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Teachers' union plans protest over insurance hike

By Rachel Christian Staff Writer

Educator-led walkouts and protest in states such as Arizona, West Virginia and Oklahoma have re-ignited debate over better pay and working conditions for public school teachers in America.

It's a battle Osceola County educators also continue to fight.

As another school year comes to a close, questions over proposed health insurance increase still loom for more than 6,600 district employees.

Teachers and support staff in Osceola County stand to see as

much as a 65 percent monthly premium increase if proposed changes go through.

Teacher protests are tentatively scheduled for May 31 along U.S. Highway 192, but Osceola County Education Association President Apryle Jackson said she doesn't know how successful it will be.

"The teachers are tired," Jackson said. "Many of them feel like it won't make a difference, and they're just tired of fighting it."

Only 13 states allow teachers to go on strike, and Florida is not one of them. Unlike their colleagues in Oklahoma or Arizona, educators

can lose their retirement plans and have their teaching certificates taken away for three years if they participate in a strike. Florida unions who organize strikes face a minimum \$20,000 fine.

Jackson said the purpose of OCEA is to act as an advocate for educators by providing legal guidance and a place at the bargaining table when salary and benefit are negotiated.

But unions, especially those in Florida, face an increasing number of obstacles, including a recent law signed by the governor in March.

HB 7055 - the massive education

bill that includes provisions for charter schools, scholarships and tax credits - also includes a measure that can revoke certification for a teachers' union if less than 50 percent of potential members pay dues.

Jackson said OCEA membership currently ranges between 53 and 59 percent, which worries her.

"Teachers need to have equal opportunities, equal representation," she said. "A union gives them a fair playing field where everyone has to follow the contract."

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AROUND TOWN

Making the grade



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On Friday, Michigan Avenue Elementary School had its first A Honor Roll Awards Celebration for all second to fifth grade students. This event was to honor and celebrate the students that maintained an A on the honor roll all school year. Students received a framed certificate and were congratulated by Dr. Jane Respass, assistant superintendent of elementary curriculum and instruction, and Osceola County School Board Chairman Ricky Booth.

State Rep. Soto: Florida 'extreme outlier' in voting rights restoration

By Charlie Reed For the News-Gazette

Kissimmee resident Naji Aalim is one of 1.5 million Floridians who can't vote because of a previous felony conviction.

Aalim finished serving his prison sentence for burglary a decade ago. Since then, he has twice applied and been denied his constitutional right to vote by the state of Florida.

"I did the time, I served my sentence, I paid my debt to society. Then I get out and I can't get my rights back," said Aalim.

The first time he applied, he said, state officials told him he hadn't been out of prison long enough. The second time, they told him he still needed to pay

restitution, which Aalim has disputed and even tried to pay, but to no avail.

Florida is one of only four states in the U.S. that permanently strips the right to vote from convicted felons. They can apply for their voting rights to be restored, but the process in Florida is tough and has become even more stringent in recent years under Gov. Rick Scott.

In March, a federal judge in Florida ordered Scott and the Cabinet to dismantle Florida's "fatally flawed" system of arbitrarily restoring voting rights to felons and to replace it. An appeals court, however, in April sided with Scott, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and two other Cabinet members



Darren Soto

who constitute the state's clemency board.

After taking office in 2011, Scott and Bondi played key roles in changing the process to effectively make it harder for felons to get their rights restored.

Under the current process, felons must wait

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Low water levels, sand bars cause issues on Lake Toho



FILE PHOTO

A couple of anglers fish on Lake Tohopekaliga in Kissimmee.

By Rachel Christian Staff Writer

Lack of rain in March and April sent water levels in Central Florida plummeting.

Downpours were in the forecast this week, but last week, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) announced plans to stop navigation out of the Lake Tohopekaliga lock because levels are so low.

According to a May 9 SFWMD news release, the Southport lock on the south shores of Lake Toho would close once downstream water levels fell to 48.5 feet above mean sea level.

The release also stated that SFWMD water managers would work to lessen the decline in Lake Kissimmee while maintaining enough flow to the Kissimmee River to

protect fish and aquatic organisms.

"However," the release stated, "reductions in flow from Lake Kissimmee will also result in declining water levels in the Kissimmee River."

SFWMD advised boaters to exercise caution in lakes, canals and the Kissimmee River.

Levels are currently at 49.5 feet, thanks to weekend downpours that showered the area with some much needed rain.

But Osceola County Natural Resources Manager Terry Torrens said the lock isn't in the clear yet.

"The rain definitely doesn't hurt, but things have been dry for a while," she said. "It's hard to tell just how much this recent rain will help."

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Two free early education programs available in Osceola County

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

A nonprofit in Osceola County is working to make early education more accessible to local low-income families.

Charlie Rodgers, chief executive officer of the Early Learning Coalition, went before Kissimmee city officials earlier this month to discuss two options available to young children and their parents.

Rodgers told the board he's worried that not enough families are aware of these free services.

"It's vitally important that we work

with these children and families to make sure they're given the right stimulation, so they're ready and prepared to be successful," he said.

The Osceola County Early Learning Coalition was created by Florida

statue in 1999. It is one of 30 learning coalitions in the state, and each receives funding and support from the Florida Department of Education.



The coalition currently serves more than 4,500 children. Its recently approved annual budget of nearly \$15 million allows the coalition to operate two major early learning programs - a voluntary pre-kindergarten (VPK) program and a school readiness program.

Once a child is accepted into either program, parents can choose from about 200 certified and accredited local child care providers. Parents can pick from private and faith-

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Representatives from OCEA declared impasse with the district's bargaining team last month over health insurance hikes.

The two groups are headed for a special magistrate trial May 31 where an uninvolved third party will hear evidence from both parties before deciding whether health premiums and other proposals should go into effect.

Ultimately though, the district makes the final call.

Many challenges teachers face aren't easily corrected by the school district, though, which stands to receive even less state funding this upcoming school year. Student disciplinary and work ethic issues, as well as countless hours of unpaid overtime and volunteering, are all part of the job, which is why Jackson said Osceola County teachers

should be better compensated for their work.

"It's not an easy job," she said. "You do it because you love the kids, but it's not an easy job."

School Board members and district officials face a difficult job as well.

Chief Financial Officer Sarah Graber said the district has tried to keep health insurance costs low for as long as possible. But, she acknowledged, the district can't plunge itself further into the red, either.

"You can't just not pay your bills," said Graber in reference to the district's current \$2.4 million health care trust fund debt.

She added that Osceola County is one of only three districts in Florida that still offers a free basic health insurance single employee plan.

But Graber admitted that even this could "absolutely" go away next year

as national health care costs continue to climb.

That makes it likely that insurance premiums will rise again next year as well, she said.

School Board President Ricky Booth said board members would continue to work on its health insurance program and design.

"The Florida education funding program is complex, and isn't always advantageous to Osceola County," he said. "But we're still going to explore the best options out there for our teachers."

Booth said it is also important to continue working with leaders at every level to help improve funding for education.

"We're not the only entity, private or public, with rising health care costs," he said. "These are tough decisions, but we don't control the health care market."



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POLICE NEWS

Osceola school teacher arrested for sexual battery

An Osceola County school teacher was arrested on Friday after she admitted to having a sexual relationship with a student.

Westside K-8 school teacher Miralys Agosto, 23, was arrested for two counts of sexual battery after telling Osceola County Sheriff's Office detectives that she had two sexual encounters with the 16-year-old victim.

On May 7, the victim, a seventh-grade ESE student at Westside K-8, said he was having a sexual relationship with his teacher, Agosto. The student reported two sexual encounters occurred

in the teacher's vehicle since April 26, according to a Sheriff's Office report.

On May 8, Agosto met with Sheriff's Office detectives and admitted to engaging in a sexual relationship with her student. She confirmed the two sexual encounters, the report stated. A warrant was obtained, and she was arrested on May 11.

Agosto resigned her position at the school on May 7.

Anyone with information regarding this case or any additional victims is asked to contact the Osceola County Sheriff's Office at



Agosto

407-348-2222 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS, where information leading to an arrest may be eligible for a \$1,000 reward.

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Another obstacle that remains for boaters and others navigating Osceola County waterways this month are sandbars.

Sandbars, or shoals, are naturally occurring accumulations of dirt and sand that rise near enough to the surface of a body of water that it creates a danger to navigation.

Several large shoals have formed in local waterways, including one at the mouth of Shingle Creek and Lake Toho and a massive one near the Southport lock of southern Lake Toho.

Torrens said that although shoals occur naturally, increased development could make them form faster.

"When you have more

development going on near the shores of a lake or creek, you have fewer trees and other vegetation holding on to lose dirt, sand and silt," she said. "So a lot of those materials are now swept into the water, where they can come together to form large shoals."

Torrens said unexpected flooding, like the kind following Hurricane Irma last year, can also impact how quickly shoals form.

Sandbars can have a major impact on navigating waterways. The shoal near the Southport lock, for example, is so large that only airboats and other vehicles with shallow draft can currently maneuver around it, Torrens said.

Removing these obstacles isn't cheap, though. The one near Shingle Creek and Lake Toho is estimated to cost \$900,000 over a three-year period to remove, and Torrens said her department is still waiting to hear back from the Army Corps of Engineers on how much it will cost to remove the sandbar near Southport lock.

Because the process is costly, the county relies on state and federal funding to get the work done.

"We have to prioritize these projects," Torrens said. "If boats can still navigate around them, they aren't high on the priority list the way this one is in south Lake Toho."

VOTING

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five to seven years after their sentences are complete to apply to have rights restored. After applications are filed, the process can take years to complete. Only about 8 percent of applications are eventually approved.

Still, a movement to automatically restore voting rights to Floridians with felony convictions amassed enough support - 1 million signatures of support from Florida voters - to get the issue on the November ballot. Amendment 4, if passed, would automatically restore voting rights to people with prior felony convictions upon completion of their sentences, including prison, parole, and probation. The proposed amendment specifically excludes those convicted of murder or felony sexual offenses.

Congressman Darren Soto (D-Kissimmee) last week hosted a town hall meeting in Haines City on the issue with Sen. Bill Nelson and fellow Congressman Cedric Richmond, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus from Louisiana.

"Florida is an extreme outlier when it comes to restoring voting rights, an extreme minority among the rest of the country,"

Soto said. "Many states do this automatically. It's only four states in the south that don't."

Florida's constitution automatically bars ex-felons from voting. The measure was adopted by the state Legislature following the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which ended segregation in public places and banned employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

It's considered one of the crowning legislative achievements of the civil rights movement.

"This was a discriminatory response to our country establishing equal rights and justice for communities of color. It harkens back to a darker time in Florida's history," Soto said.

"I think once people realize the context of this law - one that only four other states in the south have - they will see why we need to turn the page."

Florida's restoration system disproportionately affects African-Americans, who typically favor Democratic candidates. About one of five black people of voting age in Florida cannot vote.

For Aalim, who is black, getting the right to vote again has been frustrating,

but not more so than finding work and housing.

Aalim's income mostly comes from Social Security, and he rents his home from a fellow Muslim. He said the struggle to reintegrate back into society is so difficult for many that it leads them astray and eventually back into prison.

"It feels like the criminal justice system has its foot on your throat so you go back to prison. It doesn't matter if you've redeemed yourself and you're a positive person who wants to do something with your life, they want you back in. The system is set up for you to fail."

Aalim works with men just coming out of prison, and though he would like to establish a 501c-3 nonprofit to help in that effort, he said, "I can't do that either."

Aalim added that restoring prior felons voting rights would be a morale boost and could be a big help to open more doors for ex-convicts to transition into productive, law-abiding citizens.

"We're all human. We all make mistakes," he said. "But to take away someone's constitutional right to vote to punish them for something they've already paid for is not only unfair, it's unjust."

OSCEOLA COUNTY HISTORY

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The Church of St. Luke and St. Peter



Source: "In Giving, We Receive" by William Michael Grimmell, 1995

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Established in 1884, Narcoossee became a colony comprised of English immigrants. They began to meet for worship services regularly by 1887, sometimes gathering in homes; when weather was pleasant, they would meet outdoors. Soon, consideration was given to building an Episcopal church in Narcoossee and fundraising efforts began. Some funds for the completion of the church in 1897 did come from England, but the majority of money was raised locally.

Rumors circulated over the years claiming that the wood & furnishings were sent over from England. Records show the lumber for the construction of the church and the roof shakes (shingles) came from the Fell-Davidson sawmill in Narcoossee, the bell (from a factory in Ohio) was previously used at the Runnymede Hotel and the Gothic style church was designed by an Orlando architect.

Consecrated the Episcopal Church of St. Peter on February 9, 1898 by Bishop William Crane Gray, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Florida and the Rev. H.B. Stuart-Martin, it was a rustic brown church nestled among the pine trees. The steeple stood 72 feet (at that time, the tallest in the state) and was topped by a four foot white wooden cross. It could seat 50 people with the wainscoting stained dark and upholstered spring green and gold cushions on the dark brown cypress pews, all situated beneath vaulted ceilings and exposed hand carded beams. A wooden baptismal font was given by the Paul Clisby Brewer family in 1899 - "To the Glory of God in Loving Memory" and in 1910, the Cadman family donated a pulpit in memory of Colonel William Edwin Cadman.

The building served the congregation until 1920, then sat dormant and neglected until about 1930. St. Luke's in St. Cloud outgrew their building and a deal was made to move the little brown church from Narcoossee to 1007 Florida Avenue in St. Cloud. The two church structures would join as one and become The Church of St. Luke and St. Peter. A Rededication service was held on May 17, 1931.

The church made another move to Illinois Avenue and 10th Street in 1970, where it was joined with the old St. Thomas Aquinas



Catholic Church building. Modifications were made to the structures, along with treatment for termites, and many additional repairs were made over the ensuing years. On January 13, 1980, The Church of St. Luke and St. Peter was admitted to full parish status and on October 21st, Harry H. Leventis was installed as the first rector.

In 1987, the church congregation once again experienced growing pains and began a search for property where they could relocate and build a new church building. A children's day care agreed to lease the old buildings located on the corner of Illinois Ave. and 10th Street with the option to buy. The Church of St. Luke and St. Peter became a reality in 1990, on the Canoe Creek Road property they purchased. Kids Kastle Daycare Inc. is still in operation in the old church buildings on the corner of Illinois Avenue and 10th Street.

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AS I SEE IT

The dangers of debt

By Lee Hamilton

Politicians and commentators these days like to point to an array of threats to our constitutional system. There's one, though, that doesn't get nearly as much attention as it should: our national debt.

We may not yet be in imminent danger of fiscal collapse, but we're moving into uncharted waters. We are among the most indebted nations in the world, and it's only getting worse. Thanks to our new tax law, we're staring ahead at routine federal budget deficits north of \$1 trillion each year — compared to what now seems like a paltry \$665 billion in 2017.

As we look down the road to an aging population, rising entitlement costs, and skyrocketing interest payments, things promise to go from dismal to dire. In just five years, the head of the Congressional Budget Office warned a few weeks ago, we'll be spending more on interest payments on the debt than we do on our entire military. By 2028, we'll be closing in on \$1 trillion in interest payments alone each year.

We're running these deficits at a time of full employment, when the economy is doing well. This is exactly the wrong time to be pressing on the accelerator, because when the downturn comes — which, inevitably, it will — we won't have room to maneuver.

The more debt we accumulate, the more interest rates rise and the more our spending on debt serves to dampen economic growth. Small wonder that former Fed chair Janet Yellen told Congress

last year that rising debt "is the type of thing that should keep people awake at night."

The problem is not quite that nobody's talking about the debt in Washington. They are. But it's not a productive discussion — especially among the politicians who will need to roll up their sleeves and tackle it. They give lip service to debt and deficit reduction, but for the most part, each party is trying to blame the other.

This is not just a waste of time, it's counter-productive. Because a problem of this duration, severity and complexity is not going to be solved without a bipartisan approach.

Tackling deficits and the debt always takes a back seat to other priorities: tax cuts and spending increases of all kinds and descriptions. Politicians fall prey to the temptation of saying that economic growth will save us — whether it's spurred by tax cuts or spending increases. We've been fed this line for decades, and it hasn't worked out yet.

To be sure, carefully targeted tax cuts and spending on investments in the economy's underpinnings — infrastructure, say, or human development — can enhance economic growth. But we've had too much that was merely political fodder, and it's done more harm than good.

What do we do about all of this? "The time to repair the roof," John F. Kennedy once said, "is when the sun is shining." That's why it's time right now, while the sun is shining on the economy, to repair our fiscal problems. We need to restrain the growth of spending, especially in

entitlement programs. And we need to recognize that this most recent tax cut, with its fiscal stimulus and further explosion of debt, is exactly the wrong medicine.

Like a lot of problems, the longer we wait to act, the larger and more disruptive the eventual solution will need to be. We're probably in the most fiscally irresponsible period in recent American history. Debt is a major threat to our preeminence in the world, since it constrains our ability to steer the economy and react forcefully to unexpected events. How we deal with it will be a real test of our constitutional system and our political system.

Can Congress and the President act against the popular grain to cut spending and raise taxes in the public interest? Can we, as citizens, demand credible action by our political leaders even when it hits us in our pocketbooks?

What we need to do is no secret: we have to spend less and tax more. This is very hard to do. But the system is not self-correcting. Unless Americans demand action, we will continue down our current road until, at some point, the pavement ends and the wheels come off.

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SunRail 'Try the Train Tour' May 19

By Lisa Concepcion
Poinciana Writer

Poinciana SunRail Station: Try the Train Tour will be Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The location is 5025 South Rail Ave. The SunRail station is expected to open July 30.

► New Dimensions High School, 4900 Pleasant Hill Road, will host a summer basketball camp from June 4-8, from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This camp is for boys ages 12 to 17. The fee is \$120.

The camp fee includes a T-shirt, instruction and skill development, contests and competitions, scrimmages, breakfast and lunch.

For more information, contact coachnick@newdimensionshs.com.

► The next Physician Lecture Series at the Poinciana Branch Library will be today from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The topic will be Surgical Options for Diabetic Patients. Presented by Dr. Owen Kieran, credentialed General Surgeon at Poinciana

Medical Center. The discussion will also include symptoms, treatment options and lifestyle modifications for this condition.

On Saturday, a beginners origami class will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Origami comes from the Japanese word "oru" which means fold and "Kami" which means paper. Try your hand at this craft and you may find a new hobby. The Poinciana Branch Library is located at 101 N. Doverplum Ave.

► The Association of Poinciana Villages presents its second Adult Only Prom Saturday. 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.

► A community open house is planned for Tuesday, May 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Medical Specialty Group, suite 210, in the Medical Arts Building, 339 Cypress Parkway (adjacent to Poinciana Medical Center).

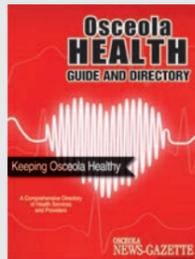
This is an opportunity to meet Medical Specialty Group's newest physician Urologist Dr. Prakash Maniam. Joining Dr. Maniam will be his fellow partners, General Surgeon Dr. Owen Kieran and Gastroenterologist Dr. Oral James. Complementary appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

► State Rep. John Cortes will be holding a town hall meeting Thursday May 24, between 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the New Dimension High School auditorium located across from Disney Wilderness Preserve, 4900 Old Pleasant Hill Road.

To read the entire column, go to www.aroundsceola.com.

CORRECTION

In the April 26 Osceola Health special section in the News-Gazette, the listing for the St. Cloud Regional Medical Center, 2906 17th St., St. Cloud, 407-892-2135, was listed under the Orthopedic category. The listing should have run under the Hospitals section.







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based child-care centers, private and public schools and licensed family child care homes.

The VPK program is free and available to every 4- and 5-year-old child in Osceola County. It's offered during both the summer and the school year. The school-year program includes 540 hours of instructional time and usually begins in August, while the summer program consists of 300 instructional hours.

To find out more about VPK, call 321-219-6300.

The school readiness program assists economically disadvantaged families with child care expenses. The program is subsidized

by the state, and allows the coalition to pay a portion of tuition costs for families who could not afford it otherwise. These services also include extended-day, extended-year, and school age care for children up to the age of eight years old.

The purpose is to give quality child care while parents are at work.

To learn more about program eligibility criteria, or to access child-care referral services, visit familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com.

Rodgers said both services are especially beneficial to low-income and working class parents who may think they can't afford an early education program.

He added that children who are developmentally behind are more likely to fail the state third-grade reading test and fall behind in school.

"Unfortunately, most of the inmates at the county jail have a fourth grade reading level," Rodgers said. "It's much less expensive to give them the bright start early on then to incarcerate them later on."

To engage local families, the Osceola ELC is hosting a free family STEM night Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. at Osceola Heritage Park. The coalition is partnering with Disney World and the Orlando Science Center for hands-on activities during the event.

POLICE

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Osceola bank robbery suspect sought

Kissimmee police detectives are looking for a bank robbery suspect.

On Friday at approximately 5:40 p.m. officers responded to the Wells Fargo Bank located at 1423 E. Osceola Parkway in Kissimmee in reference to a bank robbery. According to a Kissimmee police report, an unidentified man entered the bank and passed a note to a teller demanding money. No weapon was displayed or implied during the robbery. The suspect left the bank with an undisclosed amount of money. No one was injured during the incident.

The same suspect attempted a robbery in the Osceola County Sheriff's Office jurisdiction prior to the robbery in Kissimmee.

On Friday, just after 5 p.m., the suspect came into the Bank of America located at 2000 E. Osceola Parkway in Kissimmee. He passed a note to the clerk demanding



Bank robbery suspect

money, however, the fast thinking clerk was able to activate the bank's robbery protocols and notify the authorities, Sheriff's Office officials said. The male fled without obtaining any money.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect or the crime is urged to contact the Kissimmee Police Department's Major Crimes Unit at 407-846-3333, by email at seetitsayit@kissimmee.org or the Osceola County Sheriff's Office at 407-348-2222. Residents also can call Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477). Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous and can be eligible for cash rewards.

Orlando man arrested for 2017 hit and run

An Orlando man was arrested by the Florida Highway Patrol on Friday for a 2017 Osceola County hit and run incident.

Victor Fernandez, 59, of Orlando, was charged with leaving the scene of a fatal crash and driving without a driver's license causing death. Margarita Contreas, 58, of Boca Raton, was killed on Oct. 1, 2017 after she was hit on Orange Blossom Trail, south of Osceola Parkway, by a van driven by Fernandez.

According to a FHP report, Contreas had been involved in a crash with another vehicle at about 1:12 a.m. Both vehicles were moved into a parking lot. When Contreas thought she dropped her wallet in the roadway, she walked into the northbound lanes of the trail and into the path of the van.

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BACK ON THE GRIDIRON

Spring games kick off tonight at OHS, LHS

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

The seven spring football games being played tonight and tomorrow bring an end to the three-week spring workout session — and, formally, the 2017-18 athletic season.

Most teams will keep their offensive wrinkles off the play sheets this week, opting to work on fundamentals and technique against somebody, for a change, wearing a different color.

Summer weightlifting looms ahead of the August 17 Kickoff Classics in just 10 weeks, but tonight and tomorrow bring traditional football practice to a close — weather willing of course.

While all eight teams that will take the field in August — Tohopekaliga joins the ranks this fall — hope their seasons continue into the playoffs in November, only Osceola and Gateway can return.

The Kowboys, who fell 17-13 to eventual Class 9A state champ Dr. Phillips on a touchdown with less than 10 seconds left the last team we saw them on the field, will try for their 12th consecutive playoff appearance. It's been a busy spring on Thacker Avenue for a couple of reasons: Coach Doug Nichols has been narrowing down the candidates that will take over for departed seniors like quarterback Braxton Jones, running backs Jakobe Thomas, Malcolm Davidson and Da'Nas Pinellas and receiver Fillimore Wynter, who will play on Saturdays this year. Of Osceola's 47 offensive touchdowns from 2017, 38 graduated.

But there's still talent still running around the practice field, especially on defense, like end Mario Kendrick, linebacker



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

St. Cloud's Trace Clark goes airborne to try to deflect a pass in Friday's Maroon and Gold in-game scrimmage. The Bulldogs play their spring game at Lake Minneola tonight at 7 p.m.

Kiyante Harrison and cornerback Malachi Wilson.

"It's been busy, college coaches have been in and out this spring," Nichols said. "It's not like we have all new guys."

Osceola's spring game against Bishop Moore at Cowboy Field tonight at 7 (rescheduled from Friday at 7:30 p.m.) will go a ways to see who takes over for Jones in August. Nichols said rising junior Davon Wells and sophomore Nolin Eaddy are the top candidates.

Tayquan Pinellas and Dwayne McGee return to the Flexbone run attack they've had success in, and could be joined by newcomers Tamaious Williams and Jamon Coleman. The offensive line

returns four experienced blockers in Kalil Holly, Logan Owens, Sevan Martin and Delfin Castillo.

"We feel good about those guys coming back," Nichols said.

OHS graduated three off the defensive line, but also welcome back Kendrick, who has double-digit Division I offers for the 2019 signing class, Boris Espinosa and Dylan Ruiz.

Gateway can go to the playoffs for the third time in four years, and the climb there starts at Liberty tonight at 7. The Panthers offense return skill position starters — quarterback Maurice Adams, running backs Phillip Bangura and Tyrell Tyler and receiver Najee Freeman.

Coach Marlin Roberts' challenge this spring and summer will be to find young talent to fill defensive roles left by college signees Dennis Briggs and Jeremiya Messam on the defensive line, Kurt McDonald at linebacker and Triston Thomas in the secondary.

St. Cloud Coach Bryan Smart, who saw big hopes with a high-powered offense turn into a bummer of a 4-6 season, put his Bulldogs through an afternoon scrimmage of varsity-verses-JV Friday. They return Seth Johnson, who made plays in 2017 and again Friday out of the backfield and from the slot. Running back Ronnie Ramos also showed flashes of

what could be potential on Friday, as did receivers Colt Weismore and Garrett Preister, who are auditioning to replace Johnny Fritz, who signed with USF on Friday.

