyongyang, North Korea. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has left North Korea with three American detainees, one of them Kim Dong Chul, who were released ahead of an upcoming meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, the U.S. president said in a tweet Wednesday

with Kim Yong Chol, the vice chairman of the central committee of North Korea's ruling party.

The two sides plan to meet once again to finalize details. No specifics were offered although officials said Singapore is emerging as the most likely venue. The unprecedented meeting has been slated for this month or early June.

Kim Yong Chol noted improved relations between North and South Korea and pushed back against the idea that U.S. pressure led to the likely summit.

"This is not a result of sanctions that have been imposed from outside," he said. That contradicted Trump, who has said repeatedly that his pressure tactics brought North Korea to the negotiating table.

Pompeo's trip, his second to North Korea this year, had not been publicly disclosed when he flew out of Washington late Monday aboard an Air Force jetliner.

Trump announced the mission Tuesday afternoon as he laid out his case for withdrawing from a landmark nuclear deal with Iran, another bitter U.S. adversary.

Accompanying Pompeo were a few senior aides, a security detail and two journalists — one from The Associated Press and one from The Washington Post.

Pompeo, who first traveled to North Korea as CIA chief in early April, is only the second sitting secretary of state to visit the reclusive nation with which the U.S. is still technically at war. The first was Madeleine Albright, who went in 2000 as part of an unsuccessful bid to arrange a meeting between then-President Bill Clinton and Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il.

A Trump-Kim meeting seemed a remote possibility just a few months ago when the two leaders were trading threats and insults over North Korea's development of nuclear weapons and bal-

listic missile tests. But momentum for diplomacy built this year as North and South Korea moved to ease tensions, including the North sending a contingent to the Winter Olympics in the South. The Koreans' leaders held their own summit last month.

In March, Trump unexpectedly accepted an offer of talks from Kim after the North Korean dictator agreed to suspend nuclear and missile tests and discuss "denuclearization." According to South Korea, Kim says he's willing to give up his nukes if the United States commits to a formal end to the Korean War and pledges not to attack the North.

Kim was quoted by China's official news agency Xinhua as saying on Monday, "I hope to build mutual trust with the U.S. through dialogue." He added that a political resolution of tensions on the Korean Peninsula and denuclearization

should proceed in stages, with all sides moving in concert.

But his exact demands for relinquishing weapons that his nation spent decades building remain unclear. Previous U.S. efforts to negotiate an end to the North's nuclear weapons program failed under Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush.

Pompeo and officials traveling with him said the Trump administration would not repeat mistakes of the past, which they described as accepting gradual, incremental and long-term disarmament in exchange for immediate benefits.

Trump has said that withdrawing U.S. forces from South Korea is "not on the table." Some 28,500 U.S. forces are based in the allied nation, a military presence that has been preserved to deter North Korea since the war ended in 1953 without a peace treaty.

China cutting US soybean purchases in face of tariffs threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the threat of tariffs and counter-tariffs between Washington and Beijing looming, Chinese buyers are canceling orders for U.S. soybeans, a trend that could deal a blow to American farmers if it continues.

At the same time, farmers in China are being encouraged to plant more soy, apparently to help offset any shortfall from the United States.

Beijing has included soybeans on a list of \$50 billion of U.S. exports on which it has said it would impose 25 percent tariffs if the United States follows through on its threats to impose the same level of tariffs on the same value of Chinese goods. The U.S. tariffs could kick in later this month; China would likely retaliate soon after.

It can take a month or more for soybean shipments to travel from the U.S. to China. Any soybeans on their way to China now could be hit by the tariff by the time they ar-

rive. "The Chinese aren't willing to buy US soybeans with a 25 percent tax hanging over their head," said Dan Basse, president of AgResource, an agricultural research and advisory firm. "You just don't want the risk."

China typically buys most of its soybeans from South American nations such as Brazil and Argentina during spring and early summer. It shifts to U.S. soybeans in the fall. As a result, for now, the cutbacks from the United States are relatively small.

But should they persist, it could cause real pain to U.S. farmers. Roughly 60 percent of U.S. soybeans are shipped to China.

There might also be a political impact: Three of the top five soybean-exporting states — Iowa, Indiana and Nebraska — voted for President Donald Trump in 2016.

Illinois, the top soybean exporter, and Minnesota, the third-largest, backed Hillary Clinton.

Basse said that it has been roughly three weeks since China has made any major soybean purchases, an unusually long delay.

Some Chinese buyers might be showing support for their government in the trade dispute by turning away U.S. soybeans, Basse said. The dispute may also make it seem too risky to buy from the United States over the long run.

"The United States could lose the reliable supplier label that we've had these many years," Basse said.

Data from the U.S. government show that sales of soybeans have fallen from about 255,000 metric tons in the first week of April, when the trade dispute began, to just 7,900 in the week that ended April 26.

Cancellations have also jumped, to more than 140,000 metric tons in the week ending April 26. In the same week last year, there were no canceled sales at all.

Some analysts argue that

the shifts aren't yet particularly significant. China buys most of its soybeans from the United States in the late summer and fall, and then switches to South American sources, mainly Brazil and Argentina, in the spring. So the current market activity doesn't necessarily reflect the pattern that would occur during the main buying season.

"These numbers we're talking about are pretty minor," said John Baize, an economist for the U.S. Soybean Export Council.

The U.S. ships about 35 million metric tons of soybeans to China a year, Baize said. China usually imports about 100 million tons a year and can't import enough from other countries, he said, to abandon the United States as a source.

"Where's China going to buy its beans?" Baize asked.

That may be true in the short run. But Basse suggests that Brazil has enough land that could be used for soybean cultivation that it could

soon mostly replace the United States as a supplier to China.

And if the Chinese market were to be closed to U.S. farmers, they might be able to sell some portion of their soybeans to other markets. Baize said that huge multinational companies, such as Cargill and ADM, might, for example, sell more U.S. soybeans to Europe, where they wouldn't face any tariffs, though this likely wouldn't make up for the loss of the Chinese market.

At the same time, China is looking more to its own farmers. Since China announced its potential tariffs on U.S. soy in April, the government has encouraged farmers to cultivate more soybeans. Beginning this month, Chinese farmers say, Beijing reduced corn subsidies and raised annual soybean subsidies from 2550 yuan (\$400) per hectare to 3000 yuan (\$470) or more per hectare in major soybean-producing provinces in northeast China.

An adjustment had already been planned to help draw down China's substantial corn stockpiles, so the change wasn't necessarily aimed at U.S. soy growers, analysts say.

But the subsidy adjustment did come with political undertones. Officials in major soybean-producing provinces were describing the promotion of local soybeans as "the most important political task in agricultural production at present." Heilongjiang in northeast China announced a pilot project to plant soybeans on over 100,000 new hectares, with an extra 2,250 yuan (\$353) subsidy per hectare.

The moves are prompting farmers like Liu Cong to focus more on growing soy. Liu says he used most of his land to grow corn last year but this year is planting more soybeans.

"This is encouraging for farmers," he said in a phone interview. "We're more motivated."

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Walmart makes big bet in India, pays \$16B for Flipkart stake

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart will soon reach shoppers in India's massive consumer market directly, as it takes control of the on-line retailer Flipkart that's known for its ubiquitous delivery drivers on their motorcycles with oversized backpacks.

The \$16 billion controlling stake, announced Wednesday, is the largest acquisition yet by the world's largest retailer.

Retail sales are being fueled by a hot economy in India, and both Walmart and Amazon have pushed hard to catch up to Flipkart and become the first major U.S. retailer to establish a substantial foothold in the country.

The move, like Walmart's decision last month to sell its British unit, Asda, reflects the company's focus on areas with the potential to grow as it tries to narrow the online gap between itself and Amazon.

Online buying in India has exploded in recent years, and Flipkart had net sales of \$4.6 billion in its latest fiscal year. That's a fraction of Walmart's latest annual revenue of \$485.8 billion, but the company sees big long-term potential. Walmart believes India, which has 1.3 billion people, could be the world's top five e-commerce markets within the next five years.

"We are actively working to shape the portfolio of geographies and businesses we're in, in order to set the company up for success for another generation," Walmart CEO Doug McMillon said in a conference call Wednesday.

Flipkart is, in some ways, an echo of Amazon. Founded in 2007 by two college friends and former Amazon employees, Flipkart began life as an online bookseller.

In a country where many still see paying online with credit or debit cards as risky, Flipkart earned millions of customers in its early years by allowing buyers to pay cash on delivery. It now allows for a variety of payments, from credit cards to gift cards to direct bank transfers.

Flipkart also focused early on mobile phone users, and in 2016 became the first app in India to reach 50 million users.

The Bangalore-based



A motorist and a woman walks past a building that formerly was the Flipkart headquarters in Bangalore, India, Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Walmart is paying \$16 billion for a controlling stake in India's giant online retailer Flipkart, breaking into a fast-growing economy where it has struggled to establish a foothold.

company has acquired a string of other companies in recent years, from fashion e-commerce company Myntra to mobile payment firm PhonePe. Flipkart now has over 100 million registered users and more than 100,000 registered sellers. Flipkart's supply chain arm, eKart, is established more than 800 cities and makes 500,000 deliveries daily.

Flipkart's success and Indian law that puts limits on foreign retailers made it an attractive target, and rumors swirled about Amazon also circling Flipkart long after it was reported to be in talks with Walmart.

Foreign retailers, including Walmart, have faced years of political resistance to opening brick-and-mortar outlets in India, where mom-and-pop store owners

wield enormous influence. Walmart's business in India was previously focused on small businesses. Its Best Price stores, owned and operated by its India division, are only open to members that are all licensed businesses.

Whether the Flipkart deal signals a change remains unclear, but the Flipkart purchase gives Walmart far more influence in India — both politically and economically — and positions it to shift quicker into retail outlets if the regulatory landscape changes.

Walmart will now own about 77 percent of Flipkart, with the rest held by some existing shareholders, including co-founder Binny Bansal, Tencent Holdings, Tiger Global Management and Microsoft Corp.

The acquisition surpasses Walmart's \$10.8 billion deal to buy Britain's Asda in 1999 and its acquisition two years ago of online retailer Jet.com for more than \$3 billion.

The deal hasn't gone down well with the tens of millions of small traders who for years used political muscle to slow the arrival of international retailers.

It is "a clear attempt to control and dominate the retail trade of India by Walmart," the Confederation of All India Traders said, adding that it would encourage predatory pricing, hurt Indian businesses and create an uneven playing field. The group says it represents some 60 million businesses.

Meanwhile, Amazon is also still fighting hard in In-

dia, with founder Jeff Bezos crowing last month that Amazon.in had the most-downloaded shopping app in India for 2017.

