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## New safety measures arise after latest shooting

### Central Florida schools react after attack on Texas high school

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

New school safety measures in Central Florida are rolling out after a gunman opened fire at Santa Fe High School in Texas early Friday morning, killing eight students and two teachers. Ten others were wounded.

Santa Fe was at least the 20th incident in 2018 in which someone was injured with a firearm on the campus of a U.S. school.

The slaying comes three months after an active shooter killed 17 people at a South Florida high school, sparking student-led protests and rallies nationwide.

The suspect in Texas was identified as Dimitrios Pagourtzis, 17, who was taken into custody by authorities.

In response to the shooting in Texas, officials in Polk and Seminole counties announced that students will be prohibited from

bringing backpacks to school. Officials haven't said yet whether the backpack ban will extend into next school year.

In Osceola County, security measures during the final days of class were up to the discretion of the school, according to District Public Information Officer Dana Schafer.

As authorities in Texas grapple with the country's most recent mass shooting, counties across Florida are preparing to receive millions of state dollars meant to improve school security measures.

The funds are part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High

School Public Safety Act, a \$400 million measure signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott two months ago following the shooting in Parkland.

The law sets aside over \$98 million in grants to help districts improve the hardening and physical security of school buildings.

Schafer said a group of community leaders would meet to determine the best way to use the school hardening funds it receives later this year.

"We are currently working with the three law enforcement agencies

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### Soaring above school



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Northrop F-5 Tigers fly over Poinciana High School in a training operation during the Eagles spring football game on May 17.

### Local vet receives mortgage-free home



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Clint Ball, president of PulteGroups' North Florida division, at left, and Brig. Gen. (ret.) Robert Thomas, CEO of Operation Homefront, at right, flank Army veteran Andrew Inman, center, and his family at the Osceola County Commission meeting on Monday.

A local U.S. Army veteran and his family received the surprise of their life on Monday.

They were announced as the recipients of a brand-new mortgage-free home in St.

Cloud, donated by PulteGroup through the company's Built to Honor program in partnership with nonprofit Operation Homefront.

During the Osceola County Commission

meeting on Monday, Army veteran Andrew Inman was recognized and honored for his military service along with his family. He was

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### Mosquito season arrives in Osceola



PHOTO/METRO

Preventing the birth of mosquitoes is vital to keeping the pest population low.

By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

There's an old saying about death and taxes being life's only guarantees. Florida summertime brings a pair of its own guarantees – humidity and mosquitoes.

After a week of steady rainfall, the biting bugs are back in full force to usher in another mosquito season in Osceola County.

The role of preventing and mitigating the severity of the insects falls to Mosquito Control, a program within the county's Natural Resources Department headed by Director Terry Torrens.

Mosquitoes can be pesky, but Torrens said her department's first priority is public health, not nuisance abatement.

"Mosquitoes tend to be annoying, but the reality is mosquitoes carry disease," Torrens said. "We want to protect our citizens and visitors from being exposed to any possible mosquito-borne viruses."

But the insects, which thrive in Central Florida's humid, wet climate, far outnumber Torren's 12-person staff at Mosquito Control. For this reason,

Torrens emphasized how important it is for residents to do their part.

"Many times when we get called to a home that has reported issues, it turns out they are breeding their own mosquitoes without even realizing it," she said.

Mosquito larva grows in stagnant water. Torrens recommended residents turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water on their property, such as tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, tarps, flowerpots, or trash containers once a week. When it comes to items such as birdbaths and pet food bowls, residents should change the water on a regular basis as well.

Preventing the birth of mosquitoes is vital to keeping the pest population low. Once conditions get warm and rainy though, the bugs always appear.

That's when the county relies on Mosquito Control to use methods like land-based and aerial fogging to help mitigate the problem.

Weather this year is drier than 2017, Torrens noted, which has kept the bugs at bay longer than usual. Since heavy rain dominated the

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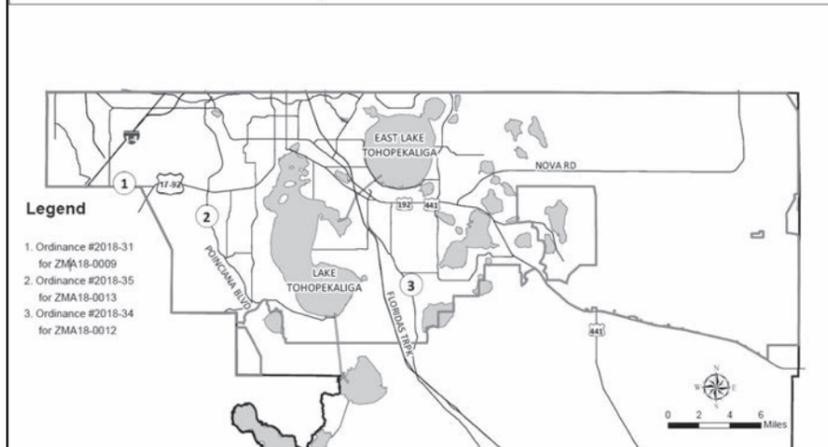
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Public Hearings will be held by the Osceola County Planning Commission beginning at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as practical, on June 7, 2018, and by the Board of County Commissioners beginning at 1:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as practical, on June 11, 2018, in the Osceola County Administration Building, Commission Chambers, 4th Floor, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida, 34741 to consider the following:

- 1. Adoption of Ordinance #2018-31 for ZMA18-0009:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Commercial Tourist (CT) to Commercial General (CG), on certain real property generally located on the northwest corner of Osceola Polk Line Road and Sullivan Road, comprised of approximately 14.44 acres, more or less; amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and Providing for an effective date. Island Estate Group, LLC (Applicant), Reunion Capital Group, LLC (Owner) Commission District: 1
- 2. Ordinance #2018-35 for ZMA18-0013:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Planned Development (PD) to Commercial General (CG), on certain real property generally located on the east side of S. Poinciana Boulevard, south of Waterview Estates Boulevard and north of Trafalgar Boulevard, comprised of approximately 1.75 acres, more or less; Amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and, Providing for an effective date. CH2 Enterprises, LLC (Applicant and Owner) Commission District: 3
- 3. Ordinance #2018-34 for ZMA18-0012:** An Ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, changing the zoning designation from Rural Development (two acres) (R-2M) to Urban Settlement Manufactured Product (US-M), on certain real property generally located on the west side of Canoe Creek Road, east of Fanny Bass Road and south of POW MIA Memorial Drive, comprised of approximately 1.4 acres, more or less; Amending the official zoning map; Providing for correction of scrivener's errors; Providing for severability; Providing for conflict; and, Providing for an effective date. Guiseppe Oliveri, Manager for Housing By Owner LLC (Applicant) and Housing By Owner LLC (Owner) Commission District: 5

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

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

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

# Qualifying for St. Cloud election set for June 18-22



**St. Cloud City Council**

St. Cloud City Council approved the system in which the city's regular elections will be held in November, during its meeting April 12.

A resolution established the qualifying period for June 18-22. The ordinance allows for regular elections to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, every election year. This year, that will be on Nov. 6, with a primary election date of Aug. 28 if necessary. The two elected council members would serve a four-year term.

Potential candidates interested in filing to run for the offices of City Council seat 4 or seat 5, in the November General Municipal Election, may obtain candidate packets from the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections, beginning June 18.

To be eligible, a person must be a registered voter residing within city limits. Potential candidates must also present a written petition signed by at least 25 voters who are qualified to vote in the upcoming election or must pay a sum

equal to five percent of the annual salary of the seat for which they are a candidate (as a nonrefundable qualifying fee). All potential candidates must also pay a one percent election assessment required by the state.

For more information, visit: <http://www.voteosceola.com/en/> or call 407-742-6000. For more information on the municipality's Code of Ordinances, visit the "St. Cloud, Florida - Code of Ordinances" page at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com) or call 407-957-7320.

## SAFETY

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and the schools to complete a security risk assessment for each campus by the deadline to determine how to spend the money," Schafer said.

The security risk assessments will determine needs based on available funding, she said.

The new law also sets aside more than \$69 million to fund the mental health assistance allocation.

The funds are meant to assist school districts in establishing or expanding school-based mental health care, which can include hiring more psychiatrists and social workers.

The mental health allocation is part of next year's budget and will be released upon approval of a district plan filed with the Florida Department of Education. Schafer said the district doesn't

have any dollars in hand at the moment from this allocation.

The new law puts several additional mandates on school districts across the state, according to a press release from the Florida Senate. Those mandates include:

- ▶ Each district school board and school district superintendent must cooperate with law enforcement agencies to assign one or more safe-school officers at each school facility. The safe-school officer requirement can be satisfied by appointing any combination school resources officer, school safety officers, or school guardians.
- ▶ Requires each district school board to designate a district school safety specialist to serve as the district's primary point of

public contact for public school safety functions.

- ▶ Requires each school district to designate school safety specialists and a threat assessment team at each school, and requires the team to operate under the district school safety specialist's direction.
- ▶ Requires the DOE to contract for the development of a Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool, which will assist school districts in conducting security assessments to identify threats and vulnerabilities.

The law also requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to procure a mobile app that would allow students and the community to relay information anonymously concerning unsafe, dangerous threats.

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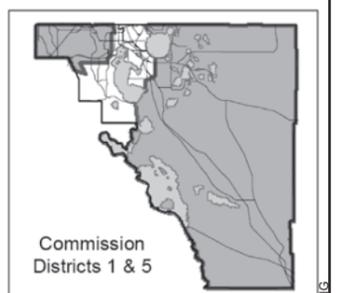
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- 1. RV17-00007:** Consideration of a petition by Hans Pistor, Hanlex Development, LLC, for a road vacation and adoption of Resolution #18-066R, to vacate a portion of an unimproved section of Mango Street right-of-way (ROW), located east of Lot "B", Block 8, west of Lot "A", Block 9, and north of US Highway 17 and 92, as delineated and dedicated on the plat of Campbell City, Section 17, Township 25 South, Range 31 East, as recorded in Plat Book A, Pages 30 & 40 of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida. Commission District 1.
- 2. VAC18-0005:** Consideration of a petition by Marlon Philips, Karen Phillips, and Brian Smith for a road vacation and adoption of Resolution #18-050R, to vacate a portion of an unimproved 70' section of Hicks Street right-of-way (ROW), located between Lots 6 through 10, Block 193, and Lots 1 through 5, Block 198, as delineated and dedicated on the Plat of New Town of Narcoossee, Section 17, Township 25, Range 31, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Pages 71 and 72, of the Public Records of Osceola County, Florida. Commission District 5.

Any person wishing to appeal any decision made by the Planning Commission or Board of County Commissioners with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purposes, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Materials relating to the above may be examined in the offices of Osceola County Community Development/Development Review, 1 Courthouse Square, Suite 1400, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays except holidays. Written comments may be submitted to the Development Review at the above address. For questions regarding these requests please contact the Community Development/Development Review at 407-742-0200; fax number at 407-742-0205 or email at [notice@osceola.org](mailto:notice@osceola.org). Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and be heard with respect to these items <http://www.osceola.org/MeetingsPortal/home.cfm>

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# POINCIANA

## APV to host Memorial Day event

Memorial Day is this Monday. It is a special day when we recognize our country's fallen heroes.

The Association of Poinciana Villages (APV) will honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend our liberties in a special event to acknowledge and memorialize them together as a community.

The APV Memorial Day event will be Friday, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Vance Harmon Park, 50 Country Club Road.

This family-friendly event is open to the public and will begin promptly at 5 p.m. as the Color Guard from Liberty High School will perform a flag ceremony. Bring your chairs and picnic blanket and visit the park's new concession stand. Attendees will also be treated to free ice cream, patriotic music and open swim time at the Mary Jane Arrington pool. For safety reasons, the pool will only be open to the first 250 event attendees so be sure to get a wrist band when you arrive.

The Valencia College Poinciana campus will host the second summer block party "Light up Poinciana"

Friday, June 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. This year's event will feature a one-mile fun run to help raise funds for the school's culinary program.

This community event is open to all. In addition to meeting the campus staff and community vendors, the summer block party will include food trucks, performances and music, giveaways, family fun and more.

Campus staff will also be able to assist with general questions regarding steps to enroll, course offerings, financial aid, study abroad, volunteer opportunities, internships and accredited skills training at Valencia.

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 Drills and Skills Basketball Training

Camp will be at the Mary Jane Arrington Gym, 625 Country Club Drive. The dates of the camp are June 5 to 7 and July 11 to 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost of the camp is \$160 and will include a T-shirt, guest speakers, daily lunch and NBA giveaways. The camp is for grades 4 to 10 and will include practice

skills such as dribbling, shooting, passing, defensive skills, one-on-one moves, point guard 'school', core conditioning and game situations.

To register for Drills and Skills Basketball Camp, call 321-421-9760.

LISA CONCEPCION  
Poinciana Writer



If you have any Poinciana news or information that you would like to share, call Lisa Concepcion at 407-846-7122 or email news@osceolanews-gazette.com.

## Weisheyer nominated as president-elect for FSBA

Osceola County School Board Member Tim Weisheyer has been nominated as president-elect for the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA), a nonprofit corporation providing a collective voice for the elected school boards in Florida.

As president-elect, Weisheyer would work at the local, state and national level to champion for increased

student achievement through the development of effective school board leadership and advocacy for public education.

If elected, he would serve as FSBA president-elect for 2018-19 and then FSBA president for 2019-20. The official vote and installation of the organization's officers will be at the FSBA Annual Summer Conference in June in Tampa Bay.

## MOSQUITO

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forecast this week, Torrens expects a mosquito breed-off to boom over the next week or so.

Fogging by the county is conducted at night throughout the summer using methods and chemicals that are highly regulated by several agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Agriculture.

If mosquito populations get too high, the county also contracts with an aerial spraying service that can treat swamps and other high-population zones.

When it comes to mosquito season in Florida, Torrens said residents don't need to be scared, just use common sense precautions.

Applying effective bug repellent that contain active ingredients like DEET should be "the new normal."

"We put sunblock on when we know we're going to be outside, so it's important to make mosquito repellent part of

the routine as well," Torrens said.

Other measures, including regularly reapplying repellent and wearing long sleeves, can also cut down on mosquito bites and the spread of disease.

Torrens said Mosquito Control receives about \$40,000 a year in funding from the state agriculture department. Two years ago, the state awarded a much larger sum to help local counties make upgrades in the wake of Zika virus outbreaks in South America.

The extra funding stopped once Zika was no longer classified as an emergency by the state, but Torrens said that additional money helped make much-needed upgrades to equipment.

"It really did help out smaller programs like mine where I was able to invest in a whole bunch of additional equipment and update the stuff we were running," she said.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Ending term limits could disenfranchise many

To the Editor:

On May 14, I was surprised to see that a Kissimmee resident had asked City Manager Mike Steigerwald to add an item to the May 15 Kissimmee City Commission meeting agenda.

The item was then marked as item "8.A. Kissimmee City Commission term limits." What this resident was asking for was for the elimination of term limits for the mayor. If you are in any way involved in the local politics of the city of Kissimmee you'll know that this was tried before to a larger extent. In December of 2017, one of our commissioners brought up for discussion the ending of term limits for the entire commission. If you sat at that meeting, you would have heard residents lambast the idea, myself; not as harsh as others but, on the side of continuing the current term limits.

During this same meeting, a resident of Celebration; the county Democratic chair, also spoke. She went one step further asking that non-partisan races be eliminated as well. As many of you may know the county is made up of almost double the number of Democrats than Republicans, and out of the 209,514 registered voters within the county, only 72,603 are neither. With these numbers, allowing term limits and



non-partisan races to end; even for just the mayor, could be detrimental to voters and could disenfranchise many.

Being that we are a closed primary state this could mean only one thing. That the plans of those that would like to end term limits are as follows: End term limits, end non-partisan race, then in races where all candidates are of a single party entering a shill candidate to run non-partisan and closing off the entire election to the all those who are not part of their party. This is a very unethical and deceitful thing to do and should not be allowed. Any commissioner that wished to do something like this should be placed under a microscope once elections come along.

Marcos Diego Marrero  
Chair of the Libertarian Party of  
Osceola County

### Appropriate actions can save lives

To the Editor:

Overdoses are happening everywhere, all over the country.

In our current society, the streets are filled to the brim with ultra-strong heroin that's often mixed with fentanyl and a multitude of its analogues, making life saving efforts, like Narcan, futile when trying to reverse an overdose.

The thing is, overdoses don't just happen in the bathroom or bedroom at home. In fact, many people who overdose do so in public areas. Overdoses can happen in the grocery store, in the car, at a shopping mall... just about anywhere. Overdoses happen when a person has taken more opiates (or opioids) than their body can handle. They can happen absolutely anywhere and it's really important for everyone to know the symptoms of an overdose because then, the appropriate actions can be taken to save a person's life.

For more information on the opiate epidemic, visit <http://www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/how-to-recognize-signs-of-an-opiate-overdose.html>. If you are in need of a referral to a treatment center, call us at 877-841-5509.

Jason Good  
Clearwater

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# POLICE NEWS

## Davenport man killed in I-4 dump truck crash

A Davenport man driving a dump truck was killed on Monday after the vehicle hit a guardrail on Interstate 4 inside Osceola County.

According to the

Florida Highway Patrol, the 55-year-old man was driving the 2006 dump truck westbound on Interstate 4 at about 6:15 a.m.

For an unknown reason, the driver then traveled

toward the median and the left side of the truck hit a guardrail, FHP officials said.

The driver, who was not identified pending notification of kin, was found outside of the truck

and pronounced dead on scene.

It was unknown if the victim was wearing his seat belt.

The crash remains under investigation.

## VET

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announced as the recipient of a four-bedroom, single-family home that will be built by PulteGroup's North Florida division. The family will move into the home in the fall, just in time for the holidays.

"It is a privilege for Pulte employees, along with our trade partners and suppliers, to be able to give back to our nation's veterans in a meaningful way," said Clint Ball, president of the North Florida division. "Andrew Inman, his wife and daughters are so deserving of this new home. We look forward to working with the Inmans as we build this home to meet their family's needs and help them begin to create wonderful new memories in this next chapter of their lives."

As a young child, Inman did not have a stable home environment. His family constantly moved between Oregon, Washington and Nevada. Now, suffering

from post-traumatic stress disorder, he worried that his family would not have a home. Inman and his wife, Erin, have been married

**Owning a home will be a start of a legacy for me.**

— INMAN

for 13 years and have two daughters. He served nine years in the military. He enlisted in the Marines in 1997 and served for five years until 2002. One year later, he enlisted in the Army and served two tours to Iraq, where he served as a specialist. In 2006, Andrew was honorably discharged.

"Owning a home will be a start of a legacy for me," said Inman. "It's also going to provide financial stability. Our main goal was to be homeowners. We wanted a home to call our own and

for our children to grow up in, go to college, and then come back and not have to worry about struggling or moving to another place. We are grateful to Operation Homefront and PulteGroup for this wonderful opportunity — it will be emotional and life-changing."

The Inman family was accepted into Operation Homefront's Homes on the Homefront program, which provides veterans and their families the opportunity to move into a home and work directly with housing caseworkers and financial counselors to prepare for home ownership.

Upon successful graduation from the program, the family will receive the deed to the home.

"We are extremely grateful to PulteGroup and their Built to Honor program for supporting our veterans and military

families with mortgage-free homes," said Brig. Gen. (ret.) Robert Thomas, chief operating officer of Operation Homefront. "We are excited to provide the Inman family a home that will create life-changing financial stability, and relief from the burden of a decades long mortgage. At Operation Homefront, we are changing lives by partnering with like-minded individuals, companies, and other organizations to accomplish our mission of building strong, stable, and secure military families so that they can thrive — not struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect."

Anyone looking for more information about the Homes on the Homefront program, or to apply, can go to [www.homesonthefront.org](http://www.homesonthefront.org).

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## SPRING FOOTBALL JAMBOREES

# Excitement under new head coaches

► Liberty doubles up Gateway as Ray, Swint star, PHS falls but remains optimistic success will come

By J. Daniel Pearson  
For the News-Gazette

Some 90 minutes before kickoff of Poinciana's spring football game Friday, uncommon excitement and enthusiasm abounded.