Quarterbacks Koron Perrin and Garrett King worked as Smart's replacement for the graduating Colt Smith, who threw for 1,900 yards, as they will tonight at Lake Minneola.

"We are trying hard, he's big shoes to fill," Smart said Friday. "Ronnie is going to surprise people. We're going to try a lot of things (tonight). We're looking forward to it, it's been a long offseason since we ended in October, way earlier than we wanted to, so we're excited to get back out there."

Harmony, under new coach Don Simon, went 6-4 in 2017 and narrowly missed the playoffs but will look to light up scoreboards near and far. Quarterback Nate Herstitch, who threw for 2,361 yards, a new school record and the most in Osceola County since E.J. White went for 2,719 in 2008, and 30 touchdowns, a new county record, will return, along with receivers Josh Hall and Caleb Bass, who caught 13 of them.

But Simon will have to replace four graduating linemen.

"Our O-line played very well and gave Nate time to sit back and look things over," he said. "We've got young guys in the system who will be able to pick this up."

With spring practice starting back in April, Simon said he was awaiting many returning starters to come from spring sports back to the practice field, so Thursday's game at Cypress Creek will likely have a short play call sheet and "be pretty vanilla," Simon said last week.

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Athletes, coaches honored at annual county banquet

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

The School District of Osceola County's seventh annual athletics banquet Monday saluted its local athletes, coaches and administrators, while also thanking those retiring from service to those same people.

In effect, it showed off the soul of the county's high school programs.

The event was held, as usual, at the Silver Spurs Arena under the direction of School District Athletics Coordinator Ryan Adams.

"It's a privilege to have everyone here to the recognize all of you for all you do in the offseason and regular season representing your schools," he said.

The guest speaker was Steve Landram, who came from Indiana in 1979 and coached football, track, basketball and whatever else was asked of him for at St. Cloud and Harmony high schools for parts of five decades.

"This banquet is a touch of class, the purpose of the evening, and the Silver Spurs do a tremendous job," he said.

Landram spoke about athletes he coached who "taught me more than I taught them" and who exemplified "being the best version of yourself."

He noted Chris Bollinger who became a state discus champ in 2011 despite not throwing at all until well into high school.

"He had moderate success as a junior, so I never dreamed of what he'd do as a senior,"

he said. "By midseason he was leading the state, and advanced through the district and regionals while I was a nervous wreck about what could go wrong."

Fast forward to the final round of throws of the state meet, when Bollinger held the lead.

"I'm going crazy. On the last throw, Charles Tidwell of Niceville throws three feet farther than Chris, and it was time to coach," he said. "I'd like to tell you I gave Chris some highly technical observation, but that didn't happen. The crowd from Niceville started taunting Chris, an egregious breach of etiquette in track. I told him, 'Recover and focus.' He winked at me and said, 'I got this, coach.' I go back to the viewing area kicking myself going, 'Is that all you got, Landram?' Chris cut loose a beautiful throw, way beyond Tidwell. He's state champion. At that moment, Chris was the best version of himself."

Months later, Landram said, Bollinger sat with his family at the hospital while Landram went through a lengthy operation. Landram also told a story about Kelly Smith, who 20 years ago played basketball at St. Cloud. A "program kid," she gave it all for the Bulldogs, and would give it again for the U.S. military when, on her fifth tour of duty in the Middle East, lost her left arm when a suicide bomber disguised as an interpreter detonated a device.

"I saw her months ago at Crabby Bill's and when I struggled for what to say, she



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/KEN JACKSON

Among the honorees at Monday's county athletic banquet from left: Male Athlete of the Year Malyke Hines, St. Cloud Athletic Director Eric Godfrey with the All-Sports Championship trophy, Athletic Director of the Year Corey Edwards from Liberty, Academic Student Athlete Signe Pederson, Mike Fields Distinguished Leadership Award winner Vonnie Kochensparger, Female Athlete of the Year Virginie Beljour.

said, 'It's all right coach, I was just doing my job, like I always do,'" he said. "They taught me another way of being the best version of yourself."

The county recognized former News-Gazette Sports Editor Rick Pedone and retiring St. Cloud High School public address voice George Garber with Lifetime Achievement Awards. The two retired in the past year with a combined 58 years of service to local athletes.

"I had the privilege of attending one of St. Cloud's basketball games and I heard him and had to find out who it was," Adams said.

Eight coaches, one from each of the county's large public high schools, were nominated for the M. Dean Cherry Coach of the Year Award, which this year was given to Celebration High competitive cheer coach Coach Christi Boone, who was

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Retiring voice of the Bulldogs George Garber honored by SC

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

St. Cloud held a football scrimmage Friday during the final two periods of the day, and hundreds of students bought a cheap ticket to hang out in the sun and watch.

Bulldogs Coach Bryan Smart said it was to give students a chance to see what their football team looked like after three weeks of spring practice. Up in the press box, it was a slightly different story, which had nothing to do with the air-conditioned room high atop Tom Gannarelli Field.

The Maroon and Gold Game gave P.A. announcer George Garber one last chance to call Bulldog football, and it gave the school a chance to thank and honor Garber, who is retiring from teaching at the end of the school year later this month, for 13 years of faithful service to the St. Cloud athletic program as the “Voice of the Bulldogs”.

During the scrimmage, the coaching staff paused the game, and the school



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Retiring St. Cloud public address announcer George Garber acknowledges the fans at the Bulldogs' intersquad football scrimmage Friday during a ceremony where the school announced the Tom Gannarelli Field press box will be named in his honor.

made a special presentation — the press box will be known going forward as the George Garber Press Box.

Garber, who has called Bulldog football, basketball and softball games, along with other events “when asked nicely” by other coaches — he was on the mike sending off groups at

the district golf tournament last fall — was self-deprecating (as usual) about the honor when he realized what was going on in-game.

“I always thought when I left, maybe they'd name a bathroom after me,” he joked. “The pleasure has been all mine.”

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SPRING BALL

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Celebration, 1-9 last year with a win over district foe Windermere, should improve this season in Coach Jay Sobke's second year with the Storm after he moved over from Harmony's staff. The Storm will play on Friday, hosting Colonial at 7 p.m. at John Bushey Stadium.

“We are looking forward to testing ourselves Friday against a good opponent that will allow us to evaluate our guys as we head into the summer,” Sobke said. “The players have been working hard all winter long and they are eager to see how far they have come and what other development areas where they can grow.”

The looks will be new for Poinciana and Liberty, who debut new coaches. The Eagles filled Ken Knapczyk's departure with Phillip Prior from the Tallahassee area, and former St. Cloud assistant Brandon Pennington is the new lead Charger after Doug Gabriel's one season there.

The Eagles have about 50 kids out, Prior said, and they've practiced with energy and physicality. The Eagles welcome Discovery High of Polk County on Friday at 7.

“We want to see that, see them playing fast and with effort,” the coach said. “We're going to use that tape a lot over the summer to see who knows their assignments. We've installed a base offense and defense, but we'll really be able to refine all that after Friday

going into the summer.”

Pennington leads the Chargers, who were 4-6 last year, into tonight's spring game against Gateway. He'll have use of quarterback Jaelen Ray, who threw for over 2,000 yards in his junior campaign.

He said this week the coaching staff has installed a new offense and defense, and they're “more than interested” in seeing how they look against a different opponent.

“We want to see what we've done with our installs. In practice when the offense calls a play, the defense already knows what it is,” Pennington said.

The Chargers will be auditioning running backs tonight and whether the run game will be by committee or have a feature back among seniors Donovan Johnson and Timon Naules, who will play defensive end as well, and sophomore Meechins Charles, who is more of a quick scat-back, Pennington said.

Tohopekaliga, coached by Anthony Davis, has had a number of underclass workout dates this spring.

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Colonial at Celebration, 7 p.m.

BANQUET

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not able to make the event. Boone led the Storm cheer team to the Class 2A large team non-tumbling state title. She was the school's Coach of the Year nominee in 2017 as well.

Also nominated were Gateway baseball coach Jim Moran, Harmony girls soccer coach Scott Marlega, Liberty softball coach Katherin Pennanen, New Dimensions girls weightlifting coach Zulma Arguelles, Osceola girls track and weightlifting coach Eric Pinellas, Poinciana girls soccer coach Jorge Molina and St. Cloud softball coach Ray Whobrey.

Also recognized were the School District's athletes of the year, both state champions from Osceola.

Virginie Beljour, the Class 2A 100-pound champion weightlifter and a state qualifier in track on the Kowgirls' 4x800 team, is the Female Athlete of the

Year. She also competed in cross country, carries a 3.4 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society, among her highlights.

She is sifting through a handful of track scholarship offers to find a school, she said.

"I really excited and grateful when I heard because there are a lot of really great athletes in this county," she said. "All the hard work I've done keeps paying off, and I'm really happy to represent Osceola this way."

Two-time 138-pound state wrestling champion Malyke Hines is the Male Athlete of the Year. A junior with a career high school record of 173-4 and is also a National High School Coaches Association national champ and ranked No. 10 in the nation in his weight class, Hines will go for a three-peat next year. The county debut its

Academic Student Athlete Awards. Both recipients are from Celebration High: girls basketball and flag football player Signe Peterson features a 4.36 weighted GPA in a schedule dotted with AP classes and is on her way to the University of Florida, and boys soccer, track and cross country runner Ayoub Mahdar carries a 4.678 GPA and is in CHS' International Baccalaureate Program.

The third Mike Fields Distinguished Leadership Award was presented to Gateway swimming and water polo coach Yvonne "Vonnie" Kochensparger.

Adams said that Kochenberger was an ideal recipient because of how she exemplifies Fields' commitment to community service, character and work ethic.

"She meets the needs of every student in every level of class she's taught,"

GHS Athletic Director Travis James wrote.

She also leader in the county's 4-H horsemanship program and the local Spay the Stray animal rescue group.

The Athletic Director of the Year is Liberty High's Corey Edwards.

St. Cloud, in a narrow victory over defending champion Harmony, won the Orange Belt Conference All-Sports championship, edging rival St. Cloud by four points. The Bulldogs won seven Orange Belt Conference titles and finished first or second in 11 of the 23 OBC competitions.

St. Cloud also earned the County Academic Achievement award, as its athletes combined for a cumulative 3,305 GPA. Celebration girls swimming team (3,829) and Gateway boys golf team (3,648) were recognized as the county's top team GPAs.



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GARBER

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At the annual Orange Belt Conference Athletic Awards banquet Monday, Osceola School District Athletic Director Ryan Adams presented Garber with a crystal microphone and a St. Cloud trophy helmet signed by all the Bulldogs coaches as a lifetime achievement trophy.

"We thank you for your service to our county and our athletes," Adams said.

Garber had the pleasure of calling many Bulldog athletic highlights. Early in his P.A. tenure, in 2008, the football team claimed a district championship

and playoff berth after consecutive losing seasons. (They returned to the playoffs in 2009). The softball team won a handful of district championships, and the girls basketball team, state champions in 1994, fell into a bit of a rut then rose back to prominence under his watch.

Due to physical ailments affecting him and his wife this year, he did not call softball this season. Those medical pitfalls were part of his reasoning for retiring from SCHS this year.

"It wasn't about the kids," he said. "It was just time. I've had a lot of fun."

SPORTS BRIEFS

► St. Cloud "We Dare To Care" golf tourney

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

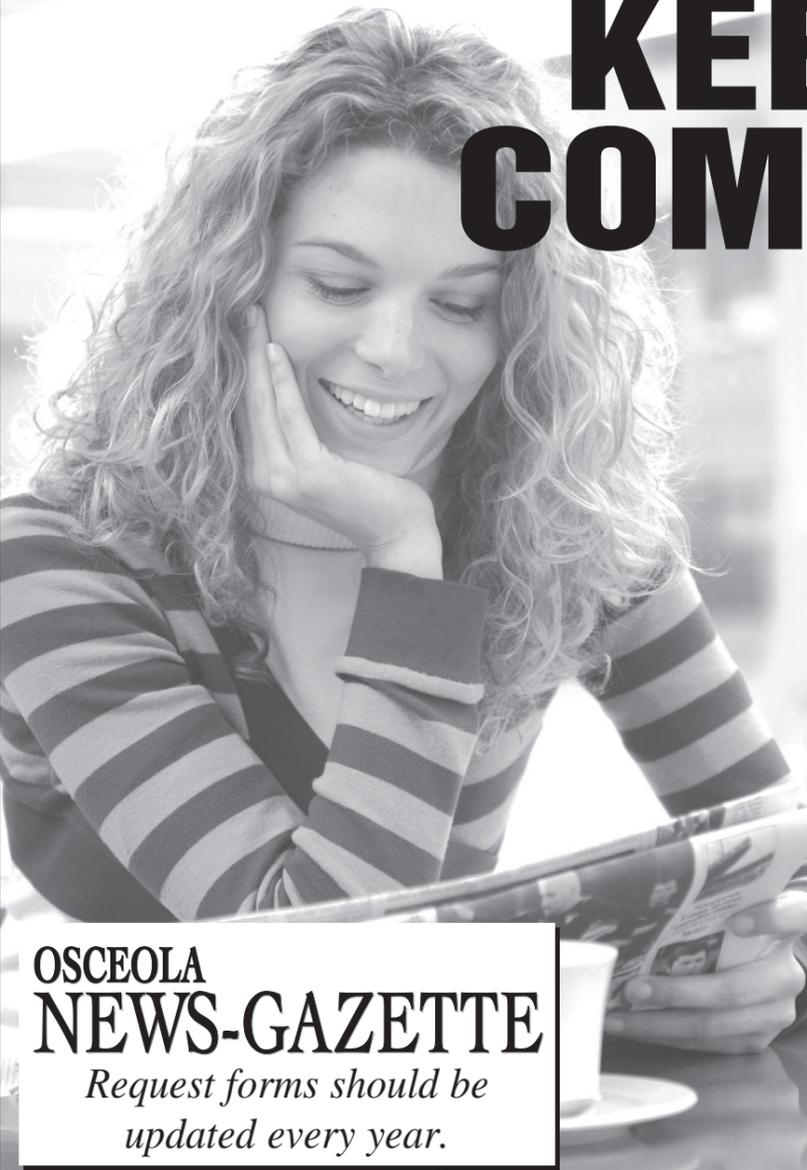
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The annual Top Gun Shooting Camp, at the St. Cloud High gym, is June 4-8 from 8 a.m.-noon for children in grades 4-12. Camp fee is \$100 and includes camp shirt, daily drinks and snacks. (Campers should bring their own water). For an additional \$40,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

► 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.kissimmeetparks.org.



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How to recognize signs of heat stroke in dogs



Summer is a great time of year for people and their pets to enjoy the great outdoors and soak up some sun. Just as men and women exercise caution by applying sunscreen and staying hydrated on hot summer days, dog owners must take steps to protect their four-legged friends when bringing them outdoors.

Heat stroke can pose a serious threat to dogs on hot days. Dog owners who routinely take their pets outdoors in summer must learn how to protect canines from heat stroke and how to recognize its symptoms.

What is heat stroke?

Dogs suffer from heat stroke when their body temperatures exceed 104 F and the built-in mechanisms they rely on to cool themselves – including panting – cease to function properly. But any temperature 103 F or above is considered abnormal. According to PetMD, heat stroke is a form of non-fever hyperthermia that can lead to multiple organ dysfunction.

Is heat stroke immediately evident?

Heat stroke can overwhelm dogs quickly, so dog owners should be especially diligent and watch their dogs closely when they are spending time outside on hot days. Dogs may first suffer from mild heat-related stress or moderate exhaustion before they begin experiencing the more severe symptoms of heat stroke, so dog owners should look for signs of stress or fatigue and bring their dogs inside immediately after noticing such symptoms. The consequences of heat stroke are severe, so dog owners should always err on the side of caution.

What are the symptoms of heat stroke?

Dogs that are overheating and potentially suffering from heat stroke may exhibit a number of symptoms. Such symptoms are typically easy to spot, but dog owners still must pay close attention to their four-legged friends during summertime walks or play sessions in the backyard. According to the American Kennel Club Canine Health Foundation, signs that a dog is overheating include:

- Panting followed by disorientation and fast, noisy breathing
- Collapsing or convulsing
- Bright red or blue gums
- Vomiting and diarrhea

Vomit and diarrhea connected to heat stroke may contain blood. In addition, the eyes of dogs suffering from heat stroke may be glazed-over and such dogs may be unresponsive to commands, or their replies to commands may be slower than usual.

Can heat stroke be prevented?

Though dogs can suffer heat stroke even on mild days, dog owners can take precautionary measures.

- Alter routines. Walking can be great exercise for dogs, but on hot days dog owners can walk their dogs when temperatures tend to be at their most mild, such as in the early morning hours or evenings when the sun is setting or has already set.
 - Limit play time. Dogs generate heat when playing and exercising, and their body temperatures may rise considerably on hot summer days. To reduce dogs' risk of heat stroke, limit play time on hot days.
 - Don't travel with dogs. Temperatures can be unbearable inside vehicles, so dog owners should not take their dogs along when running errands on hot days.
- Dog owners must be especially mindful of their dogs' behavior on hot days. Protecting dogs from extreme heat can safeguard them from heat stroke, which can be fatal.

Summer heat facts and safety

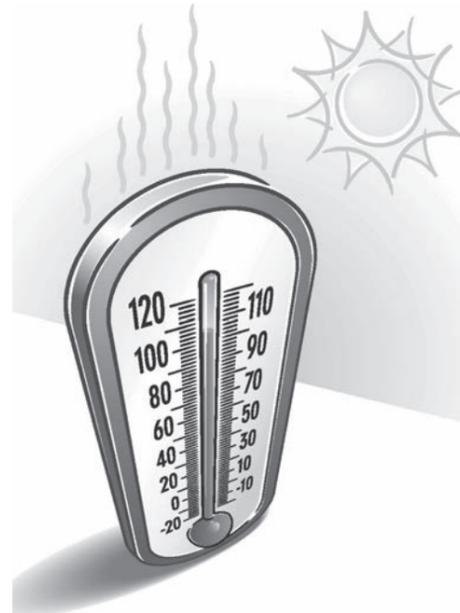
For many people, summertime is synonymous with trips to the beach, water sports and recreation.

Even though summer warmth is a welcome break from winter weather for many people, State Farm warns that heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related fatalities, resulting in hundreds of deaths each year in the United States alone. Ensuring summer recreation plans remain enjoyable means keeping an eye out for heat-related illnesses and other dangers.

▶ **Hot cars can be traps.** It is never safe to leave a pet, child, elderly person, or disabled individual locked in a car. Temperatures can climb rapidly inside of a sealed vehicle, even if the windows are cracked.

▶ **Pay attention.** Listen to or read weather forecasts to stay abreast of potential temperature changes as well as the heat index. Discuss safety precautions with members of the family and make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency.

▶ **Stock up on fluids.** The Red Cross says to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, even if you are not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine. Make sure the elderly also get plenty of water, as they often do not



recognize dehydration as readily as others.

▶ **Limit strenuous activities.** Reschedule outdoor activities if there is a heat wave, or move them to cooler times of the day. Spend the hottest portion of the day, usually between noon and 3 p.m., in the shade or inside in the air conditioning. People on job sites should take more frequent breaks and find shade whenever possible during these hours.

▶ **Change your clothes.** Loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing will help keep you cool. Avoid dark colors when spending time in the sun.

▶ **Recognize distress signals.** Heat stress, exhaustion and heat stroke progress as symptoms worsen. Nausea, weakness, elevated body temperature, clammy skin, confusion, and delirium are some of the symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

▶ **Find ways to stay cool.** Not everyone has air conditioning. On especially warm days, going to public places with air conditioning, such as libraries, can help. Be sure to check on the elderly or others who may have difficulty finding cool places to spend their day.

Days in the sun are meant to be fun, but hot days also require extreme caution.

Sunglasses buyers' guide

Blue skies and ample sunshine help makes summer special. Come summer, many people spend more time enjoying recreational pursuits and everything seems a bit more laid back.

Even though people may take a more relaxed attitude in summer, the National Eye Institute says people should wear sunglasses that block UV radiation whenever they head outdoors in daylight hours. This is essential for men, women and children. Sunglasses are necessary during the times of day when the sun's rays are at their strongest, but wearing them anytime the sun is out can protect one's vision.

Sunglasses present a great defense against UV rays that can cause short- and long-term eye damage, states the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Diseases such as cataracts, cancer and growths on the eye all can result from prolonged exposure to UV rays, which can damage the eye's surface tissues as well as the cornea and lens. Prolonged exposure to UV rays also may affect retinal cells.

When purchasing sunglasses to protect the eyes, consumers should consider these important factors.

▶ **Ultimate protection:** The American Optometric Association says that sunglasses should offer 100 percent protection against both UVA and UVB rays. Some glasses will simply list a numerical indicator. In such instances, sunglasses that offer protection against UV 400, which will encompass the wavelengths for both UVA and UVB rays, are best.

▶ **Buy from a reputable retailer.** Not all sunglasses live up to their claims. Sunglasses sold at doctors' offices, department stores and sunglass speciality shops often meet the standards for protection, advises The Vision Council, a trade organization for the optical industry.

▶ **Choose tint for activity.** Tint will not affect UV protection, but it can make certain activities more enjoyable. Darker lenses may help at the beach, where there is more reflective light. Orange or yellow lenses increase contrast while driving or fishing. On cloudy days, amber or rose lenses can help improve contrast. Customers should choose a tint that makes them feel comfortable.

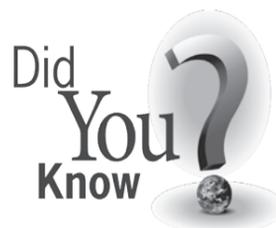
▶ **Polarized lenses help fight glare.** Polarized lenses and



those with anti-reflective coatings can alleviate glare. Such lenses work by only letting in specific amounts of light at certain angles, which helps to reduce the brightness of that light, says the Discovery Eye Foundation.

▶ **Go big.** Bigger frames or wrap-around designs can further block UV light from different angles, particularly the side of the eye.

Consumers should consider various factors when shopping for their next pair of sunglasses. For more eye safety tips for the summer, visit www.aao.org.



According to the American Cancer Society, melanoma skin cancer is less common than other types of skin cancer, though it is more likely to grow and spread. Melanoma begins in skin cells known as melanocytes. Melanocytes make melanin, a pigment that gives skin its tan or brown color and protects the skin from some of the harmful effects of the sun. The ACS notes that most melanoma cells still make melanin, and when that occurs the melanoma tumors are typically brown or black. When melanomas do not make melanin, the tumors may appear pink, tan or white. Melanomas can develop anywhere on the skin, but they are more likely to develop in certain areas depending on a person's gender. For men, melanomas are most likely to develop on the chest or trunk, while women who develop melanomas are most likely to get them on their legs.

THE GUIDE

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Celebrate SummerFest

Gaylord Palms offers annual family promotion



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Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center is kicking off summer vacation with its annual SummerFest. This promotion includes a package of amenities for the whole family to enjoy.

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center is inviting you to celebrate the sunshine this summer with the return of the resort's annual SummerFest promotion.

"We believe that our resort really offers the best of Florida all in one place for all families," said Gaylord Palms Director of Public Relations & Marketing Chris Brumbaugh. "There's so much to do poolside for all ages at our resort's guest-exclusive water park plus we have acres inside under glass to explore, complete with plants and wildlife, when you need a break from the sun!"

The fun will kick off on May 25, as guests can enjoy an incredible resort stay and all of Gaylord Palms' exclusive summer-themed activities through Aug. 12. There's a ton to do, and there's something for everyone. All activities are included in Gaylord Palms' SummerFest Package, unless otherwise noted.

Here's the breakdown:
Cypress Springs Water Park is the place to be on the sunniest of sunny days. Swim and splash through the on-site water park with DJ Sunny every day, at "The bubbly Celebrate the Summer Pool Party."

School's out for summer — it's time to celebrate in song. The School's Out for Summer Sing-A-Long Show invites kids of all ages to participate in a daily

poolside performance, out on the Cypress Springs Stage.

Take the party indoors and stop by Build-A-Bear Workshop on select days and weekends to build your own furry friend (for an additional cost). The workshop offers friends to be stuffed, dressed, accessorized and brought to life — all designed by you.

Grab your compass and get ready to take on the Florida Explorer Scavenger Hunt. Perfect for a sunny or rainy day, families will journey through the resort's enclosed, air-conditioned atrium, solving puzzles and finding clues along the way. Scavenger packages include a compass and activity book, available for purchase for \$6.99.

Brave families can face their fears and become part of a real Florida ghost story on the Swamp Witch Escape Ghost Tour. A tour guide will lead the path and tell the tale of Bessie Budd-Graham, the "swamp witch of Tallahassee." Entry to the tour is an additional cost, and the tour is not recommended for children under age 7.

And for the adults, Relache Spa is waiting for you. Relax and enjoy the Florida Explorer Escape services, new for summer. Treatments are offered only for a limited time during the SummerFest promotion. These treatments include The Everglades Detoxifying Mud Wrap and Massage Treatment (80 minutes), the St. Augustine Fountain of Youth Gold

Facial (50 minutes) and the Key West Sea Mist Pedicure (50 minutes). *Guests who book all three Florida Explorer Escape services will receive a 15 percent discount.

Everyone is invited to wind down at the end of the day with the SummerFest Atrium Light Show, a free presentation by bubbly.

Rates for the SummerFest Package start at \$214 per night (plus taxes and fees). The package includes two drink tumblers that offer unlimited soda refills throughout your stay, plus a \$25 resort credit per night.