"Amazon.in is the fastest growing marketplace in India, and the most visited site on both desktop and mobile," Bezos said in a letter to shareholders.

The global stakes for both Amazon and Walmart are high. Walmart, which operates stores under various banners in 27 countries outside the U.S., has faced strong headwinds in its outward expansion.

In China, where more than 700 million people are online, it has struggled to compete with homegrown online giants like Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and local retail chains like Sun Art Retail Group Ltd. Walmart

opened its first store in China in 1996 and has just over 400 stores now. It also has a strategic alliance with Alibaba's rival, JD.com. Amazon also faces stiff competition in China from Alibaba and JD.com.

Walmart closed 60 stores in Brazil, or 10 percent of its outlets two years ago as it tries to restructure its business.

For the opportunity in India, Walmart will absorb some short-term pain. It expects earnings for the current fiscal year to be hurt by 25 to 30 cents per share. "This is clearly an investment for the future," said Charlie O'Shea, Moody's lead retail analyst in a note.

Shares of Walmart Inc. dropped more than 3 percent in trading Wednesday.

Volcanic gases prompt evacuation of stragglers in Hawaii

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — Police went door-to-door in Hawaii to roust residents near two new volcanic vents emitting dangerous gases in areas where lava has poured into streets and backyards for the past week.

Authorities had ordered nearly 2,000 residents to leave the two communities in the mostly rural district of Puna on Hawaii's Big Island last Thursday. But some ignored the order and stayed to watch over their property.

But on Tuesday, the emergence of the two new vents prompted Hawaii County to issue a cell-phone alert ordering strag-

glers in the Lanipuna Gardens neighborhood to get out immediately. Police followed up with personal visits.

Officers found a number of people still at their residences but there were no sign of holdouts later, said Talmadge Magno, the administrator for Hawaii County Civil Defense.

Edwin Montoya, 76, had planned to stay to care for animals and keep looters away from his family's property in the nearby Leilani Estates. But he was forced to evacuate after the new fissures emerged, including one just a mile (1.6 kilometers) away.

"I'm in my truck right

now on my way up the road," he said. "The police came down here and made me."

Both communities are in a forested, remote part of the Big Island on the eastern flank of Kilauea volcano, which has been erupting continuously since 1983.

In recent years the volcano has mostly released lava in hard-to-reach areas inside a national park or along the coastline. But last week, vents popped open and released lava, gas and steam inside residential neighborhoods.

There's no indication when the eruption might stop, or how far the lava

might spread.

There were about 1,700 residents in Leilani Estates and a few hundred in Lanipuna Gardens before last week.

Andrew Nisbet has no idea what's happened to his house since he left it last week.

"My home is right in the line of the major breakouts so maybe, maybe not," he said Monday during a community meeting.

Authorities urged Scott Wiggers to evacuate, but he refused.

"I'm in the safest part in the subdivision. There's no threat to my house whatsoever," said Wiggers, a tour guide.

Wiggers said he wasn't leaving his home on the outskirts of the evacuation zone because he worried that if he did, he wouldn't be able to get back in. But he's prepared in case the situation takes a turn.

"I am packed. My truck is loaded. I'm not a dumb-dumb. If I see a threat, I'm out of here," he said.

Officials warn that lava could flow downhill and burn areas that don't currently face danger and that toxic volcanic gas could kill people, especially the elderly and those with breathing problems.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige, a Democrat, told evacuees he has called the White

House and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to tell officials that he believes the state will need help to deal with the volcano on the Big Island.

There are 14 lava-and-gas producing fissures in Leilani Estates, after the two new ones formed Tuesday. But the flow of lava is not constant.

Thirty six structures have been destroyed and 26 of them have been confirmed as homes. Aerial surveys have not determined whether the rest of the structures are homes or other types of buildings.



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Suicide bombers strike in Afghan capital, killing 7

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Suicide bombers struck two police stations in Afghanistan's capital on Wednesday, killing at least seven people and wounding 17, officials said.

Interior Minister Wais Ahmad Barmak said a total of eight suicide bombers took part in the attacks, one of which was claimed by the Islamic State group and the other by the Taliban.

In the first attack, in western Kabul, the attackers hurled hand grenades and blew themselves up, setting part of the station on fire, Barmak said, adding that a third suicide bomber was shot and killed by police. He said two police were killed in the attack and two police and a civilian were wounded. IS claimed the attack in a brief statement carried by its Amaq news agency.

The second attack unfolded in the city center, where a suicide bomber struck the entrance to a police station in order to clear the way for another four bombers. Barmak said "two or three" more attackers were holed up in a nearby building, trading fire with security forces. The Taliban claimed responsibility for the attack in a

statement sent to media. Najib Danish, spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said the violence ended after almost seven hours. Public Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Majroh said a total of seven people were killed and 17 wounded in the attacks.

Both the Taliban and IS frequently target Afghanistan's Western-backed government and security forces. Twin suicide bombings claimed by IS last week killed at least 25 people, including nine journalists who had rushed to the scene of the first attack. It was the deadliest assault on reporters since the fall of the Taliban in 2001.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, the Taliban advanced on a district compound, officials said Wednesday, with one reporting the capture of the northern district by the insurgents and another saying heavy fighting was still underway.

The battle for the compound in the Bilchirgh district, in the northern Faryab province, came a day after the insurgents captured the district compound in the remote Tala wa Barfak district, in the northern Baghlan province. The Taliban have captured several dis-

tricts in different parts of the country from Afghan security forces since 2014, when the U.S. and NATO formally concluded their combat mission and shifted to a supporting role.

Mohammad Hashim, a member of parliament from Faryab province, said the Taliban captured the district headquarters in Bilchirgh early Wednesday after more than 40 security forces retreated under heavy fire. He said the Taliban also captured several villages nearby. Provincial police spokesman Abdul Karim Yuresh said the fighting is still underway and that government forces still hold the compound.

The Taliban issued a statement saying they control the district and claiming to have killed 10 security forces.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, the Taliban attacked a school being used as a voter registration center, killing eight soldiers in the latest in a series of attacks targeting preparations for elections later this year.

Abdul Aziz Beg, head of the governing council in the western Badghis province, said two other soldiers were wounded and one is missing.



An Afghan security personnel stands at the site of a suicide attack, in the center of Kabul, Afghanistan, Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Three suicide bombers struck two police stations in Afghanistan's capital on Wednesday, wounding at least six people, officials said.

"There are many areas in the province under a high security threat, and this site was one of those areas," he said, adding that the center was some 30 kilometers (20 miles) west of the provincial capital of Qala-e Now.

In the eastern Nangarhar province, a rocket fired by insurgents struck a market, killing two people and wounding 19, according to Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor. He said another four other civilians were killed and 15 wounded in a gunbattle in

the same district, in which two insurgents were killed and seven wounded. It was unclear who was behind the attacks, but the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate are both active in the province.

Nuclear deal's opponents seek tougher stance on Iran

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran's other rivals have long wanted to scuttle the nuclear deal, which they see as undermining the strategy they say the world should be taking: a tough, confrontational stance against Tehran's ambitions in the region.

But the deal's unravelling could backfire and spark even more unrest in the Middle East. Also, if Iran follows with an all-out revival of its nuclear program, Saudi Arabia has threatened to launch a nuclear weapons program of its own in response.

Traditional foes Saudi Arabia and Israel — both U.S. allies — have found common ground as critics of the 2015 deal, which was brokered by Iran and the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, Germany and the European Union.

President Donald Trump's decision Tuesday to withdraw from the accord doesn't mean the deal's immediate collapse — the Europeans still back it, and much depends on how Iran reacts. But it does deeply weaken the agreement and could open the way for the U.S.'s regional allies to take a more aggressive approach on Iran.

The leaders of France, Germany and Britain said Trump's decision to leave the accord is a threat to global efforts to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, but Saudi Arabia and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu welcomed the move.

Netanyahu actively sought to scuttle the deal from the start, even when it was still being brokered. He has bluntly said the world would be better off without any deal than with what he calls the "fatally flawed" agreement reached during the Obama administration.

He has pushed for confrontation against Iran as the Shiite-led nation builds up its military presence in neigh-

boring Syria in support of President Bashar Assad. Netanyahu warns Iran will use its troops and weaponry there to threaten Israel.

"We are determined to block Iran's aggression against us even if this means a struggle. Better now than later," he said this week at a Cabinet meeting.

Israel is suspected of being behind strikes on Iranian bases in Syria in recent weeks that killed a number of Iranian and Syrian troops. Leaders in Iran have been cautious not to retaliate against Israeli provocations at a time when the nuclear deal still has backing from other major world powers.

That could change if the deal breaks down. Israeli security officials say the military already has gone on heightened alert this week, fearing an Iranian reprisal.

Yoel Guzansky, a senior researcher at Israel's Institute for National Security Studies, believes the current deal has "many, many problems," but says there are consequences to walking away from it, including the possibility of escalating violence and instability in the region.

"Not just in Syria but also in the Gulf and elsewhere. It could mean a more volatile Middle East, absolutely," he said.

Supporters of the deal say it places strict limits on Iran's nuclear facilities that make it unable to produce a bomb during the lifetime of the deal. U.N. inspectors have repeatedly confirmed that Iran is abiding by the accord's terms.

Critics of the deal object to a sunset provision that would allow Iran to resume enriching uranium at high levels in 15 years, unless an extension or longer-term deal is negotiated. Europe could join the U.S. in re-imposing sanctions in retaliation if it does so.

Opponents also point to issues that are not addressed in the deal, such as Iran's



In this Thursday, May 14, 2015 file photo, President Barack Obama, center, waves as he stands with, from left, Abu Dhabi crown prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan; Bahrain Crown Prince Prince Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalif; Deputy Prime Minister of Oman, Sayyid Fahad Bin Mahmood Al Said; Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah; Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani; Saudi Arabia Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef; and Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Abdul Latif Bin Rashid Al Zayani after their meeting at Camp David in Maryland.

ballistic missile program, its support for militias in the region and its expanding influence. The deal's architects say those issues can be negotiated separately and should not be allowed to wreck an accord that halted progress toward a bomb.

Saudi Arabia is also more aggressively confronting Iran on multiple fronts under the directives of King Salman's son and heir, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has consolidated power in the kingdom.

Prince Mohammed said in a recent CBS interview that if Iran develops a nuclear bomb, the kingdom would "without a doubt" follow suit as soon as possible. Israel is widely believed to have a nuclear arsenal of its own, though it has never publicly acknowledged it.