Players were running and laughing between drill stations, yelling encouragement on every play. When a ball hit the ground, every player in the drill was running to get to it first. Even parents seemed excited, proudly recording the warmups on their iPhones. It was a scene that has not been a common occurrence at a school that has struggled on the gridiron for as long as most people can remember.

What has changed at the school that has just won 12 games in the last 10 years and hasn't had a winning season in almost two decades? For starters, a new head coach in Phillip Prior, the man responsible for the attitude change.

Prior, who arrived in Kissimmee after serving as an assistant head coach at Leon and Chiles High School in Tallahassee, has been a catalyst in changing the attitudes of the players, staff and parents.

Although Poinciana lost its spring game to Discovery, 14-3, the progress the Eagles are making is observable.

"We've told our kids from day one, that our past is our past and it has absolutely nothing to do with our future and what we are going to accomplish here," Prior said. "I told them that our hard work, the sacrifices we are willing to make, and our willingness to do things the right way, every day, is what is going to determine our future. Our kids have done a great job of buying into that but we all know that we have a lot of work to do."

Prior said his goal is to establish a pro style, run-first offense that will rely on being physical. Defensively, he said he was pleased to discover he had some "size" on his first team and that size will fit into the physical nature of the defense he wants to play.

"Defense is just about attitude and effort — we call it the juice," he said. "We want our kids to play with the juice on every play and they have really embraced the concept."

Rising senior Connor Beeken rushed for 112 yards on 15 carries and Jonathan Sanchez added 42 yards on six carries.

Although QB Kolton Richards only completed three of 13 passes for 42 yards and three interceptions, he was victimized by a half dozen drops, something Prior noted will be fixed as the

players become more familiar with the scheme.

Defensively, the Eagles forced a turnover and had made more than a dozen tackles behind the line of scrimmage. All 14 points allowed were off offensive turnovers.

"Overall, I've been real happy with our first spring," Prior said. "Now we need to continue it during our summer workouts and come into camp with the same positive attitude."

**Liberty 28, Gateway 14** — the other new coaching tenure in the county, where Brandon Pennington debuted with the Chargers, was met with a win.

Seeing newly-installed offensive and defensive schemes for the first time against a different opponent, Pennington said he was "pretty happy with what we saw."

"We struggled a little offensively in the first half, and missed some opportunities, but that's a tribute to Gateway's defense."

Quarterback Jaelen Ray, who threw for over 2,000 yards last year and set school records, tossed a pair of touchdown passes to LaRandy Swint, offsetting two interceptions, and scored on another on a touchdown run set up by a big Swint catch. Swint also added an interception on defense.



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Poinciana quarterback Kolton Richards fires a pass in Thursday's 14-3 spring game loss to Discovery. It was the first time the Eagles took the field in a game setting under new coach Phillip Prior.

"Jaelen did a really good job making reads and doing what he was supposed to do," Pennington said. "He made some mistakes that are common in May, which

we have the summer to fix."

Leading 8-6 coming out of halftime, the Chargers put together a 13-play drive that ended with a two-yard Donovan Johnson run.

# Kowboys play scoreless tie; Bulldogs fall at Lake Minneola

By J. Daniel Pearson  
For the News-Gazette

It takes a lot to rattle Osceola head football Coach Doug Nichols.

So when his team managed only 104 yards of total offense, failed to score a single point, had two punts travel a combined total of seven yards and committed two turnovers in Thursday night's scoreless spring game tie against Bishop Moore, Nichols was anything but upset.

"It's a spring game so I'm not worried about our offense or the result in the least," Nichols said. "We lost a lot of great playmakers off of last season's team and we knew our offense was going to be a work in progress. Add the sloppy weather conditions and the fact we were playing a pretty good team and things like this are going to happen."

Nichols in fact praised the work of his defense, which held the Hornets to just 89 yards of total offense, forced

two turnovers of their own, and turned back the only two scoring threats of the entire game.

"I could not be happier with the way we played on defense," the veteran coach said. "I really wasn't expecting that good of an effort given we were missing four down linemen and a starting safety."

Osceola's defense was dominating all night, giving up just 46 yards on 26 carries (1.8 yards per carry) and allowing just 43 yards through the air.

Still, the young Kowboy offense could not capitalize. Osceola gained just 104 yards on the night, all on the ground. DeWayne McGee led all ball carriers with 31 yards on seven carries, while Tayquan Pinellas added 21 yards on six carries, as both teams struggled to move the ball and the entire game was played mostly between the 30-yard lines.

With 2:24 remaining in the game, the Hornets recovered a bad punt snap at the Osceola 11 yard line. But the Kowboys defense held and a 25-yard Bishop Moore field goal attempt sailed wide left to preserve the 0-0 tie.



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

Osceola defensive lineman Trey Varnado (34) works to drag down a Bishop Moore ballcarrier in Thursday's scoreless spring game tie.

"The weather had a lot to do with the kicking game mistakes," Nichols said. "It's still in an area we will address."

The Kowboys, who have gone 80-12 under Nichols that last seven years, are coming off an undefeated regular season and a 10-1 mark overall. But the Kowboys lost several outstanding offensive playmakers to graduation, including quarterback Braxton Jones, and running backs Da'nas Pinellas, Jakobe Thomas and Malcolm Davidson.

"Obviously we have a lot of work to do on offense," Nichols added. "But we have our offensive line mostly in tact from a year ago and we have some talented young players coming up. We will use tonight as a lesson, work hard this summer and come back in August ready to go to work."

**Bulldogs roughed up:** St. Cloud running back and slot receiver Seth Johnson was one of the few bright spots in a 40-12 loss to Lake Minneola moved to Monday due to the weather.

"Our receivers looked good, but they have a good team that came out and punched us in the mouth and we didn't respond like I'd hoped," Bulldogs Coach Bryan Smart said. "We didn't get a lot of offensive snaps because the defense was out there a lot. We have a lot of work to do during the summer, luckily we don't play a meaningful game until the end of August (the 31st, against Osceola)."

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**FRIDAY, MAY 25**



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**SATURDAY, MAY 26**



**HALL OF HEROES**, opens at Orlando Science Center. The exhibit runs 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., all summer long, through Sept. 3. Immerse yourself in the world of heroes, crime-fighters and gadgets.



**TAP TAKEOVER**, at House of Blues Orlando with Anchor Steam Brewing. Giveaways, live music, flights and full pours. Doors open at 1 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 27**



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# Kissimmee Bucket List

## 5 things to do in Kissimmee, if you haven't yet



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

**By Jennifer DiDomenico**  
A&E Editor

As you may have read in Rachel Christian's article on Saturday, last week the News-Gazette welcomed new publisher, Tom Overton.

In my first sit-down with Mr. Overton, he asked me to put together a list for him of things to do in Kissimmee. A newcomer's guide, or a "Kissimmee Bucket List," if you will.

If you've lived in Kissimmee for awhile, you probably have most of these items checked off. Or maybe you're like me, and you don't. Either way, here are just five of the many things you should do in Kissimmee.

► **Visit Gatorland**

The order of this list is very much at random, but Gatorland is definitely at the top of my personal list of recommendations. (Do you even live in Florida if you haven't seen thousands of gators? And all in one place?) Gatorland is home to more than 2,000 alligators, plus crocodiles, wild cats, birds, tortoises, snakes and critters. You can take a ride on the Screamin' Gator Zip Line over a pit of gators, check out the Gator Jumperoo or Gator Wrestling shows, experience up-close encounters with some of the most dangerous snakes around the globe, and much more. You can even have a professional photo taken of yourself with a snake around your neck while holding a baby alligator. What's more Florida than that?

► **Stop by Old Town**

This may seem like a given to you natives, but for the newcomers out there—Old Town is one of Kissimmee's top places to visit. Old Town is a recreation of a classic Florida town, with 18 acres of tree-lined brick streets, filled with shops and restaurants. Check out the As Seen on TV store, or tour the haunted house. Grab a bite to eat or drink, or take a ride on Fun Spot's Sling Shot or SkyCoaster. Fun Spot is located next door to Old Town, as Central Florida's most visited spot for midway rides and games.

► **Shop at Orange World**

You know that giant orange out on U.S. Highway 192? That's Orange World. It was purchased by a family in 1984 and was created as an iconic local landmark and named the World's Largest Orange. The shop has everything orange, plus Florida honey, citrus candies, jellies, all-Florida salt scrubs, Orange Blossom perfumes, gator heads and more. It even offers some of the freshest fruits in Central Florida. You can visit Orange World's website ([www.OrangeWorld192.com](http://www.OrangeWorld192.com)) to see a fruit season calendar, showing which fruits are available throughout the year. The fruits are grown, packed and shipped from the Indian River Region of Florida. The soil and distinct weather of the region produces high-quality citrus that is thin skinned, high in sugar content, and is of a quality that is recognized around the world. And we are lucky enough to be able to purchase it right here in Kissimmee.

► **Bike through Celebration**

I grew up in Celebration, so I can speak first-hand on this one. Celebration is a beautiful place to get some fresh air and spend a day outdoors. The Celebration Bike Rental is located near the town's Bohemian Hotel, right in Town Center. The rental shop offers surrey bikes of all kinds to explore the beauty of the biking paths and trails. And with each rental, riders receive a community map. Stop for a quick bite to eat Upper Crust Pizza Cafe, or grab a drink and an appetizer at Celebration Town Tavern.

► **Watch the rodeo**

Last but certainly not least, celebrate Osceola County's heritage live at the Silver Spurs Rodeo. The Silver Spurs Rodeo is the largest rodeo east of the Mississippi, and has been a tradition in Kissimmee since 1944. Now is your chance to check this off your Kissimmee Bucket List, as the Silver Spurs Rodeo is conveniently happening next weekend, June 1-2. All rodeo events take place at Osceola Heritage Park, just off U.S. Highway 192. You can get your tickets to the rodeo at [www.SilverSpursRodeo.com](http://www.SilverSpursRodeo.com).

If you enjoyed this article, stay tuned for more to come. This summer, The Guide will feature a weekly column of things for you and your family do to in Central Florida all summer long. "Your Summer Checklist" will help you plan your summer adventures as you play tourist in your own town.

Submit your favorite Kissimmee Bucket List activities to [jdidomenico@osceolanewsgazette.com](mailto:jdidomenico@osceolanewsgazette.com) and share them on Twitter using #KissimmeeBucketList.

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(NSP3)  
SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE ACTION PLAN**

DATE: MAY 24, 2018

Osceola County is required to provide citizens with reasonable notice of, and opportunity to comment on, any substantial amendment to the Action Plan as indicated below. The County hereby invites citizens to comment upon the specific substantial amendments to the activities identified in the draft amendment document. NSP3 provides benefit to 100% LMMI households, low, moderate and middle income (120% of area median income/AMI). 25% of funds must benefit VLI, very low-income households (50% AMI). Funds must address eligible NSP activities such as acquiring and improving foreclosed or distressed properties. Funds must benefit eligible households in several ways, such as supporting affordable housing. To review the draft substantial amendment to the Action Plan, please visit: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org).

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT**

The County's NSP 3 target area covers specific eligible areas of St Cloud and Poinciana. A map of the target area is available for review by contacting the County (see contact info below). The change proposed, in brief, is moving remaining allocated funds and program income from buy/repair/resale or rental to redevelopment. This change is necessary due to the changing economy where single-family foreclosures have become extremely difficult to purchase under NSP3 requirements.

**PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE**

The County will hold a public hearing to review the action plan amendment in Commission Chambers on June 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. on regular Commission agenda.

Please submit any comments in writing by 4:30 PM on June 8, 2018 to:

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**NOTICIA PÚBLICA  
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ENMIENDA SUSTANCIAL AL PLAN DE ACCIÓN**

FECHA: 24 DE MAYO, 2018

El Condado de Osceola está obligado a proporcionar a los ciudadanos un aviso razonable y una oportunidad para comentar sobre cualquier enmienda sustancial al Plan de Acción como se indica a continuación. El Condado invita a los ciudadanos a comentar las enmiendas sustanciales específicas a las actividades identificadas en el borrador del documento de enmienda. NSP3 proporciona beneficios a hogares 100% LMMI, de ingresos bajos, moderados y medios (120% del ingreso medio / AMI). El 25% de los fondos debe beneficiar a VLI, hogares de muy bajos ingresos (50% AMI). Los fondos deben abordar actividades de NSP elegibles, como la adquisición y la mejora de propiedades embargadas o en dificultades. Los fondos deben beneficiar a los hogares elegibles de varias maneras, tales como el apoyo a viviendas asequibles. Para revisar el borrador de enmienda sustancial al Plan de Acción, visite: [www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org).

**RESUMEN DE LA ENMIENDA**

El área objetivo del NSP 3 del Condado cubre áreas elegibles específicas de St. Cloud y Poinciana. Un mapa del área objetivo está disponible para su revisión poniéndose en contacto con el Condado (ver información de contacto a continuación). El cambio propuesto, en resumen, está moviendo los fondos asignados restantes y los ingresos del programa desde la compra / reparación / reventa o alquiler hasta la reurbanización. Este cambio es necesario debido a la economía cambiante donde las ejecuciones hipotecarias unifamiliares se han vuelto extremadamente difíciles de comprar según los requisitos de NSP3.

**HORARIO DE REUNIONES PÚBLICAS**

El Condado tendrá una reunión de audiencia pública para revisar la enmienda al plan de acción en las Salas de la Comisión el 11 de junio de 2018 a la 1:30 p.m. en la agenda regular de la Comisión.

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**SATURDAY  
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**SUNDAY  
05-27**

**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.

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Bahaari is popping up at Canvas Market: 13615 Sachs Avenue in Orlando. Shop a variety of unique, hand-made accessories. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Learn more about Bahaari at [BAHAARI.COM](http://BAHAARI.COM)*

**YOGA**  
Yoga in the Mennello Museum of American Art's Sculpture Garden from 9 to 10 a.m. Visit [MENNELLOMUSEUM.ORG](http://MENNELLOMUSEUM.ORG)

**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](http://OPERAORLANDO.ORG)*

**SATURDAY  
06-02**  
**HURRICANE PREPARATION**  
**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS EXPO**  
The Hurricane Preparedness Expo will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Home Depot of St. Cloud's parking lot: 4560 13th Street in St. Cloud. The event is kid friendly, with bounce houses and a children's workshop. Vendors include the Osceola Emergency Management Services, Osceola County Animal Control, One Blood, St. Cloud Police Department, St. Cloud Fire Department and more.

**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.*

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*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.*

**SPLASH INTO SUMMER**  
Splash into Summer — a family fun event, presented by the City of Winter Park. *The event runs noon to 5 p.m. at Cady Way and Community Center Pools.*

**MONDAY  
06-04**

**POWERUP YOUR STARTUP OR NEW BUSINESS WORKSHOP**  
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**FRIDAY  
06-08**

**SHERLOCK HOLMES MUSICAL**  
Valencia College Theater presents "My Dear Watson," an original Sherlock Holmes musical written by Orlando area composer Jami-Leigh Bartschi. 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. *Performances on June 8, 9, 11, 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m., and June 10 & 17 at 2 p.m.*

**SATURDAY  
06-09**

**BOK TOWER'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**  
Violinist Ashley Liberty and pianist Daniel Strange will perform an entire program of smokin' fast, exciting, foot-stomping music in their show 'Hot Fiddle,' in part of Bok Tower's summer concert series. *For tickets visit [BOKTOWERGARDENS.ORG](http://BOKTOWERGARDENS.ORG)*



# Public pools are open: Have fun but be careful

By Charlie Reed  
For the News-Gazette

**W**hat's summer in Central Florida without the pool?

For those who don't have one in their backyard, worry not! Osceola County's four public swimming pools offer an affordable way to splash around in the sun and keep kids active during summer break.

The facilities have snack bars, lockers and bathrooms with showers and changing areas. You can bring your own lunch, snacks and drinks but no glass containers (including bottles) or alcohol.

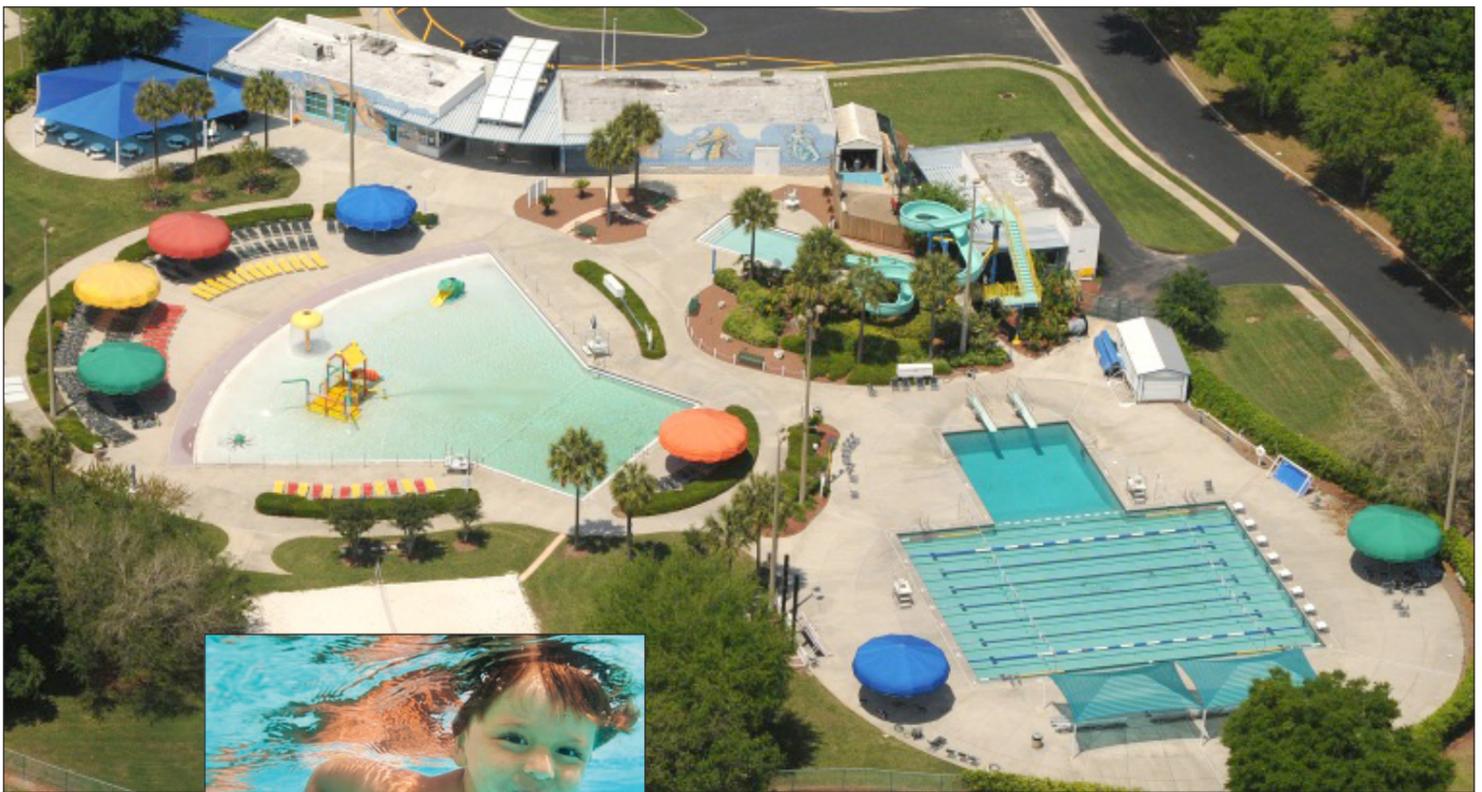
Going to the pool is a right of passage for kids of all ages during the summer. But remember, safety comes first. Accidental drownings are the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 and the second leading cause for children under 14, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The Osceola County YMCA, the Bob Makinson Aquatic Center, both in Kissimmee, the Chris Lyle Aquatic Center in St. Cloud and Mary Jane Arrington Gym and Aquatic Center in Poinciana offer swimming lessons for children and toddlers throughout the summer.

The St. Cloud pool is one of the thousands of public pools and waterparks participating in the U.S. and abroad participating in The World's Largest Swimming Lesson on Thursday, June 21. The event is free and is open to children and adults.