The SummerFest Premium Package starts at \$245 per night, accommodating guests in an Emerald Bay Atrium room with a view of the SummerFest Atrium Light Show. The premium package also includes an exclusive family-friendly SummerFest welcome amenity (delivered to your room upon arrival), one Florida Explorer Scavenger Hunt book and compass, plus two tumblers with unlimited soda refills and a \$25 resort credit per night.

Gaylord Palms also offers exquisite dining locations, including Old Hickory Steakhouse, Villa de Flora, Moor and more. Reservations can be made in advance.

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OCSA COMPETES IN JAZZ COMPETITION RECEIVES HONORABLE MENTIONS AND RECOGNITION

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

The Osceola County School for the Arts (OCSA) recently competed in the 23rd Annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival at Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz and Lincoln Center in New York City.

The annual competition names the three top-placing high school jazz bands in the nation, from 15 competing bands made up of more than 300 students.

The top 15 high school jazz bands included: Agoura High School (Agoura Hills, CA), Ballard High School (Seattle, WA), Beloit Memorial High School

(Beloit, WI), Carroll Senior High School (Southlake, TX), Champaign Central High School (Champaign, IL), Dillard Center for the Arts (Fort Lauderdale, FL), Mountlake Terrace High School (Mountlake Terrace, WA), Newark Academy (Livingston, NJ), Newton South High School (Newton, MA), Osceola County School for the Arts (Kissimmee, FL), Roosevelt High School (Seattle, WA), Sun Prairie High School (Sun Prairie, WI), Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble (Raleigh, NC), Tucson Jazz Institute (Tucson, AZ) and William H. Hall High School (West Hartford, CT).

OCSA was recognized for its excellence in the Outstanding Trombone Section and Outstanding Trumpet Section. Kobe Conomon received an

honorable mention for drums, Eric Gonzalez received an honorable mention for outstanding trumpet and Chris McDole received an honorable mention for outstanding vocals.

"The administration, faculty, staff, and student body of Osceola County School for the Arts are beyond proud of the great accomplishments of Mr. Edwin Santiago and our Jazz Band A students," said OCSA Principal Chandra Evans. "The caliber of musicianship displayed by this group of young artists is a testament of their hard work and dedication to their craft. When they perform, they have the ability to project their passion and captivate audiences of all ages. I am one proud Principal!"

All winners and honorable mentions were selected by a panel of judges, comprised of distinguished jazz musicians.

In order to be part of this prestigious competition, OCSA and the other competitors had to submit several recordings of their musical talents. Nearly 100 high school jazz bands in North America enter the competition every year.

Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Program also includes non-competitive regional festivals around the country, teaching resources, a summer Band Director Academy and more. It serves as a cornerstone of Jazz at Lincoln Center's educational initiatives, and is known to be one of the most innovative jazz education events in the world.

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RIPLEY'S OFFERS DISCOUNT COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST COSPLAY

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Believe it or not, Ripley's is offering 20 percent off admission to guests who dress up in their favorite cosplay costume.

This promotion is open to guests of all ages, and will run MegaCon weekend — from Thursday, May 24, through Sunday, May 27.

"Ripley's Believe It or Not! is welcoming all MeganCon cosplayers to take the short trip down I-Drive from the Orange County Convention Center to Ripley's to experience the truly unbelievable," said Ripley's Orlando General Manager Paul Hoffine.

The odditorium features an array of exotic exhibits, not found in your average museum.

"We have 16 different themed galleries with something for everyone — from superhero statues made from car parts — to authentic tribal artifacts — and the world's smallest micro-sculptures that are so small they fit in the eye of a needle or on the head of a pin. To see these creations, you'll look through a microscope zooms in 400 times," Hoffine continued.

Founder Robert L. Ripley was known as a cartoonist, explorer, reporter, adventurer



PHOTO/RIPLEY'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT! ORLANDO

Ripley's Believe It or Not! Orlando will offer walk-in, cosplay-dressed guests 20 percent off admission May 24-27.

and collector. He traveled to 201 countries in 35 years. Nicknamed "The Modern Marco Polo," Ripley led an endless search for unbelievable stories to draw in his popular newspaper cartoon.

A well-known quote by Ripley, he said, throughout his travels "the strangest thing [he] saw was man." The Orlando Ripley's location is just one of many throughout the world.

In other Ripley's Believe It or Not! news, a new pop-gallery is opening today at Redefine Gallery, located in the heart of Downtown Orlando at the Historic CityArts Factory.

This exclusive pop-up gallery will feature art from "Odd is Art," including some

of the most impressive and fascinating Ripley pieces.

One of the pieces includes a 7-foot by 25-foot duct tape portrait of the Millennium Falcon crashing into Stonehenge.

"We just released a brand-new book title called Odd is Art that celebrates the oddest art in the Ripley's collection," said Ripley Entertainment PR Manager Suzanne Smagala-Potts. "We decided to bring the book to life with a pop-gallery that features art directly from the pages of the book."

The gallery will stay open through June 9.

For more information on Ripley's Believe It or Not! Orlando, visit www.Ripleys.com/Orlando.

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Get ready for a weekend full of the gooiest, slimiest and messiest hands-on-activities ever at Orlando Science Center. Mess Fest is growing this year with five different Mess Zones, featuring activities like paper marbling, alka rockets, slingshot splatter art and many more.

Check out some huge messy demonstrations

outside on the SunTrust Terrace*, then head over to the birthday rooms for black-lit Cosmic Mess and see black light experiment demos.

Top off your day with a run through the Messy Obstacle Course, weather permitting.

Mess Fest will be held Saturday, May 19, and Sunday, May 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Orlando Science Center: 777 E. Princeton St. in Orlando.

The events are included with general admission,

which is free for members, \$20.95 for adults, \$18.95 for students and seniors, \$14.95 for youth (ages 3-11), and free for children 2 and under. Admission includes access to all four floors of hands-on exhibits, giant-screen films in the Dr. Phillips CineDome, 3D films in the Digital Adventure Theater and live programming.

For more information on Orlando Science Center, call 407-514-2000 or visit www.osc.org.

RAY RUSH NOW OPEN AT AQUATICA

NEW FAMILY RAFT SLIDE MAKES BIG SPLASH ON OPENING DAY

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

The moment all Aquatica fans have been waiting for. Ray Rush is now officially open.

Guests of SeaWorld's water park have anxiously been watching the ride go through the building process, since construction began more than a year ago.

"We are excited to finally bring this attraction to the park," said Brian Andreleczyk, Aquatica Orlando's director of design and engineering, during a media preview of Ray Rush on Friday, May 11. "It's nothing like Aquatica has."

The family raft slide is an adventure suitable for the whole family, with a height requirement of only 42 inches and each raft accommodating two to four guests.

The ride stands at nearly 60 feet tall, with three unique elements.

First, you will take off as powerful water jets launch your raft from zero to fast in just seconds, propelling you into the first of several enclosed tube sections. You'll then take a twisting turn rocking back and forth

as you spin inside a giant translucent water sphere. Next, your raft will dive into the giant manta wings — the signature element of Ray Rush — as you swoop up and down this open-air half pipe on a different path each time.

"The combination of these three unique slide elements seamlessly blended into one attraction creates a ride experience that is both thrilling and family-friendly, it's the perfect addition to our slide portfolio," said David Heaton, Aquatica Orlando vice president in a press release. "The experience on Ray Rush will be unlike anything offered in Florida. Aquatica will be the first waterpark in the state to combine these three unique elements into one attraction."

"It was so fun," said water park fanatic Lexie Whitmire, speechless after being one of Ray Rush's first riders. "It was so fast, and it was really just so fun."

"My favorite part about the new ride is how much speed you get, and the fact that the family raft can hold up to four people," Whitmire continued. "[Ray



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/JENNIFER DIDOMENICO

SeaWorld Aquatica's newest attraction Ray Rush is now open. The addition to the water park is a family raft slide.

Rush] is a great addition to the park. It's the only water slide of its kind in Central Florida."

Ray Rush is the first new attraction to come to the park since 2014 — great timing, as the Orlando water park is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

The new slide is located on the north side of the park, next to Walkabout Waters. Its stair entrance is shared with the Walhalla Wave family raft slide, which was temporarily closed to accommodate the

construction of Ray Rush. Both rides are now open to the public, as of Saturday, May 12.

Access to the new ride is included in general water park admission. A selection of tickets are available including one-day tickets and annual passes to splash and play all year long.

For more information on tickets, park hours, Ray Rush, and all of Aquatica's other rides and slides, visit www.Aquatica.com/Orlando.

LEGGZ CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

DANCE ACADEMY TO HOST ANNUAL RECITAL SUNDAY, MAY 27

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Leggz Dance Academy is celebrating 30 years of business this year. The Kissimmee dance studio will celebrate the big anniversary in part with its annual recital that will be held at the end of this month.

The recital will feature a special alumni dance, welcoming back 30 of Leggz Dance Academy's past students. Plus, the Dad's Dance that began in 1994 with its Men in Tights performance will return this year with a new, surprise theme.

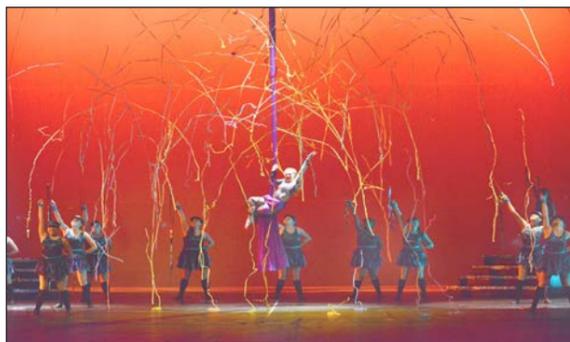
"It's been a lot of fun to plan and choreograph," said Leggz Dance Academy owner and instructor Lisa Drawneek. "We're really looking forward to the event."

Drawneek opened the studio after teaching classes at the old Poinciana Community Center, though she said teaching classes and opening her own studio was "never the plan."

She opened the studio's doors in 1988 with just 50 students. Only classes in ballet, tap and jazz were offered at that time.

"Our studio has grown year after year," said Drawneek. "When we first started out, I would bring my record player in for music. Our classes were held on the carpet and we used chairs as ballet bars. We would hold our tap classes in the kitchen, which was the only spot in the center with tile floors."

Leggz Dance Academy has grown tremendously and now teaches more



PHOTO/LEGGZ DANCE ACADEMY

Leggz Dance Academy hosts recitals annually.

than 500 students in a 4,500-square-foot, air-conditioned facility.

The studio offers classes in ballet (ages 6 to adult), pointe (ages 11 to adult), tap (ages 6 to adult), jazz (ages 6 to adult), modern (ages 9 to adult), tumbling, hip hop, lyrical (based on level, not age), salsa (ages 7 to adult) and Mexican folklorical dance (ages 9 to adult). Little Stars (ages 18-36 months), Creative Dance (ages 3-5) and Hippity Hop (ages 4-6) classes are available for children. Leggz Dance Academy believes the only competition a child should have is within themselves, and therefore doesn't offer competitive dance teams.

Former students have grown to dance professionally all over the world, for companies like Walt Disney World, Tokyo Disney, SeaWorld, Orlando Magic and more. The studio also teaches many second-generation students, of parents who were once members of the studio themselves.

"It's very exciting for me to see our second-generation students," said Drawneek.

Additionally, Leggz Dance Academy is the only dance school in Central Florida to be registered with England's Royal Academy of Dance (RAD)— the leading ballet organization, with 13,000 dancers in 79 countries. Leggz follows RAD's dress code and syllabus, and a RAD member flies in annually in the month of March to test the ballet students.

"I became certified in RAD in 1993," said Drawneek, who is one of only six certified RAD teachers in the state of Florida. "The program is wonderful, and it has a fabulous syllabus."

Everyone is welcome to attend the recital, that will be held on Sunday, May 27, at 5 p.m. at the Bob Carr Theater in Orlando. Tickets can be purchased online through the Bob Carr Theater at <https://tickets.drphillipscenter.org/syos/performance/6914>.

For more information on Leggz Dance Academy, including its 30th anniversary celebration, classes, scheduling, dress code and more, visit www.LeggzDanceAcademy.com.

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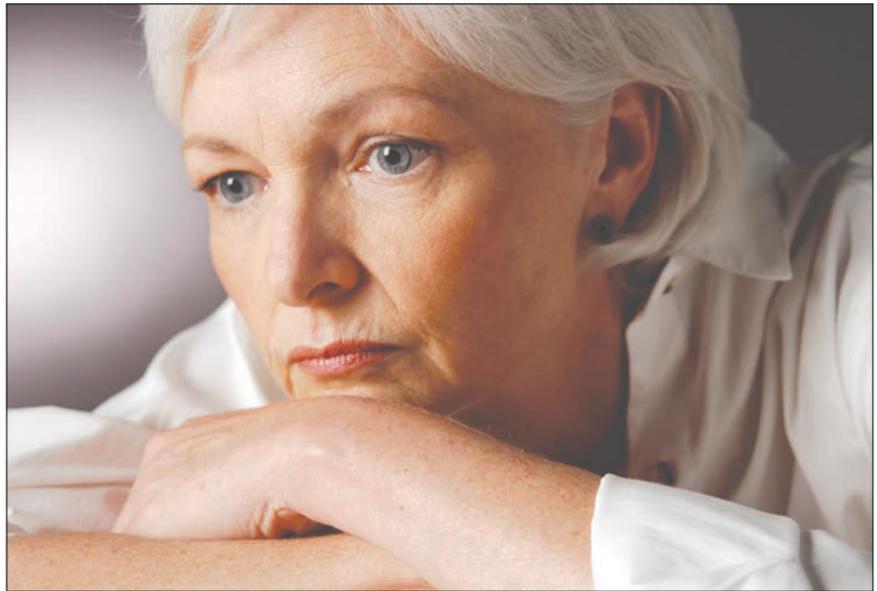
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- Joseph Chila, 76, of Champions Gate, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee; 407-847-3188.
- Evelyn Jean Rowley, 95, of Kissimmee, passed away Monday, May 14, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee.
- Leslie H. Brown, 84, of Kissimmee, passed away Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee; 407-847-3188.
- Dominic J. Mussori, Jr., 79, of Kissimmee, passed away Thursday, May 10, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee; 407-847-3188.
- Aurelio Carezudo Jr., 56, of Kissimmee, passed away Sunday, May 13, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Poinciana, is handling the arrangements. 407-931-4811.
- Stephen Kucik, 66, of St. Cloud, passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Brain-healthy habits to embrace



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Seniors can include healthy lifestyle habits, such as exercise and balanced eating, to reduce the risk of dementia and other neurological issues.

Cognitive decline is a condition that is often associated with aging, but even middle-aged people can experience memory loss or cognition issues.

The Alzheimer's Association says that more than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. By 2050, that number could rise to as high as 16 million people. More than 747,000 Canadians are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, says the Canadian Alzheimer's Association.

Although there is no definitive way to prevent dementia, living a long, vibrant life may be possible by encouraging some healthy habits for the brain. It is never too late or too early to begin health and lifestyle changes.

Exercise

Becoming more active can improve brain volume, reduce risk for dementia and improve thinking and memory skills. The journal Neurology found that older people who vigorously exercise performed better on cognitive tests than others of the same age, placing them at the equivalent of 10 years younger. Increased blood flow that occurs with physical activity may help generate new neurons in the hippocampus, an area of the brain involved with learning and memory.

The Harvard Medical School says aerobic exercise may help improve brain tissue by improving blood flow and reducing the chances of injury to the

brain from cholesterol buildup in blood vessels.

Quit smoking

The Alzheimer's Association indicates that evidence shows smoking increases the risk of cognitive decline. Smoking can impair blood flow to the brain and cause small strokes that may damage blood vessels.

Eat healthy foods

Foods that are good for the heart and blood vessels also are good for the brain. These include fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, fish-based proteins, unsaturated fats, and foods containing omega-3 fatty acids. Neurologists state that, while research on diet and cognitive

function is limited, diets, such as Mediterranean and Mediterranean-DASH (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension), may contribute to a lower risk of cognitive issues.

Consume caffeine

Caffeine may help boost memory performance and brain health. A Journal of Nutrition study found people ages 70 and older who consumed more caffeine scored better on tests of mental function than those who consumed less caffeine. Caffeine may help improve attention span, cognitive function and feelings of well-being. Information from Psychology Today also indicates caffeine may help in the storage of dopamine, which can reduce feelings of depression and anxiety. In addition, compounds in cocoa and coffee beans may improve vascular health and help repair cellular damage due to high antioxidant levels.

Work the brain

Engaging in mentally stimulating activities can create new brain connections and more backup circuits, states Dr. Joel Salinas, a neurologist at Harvard-affiliated Massachusetts General Hospital. Working the brain through puzzles, reading and participating in social situations can stimulate the release of brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF), a molecule essential for repairing brain cells and creating connections between them.

A good way to combine these lifestyle factors is to take an exercise class with friends, mixing the social, stimulation and exercise recommendations together.

Cognitive decline can come with aging, but through healthy habits, people can reduce their risk of memory loss and dementia.



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Highest ranking life expectancy rankings

Living a long, healthy life has been made possible thanks in part to modern medicine. But the factors behind longevity are more complex than just access to quality healthcare. Genetics, lifestyle and even where a person lives can all impact the length of a person's life.

Longevity is often studied so scientists can uncover the secrets to those who seem to have unlocked the fountain of youth. Certain areas of the world boast the longest life spans, and scientists study these areas for clues.

Overall, the following countries ranked high in average life expectancy. People interested in living longer may want to adopt some of their citizens' lifestyle habits to live long lives.

► **Monaco:** The second smallest country in the world boasts quite a high life expectancy, with people living an average of 89.7 years. Nearby France has the lowest obesity rates in the world, possibly helping people to live long, healthy lives.

► **Hong Kong:** This country off the coast of China has a high longevity rate with people living an average of 84 years.

Steamed food, engaging in Tai Chi and drinking tea may contribute to long life.

► **Japan:** In this Asian nation, people live 83.6 years on average. Again, a healthy diet rich in seafood and active lifestyles may be the secret.

► **Spain:** The Spanish dine on the famed Mediterranean Diet, which is rich in fresh vegetables, fish and healthy fats. Spaniards live on average 83.1 years.

► **Switzerland and Italy:** Low poverty levels make a good diet more readily available to much of the Swiss and Italian populations. Diverse topography that can push physical exertion also may help those in Switzerland and Italy live to 82.8 and 82.7 years, respectively.

The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency also tracks life expectancy rates for nations around the world. The United States does not crack the top 20. The CIA puts America at number 50 on its list, with people living an average of 78.4 years. The World Bank shows that Canadians fare better than Americans, with an average life span of 82.1 years.

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Weekly and Monthly Events

Tickets are on sale now for "My Dear Watson," an original Sherlock Holmes musical written by Orlando area composer Jami-Leigh Bartschi, presented by Valencia College Theater. The Central Florida original play set in the late 1800s explores the relationship between John Watson, Professor Moriarty and the iconic consulting detective Sherlock Holmes. It made its Off Broadway New York Musical Festival debut in 2017.

WHO Everyone is invited!
WHAT "My Dear Watson"
WHEN June 8, 9, 11, 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE Valencia East Campus' Black Box Theater
TICKETS \$15 for the general public, \$12 for Valencia students, staff and senior citizens



DAILY 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.*

FLORIDA MALL FOR AREA RESIDENTS
 Florida Mall has announced a new Florida Resident Program that brings new perks to residents including a complimentary savings passport, complimentary valet parking from 10 to 11 a.m. daily, A VIP tote bag and more. *For more information, go to the Simon Guest Services located in the Food Court.*

FOOD & WINE CLASSIC
 Tickets are on sale now for the Swan and Dolphin Food & Wine Classic, scheduled for Oct. 26-28. Overnight packages at the resort also are available. *For the latest information about the event, guests can call 1-800-227-1500 or visit SWANDOLPHINFOODANDWINE-CLASSIC.COM, LIKE WWW.FACE-BOOK.COM/SWANANDDOLPHIN*

HISTORY TRUNK
 Early Learning Coalition of Osceola County is offering the Early Learning History Trunk for rent, for free. The trunk is designed for pre-K classrooms to bring history and nature alive in exciting and interactive ways. For information contact Larissa@osceolahistory.org or visit OSCEOLAHISTORY.ORG/TRAVELING-TRUNKS-2/

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
 Fast Forward. Come see Orlando Ballet's award winning repertory favorites by Robert Hill and new works by Gonzalo Espinoza and Olivier Munoz accompanied by the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestras (FSYO). Fast Forward will feature Orlando Ballet's professional second company and pre-professional trainees. 7:30 p.m. \$15. *Bob Carr Theater, 401 W Livingston St., Orlando, FL 32801.*

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).*

BEER FEST
 Central Florida Top Brewer beer fest is back at Lake Concord Park. Tickets include a sample cup, sticker, program, and three bottle caps to vote for your favorite brews. Plus unlimited beer sampling. *Tickets available on Eventbrite.*

BOK GARDENS
 Free admission to Bok Gardens in honor of Armed Forces Day, for all retired and active military persons. Valid ID required for free entry.



MESS FEST
 Saturday-Sunday, May 19 & 20 Orlando Science Center is ending Messy Science Month with Mess Fest. Events are included in general OSC admission, and will run 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. *Call 407-514-2000 or visit OSC.ORG*

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.*

MEET-AND-GREET WITH PHYSICIAN
 Medical Speciality Group at Poinciana is hosting an upcoming meet-and-greet event to meet its newest physician, Urologist, Dr. Prakash Maniam. Complimentary appetizers and refreshments will be provided. *The event will run 5:50 to 7:30 p.m. at 339 Cypress Parkway, Suite 210. Please RSVP to 407-343-1825 or ruth.zayas@hcahealthcare.com.*

SUNDAY 05-28

BOK GARDENS
 Free admission to Bok Gardens in honor of Memorial Day, for all retired and active military persons. Valid ID required for free entry.

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 06-02

FAMILY SUMMER SATURDAYS
 Family Summer Saturdays at Maitland's Art & History Center, every other Saturday in June and July. On June 2, explore land art with urban eco-artists, and add your own lasting elements to the projects using concrete. You can also create handmade prints, using nature and earth for inspiration and impressions. *Families of all ages invited. 10 a.m. to noon.*

SATURDAY 06-09

PRIDEFEST KISSIMMEE
 City of Kissimmee and The Center Orlando will host PrideFest Kissimmee at Kissimmee Lakefront Park beginning at noon. This event that seeks to unite the community, will feature live music and entertainment, food trucks, a variety of vendors, the KUA Kids Zone, and advocacy and support organizations. *The event is free and open to the public.*

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. *For tickets visit BOKTOWERGARDENS.ORG*

SATURDAY 06-16

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

FAMILY SUMMER SATURDAYS
 Family Summer Saturdays at Maitland's Art & History Center, every other Saturday in June and July. On June 16, explore kinetic art, flying art and paint with air. *Families of all ages invited. 10 a.m. to noon.*

SATURDAY 06-23

BBQ AT THE HISTORIC NARCOOSSEE SCHOOLHOUSE
 5026 Yukon Street. BBQ meal (pulled chicken or pork sandwich and sides), \$8.00 per plate. Baked goods sold separately. Eat-in or carry-out available. Sponsored by the Narcoossee Area Chapter of the Osceola County Historical Society. *Contact by email info@narcoosseehistory.org or by phone 407-891-0010. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

FRIDAY 06-29

MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART
 The Mennello Museum of American Art presents the work of multi-media nKorean-American artist Jiha Moon in a solo exhibition, Jiha Moon: Double Welcome, Most Everyone's Mad Here. The exhibition will be on view from June 22 through August 12, 2018, with an Artist Talk and Opening Reception on June 29. *For more information, visit MENNELLOMUSEUM.ORG*

SATURDAY 06-30

R&B TUNES
 Colors Presents: R&B Only. The California-based event encourages attendees to talk, dance and enjoy company with one another, while listening to R&B tunes. *Tickets are available online or at the door, if the show has not sold out.*

ONGOING

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

BINGO
 Every Sunday at 4 p.m. at Fraternal Order of Eagles: 15 W. Darlington Avenue in Kissimmee. Three \$250 games. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

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

LIVE MUSIC, DANCE
 All welcome. *St. Cloud Community Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud; Saturdays 7 - 10 p.m.; 407-414-0655*

COUNTRY DANCE
 Saturday nights at the St. Cloud Community Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud, from 7 to 10 p.m. *There is a \$5 donation asked. Refreshments and snacks are available. All ages. For more information, call Marie Coamey at 407-414-0655.*

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.*

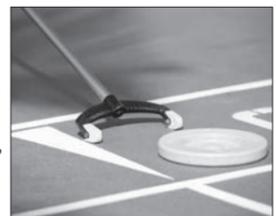
ELKS CLUB CRIBBAGE, KAROKE
 Kissimmee Elks Lodge, 1655 Kings Highway, Kissimmee. *Every Wednesday 5:30-9 p.m. Open to the public.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Osceola Council on Aging is actively recruiting volunteers for Meals on Wheels, but has other volunteer opportunities available. *For more information call Marie Blackford at 407-933-9532.*

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

SUNDAY 07-15

TORAH LEARNING
 Torah Learning, Congregation Beth Emeth at Hampton Inn Calypso Cay. *Please call the Rabbi to RSVP at 407-222-6393. All are welcome.*



BRAIN FOOD

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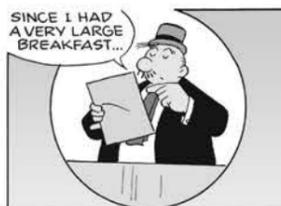
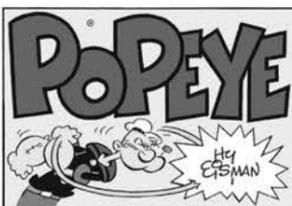
Amber Waves

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!