The Sunni-ruled kingdom, which is fighting Shiite rebels known as Houthis in Yemen, accuses Iran of supply-

ing the Houthis with ballistic missiles that have targeted the kingdom, including the capital, Riyadh. Likewise, Israeli airstrikes in Syria are believed to have targeted shipments of Iranian missiles bound for Lebanon's Hezbollah group.

Columnists in state-linked Saudi media outlets have grown increasingly hawkish as pressure mounts on Iran.

Saudi journalist Mashari Althaydi wrote in a column published on the Al-Arabiya news website that Iran's possession of nuclear weapons would make it necessary for Saudi Arabia to possess similar weapons for deterrence.

Mohammed Al-Shaikh, a Saudi writer, called for stirring up "everything that would domestically distract" Iran from harming Saudi security and stability.

Despite strong reservations about the deal, Saudi Arabia tepidly supported it in public when it was first reached,

seemingly as a gesture to President Barack Obama. Still, Obama's rapprochement with Iran cooled ties between Riyadh and Washington.

The kingdom has since wholeheartedly embraced Trump and his tough talk.

Thomas Lippman, an expert on Saudi Arabia and Middle Eastern affairs, said he fails to see how the kingdom benefits from the deal collapsing.

"The Saudis really need to be careful. Iran has three times Saudi Arabia's population, and it has battle-tested armed forces and it has an ally in the Houthis in Yemen," he said.

"As far as I can tell, there is in fact a struggle for the future of Iran going on among Iranians ... Let that struggle play itself out," Lippman added.

Israel, meanwhile, continues to try and build international pressure against Iran.

"Israel for many years now has been preparing for many scenarios vis-a-vis Iran... Israel is not sitting quietly not doing anything," said Guzansky, the Israeli researcher, who is a former Iran analyst on the prime minister's National Security Council.

Although Israel has never acknowledged it, its Mossad spy agency is widely believed to be behind the assassinations of at least five Iranian nuclear scientists in the years preceding the 2015 negotiations. Last week, Netanyahu showed off what he said were tens of thousands of secret documents about the Iranian nuclear program stolen by the Mossad. Many believe Netanyahu showed off the trove of information in part to send a message to Iran about his intelligence agency's capabilities.




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Genetic sleuthing bolsters food poisoning searches

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Disease hunters are using genetic sequencing in their investigation of the ongoing food poisoning outbreak linked to romaine lettuce, a technique that is revolutionizing the detection of germs in food.

The genetic analysis is being used to bolster investigations and — in some cases — connect the dots between what were once seemingly unrelated illnesses. It also is uncovering previously unfathomed sources of food poisoning, including one outbreak from apples dipped in caramel.

So far, most of the work has largely focused on one germ, listeria. But it is expanding. By the end of this year, labs in all 50 states are expected to also be using genetic sequencing for much more common causes of food poisoning outbreaks, including salmonella and the E. coli bacteria linked to recent lettuce outbreak.

That means the number of identifiable outbreaks are likely to explode even if the number of illnesses don't.

"There are a lot of outbreaks where they don't connect the dots. Now they're going to be connected," said Michael Doyle, a retired University of Georgia professor who is an expert on foodborne illness.

Not only that: The new DNA testing is enabling disease detectives to spot food contamination before anyone is aware of a resulting human illness — the equivalent of starting a murder investigation by finding a gun first and then looking for someone with a gunshot wound.

"It's turning around how outbreaks are figured out," said Bill Marler, a prominent Seattle lawyer who has made a business of suing companies whose products sicken people.

Marler added that the program is in its early stages and it's too early to call it a success. But he said the new approach has the potential to transform how and when outbreaks come to light.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is driving the program. It estimates that 48 million Americans get sick — and 3,000 die — from food poisoning each year.

The new technique relies on whole genome sequencing, which has been used in biology for more than two decades. The laboratory pro-



In this April 12, 2018 photo, scientist Karen Xavier holds a petri dish containing a stool sample of small bacteria colonies in Denver. DNA from samples like these are extracted and sequenced to help health investigators more quickly determine the source of a food borne illness outbreak.

cess determines nearly all of an organism's DNA, the genetic material needed to build and maintain an organism. And scientists use software to compare the DNA of specimens to see if they are the same strain and how resistant they are to current medicines.

The technique allows the analysis to become faster, cheaper and more automated, said Dr. Robert Tauxe, one of the CDC's leading experts on food poisoning.

Plans are to use the technology against several germs that cause food poisoning, but so far all the work has concentrated on listeria. The bacteria cause around 1,600 illnesses each year, a tiny fraction of U.S. foodborne disease diagnoses. But it is a particularly lethal infection, killing nearly one in five people who get it.

Historically, listeria-caused outbreaks were known as "the graveyard of epidemiology." It could take weeks for people to develop symptoms, meaning food evidence was discarded — and some of the patients were dead — by the time officials were able to sort things out.

From 1983 to 1997, only five listeria outbreaks were

identified in the United States. They were obvious and large — with a median of 54 cases per outbreak.

That's how it was with other food poisoning outbreaks, too.

"Most foodborne outbreaks were detected because it happened in one place," like in a town where a popular restaurant's customers grew ill, Tauxe said.

Outbreaks were investigated by asking people what they ate before they got sick, and then comparing notes to see what patients had in common.

The field took a big step in the 1990s, after a frightening outbreak erupted in the Seattle area. Four deaths and more than 700 illnesses in four states eventually were traced to undercooked Jack in the Box restaurant hamburgers contaminated with E. coli.

The outbreak prodded the CDC to develop a program that relied on a technique called pulsed-field gel electrophoresis in which investigators could look at a germ's DNA in clumps. It helped health officials more easily link illnesses, but it was imperfect: It couldn't make exact matches and sometimes

missed when cases were related.

Then came whole genome sequencing.

The CDC began using the technique in food poisoning investigations in 2013. Initially state labs sent samples to a CDC lab in Atlanta for testing. Now, the CDC is working to get labs in all 50 states up and running.

Last year, the federal agency awarded about \$32 million to state and city health departments to work on foodborne, waterborne and fungal disease outbreaks. That included \$12 million to help them set up whole genome sequencing technology.

Since whole genome sequencing began, the CDC says it's catching more listeria outbreaks with a food source identified. By that measure, the number rose from about two per year to an average of more than six per year from 2014 to 2016.

One of the first success stories came a couple of weeks after Halloween in 2014, when listeria cases began popping up in Arizona, New Mexico and the Midwest. Through whole genome sequencing, investigators discovered about

three dozen people had been sickened.

In interviews, patients and their families didn't mention foods commonly associated with listeria. But most did say they had eaten packaged caramel apples.

Scientists hadn't considered them a threat, because apples and caramel aren't hospitable to listeria individually. But it turns out that putting a stick in a caramel-covered apple gives germs a door into tiny spaces between caramel and the apple's skin.

Besides fingering foods previously seen as unthreatening, whole genome sequencing has the potential to turn investigations around: In several outbreaks recently, germs found in food plant inspections prompted product recalls before anyone knew about an outbreak. Then whole genome sequencing helped find and confirm illnesses.

In 2015, state officials in South Carolina and Texas found listeria in tests of Blue Bell-brand ice cream products. Investigators used pulsed-field gel electrophoresis to find 11 illnesses with a similar genetic pattern, but whole genome sequencing

definitively linked 10 and caused one to be tossed out as unrelated. Some of the illnesses had happened as far back as 2010.

"They're picking up cases that are five years old. This is revolutionary," Doyle said.

Whole genome sequencing is becoming increasingly important, but it's not yet the basis of outbreak solving. It was used in the current investigation of E. coli bacteria found in romaine lettuce grown in Arizona, which has sickened at least 84 people in 19 states, according to a CDC update released Wednesday. But "that's not how we first detected the outbreak," said Matthew Wise, a CDC food poisoning investigator.

It was more crucial in an investigation last year of a 21-state salmonella outbreak that ultimately was linked to ground beef. Whole genome sequencing allowed health officials to wade through a wave of cases to parse out the illnesses that were most closely matched and then look for a common origin, Wise said.

"Using our previous technology," Wise said, "we would have had a really difficult time solving that one."

More kids have autism, better diagnosis may be the reason

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The government estimates that autism is becoming more common, but it's only a small increase and some experts think it can be largely explained by better diagnosing of minority children.

About 1 in 59 U.S. children were identified as having autism in 2014, according to a Thursday report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that focused on 8-year-old children. That's up from 1 in 68 children in both 2010 and 2012.

White children are diagnosed with autism more often than black or His-

panic children, but the gap has closed dramatically. Autism used to be 20 percent higher in white kids than black children, and that difference shrank to 10 percent. The gap between white and Hispanic kids shrank from 50 percent to 20 percent.

That increased recognition in minority kids is likely a big reason for the overall increase, CDC researchers said.

The causes of autism aren't well understood, and it's not clear if other factors might also be at play — like, for example, more couples having babies later in life, said Thomas Frazier, chief science officer for the advocacy organization Autism Speaks.

"There's still a ton of work to do to better understand why this is happening," Frazier said of the increase.

There are no blood or biological tests for autism. It's identified by making judgments about a child's behavior. Traditionally, autism was diagnosed only in kids with severe language and social impairments and unusual, repetitious behaviors. But the definition gradually expanded, and autism is now shorthand for a group of milder, related conditions.

The new CDC report is based on a tracking system in 11 states that focuses on 8-year-olds, because most cases are diagnosed by that age. The researchers check

health and school records to see which children meet criteria for autism, even if they haven't been formally diagnosed. It is one of three autism estimates by the CDC but is considered the most rigorous.

"It's the gold standard," said Alison Singer, president of the Autism Science Foundation, an autism advocacy and philanthropy organization.

The researchers gathered data from Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee and Wisconsin, casting a net that included about 300,000 children. The 1 in 59 was an average: It was as high as 1 in 34 in New

Jersey, and as low as about 1 in 75 in five states.

Why the difference? Researchers said rates tend to be higher in states where they can access more records.

For years, the estimate was increasing in leaps and bounds, though it wasn't clear why. A report released in 2007 put the estimate at 1 in 150, or the equivalent of about 1 child in every 5 or 6 classrooms. The new 1-in-59 figure translates to 1.7 percent.

Heather Cody Hazlett, a University of North Carolina psychologist, called the slight increase from 2012 to 2014 unsurprising.

She researches new ways to do spot autism earlier. What's discouraging, she

said, is that fewer than half of autistic children are diagnosed by the time they turn 4.

There is still a lag between when parents first become concerned and when kids are diagnosed. Many doctors may be reluctant to jump to an autism diagnosis in a younger child, because they are "trying to be cautious and not alarmist," Hazlett said.

But that can lead to a delay in therapy or other services.