Started by the World Waterpark Association in 2010, the awareness campaign is focused on teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. The risk of drowning can be reduced by more than 80 percent if kids participate in formal swimming lessons between the ages of 1-4. Still, according to an American Red Cross survey in 2014, more than half of Americans either can't swim or lack basic swimming skills.

The event is a great way to help kids help themselves and perhaps break a world record. The World's Largest Swimming Lesson set the Guinness World Record for the largest simultaneous swimming lesson conducted at multiple venues in 2014 with 36,564 participants in 22 countries.



Bob Makinson Aquatic Center



## LOCAL POOLS

### Bob Makinson Aquatic Center

Bob Makinson Aquatic Center in Kissimmee  
Beginning May 26t, open seven days a week  
Monday - Saturday: 11: a.m. – 5 p.m. • Sunday: noon to 5 p.m.

After Aug. 11: Weekends only until Sept. 3.  
Age 3 years and older: \$5. Age 2 years and younger: free  
First seasonal pass: \$50. Each additional pass: \$30

**Amenities:** Two diving boards, eight 25-yard lap lanes, 150-foot waterslide, children's play area, life jackets available.

**Summer event:** Dive-in Movie May 26 showing "Coco."

### Chris Lyle Aquatic Center

Chris Lyle Aquatic Center in St. Cloud Monday - Friday noon to 4 p.m.; 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday - Sunday (plus holidays) noon to 5 p.m.

**Daily Admission Fee:** \$3; 10-punch pass: \$25, 20-punch pass \$40 Individual and family annual memberships range from \$50 to \$110.

**Summer Events:** Dive-in movies starting at 7 p.m. - "Lego Batman" June 16.  
"The Avengers" July 21; "Guardian of the Galaxy 1 and 2" double feature Aug. 18

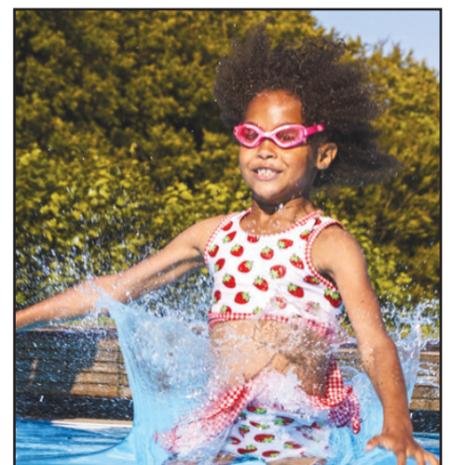
Teen Pool Nights from 6 - 10 p.m. for middle- and high-school students on the second and fourth Fridays in June and July. Activities will include inflatable water slides, "Glow Night", a dance party and more.

### Osceola County YMCA

Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 4 - 8 p.m.;  
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed Sundays.  
Fees: Free for YMCA members, \$5 drop-ins

### Mary Jane Arrington Aquatic Center and Gym

Fees (per person)  
Daily: \$7 per person • Weekly: \$20 • Monthly: \$50  
Annual: \$60



## Water safety tips

- Never leave children unattended.
  - Teach your children to always swim with a buddy.
  - Put your child in a Coast Guard-approved life vest if they are weak or non-swimmers instead of "water wings."
  - Look for lifeguards and listen to them.
  - Use sunscreen and reapply before getting back into the pool after a break.
  - Rinse in the outdoor shower to help keep the pool as clean as possible.
- Also use plastic swim diapers, most pools require them for kids who are not yet potty-trained.

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# Water safety is key to safe summer

As summer quickly approaches, children and families look forward to outdoor activities such as swimming. Osceola County residents have access to numerous beaches and lakes, as well as many residential swimming pools.

According to [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov), Florida leads the country in drowning deaths of children ages 1 to 4 years. As parents and caretakers, we have to take measures to prevent these senseless deaths.

There are safety precautions that can be taken to help keep your children, family members and friends safe. Here are a few tips that can be employed to assist with water safety:

- Get your child swimming lessons.
- If you have a swimming pool purchase a safety fence.
- If your child cannot swim, make sure that your child swims with a flotation device such as a life jacket.
- Be sure to pay close attention to children as they play in water.
- Never assume that someone else is watching your child. During large family gatherings or a busy day at the beach, children can quickly get out of sight. Always keep an eye on your child yourself or designate someone to watch your child.
- Ensure that the latch to the gate to your home pool area works to keep unwanted visitors from using your pool without your permission.

As personal injury attorneys, there's nothing worse than meeting with parents who have lost their child due to drowning. No one understands this feeling more than Arkeisha Reese, who on June 16, 2006, lost her son, Kareem, to a drowning accident during a field trip at a country club. Kareem, who had just turned 5, was left unattended by the country club staff. While attempts were made to resuscitate Kareem, doctors were unable to save his life.

Reese is the president and founder of "Team Kareem" a nonprofit organization that focuses on raising awareness to the importance of drowning prevention and water safety education.

On Saturday, June 16 at Kissimmee Lakefront Park, "Team Kareem" will host a "Walk with Team Kareem to Prevent Drowning!" that will begin at 10 a.m. The event will include CPR demonstrations, vendors, food, raffles, and more!

Visit [www.teamkareem.org](http://www.teamkareem.org) for more information.

# Stay cool at the pool

Stay cool this summer at the city of St. Cloud's Chris Lyle Aquatic Center. Some of the events at the pool facility include:

### May

- May 26, 27, June 2, 3: WSI – Red Cross Swim Instructor Class - \$300 per person

### June

- June 4: RAYS, four weeks, \$50 for residents, \$60 for nonresidents.
- June 4: Apprentice Lifeguard, two weeks, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. It's \$85 for residents, \$90 for nonresidents.

- June 15: Waterslide Pool Party from 6 to 10 p.m. For age 11 and older, it's \$5 each.
- June 16: Dive-in Movie, \$1 per person facility fee. Gates open at 7 p.m.
- June 18: World's Largest Swimming Lesson, registration online. It's free.
- June 18: Apprentice Lifeguard, 2 weeks Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. It's \$85 for residents, \$90 for nonresidents.
- June 21: World's Largest Swimming Lesson. It's free, starts at 9 a.m.
- June 29: Glow Stick Pool Party 6 to 10 p.m. For age 11 and older, it's \$5 each.
- June 23, 24, 30, July 1: LGI – Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor Course- \$300 each



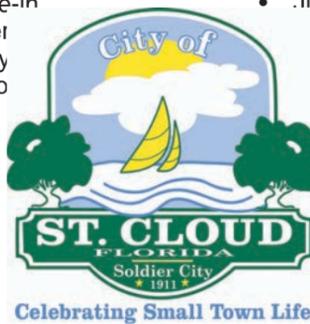
Chris Lyle Aquatic Center

### July

- July 2: RAYS, four weeks, \$50 for residents, \$60 for nonresidents.
- July: 7, 8, 14, 15: from 9 to 5 p.m. – Lifeguard class \$275. Must pass a swim test to take the class.
- July 9: Apprentice Lifeguard, two weeks Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. It's \$85 for residents, \$90 for nonresidents.
- July 13: TGIF the 13th Pool Party from 6 to 10 p.m. For age 11 and older, it's \$5 each.
- July 21: Dive-in Movie - \$1 per person facility fee, Gates open at 7 p.m.
- July 23: Apprentice Lifeguard, 2 weeks Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. It's \$85 for residents, \$90 for nonresidents.
- July 27: DJ Dance Pool Party from 6 to 10 p.m. For age 11 and older, it's \$5 each.

### August

- Aug. 6: RAYS, four weeks, \$50 for residents, \$60 for nonresidents.
  - Aug. 5, 11, 12, 13: WSI – Red Cross Swim Instructor class - \$300 per person.
  - Aug. 6-10: Apprentice lifeguard training for competition Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Free with receipt from previous Apprentice Lifeguard class session.
  - Aug. 13: TGIF the 13th Pool Party from 6 to 10 p.m. For age 11 and older, it's \$5 each.
  - Aug. 21: Dive-in Movie, \$1 per person facility fee. Gates open at 7 p.m.
  - Aug. 25, 26, Sept. 1, 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Lifeguard class \$275. Must pass a swim test to take the class.
- For more information, go to [www.stcloud.org](http://www.stcloud.org) or call 407-957-7243.



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## Summer offerings in Kissimmee

Go to the city of Kissimmee website at [www.kissimmee.org](http://www.kissimmee.org) for locations, to register for camps and programs and for more information.



### Dive-In-Movie

May 26 at dusk at the Bob Makinson Aquatic Center, Showing: "Coco."

### Summer camp

June 4 – Aug. 10, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily: Camp Discovery: K-fifth Grade, \$75 per week; Teen Extreme: sixth to eighth grade, \$85 per week.

### Swim lessons

Now through Oct. 4, morning and evening classes at the Makinson Aquatic Center. Register now. It's \$60 per session. For all ages and skill levels.

### Juneteenth Unity Festival

June 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chambers Park Community Center.

### Jr. Magic Basketball League

June 16 to Aug. 11:  
Register now through June 1. It's \$70 per player. For ages 3 and older.

### World's Largest Swim Lesson

June 21 at 10 a.m. Registration at 9 a.m. at the Bob Makinson Aquatic Center.

### Back to School Jam:

Aug. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chambers Park Community Center.

# WILD FLORIDA

By Victoria Sovran  
For the News-Gazette

If you're looking for the perfect combination of family fun, Florida wildlife and adventurous airboat rides, be sure to check out Wild Florida Airboats and Gator Park this summer.

Located in Kenansville, Wild Florida gives its visitors a taste of authentic Florida away from the busy crowds and long lines of Orlando. Wild Florida is complete with a Gator and Wildlife Park featuring wild animal exhibits and encounters, gator feedings and exotic animal shows as well as airboat rides.

Wild Florida co-owner Sam Haught sums up what makes Wild Florida a unique experience.

"We're the only airboat and gator park experience in Central Florida. There are several gator parks and several more airboat companies, but we're the only one that has combined them at one location," he said.

All Florida residents get \$5 admission to the Gator Park all summer long. Wild Florida's family friendly wildlife park has alligator handling shows, a tropical bird aviary and a petting zoo. They have recently added an albino gator encounter and new lunch with Crusher the gator.

The Animal Encounter offers a personal, one-on-one experience with several different animals, from sloths to lemurs to porcupines. A popular

## Wild Florida gets wild for summer

activity for visitors is to capture a "selfie" with the park's famous lovable sloths.

Other exhibits include the newly added anteaters plus bobcats, alpacas and much more. You can walk among colorful peacocks wandering through the walking paths. Wild Florida's mission is to ensure and promote a connection with animals while inspiring education and conservation.

Along with the adventure of the Gator Park, you can explore Florida's ecosystem up close on Lake Cypress on one of Wild Florida's 11 airboats. Wild Florida's airboat rides take you

on a tour through beautiful swamps, rivers, and marshes to discover alligators, eagles, and other wildlife in their natural habitat.

When you're ready to refuel, be sure to stop by Wild Florida's Chomp House Grill for classics such as hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs to catfish, gator tacos and seasonal frog legs.

Wild Florida offers plenty of quality event space for weddings, parties, and meetings with space up to 220 people. For more information and to book an airboat reservation, visit [www.wildfloridairboats.com](http://www.wildfloridairboats.com) or call 407-957-3135.



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# Osceola Arts creating cool camps

During the summer, Osceola Arts provides fun and affordable summer camps beginning in June. The 2018 summer camp schedule includes seven different camps with focuses on visual arts, musical theatre and music.

All camps are open to kids ages 7 - 14. Lunch is provided and before and after care is available at a nominal fee. Each camp has a unique theme that will allow campers to immerse themselves in the world of art. Check out the camps below:

### June 4-8

One-week Visual Arts Camp: Featuring a new out-of-this-world theme, campers will work together to create an art showcase at the end of camp featuring painting, drawing, mixed media and clay pieces all about space adventure.

### June 11-22

Two-week Musical Theatre Camp: Hollywood is looking for their next big star! This performance camp focuses on the exciting world of film and television. The camp will culminate with a final showcase big enough for the silver screen.

### June 25-29

One-week Visual Arts Camp: A visual arts exploration of art from around the world. Campers will work together to create an art showcase featuring painting, drawing, mixed media and clay pieces in different cultures and eras.

### July 9-20

Two-week Musical Theatre Camp: Enter the world of show-stopping musical numbers and daring drama! Campers will work on singing, acting & dancing skills to present a final showcase.

### July 16-27

Two-week Music Camp: This intensive music camp focuses on the techniques and style of orchestral string music. Experience the fun of strings music while working on solos, quartets and ensemble pieces! The instructors will lead both beginner and intermediate level students towards a final performance at the end of the camp.

### July 23-Aug. 3

Two-week Musical Theatre Camp: Presenting our new and exciting art and theatre fusion camp! Campers will learn to create marionettes and puppets, make the stage and backdrops and end the week with a perfectly presented puppet show!

### July 9-July 20

Two-week Musical Theatre Camp: For those campers interested in staying "behind the scenes" this technical theatre camp will focus on set design, lighting and sound elements for the final showcase of Broadway Stars. For students entering middle school-high school.

To register for the camps or for more information, go to [www.osceolaarts.org](http://www.osceolaarts.org).

# YMCA offers summer programming for kids of all ages

By Charlie Reed  
For the News-Gazette

Whether you're looking for a weeklong summer day camp for your kids or a program that spans the entire season, the Osceola County YMCA offers both.

Summer day camp runs June 4 through Aug. 10. Weekly rates are \$125 per child for YMCA members and \$165 per child for non-members with scholarships available for families who need help.

"We try our best not to turn anyone down," said Wellness Director Judie Lynn Lewis.

The scholarship money comes from local businesses and individuals who contribute to the Y's annual support fund. The goal this year is \$100,000 with more than \$30,000 already raised, and "we're always looking for partnerships" with local organizations, government agencies and schools, Lewis said.

The summer day camp provides an interactive curriculum including indoor and outdoor games, sports, character development, reading, health and wellness. Activities include on-site guests, nature activities, arts and crafts and weekly family events.

The camp is a place for kids to play and have fun and also helps them stay sharp over the summer.

"The curriculum is centered around wellness, reading and values," Lewis said.

There are on-site "field trips" each week that bring a variety of guests to the Y including the Kissimmee Police Department, the Osceola County Sheriff's Office, the Kissimmee Fire Department, the Osceola County Library System and even a guest appearance by the Y's own "Chef Gary" who will show the kids how to prepare healthy food and snacks. Camp themes change each week but remain focused on teaching them how to be caring, honest, respectful and responsible.



"We're a family center so once a week we have activities on "Family Engagement Fridays", said Nate Crispin. Activities range from karaoke sessions to art shows, and all members of the family are welcome. So if mom and dad are working, extended family can come in their place.

"They get to be part of what the kids are doing," Crispin said. "It's a way to showcase all the activities they're doing throughout the week."

Summer day camp is for kids from kindergarten through 6th grade. But that doesn't mean the older kids are left out.

The Teen Achievers program is engaging teenage students in programs and activities throughout the summer including college visits. Participants also help serve the free lunch for campers and drop-ins provided by Second Harvest Food Bank.

"It's an opportunity for them to really grow," Crispin said.

Middle school summer camps sponsored by the Y and funded by Osceola County are also available for free to incoming sixth-graders, Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Students get to sign up for specialty tracks including sports, academics, drama, art and even STEM, short for science, technology, engineering and math. The program will be offered at the following schools:

Denn John Middle School Horizon Middle School, Neptune Middle School, St. Cloud Middle School and Westside K-8 School

For more information on any of the YMCA's summer programs call 407-847-7413.



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SUMMERTIME 2018

# Summer enrichment opportunities for Osceola County students

Summer is the perfect time to advance every child's learning in a fun and engaging environment. The Osceola School District will be offering a number of programs for students this summer as enrichment opportunities.

Parents and students are encouraged to visit <http://www.osceolaschools.net/summerenrichment> to find further information about each summer offering, including program locations, dates, and registration information.

Free programs to be offered include:

- Summer Bridge STEAM Enrichment Camp**  
 Free Summer Bridge STEAM Enrichment Camp for current Kindergarten through Grade 4 students: The camp will provide fun, creative activities in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math to increase the development of reading and math skills and decrease summer learning loss.
- K-2 Math Camp**  
 Free K-2 Math Camp for current Kindergarten through Grade 2 students: Students will have an opportunity to engage in mathematics in order to be better prepared for the next grade level.
- Environmental Center Swamp Site**  
 Free Environmental Center Swamp Site for current Grade 4 students: Students will engage in STEM and environmental activities at the Environmental Center Swamp Site. These activities will include force and motion, scientific methods, and adaptations to scrub habitats.
- Osceola Young Scholars Academy**  
 Free Osceola Young Scholars Academy for current Kindergarten through current Grade 8 students: Gifted and advanced students who are seeking a challenge will have the chance to engage in highly-creative activities based on real-world current events and issues.
- Osceola TIP Summer Institute**  
 Free Osceola TIP (Talent Identification Program) Summer Institute for current seventh grade students: Students identified in the Duke/Osceola TIPs are invited to engage in a summer institute full of challenging, interest-based sessions and college visits designed to get students interested in the next step for education.
- Middle School Summer Camp**  
 Free Middle School Summer Camp for Enrichment for current Grade 5-Grade 8 students: This camp will provide extended learning opportunities for middle school students to enrich and enhance skills in reading, mathematics, and science through exciting project-based learning, as well as blended learning with technology, small group instruction, and hands-on labs.
- Discovery Education STEM Camp**  
 Free Discovery Education STEM Camp for current Grade 6 through Grade 8 students: Students will be highly engaged in Discovery Education STEM units.
- Sixth Grade Jumpstart Camp**  
 Free Sixth Grade Jumpstart Camp for current Grade 5 students: Students will attend their home-zoned middle school, and participate in activities to orient them to middle school core courses and AVID strategies for success.
- Pre-Algebra to Algebra Boot Camp**  
 Free Pre-Algebra to Algebra Boot Camp for students entering high school Algebra in middle school: Students will attend their home-zoned middle school, and participate in activities to provide a jump start to ensure success in Algebra during the regular school year.
- Exploring the Arts Camp**  
 Free Exploring the Arts Camp for current Grade 6 through Grade 8 students: Students will be provided with the opportunity to explore a variety of the arts on a rotation to include visual, instrumental, choral, dramatic arts, and more.
- YMCA Camp**  
 Free YMCA Camp for current Grade 5 through Grade 8 students: The YMCA Program provides students with opportunities in STEM, athletics, culinary arts, performing and fine arts, and a transition camp in which incoming 6th grade students explore their new school.
- Impact Labs**  
 Free Impact Labs for current Grade 9 through Grade 12 students: IMPACT Labs provide students with the opportunity to meet graduation requirements through grade forgiveness or credit recovery.
- PERT Prep**  
 Free PERT Prep for current Grade 9 through Grade 11 students: PERT Prep camp provides students with PERT exam preparation for meeting the Algebra concordant score required for graduation requirement.
- CLEP Camp**  
 Free CLEP Camp for current Grade 9 through Grade 11 students: CLEP Camp provides Level 2 Advanced Placement students an additional opportunity to earn college credit in specific areas.
- Geometry Honors Camp**  
 Free Geometry Honors Camp for current Grade 8 students who have completed Algebra 1 or current Grade 9 students who have passed Algebra 1 and their EOC: Geometry Honors Camp provides students an opportunity to achieve acceleration in their math courses.



- ELL English Language Acquisition Enrichment Summer Program**  
 Free ELL English Language Acquisition Enrichment Summer Program for current Kindergarten through Grade 11 students: This program provides ESOL students support in English language acquisition, reading comprehension, and math, as well as Language and cultural awareness.
- ELL Enrichment and Acculturation Program**  
 Free ELL Enrichment and Acculturation Program for current Grade 5 through Grade 7 students: This program provides immigrant/ESOL students with additional support to acquire the language and cultural awareness to assist in adapting to their new environment.
- ELL Enrichment Program via Art and Technology**  
 Free ELL Enrichment Program via Art and Technology for current Grade 8 through Grade 11 students: ESOL students will participate and have access to PRE AP/PRE Skills using art and technology resources.