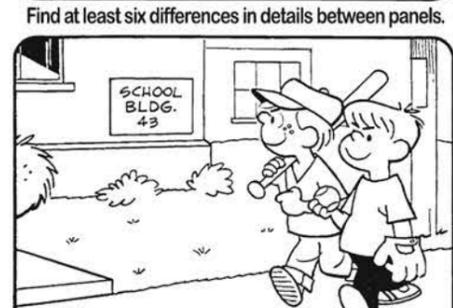
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TODAY'S WORD

"Now remember, your _____ is no reflection on your future with the company."

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Window is higher. 2. Sign is different. 3. Lawn light is missing. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Headset is missing. 6. Glove is different.

CryptoQuip

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

VGDP K PYZCKPTD BQZDC QDKAAM
GKQX BI KTTIRJAZCG CIRDBGZPU,
Z'X CKM GD'C JYBBZPU GZC JDCB
EIIB EIQVKQX.

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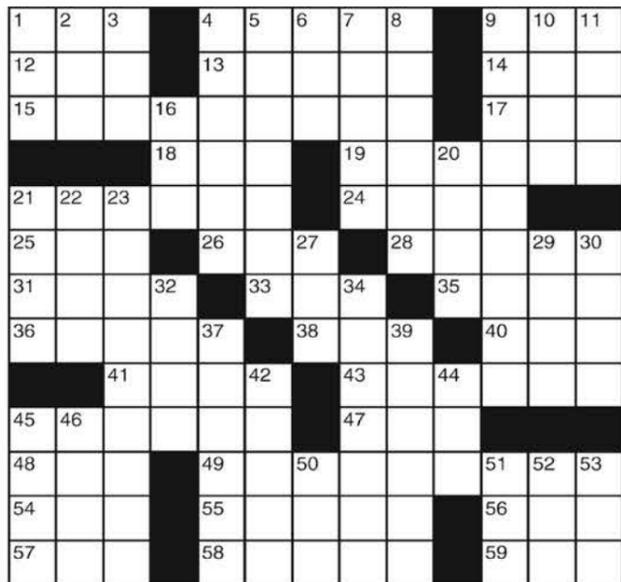
"You're in good shape—there's just too much of it!"

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Gorilla
- 4 Lathers
- 9 Justice Dept. div.
- 12 Felon's flight
- 13 Violinist's stroke
- 14 Young chap
- 15 Shift back and forth
- 17 Work with
- 18 Have a bug
- 19 Texas city
- 21 Suppress the sound
- 24 Landlord's due
- 25 Web address
- 26 Finish
- 28 Nephew's sister

- 31 Author Bellow
- 33 — -tac-toe
- 35 Pharma-ceutical
- 36 Spritlike
- 38 "Bow-wow!"
- 40 Historic period
- 41 Pedicurist's target
- 43 Got away from
- 45 Supernatural spirit of Islam (Var.)
- 47 Existed
- 48 Regret
- 49 Confuses
- 54 Where — at



- 55 " — Grows in Brooklyn"
- 56 Singer Sumac
- 57 Dog or cat, usually
- 58 Dilutes
- 59 Menagerie

- 9 Discomposed
- 10 Low voice
- 11 Concept
- 16 Half- (Starbucks option)
- 20 Oklahoma city
- 21 Clio or Erato
- 22 Caspian feeder
- 23 Most superficial
- 27 24 horas
- 29 Remedy
- 30 "Zounds!"
- 32 Friend of Dorothy
- 34 Guys with

- oars, maybe
- 37 Local, often
- 39 Fires
- 42 Cultivated land
- 44 Gls' entertainment org.
- 45 Faucet problem
- 46 Twine fiber
- 50 Spoon-bender Geller
- 51 End of the alphabet
- 52 Comedian Philips
- 53 — Paulo, Brazil

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- INVENTION: When was the nylon-bristle toothbrush invented?
- HISTORY: By what other name was the French military leader Joan of Arc known?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is the famous Hope Diamond?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Kansas?
- TELEVISION: What was the theme song to the 1970s cop show "Baretta"?
- BIBLE: Who are the only two angels to be directly named in the Bible?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the main mountain range where Mount Everest is located?
- MEDICAL: What area of the body is affected by bursitis?
- LANGUAGE: What is an elision?
- ENTERTAINERS: For what crime was actress Sophia Loren jailed in 1982?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8				7				3
1	9	5			7			
3			6			9	8	
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		4		8		6		
2			3		4			
9			8				4	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solution time: 21 mins.
Answers
King Crossword

Answers

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

- Answers
- 1938, by Dupont
 - The Maid of Orleans
 - Blue
 - Topeka
 - "Keep Your Eye on the Sparrow"
 - Michael and Gabriel
 - The Himalayas
 - The joints
 9. Tax evasion
 10. Tax evasion

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

1. Unkind; 2. Defend; 3. Cover; 4. Inform

Today's Word

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CryptoQuip
When a nuisance tries really hard to accomplish something, I'd say he's putting his best foot forward.

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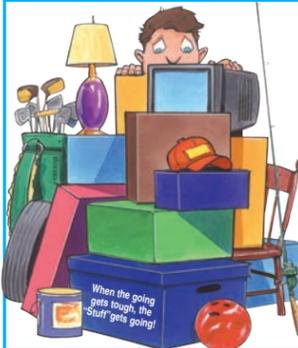
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Case #: 2017-CA-000884 MF
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, Plaintiff,
vs.
PHILEEN A. HUDSON, A/K/A PHILEEN HUDSON; et. al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
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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 your 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 demand in the complaint.

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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 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.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 20th day of April 2018.
ARMANDO RAMIREZ
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ SN
As Deputy Clerk

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
Telephone: (954) 644-8704
Telefacsimile: (954) 772-9601
Our File #: 17-12007
May 10, 17, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE # 1322144

Notice is hereby given of the intention to apply to the 2019 Regular Session or subsequent sessions held in 2019 of the Florida Legislature for passage of an act for the relief of Kareem

Hawari providing an appropriation (\$3,500,000) to compensate him for his bodily injury (including traumatic brain injury) arising out of negligent supervision on March 5, 2010, which occurred when Mr. Hawari was participating in a wrestling match at Harmony Community School, a school of the School District of Osceola County, and providing an effective date.

Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esq. of Morgan and Morgan, P.A., 20 North Ave., 16th Floor, P.O. Box 4979, Orlando, FL 32802-4979
Telephone: (407) 420-1414
Facsimile: (407) 245-3486
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Florida Bar No.: 947652
May 17, 24, 31, 2018
June 7, 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 SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-AC2 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 Suite 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.

IMPORTANT AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance.

Please contact Court Administration at Two Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742-2417 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; (describe notice); if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service.

DATED this 4th day of May 2018.
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ & SCHNEID, P.L.L.C.
Attorney for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901
Facsimile: 561-997-6909
Service Email:
mail@rasflaw.com
By: /s/ Thomas Joseph THOMAS JOSEPH, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 123350
Communication Email:
tjoseph@rasflaw.com
16-029948-DeT
May 10, 17, 2018

NOTICE OF FOUND PROPERTY

This property, to wit: Found property consisting of: **2 guns, cash, iphone, laptop and GPS ankle monitor.**
These items are located at the Kissimmee Police Department. If the above property is not claimed within two weeks, it will be disposed of in accordance to F.S.S. # 705. The owner will be liable for costs of newspaper ad and publication. Any questions should be directed to KPD Evidence Department (407) 518-2460.
May 10, 17, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case #: 2016-CA-002979 MF
 VILLAGE GREEN TOWNHOUSE AT ST. CLOUD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC., a Florida non-profit Corporation,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 JANET MARANVILLE, et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 3, 2018, entered in Case No. 2016-CA-002979 MF in the Circuit Court in and for Osceola County, Florida wherein VILLAGE GREEN TOWNHOUSE AT ST. CLOUD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., is Plaintiff, and JANET MARANVILLE, et al, is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on: JUNE 21, 2018, conducted in SUITE 2600/ ROOM # 2602 OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 2 COURT- HOUSE SQUARE at 11:00 A.M. after first given notice as required by Section 45.031, Florida Statutes, the following described real property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit: **LOT 30, VILLAGE GREEN TOWNHOUSES ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 135 AND AFFIDAVIT CORRECTING PLAT RECORDED IN OR BOOK 1711, PAGE 2328 BOTH OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

More commonly known as: **3406 VILLAGE GREEN CT, SAINT CLOUD, FL 34772.** ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. Telephone: (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771.

DATED: May 10, 2018, FLORIDA COMMUNITY LAW GROUP, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff 1855 Griffin Road, Suite A-423 Dania Beach, FL 33004 Tel: (954) 372-5298 Fax: (866) 424-5348 Email: jared@flcg.com By: /s/ Jared Block Jared Block, Esq. Florida Bar No. 90297 May 17, 24, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case No.: 2009-CA-008732
 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).

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, is the Plaintiff and SHAMIROON KHALIL, NAZEER KHALIL, et al., are the Defendants, the Office of Armando Ramirez, Osceola County Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Room 2602, Kissimmee, Florida at 11:00 A.M. on the 19th day of JULY, 2018 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 87, OF MALLARD BOND PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE(S) 127 THROUGH 131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.

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 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 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2018-CP-000240 PR
 Division: Probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **Mark A. Small**, deceased, whose date of death was February 26, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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. The date of first publication of this notice is: May 17, 2018.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Tricia Small
 Tricia Ruth Glatt Small
 4705 Lake Shore Drive
 Saint Cloud, FL 34772
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jeff Ray
 Jeffery R. Ray
 Attorney
 Florida Bar Number: 99622
 Ray Law, P.A.
 4309 Neptune Road
 Saint Cloud, FL 34769
 Telephone: (407) 556-3994
 Fax: (407) 556-3997
 E-Mail: jeff@raylawpa.com
 Secondary E-Mail: admin@raylawpa.com
 May 17, 24, 2018

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 WITH THE CLERK NO LATER THAN 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 described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. Dated this 10th day of May 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 representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatu- red, contingent, or 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 unmatu- red, contingent, or 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. 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case #: 2018-CA-000740 MF
 NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 CARMEN Y. ROSADO; LUIS OMAR DEL VALLE-ROSADO; WATERWAY VILLAGE ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CARMEN Y. ROSADO; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LUIS OMAR DEL VALLE-ROSADO;
 UNKNOWN TENANT # 1; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2,
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

Luis Omar Del Valle-Rosado Residence Unknown
 Unknown Spouse of Luis Omar Del Valle-Rosado Residence Unknown
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Osceola County, Florida: **LOT 4124, BLOCK 21, WATERWAY VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 111, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

Street Address: 4124 CORSAIR AVENUE, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741 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 20, 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 Notice of Sale; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF SAID COURT
 By: /s/ SN
 As Deputy Clerk
 McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
 By: /s/ Brandon K. Mullis
 BRANDON K. MULLIS, ESQ.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 E-Mail: Service@MankinLaw-Group.com
 2535 Landmark Drive,
 Suite 212
 Clearwater, FL 33761
 (727) 725-0559
 FBN: 23217
 May 10, 17, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROBATE DIVISION
 File No. 2018-CP-000051
 Division: PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF SANDRA DRESCHER REID, A/K/A SANDRA D. REID, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of SANDRA DRESCHER REID, deceased, whose date of death was December 3, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
 Case #: 2018-CA-000252 MF
 FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 MICHAEL RIFFICE, A/K/A MICHAEL A. RIFFICE; et al,
 Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1 1009 SIENA PARK BLVD E CELEBRATION, FL 34747
 UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2 1009 SIENA PARK BLVD E CELEBRATION, FL 34747

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in Osceola County, Florida: **CONDOMINIUM UNIT NO. 18-1009, SIENA AT CELEBRATION CONDOMINIUM B, A CONDOMINIUM, ACCORDING TO THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM THEREOF AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2695, PAGE 2083, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA; TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED SHARE IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS APPURTENANT THERETO.**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **SHD Legal Group P.A.**, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is P.O. BOX 19519, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33318, (954) 564-0071, answers@shdlegal-group.com, on or before JUNE 20, 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 25th day of April 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF SAID COURT
 By: /s/ SN
 As Deputy Clerk
 McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC
 By: /s/ Brandon K. Mullis
 BRANDON K. MULLIS, ESQ.
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 E-Mail: Service@MankinLaw-Group.com
 2535 Landmark Drive,
 Suite 212
 Clearwater, FL 33761
 (727) 725-0559
 FBN: 23217
 May 10, 17, 2018

original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorneys or immediately thereafter; 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 this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. Telephone: (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. DATED on this 30th day of April 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ As CLERK OF THE COURT
 By: /s/ S.N.
 As Deputy Clerk
 1440-167655/HAW
 May 17, 24, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
 File #: 2018-CP-0000297 PR
 Division: _____
 IN RE: ESTATE OF HARRIET LARKIN WILSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **Harriet Larkin Wilson**, deceased, whose date of death was February 7, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 100 Church Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 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. The date of first publication of this notice is: May 17, 2018.

Personal Representative:
 /s/ Linda S. Ryder
 LINDA S. RYDER
 1709 St. Tropez Ct.
 Kissimmee, Florida 34744
Attorney for Personal Representative:
 /s/ Jennifer R. Bondy
 Jennifer R. Bondy
 Attorney
 Florida Bar Number: 105461
 100 Church Street
 Kissimmee, Florida 34741
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 tlebron@kisslawyer.com
 May 17, 24, 2018

Florida Bar Number: 105461
 100 Church Street
 Kissimmee, Florida 34741
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 jbondy@kisslawyer.com
 Secondary E-Mail:
 tlebron@kisslawyer.com
 May 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE OF SALE

JOE'S AUTO SERVICE CENTER INC., 1123 13th STREET, ST CLOUD, FL 34769
Towed-04/13/2018
Year-2017
Make-NISSAN
VIN: 5N1AZ2MGXHN153525
Date of Sale-06/04/2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location of Sale: Joe's Auto Service Center Inc., 1123 13th Street, St. Cloud, FL. 34769
 May 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: **DATS LIFE CUSTOM** located at: 651 Elderwood Court, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34743, 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:
 ALVIN CODNER
 DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida on this 9th day of May, 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/RW ORLANDO VINELAND RD AND PT ON NON-TAN CURVE, CONC NELLY, 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 SALE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83-806 AND 83-807; ITEMS MAY INCLUDE KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BEDDING, TOYS, GAMES, PACKED CARTON, FURNITURE, TOOLS, TRUCKS, CARS ETC. THERE'S NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT THE LIEN SALE. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. Lien sale to be held online ending **Wednesday, May 30, 2018**, at the times indicated below. Viewing and bidding will only be available online at www.storageassets.com, beginning at least 5 days prior to the scheduled sale date and time.
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE ST. CLOUD - 350 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE, ST. CLOUD, FL 34769 AT 10:00 AM: 1132 Alisha E. Young; 1053 Patricia M. Johnston; 510 Jason N. Wheat; 431 Marguerita M. Anderson
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE CANOE CREEK - 3690 OLD CANOE CREEK ROAD, ST. CLOUD, FL 34769 AT 10:15 AM: 047 Tracey Scott; 452 Texo Salgado Galan; 1407 Texo Salgado Galan
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE BROADVIEW - 2581 BROADVIEW DRIVE KISSIMMEE, FL 34744 AT 10:30 AM: 221 Gerald Dean Ochoa; 567 Alex Fernando Pacheco Arroyo; 721 Nahomie Erlin Carrion Arqueles; 851 Michael Soto Vega
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE KISSIMMEE - 1404 E. VINE STREET KISSIMMEE FL 34744 AT 11:00 AM: 014 MANUEL ANIBAL LEON CINTRON, 017 LUIS ANTONIO FIGUEROA MOLINA, 076 LILLIAM AGOSTO RODRIGUEZ, 084 MARY LAGUER BONILLA, 098 GLADENIA MAXIMARIE RODRIGUEZ, 149 JOSE MANUEL RAMOS, 214 LUIS FLORES HERNANDEZ
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE DYER - 932 DYER BOULEVARD KISSIMMEE, FL 34741- AT 11:30 AM: 105 Peter Camacho; 437 Daltyn Horak; 514 Jose Manzanillo; 525 Domingo Nieves; 1107 George S Eder; 1119 Dariel Rivera Rousso; 1216 Peter Holmes c/o Florida Holidays Int. Inc.; 1233 Coleen Boulder; 1336 April Kannel; 1405 Christine A Seamans
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE VINE - 608 W. VINE ST, KISSIMMEE, FL 34741 AT 12:00 PM: B749 Celina Martinez; B757 Tyera Clanton; B761 Reginald Smith; B809 Jose Antonio Gonzalez Aponte; C853 Edward Cunningham Jr.; C865 Maylee Bellamy; C898 Roberto Torres Figueras; D062 Reginald Mickle; E913 Christopher Ray; E920 Charlene Morales; F261 Cristina Peres-Smith; G319 Tony Mark; G344 Joe Alexander Mejias Leandry; H380 Melissa Johnson; H460 Davida Peace; H490 Bejuana Little; I582 Valerie Wilson
PERSONAL MINI STORAGE BVL - 2852 MICHIGAN AVE KISSIMMEE, FL 34744- AT 12:30 PM: 209 Argelio Ortega; 951 Rafael Torres Honda Pilot suv VIN # 5FN9YF18585B063489. May 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE TO THE OWNER AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ATTACHED PROPERTY THIS PROPERTY:
Camera, found in the area of 807 Poplarwood Ln.
Laptop, cellphone, jewelry, found in the area of Old Vineland Rd & Tangelo Cir.
US Currency, cellphone, found in the area of 29 Blake Blvd.
US Currency, found in the area of Magellan Dr.
Tablet, found in the area of Tropical Lake Dr & Newcombe Ln.
US Currency, found in the area of 3839 Pleasant Hill Rd.
Jewelry, electronics, found in the area of 1500 Masters Blvd.
Watches, electronics, found in the area of 8660 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.
US Currency, found in the area of 3343 S. Orange Blossom Trl.
Bicycle, found in the area of 252 Celebration Blvd.
Tablet, found in the area of 3214 N. John Young Pkwy.
Drone, found in the area of 618 S. Thacker Ave.
Tablet, found in the area of Marigold Ave & San Remo Rd.
US Currency, found in the area of 4677 W. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy.
All in one printers, found in the area of 3200 N. John Young Pkwy.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 705, this property will become the property of the Osceola County Sheriff's Office if no claimant appears and no claim is filed within 14 days of this publication. Anyone wishing to make a claim to this property and who can prove ownership must contact the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, Evidence Unit.
If no claimant appears and no claim is filed the Osceola County Sheriff's Office will elect to use the property pursuant to Chapter 705, Florida Statutes.
/s/ Shelly Griffin,
Osceola County Sheriff's Office
2601 E. Irlo Bronson Mem. Hwy,
Kissimmee, FL 321-697-4300
May 17, 24, 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.
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, NELLY 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.
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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.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida
By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

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

WARNING
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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.
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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): 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.
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING
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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, NELLY 60 FT TO POB AND THAT PORTION OF VACATED LAKESHORE BLVD ABUTTING THE WEST SIDE Parcel No.: 24 26 29 3670 0027 0165
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING
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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.
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WARNING
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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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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.
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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. **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): VE 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.
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WARNING
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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:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2081 LOT 5 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2075 0140
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING
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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **2431**, 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): EDUARDO J MEDINA, SYLVIA M MEDINA Assessed to:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2179 LOT 12 19/27/19 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2179 0120
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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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. **2455**, 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): DIANA BLACKBURN Assessed to:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2075 LOT 14 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 14 27 31 0000 1233 0030
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING
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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **4493**, 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): CARMEN FERNANEZ HOCKADAY Assessed to:
Legal Description: ASCOT PARK PB 8 PG 115 LOT 15 Parcel No.: 08 25 30 2573 0001 0150
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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Legal Description: ASCOT PARK PB 8 PG 115 LOT 15 Parcel No.: 08 25 30 2573 0001 0150
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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

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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
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WARNING
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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **3163**, 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): ZOILA CLEMENTE Assessed to:
Legal Description: POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2120 LOT 2 19/17/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2120 0020
All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.
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SMOKIN' BLUES, BOATS & BBQ



St. Cloud Main St. hosted the Smokin' Blues, Boats and BBQ festival on Saturday that also included the P-1 Superstock power boat series and AquaX jet ski racing on East Lake Toho. Visitors were able to sample delicious barbecue from a number of vendors going up against each other in a people's choice competition, sample craft brews from some of Florida's greatest local breweries and listen to live musical entertainment from local area bands Young Guns and Hayfire. Top row: Luis Vega, no. 32 is chased down by Jose Luis Gonzalez, no. 106. Dave Davidson, no. 221 took first in the mixed 200 and 300 class 30 minute enduro race. Second row: Team Gallagher with driver Jason Morton and navigator Tom Whipple stay ahead of their competition. Geico Racing with driver Brian Maine and navigator Tony Knight, took first place in the Superstock race. Third row: Visitors check out the offerings at each of the barbecue tents. Jeff Demott, manager of Bubbaque's BBQ, turns his chicken on the grill. Right: Dennis Caves, owner of Smokin' & Pokin' in Narcoossee, checks on his brisket during the barbecue competition.



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HEALTHY AND HAPPY



This April 2017 photo shows a Reuben pizza in New York.

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This reuben pizza will delight at graduation parties

BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

With the end of the school year looming, the proud parents of any number of soon-to-be-minted graduates are wondering how to pull off a celebratory party without spending a ton of time or money. Reuben Pizza is the answer. It's quick, easy to make, inexpensive and completely scrumptious.

Even better, it's not a typical pizza. Essentially it's a Reuben sandwich that swaps out rye bread for pizza dough. All the other elements of the great deli favorite are present and accounted for: corned beef, Swiss cheese (in this case gruyere), sauerkraut and Russian dressing.

"Sounds great," you say, "but making pizza dough at home is way too complicated for me." Not so. You'll spend five minutes assembling the ingredients, three minutes mixing the dough in a food

processor, an hour waiting and 45 minutes hands off, while the dough rises.

"Wait a minute," you object. "What about rolling out the dough? I tried it once and no matter which way I rolled it, the thing shrank back in my direction." That can be a problem, but here's a solution: Instead of rolling out the dough on a counter sprinkled with flour, brush the counter with a little bit of oil. The oil glues down the dough, allowing you to roll it out quickly and efficiently, with very little shrinkage.

This recipe guides you through the making of four medium-sized pizzas rather than two large ones. The smaller ones are easier and quicker to make than the bigger ones. And don't worry about having to bake them in shifts; the first two pies will stay warm while the second two are baking.

As a fan of crispy crusts, I've been very particular

about the amount of topping meant for these pizzas. I know it's tempting to pile on the toppings, but overdoing makes the finished product soggy. Still, don't be shy about pouring on a generous drizzle of the dressing as a finishing touch. It's key to making a Reuben a Reuben.

REUBEN PIZZA

Start to finish: 2 hours (1 hour if using store-bought dough)

Servings: 6 to 8

Speedy Pizza Dough (see below) or 14 ounces prepared pizza dough

Olive oil for rolling out the dough

2/3 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons ketchup
1 tablespoon fresh lime or lemon juice

2 teaspoons hot sauce
Kosher salt
3 ounces coarsely grated Gruyere cheese (about ¼

cup)
1 cup sauerkraut, rinsed in a strainer and pressed to remove excess moisture

8 ounces thinly sliced corned beef, cut crosswise into ½-inch thick strips

½ cup thinly sliced dill pickle

Prepare the Basic Pizza Dough. While it's rising, place a rack in the bottom third of the oven; preheat the oven to 500 F. Line two baking sheets with parchment.

In a bowl whisk together the mayonnaise, ketchup, lime juice, hot sauce and salt to taste; set aside.

Divide the dough into 4 balls; working with 2 balls, roll out each ball on a lightly oiled surface into a round 8-inches wide and 1/8-inch thick. Transfer the rounds to one of the baking sheets.

Sprinkle one-fourth of the cheese evenly onto each round, spreading it to ¼-inch of the edge and top with ¼

of the sauerkraut, followed by ¼ of the corned beef and pickle slices.

Bake the pizzas on the bottom rack of the oven for 7 to 8 minutes until the crust is golden and crisp on the bottom. While the first two pizzas are baking, roll out and top the second two pizzas. Remove the first two from the oven and cover loosely to keep the pizzas warm until the second two are baked. Drizzle the slices with some of the mayonnaise dressing.

Speedy Pizza Dough

2 to 2 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour for the dough

One 1/4-ounce envelope quick-rising yeast

1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon table salt

3/4 cup very warm water (120 degrees F to 130 degrees F)

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil plus extra for rolling

out the dough

In the bowl of a food processor fitted with the chopping blade, pulse 1 3/4 cups flour, the yeast, sugar and salt until the mixture is combined. Add the water and 1 tablespoon of the oil. Process the mixture until it forms a ball, adding more flour, as needed, to make a soft, slightly sticky dough.

Shape the dough into a ball and place it in an oiled medium bowl. Turn the dough to make sure all sides are very lightly coated with oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and set it aside in a warm place until the dough is double in size, 40 to 45 minutes.

Nutrition information per serving: 360 calories; 244 calories from fat; 27 g fat (7 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 46 mg cholesterol; 1015 mg sodium; 13 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 15 g protein.

Roast chicken and vegetables together without a soggy mess

By America's Test Kitchen

It's easy to understand the appeal of preparing chicken parts and root vegetables together on one sheet pan, but without the right technique, you are apt to wind up with unevenly cooked meat and greasy, soggy vegetables.

For a pan packed with well-browned, herb-flecked chicken and vegetables that roasted at the same rate, we arranged our ingredients on a sheet pan with their cooking times in mind. After tossing the root vegetables with fresh thyme and rosemary, we arranged halved Brussels sprouts in the center of the pan and the denser

items chunky pieces of red potatoes and carrots and halved shallots around the edges.