The CDC's Deborah Christensen, one of the study's authors, said: "We need to do more work to make sure that children with developmental concerns are evaluated quickly."

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Decisions, decisions

World to learn fate of Iran nuclear pact Tuesday afternoon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is preparing to tell the world whether he plans to follow through on his threat to pull out of the landmark nuclear accord with Iran and almost surely ensure its collapse. There are no signs that European allies enlisted to "fix" the deal have persuaded him to preserve it.

In a burst of last-minute diplomacy, punctuated by a visit by Britain's top diplomat, the deal's European members gave in to many of Trump's demands, according to officials, diplomats and others briefed on the negotiations. Yet they still left convinced he is likely to re-impose sanctions and walk away from the deal he has lambasted since his days as a presidential candidate.

Hanging in the balance Tuesday was the fate of the 2015 nuclear deal struck by the United States, Iran and world powers that lifted most U.S. and international sanctions against the country. In return, Iran agreed to restrictions on its nuclear program making it impossible to produce a bomb, along with rigorous inspections.

If the deal collapses, Iran would be free to resume prohibited enrichment activities, while businesses and banks doing business with Iran would have to scramble to extricate themselves or run afoul of the U.S. As they braced for an expected withdrawal, U.S. officials were dusting off plans for how to sell a pullout to the public and explain its complex financial ramifications, said the officials and others, who weren't authorized to speak ahead of an announcement and requested anonymity.

Building up anticipation for the big reveal, Trump announced on Twitter he would disclose his decision at 2 p.m., with an announcement set for the Diplomatic Room of the White House. With uncharacteristic discipline, he kept the decision confined to a small group within the White House National Security Council, leaving even many of his aides guessing what he had decided.

There was at least as much guessing in Iran, where many are deeply concerned about how Trump's decision could affect the already struggling economy. In Tehran, President Hassan Rouhani sought to calm nerves, smiling as he appeared at a petroleum expo. He didn't name Trump directly, but emphasized that Iran continued to seek "engage-



President Donald Trump points to someone in the audience as he stands next to first lady Melania Trump during an event where she announced her initiatives in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Monday, May 7, 2018.

"It is possible that we will face some problems for two or three months, but we will pass through this," Rouhani said.

An immense web of sanctions, written agreements and staggered deadlines make up the accord. So Trump effectively has several pathways to pull the United States out of the deal by reneging on its commitments.

Under the most likely scenario, Trump will allow sanctions on Iran's central bank — intended to target its oil exports — to kick back in, rather than waiving them once again on Saturday, the next deadline for renewal, said the individuals briefed on Trump's deliberations. Then the Trump administration would give those who are doing business with Iran a six-month grace period to wind down business and avoid beaching of those sanctions.

Depending on how Trump sells it — either as an irreversible U.S. pull-out, or one final chance to save it — the deal could ostensibly be strengthened during those six months in a last-ditch effort to persuade Trump to change his mind. The first 15 months

have been filled with many such "last chances" for the Iran deal in which he's punted the decision for another few months, and then another.

Other U.S. sanctions don't require a decision until later, including those on specific Iranian businesses, sectors and individuals that will snap back into place in July unless Trump signs another waiver. A move on Tuesday to restore those penalties ahead of the deadline would be the most aggressive move Trump could take to close the door to staying in the deal.

Even Trump's secretary of state and the U.N. agency that monitors nuclear compliance agree that Iran, so far, has lived up to its side of the deal. But the deal's critics, such as Israel, the Gulf Arab states and many Republicans, say it's a giveaway to Tehran that ultimately paves the path to a nuclear-armed Iran several years in the future.

Iran, for its part, has been coy in predicting its response to a Trump withdrawal. For weeks, Iran's foreign minister had been saying that a re-imposition of U.S. sanctions would render the deal null and

choice but to abandon it as well. But on Monday, Rouhani said Iran could stick with it if the European Union, whose economies do far more business with Iran than the U.S., offers guarantees that Iran would keep benefiting.

It is far from clear that Europe can credibly provide that assurance. Even with the deal in place, Iran complained constantly that European banks and businesses were staying away out of fear they'd be punished by the United States. The global financial system is so interconnected and so dependent on New York that it's nearly impossible to conduct business that doesn't touch the U.S. financial system. That gives Trump incredible leverage if he threatens that anyone doing business with Iran will be cut off from the United States.

For the Europeans, a Trump withdrawal would also constitute dispiriting proof that trying to appease the mercurial American president is an exercise for naught.

The three EU members of the deal — Britain, France and Germany — were insistent from the start that the deal could

all, it was the U.S. that brokered the agreement in 2015 and rallied the world behind it. But all that was under President Barack Obama, whose global legacy Trump has worked to chip away at since taking office.

So the Europeans reluctantly backed down, only slightly at first, agreeing to discuss an "add-on" agreement that wouldn't change the underlying nuclear deal, but would add new restrictions on Iran to address what Trump had identified as its shortcomings. Trump wanted to deter Iran's ballistic missile program and other destabilizing actions in the region. He also wanted more rigorous nuclear inspections and to extend the deal's restrictions on Iranian enrichment and re-processing, rather than let them phase out after about a decade.

Negotiating an add-on agreement, rather than revising the existing deal, had the added benefit of not requiring the formal consent of Iran or the other remaining members: Russia and China. The idea was that even if they balked at the West's impositions, Iran would be like-

to keep enjoying lucrative sanctions relief.

Although the U.S. and the Europeans made progress on ballistic missiles and inspections, there were disagreements over extending the life of the deal and over how to trigger additional penalties if Iran were found violating the new restrictions, U.S. officials and European diplomats have said. The Europeans agreed to yet more concessions in the final days of negotiating ahead of Trump's decision, the officials added.

It was not clear what led Trump, whose aides hadn't expected him to make a decision until week's end, to move up his decision to Tuesday. But on Twitter, he targeted former Secretary of State John Kerry, who led Obama's efforts to broker the deal and has been making the case publicly and privately for its survival.

"Stay away from negotiations John, you are hurting your country!" Trump wrote.

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Living on Hawaii volcano offers affordable paradise, risks

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — The slopes of Kilauea offer a lush rural setting and affordable land that contrasts sharply with Hawaii's more expensive real estate, but living on one of the world's most active volcanoes comes with risks: A dozen lava vents have opened in streets of the Puna district and 35 structures have burned down.

It was difficult to immediately tell from aerial surveys how many are homes and how many are other uninhabited structures, said Wil Okabe, acting mayor of Hawaii County.

Cheryl Griffith's Leilani Estates subdivision was ordered to evacuate after lava from Kilauea volcano burst through cracks in the ground, destroying homes.

But the 61-year-old did not leave.

As lava crawled down Leilani Road in a hissing, popping mass, Griffith stood in its path and placed a plant in the crack in the ground as an offering to the Native Hawaiian volcano goddess, Pele.

"I love this place, and I've been around the volcano for a while," Griffith said. "I'm just not one to rush off."

The Puna district is a region of mostly unpaved roads of volcanic rock about a 30-minute drive from the coastal town of Hilo.

Puna has thick jungle as well as dark fields of lava rock from past eruptions. The gently sloping volcano dips from its summit to Puna's white sand beaches and jagged sea cliffs.

The region has macadamia nut farms and other agriculture along with multimillion-dollar homes with manicured lawns. Other houses are modest, sitting on small lots with old cars and trucks scattered about.

For many people outside Hawaii, it's hard to understand why anyone would risk living near an active volcano with such destructive power.

But the people here are largely self-sufficient and understand the risks of their location.

Amber Makuakane, a 37-year-old teacher and single mother of two, lost her three-bedroom house to the lava. She grew up here and lived in the house for nine years. Her parents also live in Leilani Estates.

"The volcano and the lava — it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

Griffith said that is the hardest part of this lifestyle — they won't be able to recoup losses. Moments later, an explosion came from a nearby burning house.

Homeowners use rainwater-catch tanks and cesspools or septic tanks. Many rely on solar power, and some live entirely off the electrical grid.

Sam Knox, 65, who was born in Hawaii and now lives just a few hundred feet from a volcanic fissure, said he decided not to leave, despite the nearby explosions and the lava being hurled into the sky and flowing across his neighbor's prop-

erty. "It was roaring sky high. It was incredible. ... Rocks were flying out of the ground," he said. Much of the area filled with lava in just four hours.

Kilauea (pronounced kill-ah-WAY'-ah) is one of the world's most active volcanoes and has been erupting continuously since 1983. There's no indication when this particular lava flow might stop or how far it might spread. Scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey expect the flow to continue until more magma drains from the system.

Hawaii Gov. David Ige, a Democrat, told evacuees Monday that he has called the White House and the Federal Emergency Management Authority to tell

officials that he believes the state will need federal help to deal with the erupting volcano.

On Sunday, some of the evacuees were allowed to return briefly to gather medicine, pets, and other necessities. They will be able to do so each day as long as authorities believe it is safe.

Knox has some belongings packed in case he has to make a fast escape.

"I decided to stay because I wanted to experience this in my life," he said. "I'm ready to actually evacuate, but if I don't have to evacuate, I'm just going to keep staying here because I don't have no other home to go to."

Russian hackers posed as IS to threaten military wives

PARIS (AP) — Army wife Angela Ricketts was soaking in a bubble bath in her Colorado home, leafing through a memoir, when a message appeared on her iPhone:

"Dear Angela!" it said. "Bloody Valentine's Day!"

"We know everything about you, your husband and your children," the Facebook message continued, claiming that the hackers operating under the flag of Islamic State militants had penetrated her computer and her phone. "We're much closer than you can even imagine."

Ricketts was one of five military wives who received death threats from the self-styled CyberCaliphate on the morning of Feb. 10, 2015. The warnings led to days of anguished media coverage of Islamic State militants' online reach.

Except it wasn't IS. The Associated Press has found evidence that the women were targeted not by jihadists but by the same Russian hacking group that intervened in the American election and exposed the emails of Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign chairman, John Podesta.

The false flag is a case study in the difficulty of assigning blame in a world where hackers routinely borrow one another's identities to throw investigators off track. The operation also parallels the online disinformation campaign by Russian trolls in the months leading up to the U.S. election in 2016.

Links between CyberCaliphate and the Russian hackers — typically nicknamed Fancy Bear or APT28 — have been documented previously. On both sides of the Atlantic, the consensus is that the two groups are closely related.

But that consensus never filtered through to the women involved, many of whom were convinced they had been targeted by Islamic State sympathizers right up until the AP contacted them.

"Never in a million years did I think that it was the Russians," said Ricketts, an author and advocate for veterans and military families. She called the revelation "mind blowing."