**Extended Learning Summer Camps**

Extended Learning Summer Camps 1 and 2 for current Kindergarten through Grade 5 students: These enrichment camps are designed to provide a safe and nurturing environment to enhance student's lives cognitively, socially, culturally, and emotionally. A wide variety of activities including art and crafts, games, field trips, and fitness are available. There is a cost for these camps.

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# Gatorland: The destination with bite

By Victoria Sovran  
For the News-Gazette

When deciding where to go this summer, make sure you put Gatorland at the very top of your to-do list.

This true jewel of Central Florida is located right off South Orange Blossom Trail, greeting guests with its iconic snap-worthy alligator's mouth. But you'll quickly find there is so much more to this classic Florida park than meets the eye.

With over 2000 alligators inside the park, Gatorland lives up to its title of alligator capital of the world. But the wildlife doesn't end there. Gatorland has everything from crocodiles, snakes and Florida panthers to tropical birds, goats and flamingos. There is no better place to learn about and interact with Florida's most well known animals.

Gatorland gives you the chance to get up close and personal with some of the world's rarest alligators. Visit the White Gator Swamp to view Pearl, the famous albino alligator as well as three of the world's 14 white Leucistic alligators. Visitors can stop by the new Baby Gator Marsh to welcome over 60 of this year's newest, smallest additions to Gatorland.

There are ample opportunities to feed the animals at Gatorland. You can toss turkey dogs to hungry gators and feed goats out of the palm of your hand at the petting zoo. Visitors can also feed Gatorland's birds in the Very Merry Aviary.

"We offer the most affordable family fun in Central Florida for locals and tourists alike," said Gatorland president and CEO Mark McHugh. "We literally have something for everyone in the family from grandparents and parents, to teenagers and toddlers."

Gatorland certainly has something for everyone, especially the thrill seekers. Rookie Wrestling invites you to step into their wrestling arena to sit on top of one of Gatorland's wrestling gators. The Adventure Hour lets visitors safely onto the shores of the Alligator Breeding Marsh to feed huge alligators that are mere feet away plus the opportunity to pose for a picture next to the alligators.

And for the particularly brave, the Screamin' Gator Zipline takes you soaring over lakes filled with alligators. The Screamin' Gator Zipline is

ranked among the top 10 zip lines in America and is complete with seven towers, a swinging bridge and over 3,000 feet of zip line.

To ensure that this thrill of a lifetime accessible for everyone, Gatorland also has the Gator Gauntlet Zipline, the only handicap accessible zip line in the country.

When you want to get off your feet, take a tour through Gatorland on the Gatorland Express Train or hang on for dear life in the wild new Stompin' Gator Off Road Adventure, an entertaining, joke fueled off-roading ride on a massive swamp buggy.

Visitors can reconnect with nature by taking a calming stroll through the Swamp Walk. Wander around the docks above the Alligator Breeding Marsh to catch a glimpse of the active bird life and couple hundred alligators, including Buddy, the park's largest alligator coming in at 13-feet, 8 inches and weighing more than 1,200 pounds.

There are plenty of shows throughout the day powered by Gatorland's exceptionally friendly and funny staff. The Gator Jumparoo Show, Gator Wrestlin' and Up Close Encounters are all exciting, engaging and educational animal encounters the whole family will enjoy.

Gatorland offers a variety of food options available at the snack bar and Pearl's Good Eats. Options include hot dogs, hamburgers, pulled pork sandwiches, and their world famous fried gator nuggets.

There are plenty of special packages available to those looking to enhance their Gatorland experience.

Gatorland is renowned for their dedication to animal education and conservation. For those interested in learning all about alligators and what it takes to take care of the Gatorland animals, you can purchase their Trainer-for-a-Day package. This includes a hands-on, up close and personal behind-the-scenes tour of the alligators and other animals. Participants must be 12 or older.

Bird watchers and photographers alike can get in on the behind-the-scenes action as well. Gatorland has a special Photographers Pass that allows photographers early access into the park's Alligator Breeding Marsh to photograph the stunning bird



wildlife that flocks to the park each morning. This special program runs until June 10.

"From our new Stompin' Gator Off Road Adventure and popular Screamin' Gator Zip Line to our famous white gators, alligator breeding marsh, Gator Jumparoo and Gator Wrestlin' shows, you can't see more and do more in a day or half day anywhere else," said McHugh. "Before you leave with lots of special memories, you'll learn about our animals, about alligator safety and so much more."

Gatorland offers an annual half-off Florida Residents special and free parking. For zipline reservations, special program packages, birthdays events and more information, visit online at [www.Gatorland.com](http://www.Gatorland.com) or call 407-855-5496.

# Experience nature like never before at Forever Florida

By Ken Jackson  
Sports Editor

A couple years ago, Forbes Magazine listed Osceola County the 10th fastest growing county in the country. New residential and commercial properties rise out of the ground seemingly every day, but there's a place in the county where that growth is neither seen nor heard.

Forever Florida, about 45 minutes from downtown Kissimmee, 20 minutes from Harmony and minutes south of Holopaw on U.S. Highway 441, shares untouched Florida terrain with its visitors to experience nature like never before, or at least in a way that those who have moved to the area recently never have.

The out-of-the-way attraction offers ziplining, horseback riding and camping adventures through the wild on a beautiful nature conservancy and the chance to encounter native Florida wildlife and untouched scenery.

Its mission is to maintain a least a small piece of Osceola County as "the way it once was" before urban sprawl caused the city to come out and meet places like Forever Florida.

"Our mission is to preserve and protect the fragile ecosystems of Florida's native wilderness, to provide a permanent protective habitat for wildlife, to maintain the historical ranching operation and to educate the public about the importance of conservation and the preservation of our unique ranching heritage," its mission statement reads on its website ([www.foreverflorida.com](http://www.foreverflorida.com)).

The buzz word here is "adventure." Take the 7-Zip Adventure, for instance. Is there a better word to describe zipping through native palms, pines and oaks, reaching heights of 78 feet, along a system of seven high-tension cables and three sky-bridges, accompanied by trained guides? The only way to one-up that is with the Night Flight Adventure; take the same experience and put it in darkness under a natural, moonlit sky when wildlife is active and the stars dominate thanks to reduced urban lighting that drowns them out in town.

Forever Florida also features what it calls the only zip line roller coaster in the United States, sending riders through the treetops at speeds up to



20 mph along a 1,000-foot rigid zip-rail system, and the Peregrine Plunge, essentially drag racing on a zip line along parallel cables.

If you prefer to stay on the ground, Forever Florida offers horseback adventures from the tamer guided trail rides to those that combine camping, cattle driving and the "Cowboy For A Day" experience, which groups group shadow the ranch's foreman through "an anything but typical day" on Crescent J Ranch, complete with cowboy hat and a lunch fit for a cowhand.

The Trail Buggy Adventure takes visitors deep into the wild in a unique Trail Buggy to learn about historic breeds of cattle and horses still used and raised today by ranchers in the eastern and southern parts of Osceola County. Other tours also couple visits to the nearby Central Florida Animal Reserve (CFAR) to see the "big cats" — lions, tigers, cougars and leopards — up close.

For those who don't want to leave at sundown, the adventure can continue — overnight camping adventures range from primitive camping to the semi-luxury of climate-controlled cabins.

Forever Florida is also home of Camp Illaha, a co-ed sleep-away horseback and adventure camp

for kids 9-16 years old. Week-long sessions run in June and July and for starting at \$599 per week, children get to experience the old-time Florida experience and learn life lessons, such as how to be responsible, solve problems, get along with others, learn new skills and make new friends.

Forever Florida also features the Charolais Café, serving an assortment of sandwiches, salads, and burgers made with 100 percent grass-fed beef raised on site at the Crescent J Ranch. According to the website, grass-fed beef is healthier, lower in fat, lower in calories, much higher in beneficial fats like heart healthy omega-3 fatty acids and conjugated linoleic acid or CLA, identified in scientific studies to reduce cancer risk. Based on supply, cuts of those steaks, and other meats, are available for purchase from \$13-32 per pound for stakes and \$4-\$8 per pound of other cuts.

The Crescent J Ranch is home to Cracker cattle, direct descendants of what Ponce de Leon and his men left behind when they fled from an Indian attack sometime around 1521.

For hours of operation, adventure pricing and other information, go to the website or call 407-957-9794.

# Get wild at the Central Florida Zoo



By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

Enter the lush tropical world of the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens this summer.

The Central Florida Zoo opened its current location in 1975, with just 38 animals. The location has since grown to care for more than 400 animals, representing nearly 200 species — from tiny insects to giant land animals.

The facility's enclosed herpetarium houses insects, reptiles and amphibians from around the world, including some of the most venomous snakes known.

Want to experience something a little less... crawly? Guests of all ages are invited to interact with some of the animals at the Barnyard Buddies Children's Zoo. This is your chance to touch — and even feed — animals including the zoo's goats, llama, alpaca and rooster. Feedings begin at 11 a.m., while supplies last. Feed can be purchased in the ZOOafari Outpost Gift Shop.

Other animal exhibits include many bird species, cheetahs, giraffes and even sloths.

"With so much to see and do this summer at the Central Florida Zoo, we can't wait to see everyone," said Central Florida Zoo Public Relations and Marketing Specialist Stephannie Kettle. "Don't forget the bathing suits for the Wharton-Smith Tropical Splash Ground and to check out our daily schedule of in-park experiences and demonstrations!"

The Splash Ground is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, weather permitting — a great way to cool off on a hot summer day.

While there's plenty to do at the Central Florida Zoo all year long, the facility will host special events throughout the summer.



### Admission

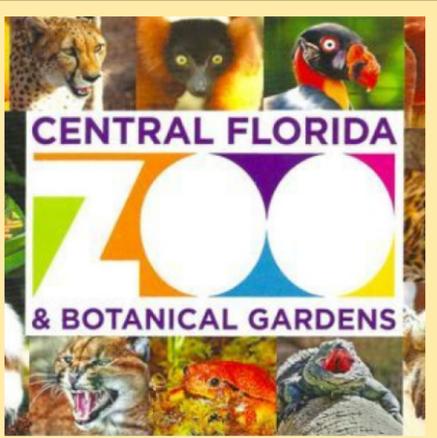
Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens is open all summer long, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$19.50 for adults, \$15.95 for seniors (60 and up), \$13.75 for children ages three to 12, and free for children two and under. AAA, military and large group discounts can be given.

### Adoption

Did you know you can continue to protect the residents of the Central Florida Zoo once you leave by adopting one?

There are three levels of adoption: Friend (\$50), Keeper (\$85) and Protector (\$130). Each package is different, but each one helps support the needs of the animals and the facility. Here are the animals you can adopt: alpaca, bald eagle, cheetah, clouded leopard, cougar, Florida black bear, fossa, giraffe, Indian rhinoceros, llama, North American river otter, sloth, spider monkey or warthog.

Animals can be adopted online by visiting [www.CentralFloridaZoo.org/AdoptAnAnimal](http://www.CentralFloridaZoo.org/AdoptAnAnimal).



### Check out this summer's calendar

#### Sunset at the Zoo

While the Central Florida Zoo offers a lot of family activities, this one is for adults only. Make it a summer date night, as the zoo reopens at 5:30 p.m. with live music, beer, wine and food (for purchase). Guests must be age 21 and up. Admission is \$5.

The dates are:

- Thursday, June 21
- Thursday, July 19
- Thursday, Aug. 16
- Thursday, Sept. 20

#### Night Hike at the Zoo

Experience the sights and sounds of the zoo at night. Hikes begin at the Discovery Center with close up animal encounters, venturing into the zoo for a guided flashlight tour. The event is open to all adults, and children ages five and older.

The dates are:

- Saturday, June 23
- Saturday, Sept. 15

# Explore art mediums, processes, and inspiration during free summer family programs



This summer at the Morse, sketch your way through the galleries and learn about the Eastern influences on the work of Louis Comfort Tiffany in two free family programs.

The museum's free summer offerings for families—targeted to children in kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents or guardians—include a gallery tour with take-home activity on Tuesdays and a film, tour, and an art activity on Fridays. Registration began May 1. Space in these free family programs is limited, and reservations are required.

The Tuesday Family Tours will begin in the new exhibition Nineteenth-Century American Landscapes and proceed into other galleries for an exploration of the various working methods of artists—including watercolor studies, presentation drawings, and photographs. Participants will be given a sketchbook and pencil to record ideas and complete the creative experience. After the tour, participants will receive a mixed-media kit to make a finished artwork from their notes and sketches. This 40-minute guided tour is being offered on five Tuesdays: June 19 and 26; July 10, 17 and 24.

The Friday Family Film Programs will focus on the art of India that inspired many designs by Louis Comfort Tiffany. They will include film clips of artisans from India creating wood carvings and block prints; a tour of selected galleries to look at the Indian architectural elements Tiffany collected and used in his own designs; and a hands-on project in which participants create a related artwork. The 90 minute-program is being offered on five Fridays: June 22 and 29; July 13, 20 and 27.

All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. A \$5 refundable deposit per person is requested when securing a reservation for either program. Call 407-645-5311, Ext. 136, to make a reservation or request more information.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American artist and designer Louis Comfort Tiffany. Summer hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Regular admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$1 for students, and children younger than age 12 receive free admission and are welcome any day of the week with their parents or guardians. The Museum, located at 445 N. Park Ave., Winter Park, is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds.



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## Old Town: Eye-catching entertainment



By Rachel Christian  
Staff Writer

Old Town, an entertainment complex on U.S. Highway 192 near Celebration, has been a Kissimmee staple for over 30 years.

The attraction is best known for its classic car cruise-ins and more than 70 shops and restaurants. The colorful neon glow of its towering 85-foot tall Ferris wheel and slingshot ride are two of the most eye-catching attractions at Old Town, which features a host of other midway-style rides and games.

The 18-acre park includes tree-lined brick streets meant to evoke the nostalgia of a small, retro Florida town. It's tourism partner, Experience Kissimmee, described Old Town as "a throwback to a time when crowds were a little smaller, lines a little shorter and the fun a little simpler."

Shops at Old Town offer visitors a wide selection of clothing, gifts and other products.

Some of the more eclectic stores include:

- **Black Market Minerals**  
Gift shop featuring polished and unpolished gemstones, minerals and crystals.
- **British Isle Connection**  
United Kingdom specialty gift shop featuring extensive selection of Doctor Who memorabilia, as well as fine china, European chocolates and Scottish beer.
- **Egyptian Gifts**  
Henna and airbrush tattoos and souvenirs.
- **Filthy Rich**  
A jewelry store featuring replicas of pieces worn by Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn and Jackie Kennedy.
- **Beef Jerky Outlet**  
Jerky, rubs, jams and more.

- **Skully's Rock n' Roll Experience**  
Classic rock memorabilia, including T-shirts and posters.

If hunger hits during a shopping trip, Old Town has a mix of dining options, including bars, full-service restaurants quick-service bites.

Food choices range from Texmex to Italian, with plenty of American, middle-of-the-rad options to choose from, too.

Old Town's car shows and cruise-ins have been drawing crowds of motorheads and families for years. Shows are on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights, with a bike show rolling in on Thursday. Each night also features live entertainment on the main stage.

Other free events take place throughout the week at Old Town, including Family Movie Night on Mondays and Old Town Karaoke on Tuesdays.

Rides at Old Town align with the park's iconic throwback vibe, drawing on memories of carnivals and fairground midways with attractions like its shooting gallery and Ferris wheel.

The Mortem Manor Haunted Attraction is a year-round scare-inducing experience for those craving some Halloween spirit even in summer. The two-story haunted house was designed by Pittsburgh-based company Extreme Fear Design & Production, and features live actors and high-tech effects.

The Great Magic Hall is another entertainment option for families, with shows taking place at 3, 7 and 9 p.m. daily.

Old Town is open daily from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., and is located at 5770 W. U.S. Highway 192, Kissimmee.

For more information on Old Town and its attractions, check out its website at [oldtownusa.com](http://oldtownusa.com) or call 407-396-4888.

## Experience sea life, ride ICON in Orlando

By Jennifer DiDomenico  
A&E Editor

As the No. 1 top domestic summer travel destination according to AAA Travel, Orlando is the place to be this summer. There's a lot to see and a lot to do, and it's all right here in our backyard.

Spend a day exploring Orlando's Sea Life Aquarium, taking selfies with the figures of Madame Tussauds Wax Museum, or even taking a scenic ride on the Orlando Eye.

Take a closer look...

### Sea Life Aquarium

Dive into Orlando's Sea Life Aquarium, a great indoor activity for families of all ages.

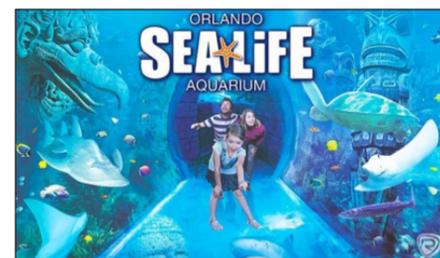
The many rooms of the aquarium take guests on a winding (and interactive) journey through the waters of Planet Earth, from oceans to swamps. Check out the jellyfish wall exhibit, nesting seahorses, swimming stingrays, and much more.

Fun for kids and a great photo opportunity for adults, explore Florida's only 360-degree tunnel. Watch as fish, sharks, turtles and eels swim above, beneath and all around you.

Sea Life Aquarium also hosts unique dive talks and live feedings. Schedules are available upon guest entry.

Guests have the option to dive a little deeper with the Aquarium's Behind the Scenes Tour. The 25-minute tour is just a \$5 upgrade, with tours starting every half hour from 1:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

For more information on Sea Life Aquarium, visit [www.visitsealife.com/orlando](http://www.visitsealife.com/orlando).



### Madame Tussauds wax museum

Get your cameras ready—you won't believe your eyes. Madame Tussauds brings wax sculptures to life in this museum of unbelievable exhibits.

See sports icons like David Beckham, Shaquille O'Neal and Serena Williams; musicians like Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus and Ricky Martin; TV stars like Jimmy Fallon, Neil Patrick Harris and Oprah Winfrey; plus many more.

New to the museum on May 25, Justice League: A Call for Heroes. For a limited time, guests who answer the call will be transported to the streets of Gotham City and Metropolis to with Justice League superheroes like Wonder Woman, Superman and Batman, to take part in a thrilling mission to destroy LexCorp's hold on the world.

For more information on Madame Tussauds, visit [www.madametussauds.com/orlando](http://www.madametussauds.com/orlando).



### ICON Orlando

You may have seen it lit up red and green for Cinco de Mayo, or pink for Mother's Day, as the ICON Orlando is known and loved for its iconic lighting calendar. But what you may not know, is that from the top of the Eye on a clear day you can see views all the way to the East Coast's Cape Canaveral.

The 400-foot observation wheel is an experience to share with family and friends. A ride in the fully enclosed, air-conditioned capsule is the perfect way to see views of Central Florida's theme parks, lakes and lush landscapes on a hot summer day. Each capsule holds up to 15 guests for a 23-minute, 360-degree experience.

The ICON Orlando operates Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to midnight.

For more information on the ICON Orlando, visit [www.iconorlando.com](http://www.iconorlando.com).



### Admission information

While each of these businesses offers their own single entry admission, guests can purchase combined entry tickets at a discounted price to enjoy one, two or all three excursions in a 30-day time period. Single and combined entry admission information is available online.

## How to travel on a budget and still have fun

Many people are passionate about traveling. Travel, whether it's domestic or international, can be an invaluable way to experience other cultures, meet new people and get a sense of history.

As valuable as travel can be, many people feel they cannot afford to travel. However, there are ways to travel on a budget and still have fun.

• Stay close to home. Men and women traveling on limited budgets can save money and still have fun by staying close to home. The closer your destination to your home, the less costly your trip figures to be. By visiting destinations that are within driving distances, travelers can save money on the cost of airfare, which is typically among the most expensive components of traveling. Road trips

also afford travelers ample flexibility that might not be available to travelers who are traveling abroad. That flexibility can make road trips more fun than more structured vacations.

• Choose affordable destinations. Overseas travel is not necessarily more expensive than domestic travel. Certain destinations are ideal for bargain hunters year-round. Research affordable destinations via a Google search or utilize the "deals" sections on travel websites such as Orbitz®.