Likewise, to ensure that the chicken breasts stayed moist while the meatier thighs and drumsticks cooked through, we placed the breasts in the center of the pan atop the sprouts and the thighs and drumsticks around the perimeter where they would take on (and benefit from) more direct contact with the oven's intense heat.

Brushing the parts with herb butter promised added richness and browning. Roasted together in a hot oven, the chicken parts and

vegetables emerged browned and perfectly cooked in about 35 minutes. Use Brussels sprouts no bigger than golf balls, as larger ones are often tough and woody. If using kosher chicken, do not brine. If brining the chicken, do not season with salt.

ONE-PAN ROASTED CHICKEN WITH ROOT VEGETABLES

Servings: 4

Start to finish: 1 hour and 15 minutes

12 ounces Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved
12 ounces red potatoes, unpeeled, cut into 1-inch

pieces

8 ounces shallots, peeled and halved

4 carrots, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces, thick ends halved lengthwise

6 garlic cloves, peeled

4 teaspoons minced fresh thyme

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary

1 teaspoon sugar

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

3 1/2 pounds bone-in chicken pieces (2 split breasts cut in half, 2 drumsticks, and 2 thighs), trimmed

Adjust oven rack to up-

per-middle position and heat oven to 475 F. Toss Brussels sprouts, potatoes, shallots, carrots, garlic, 2 teaspoons thyme, oil, 1 teaspoon rosemary, sugar, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper together in bowl. Combine butter, remaining 2 teaspoons thyme, remaining 1 teaspoon rosemary, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper in second bowl; set aside.

Pat chicken dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Place vegetables in single layer on rimmed baking sheet, arranging Brussels sprouts in center. Place chicken, skin side up, on top of vegetables, arrang-

ing breast pieces in center and leg and thigh pieces around perimeter of sheet.

Brush chicken with herb butter and roast until breasts register 160 F and thighs/drumsticks register 175 F, 35 to 40 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through roasting. Transfer chicken to serving platter and let rest for 10 minutes. Toss vegetables in pan juices and transfer to platter with chicken. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 559 calories; 217 calories from fat; 24 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 131 mg cholesterol; 499 mg sodium; 39 g carbohydrate; 9 g fiber; 11 g sugar; 47 g protein.

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A tangy, tomatoey, sauce is the star of barbecued chicken

By America's Test Kitchen

Classic Barbecue Sauce

A tangy, tomatoey, molasses-laced sauce is the indisputable star of traditional American barbecued chicken.

The brick-hued sauce should be mopped on as the chicken cooks, resulting in a beautifully browned (not charred) exterior surrounding moist, evenly cooked meat. Our Classic Barbecue Sauce gave simple chicken parts all the intense, multidimensional flavor we craved, but the real secret to this recipe was the method: A two-level grill fire allowed us to cook the chicken most of the way through on the cooler side of the grill, rendering the fat without causing flare-ups, and then we moved the chicken to the hotter side to get a lacquered layer of sauce.

Applying the sauce in coats and turning the chicken as it cooked encouraged the sauce to thicken and caramelize, perfectly glazing the chicken. Don't try to grill more than 10 pieces of chicken at a time; you won't be able to line them up. You can use a mix of chicken breasts, thighs, and drumsticks, making sure they add up to about 10 pieces.

Makes about 2 cups
This sauce can be used on just about anything. For a thinner, smoother texture, strain the sauce after it has finished cooking.

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- Salt and pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/4 cups ketchup
- 6 tablespoons molasses
- 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium heat until shimmering. Add onion and pinch salt and cook until onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in garlic and chili powder and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Whisk in ketchup, molasses, vinegar, Worcestershire, and mustard. Bring sauce to simmer and cook, stirring occasionally, until thickened and reduced to about 2 cups, about 25 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (Sauce can be refrigerated for up to 4 days.)



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows classic barbecued chicken in Brookline, Mass.

For a charcoal grill, open bottom vent completely and place disposable pan on one side of grill. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over other side of grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

For a gas grill, turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until hot, about 15 minutes. Leave primary burner on high and turn off other burner(s). (Adjust primary burner as needed to maintain grill temperature around 350 F.)

Clean and oil cooking grate. Place chicken, skin side down, on cooler side of grill. Cover and cook until chicken begins to brown, 30 to 35 minutes.

Slide chicken into single line between hotter and cooler sides

of grill. Cook uncovered, flipping chicken and brushing every 5 minutes with some of sauce, until sticky, about 20 minutes.

Slide chicken to hotter side of grill and cook, uncovered, flipping and brushing with remaining sauce, until well glazed, breasts register 160 degrees, and drumsticks/thighs register 175 degrees, about 5 minutes. (Smaller pieces may cook faster than larger pieces.

Remove pieces from grill as they reach correct temperature.) Transfer chicken to serving dish, tent with aluminum foil, and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 349 calories; 74 calories from fat; 8 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 133 mg cholesterol; 1020 mg sodium; 27 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 23 g sugar; 41 g protein.

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CLASSIC BARBECUED CHICKEN

Servings: 4 to 6
Start to finish: 1 hour and 45 minutes (plus 30 minutes to prepare barbecue sauce)

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 1/2 pounds bone-in chicken pieces (split breasts cut in half, drumsticks, and/or thighs), trimmed
- 1 (13 by 9-inch) disposable aluminum roasting pan (if using charcoal)
- 1 recipe Classic Barbecue Sauce

Classic Barbecued Chicken

Combine salt, pepper, and cayenne in bowl. Pat chicken dry with paper towels and rub with seasoning mixture.

For a charcoal grill, open bottom vent completely and place disposable pan on one side of grill. Light large chimney starter filled with charcoal briquettes (6 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over other side of grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and open lid vent completely. Heat grill until hot, about 5 minutes.

For a gas grill, turn all burners to high, cover, and heat grill until

A twist on traditional paella that uses hearty vegetables

By America's Test Kitchen

Though traditional paella centers on a variety of meat and seafood, we wanted to develop a vegetable-focused version that highlighted the array of hearty vegetables common in Spanish cuisine: artichokes, bell peppers, fennel, and peas.

We gave the artichokes and peppers extra flavor by roasting them and then tossing them with a bright, lemony sauce. We sauteed the fennel with chopped onion to give it a rich caramelized flavor that gave the dish aromatic backbone. Chopped kalamata olives brought in a distinct pop of briny, contrasting flavor.

To infuse the rice with complex, authentic flavor, we bloomed the paprika with the garlic and browned diced tomatoes to give them savory depth. We coated the rice with this potent mixture before adding broth, wine, and saffron and simmering the rice until tender.

Cooking on the stovetop alone yielded unevenly cooked rice, so we transferred it to a 350 F oven where the grains cooked to perfection in the steady, even heat. You will need at least a 6-quart Dutch oven for this recipe. While we prefer the flavor and texture of jarred whole baby artichokes, you can substitute 18 ounces frozen artichoke hearts, thawed and patted dry, for the jarred kind.

Bomba rice is the most traditional rice for this dish, but you can use any variety of Valencia rice. If you cannot find Valencia rice, you can substitute Arborio rice.

Socarrat, a layer of crusty browned rice that forms on the bottom of the pan, is a traditional part of paella. In this version, socarrat does not develop because most of the cooking is done in the oven; if desired, there are directions on how to make a socarrat before serving.

VEGETABLE PAELLA

Servings: 6
Start to finish: 2 hours

- 3 cups jarred whole baby artichokes packed in water, quartered, rinsed, and patted dry
- 2 red bell peppers, stemmed, seeded, and chopped coarse
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives, chopped
- 9 garlic cloves, peeled (3 whole, 6 minced)
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 onion, chopped fine
- 1 fennel bulb, stalks discarded, bulb halved, cored, and sliced thin
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained, minced, and drained again
- 2 cups Bomba rice
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 teaspoon saffron threads, crumbled
- 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed

Adjust oven rack to lower-middle position, place rimmed baking sheet on rack,

and heat oven to 450 F. Toss artichokes and peppers with olives, whole garlic cloves, 2 tablespoons oil, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper in bowl. Spread vegetables in hot sheet and roast until artichokes are browned around edges and peppers are browned, 20 to 25 minutes; let cool slightly.

Mince roasted garlic. In large bowl, whisk 2 tablespoons oil, 2 tablespoons parsley, lemon juice, and minced roasted garlic together. Add roasted vegetables and toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in Dutch oven over medium heat until shimmering. Add onion and fennel and cook until softened, 8 to 10 minutes.

Stir in remaining minced garlic and paprika and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Stir in tomatoes and cook until mixture begins to darken and thicken slightly, about 3 minutes. Stir in rice and cook until grains are well coated with tomato mixture, about 2 minutes. Stir in broth, wine, saffron, and 1 teaspoon salt. Increase heat to medium-high and bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Cover, transfer pot to oven, and bake until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, 25 to 35 minutes.

For optional socarrat, transfer pot to stovetop and remove lid. Cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes, rotating pot as needed, until bottom layer of rice is well browned and crisp.

Sprinkle roasted vegetables and peas over rice,



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows vegetable paella in Brookline, Mass.

cover, and let paella sit for 5 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 1 tablespoon parsley and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 511 calories; 138 calories from fat; 15 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 1289 mg sodium; 82 g carbohydrate; 10 g fiber; 8 g sugar; 12 g protein.

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CIA nominee wins Senate panel backing, confirmation expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gina Haspel, President Donald Trump's nominee to head the CIA, won the backing of the Senate intelligence committee on Wednesday, paving the way for her expected confirmation to lead the spy agency.

The panel voted 10-5 to advise the full Senate to confirm Haspel, whose nomination has renewed debate over the harsh interrogation program the CIA conducted on terror suspects after 9/11. Haspel, who supervised a CIA detention site in Thailand in 2002, has told Congress that the agency shouldn't have used those harsh tactics and has vowed not to restart them.

The committee released the result of the vote, conducted in closed session, without giving further details. However, all eight Republicans and two of the seven Democrats on the panel earlier expressed support for Haspel. The remaining five Democrats had announced their opposition.

The confirmation vote by the full Senate could occur before the end of the week.

"Gina Haspel is the most qualified person the president could choose to lead the CIA and the most prepared nominee in the 70 year history of the agency," said Chairman Richard Burr, R-N.C. "She has acted morally, ethically, and legally, over a distinguished 30-year career and is the right person to lead the agency into an uncertain and challenging future."

She also had the support of the committee's top-ranking Democrat, Sen. Mark Warner of Virginia. "As director of the CIA,

Gina Haspel will be the first operations officer in more than five decades to lead the agency," Warner said.

"Most importantly, I believe she is someone who can and will stand up to the president if ordered to do something illegal or immoral — like a return to torture," he said.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who has staunchly opposed Haspel, called her nomination one of the most "self-serving abuses of power in recent history" because Haspel, as acting CIA director, was in a decision-making role in determining what parts of her undercover career were declassified. He likened that to a "stacking of the deck" and said he would continue to seek the declassification of details about her past activities at the agency.

Warner said he would continue to seek the declassification of a Justice Department report about the destruction of more than 90 videotapes showing the harsh interrogation of one terror suspect. No charges were filed as a result of that report. Haspel drafted a cable that ordered the tapes destroyed, but the cable was sent by her boss, Jose Rodriguez, who has repeatedly taken responsibility for the order.

The interrogation program became one of the darkest chapters of the CIA's history and tainted America's image worldwide after the Sept. 11 attacks. Haspel has not disclosed any details of what she did in connection with the program or say whether she thought it had been immoral.

But during her confirmation hearing last week, she



In this May 9, 2018 photo, CIA nominee Gina Haspel testifies during a confirmation hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee, on Capitol Hill in Washington. In a letter Tuesday to the top Democrat on the Senate Intelligence Committee, Haspel says she would "refuse to undertake any proposed activity that is contrary to my moral and ethical values."

said she doesn't believe torture works as an interrogation technique and that her "strong moral compass" would prevent her from carrying out any presidential order she found objectionable.

"With the benefit of hindsight and my experience as a senior agency leader, the enhanced interrogation program is not one the CIA should have undertaken," according to Haspel's written answers to some 60 additional questions from lawmakers.

Bolstering the comments she made during her hear-

ing, Haspel wrote, "I do not support use of enhanced interrogation techniques for any purpose."

Attention now turns to the vote by the full Senate, which has yet to be scheduled. Haspel has already won the backing of several Democrats. They include Mark Warner of Virginia, Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Joe Donnelly of Indiana, Bill Nelson of Florida and Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota. The only Senate Republicans who are not expected to vote for her are Kentucky's Rand Paul and Arizona's John

McCain, who is battling cancer and is not expected to be present for the ballot.

Haspel's opponents, however, continue to weigh into the debate.

"Ms. Haspel is cynically trying to offer mere words in an attempt to win votes to support her confirmation," said Gen. Charles Krulak, former commandant of the Marine Corps.

"The definition of moral courage is doing the right thing at the right time for the right reasons when no one's looking. Gina Haspel failed that test," said Krulak, who organized a letter

signed by more than 100 retired generals and admirals expressing concern over her nomination.

Daphne Eviatar with Amnesty International on Tuesday called Haspel's nomination an "affront to human rights."

"This country has not held any officials accountable for the use of torture, so it's even more outrageous that the government is considering someone to the chief intelligence position in spite of her alleged participation in that clearly illegal and immoral activity," she said.

Trump backs 2 successful US Senate nominees in primaries

President Donald Trump backed two successful U.S. Senate nominees in Pennsylvania and Nebraska, which were among four states holding primaries Tuesday.

The primaries began to settle swing state Pennsylvania's chaotic congressional landscape after a court fight ended with redrawn districts just three months ago. Amid the redistricting, Republican Rick Saccone recorded his second loss in two months in two U.S. House districts.

Among the more unusual results of Tuesday's primaries was the loss by Pennsylvania's Democratic lieutenant governor, Mike Stack, who was ousted by mayor John Fetterman.

Oregon and Idaho also held primary elections.

Here's a look at some of the other interesting races:

Two of the president's favored candidates, Lou Barletta in Pennsylvania and Deb Fischer in Nebraska, won their U.S. Senate primaries.

Trump congratulated his picks in a pair of tweets Wednesday morning.

Barletta, currently a congressman, was heavily favored over state Rep. Jim Christiana to become the Republican challenger for Democratic Sen. Bob

Casey, who is seeking a third term in November.

Barletta was a Trump supporter before the 2016 presidential nomination was settled. Trump asked Barletta to run for Senate, and the president is expected to visit Pennsylvania to campaign for him. The president also recorded telephone calls last week-end backing Barletta "fully, strongly and proudly."

Fischer, the incumbent, defeated four GOP challengers and will be the strong favorite to win reelection in deep-red Nebraska. Her Democratic opponent is Lincoln City Councilwoman Jane Raybould.

Last week, Trump urged GOP Senate primary voters to support Rep. Jim Renacci in the Ohio Senate and oppose former coal company executive Don Blankenship in West Virginia. Renacci won and Blankenship lost.

Pennsylvania could send at least three women Congress next year, breaking the all-male hold on the state's 18-member U.S. House delegation.

Mary Gay Scanlon won a 10-way Democratic primary and Madeleine Dean won a three-way Democratic primary on Tuesday night for two suburban Philadelphia seats that are likely to

flip to Democrats following a court-ordered redrawing of the state's congressional district boundaries.

Meanwhile, Chrissy Houlahan is the uncontested Democratic nominee for another suburban Philadelphia seat where she's heavily favored in November.

Women won contested Democratic primaries in three other seats in Pennsylvania, although two of those seats are in solidly Republican districts and another is considered a toss-up in November.

Mike Stack became the first holder of the Pennsylvania lieutenant governor's office to lose in a primary election.

John Fetterman, the Braddock mayor, won the five-way Democratic Party primary race for lieutenant governor Tuesday, meaning he will run on a ticket with Gov. Tom Wolf in the fall. Pennsylvania first started allowing lieutenant governors to serve a second term in the 1970s.

Fetterman had made a failed bid in 2016 for the U.S. Senate.

Stack, a former Philadelphia state senator, has had a chilly relationship with Wolf in their first term together.

Wolf last year ordered an investigation into the treat-

ment of state employees by Stack and his wife and stripped Stack of state police protection.

Pennsylvania state Rep. Rick Saccone, who lost a special election two months ago to Democrat Conor Lamb for a congressional seat, has now lost a two-way Republican primary for a different U.S. House seat.

Saccone lost Tuesday's 14th Congressional District primary election to state Sen. Guy Reschenthaler for the open seat in a heavily Republican, newly drawn district.

In March, Lamb narrowly beat Saccone in a district that President Donald Trump won in 2016 by about 20 percentage points. The president campaigned in the district twice and sent several tweets on Saccone's behalf. The White House later contended that it was Lamb who had had embraced the president's policies and vision.

Social worker and political newcomer Kara Eastman has won the Democratic nomination for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District.

Eastman defeated former Rep. Brad Ashford in Tuesday's primary election with a campaign that cast her as a champion of liberal ideals, including supporting

a single-payer health care system.

Eastman contrasted herself against Ashford, a centrist and former Republican who focused on his legislative experience and willingness to work with conservatives.

She will now face Rep. Don Bacon, a first-term Republican who defeated Ashford in the 2016 election.

Ashford had been the first Democrat in two decades to win the district, which encompasses much of the Omaha metro area. Although Omaha's strong Democratic core is balanced out by more conservative suburbs, the district gives Democrats a fighting chance of capturing a congressional seat in a state that is otherwise overwhelmingly Republican.

State Rep. Knute Buehler has emerged from a crowded primary to capture the Republican nomination for Oregon governor.

Buehler, who ran for secretary of state in 2012, was the most centrist of the Republican front-runners. He was among 10 GOP candidates in the primary.

However, Democratic Gov. Kate Brown remains the favorite to win in November. Brown became governor in 2015 upon the resignation of Gov. John

Kitzhaber following an ethics scandal, and she won a special election in 2016.

Oregon is among eight states where Democrats control the governorship and both houses of the state legislature. Voters who identify as Democrats also outnumber their Republican counterparts by more than 9 percentage points.

When former state Rep. Paulette Jordan, 38, won her primary, she became the first woman to be the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in Idaho. If she wins the general election, Jordan, a member of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, would not only be the first woman to serve as Idaho governor but also the first Native American woman to serve in that position in any state.

But she faces a difficult race: Idaho hasn't elected a Democratic governor since 1990, and the Republican Party now controls a supermajority on all federal, state and legislative seats.

Lt. Gov. Brad Little, 64, a rancher who has spent the past 16 years in elected office, secured the GOP nomination. He's the pick of Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who decided not to seek a fourth term.

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Bill Gates gives \$44M to influence state education plans

SEATTLE (AP) — Billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates saw an opportunity with a new federal education law that has widespread repercussions for American classrooms.

His non-profit, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, has given about \$44 million to outside groups over the past two years to help shape new state education plans required under the 2015 law, according to an Associated Press analysis of its grants. The spending paid for research aligned with Gates interests, led to friendly media coverage and even had a hand in writing one state's new education system framework.

The grants illustrate how strategic and immersive the Microsoft founder can be in pursuit of his education reform agenda, quietly wielding national influence over how schools operate. Gates' carefully curated and intersecting web of influence is often invisible but allows his foundation to drive the conversation in support of its vision on how to reshape America's struggling schools systems.

Critics call it meddling by a foundation with vast wealth and resources. The Gates Foundation says it's simply helping states navigate a "tectonic" shift in responsibility for education — from the federal government to more local control.

"For 50 states with varying sets of capacities and capabilities and readiness, it was both an opportunity and also a concern that states and partners in those states needed support," said Allan Golston, president of the Gates Foundation's U.S. work.

The Gates Foundation spent about \$44 million focused on the 2015 federal education law called the Every Student Succeeds Act. The law gives states flexibility to create their own education system framework defining what a "good school" is — and in turn states get federal dollars for complying with their own rules.

The law requires academic standards, which means that the backbone for most state education systems is the Common Core — a symbol for many critics during the Obama years of federal overreach in schools. Gates was influential in supporting the Common Core academic standards, and now is doing the same as states sort out the best ways to implement their education policies under the 2015 law.

And that is how the world's largest philanthropy works:



This Friday, April 27, 2018 photo shows the headquarters of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Seattle. The non-profit foundation has given about \$44 million to outside groups over the past two years to help shape new state education plans required under the 2015 law, according to an Associated Press 2018 analysis of its grants.

funding everything from policy work on the ground to broader research and analysis, as well as national advocacy groups, community leaders and media coverage both mainstream and niche.

In Tennessee, a Gates-funded advocacy group had a hand in the state's new education plan, with its leader sitting on an important advising committee. A media outlet given money by Gates to cover the new law then published a story about research funded by Gates. And many Gates-funded groups have become the de facto experts who lead the conversation in local communities, across states and featured nationally.

Gates also dedicated millions of dollars to protect Common Core as the new law unfolded. Patrick McGuinn, an education policy expert and professor at Drew University, said the Every Student Succeeds Act removed the political pressure from the standards despite how politically toxic Common Core has become. The policy idea suggests every child can and should be taught the same things as their peers. "ESSA politically was probably the best thing that could happen

to Common Core," McGuinn said.

Some Common Core and Gates critics said they weren't aware of the foundation's interest in the education law or the millions of dollars it has continued to pour into supporting the standards. "They're doing it in a quiet way because they don't want the general public to know they're still meddling in education policy," said Carol Burris of the Network for Public Education.

And long before thousands of fed-up teachers walked out on the job in four unprecedented statewide strikes this year over pay and school conditions, education union officials had rung the alarm bell about Gates' influence.

"They thought they could socially engineer all of public education through a top-down model and that they could reduce education to an algorithm, but kids are not widgets and teachers are not widgets," said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. The national teachers union in 2014 famously broke ties with Gates over supporting the standards.

To be sure, the Seattle-based foundation's education spending is just a small fraction of its philanthropy, which is primarily focused on global health and development. Still, in terms of dollars, it is the top funder of schools reform in the United States. The foundation since 2001 has contributed more than \$6 billion toward reshaping American schools, including nearly \$300 million on Common Core by some estimates.

The groups receiving the recent ESSA-related grants said the money from Gates and other like-minded philanthropies — such as the Carnegie Corporation of New York and William and Flora Hewlett foundations — was used to develop expertise in the education law so that they could be a resource to states. Most of those same groups have been funded by Gates in other initiatives, including some of the most prominent Washington-based policy players who developed Common Core in 2009.

Achieve, Inc., collaborated with local leaders to compile information about new state education plans. Mike Cohen, Achieve's president who

helped write Common Core, also had more notable roles in states such as Tennessee and New York.

"Our focus has always been about standards, about helping states set the right expectations for students in terms of what they need to know so that they're prepared for success after high school," said Cohen, who was a member of a local stakeholders group in Tennessee focused on standards and assessments. He also gave a presentation to New York's Board of Regents urging the state to adopt high standards as part of its new education plan.

Tennessee said Cohen had a seat at the table because it sought national experts in addition to state officials, community advocacy groups and traditional and charter schools. Eve Carney, who led the plan's development for the Tennessee Department of Education, said it was impossible to quantify the specific impact of each of the 67 stakeholders across six working groups.

"It's important to have diversity in voice and different points of view, however, the influence of one over the oth-

er is not there," Carney said.

Another example of Gates' reach can be found in The 74 Media, Inc., which last year published an exclusive story featuring the analysis of state plans done by the Collaborative for Student Success and quoting an expert voice from the Council of Chief State School Officers. Gates gave all three groups money to work on Every Student Succeeds Act.

The 74 said Gates doesn't influence the direction of their coverage and that the money funded its broader operation. After the AP's inquiry, the education news outlet acknowledged an oversight by updating the nearly year-old story to add a Gates funding disclosure.

Golston said it's necessary to take a multidimensional approach to play at the system-wide level.

"We're thoughtful about the programmatic dimensions and advocacy and communications dimensions. That's just the nature of being in education and we've learned over time that you have to be thoughtful," Golston said.

Teachers in red gather before North Carolina education rally

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Thousands of teachers wearing red gathered Wednesday in North Carolina's capital ahead of a march and rally to demand better pay and more resources for public schools in the conservative, tax-cutting state.

With messages such as "Respect Public Education" on their shirts and signs, as many as 15,000 teachers from around the state were expected to participate in the march starting at 10:30 a.m. Police were already posted along the route through downtown to the

General Assembly, where predominantly Republican lawmakers were beginning their annual session the same day.

Previous strikes, walk-outs and protests in West Virginia, Arizona, Kentucky, Colorado and Oklahoma have led legislators in each state to improve pay, benefits or overall school funding.

Tracy Brumble, a teacher at Milbrook Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, was with about a dozen fellow teachers at the school waiting for a bus to carry them to the march's starting

point. They were all wearing red t-shirts, matching the color of the #RedForEd theme of the day.

"We're here to tell our legislators and our representatives that we need more funds to keep our buildings in good shape, to get more textbooks, more resources for our students, to just have a better environment for public education," she said.

The state's main teacher advocacy group, the North Carolina Association of Educators, demands that legislators increase per-pupil spending to the national

average in four years, increase school construction for a growing state, and approve a multiyear pay raise for teachers and school support staff that would raise incomes to the national average.

More than three dozen school districts that together educate more than two-thirds of the state's 1.5 million public school students have decided to close classrooms to allow for the show of strength by the teachers and their advocacy group.

"The fact that a million kids are not going to be in school (Wednesday) be-

cause a political organization wants to have folks come there to communicate with us or send a message" should be the day's focus, said state Senate leader Phil Berger, a Republican.

The teachers' group favors a proposal by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to raise salaries by stopping planned tax cuts on corporations and high-income households.

Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore made clear they have no plans to funnel more money to classrooms by postponing January's planned tax cuts, including

one for what is already one of the country's lowest corporate income taxes.

"We have no intention of raising taxes," Berger said.

But with the Great Recession in the past and the state's financial stability restored, teachers say it's time to catch up on deferred school spending. Teachers are photocopying assignments off the internet or from old workbooks because textbooks haven't been replenished in years, North Carolina Association of Educators President Mark Jewell said.