"It feels so hilarious and

insidious at the same time." 'COMPLETELY NEW GROUND'

As Ricketts scrambled out of the tub to show the threat to her husband, nearly identical messages reached Lori Volkman, a deputy prosecutor based in Oregon who had won fame as a blogger after her husband deployed to the Middle East; Ashley Broadway-Mack, based in the Washington, D.C., area and head of an association for gay and lesbian military family members; and Amy Bushatz, an Alaska-based journalist who covers spouse and family issues for Military.com.

Liz Snell, the wife of a U.S. Marine, was at her husband's retirement ceremony in California when her phone rang. The Twitter account of her charity, Military Spouses of Strength, had been hacked. It was broadcasting public threats not only to herself and the other spouses, but also to their families and then-first lady Michelle Obama.

Snell flew home to Michigan from the ceremony, took her children and checked into a Comfort Inn for two nights.

"Any time somebody threatens your family, Mama Bear comes out," she said.

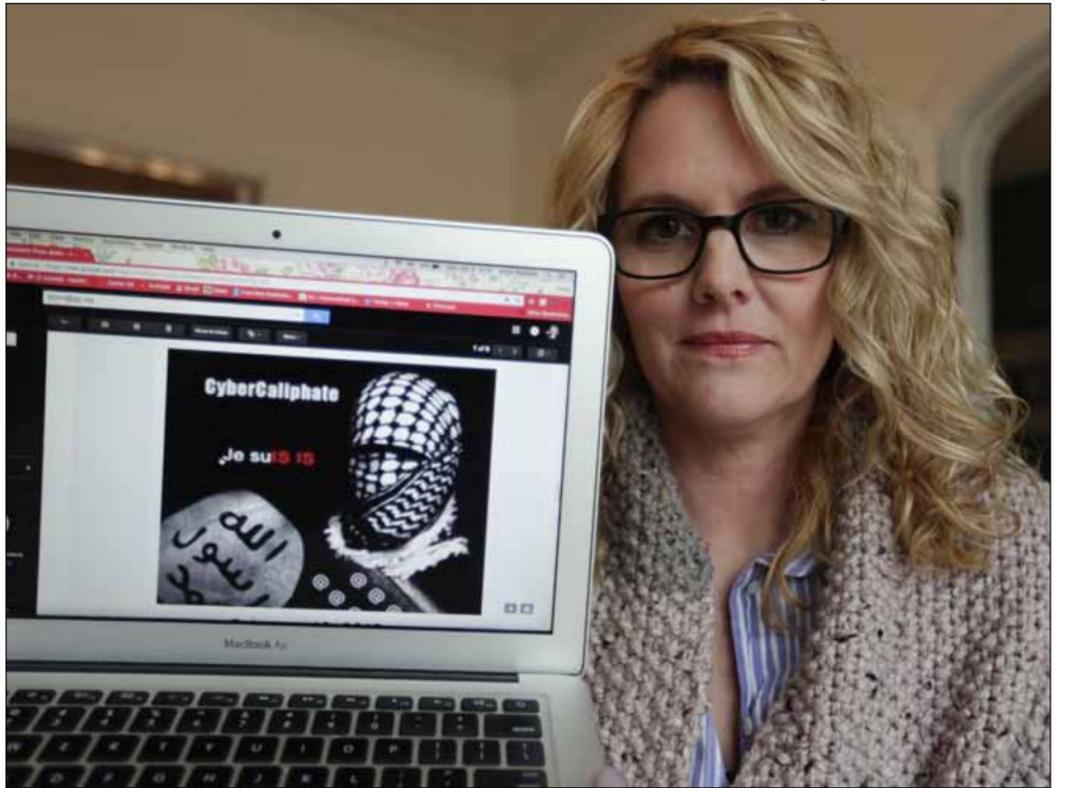
The women determined they had all received the same threats. They were also all quoted in a CNN piece about the hacking of a military Twitter feed by CyberCaliphate only a few weeks earlier. In it, they had struck a defiant tone. After they received the threats, they suspected that CyberCaliphate singled them out for retaliation.

The women refused to be intimidated.

"Fear is exactly what — at the time — we perceived ISIS wanted from military families," said Volkman, using another term for the Islamic State group.

Volkman was quoted in half a dozen media outlets; Bushatz wrote an article describing what happened; Ricketts, interviewed as part of a Fox News segment devoted to the menace of radical Islam, told TV host Greta Van Susteren that the nature of the threat was changing.

"Military families are prepared to deal with vio-



In this Monday, April 9, 2018, photo, Angela Ricketts poses with a screen shot of a message she received from a group claiming to be Islamic State supporters, in Bloomington, Ind. Russian spies masqueraded as Islamic State supporters to threaten vocal spouses of U.S. military personnel, including Ricketts, The Associated Press has found.

lence that's directed toward our soldiers," she said. "But having it directed toward us is just complete new ground."

'WE MIGHT BE SURPRISED'

A few weeks after the spouses were threatened, on April 9, 2015, the signal of French broadcaster TV5 Monde went dead.

The station's network of routers and switches had been knocked out and its internal messaging system disabled. Pasted across the station's website and Facebook page was the keffiyeh-clad logo of CyberCaliphate.

The cyberattack shocked France, coming on the heels of jihadist massacres at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket that left 17 dead. French leaders decried what they saw as another blow to the country's media. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said evidence suggested the broadcaster was the victim of an act of terror.

But Guillaume Poupard, the chief of France's cybersecurity agency, pointedly declined to endorse the minister's comments when

quizzed about them the day after the hack.

"We should be very prudent about the origin of the attack," he told French radio. "We might be surprised."

Government experts poring over the station's stricken servers eventually vindicated Poupard's caution, finding evidence they said pointed not to the Middle East but to Moscow.

Speaking to the AP last year, Poupard said the attack "resembles a lot what we call collectively APT28."

Russian officials in Washington and in Moscow did not respond to questions seeking comment. The Kremlin has repeatedly denied masquerading hacks against Western targets.

'THE MEDIA PLAYED RIGHT INTO IT'

Proof that the military wives were targeted by Russian hackers is laid out in a digital hit list provided to the AP by the cybersecurity company Secureworks last year. The AP has previously used the list of 4,700 Gmail addresses to outline the group's espionage campaign against journalists

, defense contractors and U.S. officials. More recent AP research has found that Fancy Bear, which Secureworks dubs "Iron Twilight," was actively trying to break into the military wives' mailboxes around the time that CyberCaliphate struck.

Lee Foster, a manager with cybersecurity company FireEye, said the repeated overlap between Russian hackers and CyberCaliphate made it all but certain that the groups were linked.

"Just think of your basic probabilities," he said.

CyberCaliphate faded from view after the TV5 Monde hack, but the over-the-top threats issued by the gang of make-believe militants found an echo in the anti-Muslim sentiment whipped up by the St. Petersburg troll farm — an organization whose operations were laid bare by a U.S. special prosecutor's indictment earlier this year.

The trolls — Russian employees paid to seed American social media with disinformation — often hyped the threat of Islamic State militants to the United States. A few

months before CyberCaliphate first won attention by hijacking various media organizations' Twitter accounts, for example, the trolls were spreading false rumors about an Islamic State attack in Louisiana and a counterfeit video appearing to show an American soldier firing into a Quran.

The AP has found no link between CyberCaliphate and the St. Petersburg trolls, but their aims appeared to be the same: keep tension at a boil and radical Islam in the headlines.

By that measure, CyberCaliphate's targeting of media outlets like TV5 Monde and the military spouses succeeded handily.

Ricketts, the author, said that by planting threats with some of the most vocal members of the military community, CyberCaliphate guaranteed maximum press coverage.

"Not only did we play right into their hands by freaking out, but the media played right into it," she said. "We reacted in a way that was probably exactly what they were hoping for."

Iran president's influence wanes as nuclear deal threatened

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — It just keeps getting worse for Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

The relatively moderate cleric's signature achievement, the nuclear deal with world powers, may fall apart later this week if President Donald Trump decides to pull America from the accord. Iran's economy, which Rouhani promised the deal would bolster, continues to weaken. Meanwhile, Rouhani himself acknowledged his own inability to stop a court's ban of a popular messaging app that helped fuel nationwide protests at the start of the year.

All the problems suggest Iran's domestic politics may swing back toward hard-liners and further weaken the once-popular president. Some hard-liners have even suggested the country needs a military dictatorship.

If that swing happens, it threatens any further rapprochement with the West at a time with Washington appears more on a course toward confrontation. The trends are a sharp contrast from hopes among supporters of the nuclear deal on both sides that the accord would be a first step toward greater dialogue.

"What we are witnessing in the society is an expression of regret," said Sadegh Zibakalam, a Tehran University political science professor. "If we continue this decline, with no doubt the next parliament will be in the hands of the conservative hard-line camp and in the next presidential election their candidate will be the winner."

It's a surprising turn for the 69-year-old Rouhani. Iranians joyfully took to the streets to celebrate him and the 2015 nuclear deal. He won re-election in a May 2017 landslide in which he garnered even more votes than in his first campaign, even as Trump was threatening the deal.

But trouble brewed for Rouhani just under the surface.

Reformists — those who want wholesale change to the Islamic Republic's theocratic government — long have been suspicious of Rouhani, who is very much a member of that system. The hard-line clerics who dominate the judiciary along with powerful forces like the Revolutionary Guard also have frustrated



In this Sept. 21, 2016 file photo, Iranian armed forces members march in a military parade marking the 36th anniversary of Iraq's 1980 invasion of Iran, just outside Tehran, Iran. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani has seen his influence wane as his signature achievement, the nuclear deal with world powers, is now under threat from President Donald Trump. Economic problems, as well as some suggesting a military dictatorship for the country, suggest Iran's domestic politics may swing back toward hard-liners and further weaken the once-popular president.

Rouhani's plans. He has been unable, for example, to carry out his promises to free political leaders from Iran's 2009 Green Movement, who still remain under house arrest today.

The major concern, however, would prove to be Iran's economy. Many criticize Rouhani's administration for failing to control rocketing prices for staples like meat, chicken and rice. Everything from taxi rides to haircuts are now more expensive. The Iranian rial has plummeted to 70,000 to the dollar in the black market, compared to an official rate of 42,000.

"When the deal was signed some years ago, I thought the situation will be better but it did not happen," said Behrouzi Molaei, a 42-year-old taxi driver. "After the death of the deal, I do not know how Rouhani can fix these ever-increasing problems."

Yadollah Kazemi, a 54-year-old worker at a plastics factory, agreed.

"Rouhani just comes to the podium and repeats some figures showing the situation is good. It has no meaning for me who has not gotten a salary for months," Kazemi said. "Rouhani cannot answer our demands, just like I can't for my three children and my wife."