• Cook some of your meals. Food is among the most costly expenses for travelers. Men and women can save some money by cooking some of their meals during their vacations. Doing so saves money on dining out, and travelers willing to experiment by

cooking dishes native to the places they're visiting can have some fun in the kitchen.

• Travel during the offseason. Avoiding certain destinations during the height of their tourism seasons is another great way to save. The cost of lodging and airfare peaks during tourist season, but travelers willing to travel during the offseason can save substantial amounts of money. In addition to saving money on lodging and airfare, travelers who plan their vacations during the offseason may also save money on local attractions.

• Do your homework regarding your destination. Thanks to websites such as TripAdvisor®, travelers can now learn as much as they want to learn about a given destination

before they ever visit it. Such websites can be invaluable resources to travelers who want to enjoy their vacations but must do so on a budget. Research affordable tourist attractions and restaurants, even looking for free activities. Such research can be fun and make for more enjoyable trips.



# Learn to downsize before a move

Aging men and women often take inventory of their lives in an effort to focus on activities or lifestyle changes that can ensure happy retirements. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows there are some 76 million baby boomers — those people born between 1946 to 1964 — across the country. With the youngest of the boomers in their mid-50s and the majority having already reached retirement age, many boomers are trying to decide if it's time to move out of their family homes and into smaller, more manageable abodes.

Many older adults find they do not need the same amount of space as they did when they had children living at home. Retirees and those on the cusp of retirement may find that downsizing is a smart financial move that frees up more time for recreation.

However, it can be challenging to cut down on living space and then deal with figuring out how to make furniture, belongings and stored items fit in more condensed areas. Moving can be stressful even without having to cut down on prized items. Taking an inventory of belongings can help the process go smoothly.

Before moving, men and women can go room by room, making piles of items that will be kept, donated, sold, or discarded. This can be a tedious task, but it is necessary to avoid clutter in a new home.

People downsizing can attempt to sell items they do not need via newspaper classified sections or online classified sites. Appliances and furniture in excellent shape may fetch good prices. Any extra cash can be put toward buying new items that are size-appropriate for the smaller home.

Another way to clear out clutter is to sort duplicates from the stock of items. A person may no longer need multiple sets of dishes or silverware. If the move involves switching from a king-sized to a queen-sized bed, donate or trash bed linens that will no longer fit. Pay close attention to kitchen and bathroom items, which tend to accumulate over time but might not be discarded when clearing a home of clutter.

People moving from a detached home to a condominium or a townhouse may learn that homeowner's association fees cover everything from snow removal to lawn maintenance to pool upkeep. If so, it's unnecessary to bring lawn and garden supplies.



Homeowners are advised to look at the floor plan of their new dwellings and pay attention to storage space. This can make it easier to plan ahead for what may fit, what will need to be purchased new and which storage solutions may be needed. Having a plan in place can make unpacking and settling in

go smoothly. The organizing company Organize Me says that homeowners should consider how cabinets and closets will be used before moving in.

Downsizing can free up time and money. When done right, downsizing can make retirement easier and create more leisure time for retirees.

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**HUGHEY-Lois Simmons** Hughey, 88 of St. Cloud, FL, passed away Saturday, May 19, 2018. A member of a Pioneer Osceola County family Lois was born in Kissimmee on September 24, 1929 the daughter of Hardy Lee and Lily Yates Simmons and was a lifelong fifth generation Osceola County resident.



She is the last of seven children who preceded her in death: Virginia, Lee, Lilburn, Luie, Loretta & Lila. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James A. Hughey who she married in Kissimmee in 1947.

Together they managed a successful livestock trucking company in Kissimmee and also in Wauchula County. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church, Kissimmee and a member of the Silver Spurs Club. Being the outgoing lady she was, her parting saying was, "The party is over here, but we

will have a big celebration in Heaven!". She truly loved the Lord and loved serving Him. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and loved all of her friends and pretty much anyone she met.

Lois is survived by sons, Ken (Deena) Hughey of St. Cloud and Bill (Joan) Hughey of Brooks, GA; 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Rose Hill Cemetery, Kissimmee with the Reverend Will Troutman and Reverend Glen Rogers officiating. There will be no formal visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made for Max Jones c/o Eastern Avenue Baptist Church, 101 East 10th Street, P.O. Box 701209, St. Cloud, FL 34770 or Solaris Healthcare, 4201 Nolte Road, St. Cloud, FL 34772.

The Hughey family is being cared for by Conrad & Thompson Funeral Home, 511 Emmett Street, Kissimmee, Florida 34741; (407) 847-3188.

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CIRCUIT, IN AND  
FOR OSCEOLA  
COUNTY, FLORIDA  
General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2016-CA-002849 MF  
WILMINGTON SAVINGS  
FUND SOCIETY FS, D/B/A  
CHRISTIANA TRUST NOT  
INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS  
TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM  
MORTGAGE ACQUISITION  
TRUST,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSE APONTE, et al.,  
Defendant(s).  
**NOTICE OF ACTION -**  
**CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
**TO:** ARCHI TRUST LLC, AS  
TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTI-  
FICATE HOLDERS OF  
2016-SE5519 LAND TRUST

DATED NOVEMBER 11,  
2016, whose residence is  
unknown, if he/ she/ they  
be living; and if he/ she/ they  
be dead, the unknown defend-  
ants who may be spouses,  
heirs, devisees, grantees,  
assignees, lienors, creditors,  
trustees, and all parties  
claiming an interest by,  
through, under or against the  
Defendants, who are not  
known to be dead or alive,  
and all parties having or  
claiming to have any right,  
title or interest in the prop-  
erty described in the mort-  
gage being foreclosed here-  
in.  
**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTI-**  
**FIED** that an action to fore-  
close a mortgage on the fol-  
lowing property:

**LOT 136, OF PARADISE**  
**CAY, ACCORDING TO THE**  
**PLAT THEREOF AS RE-**  
**CORDED IN PLAT BOOK**  
**18, PAGE(S) 48 AND 49, OF**  
**THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF**  
**OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLOR-**  
**IDA.**  
has been filed against you  
and you are required to serve  
a copy of your written de-  
fenses, if any, to it on coun-  
sel for Plaintiff, whose ad-  
dress is: 6409 Congress  
Avenue, Suite 100, Boca  
Raton, Florida 33487 on or  
before JUNE 26, 2018/ (30  
days from Date of First Pub-  
lication of this Notice) and file  
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this court either before ser-  
vice on Plaintiff's attorney or  
immediately thereafter; other-  
wise a default will be entered

against you for the relief de-  
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ticipate in these proceedings,  
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WITNESS my hand and the  
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County, Florida, this 4th day  
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ARMANDO RAMIREZ

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By: /s/ S.N.  
As Deputy Clerk  
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17-023217-AdB  
May 24, 31, 2018

deceased, whose date of  
death was February 26,  
2018, is pending in the Cir-  
cuit Court for Osceola  
County, Florida, Probate Divi-  
sion, 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.  
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claims or demands against  
decedent's estate on whom a  
copy of this notice is re-  
quired to be served must file  
their claims with this court  
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 SER-  
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AFTER THE DATE OF THE  
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WITHIN THE TIME PERI-  
ODS SET FORTH IN FLOR-  
IDA STATUTES SECTION  
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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*  
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May 17, 24, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA Case #: 2017-CA-001983 MF WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, Plaintiff, vs. HECTOR F. PINEDA, et al., Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment in Mortgage Foreclosure dated April 24, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017 CA 001983 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida. WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR IMPAC SECURED ASSETS CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-2, is Plaintiff, and HECTOR F. PINEDA, ADRIANA RODRIGUEZ, A/K/A ADRIANA M. RODRIGUEZ, are the Defendants.

Armando Ramirez, Clerk of the Circuit Court for OSCEOLA County, Florida, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash SUITE 2600/ ROOM 2602 of the OSCEOLA County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, at 11:00 a.m., on the 12TH day of JUNE, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 6, KINGS CREST-PHASE ONE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 20, PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

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

Dated: May 10, 2018. VAN NESS LAW FIRM, PLLC 1239 E. Newport Center Drive, Suite 110, Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442 Phone: (954) 571-2031 PRIMARY EMAIL: Pleadings@vanlawfirm.com /s/ J. Anthony Van Ness, Esq. Florida Bar #: 391832 Email: CFrancois@vanlawfirm.com Our File #: AS4631-17 May 17, 24, 2018

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Case No.: 2017-CC-777 CL EAGLE LAKE PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., Plaintiff, vs. YAO XUN YANG, et al., Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: YAO XUN YANG 2713 Kinsey Drive Kissimmee, FL 34746 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien foreclosure on the following property in Osceola County, Florida: Lot 76E EAGLE LAKE PHASE 3, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 20, PAGE 71, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: CARLOS R. ARIAS, ESQUIRE, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC, 140 N. WESTMONT DR., SUITE 203, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice on JUNE 26, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Lien Foreclosure Complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in these proceedings, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: Court Administration at 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, Telephone: (407) 742 2417, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this described notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-(800) 955-8771. DATED on May 18, 2018. (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit and County Court By: /s/ SM As Deputy Clerk May 24, 31, 2018 June 7, 14, 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

TO: 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 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 500 Australian Avenue South Suite 1000 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Telephone: (561) 713-1400 FLleadings@mwc-law.com May 17, 24, 2018

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

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

Pursuant to CHAPTER 45 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sale will be made pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment. Final Judgment was awarded on March 28, 2018, in Civil Case No. 2017-CA-000884 MF, of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF ABFC 2007-WMC1 TRUST ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-WMC1, is the Plaintiff, and PHILEEN A. HUDSON A/K/A PHILEEN HUDSON; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MARLIN MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PHILEEN A. HUDSON A/K/A PHILEEN HUDSON; EAGLE LAKE PHASE I SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY THROUGH, UNDER AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS, are Defendants. The Clerk of the Court, Armando Ramirez, will sell to the highest bidder for cash in Suite 2600/ Room 2602 of the Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741 on JUNE 26, 2018, at 11:00 A.M. EST the following described real property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 49B, EAGLE LAKE, PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGES 141 THROUGH 143, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF

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

IMPORTANT

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

DATED on this 9th day of May 2018. ALDRIDGE | PITE, LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 1615 South Congress Avenue, Suite 200, Delray Beach, FL 33445 Telephone: (561) 392-6391 Facsimile: (561) 392-6965 By: /s/ Susan Sparks SUSAN SPARKS, Esq. FBN #: 33626 Primary E-Mail: ServiceMail@aldridgepite.com 1221-14826B May 17, 24, 2018

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

PROBATE DIVISION File No:2018-CP-000285 PR Division: E

IN RE: ESTATE OF WILLIAM DANIEL PENNOCK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of William Daniel Pennock, deceased, whose date of death was January 10, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 2000, 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 WITHIN 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 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 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 24, 2018.

Personal Representative: /s/ George Beatty George Beatty/Personal Representative c/o: Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson, LLP Cypress Point Office Park 10012 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite B-115, Tampa, Florida 33618

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Linda Muralt Linda Muralt, Esquire Florida Bar No.: 0031129 Walton Lantaff Schroeder & Carson LLP Cypress Point Office Park 10012 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Suite B-115, Tampa, Florida 33618 Telephone: (813) 775-2375 Facsimile: (813) 775-2385 E-mail: lmuralt@waltonlantaff.com May 24, 31, 2018

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

CIVIL DIVISION 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

TO: 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@shdlegalgroup.com, on or before JUNE 20, 2018, and file the 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, (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 OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION File #: 2018-CP-000241 PR Division: 22

IN RE: ESTATE OF TOMAS SOTO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of TOMAS SOTO, deceased, whose date of death was October 3, 2017, 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 other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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: Felisa Crespo 809 Royal Palm Drive Kissimmee, Florida 34743

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Maureen A. Arago MAUREEN A. ARAGO, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 835821 Arago Law Firm, PLLC P.O. Box 452275, Kissimmee, Florida 34745-2275 Telephone: (407) 344-1185 Fax: (407) 704-3709 E-Mail: maureenarago@aragolaw.com May 17, 24, 2018

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

Division: 22 Case No.: 2017-CA-2933-OC CFFEC PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff, vs. ALI INVESTMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation, and WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC., a Florida corporation, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC. 250 North Orange Ave, Suite 1400 Orlando, FL 32801 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you seeking partition of the real property consisting of 0.450 acres of unimproved land in Osceola County Florida, Osceola County Parcel Number: R12258-000004100000 and which is more particularly described as follows: From the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section

12, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, Osceola County, Florida; run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 28 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 710.77 feet to the Point of Beginning; continue South 00 degrees 16 minutes 28 seconds East, 172.59 feet to a point, 427.30 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 12; run thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds East, 115.41 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 56 seconds West, 172.88 feet to the North line of the South 600 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; run thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds West, 113.98 feet to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: James D. Kisio, Esquire Bogin, Munns & Munns, P.A. Attorneys For Plaintiff 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1000 Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 578-1334 jkisio@boginmunns.com bmmsservice@boginmunns.com on or before JULY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, FL 34741, (407) 742-2417, fax 407-835-5079 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. Dated: May 3, 2018. Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND 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 other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate 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 ON THEM.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN 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 Telephone: (407) 847-5151 Fax: (407) 847-3353 E-Mail: jrbondy@kisslawyer.com Secondary E-Mail: telebrony@kisslawyer.com May 17, 24, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACTION

The following vehicles will be sold at auction free of all prior liens for cash. 1) 2002 Honda Accord - 4 Door - Silver VIN: 1HGCG16522A013817 Sale Date: JUNE 04, 2018 Sale Time: 10:00 A.M. Sale Location: Magic Tows, LLC - 1201 Sawdust Trail - Kissimmee, Florida 34744 May 24, 2018

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

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: ALI INVESTMENTS, INC. 250 North Orange Ave. Suite 1400 Orlando, FL 32801 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you seeking partition of the real property consisting of 0.450 acres of unimproved land in Osceola County, Florida, Osceola County Parcel Number: R12258-000004100000 and which is more particularly described as follows: From the Northwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 12, Township 25 South, Range 28 East, Osceola County, Florida; run South 00 degrees 16 minutes 28 seconds East along the West line of said Southwest 1/4, 710.77 feet to the Point of Beginning; continue South 00 degrees 16 minutes 28 seconds East, 172.59 feet to a point, 427.30 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Section 12; run thence North 89 degrees 44 minutes 58 seconds East, 115.41 feet; run thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes 56 seconds West, 172.88 feet to the North line of the South 600 feet of said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4; run thence South 89 degrees 36 minutes 16 seconds West, 113.98 feet to the Point of Beginning.

You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on: James D. Kisio, Esquire Bogin, Munns & Munns, P.A. Attorneys For Plaintiff 1000 Legion Place, Suite 1000 Orlando, Florida 32801 (407) 578-1334 jkisio@boginmunns.com bmmsservice@boginmunns.com on or before JULY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact: ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, FL 34741, (407) 742-2417, fax 407-835-5079 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. Dated: May 3, 2018. Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

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

General Jurisdiction Division Case #: 2016-CA-000501 MF Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3, Plaintiff, vs. GARY A. TOMBLIN, et al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated April 18, 2018, entered in Case No. 2016-CA-000501 MF of the Circuit Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, in and for Osceola County, Florida, wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley Home Equity Loan Trust 2005-3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-3, is the Plaintiff, and Gary A. Tomblin, a/k/a Gary Tomblin; Unknown Spouse of Gary A. Tomblin, a/k/a Gary Tomblin; Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. successor by merger to Wachovia Bank, N.A.; Premium Asset Recovery Corporation; Midland Credit Management, Inc. as Servicing Agent for MRC Receivables Corp. are the Defendants, that Armando R. Ramirez, Osceola County Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Suite 2600/Room 2602, 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741, beginning at 11:00 A.M. on the 7th day of JUNE, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 72 OF REPLAT OF NEPTUNE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 273, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF ABANDONED ACL RAILROAD

ABUTTING SAID LOT 72. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Dated on this 10th day of May 2018. BROCK & SCOTT, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 Phone: (954) 618-6955 ext. 4729 Fax: (954) 618-6954 FLCourtDocs@brockand-scott.com By: /s/ Jimmy Edwards JIMMY EDWARDS, Esq. Florida Bar No. 81855 File No. 15-F07295 May 17, 24, 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 COURTHOUSE SQUARE at 11:00 A.M. after first view 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 notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service. Dated: May 3, 2018. Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

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) 240-1414 Facsimile: (407) 245-3486 Attorneys for Plaintiff Florida Bar No.: 947652 May 17, 24, 31, 2018 June 7, 2018

LEGAL AD DEADLINES: Thursday News-Gazette Friday at 1:00 PM Saturday News-Gazette Tuesday at 5:00 PM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.  
Case No.: 2018-CA-56-OC  
ORANGE BRANCH BAY HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
DONALD KOTHENBEUTEL, PAMELA MATCHETT and UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF ACTION**  
TO: UNKNOWN PARTIES IN POSSESSION  
2900 Orange Bud Drive  
Kissimmee, FL 34746  
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to enforce a lien foreclosure on the following property in Osceola County, Florida:

**Lot 69; ORANGE BRANCH BAY, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 18, Pages, 65 through 71, Osceola County, Florida.**

A lawsuit has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on **CARLOS R. ARIAS, ESQUIRE**, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is: **ARIAS BOSINGER, PLLC, 140 N. WESTMONT DRIVE, SUITE 203, ALTA MONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714**, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice, **JUNE 6, 2018**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Lien Foreclosure Complaint.

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

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

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public Notice is hereby given that ACE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM LLC, d/b/a RUSSELL'S TOWING, will hold a public auction at 8:00 A.M., on JUNE 8, 2018, at: 2720 13th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769.

Pursuant to the laws of the state the following vehicles will be sold to the highest bidder:

- 1978 FORD
- VIN: E12HHBF1580
2. 1994 JEEP
- VIN: 1J4FT68SXRL123210
- 3) 2000 PLYMOUTH
- VIN: 2P4FP25B6YR600403
- 4) 2000 PONTIAC
- VIN: 1G2NF52TOYC535899
- 5) 2006 VOLKSWAGEN
- VIN: 3VWPF71KX6M691627
- 6) 2001 DODGE
- VIN: 2B4GP44G61R161711
- 7) 2006 CHRYSLER
- VIN: 2A4GM48406R900858
- 8) 2001 FORD
- VIN: 1FAFP40421F146792
- 9) 2005 YAMAHA
- VIN: JYARP09E95A002599

Terms of the sale are cash and no checks are accepted. Seller reserves the right to final bid. All sales are final. No refunds will be made. Sale auto will be sold "as is" with no guarantee.  
May 24, 2018

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

PRESTON'S TOWING gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on the following dates at 09:00 a.m. at 605 E Donegan Avenue, FL 34744, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

PRESTON'S TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**JUNE 6, 2018**

- 1999 HONDA
- VIN: 1HGCG1655XA054295
- 2) 2007 PIAGGIO
- VIN: ZAPM340W575002312

**JUNE 8, 2018**

- 1999 HONDA
- VIN: 2HKYF1865XH518227

May 24, 2018

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

On 06/05/2018 at 09:00 A.M., an auction will take place at 3501 Pug Mill Road, Kissimmee, FL 34744.