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Will they or won't they?

North Korea threatens to cancel Trump-Kim summit over drills

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Wednesday threatened to scrap a historic summit next month between its leader, Kim Jong Un, and U.S. President Donald Trump, saying it has no interest in a "one-sided" affair meant to pressure the North to abandon its nuclear weapons.

The warning by North Korea's first vice foreign minister came hours after the country abruptly canceled a high-level meeting with South Korea to protest U.S.-South Korean military exercises that the North has long claimed are an invasion rehearsal.

The surprise moves appear to cool what had been an unusual flurry of outreach from a country that last year conducted a provocative series of weapons tests that had many fearing the region was on the edge of war. Analysts said it's unlikely that North Korea intends to scuttle all diplomacy. More likely, they said, is that it wants to gain leverage ahead of the talks between Kim and Trump, scheduled for June 12 in Singapore.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said the Trump administration is "still hopeful" that a planned summit with North Korea will take place.

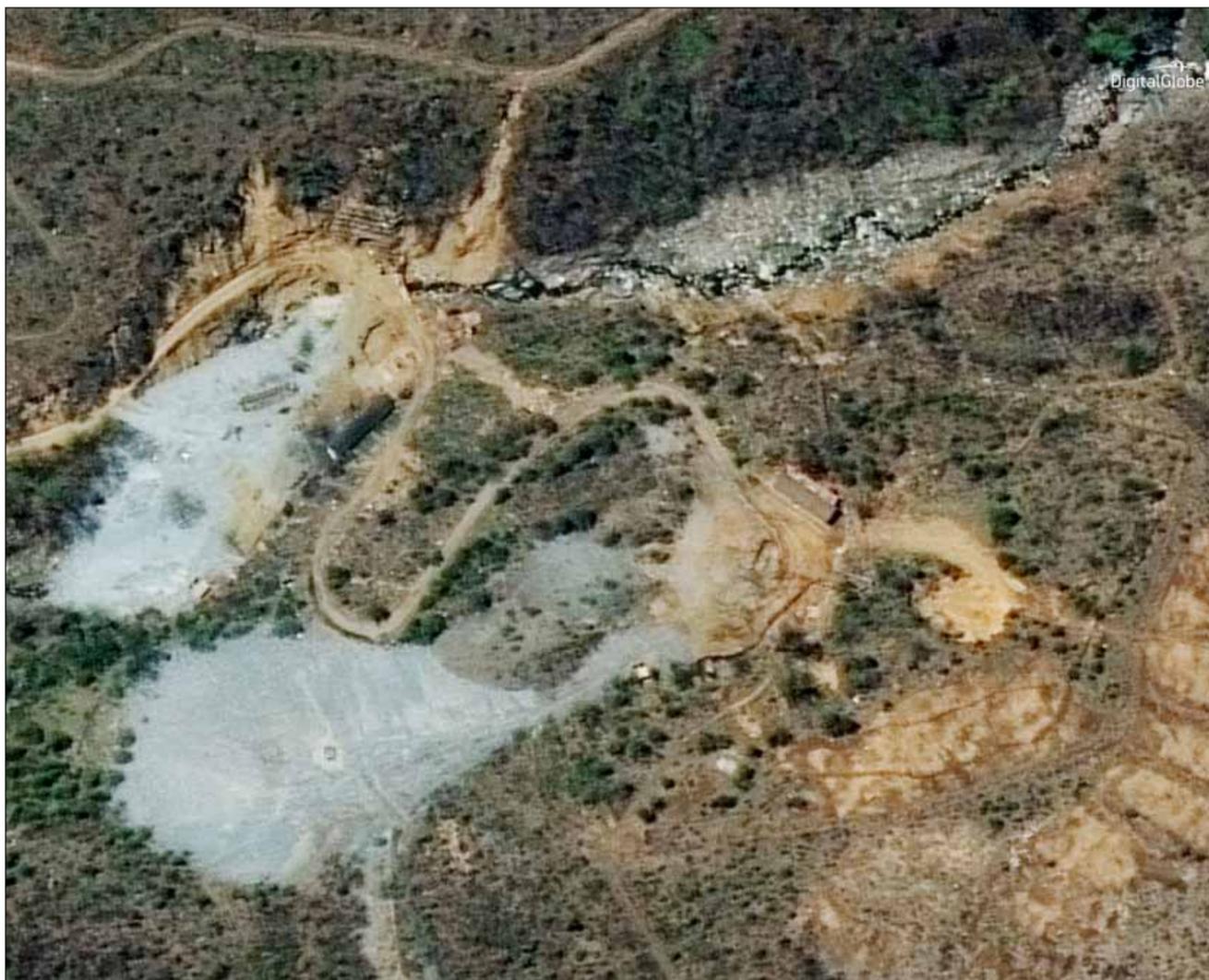
Sanders said Wednesday that threats from the North to scrap the meeting were "something that we fully expected."

Sanders said President Donald Trump is "ready for very tough negotiations," adding that "if they want to meet, we'll be ready and if they don't that's OK." She said if there is no meeting, the U.S. would "continue with the campaign of maximum pressure" against the North.

North Korean first vice foreign minister Kim Kye Gwan said in a statement carried by state media that "we are no longer interested in a negotiation that will be all about driving us into a corner and making a one-sided demand for us to give up our nukes and this would force us to reconsider whether we would accept the North Korea-U.S. summit meeting."

He criticized recent comments by Trump's top security adviser, John Bolton, and other U.S. officials who have said the North should follow the "Libyan model" of nuclear disarmament and provide a "complete, verifiable and irreversible dismantlement." He also took issue with U.S. views that the North should fully relinquish its biological and chemical weapons.

Some analysts say bringing up Libya, which dismantled its rudimentary nuclear program in the 2000s in exchange for sanctions relief, jeopardizes progress in negotiations with the North. Kim Jong Un took power weeks after former Libyan leader



This May 7, 2018, satellite images provided by DigitalGlobe shows the nuclear test site in Punggye-ri, North Korea. North Korea on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, canceled a high-level meeting with South Korea and threatened to scrap a historic summit next month between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un over military exercises between Seoul and Washington that Pyongyang has long claimed are invasion rehearsals. The North's statement Wednesday, May 16, comes amid a slew of surprising moves in recent weeks. On Tuesday, May 15, South Korea's military said North Korea was moving ahead with plans to close its nuclear test site next week, an assessment backed by U.S. researchers who say satellite images show the North has begun dismantling facilities at the site.

Moammar Gadhafi's gruesome death at the hands of rebel forces amid a popular uprising in October 2011. The North has frequently used Gadhafi's death to justify its own nuclear development in the face of perceived U.S. threats.

The North's warning Wednesday fits a past North Korean pattern of raising tensions to bolster its positions ahead of negotiations with Washington and Seoul. But the country also has a long history of scrapping deals with its rivals at the last minute.

In 2013, North Korea abruptly canceled reunions for families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War just days before they were scheduled to begin to protest what it called rising animosities ahead of joint drills between Seoul and Washington. In 2012, the North conducted a prohibited long-range rocket launch weeks after it agreed to suspend weapons tests in return for food assistance.

On Wednesday, senior officials from the two Koreas were to sit down at a border village to discuss how to implement their leaders' recent agreements to reduce military tensions along their heavily fortified border and improve overall ties. But hours before the meeting was to start, the North informed the South that it would

"indefinitely suspend" the talks, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

In a pre-dawn dispatch, the North's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA, called the two-week Max Thunder drills, which began Monday and reportedly include about 100 aircraft, an "intended military provocation" and an "apparent challenge" to last month's summit between Kim Jong Un and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, when the leaders met at the border in their countries' third summit talks since their formal division in 1948.

"The United States must carefully contemplate the fate of the planned North Korea-U.S. summit amid the provocative military ruckus that it's causing with South Korean authorities," the North said. "We'll keenly monitor how the United States and South Korean authorities will react."

Kim Dong-yub, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Institute for Far Eastern Studies, said the North isn't trying to undermine the Trump-Kim talks. The North's reaction is more like a "complaint over Trump's way of playing the good cop and bad cop game with (Secretary of State Mike) Pompeo and Bolton," he said.

Seoul's Unification Ministry, which is responsible for inter-Korean affairs, called North Korea's move

"regrettable" and urged a quick return to talks. The Defense Ministry said the drills with the United States would go on as planned.

Annual military drills between Washington and Seoul have long been a major source of contention between the Koreas, and analysts have wondered whether their continuation would hurt the detente that, since an outreach by Kim in January, has replaced the insults and threats of war. Much larger springtime drills took place last month without the North's typically fiery condemnation or accompanying weapons tests, though Washington and Seoul toned down those exercises.

The KCNA dispatch said the U.S. aircraft mobilized for the drills include nuclear-capable B-52 bombers and stealth F-22 fighter jets, two of the U.S. military assets it has previously said are aimed at launching nuclear strikes on the North. Seoul has said F-22s are involved in the drills, but has not confirmed whether B-52s are taking part.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department emphasized that Kim had previously indicated he understood the need and purpose of the U.S. continuing its long-planned exercises with South Korea. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said the

U.S. had not heard anything directly from North or South Korea that would change that.

"We will continue to go ahead and plan the meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong Un," Nauert said.

U.S. Army Col. Rob Manning said the current exercise is part of the U.S. and South Korea's "routine, annual training program to maintain a foundation of military readiness." Manning, a Pentagon spokesman, said the purpose of Max Thunder and exercise Foal Eagle — another training event — is to enhance the two nations' abilities to operate together to defend South Korea.

"The defensive nature of these combined exercises has been clear for many decades and has not changed," Manning said.

Washington and Seoul delayed the earlier round of springtime drills because of the North-South diplomacy surrounding February's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in the South, which saw Kim send his sister to the opening ceremonies.

Kim told visiting South Korean officials in March that he "understands" the drills would take place and expressed hope that they'll be modified once the situation on the peninsula stabilizes, according to the South Korean government. Despite Kim's outreach,

some experts were skeptical about whether he would completely give up a nuclear program that he had pushed so hard to build. The North previously vowed to continue nuclear development unless the United States pulls its 28,500 troops out of South Korea and withdraws its so-called "nuclear umbrella" security guarantee to South Korea and Japan as a condition for its nuclear disarmament.

Wednesday's threat could also be targeted at showing a domestic audience that Kim is willing to stand up to Washington. Kim has repeatedly told his people that his nukes are a "powerful treasured sword" that can smash U.S. hostility.

On Tuesday, South Korea's military said North Korea was moving ahead with plans to close its nuclear test site next week, an assessment backed by U.S. researchers who say satellite images show the North has begun dismantling facilities at the site.

The site's closure was set to come before the Kim-Trump summit, which had been shaping up as a crucial moment in the decades-long push to resolve the nuclear standoff with the North, which is closing in on the ability to viably target the mainland United States with its long-range nuclear-armed missiles.




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A Healthier World

UN health agency aims to wipe out trans fats globally

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Health Organization has released a plan to help countries wipe out artery-clogging trans fats from the global food supply in the next five years.

The United Nations agency has in the past pushed to exterminate infectious diseases, but now it's aiming to erase a hazard linked to chronic illness.

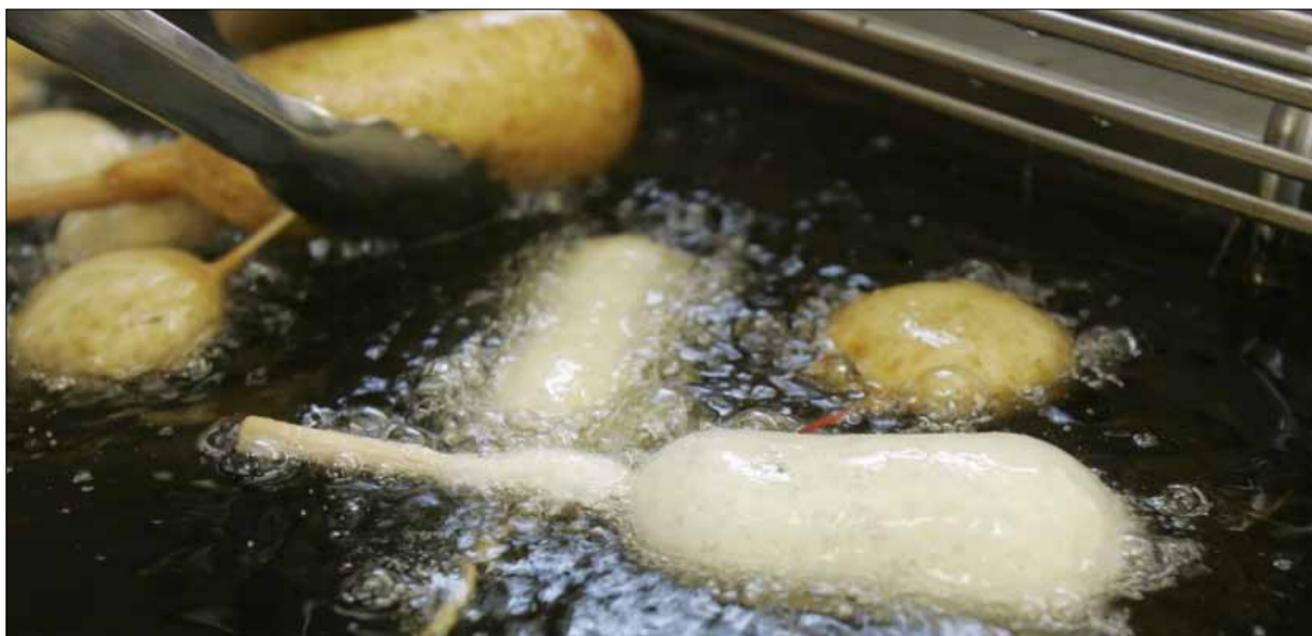
In a statement Monday, the U.N. health agency said eliminating trans fats is critical to preventing deaths worldwide. WHO estimates that eating trans fats — commonly found in baked and processed foods — leads to the deaths of more than 500,000 people from heart disease every year.

"It's a crisis level, and it's major front in our fight now," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a news conference in Geneva on Monday.

Officials think it can be done in five years because the work is well underway in many countries. Denmark did it 15 years ago, and since then the United States and more than 40 other higher-income countries have been working on getting the additives out of their food supplies.

The WHO is now pushing middle- and lower-income countries to pick up the fight, said Dr. Francesco Branca, director of the WHO's Department of Nutrition for Health and Development.

Artificial trans fats are unhealthy substances that are created when hydrogen is added to vegetable oil to make it solid, like in the cre-



In this Aug. 8, 2007 file photo, a Milky-Way candy bar is deep-fried in oil free of trans fats at a food booth at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. Indiana was the first state to require the switch at its state fair.

ation of margarine or shortening. Health experts say they can be replaced with canola oil or other products. There are also naturally occurring trans fats in some meats and dairy products.

The WHO recommends that no more than 1 percent of a person's calories come from trans fats.

"Trans fats are a harmful compound that can be removed easily without major cost and without any impact on the quality of the foods," Branca said.

Countries will likely have to use regulation or legislation to get food makers to make the switch, experts said.

At the WHO news conference Monday, a represen-

tative from a leading food industry trade group said companies are working to reduce trans fats in their products.

"We call on food producers in our sector to take prompt action and we stand ready to support effective measures to work toward the elimination of industrially produced trans fats and ensure a level playing field in this area," said Rocco Rinaldi, secretary-general of the International Food and Beverage Alliance.

Dr. Tom Frieden, a former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who worked with WHO officials on the call to action, called its move unprecedented.

"The world is now setting its sights on today's leading killers — particularly heart disease, which kills more people than any other cause in almost every country," said Frieden, president of Resolve to Save Lives, a New-York-based project of an organization called Vital Strategies.

In the U.S., the first trans fatty food to hit the market was Crisco shortening, which went on sale in 1911. Trans fatty foods became increasingly popular beginning in the 1950s, partly because experts at the time thought they were healthier than cooking with butter or lard.

Food makers liked artificial trans fats because they

prolonged product shelf life. They used them in doughnuts, cookies and deep-fried foods.

But studies gradually revealed that trans fats wreck cholesterol levels in the blood and drive up the risk of heart disease. Health advocates say trans fats are the most harmful fat in the food supply.

In the U.S., New York City in 2006 banned restaurants from serving food with trans fats. The same year the FDA required manufacturers to list trans fat content information on food labels.

Many manufacturers cut back, and studies showed trans fat levels in the blood of middle-aged U.S. adults fell by nearly 60 percent by

the end of the decade.

In 2015, the FDA took steps to finish the job of eliminating trans fats, calling for manufacturers to stop selling trans fatty foods by June 18, 2018 — a deadline that arrives next month.

FDA officials have not said how much progress has been made or how they will enforce their rule against food makers that don't comply.

"The removal of trans fats from the food supply as an additive counts as one of the major public health victories of the last decade," said Laura MacCleery, policy director for the Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group, Center for Science in the Public Interest.

Study finds little bang for the buck in Zika blood testing

BY MIKE STOBBE
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Screening blood donations for the Zika virus netted only a few infections at a cost of more than \$5 million for each positive test result, according to new research.

The study was the first large look at the impact of guidelines set two years ago, when the Zika epidemic was an unfolding menace in the U.S. and health officials were scrambling to prevent new infections.

The study, published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine, found that the blood donation testing requirements offered little bang for the buck. It also raised questions about whether a cheaper testing method should be used.

In more than 4 million blood donations checked in the United States, nine tested positive for the Zika virus. Of those, three were considered an infection threat.

"We can't afford to spend that kind of money to find a single case," said Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, a Columbia University infectious diseases expert who was not involved in the research.

Zika infections swept across Latin America and the Caribbean in 2015 and 2016, with a few very small outbreaks in the southern United States. The virus is mainly spread by tropical mosquitoes, but scientists also discovered some infections were spread through sex.

Fearing Zika might also spread through transfusions, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2016 called on all blood

banks to screen for it.

"The risk from transfusion was poorly known. We put this testing in place as a precaution without really having solid data

about the necessity for it," said Dr. Darrell Triulzi, a University of Pittsburgh transfusion medicine specialist.

The new study is the first large

one to evaluate whether the testing made sense, he added.

The researchers looked at the results of screenings done by the American Red Cross, which

collects 42 percent of the U.S. blood supply. They focused on donations from the Lower 48 states from June 2016 to September 2017.

Health officials say there have been four transfusion-related Zika cases reported in Brazil, but none in the United States.

In a related journal article, four Johns Hopkins University medical experts questioned whether it makes sense to maintain intensive testing for Zika.

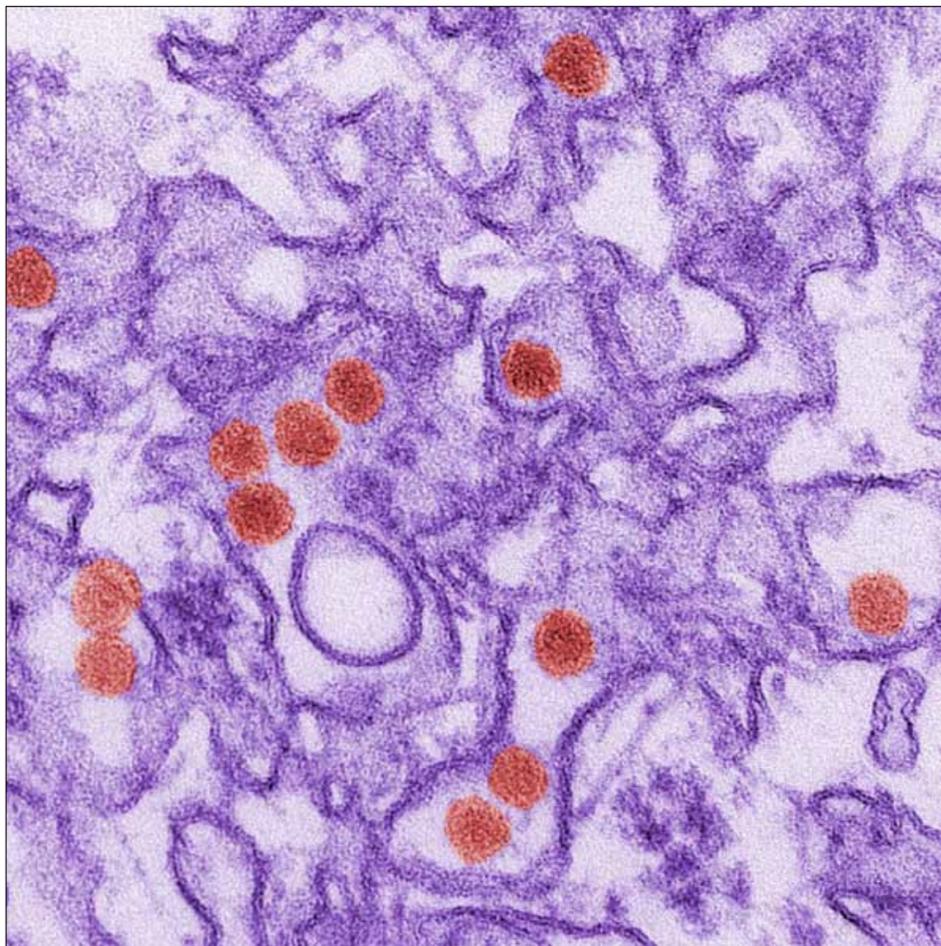
The FDA has never before revoked a recommendation to test blood donations for a potentially harmful germ, and it's unlikely the agency would do that now, experts said.

But the agency could call for a less intensive screening called mini-pool testing. Rather than running a test on each separate donor, mini-pool testing involves mixing samples from 16 donors and testing the batch. When a batch tests positive, individual testing is done to find the tainted donation.

That's what's done with West Nile virus and other germs, experts said.

Mini-pool testing would cut the cost of Zika testing in half, said Susan Stramer, one of the study's authors and vice president of scientific affairs at the Red Cross.

Details from the study were presented to an FDA advisory committee in December. The committee voted against the idea of eliminating Zika testing of blood donations but endorsed mini-pool testing. The FDA has not yet acted on the panel's recommendation.



This 2016 digitally-colored electron microscope image made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows the Zika virus, in red, about 40 nanometers in diameter.



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WH staff comment on McCain overshadows Trump-Senate lunch

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last time President Donald Trump headed to Capitol Hill for the weekly Senate Republican lunch he was feuding with the powerful chair of the foreign relations panel, and had tweeted that the man couldn't get elected dog catcher.

Now Trump is embroiled in a controversy over an aide's comment disparaging ailing GOP Sen. John McCain, and the Senate GOP leadership is telling Trump it's past time for an apology from the White House.

"The smart thing to do would have been five days ago to just nip it in the bud and come out and apologize for it," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, the No. 3 Senate Republican.

Trump's Capitol Hill lunch Tuesday with Senate Republicans comes as the White House and its GOP allies are trying to coalesce around a political message ahead of the midterm elections. Also on the agenda is the White House push to get Senate approval on Trump's nominee for CIA director, as well as Trump's upcoming summit with North Korea.

But much like the last time Trump was headed to the GOP Senate lunch to talk policy, in October 2017, the White House agenda was eclipsed by another story.

During a closed-door meeting last week White House communications aide Kelly Sadler dismissed McCain's opposition to the CIA nominee by saying of the Arizona Republican: "He's dying anyway." The 81-year-old McCain was diagnosed in July with glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer.

Sadler has apologized to the McCain family privately, but McCain's daughter has asked for a public apology. The White House, which has appeared more focused on the fact the leak took place



AP
President Donald Trump waves to members of the media as he walks across the South Lawn to board Marine One at the White House in Washington, Monday, May 14, 2018, for a short trip to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

than its substance, has said it has dealt with the matter internally — but has refused to say how.

In a tweet Monday, Trump said "so-called leaks" were a "massive over exaggeration" but added: "With that being said, leakers are traitors and cowards, and we will find out who they are!"

The issue has left many senators unsettled. Several of McCain's long-time colleagues, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, South Carolina's Lindsey Graham and former Vice President Joe Biden,

have traveled to Arizona to visit the ailing senator.

"I told him we miss him," McConnell said in a Senate speech late Monday. "I was confident I was speaking for everybody in the Senate in conveying our deepest respects for him and all he's done for the county in his extraordinary life."

Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Senate GOP leader, who has disagreed with McCain in the past on policy issues, was blunt: "The person who said it should apologize. It's totally inappropriate," he told The Associated Press.

When Trump attended the October Senate GOP luncheon, he was locked into a public feud with Sen. Bob Corker of Tennessee. Earlier that month, Corker had accused the president of intentionally being divisive and untruthful, and comparing the White House to an "adult day care center."

The morning of the luncheon, Trump tweeted that Corker "couldn't get elected dog catcher in Tennessee."

The major issue at the time was tax legislation, which Trump and Republicans needed to pass after failing to

rally behind a comprehensive health care bill. The tax bill was ultimately successful, despite the Trump-Corker diversion. Corker has said he will not seek re-election this fall.

White House spokesman Raj Shah said Trump would be focused Tuesday on getting his "team in place, particularly Gina Haspel, who we believe should be confirmed as the next CIA Director."

"This is an individual who's had over three decades of exemplary service and experience with the CIA. And

we hope that the Senate takes it upon themselves to confirm here," he said.

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, said the senators look forward to talking Tuesday about the "tax cuts and historic economic growth here at home, and the opportunity for peace on the Korean Peninsula that lies ahead."

Republicans are increasingly relying on the president to help protect the GOP's slim 51-49 majority in the Senate this fall.

Trump defends decision to revisit action on Chinese company

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Monday defended his efforts to help a Chinese telecommunications company that violated U.S. sanctions "get back into business, fast," despite criticism from Democrats and Republicans that the company poses a national security risk.

"ZTE, the large Chinese phone company, buys a big percentage of individual parts from U.S. companies," Trump tweeted Monday. "This is also reflective of the larger trade deal we are negotiating with China and my personal relationship with President Xi."