Uncertainty over the nuclear deal only worsens those economic woes.

"Whenever you raise the level of uncertainty it has a negative impact on the economy," said Jihad Azour, the International Monetary Fund's Mideast and Central Asia department director.

Iran's economic problems gave birth to nationwide protests in December and January. The demonstrations saw at least 25 people killed and, reportedly, nearly 5,000 arrested. A mas-

sive deployment of police and volunteers linked to the hard-line Revolutionary Guard staunch the unrest, but labor strikes and local issues still draw protesters at the local level.

During the protests, the government temporarily shut down the popular Telegram messaging app, which an estimated 40 million Iranians use. Last week, Iran's judiciary ordered all internet service providers to permanently halt access to the app, drawing popular anger.

Rouhani acknowledged his own inability to restore the service, suggesting in an Instagram post those "at the highest level" in the country shut off access.

That immediately drew anger as well, even from Ali Motahari, a prominent lawmaker and supporter of Rouhani.

"The president should have given the judiciary a constitutional warning over

Telegram," Motahari said Sunday. "Allusive speaking is a sign of weakness. People expect clearness."

Some of the anger Rouhani faces could be attributed to the disappointment voters have in any president's second term, whether in Iran or elsewhere. In the 2000s, unhappiness with reformist President Mohammad Khatami, also a cleric who sought warm ties with the West, opened the door to the hard-line policies of his successor, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. But analysts note Khatami at least kept Iran's economy under control and the U.S. in check as America conducted wars in neighboring Afghanistan and Iraq.

Perhaps more concerning to Rouhani and his allies are the growing calls for a "military man" to take over in Iran. While former soldiers and security force members have circled Iran's politics,

a military strongman has never emerged to run Iran since its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"I believe if a military man becomes president, he definitely will be able to salvage the country from its problems," hard-line lawmaker and former Guard commander Mohammad Ali Pourmokhtar recently said.

With Iran's next presidential election in 2021, the timing of the comments now have raised eyebrows.

"What is happening in the world will happen in Iran, too. People desire dictatorship," said Ebrahim Fayyaz, a political scientist at Tehran's conservative Imam Sadegh University. "People are tired of the current social order. There is no political power in the country. The continuation of the current situation will lead to the collapse and disintegration of the country."

Putin vows to boost Russian economy as he begins 4th term

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Putin on Monday launched his fourth term as president with an ambitious call to vault Russia into the top five global economies by developing its technological products and agricultural exports.

Putin, who has sought to restore Russia's military and diplomatic prominence on the world stage, focused almost entirely on domestic issues in his speech after taking the oath of office in a vast, vaulted Kremlin hall glittering with gold leaf.

Improving the economy following a recession partly linked to international sanctions will be a primary goal of his next six-year term, Putin said.

"Russia should be modern and dynamic, it should be ready to accept the call of the

times," he said in his inauguration speech to thousands of guests standing in three halls of the Grand Kremlin Palace.

Putin later issued an extensive decree calling for "acceleration of the technological development of the Russian Federation" and "creation of a high-performance export-oriented sector in the basic sectors of the economy, primarily in manufacturing and the agro-industrial sector."

The 65-year-old former KGB agent, who has led Russia for all of the 21st century either as president or prime minister, has been criticized for inadequate efforts to diversify the economy from its dependence on oil and gas exports or develop the manufacturing sector.

Russia's economy was hit hard by low world oil prices and sanctions connected to

Moscow's 2014 annexation of Crimea and military involvement in the separatist uprising in eastern Ukraine, with the ruble losing half its value between 2014 and 2016.

The country recorded an anemic improvement in 2017, with gross domestic product rising 1.5 percent and the ruble recovering some of its value. But the currency dropped about 8 percent again last month after new U.S. sanctions.

In the decree, he foresaw Russia becoming one of the world's top five economies by the end of his term in 2024. That would require boosting GDP by some 50 percent; Russia currently places about 12th in rankings of world economies.

Putin made only a brief reference to global affairs in

his speech, saying "Russia is a strong, active, influential participant in international life. The security and defense capability of the country is reliably ensured. We will give these matters the necessary constant attention."

He acknowledged that the challenges facing Russia were formidable "but we all remember well that, for more than 1,000 years of history, Russia has often faced epochs of turmoil and trials, and has always revived as a Phoenix, reached heights that others could not."

Putin was re-elected in March with 77 percent of the vote.

He became acting president on New Year's Eve 1999 following the surprise resignation of Boris Yeltsin and won election to his first four-year term in 2000. Re-elected

in 2004, he left office in 2008 because of term limits, but was named prime minister and continued to steer the country from that office. He returned as president in 2012 when the post was extended to six years.

Monday's pomp-filled inauguration was covered in assiduous detail on state television. It showed Putin working at his desk in his shirt sleeves, then donning a suit coat to begin a long, solitary walk through the corridors of the Kremlin's Senate building before boarding a limousine for a short drive to the Grand Kremlin Palace.

Thousands of guests stood in the three halls for the inauguration. One of the most prominent was former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who is now chairman of Russia's state oil

company Rosneft and one of the most prominent Western voices arguing for an end to sanctions against Russia.

Schroeder stood with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, and Putin prominently shook hands with him after the speech.

After the ceremony, Putin issued an order formally dissolving the Cabinet but nominated Medvedev to serve again as prime minister. The pro-Putin United Russia party that dominates the parliament said it would back Medvedev in a vote Tuesday, Russian news agencies reported.

Medvedev in turn made nominations for several deputy prime ministers, notably including Finance Minister Anton Siluanov as first deputy premier.



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Los Angeles Angels' Albert Pujols waves his helmet to fans after hitting a single against the Seattle Mariners during the fifth inning Friday in Seattle. The hit was his 3,000th of his career.

Albert Pujols becomes 32nd player in 3,000-hit club

SEATTLE (AP) — Los Angeles Angels slugger Albert Pujols got his 3,000th hit, reaching the mark with a broken-bat single Friday night against Seattle and becoming the 32nd player in major league history to join the exclusive club.

Pujols dumped the single into shallow right field in the fifth inning against Mike Leake. It came on Pujols' sixth attempt after getting to 2,999 a day earlier.

Pujols received a standing ovation from the crowd at Safeco Field and was given the baseball and first base as a memento. His teammates all greeted him on the field before action resumed. The Angels won the game 5-0, and Pujols collected hit No. 3,001 in the ninth inning with a two-run single.

"I was really excited, but at the same time you still have a game you need to play and you still need to focus to win that game," Pujols said. "That's what I told those guys. Let's go win that game so it can taste a little better with a win."

The 38-year-old Pujols nearly got the mark in the first inning, but his hard liner was right at shortstop Jean Segura. Pujols walked on a 3-2 pitch leading off the fourth inning after fouling off four two-strike pitches.

Pujols joined Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Alex Rodriguez as the only players in baseball history with 3,000 hits and 600 homers. He's the first player to reach the mark since Adrian Beltre last year against Baltimore.

"I'm aware of the legacy and the people that I tie and am on the same page right now," Pujols said. "But at the end of the day it's about winning a championship. Nothing would be more special than in September and

October and playing in the playoffs and bringing a championship back to the city of Anaheim."

Pujols reached the precipice of the milestone earlier this week in Anaheim, getting two hits against Baltimore on Wednesday night — including his 620th career homer — before getting No. 2,999 on a second-inning double Thursday night.

He then came to the plate three times with the chance to hit the mark in front of his standing home crowd. But Pujols couldn't quite do it, eventually flying out to right and deflating his eager home fans in the eighth inning of the Angels' 12-3 win.

"Trust me I wanted to do it last night. But it didn't happen last night. It just happened tonight," Pujols said.

Ichiro Suzuki reached 3,000 hits in 2016 and also accomplished it on the road. He was in the Seattle clubhouse on Friday night when Pujols joined the club.

"More than the actual 3,000th hit, I remember the week prior," Suzuki said through a translator before Friday's game. "We were home for the whole week. I just had pinch-hitting opportunities. Every night was a pinch-hitting opportunity and that was really difficult. I was able to start on the last day of the road trip and getting it then."

Pujols became the second Dominican player to reach 3,000 hits by joining Beltre. With Suzuki stepping away this week for the remainder of the 2018 season, Beltre is the only active player with more hits than Pujols.

And it may be a while before another player joins the club. The next closest player to 3,000 is Miguel Cabrera, who is more than 300 hits away. After

Cabrera is Robinson Cano, nearly 600 hits away from the mark.

Few sluggers in baseball history have been more versatile than Pujols, who joins Aaron as the only players with 600 doubles and 600 homers among their 3,000 hits. He is seventh on baseball's career homers list after hitting his 600th last season.

Pujols, who was raised in Santo Domingo before moving to New York and Missouri as a teenager, is the sixth foreign-born player to get 3,000 hits along with Suzuki, Rod Carew, Rafael Palmeiro and Roberto Clemente, who also had exactly 3,000 hits.

A three-time NL MVP with the St. Louis Cardinals, Pujols joined the Angels in 2012. Carew and Pujols are the only players to record their 3,000th hit with the Angels.

Pujols is in the seventh season of the lavish 10-year, \$240 million contract that persuaded him to leave the Cardinals, with whom he won two World Series, earned nine All-Star selections and established himself as one of the greatest hitters of his generation.

Pujols has been chosen for just one All-Star team and has yet to win a playoff game in Anaheim during his first six seasons in partnership with two-time AL MVP Mike Trout, but these Angels are off to an encouraging 19-12 start.

While he has slowed on the basepaths during the Anaheim chapter of his career, this season also has been rejuvenating for Pujols, who is playing first base regularly after several years primarily serving as a designated hitter. Two-way Japanese sensation Shohei Ohtani's arrival as the Angels' primary DH has put Pujols in the field, where he remains a capable defender.

Kimbrel quickest to 300 saves after daughter's heart surgery

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Red Sox closer Craig Kimbrel missed much of spring training when he was back in Boston for his infant daughter's second heart surgery and her recovery.

Before the team departed last week for what matches their longest scheduled trip this season, and before he got his 300th career save quicker than anyone in MLB history, Kimbrel had 6-month-old Lydia Joy at Fenway Park.

"She was smiling," Red Sox manager Alex Cora said. "The way he's carrying her, it's unreal what he's doing."

Kimbrel got his 300th save Saturday night, about three weeks before his 30th birthday, in his 494th career game and 330th save opportunity.

After a perfect ninth to close out a 6-5 win at Texas, exactly eight years to the day after he first got called up to the majors, the hard-throwing righty was greeted in the clubhouse by extended applause from his teammates.