The vehicles which will be auctioned include:

- 2003 HONDA
- VIN: 2HKYF18733H545481

May 24, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

General Jurisdiction Division  
Case #: 2018-CA-000411 MF  
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
LUIS H. ARGUELLES, A/K/A LUIS ARGUELLES; CARMEN ANA ARGUELLES; OSCEOLA COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; UNKNOWN TENANT # 1; UNKNOWN TENANT # 2, Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**  
TO: LUIS H. ARGUELLES, A/K/A LUIS ARGUELLE and CARMEN ANA ARGUELLES  
**LAST KNOWN ADDRESS:**  
17 REINS CT.  
KISSIMMEE, FL 34743

**ALSO ATTEMPTED AT:**  
3515 BELLWOOD CT.,  
SAINT CLOUD, FL 34772;  
BP13 CALLE DR.,  
JOSE CASTELAR # L,  
TOA BAJ, PR 00949 3404

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

**LOT 17, BLOCK 176, BUENAVENTURA LAKES, UNIT 11, FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED AND FILED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 52, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA. a/k/a: 17 REINS CT. KISSIMMEE, FL 34743**

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on **FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP**, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is One East Broward Blvd., Suite 1430, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 on or before JUNE 20, 2018, (no later than 30 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Action) and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a court proceeding or event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the 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 Notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at OSCEOLA County, Florida, this 30th day of April 2018.  
**ARMANDO RAMIREZ**  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
By: **Is/ SN**  
As Deputy Clerk

**FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP**  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
ONE EAST BROWARD BLVD., SUITE 1430, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301  
ATTENTION:  
SERVICE DEPARTMENT  
TEL: (954) 522.3233,  
ext.1648  
FAX: (954) 200-7770  
EMAIL: Aloney@flwlaw.com  
DESIGNATED PRIMARY E-MAIL FOR SERVICE PURSUANT TO FLA. R. JUD. ADMIN 2.516  
fls@flwlaw.com  
04-085078-F00  
May 17, 24, 2018

#### CLAIM OF LIEN NOTICE

Claim of Lien and Sale of Motor Vehicles Lien Law F.S. 713.78, WILDER WRECKER INC., 2021 N. Main Street, Kissimmee, FL 34744, (407) 846-1010, will sell for cash at above address the following vehicles:

- 2005 CHEV 4 DOOR
  - VIN: 2G1WF52E059220548
- Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78, these vehicles will be sold at the public auction on JUNE 4, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. Vehicles sold as is, seller reserves the right to bid and guarantees no titles.  
May 24, 2018

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

A.R.C. TOWING Inc. gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on JUNE 8, 2018, 08:00 a.m., at 7421 W. Irl Bronson Highway, Kissimmee, FL 34747, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.

A.R.C. TOWING Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

- 2001 FORD
- VIN: 1FMZU73E01ZA27588
- 2001 HONDA
- VIN: 1HGCG56481A003418

May 24, 2018

#### WARNING

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

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

All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://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

#### Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Government Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that HUD under Part 50 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management. The activity is pursuing funding under Multi-Family Housing Program Section 221(d)(4). The subject property, The Proposed Hamilton at Lakeside, is located at the southwest corner of North John Young Parkway and Bermuda Lakes Lane in Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida and consists of approximately 6.06 acres of undeveloped and wooded land and a drainage ditch on the eastern property boundary. The subject property is identified as tax parcel number: 16-25-29-00U-0016-0000. The subject property is the proposed location of a two (2) building, 108-unit multi-family apartment complex with an amenity building, maintenance building, and a dog park.

According to the Osceola County, Florida and Incorporated Areas Flood Insurance Study dated June 18, 2013 accessed at [http://fris.nc.gov/fris\\_hardfiles/FL/FIS/12097CV000A.pdf](http://fris.nc.gov/fris_hardfiles/FL/FIS/12097CV000A.pdf), the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) in the area of the subject property is 66.2 feet NAVD88 (67.10 feet NGVD29). Per HUD guidelines, the elevation of occupied space must be at least one (1) foot above the BFE (in this case, 67.2 feet NAVD88). Therefore, in order to prevent impacts to lives and property, the proposed residential structures and amenity building will be developed above the BFE, with the first-floor elevations elevated greater than one (1) foot above the BFE, at 67.66 feet NAVD88 (68.6 feet NGVD29). Only parking, sidewalks, and the proposed maintenance building are located below the BFE. The proposed maintenance building, a non-residential structure, will have a lowest adjacent grade below the BFE at 65.02 feet NAVD 88 (65.96 feet NGVD 29). However, the structure will be floodproofed to at least 1-foot above the BFE in order to comply with HUD Guidelines and protect all insurable property. The maintenance building will have a concrete stem wall that has emergency drains to prevent flooding of this structure.

Whenever construction is proposed within a floodplain, the loss of floodplain storage is a potential impact. Floodplains provide storage of water until downstream outfalls recede to a level that will allow the stored water to discharge from the site.

HUD has considered the following alternatives and mitigation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values:

- The subject property is the ideal location for the proposed development. The subject property is of adequate size and allows sufficient density yield to provide the 108 apartments needed to make the project economically feasible. In addition, the property is properly zoned for the proposed development. The proposed development will be located along the Kissimmee Trail walkway, which will be beneficial to the residential component. The subject property is located along a heavily travelled roadway, with an overhead crosswalk, which has average/good exposure with added privacy which is often seen as a benefit to tenants. In addition, the subject property has access to public transportation as the LYNX bus route is immediately adjacent to the property. The area has sufficient supporting commercial/medical/educational developments nearby. Finally, a market study conducted by Colliers International indicated the property is located in an area that is projected to experience significant population growth. As such, demand for housing in Osceola County is expected to increase significantly. Overall, the subject property is considered an ideal location for the proposed development in terms of its location, exposure, and access to public transportation, employment, education, and shopping centers. These characteristics provide supporting uses for the subject property making it desirable for multifamily development.

- Alternatives were investigated for the proposed development that included the "no action" alternative. The proposed multi-family development is needed to address the growing demand for housing in this area and would increase the real estate tax base. Kissimmee is a beneficiary of economic growth occurring in a variety of industries. The Orlando metro economy is flourishing. It is outperforming all other Florida metros in terms of job creation. While tourism continues to drive most of the growth, diversification into other sectors is proving beneficial for wage growth, specifically growth in the professional and business services sector. A business-friendly environment combined with ongoing transportation and infrastructure improvements, moderate costs of living and no state income taxes, the Orlando market is expected to continue to expand. All the new jobs and the companies will generate demand for housing and will be the sustaining force for economic growth in the future. In addition, the proposed development is compatible with HUD's mission to provide safe and attractive housing options for people of all income levels. The no-action alternative would not achieve any of these benefits and thus, would not serve the same purpose.

- To comply with the Executive Order, the Sponsor has entered into consultation with registered engineers who have prepared development plans that minimize the effects of the impacts to the floodplains located on the subject property. Off-site fill will be brought to the subject property in order to appropriately grade the site to raise the lowest adjacent grade of proposed subject property residential structures and amenity building to one (1) foot above the base flood elevation in order to mitigate the potential for adverse impacts to lives and property. In addition, the proposed maintenance building will be floodproofed in accordance with FEMA and HUD Guidelines. The subject property will carry flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program for any building during the construction period until a LOMR-F is obtained. Finally, all leases/contracts will contain an acknowledgement signed by the tenants indicating that they have been advised that the site is located in a floodplain and that flood insurance is available for their personal property.

In order to prevent a loss of available water storage capacity, the proposed development was designed to compensate for the water storage at a "cup for cup" ratio. While portions of the proposed project site will be raised above Base Flood Elevation (BFE), other portions will be lowered to provide for the storage of flood waters within the proposed detention pond, open spaces, and parking lots. Both the pre-development floodplain storage available to the site and the post-development floodplain storage available to the site were calculated during the design and permitting of improvements. In the pre-development conditions, the site provides 8.472 AC-FT of storage volume below the BFE of 67.10 feet NGVD29. Per the proposed design, the post-development site condition provides 8.594 AC-FT of storage volume below the BFE of 67.10 feet NGVD29. This design ensures that there will be no net loss of water storage at the subject property and, therefore, there will not be any adverse impacts to the adjacent properties. The detention pond will also provide water quality treatment and attenuation for the proposed development prior to discharging into the ditch located to the west of the subject property.

HUD has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988 are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about floodplains can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will consider actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

Written comments must be received by HUD at the following address no later than 7 days from the date of this notice. Comments should be addressed to Ms. Angela Vassey, Senior Review Appraiser with HUD, 400 W. Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted via email at [Angela.D.Vassey@hud.gov](mailto:Angela.D.Vassey@hud.gov).  
May 24, 2018

#### WARNING

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 2455, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): DIANA BLACKBURN Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2075 LOT 14 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2075 0140

All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at [www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com](http://www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com), on the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.

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

#### WARNING

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 2509, issued on June-01-2014, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): THE COLLINWOOD SHALE BRICK & SUPPLY CO Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2149 LOT 11 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2149 0110

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. 2749, 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): IRENE F HOYLE, PRESTON Q HOYLE Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** TROPICAL PARK UNIT 4 PB 2 PG 016 BLK O LOT 14 Parcel No.: 09 25 29 5310 0000 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

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

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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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. 3327, 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): JOHN A DAUGHTRY, STAR B DAUGHTRY Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** MARYDIA BLK 48 LOT 4 PB B PG 067 Parcel No.: 02 25 29 4080 0048 0040

All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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By: **BB, DEPUTY CLERK**  
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

#### WARNING

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 3506, 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): JENNIFER MUSCHAL, KEVIN ST JACQUES Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** TROPICAL PARK UN 4 PB 2 PG 016 BLK J LOT 33 Parcel No.: 09 25 29 5310 000J 0330

All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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By: **BB, DEPUTY CLERK**  
May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

#### WARNING

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 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 FERNANDEZ 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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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 JONATHAN WEIERMAN, the holder of tax certificate No. 6547, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): CANAVERAL INVESTMENT LAND CORP Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** W 150 FT OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF 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

##### Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 7459, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): THE ALEXAN GROUP LLC Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** CANAVERAL ACRES NO 2 PB 2 PG 018 TRACT 279 Parcel No.:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 9th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION  
 CASE NO.: 2017-CA-000094 MF  
 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
 SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A.,  
 Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SANTIAGO FERREIRA, DECEASED; CARMEN LUISA TORRES; SANTIAGO FERREIRA ORTIZ; CLIFF FERREIRA TORRES; HARVEY FERREIRA TORRES; MARISOL FERREIRA TORRES; DIANA FERREIRA ORTIZ; LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; DORAL WOODS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE RESERVE AT DORAL WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
 Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 11, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017-CA-000094 MF, of the Circuit Court of the 9th Judicial Circuit in and for OSCEOLA County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., is the Plaintiff, and ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS, CREDITORS, DEVISEES, BENEFICIARIES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SANTIAGO FERREIRA, DECEASED; CARMEN LUISA TORRES; SANTIAGO FERREIRA ORTIZ; CLIFF FERREIRA TORRES; HARVEY FERREIRA TORRES; MARISOL FERREIRA TORRES; DIANA FERREIRA ORTIZ; LENDMARK FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; DORAL WOODS HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; THE RESERVE AT DORAL WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., are the Defendants. ARMANDO RAMIREZ, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN SUITE 2600/ ROOM 2602 OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, at 2 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, KISSIMMEE in OSCEOLA County, FLORIDA 34741, at 11:00 A.M., on the 12th day of JUNE, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

**LOT 3, BLOCK 3225, POINCIANA ESTATES SECTION B, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE(S) 211 THROUGH 215, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**  
 A person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.  
*In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator, Court Administration, Osceola County Courthouse, 2 Courthouse Square, Suite 6300, Kissimmee, Florida 34741, (407) 742-2417, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.*  
 DATED on this 18th day of May 2018.  
 By: */s/ Eric Knopp*  
 ERIC KNOPP, Esquire  
 Bar. No.: 709921

**Submitted by:**  
 Kahane & Associates, P.A.  
 8201 Peters Road, Suite 3000  
 Plantation, FL 33324  
 Telephone: (954) 382-3486  
 Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
 Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com  
 File No. 16-01826 JPC  
 May 24, 31, 2018

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**  
 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE FOLLOWING TENANTS WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH TO SATISFY RENTAL LIENS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES, SELF STORAGE FACILITY ACT, SECTIONS 83-806 AND 83-807; CONTENTS MAY INCLUDE KITCHEN, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BEDDING, TOYS, GAMES, PACKED CARTON, FURNITURE, TOOLS, TRUCKS, CARS ETC. THERE'S NO TITLE FOR VEHICLES SOLD AT THE LIEN SALE. OWNERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO BID ON UNITS. Lien sale to be held online ending **Wednesday, May 30, 2018**, at the times indicated below. Viewing and bidding will only be available online at www.storage-treasures.com, beginning at least 5 days prior to the scheduled sale date and time.  
**PERSONAL MINI STORAGE ST. CLOUD** - 350 COMMERCE CENTER DRIVE, ST. CLOUD, FL 34769 AT 10:00 AM: 1132 Alisha E. Young; 1053 Patricia M. Johnston; 510 Jason N. Wheat; 431 Margarita 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, 2000 Pontiac Montana MiniVan (Tan/Brown) VIN: 1GMDX03E6YD347160.  
**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 Rouss; 1216 Peter Holmes co 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 # 5FNYP18585B063489.  
 May 17, 24, 2018

**NOTICE OF MEETING HARMONY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
 The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Harmony Community Development District is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Harmony Golf Preserve Clubhouse, located at 7251 Five Oaks Drive, Harmony, Florida 34773. During the meeting a public hearing will be held on the Poolworks contract.

The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from Inframark, 210 N. University Drive, Suite 702, Coral Springs, Florida 33071.

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

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

May 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. Irls 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. Irls 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. Irls Bronson Mem. Hwy,  
 Kissimmee, FL 321-697-4300  
 May 17, 24, 2018

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE BRIGHTON LAKES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Brighton Lakes Community Development District will commence at noon on June 18, 2018, and close at noon on June 22, 2018. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections located at 2509 E. Irls Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, Florida 34744, Phone: (407) 742-6000. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a "qualified elector" of the District, as defined in Section 190.003, Florida Statutes. A "qualified elector" is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

The Brighton Lakes Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 1, 2 and 3. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are non-partisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 6, 2018, and in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections.  
 Bob Koncar  
 District Manager  
 May 24, 2018

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE STEVENS PLANTATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the office of Supervisor of the Stevens Plantation Community Development District will commence at noon on June 18, 2018, and close at noon on June 22, 2018. Candidates must qualify for the office of Supervisor with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections located at 2509 E. Irls Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, Florida, (407) 742-6000. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a qualified elector of the District. A qualified elector is any person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

The Stevens Plantation Community Development District has three (3) seats up for election, specifically seats 1, 2 and 3. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are non-partisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 6, 2018, in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections.  
 May 24, 2018

**NOTICE OF QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CELEBRATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the qualifying period for candidates for the Office of Supervisor of the Celebration Community Development District will commence at noon on June 18, 2018, and close at noon on June 22, 2018. Candidates must qualify for the Office of Supervisor with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections located at 2509 East Irls Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, Florida 34744 (407) 742-6000. All candidates shall qualify for individual seats in accordance with Section 99.061, Florida Statutes, and must also be a qualified elector of the District. A qualified elector is a person at least 18 years of age who is a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of the State of Florida and of the District, and who is registered to vote with the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections. Campaigns shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes.

The Celebration Community Development District has two Seats up for election, specifically Seats 2 and 4. Each seat carries a four-year term of office. Elections are nonpartisan and will be held at the same time as the general election on November 6, 2018, in the manner prescribed by law for general elections.

For additional information, please contact the Osceola County Supervisor of Elections.  
 May 24, 2018

**WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that IMK PRODUCTS INC, the holder of tax certificate No. 2323, issued on June-01-2011, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows:  
 Apparent Titleholder(s): EQUIFUNDING LVII LLC Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** HOTEL SITE FROM THE INT OF THE S LINE OF THE R/W OF U S HWY 17 AND THE E LINE OF HOTEL SITE RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W ALONG THE S LINE OF THE SAID R/W OF SAID HWY 111 FT FOR POB FROM THIS PT RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W 40 FT. THENCE S 16 DEG W 102.5 FT. S 76 DEG 12 MIN E 40 FT. N 16 DEG E 102.5 FT. TO POB PB A PG 169 Parcel No.: 33 25 28 3450 0001 0410  
 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
 Dated this day, April 25, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE.  
 ARMANDO RAMIREZ  
 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
 By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK  
 May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

**Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Unincorporated Areas of Osceola County, Florida, Case No. 18-04-3037X.** The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) solicits technical information or comments on proposed flood hazard determinations for the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for your community. These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. The FIRM and, if applicable, the FIS report have been revised to reflect these flood hazard determinations through issuance of a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), in accordance with Title 44, Part 65 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/hm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).  
 May 24, 31, 2018

**WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 3992, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): KISSIMMEE PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** KISSIMMEE PARK PB 1 PG 41 BLK 27 LOT 16 1/2 LESS BEG AT NW COR, SELY TO NE COR, SLY ALONG E LINE 60 FT, NWLY PARALLEL TO THE N LINE, TO THE W LINE, NELY 60 FT TO POB AND THAT PORTION OF VACATED LAKESHORE BLVD ABUTTING THE WEST SIDE Parcel No.: 24 26 29 3670 0027 0165  
 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
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 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
 By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK  
 May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

**WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 3321, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): MEI TAN MING, SHENG TAN MING, ZHUANG TAN MING Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** R H P DROUGHTS ADDN PB A PG 13 BLK B N 20 FT OF E 110 FT LOT 1 & S 35 FT OF E 110 FT LOT 2 Parcel No.: 22 25 29 1360 000B 0017  
 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
 Unless said certificate be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder on line at www.osceola.realtaxdeed.com on, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. Property is sold subject to any additional outstanding taxes.  
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 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida  
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 May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

**WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

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

You are invited to attend a Community Meeting to discuss the needs of your community and provide input on the Draft 2018-2019 CDBG Program Annual Action Plan.

**Buenaventura Lakes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Thursday May 31, 2018, 5:30 PM,** 501 Florida Parkway, Kissimmee, FL

*Please come and let your voice be heard!*

For more information or special accommodations, contact Cheryl Leonard, 407-742-8402, or email Cheryl.Lleonard@osceola.org.  
 May 24, 2018

**CONDADO DE OSCEOLA PROGRAMA DE SUBVENCION DE BLOQUES DE DESARROLLO COMUNITARIO (CDBG) REUNION DE LA COMUNIDAD DE BUENAVENTURA LAKES**

Se le invita a asistir a una Reunión Comunitaria para analizar las necesidades de su comunidad y aportar sobre el Borrador del Plan de Acción Anual del Programa CDBG 2018-2019.  
 Buenaventura Lakes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, jueves 31 de mayo de 2018, 5:30pm, 501 Florida Parkway, Kissimmee, FL

**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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**WARNING Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

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

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

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 2332, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): FE ESPERANZA TIMBOL Assessed to:  
**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V1 NBD 2 PB 3 PG 17 BLK 1564 LOT 5 2-27-28 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6118 1564 0050  
 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.  
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**Legal Description:** POINCIANA V5 NBD 1 PB 3 PG 144 BLK 2081 LOT 5 19/27/29 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6138 2081 0050  
 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 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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# NEXT WEEKEND!

AN OSCEOLA COUNTY TRADITION SINCE 1944

## 141st SILVER SPURS RODEO

Silver Spurs Arena at Osceola Heritage Park • Kissimmee

### JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup>

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY AT 7:30PM

The rodeo you know and love returns this June! Come watch action-packed events like bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, and more!

### TICKETS \$15 • KIDS 10 & UNDER FREE!

Active and retired military personnel receive free admission with proper ID.

Prior to the rodeo, from 5:30PM to 7:30PM, enjoy the

### FREE! SCHOOL'S OUT BLOWOUT! AT THE SILVER SPURS RODEO

- Bounce houses
- Live music
- Rodeo games
- Face painting
- Osceola Mobile STEM Lab
- AND MORE!

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[www.SilverSpursRodeo.com](http://www.SilverSpursRodeo.com)  
 OR CALL  
**407-67-RODEO**



Did you know that the Silver Spurs Riding Club is a 501(c)(5) organization? Proceeds from each Silver Spurs event are given back to the community in the form of scholarships or donations to other non-profit organizations.

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### RODEO DAY AT Osceola County Farm Market

### THIS SATURDAY! MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> / 10AM-1PM

5700 E. Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy

RODEO GAMES • LOCAL GOODS • CHICKEN CHASES • AND MORE!



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# BACKYARD RIBS 101

*Don't be intimidated:  
There's nothing like home-made ribs*

BY ELIZABETH KARMEL  
Associated Press

It's officially barbecue rib season, and I couldn't be more excited. I have made them three times in the last week and I am planning on making them for a party this weekend.