Trump over the weekend unexpectedly tweeted that he and Chinese President Xi Jinping were "working together" to give ZTE "a way to get back into business, fast," saying too many jobs in China were at stake after the U.S. government cut off access to its American suppliers.

The surprising overture to China marked a dramatic departure from Trump's rhetoric toward China during the campaign, when he said he would no longer allow China of "rape our country" and steal U.S.

jobs. The U.S. Commerce Department last month blocked ZTE Corp., a major supplier of telecom networks and smartphones based in southern China, from importing American components for seven years. The U.S. accused ZTE of misleading American regulators over sanctions against North Korea and Iran.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said during an appearance at the National Press Club in Washington Monday that "ZTE did do some inappropriate things. They've admitted to that."

But he added: "The question is: Are there alternative remedies to the one that we had originally put forward? And that's the area we will be exploring very, very promptly." He did not say what other options were being discussed.

Trump's unexpected announcement Sunday came as the two countries prepared for additional trade talks in Washington this week. Given past vows to stop the flow of U.S. jobs to China and what he's called unfair trade practices, Trump's seeming concern about Chinese

jobs was something of a backflip.

"A reversal of the ZTE decision could temporarily tamp down trade tensions by allowing the Chinese to make concessions to the U.S. without losing face," said Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University. "Trump may have recognized that backing off on ZTE clears the path for him to claim at least a partial victory in the US-China trade dispute based on the concessions the Chinese seem prepared to offer."

But the move was panned by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., tweeted Sunday that it would be "crazy" to allow ZTE to operate in the U.S. without tighter restrictions.

"Problem with ZTE isn't jobs & trade, it's national security & espionage," he wrote.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer accused Trump of "backing off" and "doing a 180 on China."

"What about jobs in America, Mr. President? What about the millions of jobs that are lost because

of what China has done?" he asked, adding: "Why on earth would President Trump promise to help a Chinese telecom company that has flouted U.S. sanctions and whose practices are a risk to our national security?"

At the White House, spokesman Raj Shah said Trump's request for Ross to re-examine the issue was part of a "give and take" with the Chinese.

"It's a significant issue of concern to the Chinese government, you know, and in our bilateral relationship there's a give and take and we discuss these issues," he said. "Obviously this is part of a very complex relationship between the United States and China that involves economic issues, national security issues and the like."

Shah also pushed back on the idea that Trump was retreating from his campaign promise to be tough on China.

"This president has taken China to task for its unfair trade practices," he said.

ZTE, a company with more than 70,000 employees that has supplied some of the world's biggest tele-

com companies, said in early May that it had halted its main operations as a result of U.S. action.

"I've never seen a presidential step in and reverse an agency decision like this. It's not clear, of course, if he's planning to really reverse it or think of a solution in a larger context, but it is something that is just out of the norm," said Amanda DeBusk, the chair of the international trade and government regulations practice at the firm Dechert LLP.

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China on Monday welcomed Trump's comments. "We think highly of the U.S. statement regarding ZTE's case," said Lu Kang, a spokesman for China's foreign ministry. "We are currently in close communication over details of the implementation."

The foreign ministry said Vice Premier Liu He will visit the U.S. from Tuesday to Saturday for consultations with U.S. Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin.

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10 kids taken from California home, mom and dad deny torture

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A Northern California woman denied that she or her husband abused their 10 children after authorities said the kids suffered puncture wounds, burns, bruising and injuries consistent with being shot with a pellet gun.

The children, ages 4 months to 12 years, were removed from their home March 31 after Ina Rogers contacted authorities to report that her oldest child was missing, police said Monday.

Officers went to the home in Fairfield 46 miles (74 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco and found filthy conditions, Lt. Greg Hurlbut said.

"Officers located unsafe and unsanitary living conditions including garbage and spoiled food on the floor, animal and human feces and a large amount of debris making areas of the house unpassable," he said.

Authorities said some of the injuries to the children appeared to have been caused by someone shooting a pellet gun.

The father, 29-year-old Jonathan Allen, was arrested Friday after the children were interviewed. He has pleaded not guilty to seven counts of torture and nine counts of felony child abuse and was being held on \$5.2 million bail.

The children did not require medical attention when they were removed. Stories about the alleged abuse came out gradually over the past six weeks and eight of the children told professionals about incidents dating back several years, authorities said.

Sharon Henry, chief deputy district attorney for Solano County, said she was "horrified" by the children's statements and that torture was carried out in the house "for sadistic purposes." She declined to elaborate.

"It literally breaks your heart, and you're outraged



The home of Ina Rogers and her husband, Jonathan Allen, is seen Monday, May 14, 2018, in Fairfield, Calif. Authorities removed the 10 children living at the home on March 31 and placed them in protective custody after one of them ran away. Ina Rogers faces charges of child neglect and her husband Jonathan Allen has been charged with torture and child abuse. Ina Rogers denied the children were mistreated

by how a parent or anyone could commit those acts," Henry said.

Rogers, 30, was arrested on suspicion of neglect last month and released after posting \$10,000 bail.

She denied Monday her husband had abused the children.

"There's no broken bones, there is no major scars, nothing," Rogers told reporters in front of her house. "My kids get bumped and bruised and scratched because they're kids but that's it."

Rogers gave journalists a tour of the house, a four-

bedroom home with scuffed walls and animal feces in the bathroom.

Rogers said the children slept in one bedroom because they were close and that cots were stored in a bedroom closet. The home's other rooms were used as a master bedroom, playroom and meditation room.

On the day the children were removed, the house was messy because she had just torn it apart looking for her missing son, who was angry because his parents had taken away his tablet computer, Rogers said.

Rogers said she feels the

family is being judged for having so many children and choosing to homeschool them.

She and her husband both came from broken homes and they wanted a large family, Rogers said.

Child protection officials made one prior visit to the home several years ago, Rogers said. She did not say why.

Rogers said she works the graveyard shift as an EKG technician at a heart monitoring company and her husband is a tattoo artist.

Aleida Quartman, 23, who described herself as

Rogers' co-worker, said the mother spoiled her children.

The messy house was just life with children, cats, a dog and fish, Quartman said.

"She told me she's never lived alone and now that her kids are gone and her husband is gone, she's just a mess," Quartman said.

Peggy Allen, the mother of Jonathan Allen, said she had talked to Rogers about the importance of keeping a clean house.

She is estranged from her son and he has kept his family away from the children, she said.

"We're a Christian family and Jonathan has not been raised that way," she said.

Neighbor Larry Magnaye said he had no idea there were 10 children living in the house across the street.

The parents waved when leaving the driveway, but he never saw the children in the yard or heard them playing in the backyard pool.

"It's a pretty big house," Magnaye said. "But I don't know how you can keep it quiet when you have 10 kids. I can't keep it quiet with one, two you know?"

As lava destroys Hawaii homes, owners ask: Am I covered?

HONOLULU (AP) — Patricia Deter moved from Oregon to Hawaii to be closer to her two daughters, but the Kilauea volcano burned down her home only a month after she bought it.

Now Deter and others who have recently lost homes to the lava-spewing mountain are on an urgent quest for answers about insurance, desperate to learn whether their coverage will offer any help after molten rock wiped out most of what they owned.

The eruption has destroyed about two dozen homes in the Leilani Estates subdivision on the Big Island.

On Monday, a new fissure spewing lava and toxic gas opened and a crack in the ground that emerged a day earlier sent molten rock crawling toward the ocean, officials said. Nearly 20 fissures have opened

since the Kilauea volcano started erupting 12 days ago, and officials warn it may soon have a steam eruption that would shoot boulders and ash miles into the sky.

Few insurance companies will issue policies for homes in Leilani Estates because it is in an area deemed by the U.S. Geological Survey to have a high risk of lava.

But homeowners are not without options. One possibility is the Hawaii Property Insurance Association, a nonprofit collection of insurance companies created by state lawmakers in 1991 to provide basic property insurance for people who are unable to buy coverage in the private market.

The horror of seeing houses turned to ash has motivated some people who had no insurance to scramble to purchase a

policy. The association announced last week that it would issue policies to uninsured homeowners in the affected area — but they will have to wait six months.

Some homeowners believe fire coverage will suffice for homes burned by fire from the lava. And a list of frequently asked questions from the Hawaii Insurance Division supports that idea, saying that lava damage may be covered "as a fire peril."

However, there are exceptions. If policies specifically exclude lava damage, the fire coverage will not apply, said Judy Moa, an insurance broker who specializes in catastrophic coverage for Hawaii.

"The cause of damage is lava at the end of the day," she said. "If lava came down the hill, and they have lava exclusion and trees catch fire, which

burn the house, that's not covered."

Some homeowners forgo policies that include lava coverage because they can cost more than \$3,000 per year, said Moa, who has fielded many calls from anxious homeowners.

The same insurance questions haunt people whose homes are standing but could still be torched by future lava flows.

Todd Corrigan and his wife left their Leilani Estates home on May 4 after a magnitude-6.9 earthquake knocked belongings off their shelves. That jolt convinced them it was time to evacuate.

Corrigan said the most stressful part of the experience might be the uncertainty about what insurance will cover. His policy will pay for damage from a fire but not from lava. His insurer also cautioned him that it will not cover

damage if he has not been at home for 30 days. That requirement could be a problem if he is gone for a long time.

"You have to worry about that stress when you're trying to deal with everything else," Corrigan said.

Coverage details vary depending on policies and companies, said Insurance Division Commissioner Gordon Ito, who encouraged homeowners to contact agents to find out what is covered.

State Farm stopped writing policies for homes in the two highest-risk lava zones in the 1990s, but the company grandfathered-in any existing policies, said Kim Silva, a State Farm sales executive in Hawaii.

The company's policies cover fire from volcanic activity, she said, "but every claim has to be handled on its own merit."

Deter's daughters live in the same area as their 88-year-old mother. They know the eruption risks, so they made sure their mother's home was covered by a policy that included lava.

The family's Hawaii-based insurance agent assured daughter Vickie Pruitt that her mother's house was fully covered for lava.

But a phone call from an adjuster on the U.S. mainland told them it looked like the damage was from an earthquake — not the lava — and that the home would not be covered.

"I'm like, 'What?'" Pruitt said. "I'm laughing hysterically. But it's not funny. It's tragic."

They were waiting for a follow-up call they hoped would provide more clarity.

US at UN: Israel acted with 'restraint' in Gaza border clash

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said Tuesday that Israel had acted with "restraint" in its deadly confrontation with Palestinians at the Gaza border, while Kuwait's ambassador urged the U.N. Security Council to offer protection to unarmed Palestinians.

After ambassadors joined in a moment of silence for the more than 50 Palestinians killed by Israeli forces in the bloodiest day in Gaza since a 2014 war, divisions among council members quickly re-emerged.

Haley said Israel was facing Hamas extremists who incited people who lobbed flaming objects toward the Israeli side of the border fence and urged protest marchers to breach it.

"Who among us would accept this type of activity on your border? No one would," she said. "No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has."

Haley also insisted the violence had nothing to do with the opening of a U.S. embassy in contested Jerusalem, saying that Gaza's Hamas rulers have been inciting violence there for years. Palestinians condemned the embassy opening as taking Israel's side in their conflict.

Kuwait's envoy, who requested the meeting, said that Israel was violating international law and that the council needs to offer protection unarmed Palestinians.

"The Palestinian people are looking to the United Nations and the Security Council to activate what this organization has taken upon itself in order to achieve the maintenance of international peace and security," said Kuwaiti Ambassador Mansour Al-Otaibi.

More than 50 Palestinians were killed and over 1,200 wounded by Israeli gunfire amid mass protests Monday. Israel said its troops were defending its border and accused Hamas militants of trying to attack under the cover of the protest.



The United Nations Security Council observes a moment of silence for those killed during the deadly violence along the Israel-Gaza border before a meeting to discuss the situation, Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at United Nations headquarters.

No joint statement or action followed a similar meeting after protests in March, and two U.N. diplomats said members couldn't reach unanimous agreement Monday on issuing a proposed statement circulated by Kuwait. The diplomats insisted on speaking anonymously because the discussions were supposed to be private.

The draft statement, obtained by The Associated Press, would have expressed "outrage and sorrow" at the killings, sought an "independent and transparent investigation," and called on all sides to exercise restraint.

It also would have de-

manded that all countries comply with a decades-old Security Council resolution that called on them not to have embassies in contested Jerusalem.

The U.S. vetoed a Security Council resolution in December that would have required President Donald Trump to rescind his declaration of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Earlier Monday, the Palestinian U.N. envoy urged the United Nations' most powerful body to condemn the killings. Israel, meanwhile, called on the council to condemn Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules the coastal strip and led the protests.

Israel isn't a council member, nor are the Palestinians.

Monday's violence came as the U.S. and Israel celebrated the embassy opening, the first official recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital after 70 years. The move infuriated Palestinians, who seek eastern Jerusalem as a future capital of their own.

"A great day for Israel!" Trump tweeted.

"A tragic day for the Palestinians," retorted their U.N. ambassador, Riyad Mansour. In remarks to reporters and a letter to the Security Council president, he called on the council to "make its voice heard to

stop the carnage," bring those responsible to justice and protect civilians.

Israeli Ambassador Danny Danon said the council needed to speak out against Hamas.

"Every casualty on the border is a victim of Hamas' war crimes, every death is a result of Hamas' terror activity, and these casualties are solely Hamas' responsibility," Danon said in a statement.

The demonstration Monday culminated a week-long Palestinian campaign against a blockade imposed by Israel and Egypt after Hamas seized control of Gaza in 2007. Protesters set tires ablaze, sending thick

plumes of black smoke into the air, and hurled fire-bombs and stones toward Israeli soldiers across the border.

The Israeli military said Hamas tried to carry out bombing and shooting attacks under the cover of the protests and released video of protesters ripping away parts of the barbed-wire border fence.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was "profoundly alarmed and concerned by the sharp escalation of violence" and the number of dead.

"It is imperative that everyone shows the utmost restraint to avoid further loss of life," he tweeted Tuesday.

SKorean military says NKorea preparing nuke site closure

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea is moving ahead with plans to close its nuclear test site next week, South Korea's military said Tuesday, an assessment backed by U.S. researchers who say satellite images show the North has begun dismantling facilities at the site.

The site's closure would set up next month's historic summit between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump, which is shaping up to be a crucial moment in the global diplomatic push to resolve the nuclear standoff with the North. Still, analysts say the closure wouldn't represent a material step toward full denuclearization.

Roh Jae-cheon, spokesman for South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the South's military has seen signs that the North

is conducting "preparatory work" so that it can carry out its plans to shut down its northeastern testing ground. He did not specify what the military has seen.

But an analysis by 38 North, a North Korea-focused U.S. website, said commercial imagery taken last week shows that several operational support buildings have been razed and rails for mining carts have apparently been removed. The site has been used for each of North Korea's six underground nuclear test explosions.

"Commercial satellite imagery from May 7 provided the first definitive evidence that dismantlement of the test site was already well underway," the website wrote.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry announced Saturday that it will dismantle the test site between May

23 and 25. To provide transparency, the ministry said journalists from South Korea, the United States, China, Russia and Britain will be invited to observe the destruction of tunnels and the removal of observation and research facilities at the site.

Seoul's Unification Ministry said it was informed by the North on Tuesday that eight South Korean journalists will be invited. The North did not reveal the number of spots it will give to non-Korean journalists, according to the ministry.

The eight South Korean journalists — four each from a wire agency and a broadcaster that have yet to be determined — will take a chartered flight from Beijing to the North Korean coastal town of Wonsan on May 22, the ministry said. The report-

ers will then be transported by a chartered train to the nuclear test site in Punggye-ri.

Kim has already declared his nuclear weapons and missile program as finished and the nuclear testing site's mission as completed. Some analysts question whether the dismantling of the site is aimed at destroying evidence.

While South Korea's presidential office had said that Kim told South Korean President Moon Jae-in during their summit last month that international experts will be invited to witness the closure, the North's Foreign Ministry statement on Saturday did not include any references to allowing experts at the site.

The two Koreas will hold a high-level meeting Wednesday at a border

truce village to discuss setting up military and Red Cross talks aimed at reducing border tensions and restarting reunions between families separated by the Korean War.

Seoul's Unification Ministry said Tuesday that the meeting will discuss ways to carry out peace commitments made during the inter-Korean summit. The discussions may also include setting up working-level talks between the countries' sports officials over plans to field combined teams in some sports at the Asian Games in August.

After their April 27 meeting, Kim and Moon issued a vague vow for the "complete" denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. They also agreed to stop all hostile acts over "land, sea and air" that can cause military tensions and

clashes, establish a liaison office in the North Korean border town of Kaesong, and to resume temporary reunions between war-separated families.

South Korea, which brokered the planned talks between Trump and Kim, says Kim has genuine interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons in return for economic benefits.

But there are lingering doubts about whether Kim will ever agree to fully relinquish his nukes. Pyongyang for decades has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its 28,500 troops from South Korea and the nuclear umbrella defending South Korea and Japan.

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Players' win means much more to caddie Tesori

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Paul Tesori detached the yellow flag at the 18th hole and carried it with him as he walked off the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass.

For Tesori, this was more than just a championship souvenir.

It was part his childhood and could be his most treasured piece of golf memorabilia.

Tesori, the caddie for The Players Championship winner Webb Simpson, grew up down the road from Sawgrass and has played the course more times than anyone in the field. When Simpson won by four strokes Sunday, Tesori got the first and maybe the longest embrace.

"This means about as much as anything could," Tesori said later.

Tesori picked up golf at a young age thanks to the influence of his grandfather, who was a starter at the nearby Ponte Vedra Inn & Club for 30 years. His first golf tournament as a fan was The Players in 1977, when the event was still played across the street at Sawgrass Country Club.

He figures he's played the Stadium Course more than 700 times, first getting on at age 9 because his grandfather was the course's first superintendent.

He's so entrenched with the area that he and his wife, Michelle, run the Tesori Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 to help those in need in Northeast Florida. Following the birth of their 4-year-old son Isaiah, who has Down Syndrome, they expanded the organization to add programs for kids with special needs.

After Tesori dropped Simpson's bag, he picked up Isaiah and carried him around during interviews and for part of the trophy presentation.

That was the easiest part of Tesori's day, even though Simpson started the final round with a seven-shot lead.

"I've been fortunate enough to be part of a lot of leads, but I've never had anything close to this," Tesori said. "It was stressful to be honest with you."

Relief set in at the final hole, and Tesori planned to enjoy the night with family and friends.

Simpson surely will be nearby. The two are close friends who worked through "two and a half years of miserable putting" to get to this point.

"Paul has been just a great friend through all this, a great co-worker," said Simpson, who won the 2012 U.S. Open with Tesori on his bag. "Through that, I expected him to be frustrated at times, and he never was. He never got frustrated. He stayed positive on my worst days. He would try to give me a pep talk. I think to go through that, you need someone more than a caddie, you need a friend, and he definitely was that for me."

DAY'S SHOULDER

Jason Day grimaced and then grabbed his left shoulder after an approach shot at No. 16 in the final round. But Day said the



Webb Simpson, bottom, lines up a putt on the seventh green with caddie Paul Tesori during the final round of the The Players Championship golf tournament Sunday, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

recurring pain was nothing to be concerned about.

"Every now and then, it happens where my shoulder ... feels like it pops out, but it's like more of a sting," Day said after finishing 13 under and tied for fifth. "I don't know if it's from because I've had back issues and it's gone from my back to my shoulder now."

Day said he felt the same pain at Bay Hill in nearby Orlando in March. He added he does

between 30 and 45 minutes of exercises daily in hopes of staying loose.

"It's been bugging me pretty much the whole year," he said. "It's been pretty sore. Over the last couple weeks, it's actually been really good. I'm always pretty diligent about doing the exercises, so every week it's gradually gotten better and better. So hopefully if I keep on top of it will just slowly go away."

STRICKER'S CHOICE

Steve Stricker entered to play in the AT&T Byron Nelson next week. He also entered the Regions Tradition, a major on the PGA Tour Championships.

He said earlier in the week he had until 3 p.m. Monday to decide.

He beat his deadline. Stricker and his family were headed to Alabama for the first

senior major of the year.

"I'm not putting that good," Stricker said after a 73-70 weekend put him just outside the top 20 at The Players Championship. "I hit some squirrely shots that I've been slowly working myself into. I'll go try to work at it for four rounds at the Regions Tradition and then go play Colonial."

He also knows the Greystone golf course in Birmingham. Stricker tied for 13th in the Tradition last year.

Justin Thomas finally reaches No. 1 in the world

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Justin Thomas has come a long way in 18 months.

All the way to No. 1 in the world.

He had one PGA Tour victory and was No. 35 in the world in October 2016 when he began a steady rise through a deep field of stars. Thomas won seven times in a span of 32 tournaments around the world, including his first major. The final step to the top of the ranking was an illustration of how he got there. He made the cut on the number at The Players Championship, had a 68-66

weekend and tied for 11th.

That was enough to end Dustin Johnson's 64-week atop the world ranking.

"I'm very proud to have gotten there, but it means more to me how long I can hold it," Thomas said in a text message while flying home to south Florida for a two-week break. "Have to continue to work hard with how well so many guys are playing."

Thomas became the 21st player and seventh American to reach No. 1 since the world ranking began in 1986. He was helped by five victories last year, including the

PGA Championship and a FedEx Cup playoff event.

But this season alone, his worst finish in ranking events is a tie for 22nd.

Thomas was projected to get to No. 1 after this week and could have done it by missing the cut if Johnson had finished out of the top 11.

"I would much rather shoot 10 under on the weekend and earn it as opposed to missing the cut and have DJ not play well," Thomas said. "DJ's a hell of a player. If he's not playing well, he's kind of like me this week. He's hanging

around, he'll back-door a top 10 or just play his way into a good finish. And that's why he's been No. 1 in the world for a year now." Johnson still had a say in the matter. A two-way tie for fifth would have been enough, meaning Johnson needed a 33 on the back nine at the TPC Sawgrass. But he three-putted the 13th, chipped up the 14th for a double bogey, and that was that.

Johnson's stay at No. 1 was the longest by any player since Tiger Woods was at the top for five years ending in 2010. Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Jason Day

didn't last more than two weeks at No. 1 the first time they got there.

"I want to have it for a really long time because that means I'm playing better than everybody else for an extended period of time," Thomas said when he finished his final round. "Get hot for a year, couple years and then fall off the map, that doesn't really mean a whole lot to me."

Thomas plans to return at the Memorial. He is not assured of being No. 1 when he returns because Spieth, who went up one spot to No. 3, is playing the next two weeks.

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Trump says US will help penalized Chinese company

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprising overture to China, President Donald Trump said Sunday he would help a Chinese telecommunications company get “back into business,” saying too many jobs in China are at stake after the U.S. government cut off access to its American suppliers.

At issue is the Commerce Department’s move last month to block the ZTE Corp., a major supplier of telecoms networks and smartphones based in southern China, from importing American components for seven years. The U.S. accused ZTE of misleading American regulators after it settled charges of violating sanctions against North Korea and Iran.

The case dates to before Trump took office in January 2017 but the Commerce Department’s decision came amid worsening trade tensions between the U.S. and China centered on technology-related intellectual property.

Trump’s unexpected announcement came as the two countries prepared to continue trade talks in Washington this week. Given his past vows to stop the flow of U.S. jobs to China and crack down on what he says are unfair trade practices, Trump’s tweet of concern about Chinese jobs was something of a backflip.

“A reversal of the ZTE decision could temporarily tamp down trade tensions by allowing the Chinese to make concessions to the U.S. without losing face,” said Eswar Prasad, a professor of trade policy at Cornell University. “Trump may have recognized that backing off on ZTE clears the path for him to claim at least a partial victory in the US-China trade dispute based on the concessions the Chinese seem prepared to offer.”

ZTE, which has more than 70,000 employees and has supplied networks or equipment to some of the world’s biggest telecoms companies, said in early May that it had halted its main operations as a result of the department’s “denial order.”

Trump, who has taken a hard line on trade and technology issues with Beijing, tweeted that he and Chinese leader Xi Jinping “are working together to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast. Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!”

Expanding on Trump’s message, White House deputy press secretary Lindsay Walters said in a statement, “The President’s tweet underscores the importance of a free, fair, balanced, and mutually beneficial economic, trade and investment relationship between the United States and China.”

It was not exactly clear what Trump was proposing for ZTE, or whether it would involve rolling back the Commerce Department’s decision. The White House deferred to the Commerce Department on any specific questions relating to ongoing regulator action.

In a later tweet, Trump suggested the U.S. and China were moving forward on the trade negotiations, but it was not clear how the ZTE case would fit into the bigger picture.

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In this Oct. 8, 2012, file photo, a salesperson stands at counters selling mobile phones produced by ZTE Corp. at an appliance store in Wuhan in central China’s Hubei province. President Donald Trump said Sunday, May 13, 2018, that he would help a Chinese telecommunications company get “back into business,” saying too many jobs in China are stake after the U.S. government cut off access to its American suppliers.

DeBusk, a former Commerce Department assistant secretary for export enforcement, said Trump’s announcement indicates “he is looking to accomplish his objectives on trade with China on a much larger level.”

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At the Beijing talks, the Trump administration handed China a list of hard-line demands that trade experts said could make it even more difficult to resolve the trade disputes. Both sides had been expected to dig in

for a fight over their trade imbalance at this week’s talks.

But Trump set a more reassuring tone in a separate tweet Sunday, saying the two economic giants were “working well together on trade, but past negotiations have been so one sided in favor of China, for so many years, that it is hard for them to make a deal that benefits both countries. But be cool, it will all work out!”

Trump is seeking to cut the chronic U.S. trade deficit by \$100 billion and gain concessions over the policies that foreign companies say force them to share technology in order to gain market access.