"They clapped for a long time. It was nice to have these guys behind me, to show their appreciation for me is really neat," Kimbrel said. "Everything I do every night is go out there and make sure what they do counts."

Cora described the reception for Kimbrel as emotional.

"We know what he's been going through for a long, long time, since spring training. This team got together around him, and there's a lot of good things happening and we're very proud of him," Cora said. "There's more positive things happening for him off the field than actually on the field, and he's been great on the field. That gives us a lot of energy."

Kimbrel has converted nine of 10 save chances and has a 1.23 ERA in his 15 appearances this season. He has allowed only seven hits and two runs in 14 2-3 innings, with 21 strikeouts and four walks.

Outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. said it was special sharing the moment with his teammate, especially after all Kimbrel has been through off the field.

"Obviously that's a whole lot more bigger than baseball," Bradley said. "So I think it's just amazing and a testament to how hard that he works, that he was able to still come back here and still compete at a very high level like we all know he can. That's special to watch him compete out there."

Hall of Fame closer Mariano Rivera got his 300th save in his 537th career appearance, while Joe Nathan got his in his 335th save opportunity and Francisco Rodriguez at age 31. Kimbrel surpassed all of them.

It was his 75th save with the Red Sox, who acquired the six-time All-Star in a trade from San Diego after the 2015 season. Kimbrel had 186 saves for the Braves in 2010-14 and 39 with the Padres during the season he got to spend around Trevor Hoffman, who along with Rivera are the only players with more than 600 career saves.

"I got to talk to him quite a bit, got to know him," Kimbrel said. "He's an awesome guy. I really enjoyed the time I got to spend with him out there."

Kimbrel is the 29th major league player with 300 career saves, and he leads that group by converting 91 percent of his saves, along with his 1.78 ERA, 14.72 strikeouts per nine innings and .155 batting average by opponents.

The only active pitcher with more saves is Minnesota's Fernando Rodney with 304. Rodney is 41 years old and playing his 16th season. But Kimbrel is only about halfway to Rivera (652 saves) and Hoffman (601).

"It's very impressive. The number in itself is impressive, but the number of years they were able to play the game and stay effective and keep that role, that says a lot," Kimbrel said. "Those are guys that as a baseball player growing up and now as a reliever, you look up to what they've done and how they did it, and it's very impressive."



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Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Craig Kimbrel is congratulated by teammates after the Red Sox defeated the Texas Rangers 6-5 Saturday in Arlington, Texas.

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Giuliani's media blitz defending Trump is off to rough start

WASHINGTON (AP)— President Donald Trump's new attorney, Rudy Giuliani, is off to a rough start in his media blitz defending Trump's stance toward the special counsel's Russian investigation and a \$130,000 porn star hush payment.

Giuliani's confounding and at times contradictory statements are said to have pleased Trump, exasperated White House aides and attorneys and worried the president's allies.

Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard law professor who has informally counseled the president, said Sunday that recent developments are aiding the efforts of special counsel Robert Mueller, who is investigating contacts between the Trump 2016 campaign and Russia, as well as possible obstruction of justice.

"It seems to me that the approach last week of the Trump team plays into the hands of Mueller's tactic to try, at any cost, to try to find technical violations against lower-ranking people so that they can be squeezed," said Dershowitz.

In an interview Sunday with ABC's "This Week," Giuliani dismissed as rumor his own statements about Trump's payment to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels, said he can't speak to whether the president lied to the American people when he denied knowledge of the silencing agreement and wouldn't rule out the president asserting his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination in the Russia investigation. Giuliani also couldn't say whether Trump's personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, had made similar payments to other women on the president's behalf.

Giuliani, a former federal prosecutor, said despite Trump's openness to sit down with Mueller in

the Russia investigation, he would strongly advise Trump against it.

"I'm going to walk him into a prosecution for perjury like Martha Stewart?" Giuliani asked, referring to the lifestyle maven convicted in 2004 of lying to investigators and obstruction in an insider trading case.

Giuliani couldn't guarantee that Trump wouldn't end up asserting his constitutional right to refuse to answer any questions that might incriminate him.

"How could I ever be confident of that?" Giuliani said.

During a 2016 campaign rally, Trump disparaged staffers of his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, for taking the Fifth Amendment during a congressional investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server as secretary of state.

"The mob takes the Fifth," Trump said. "If you're innocent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment?"

Giuliani also suggested that Trump wouldn't necessarily comply with a subpoena from Mueller, whose investigation Trump has repeatedly labeled a "witch hunt."

A subpoena fight would likely find its way to the Supreme Court, which has never firmly decided whether presidents can be compelled to speak under oath.

Giuliani, hired by Trump last month, said he's still learning the facts of the Mueller case and the details of Trump's knowledge of the payment to Daniels, who has alleged a sexual tryst with Trump in 2006. The \$130,000 payment was made by Cohen days before the 2016 election, raising questions of compliance with campaign finance and ethics laws.

When Trump was asked



Rudy Giuliani, an attorney for President Donald Trump, speaks at the Iran Freedom Convention for Human Rights and democracy at the Grand Hyatt, Saturday, May 5, 2018, in Washington.

last month aboard Air Force One if he knew about the payment to Daniels, he said no. Trump also said he didn't know why Cohen had made the payment or where he got the money.

Kellyanne Conway, a counselor to the president, said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union" that Trump meant that he didn't know about the payment at the time it was made, not at the time the question was asked.

Giuliani said last week that Trump had reimbursed Cohen for that payment and other unspecified items.

Giuliani said then that he first made Trump aware of the payment shortly after joining the case but now says he doesn't know when Trump found out about it. Giuliani told BuzzFeed

last week that Cohen had complained after the election about not being paid by Trump for his work in silencing Daniels and that Cohen and Trump then met to work out a \$35,000 monthly retainer.

Trump said Friday that Giuliani needed to "get his facts straight" but insisted they weren't changing their story. He has called Daniels' allegations of an affair "false and extortionist."

When asked Sunday whether Trump knew about the payment to Daniels after the campaign, Giuliani demurred.

"I can't prove that. I can just say it's rumor," Giuliani said.

Giuliani also said he wasn't sure whether Cohen had paid off any other women for Trump but indicated it was possible. "I

have no knowledge of that, but I would think if it was necessary, yes," Giuliani said.

Cohen no longer represents Trump, Giuliani said, adding that it would "be a conflict right now." Cohen faces a criminal investigation in New York, where FBI agents raided his home and office several weeks ago seeking records about the Daniels nondisclosure agreement and other matters.

Michael Avenatti, Daniels' attorney, said Sunday on "This Week" that he thinks it's "obvious ... to the American people that this is a cover-up, that they are making it up as they go along."

Legal experts have said the revelation that Trump reimbursed Cohen raises new questions, including whether the money rep-

resented repayment of an undisclosed loan or could be seen as reimbursement for a campaign expenditure. Either could be legally problematic.

Both Giuliani and Trump have insisted the payment to Daniels was not a campaign expense.

Giuliani maintained Sunday that the payment can't be considered an in-kind campaign contribution because there was another explanation for it.

"This was for another purpose, to protect him, to protect his family," he said. "It may have involved the campaign. Doesn't matter."

Giuliani said the financial arrangement with Cohen wasn't revealed on Trump's 2017 personal financial disclosure because "it isn't a liability, it's an expense."

CIA nominee offered to withdraw over interrogation program

WASHINGTON (AP)— Gina Haspel, President Donald Trump's nominee to lead the Central Intelligence Agency, offered to withdraw her nomination, two senior administration officials said Sunday, amid concerns that a debate over a harsh interrogation program would tarnish her reputation and that of the CIA.

White House aides on Friday sought out additional details about Haspel's involvement in the CIA's now-defunct program of detaining and brutally interrogating terror suspects after 9/11 as they prepared her for Wednesday's confirmation hearing. This is when she offered to withdraw, the officials said.

They said Haspel, who is the acting director of the CIA, was reassured that her nomination was still on track and will not withdraw. The officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations. The news was first reported Sunday by The Washington Post.

Haspel, who would be

the first woman to lead the CIA, is the first career operations officer to be nominated to lead the agency in decades. She served almost entirely undercover and much of her record is classified. Democrats say she should be disqualified because she was the chief of base at a covert detention site in Thailand where two terrorism suspects were subjected to waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning.

Haspel has told lawmakers in recent weeks that she would stand firm against any effort to restart the brutal detention and interrogation program, administration officials told The Associated Press on Friday. She is expected to reiterate that publicly this week.

Haspel, one official said, was wary of suffering the same fate as failed veterans affairs nominee Ronny Jackson and of dredging up the CIA's troubled past. She took over last month as the acting CIA director after the previous director, Mike Pompeo, was sworn in as secretary of state.

After her offer to withdraw, White House aides worked to reassure her that she had the president's support.

As with other nominations, this one hit a roadblock but is back on track, said a third administration official familiar with the effort to get her confirmed.

Haspel's conversations with senators continue ahead of Wednesday's confirmation hearing at the Senate Intelligence Committee and a later full vote in the Senate.

In addition, the CIA has sent materials to the Senate, some classified, that the lawmakers can read to better understand not only her work in the Counterterrorism Center, which oversaw the harsh interrogation program, but also other aspects of her 33-year career, including more than 30 years undercover.

She has received robust backing from former intelligence, diplomatic, military and national security officials, who praise her extensive intelligence career.



In this May 2, 2018, photo, CIA Director-nominee Gina Haspel attends the ceremonial swearing in for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the State Department in Washington. Haspel is telling senators that she would stand firm against restarting the spy agency's brutal interrogation program of terrorist suspects. Two administration officials said May 4 that Haspel is saying that if confirmed, she would be against resurrecting the program even though Trump has supported waterboarding and worse.

On the opposing side are groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, which says she should have stood up against the interrogation practices

then. Raj Shah, a White House spokesman, on Sunday called Haspel a highly qualified nominee. "Her nomination will not be de-

railed by partisan critics who side with the ACLU over the CIA on how to keep the American people safe," he said.

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Lava spewing from Hawaii volcano destroys dozens of homes

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — Hawaii's Kilauea volcano destroyed 26 homes and spewed lava hundreds of feet into the air, leaving evacuated residents unsure how long they might be displaced.

In revised figures Sunday, Hawaii County officials said another four unspecified structures were covered by lava.

Hawaii officials said the decimated homes were in the Leilani Estates subdivision, where molten rock, toxic gas and steam have been bursting through openings in the ground created by the volcano.

Some of the more than 1,700 residents who have been evacuated were allowed to briefly return to gather medicine, pets, and other necessities.

Officials say residents would be able to do so each day until further notice as authorities monitor which areas are safe.