I might be a little rib obsessed—it is an occupational hazard of barbecuing for a living. But I don't know many people who can turn down a bone or two or three. My rib-awakening happened at the world's largest barbecue contest — Memphis in May. All it took was that first bite of a grill-smoked rib for me to realize that real barbecued ribs very rarely come out of a restaurant kitchen. They are usually much better made and enjoyed in your own backyard.

There is nothing like home-made ribs. And, once you get over the intimidation factor, you realize that they don't take nearly as long to cook as barbecue myth has it, and they are also very easy to prepare.

The most popular ribs to cook are back ribs, but spareribs and St-Louis style ribs are becoming more and more popular. This week, I cooked a slab of back ribs, a slab of spare ribs, and a slab of St. Louis to see which ones I liked better. Not surprisingly, they were all good. I rediscovered that it's important to look at the ribs in the store and chose them based on the way they look more than the cut. They should be plump, heavy for their size and have some visible fat. The fat will render out during the cooking time, leaving flavor and help create a nice crust on the ribs. These days pork can be so lean that you don't see a lot of fat, even on the ribs.

In case you aren't familiar with the difference between the three cuts, here is a primer:

— Back ribs are cut from high up on the rib near the spinal column. Back ribs are meaty, leaner than spareribs and very flavorful—this is the area of the pig that "produces" the tenderloin. Back ribs are usually sold in either full slabs (13-ribs). But you may find them in half slabs (7-ribs) since they are the most expensive cut of rib, some stores cut the rack in half so the single item appears less expensive. When they come from a pig that is less than a year old, they are referred to as "baby" back ribs. True baby back ribs generally weigh around 1 to 1 1/2 pounds each which makes them difficult to cook on the grill because they have so little meat on their bones.

— Spareribs are cut from the belly or side of the pig. Spareribs are longer and fatter than back ribs. While they have less



This May 10, 2018 photo shows barbecue pork ribs in Amagansett, N.Y.

meat, many parts of the country prefer them and they are also a bargain. I paid about \$2.50 a pound for a full slab of spareribs and the back ribs were nearly \$10 a pound.

— The St-Louis cut is a spare-rib trimmed to remove the flap of meat on the underside of the breast bone and squared off to more easily fit on the grill. The St. Louis-style cut is becoming more popular with restaurants, backyard barbecuers and the barbecue circuit.

Once you decide on which rib to buy, there are a few things to remember when purchasing your meat. Number one: Make sure that each slab weighs close to 2 pounds each, and that the ribs have a nice layer of meat covering the bone. Slabs of ribs that are factory-cut often have "bone shine" or areas of the rack where the blade hit the bone and cut off all the meat exposing the bone.

And, it goes without saying that you need to buy the best quality, freshest product available. This is especially true with meat and there is a wide range of product in the marketplace. Plan on purchasing half a rack per person, more if you are serving big eaters. I always round up one rack, for example, if I am serving 7-8 people, I buy 5 racks of ribs. After taking the time to make the ribs, you don't want to run out.

If you have a local butcher who cuts the meat, frequent his or her shop. He'll give you tips on cooking, can cut meat to order, and can special order meat as well.

If you don't have a local butcher, go to a grocery store that has high traffic and keeps the meat case rotated with fresh product every day. Beyond that, be sure to look at the expiration date on the label and give your purchas-

es the old-fashioned smell test. If it smells "off" or a little funny, then it is probably old. I prefer buying ribs that are cryovac-ed as they are generally the freshest choice.

The next decision that you have to make is whether or not to remove the silver skin. Along the back (non-meaty) side of a slab of ribs there is a smooth covering or membrane that holds the ribs together. It is often referred to as the silver skin. Some people recommend removing it but it is purely optional whether you take it off or not. If you leave it on, it is a good indicator of when the ribs are done because it lifts away from the meat when the meat is cooked. It is very crispy when done and looks a little like parchment paper and is slightly translucent.

Many people consider it a delicacy and really like eating it, and many more don't even know it is removable. A few cooks say that leaving the membrane intact prevents the seasoning from penetrating the meat and stops the rendering of the fat. I have never found this to be true, I think that it is mostly a cosmetic issue and a little known one at that. Be forewarned, if your rack of ribs has any "bone shine," the membrane will keep the rack intact and if you remove it, your rack will likely fall apart.

The final thing that you need to know is that the best way to test for doneness is to make sure that the meat has receded from the end of the bones and that you can bend the rack without breaking it in pieces. And, remember that the only way that the meat will fall off the bone, is if you par-boil them first (just say no!) or if you over-cook them. The best ribs should be tender but have a little "chew" left.

## BACKYARD RIBS 101

Servings: 6-8

Start to finish: 4 hours

This recipe is my version of ribs that made me fall in love with backyard ribs. The Memphis in May barbecue team took me under their wing and shared their secret—slathering the ribs in fresh lemon juice before seasoning them.

### Grilling Method

Indirect/Medium-Low Heat  
4 racks pork ribs, about 2-3 pounds per slab  
2 lemons, cut in half  
1/4 cup Classic Barbecue Rub (see below) or favorite spice rub  
Soaked wood chips, if desired  
Favorite barbecue sauce

Build charcoal fire or preheat gas grill. Remove silver skin from back of ribs, if desired. I prefer to leave it on the ribs.

Set up the grill for indirect heat and if using wood chips, place soaked chips directly on charcoal, or in smoking box of gas grill. Rub the cut lemons over front and back of ribs squeezing to release as much juice as possible. Discard any lemon seeds. Set aside for 5 minutes. Sprinkle ribs liberally with spice rub and let sit, covered, for 15 minutes.

Place ribs (bone side down) in the center of the cooking grate or in a rib holder/rack, making sure they are not over a direct flame. Grill covered (at about 300 F, if your grill has a thermometer) for 2-3 hours, depending on how big your racks are.

Two-pound racks will take about 2 hours and 3-pound racks will take closer to 3 hours. The meat will be tender, and you can see that it has pulled back (receded) from the ends of the rib

bones. Leave ribs untended for the first 30 minutes—this means no peeking; especially important if using wood chips. If the ribs start to burn on the edges, stack them on top of one another in the very center of the grill and lower your fire/heat slightly.

Twenty minutes before serving, un-stack ribs, if necessary, and brush with barbecue sauce. Remove ribs from grill and let rest 10 minutes before cutting into individual or 2-3 rib portions.

Warm remaining sauce in a saucepan and serve on the side, if desired.

### Backyard Rib Rub

Makes about 1 1/2 cups  
3 tablespoons white granulated sugar  
2 tablespoons smoked paprika  
2 tablespoons kosher salt  
2 tablespoons dark brown sugar  
1 tablespoon ground cumin  
1 tablespoon freshly ground Worcestershire black pepper  
1 tablespoon onion powder  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

In a medium bowl, combine all the ingredients; mix well. For a smoother rub, process the ingredients in a spice grinder until well combined and all the pieces are uniform (the rub will become a very fine powder and tan in color. It can be stored in an airtight container for up to 6 months.)

*Nutrition information per serving: 221 calories; 115 calories from fat; 13 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 72 mg cholesterol; 627 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 22 g protein.*

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# How to cook a moist beef burger stuffed with American cheese

By America's Test Kitchen

Minneapolis taverns are famous for the Jucy Lucy, a moist beef burger stuffed with American cheese. Replicating the Jucy Lucy seemed easy enough, but our burgers, cooked to well-done to melt the cheese inside, were dry and tough or the cheese melted through the meat, leaving an empty cavern where the cheese had been.

To keep the cheese in place, we created a double-sealed pocket by wrapping the cheese inside a small beef patty and then molding a second patty around it. Adding a mixture of bread and milk, mashed into a paste, to the ground beef kept the burgers moist and juicy.



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows Jucy Lucy burgers in Brookline, Mass.

mini patty and seal edges to form ball. Flatten ball with palm of your hand, forming 3/4-inch-thick patty. Cover and refrigerate patties for at least 30 minutes or up to 24 hours.

— For a charcoal grill: Open bottom vent completely. Light large chimney starter half filled with charcoal briquettes (3 quarts). When top coals are partially covered with ash, pour evenly over grill. Set cooking grate in place, cover, and 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. Turn all burners to medium.

Clean and oil cooking grate. Lay burgers on grill and cook, without pressing on them, until well browned on both sides and cooked through, 12 to 16 minutes, flipping burgers halfway through grilling. Transfer burgers to platter, tent loosely with aluminum foil, and let rest for 5 minutes before serving.

*Nutrition information per serving: 432 calories; 249 calories from fat; 28 g fat (11 g saturated; 2 g trans fats); 121 mg cholesterol; 697 mg sodium; 9 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 34 g protein.*

## JUCY LUCY BURGERS

Servings: 4  
Start to finish: 45 minutes

Buy the American cheese from the deli counter, and ask them to slice it into a 1/2-inch slab from which you can cut four big cubes to fill the center of the burgers. One or two percent low-fat milk can be substituted for the whole milk. The cheesy center of these burgers is molten hot when first removed from the grill, so be sure

to let the burgers rest for at least 5 minutes before serving.  
2 slices hearty white sandwich bread, torn into 1-inch pieces  
1/4 cup whole milk  
1 teaspoon garlic powder  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

1 1/2 pounds 85 percent lean ground beef  
1 slice deli American cheese (1/2-inch-thick), quartered

In large bowl using potato masher, mash bread, milk, garlic powder, salt, and pepper into

smooth paste. Add beef and lightly knead mixture until well combined.

Divide meat into four equal portions. Using half of each portion of meat, encase cheese to form mini burger patty. Mold remaining half-portion of meat around

# Chili con queso without the plastic flavor or waxy texture

By America's Test Kitchen

Chili con queso has fallen on hard times; often it's just Ro-tel Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies mixed with Velveeta, microwaved, and stirred.

We wanted to keep the simplicity but ditch the plastic flavor and waxy texture. We started with a base of chicken broth, cream cheese, and cornstarch to help stabilize the cheese and prevent it from breaking.

For the cheeses, we chose Monterey Jack for its great flavor and American cheese for its superior meltability. We kept the classic Ro-tel tomatoes but bumped up their flavor even more with garlic and canned chipotle chili.

This dip tasted best when made with block cheese that we shredded ourselves; you can find block American cheese at the deli counter. Pre-shredded cheese will work, but the dip will be much thicker. If you prefer a mild chili con queso, omit the chipotle. Serve with tortilla chips or

pita chips

## CHILI CON QUESO

Servings: 8-10  
Start to finish: 1 to 2 hours

1 cup chicken or vegetable broth  
4 ounces cream cheese  
1 tablespoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon minced canned chipotle chili in adobo sauce  
1 garlic clove, minced  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded (2 cups)  
4 ounces American cheese, shredded (1 cup)  
1 (10-ounce) can Ro-tel Diced Tomatoes & Green Chilies, drained

Microwave broth, cream cheese, cornstarch, chipotle, garlic, and pepper in large bowl, whisking occasionally, until smooth and thickened, about 5 minutes. Stir in Monterey Jack and American cheeses until well

combined.

— For 1 1/2- to 5-quart slow cooker Transfer mixture to slow cooker, cover, and cook until cheese is melted, 1 to 2 hours on low.

— For 5 1/2- to 7-quart slow cooker Transfer mixture to 1 1/2-quart soufflé dish. Set dish in slow cooker and pour water into slow cooker until it reaches about one-third up sides of dish (about 2 cups water). Cover and cook until cheese is melted, 1 to 2 hours on low. Remove dish from slow cooker, if desired.

Whisk dip until smooth, then stir in tomatoes. Serve. (Dip can be held on warm or low setting for up to 2 hours. Adjust consistency with hot water as needed, adding 2 tablespoons at a time.)

*Nutrition information per serving: 223 calories; 161 calories from fat; 18 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 55 mg cholesterol; 647 mg sodium; 5 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 2 g sugar; 11 g protein.*



This undated photo shows creamy buttermilk coleslaw in Brookline, Mass.

## How to make buttermilk dressing that's both hefty and tangy

By America's Test Kitchen

We wanted a buttermilk coleslaw with crisp pieces of cabbage lightly coated with a flavorful buttermilk dressing that would cling to the cabbage instead of collecting in the bottom of the bowl.

We found that salting and draining the cabbage removed excess water and wilted it to a pickle-crisp texture. For a dressing that was both hefty and tangy, we combined buttermilk, mayonnaise, and sour cream.

### CREAMY BUTTERMILK COLESLAW

Servings: 4  
Start to finish: 1 hour and 30 minutes

If you are planning to serve the coleslaw immediately, rinse the salted cabbage in a large bowl of ice water, drain it in a colander, pick out any ice cubes, then pat the cabbage dry before dressing.

1/2 head red or green cabbage, cored and sliced thin (6 cups)

Salt and pepper  
1 carrot, peeled and shredded  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons sour cream  
1 small shallot, minced  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
1/2 teaspoon cider vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/4 teaspoon Dijon mustard

Toss shredded cabbage and 1 teaspoon salt in colander or large-mesh strainer set over medium bowl. Let stand until cabbage wilts, at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours. Rinse cabbage under cold running water. Press, but do not squeeze, to drain; pat dry with paper towels. Place wilted cabbage and carrot in large bowl.

Stir buttermilk, mayonnaise, sour cream, shallot, parsley, vinegar, sugar, mustard, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper together in small bowl. Pour dressing over cabbage and toss to combine; refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes. (Coleslaw can be refrigerated for up to 3 days.)

*Nutrition information per serving: 115 calories; 64 calories from fat; 7 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 8 mg cholesterol; 408 mg sodium; 11 g carbohydrate; 3 g fiber; 7 g sugar; 36 g protein.*



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows chili con queso in Brookline, Mass.

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# Trump seethes over Russia probe, calls for end to 'SPYGATE'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump escalated his efforts to discredit the Russia investigation Wednesday, saying the FBI has been caught in a "MAJOR spy scandal" over its use of a secret informant to determine whether some of Trump's campaign aides were working with Russia ahead of the 2016 election.

"SPYGATE could be one of the biggest political scandals in history!" Trump tweeted.

Former FBI Director James Comey, who was fired by Trump last year, said the agency's use of secret informants was "tightly regulated and essential to protecting the country."

"Attacks on the FBI and lying about its work will do lasting damage to our country. How will Republicans explain this to their grandchildren?" tweeted Comey, a former Republican who now identifies as an independent.

At issue are reports that a longtime U.S. government informant approached members of Trump's campaign in a possible bid to glean intelligence on Russian efforts to sway the election.

Trump and his GOP supporters in Congress are now demanding information on the outside informant, claiming it as proof that the Obama administration was trying to spy on his Republican campaign for political reasons. The White House has negotiated rare access

to classified documents for Trump's congressional allies in a briefing expected Thursday.

"Look how things have turned around on the Criminal Deep State," Trump tweeted Wednesday. "They go after Phony Collusion with Russia, a made up Scam, and end up getting caught in a major SPY scandal the likes of which this country may never have seen before! What goes around, comes around!"

The president's comments came a day after he increased pressure on the Justice Department, declining to say whether he has confidence in Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein. Over the weekend, Trump demanded that the Justice Department investigate the FBI and Justice Department's handling of the Russia probe.

The Justice Department agreed by expanding an open, internal investigation to determine whether there was any politically motivated surveillance. And the White House said that Trump chief of staff John Kelly would organize the meeting with House lawmakers to review the documents, although he and other White House staffers would not be present.

FBI Director Christopher Wray, National Intelligence Director Dan Coats and Justice Department official Edward O'Callaghan will meet with House Intelligence Committee Chairman



White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders listens to a question during the daily press briefing at the White House, Tuesday, May 22, 2018, in Washington. Sanders discussed Korea, media access at the EPA and other topics.

Devin Nunes and House Oversight and Government Reform Chairman Trey Gowdy.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders said no Democrats were invited because they had not requested the information, despite calls from lawmakers for the briefing to be bipartisan.

The top Democrat on the House intelligence panel, California Rep. Adam

Schiff, said the briefing should have been done through the bipartisan "Gang of 8," which includes Republican and Democratic leaders and the top Republicans and Democrats on the House and Senate intelligence panels. That group regularly receives classified briefings.

The New York Times was the first to report that the FBI had an informant

who met several times with Trump campaign officials who had suspicious contacts linked to Russia.

The Justice Department's internal probe began in March at the request of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and congressional Republicans. Sessions and the lawmakers urged Inspector General Michael Horowitz to review whether FBI and Justice Department officials

abused their surveillance powers by using information compiled by Christopher Steele, a former British spy, and paid for by Democrats to justify monitoring Carter Page, a former campaign adviser to Trump.

Horowitz said his office will look at those claims as well as communications between Steele and Justice and FBI officials.

# Critics see no end to foreign favors to Trump businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — First came news that a Chinese government-owned company had signed on to help build an Indonesian project that will include a Donald Trump-branded hotel and golf course. Then, days later, the president tweeted that his administration would ease sanctions against a Chinese smartphone maker accused of espionage. "Too many jobs in China lost," he wrote.

Ethics watchdogs and political adversaries called last week's events a blatant case of Trump appearing to trade foreign favors to his business for changes in government policy, exactly the kind of situation they predicted would happen when the real estate mogul turned politician refused to divest from his sprawling business interests.

And they say that such dealmaking will likely become business as usual, unchecked by a Republican-led Congress, court cases that could take years and a public that hasn't gotten too excited about the obscure constitutional prohibition on the president accepting emoluments, or benefits, from foreign governments without congressional approval.

"It's an issue that seems highly technical and complex, and is difficult to link to everyday lives," said Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat who is heading up an emoluments lawsuit brought by about 200 or so members of Congress.

"But when you bring it home to the reason for the emoluments clause, namely

to prevent conflicts of interest, so the president will act only for the benefit of the United States, not for his own self-interest, then people should understand that his taking that benefit comes promises his priorities," Blumenthal said.

Such concerns have dogged Trump since he took office. His Washington hotel, just blocks from the White House, has become a magnet for foreign governments seeking to influence his administration, including groups tied to Kuwait, Bahrain, Turkey, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia. Trump's financial disclosure last week showed the hotel took in more than \$40 million in revenue last year. To allay fears of conflicts, Trump promised to give the U.S. Treasury the profits from foreign stays at his hotels, which came to \$151,470. His company declined to say how that figure was calculated.

A Quinnipiac University National Poll released in March found that 57 percent of Americans believe Trump is not honest. Still, in the latest Quinnipiac poll last month, Trump's job approval rating stood at 41 percent, matching the highest mark of his presidency.

Shana Gadarian, a political psychologist at Syracuse University, said those who pay attention to politics tend to be more partisan and often set aside information they find inconsistent with their beliefs.

"To the extent that you like this administration," she said, "you might say this is just the way business is done. This isn't a con-

cern." Whether there was a quid pro quo in the China-Indonesia deal, similarly, depends on whom you ask.

An Indonesian company, MNC Land, confirmed last week that it hired the subsidiary of the state-owned Metallurgical Corp. of China to build a theme park in its Lido City development outside Jakarta. MNC Land three years earlier struck a deal for the development to include a Trump-branded hotel, 400 luxury villas and condos, and an 18-hole championship golf course.

MNC Land said the Trump Organization has "no relationship" with the theme park that the Chinese company is building. It also said that news reports that a Chinese government-backed \$500 million loan for the project had been signed were false.

The Trump Organization did not respond to a request for comment. China's foreign and commerce ministries and the Cabinet's news office also did not respond to requests for comment. Calls to the China Metallurgical Group rang unanswered.

James Schultz, a former associate White House counsel for Trump, said the argument that Trump was violating the emoluments clause merely because a theme park is being built near a Trump hotel property is "farfetched."

Just 72 hours after that deal was announced, Trump sent a tweet that marked what appeared to be a major reversal in the government's stance on massive Chinese phone company ZTE and



In this Nov. 9, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump waves next to Chinese President Xi Jinping after attending a joint news conference at the Great Hall of the People, in Beijing. Critics fear foreign government favors to Trump businesses have become business as usual. Ethics watchdogs say apparent quid-pro-quo deals are not being stopped by a Republican-led Congress or the courts.

on Trump's "America First" foreign policy.