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the company, which had paid a \$1.2 billion fine in the case, had failed to discipline employees involved and paid them bonuses instead.

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California Rep. Adam Schiff, the top Democrat on the intelligence committee, criticized Trump for softening his stance on ZTE.

“Our intelligence agencies have warned that ZTE technology and phones pose a major cyber security threat. You should care more about our national security than Chinese jobs,” Schiff said in a tweet directed at Trump.

Pompeo: NKorea needs US security assurances for nuke pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is offering assurances to North Korea’s Kim Jong Un as it seeks to put in motion the potential for a sweeping nuclear deal ahead of President Donald Trump’s upcoming summit with the North Korean leader.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the U.S. will need to “provide security assurances” to Kim if they’re able to forge an agreement. Pompeo met with Kim last week in North Korea, helping set the stage for Trump’s historic meeting with Kim in Singapore on June 12.

Trump has set an ambitious goal for North Korea to get rid of its nuclear weapons in a permanent and verifiable way. In return, the U.S. is willing to help the impoverished nation strengthen its economy.

Pompeo was asked on “Fox News Sunday” whether the U.S. was in effect telling Kim he could stay in power if he met the U.S. demands. Pompeo said: “We will have to provide security assurances, to be sure.”

The top U.S. diplomat did not elaborate, but his comment could refer to the type of assurances North Korea has sought in the past. A statement issued during in-

ternational negotiations with North Korea in 2005 over its nuclear weapons development said the “United States affirmed that it has no nuclear weapons on the Korean Peninsula and has no intention to attack or invade (North Korea) with nuclear or conventional weapons.”

The North has said it needs nuclear weapons to counter what it believes is a U.S. effort to strangle its economy and overthrow the Kim government.

“Make no mistake about it, America’s interest here is preventing the risk that North Korea will launch a nuclear weapon into L.A. or Denver or to the very place we’re sitting here this morning,” Pompeo said from Washington. “That’s our objective, that’s the end state the president has laid out and that’s the mission that he sent me on this past week, to put us on the trajectory to go achieve that.”

Pressed in a separate interview on whether the U.S. would seek regime change, Pompeo said “only time will tell how these negotiations will proceed.”

“The president uses language that says ‘we’ll see,’” Pompeo told CBS’s “Face the Nation.” “The American leadership under President

Trump has its eyes wide open.”

North Korea said Saturday that all of the tunnels at the country’s northeastern nuclear test site will be destroyed by explosion in less than two weeks, ahead of Kim’s summit with Trump. Observation and research facilities and ground-based guard units will also be removed, the North said. Pompeo praised it as “one step along the way.”

John Bolton, the president’s national security adviser, described the types of steps that North Korea would need to take as part of a denuclearization process, including the potential involvement of a processing center in Tennessee.

“The implementation of the decision means getting rid of all the nuclear weapons, dismantling them, taking them to Oak Ridge, Tennessee,” Bolton said in an interview with ABC’s “This Week.” “It means getting rid of the uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing capabilities,” adding the process would also need to address North Korea’s ballistic missiles.

“I don’t think anybody believes you’re going to sign the complete ending of the nuclear program in one day.

But we are also very much interested in operationalizing the commitment as quickly as possible,” Bolton said.

Bolton said in an interview with CNN’s “State of the Union” that North Korea should not “look for economic aid from us. I think what the prospect for North Korea is to become a normal nation, to behave and interact with the rest of the world the way South Korea does.”

“The prospect for North Korea is unbelievably strong if they’ll commit to denuclearization. That’s what the president is going to say,” he said.

Pompeo said private-sector Americans could help rebuild North Korea’s energy grid and develop the country’s infrastructure. He described the possibility of American agriculture being used to “support North Korea so they can eat meat and have healthy lives.”

South Korea has said Kim has shown an interest in dealing away his nuclear weapons in return for economic benefits. But it remains unclear if Kim would ever fully relinquish the weapons he probably views as his only guarantee of survival.

Cuban culture spotlighted by Kennedy Center festival

WASHINGTON (AP) — Renewed tensions between the U.S. and Cuba aren’t stopping the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts from shining a spotlight on the island’s rich cultural heritage during what’s being billed as the largest Cuban arts festival ever held in the United States.

“Artes de Cuba: From the Island to the World,” which runs through May 20, showcases the work of more than 400 Cuban and Cuban-American artists across more than 50 events. The program includes the salsa band Los Van Van and other musicians, visual artists, movies, theater companies and ballerina Alicia Alonso and the Ballet Nacional de Cuba.

“Cuba is a cultural powerhouse, and to present such a diverse slate of Cuban and Cuban-American artists all in a two-week span is unprecedented,” said Deborah F. Rutter, president of the Kennedy Center.

The festival is not without controversy. It has come under fire from Cuban-American lawmakers, including GOP Reps. Carlos Curbelo, Mario Diaz-Balart and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida, as well as Rep. Albio Sires, D-N.J. They wrote to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in April urging him to consider the advisability of allowing “so many pro-Castro regime Cuban nationals” to enter the United States.

Last year, the United States withdrew more than half of its diplomats from Cuba and halted visa processing, citing mysterious “health attacks” in Havana that have harmed at least 24 Americans. Full diplomatic ties between the U.S. and the communist nation had been restored in 2015, under the Obama administration.

Curator Alicia Adams, vice president of International Programming and Dance at the Kennedy Center, pushed back at the notion that the festival has ideological overtones.

“It is important for people in this country to be exposed to, in the aggregate, the extraordinary talent that exists in Cuba,” she told The Associated Press. “The Kennedy Center has a golden rule, and that is that we maintain the ultimate curatorial authority.”

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In this June 22, 2016, file photo, Terry Crews, left, and Andy Samberg attend "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" NYC Event held at Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre in Los Angeles. AP

NBC speeding up trend of revived comedy series

BY DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC is turbocharging the trend of reviving canceled comedies with its pickup of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine."

The network quickly swooped in after Fox dumped it last week, adding it to NBC's midseason schedule. While the fan outcry was heartening, NBC Entertainment Chairman Robert Greenblatt said Sunday that because of business considerations, the pickup already was in the works. The show is made by an NBC Universal-owned studio.

Greenblatt said if he had known earlier in the series' development that Andy Samberg was going to star in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," NBC's studio never would have sold it to Fox in the first place.

"It was a missed opportunity for us from the beginning," he said. "We jumped on it really quickly, and we're thrilled to have it."

He said he believes it's a better fit for NBC's brand of comedy than it ever was for Fox.

NBC succeeded this past season with a reboot of "Will & Grace," while ABC's revival of "Roseanne" has been an even more spectacular success. That's left network executives scouring old cast lists for shows that can be brought back.

SEASON KICKOFF

NBC says it will introduce five new dramas and two new comedies next season. It's the only one of the four biggest broadcast networks with more viewers than last season, although that would not have been the case without the Winter Olympics and Super Bowl.

Broadcast television's schedule week

is a whirlwind of star-studded presentations and parties for advertisers, who will use what they see to decide where to buy billions of dollars' worth of commercial time.

It is, however, becoming less significant for consumers. Twenty-five years ago, the decisions announced influenced the evening habits of millions more people.

In those days, 71 percent of televisions in use during prime time were tuned to either ABC, CBS, NBC or Fox, the Nielsen company said. Today, it's roughly half that. During last season, 40 percent of the TVs were watching those channels, along with other broadcasters like the CW, Univision and Telemundo, Nielsen said.

SIMON AND THE ROCK

NBC was admittedly "treading water" in the winter between editions of "The Voice," during the last few years, Greenblatt said.

He's taken steps to rectify that and will start a winter edition of the summer hit "America's Got Talent," with judge Simon Cowell on board. The format will be a championship tournament of past favorite performers and winners from international editions of the show.

Dwayne Johnson also will be a part of "The Titan Games," a competition from the producers of "American Ninja Warrior." Ellen DeGeneres also will return with "Ellen's Game of Games."

The drama "Blacklist," said to be on the fence to return, is on the midseason schedule.

CHICAGO: WEDNESDAY

NBC is taking viewers to the Midwest on Wednesdays, where the dramas "Chicago Med," "Chicago Fire"

and "Chicago P.D." will fill out the network's prime-time schedule. All are products of television veteran Dick Wolf's production studio.

Wolf's long-running "Law & Order: SVU" will launch its 20th season on Thursday nights.

CHEERS

The midseason comedy "Abby," centered around a bar in San Diego, can boast of one thing unique. It's believed to be the first sitcom to be shot outdoors in front of a live audience.

NEW THIS FALL

NBC's schedule includes three series that will premiere in the fall.

The Monday night drama "Manifest" is a time-traveler series about passengers who get off a bumpy plane flight only to find it's five years later and all of their friends and relatives assumed they were dead.

"New Amsterdam," on Tuesday, is a medical series based in New York's Bellevue Hospital.

"I Feel Bad" — not a medical series — is a comedy about a working mom who is "perfectly OK with being imperfect," according to NBC's description. Amy Poehler is one of the behind-the-scenes figures on the Thursday night show.

BYE-BYE

Hope you didn't get too attached to series like "The Brave," "Law & Order True Crime," "Rise" or "Great News." All landed on the scrap heap. Greenblatt said decisions are due soon on the fate of "Timeless" and "Champions."

today's leading killers — particularly heart disease, which kills more people than any other cause in almost every country," said Frieden, who is president of a New-York-based philanthropy-funded project called Resolve to Save Lives.

The first trans fatty food to hit the U.S. market was Crisco shortening, which went on sale in 1911. Trans fatty foods became increasingly popular beginning in the 1950s, partly because experts at the time thought they were healthier than butter or lard.

Food makers liked artificial trans fats because they prolong product shelf life and enhance flavor. They used them in such fare as doughnuts, cookies and deep-fried foods.

But studies gradually revealed that trans fats wreck cholesterol levels in the blood and drive up the risk of heart disease. Health advocates say trans fats are the most harmful fat in the food supply.

With exposes, book and TV deals, Farrow on run of a lifetime

NEW YORK (AP) — Perhaps the least surprising aspect of The New Yorker magazine's story on abuse allegations against New York's attorney general last week was Ronan Farrow's name on it as one of the authors.

Farrow has been on a head-spinning run that started in October with an expose on movie mogul Harvey Weinstein, for which he shared a Pulitzer Prize with Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey of The New York Times.

The 30-year-old journalist has since written about Israeli operatives collecting information on former Obama aides, the National Enquirer buying stories to keep them quiet, a Playboy model's story of an affair with President Donald Trump and Weinstein's intricate efforts to conceal his behavior.

He also just released a book on international diplomacy and Rex Tillerson's tenure at the State Department. On Friday, Little, Brown and Co. announced it would publish "Catch and Kill," about efforts to silence women who accuse powerful men of sexual misconduct.

Eric Schneiderman, the attorney general accused of physically and verbally abusing former girlfriends, announced his resignation less than four hours after The New Yorker posted the story, which Farrow co-wrote with investigative reporter Jane Mayer.

"You could say he has a bright future in journalism," deadpanned Bill Grueskin, a veteran editor and Columbia University professor.

Appropriately, the son of actress Mia Farrow and his estranged father, Woody Allen, has a story Hollywood would love, complete with rising from a point where he questioned his career and the investigation that earned him a Pulitzer. (Farrow has not reported on his sister Dylan's allegations that Allen molested her — which he has denied — but said he's proud of her for making them.)

Farrow was a boy wonder even before getting into journalism. The future Rhodes Scholar and Yale Law School graduate finished Bard College at age 15. He worked for the U.S. state department in the Obama administration and in Nigeria for UNICEF.

"I wound up in situations through my work in advocacy and government where I was seeing stories play out that I thought needed telling, sometimes in tough places where press access was constrained, like Darfur," Farrow explained his turn to journalism, in an email interview with The Associated Press while traveling in Europe last week. "Writing about it was just about the only thing I could do."

Print stories led to television work, where Farrow's articulateness and good looks didn't hurt. MSNBC gave him a daytime show, torpedoed by low ratings after a year. Farrow remained at NBC News as a reporter and began working on the Weinstein story.

The story matched his skills and persistence, said New Yorker Editor David Remnick.

"The heroic figures in these stories are not Ronan Farrow or Jane Mayer or Jodi Kantor or Megan Twohey," he said. "It's the people who put themselves on the line to speak truthfully about what has been so hidden and secretive, and that takes immense courage on their part and, on the part of the reporters, real patience and empathy of the kind that you don't really need when you're doing crime reporting or political reporting."

How the Weinstein story wound up at The New Yorker and not on NBC is a well-publicized, if not fully understood story. NBC said that after much work, Farrow's story still wasn't ready for air.

What's murky is why he didn't continue working on it for NBC. NBC noted that he did not have an exclusive contract. Farrow hasn't discussed this in detail, although he plans to in his new book.

Farrow was introduced to Remnick by Ken Auletta, the veteran New Yorker writer who previously tried to crack the Weinstein story and had talked to Farrow about that experience. Remnick said he initially was skeptical, but saw Farrow had the makings of a good piece. He kept him working on it; the magazine was fueled by competition with the Times, which he also knew was on to the story.

Farrow talked in a commencement address at Loyola Marymount University earlier this month of a low point where "I had spent a year in rooms with executives telling me it wasn't a story."

He recalled a phone conversation with "my poor, long-suffering partner."

"I remember saying, 'I swung too wide, I gambled too much, I lost everything and no one will even know,'" he told the college graduates.

Remnick's interest provided a much-needed boost in confidence. He said he remembers as a young reporter how getting encouraging words from some veteran, legendary journalists indicated he was on the right track and that they had his back.

"That means a lot to a reporter," Remnick said. "If you don't have it, you feel at sea."

Although NBC has defended itself, and declined to further discuss it for this story, the damaging impression that it missed a big story has stuck.

Farrow's work on Weinstein has clearly helped him with other stories. He told the AP he hopes "other people with difficult stories to tell see that and understand they can trust me to respect them and treat them with care."

Farrow has signed with HBO to make a series of documentaries. He credited freedom given by MSNBC to tell in-depth stories for inspiring the HBO deal.

Is there anywhere else to go when you're on the top of the mountain at age 30?

"In my experience, that scale of a story doesn't come along very often," Remnick said, "and the only way for the next one to come along is to work very, very hard. That's something that I have no doubt that he'll do."

UN agency calls for all countries to rid foods of trans fat

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Health Organization is calling on all nations to rid foods of artificial trans fats in the next five years.

The United Nations agency has in the past pushed to exterminate infectious diseases, but now it's aiming to erase a hazard linked to chronic illness.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was expected to issue the call to action at a news conference in Geneva on Monday.

Officials think it can be done in five years because the work is well underway in many countries. Denmark did it 15 years ago, and since then the United States and more than 40 other higher-income countries have been working on getting the heart-clogging additives out of their food supplies.

The WHO is pushing middle- and lower-income countries to pick up the fight, said Dr. Francesco Branca, director of the WHO's Department of Nutrition for Health and Development.

Artificial trans fats are unhealthy substances that are created when hydrogen is added to vegetable oil to make it solid, like in the creation of margarine or shortening. Health experts say they can be replaced with canola oil or other products.

There are also naturally occurring trans fats in some meats and dairy products. The WHO recommends that no more than 1 percent of a person's calories come from trans fats.

"Trans fats are a harmful compound that can be removed easily without major cost and without any impact on the quality of the foods," Branca said.

Countries will likely have to use regulation or legislation to get food makers to make the switch, experts said.

Dr. Tom Frieden, a former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who worked with WHO officials on the call to action, called its move unprecedented.

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European spy chiefs warn of hybrid threats from Russia, IS

BY FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — European intelligence chiefs warned Monday that Russia is actively seeking to undermine their democracies by disinformation, cyberattacks and more traditional means of espionage.

The heads of Britain and Germany's domestic intelligence agencies, as well as the European Union and NATO's top security officials, pinpointed Moscow as the prime source of hybrid threats to Europe, citing attempts to manipulate elections, steal sensitive data and spark a coup in Montenegro. They also cited the nerve agent attack against a former Russian spy in Britain this year that Britain has blamed on Russia.

"Our respect for Russia's people (...) cannot and must not stop us from calling out and pushing back on the Kremlin's flagrant breaches of international rules," the head of Britain's MI5 spy agency, Andrew Parker, told an intelligence gathering in Berlin.

Parker said the March 4 attack on Sergei Skripal and his daughter in Salisbury was swiftly followed by Russian attempts to divert blame. That resulted in at least 30 alternative theories about the attack being spread by Russian authorities and media.

"Whatever nonsense they conjure up, the case is clear," said Parker.

He later told reporters that since allied governments were first briefed on Russia's involvement in the attack by the British government, "the case, if anything, has

got stronger since then."

Germany's domestic intelligence chief, Hans-Georg Maassen, said his agency, known as BFV, blames Russian authorities for orchestrating a persistent cyberattack aimed at stealing sensitive data so it can be used in future intelligence campaigns, such as what happened with the Democratic National Committee emails leaked during the 2016 U.S. presidential election campaign.

Maassen said authorities are particularly concerned about the possible funding of extremist groups aiming to divide European societies, and he called for greater awareness of hybrid attacks to counter such threats.

Sir Julian King, the EU's security commissioner, warned that social media had "turbocharged" state actors' ability to spread disinformation, citing the recent revelations about Cambridge Analytica's gathering of personal data from Facebook users to help manipulate elections.

King warned of future threats posed by sophisticated fake videos that are indiscernible from real footage, calling it an example of a "deadly weapon of mass disinformation" that societies need to find ways of becoming resilient to.

He also said the European Commission is working with social media companies such as Facebook and Twitter to better inform users about why they are seeing certain posts and who is paying for them, to help protect against disinformation campaigns by groups or governments outside the country.

NATO's assistant secretary general for intelligence and security,



Hans-Georg Maassen, head of the German Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, right, talks MI5 head Andrew Parker during symposium on hybrid threat scenarios in Berlin Monday, May 14, 2018.

Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven, said the price of launching hybrid attacks needs to increase, citing the expulsion of 150 undeclared spies by Britain and its allies in the wake of the Salisbury attack.

Intelligence chiefs also noted the continued threat posed by Islamist extremism and the need to cooperate closely among European agencies, despite Britain's departure from the EU next year.

Parker, whose speech in Berlin was the first by a serving MI5 director outside Britain, said security agencies had thwarted 12 terrorist

plots in the U.K. since Parliament was attacked in March 2017.

"We remain unwaveringly and absolutely committed to working together with European partners," he said, calling for security cooperation to be enshrined in future treaties between Britain and the EU.

Asked about whether disinformation played a role in Britain's Brexit referendum two years ago, Parker said: "I'm not aware of any information that suggests that the outcome was determined by any sort of interference."

He declined to say whether MI5

had registered any attempts at influencing the outcome.

Maassen, his German counterpart, said the Brexit referendum likely prompted spy chief in some countries "to nearly laugh their heads off" because it suited their interests.

On the question of foreign funding for political parties in Germany — an issue that has been repeatedly raised in connection with the rise of the far-right Alternative for Germany party — Maassen said: "There is no information I can give to you."

French police question parents, friend of Paris attacker

PARIS (AP) — Investigators are following the trail of a 20-year-old Frenchman born in Chechnya who rampaged through a festive Paris neighborhood slashing passers-by with a knife, raising anew the specter of terrorism in France after less than two months of calm.

Using a knife, the man identified as Khamzat Azimov killed one person and wounded four others in a festive area near Paris' old opera house. Police shot him to death as he charged them, witnesses said. Less than 24 hours later, investigators were questioning three people — his parents and a friend.

The Islamic State group quickly claimed responsibility for the Saturday night attack via its Amaq news agency, saying Azimov was their "soldier" acting in response to the group's calls for supporters to target members of the U.S.-led anti-IS military coalition, a stock response. France's military has been active in the coalition since 2014.

On Sunday, Amaq released a posthumous video said to show the attacker calling on Muslims in Europe to "take action in the land of disbelievers" if they can't travel to the crumbling caliphate in Iraq and Syria, which has been pounded by coalition forces. The man said French citizens should pressure their government "if you want it (attacks) to end."

SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors jihadi propaganda, obtained the video, which could not be independently authenticated. The young man's face is covered, except for his eyes, with a black bandanna and the hood of his coat. The video was made outside amid trees and falling rain. French authorities had no comment.

Police detained Azimov's parents in the northern 18th district of Paris and held a friend from Strasbourg in that city on the border with Germany in eastern France, French officials said. The friend was detained Sunday afternoon.

A security official said investigators searched the Paris residence of the parents. The official wasn't authorized to speak about the investigation and insisted on not being quoted by name.

French media reported that the family had lived in Strasbourg, and it wasn't clear if the suspect moved to Paris with his parents.

Counterterrorism investigators want to know if the assailant had help or co-conspirators. The attacker killed a 29-year-old man and wounded four other people, one from Luxembourg, before police fatally shot him.

The suspect was on a police watch list for radicalism, a judicial official not authorized to speak publicly about the case told The Associated Press. But he had a clean criminal record and did not know his victims, Interior Ministry spokesman Frederic de Lanouvelle said.

Witnesses reported hearing the man shouting "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great," during the attack that happened at about 9 p.m. in a lively area near the Opera Garnier.

The assailant obtained French nationality in 2010, the Interior Ministry spokesman said. He was born in November 1997 in the largely Muslim Russian republic of Chechnya, where extremism has long simmered. Chechens have been among the numerous foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq, some joining the Islamic State cause early in the fighting.

Chechnya's president weighed in after the rampage, perhaps striking a nerve by insisting Sunday that France bears responsibility for the knifings. He said Azimov held a Russian passport only until he was 14 years old.

"I consider it necessary to state that all responsibility for the fact that Khamzat Azimov went on the road of crime lies completely with the authorities of France," Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov said. "He was only born in Chechnya, and his growing up, the formation of his personality, his views and persuasions occurred in French society."

France has counted the most foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq of all European nations, many — but not all — of North African origin.

At home, IS sympathizers have killed more than 200 people in France in recent years — 130 in an attack on revelers in 2015. The last attack

occurred in March near the touristic southern town of Carcassonne where an extremist with a gun killed three people, two in a supermarket, including an officer who exchanged himself for a hostage.

Like the Carcassonne killer, the Paris assailant was listed in a nationwide database of thousands of people suspected of links to radicalism, according to the judicial official. Extremists behind multiple attacks in France in recent years have turned out to be on the watch list.

The attacker targeted five people and then fled, according to Paris police and a witness. When police officers arrived minutes later, he threatened them and was shot dead. Several witnesses said the attacker ran directly toward police.

Bar patrons and opera-goers described surprise, confusion and panic as the drama unfolded, with people crawling under restaurant tables, and ordered to stay inside while the police operation was underway in the 2nd arrondissement, or district, on Paris' Right Bank.

"I was working in the restaurant and suddenly I heard a woman screaming ... he came and attacked her," recalled Jonathan, a witness working nearby who wouldn't provide his last name. "That's when the panic started. Everyone started screaming and trying to reach our restaurant. ... The attacker just kept walking around with his knife in his bloodied hands."

A 23-year-old Brazilian tourist from Washington told AP that she and her aunt saw the fatally wounded victim on the ground and watched the ambulance arrive and rescue workers try to revive him.

"They kept doing CPR for what seemed to be a really long time and, in the end, he passed, and they put the sheet over him," Carolina Melo said. She said she and her aunt had been in their hotel, went out to investigate the noisy confusion nearby but retreated after hearing several gunshots. The scene "was kind of a mess," she said.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the United States would lend a hand in the investigation.

Catalonia's lawmakers pick fervent separatist as new chief

MADRID (AP) — Lawmakers in Catalonia elected a fervent separatist as the new chief of the restive region Monday, ending a leadership vacuum of more than six months and setting the scene for more confrontations with the Spanish government.

Quim Torra, a former corporate lawyer who went on to lead a prominent pro-secession group, vowed to build an independent Catalan republic by working under the leadership of his fugitive predecessor, Carles Puigdemont.

Puigdemont is in Germany fighting extradition to Spain, where he is wanted for allegedly using public funds and orchestrating an "insurrection" to get the wealthy northeastern region around Barcelona to break away from Spain.

Torra was elected 66-65 in a second round vote after he failed to secure an absolute majority in the 135-strong Catalan Parliament over the weekend. Four lawmakers with the far-left anti-establishment CUP party abstained.

Immediately after his election, Torra, 55, said one of the goals of his new government would be to reinstate Puigdemont as "the legitimate president" of Catalonia. The Spanish government removed Puigdemont and his Cabinet from office after the regional parliament passed an illegal declaration of independence in October.

"Our president is Carles Puigdemont, and we will be faithful to the mandate of October...to build an independent state in the form of a republic," Torra told the chamber based in Barcelona.

Torra also has promised to create a "state council in exile" and vowed to establish a constituent assembly to write the constitution for a new Catalan republic.

"Everybody will win rights with the republic," Torra told fellow lawmakers in a speech before the vote. "Nobody will lose rights. The republic is for everybody, no matter what they vote."

The Catalan separatist movement has caused the worst political and institutional crisis in Spain in decades.

Central authorities have been ruling Catalonia directly from Madrid since the regional government led by Puigdemont relied on the results of an outlawed Oct. 1 referendum to declare unilateral independence from Spain.

The national government has fired dozens of civil servants and closed a network of overseas offices that sought investments in Catalonia but also functioned as "diplomatic delegations" to bolster support for independence.

The unprecedented Spanish takeover is set to end when Torra is sworn in along with a new Catalan Cabinet. But Spanish authorities have warned that the national government could reassert its authority if the new regional government breaks the law again.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said he didn't like what he had heard during Monday's investiture debate in the Catalan assembly. He said his judgment on Torra's appointment will depend on Torra's actions.

"We will bet on understanding and agreement in looking at the future," Rajoy told reporters in Segovia. "But I say this, and I mean it: I will make sure that the law, the Spanish Constitution and the rest of the legal system, are obeyed."



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