Amber Makuakane Kane, 37, a teacher and single mother of two, said her three-bedroom house in Leilani Estates was destroyed by lava.

The dwelling was across from a fissure that opened Friday, when "there was some steam rising from all parts of the yard, but everything looked fine," Makuakane said.

On Saturday, she received alerts from her security system that motion sensors throughout the house had been triggered. She later confirmed that lava had covered her property.

Makuakane grew up in the area and lived in her house for nine years. Her parents also live in Leilani Estates.

"The volcano and the lava -- it's always been a part of my life," she said. "It's devastating ... but I've come to terms with it."

Lava has spread around 387,500 square feet (36,000 square meters) surrounding the most active fissure, though the rate of movement is slow. There was no indication when the lava might stop or how far it might spread.

"There's more magma in the system to be erupted. As long as that supply is there, the eruption will continue," U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist Wendy Stovall said.

Cherie McArthur wondered what would become of her macadamia nut farm in Lanipuna Gardens, another evacuated neighborhood near Leilani Estates. One of the year's first harvests had been planned for this weekend.

"If we lose our farm, we don't know where we're going to go. You lose your income and you lose your home at the same time," said McArthur, who's had the farm for about 20 years. "All you can do is pray and hope and try to get all the information you can."

About 250 people and 90 pets spent Saturday night at shelters, the American Red Cross said.

The number of lava-venting fissures in the neighborhood grew overnight from eight to as many as 10, Stovall said, though some have quieted at various points. Regard-



In this Saturday, May 5, 2018 photo, a new fissure erupts in Leilani Estates in Pahoa, Hawaii. Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano has destroyed homes and forced the evacuations of more than a thousand people.



This May 6, 2018 photo provided by the U.S. Geological Survey shows the lava lake at the summit of Kilauea near Pahoa, Hawaii. Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano has destroyed homes and forced the evacuations of more than a thousand people.

less, USGS scientists expect fissures to keep spewing.

The lava could eventually be channeled to one powerful vent while others go dormant, as has happened in some previous Hawaii eruptions, Stovall said.

Kilauea (pronounced kill-ah-WAY'-ah), one of the world's most active volcanoes, has been erupting continuously since

1983.

The USGS's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory issued a notice in mid-April that there were signs of pressure building in underground magma, and a new vent could form on the cone or along what's known as the East Rift Zone. Leilani Estates sits along the zone.

The crater floor began to collapse Monday, triggering earthquakes and

pushing lava into new underground chambers that carried it toward Leilani Estates and nearby communities. A magnitude-6.9 earthquake — Hawaii's largest in more than 40 years — hit the area Friday.

It set Michael McGuire's car rocking in his driveway, knocking things off his shelves and shattering glass in his cabinets near Leilani Estates.

He hoped to check on his home Sunday but realized it was too soon to be sure when, or if, it would be safe from the moving lava.

"I'm somewhat fatalistic: if it happens, it happens," he said. "And I'm enjoying life here, so you know, you put up with a lot of things here. This is one of them."

Noah and Laura Dawn own a retreat center about

3 miles downhill from the most active vents. They were clearing out items Sunday and relocating up the coast indefinitely.

"We're just removing all things of value to us and precious things because I have the feeling it could get real - real, real fast," Noah Dawn said.

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Russia's Putin sworn in for 4th term; vows economic reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Putin took the oath of office Monday for his fourth term as Russian president, promising to pursue an economic agenda that would boost living standards across the country.

In a ceremony in an ornate Kremlin hall in Moscow, Putin said improving Russia's economy following a recession partly linked to international sanctions would be a primary goal of his next six-year term.

"Now, we must use all existing possibilities, first of all for resolving internal urgent tasks of development, for economic and technological breakthroughs, for raising competitiveness in those spheres that determine the future," he told thousands of guests standing in the elaborate Andreevsky Hall of the Grand Kremlin Palace and two adjacent halls.

"A new quality of life, well-being, security and people's health — that's what's primary today," the 65-year-old leader said.

Although Putin has restored Russia's prominence on the world stage through military actions — including intervening in Syria's war to help President Bashar Assad — he has been criticized for inadequate efforts to diversify Russia's economy away from its dependence on oil and gas exports or develop the country's manufacturing sector.

Russia's economy was hit hard by low world oil prices and sanctions connected to Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea and military involvement in the separatist uprising in eastern Ukraine, with the ruble losing half its value between 2014 and 2016.

The country recorded an anemic improvement in 2017, with gross domestic product rising 1.5 percent and the ruble recovering some of its value. But



Vladimir Putin sits in his Kremlin cabinet prior his inauguration ceremony as new Russia's president in Moscow, Russia, on Monday, May 7, 2018. Putin won the six-year term in March elections where he tallied 77 percent of the vote.

the ruble dropped about 8 percent again last month in the wake of new U.S. sanctions.

"Russia should be modern and dynamic, it should be ready to accept the call of the times," he said.

In his speech, he made only brief reference to Russia's international role, saying "Russia is a strong, active, influential participant in international life. The security and defense capability of the country is reliably ensured. We will give these matters the necessary constant attention."

He acknowledged that

the challenges facing Russia were formidable "but we all remember well that, for more than 1,000 years of history, Russia has often faced epochs of turmoil and trials, and has always revived as a Phoenix, reached heights that others could not."

Putin held onto the presidency in March's election when he tallied 77 percent of the vote.

Putin has effectively been the leader of Russia for all of the 21st century. He stepped down from the presidency in 2008 because of term limits, but

was named prime minister and continued to steer the country until he returned as president in 2012.

He became acting president on New Year's Eve 1999 following the surprise resignation of Boris Yeltsin and was elected to his first four-year term in 2000.

The ceremony Monday was covered in assiduous detail on state television. It showed Putin working at his desk in his shirt sleeves, then donning a suit coat to begin a long walk through the corridors of the Kremlin's Senate

building, then boarding a limousine for a short drive to the Grand Kremlin Palace.

Thousands of guests stood in the three halls for the inauguration. One of the most prominent was former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who is now chairman of Russia's state oil company Rosneft and one of the most prominent Western voices arguing for an end to sanctions against Russia.

Schroeder stood with Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, and Putin prominently shook hands

with him after the speech.

Soon after the ceremony, Putin issued an order formally dissolving the Cabinet but nominated Medvedev to serve again as prime minister. The lower house of parliament is to vote on whether to approve him on Tuesday.

It wasn't clear when other ministerial posts would be decided or if significant ministers might be replaced.

Iranians say uncertainty over nuclear deal is bringing fear

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — On the streets of Tehran, every day seems to bring more worry and fear ahead of President Donald Trump's decision this week on whether to pull America out of the nuclear deal with Iran.

Exchange shop windows that once showed rates for Iranian rial to U.S. dollar transactions have gone blank, as black-market rates have skyrocketed to 70,000 rials to the dollar, far higher than the newly government-imposed rate of 42,000 for \$1.

Busy shopping districts that once saw newlyweds buying refrigerators and other major appliances now largely stand empty as people save their money. Some talk openly about leaving the country for anywhere else.

"All of us are thinking about the uncertain future ahead of us," said Mohammad Khaleghi, a 27-year-old appliance salesman on Tehran's Amin Hozour Street. "Everybody is doing that. Everybody is afraid of the future —

even myself. I do not know what is going to happen, if I can survive in this business or not. This situation concerns us all."

The sense of foreboding gripping the Iranian capital ahead of Trump's Saturday deadline to decide what to do about the deal is a far cry from the jubilant street celebrations that greeted the 2015 nuclear accord with world powers. Then, people spoke with hope about Iran slowly losing its pariah status with the West, cemented in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution and the hostage crisis at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Others praised President Hassan Rouhani, himself a cleric, and Iran's other relative moderates for lifting the crippling economic sanctions that choked Iran over its contested nuclear program.

Today though, few can point to any benefit of the atomic accord.

"We do not feel any particular impact especially in our economy or on our life," said Shadi Gholami,

a 25-year-old architect. "It is as if such a deal does not exist at all."

While the nuclear deal offered a salve in allowing Iran to sell crude oil and natural gas in the international market, the deal has not helped address its high unemployment, particularly among the youth in this country of 80 million people. Banks remain saddled with massive bad loans from the sanctions era. Government corruption also remains.

"Our economic problems have nothing to do with the deal or Trump. Our problem is that our officials just think of their own pocket," said Ladan Shiri, a 33-year-old sales manager at a private company. "If they really thought about the people and not just their own profits, our people would not have the troubles they have today. This is the main problem."

Ali Forouzi, a 33-year-old industrial engineer, agrees.

"It is not nice to always blame others such

as America and Trump for our troubles. I believe that the root of our problems is inside the country," Forouzi said. "If we are strong enough internally, nobody can hit us from the outside, but unfortunately our problems arise from the internal system. This includes the lack of good coordination between our government and other bodies, as well as within the people themselves."

Trump himself has been a divisive figure in Iran even apart from his long criticism of the nuclear deal. Though the United States is home to many Iranians, Trump included Iran in his travel bans, stopping families from getting visas to visit loved ones. Iranians also have criticized him for calling the Persian Gulf "the Arabian Gulf."

Trump's actions have been a boon to hard-liners within Iran's government, who point to them as a sign that America is the "Great Satan" of the post-revolution years.

"If Trump pulls out, it

will show very well to the world and to our own people how disloyal America is to its treaties and the truth will be revealed," Forouzi said. "It may even give a better picture of us internationally because we have been committed to our promises."

Seyed Reza Mousavi, a 58-year-old Shiite cleric, said the deal had "disarmed superpowers" and showed Iran's strength.

"We are not scared by Trump's decision and will resist and stand up to him without wavering," the cleric said. "Even if he pulls out of the deal we will not be harmed. We have chosen our path and it is the United States that will be harmed, not us, if he does it."

One way the U.S. could be harmed is in North Korea, said Alireza Yarmohammadi, the 52-year-old director of a health care and cosmetics company. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un may never take Trump seriously ahead of promised talks between the two leaders.

"It is not very easy for America to leave the deal because if it does, North Korea will not hold talks with it," Yarmohammadi said. "They will not reach a deal with a country that is disloyal to another accord which is only 2 years old. Besides, the next president may come and say that they do not accept a previously reached deal."

But closer to home, Iranians increasingly talk among themselves of trying to leave the country for a better life abroad. Western Europe remains a choice for those with ties there, while those with the money head visa-free to Armenia, Georgia and Serbia to buy citizenship.

"Oftentimes I think that if I want to live a better life I must emigrate from Iran," said Gholami, the architect. "This thought is always with me."

She added: "I wish here was a place where I could live in peace and quiet beside my friends and family. But sometimes things become so bitter that we have no choice."



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