The U.S. intelligence community has warned about the Chinese smartphone maker's perceived ties to the Chinese government and its possible use for remote surveillance. ZTE has been fined in recent years for shipping American goods to five embargoed countries, including Iran and North Korea. The Pentagon banned ZTE phones from retail stores on military bases because the devices could be a security risk. And the Trump administration ordered a seven-year halt in American shipments of computer microchips and software that are at the heart of most of ZTE's telecommunications

gear. That ban particularly was devastating to ZTE and its 75,000 employees, with the company recently announcing it was halting operations.

Trump tweeted that he was working with the president of China "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!"

Don Fox, the former general counsel of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, said the Chinese "knew exactly what they were investing in" with the deal in Indonesia. "It also strains credulity that the president

wasn't aware of this when he made his favorable comments about ZTE."

Three pending lawsuits, which could potentially take years to litigate, are likely the key to untangling whether such a business deal, in addition to the various bookings of Trump properties by lobbyists, foreign governments, corporate and political interests, constitute emoluments. The president's attorneys have disputed that.

"It is our only real remedy," Blumenthal said of the cases. "It may sound like a sign of frustration, and inertia, but the founders provided us this sole remedy. ... We need a judge to order the president to obey the law."

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# 3 more teens charged in death of Maryland police officer

PERRY HALL, Md. (AP) — Three more teens have been charged as adults with first-degree murder in the death of a Maryland police officer, authorities said Wednesday.

Fifteen-year-old Darrell Jaymar Ward, 16-year-old Derrick Eugene Matthews and 17-year-old Eugene Robert Genius IV were charged in the killing of officer Amy Caprio and were scheduled to appear at bail hearings Wednesday afternoon, said Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott Shellenberger.

The three, who were taken into custody Tuesday in Baltimore, are also charged with first-degree burglary. Court records did not list defense attorneys, and attempts to reach people believed to be relatives were not successful.

A fourth suspect, 16-year-old Dawnta Anthony Harris, is also charged with first-degree murder and was ordered held without bond after a hearing Tuesday in which a judge described him as a "one-man crime wave." The Associated Press does not ordinarily identify underage suspects unless they face adult charges.

A defense attorney requested that Harris be sent to a juvenile lockup, but prosecutors noted his series of auto theft arrests and a repeated history of running away from juvenile facilities.

Caprio was run down Monday by a stolen Jeep driven by Harris after she responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle, investigators have said.

The slain officer's body camera footage clearly shows Harris accelerating the Jeep at her after she tried to apprehend him on the cul-de-sac in the suburban Perry Hall community northeast of Baltimore, prosecutor William Bickel said during a bail hearing Tuesday.

"She fired her weapon. He ran over her," Bickel



**Maryland State Police divert traffic at Belair Road and Chapel Road after a Baltimore County officer was killed in Perry Hall, Md., May 21, 2018. Rifle-toting police swarmed into the Baltimore suburb where a female officer was fatally injured Monday, searching for suspects believed to be armed after witnesses reported hearing a pop and seeing the officer run over by a Jeep.**

said. The three other teens were burglarizing a home on the cul-de-sac while Harris was in the Jeep, according to authorities and court documents.

Shellenberger said Tuesday that Maryland's felony murder law means they can also be held responsible "for everything that occurs as a result of that burglary, including when their co-defendant is outside running over a police officer and killing her."

Harris was apprehended shortly after abandoning the Jeep, which police said had been stolen May 18 in Bal-

timore. According to probable cause statement, Harris admitted as much, telling a detective that he "drove at the officer."

According to other probable cause statements obtained Wednesday, Harris identified Ward, Matthews and Genius as the three subjects responsible for the burglary.

Matthews and Ward admitting to committing the burglary, probable cause statements said. Genius at first declined to give a statement but later objected to being charged with murder, saying he was in the house when the killing occurred, another statement said.

Harris was supposed to be on house arrest and was still wearing a court-ordered ankle bracelet when he ran down Caprio, authorities said. The ninth-grader was on house arrest at his mother's West Baltimore home, but ran away May 14, they said.

Sam Abed, the Maryland Secretary of Juvenile Services, said at a news conference that his department had made "many attempts" to contact Harris after he went missing from his mother's house but was unsuccessful.

The ankle bracelet Harris was wearing Monday

simply indicated whether he was inside or outside his home — it did not track his whereabouts, Shellenberger said.

"Did the system not work?" police Chief Terrence Sheridan said. "It sounds like ... it could have worked better in this particular case."

Caprio, who would have been on the force four years in July, was smart, athletic and energetic, just the type of officer you want to hire, Sheridan said. She and her husband were to start vacation this weekend to celebrate their third wedding anniversary and their

upcoming birthdays, police said.

A medical examiner determined she died of trauma to the head and torso, according to Sheridan.

The death stunned the quiet, residential neighborhood, said Baltimore County Councilman David Marks, who lives nearby.

"The community I represent stands united in grief for this fallen police officer, and our hope is that all those involved are brought to justice," Marks said.

# Cutting back on a constant smartphone habit

NEW YORK (AP) — Why are we checking Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, then Facebook again when we just wanted to check the weather?

Turns out, smartphone addiction is by design. Think of the constant stream of notifications, color schemes in apps and all the "likes," followers and in-game trophies. Our phones and apps are designed to give us short-term, feel-good rewards, so we'll use them longer — at the expense of reading, enjoying the moment or simply being bored.

Some companies are relenting in response to concerns from customers and experts. Google's next operating system, for instance, will come with a "wind down" mode; the screen will automatically fade to grey at a designated time before bed. Another feature will automatically put your phone in "do not disturb" mode if you flip it face down on a table.

But most Android

phones won't get this system, Android P, until late this year or even next year, if at all. And it's unclear if Apple plans similar features for the iPhone.

So, for now, here's how you can outsmart the smartphone yourself:

## LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

Notice those red dots on iPhones and Samsung phones showing how many unread messages, news items or app updates you have left to read? Of course, you have.

"Red is a trigger color that instantly draws our attention," notes The Center for Humane Technology, an organization that promotes a healthier, less dependent relationship to technology.

Other Android phones running the most recent version, Oreo, have smaller dots. There are no numbers, and colors are more subtle, but the concept is the same: to lure you into

opening the app.

To foil that on iPhones and most recent Android phones, go to your phone's settings and turn off the dots, known as badges, for all but the handful of apps you care most about. These might be messaging apps you use with friends, or news services you want breaking-news alerts from. But do you really need a red dot for the 2,346 unread emails you have?

You can also turn off push notifications, app by app.

With Facebook, you'll need to go to the app's own settings to turn off the dozens of notification categories, such as "updates on your friends since you last logged in." Turning a category off will turn off dots for that category, too.

## DETOX REGULARLY

It can be as simple as going to the bathroom without your phone or turning it off during meal

times or even every Saturday. Leaving your phone behind helps your brain reset.

If you need a prompt on just why you should "detox," try Moment, an app that automatically tracks how much you use your iPhone or iPad each day. It's not perfect, as the timer runs anytime your screen is unlocked, even if you've stepped away. Still, the results will probably surprise you. For Android, there's an app called QualityTime.

## SET A SCHEDULE

Nir Eyal, author of "Hooked: How to Build Habit-Forming Products," compares humans to lab mice in an experiment of random rewards. Mice, it turns out, respond "most voraciously to random rewards," Eyal wrote in 2012.

Social media apps have perfected the art of random rewards. You don't know when you'll get a friend

request, or a like, or even when you'll see a new post from a friend. Cue endless check-ins and scrolling.

Set aside a specific time each day to check Facebook — or email, or instant messages. Then resist the urge until the next scheduled time.

Along those lines, try deleting the Facebook app from your phone and check only from a computer. This could help reduce the temptation to check all day.

## TURN OFF AUTOPLAY

Binge-watching might be fun sometimes, but it shouldn't be standard behavior. Services like YouTube and Netflix often play the next video automatically. Turn that off in the settings. Otherwise, it's easy to forget where time went in the middle of a "Stranger Things" binge.

## GET AN ALARM

## CLOCK

There was a time not too long ago when we were able to wake up without our phones, using a magical device called an alarm clock. Get one.

The Center for Humane Technology suggests banishing phones from your bedside, if not the entire bedroom. This should make for better sleep, partly because the blue light emitted from your phone can delay your body's release of melatonin, which helps your body go to sleep at night. But perking up after a bedtime Facebook "like" or getting anxious after reading a news story can also disrupt your ZZZs.

So, put your phone a little further and who knows, you might even wake up and say good morning to your partner instead of checking your phone before you're even out of bed.

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# Foreign media depart on train for North Korean nuclear site

WONSAN, North Korea (AP) — A group of foreign journalists departed by train Wednesday to watch the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear test site after eight reporters from South Korea received last-minute permission to join them.

The remote site deep in the mountains of the North's sparsely populated northeast interior is expected to have a formal closing ceremony in the next day or two, depending on the weather. The closing was announced by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un ahead of his planned summit with U.S. President Donald Trump next month.

The train trip was expected to take 8-12 hours, followed by several hours on a bus and then an hour hike to the site itself.

The journalists were put in sleeping cars on the train, four bunks to a compartment. The compartments had windows covered with blinds, and the journalists were told not to open the blinds during the journey.

Media were also expected to pay their own costs for the trip. The train fare was \$75 per person round trip. Each meal was \$20.

North Korea had earlier refused to grant entry visas to the South Korean journalists after the North cut off high-level contact with Seoul to protest joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises. But North Korea accepted the list of the South Korean journalists to attend via a cross-border communication channel.

The journalists from the MBC television network and News1 wire service took a special government flight later Wednesday to go to the North's northeast-



South Korean journalists arrive at the Kalma Airport in Wonsan, North Korea, Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Eight journalists from South Korea departed for rival North Korea on Wednesday after the North allowed them to join the small group of foreign media in the country to witness the dismantling of its nuclear test site this week, Seoul officials said.

ern coastal city of Wonsan. The other journalists from the United States, the UK, China and Russia arrived in Wonsan on Tuesday.

The group includes an Associated Press Television crew.

The North's eleventh-hour decision to allow the South Koreans to join came just after Trump met South Korean President Moon

Jae-in in Washington to try to keep the Kim-Trump summit from going off the rails. Trump indicated he believes the meeting will take place, but left open the possibility it would be delayed or even cancelled if a fruitful outcome doesn't seem likely.

The summit could offer a historic chance for peace on the Korean Peninsula.

But there has been increasing pessimism about the meeting after North Korea scrapped the inter-Korean talks and threatened to do the same for the Kim-Trump summit in protest of the South Korea-U.S. military drills and what it calls Washington's push for "one-sided" disarmament.

The North's decision to

close the Punggye-ri nuclear test site has generally been seen as a welcome gesture by Kim to set a positive tone ahead of the summit. Even so, it is not an irreversible move and would need to be followed by many more significant measures to meet Trump's demands for real denuclearization.

By bringing in the for-

ign media, mainly television networks, the North is apparently hoping to have images of the closing — including explosions to collapse tunnel entrances — broadcast around the world. But it has not invited international inspectors to the ceremony, which limits its value as a serious concession.

# Migrant remittances a big business in cash-starved Venezuela

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The giant metal pots in the kitchen of a drab Bogota cafeteria are filled with simple dishes like vegetable rice. But Edgary Granadillo's delicate arrangement of the plates he sets before rushed lunchtime office workers hints at the finer dishes he once served.

The former executive chef at a beach resort in Venezuela once commanded a staff of 65 cooks and made regular appearances on television cooking shows.

Now he is laboring for \$10 a day, with one sole aim: to send money back home.

"The wages there aren't enough," Granadillo, 30, said, his dark, somber eyes keeping a careful eye on a bubbling saucepan of fish head soup. "People need to rely on a Venezuelan outside the country, who can send something, in order to survive."

As the number of Venezuelans fleeing their country's deepening economic and humanitarian crisis climbs, a burgeoning lifeline for those back home is emerging — remittances. Skirting strict currency controls, dozens of transfer operations, mostly small-scale businesses run by a handful of exiles entirely online, have opened abroad to help emigres convert their dollars and pesos into Venezuelan bolivars

that arrive within minutes in a relative's Venezuelan bank account.

The remittances are big business. Independent experts estimate Venezuelans now send at least \$1 billion a year to friends and family members that they've left behind.

That money is critical at a time when Venezuela's minimum wage is now worth less than \$2 a month, and the government of President Nicolas Maduro, who won a new six-year term Sunday in a contested vote many fear will spur even more people to leave, is taking note. Blaming the operations for feeding devaluation — and hoping to snag a piece of the pie — Venezuelan officials recently shut down several exchange houses and announced they would be opening their own.

More than 100 people linked to remittance businesses have been detained in what officials dub "Operation Paper Hands." They are accused of speculating on the value of the bolivar by using the black-market exchange rate. The board of directors of Venezuela's top private bank, which held many of the remittance accounts, was arrested as part of the operation.

Venezuela's chief prosecutor, Tarek William Saab, has warned that "new detention

centers should be built for this type of crime," which he said was causing "grave damage" to the nation's economy. He added that while many of the business operators might be working from outside the country, avoiding arrest, officials have identified accomplices within Venezuela.

"They might be abroad playing with the pain of Venezuelans, but we know who they work with," he said.

Most remittances sent to Latin America come from migrants in the U.S., who send money to Mexico, Cuba and other nations in Central America and the Caribbean. In 2016, those money transfers valued \$74.3 billion — in some cases, contributing more than 10 percent of a nation's gross domestic product.

Venezuela historically had been a receptor of migrants, and thus a country people sent remittances from, but that has changed.

"The majority — 100 percent, and if not 100 percent, more than 99 percent — of Venezuelans who leave the country are doing so in order to send money back to relatives," said Yulia Torres, founder of an Instagram account called "Venezuelans in Bogota" that has attracted more than 40,000 followers.

"They might not ask you for it, but they absolutely

need it," she said of relatives back home.

To keep their accounts flush with bolivars, money changers must wade into Venezuela's murky black market, where they sell dollars held in accounts abroad at 100 times the official rate, which only state agencies and privileged insiders have access to.

At a typical transfer shop, Venezuelans who operate the business maintain personal bank accounts within Venezuela while opening new ones in foreign currencies abroad. Migrants in Bogota, for example, deposit pesos into the business' Colombian bank account and the exchange operators transfer an equivalent amount of bolivars from their own Venezuelan account to that of the indicated relative.

Ecoanalitica, a Venezuelan financial consulting firm, estimates about \$1.1 billion in remittances were transferred to Venezuelans last year, a number analysts say could be higher given the difficulty in calculating informal transactions. Even on the lower end, that would mean upward of 4 million Venezuelans, or around 15 percent of the population, receive help from abroad.

"Increasingly middle class households need remittances in order to survive," said Jean Paul Leidenz, a senior

economist at Ecoanalitica. "But we cannot just depend on remittances for hard currency income. Because they never enter the economy."

Maduro has repeatedly accused Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos of waging an economic war against Venezuela by allowing "mafias" to horde large quantities of bolivars. While large stockpiles of bolivars have been found as far away as Paraguay, suggesting networks are speculating on the currency's value, analysts say Venezuela's current economic turmoil is driven by poor government decisions, such as issuing new money much faster than there is anything available to spend it on.

Venezuela imposed currency controls in 2003 aimed at halting capital flight, but most economists say they have actually been driving the current financial crisis. Individuals and businesses must apply to receive dollars at the government-set official rate to import goods and cover other transactions. But except for the public sector and a few privileged insiders, most Venezuelans must turn to the black market, where one dollar currently fetches about 100 times more bolivars than at the official rate.

Using that rate, analysts say Venezuela's official ex-

change houses would never be able to compete.

"We are a solution," said Victor Aguirre, who repaired roofs in Venezuela and opened an online exchange business with a friend a few months after arriving in Colombia.

A Panama-based manager at Rapid Cambio, one of the businesses recently black-listed by the government, likened the government's detentions to a "witch hunt." Speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of further reprisal, he said he plans to open a new business as soon as the dust settles.

Like many migrants, Granadillo, the chef, makes barely enough money to cover his daily expenses. But in one day of working in Bogota he earns as much as he did in a month in Venezuela.

The little he is able to send back doesn't go far, but his 62-year-old mother says she would go hungry without it.

On a recent afternoon, Ana Teresa Rondon used the money Granadillo sent back to purchase a few peppers, an avocado and 3½ pounds of chicken that she said would need to last a month.

"Without the remittance, I wouldn't be able to buy anything," she said.



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# Lawmakers repel challenge to much-criticized sugar program

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. sugar industry on Thursday won an easier-than-expected victory over food processors, soft drink manufacturers and candy makers trying to rewrite the government's much-criticized sugar program, a web of price supports, loans and tariffs that props up prices for the commodity.

In a decisive 278-137 vote, the House rejected a bid by Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C., to significantly weaken the program and invite more foreign competition.

The sugar program was one of the key battles in this year's farm bill, a five-year renewal of federal farm and nutrition policy that is again proving to be a headache for Republicans controlling Congress.

This year, conservatives hoping to force progress on unrelated immigration issues are lining up to threaten passage of the overall farm measure. The move by the hard-right House Freedom Caucus appears to have put passage of the measure Friday in jeopardy.

GOP leaders are promoting this year's renewal of the measure as tightening work and job training requirements for food stamps. But the food stamp proposal has driven Democrats away from the bill. That means Republicans have to pass the measure with minimal defections, and it puts pressure on Republicans who have criticized costly farm subsidies in the past.

Freedom Caucus Chair-

man Mark Meadows, R-NC., says that "the time is now" to deal with immigration and that the farm bill doesn't face a pressing deadline. He said farmers "want us to deal with immigration and the farm bill both."

Meadows and other Freedom Caucus members met with House leaders into the evening Thursday to try to resolve their disputes. "Everybody's trying to get to 'yes,'" Meadows told reporters, but questions remain unresolved.

The sugar program is part of an amalgam of commodity support programs that have sweeping backing in Republican-leaning farm country. But many Republicans oppose the sugar program, saying it runs counter to the party's free market bearings.

"It's one of the most ridiculous programs in the entire federal government, and that's saying something," said Rep. Tom McClintock, R-Calif.

Some GOP moderates are uneasy about the new work standards for food stamps, which the Congressional Budget Office estimates would drive up to 2 million people off the program.

Currently, adults ages 18 to 59 are required to work part time or agree to accept a job if they're offered one. Stricter rules apply to able-bodied adults without dependents between the ages of 18 and 49. They are subject to a three-month limit of benefits unless they meet a work requirement of 80 hours per month.

The new bill expands that requirement to apply to all work-capable adults,



AP  
**House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Texas, joined from left by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-Wash., Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., touts the newly-crafted farm bill during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, May 16, 2018.**

mandating that they either work or participate in work training for 20 hours per week with the exception of seniors, pregnant women, caretakers of children under the age of 6, or people with disabilities.

For years, the twice-a-decade effort to rewrite the farm bill has relied on a coalition of farm-state Republicans who back federal agriculture subsidies and other assistance and Democrats supporting food stamps. This has proved frustrating to conservatives seeking to make changes to either side of the measure.

Foxx's sugar plan would have scrapped production

limits, given the Department of Agriculture more power to boost sugar imports and eliminated a government program that sells surpluses to ethanol producers.

"Let's be crystal clear about what the sugar program does: It puts the government in charge of deciding how much sugar will be produced in this country, which inflates the cost — and it guarantees the processing industry a base profit by giving them subsidized loans," Foxx said Thursday. "We stopped these practices years ago for other commodities and only sugar is left with this

sweet deal."

A comparable vote five years ago was very close, but Thursday's tally was a runaway. Democrats voted overwhelmingly to defend the sugar program, as did a majority of Republicans, heeding warnings that unraveling it would threaten the entire farm bill.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway, R-Texas, said Foxx's proposal was a "poison pill" since its passage could bleed support for the underlying farm bill and force Republicans in some areas to take a politically tough vote.

Indeed, a string of law-

makers from Minnesota, Florida, Michigan, Texas and Nebraska rose up to defend the program and the thousands of jobs it supports in their states.

Passage of the farm bill is a priority for GOP leaders, who are eager to pitch to voters its tougher work requirements for food stamps, a party priority that polls well with voters.

"This is going to get more people out of poverty. This is going to get more people a steady job. This is going to get more people moving toward a good career," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis.

# Diet soda may be hurting your diet

Artificial sweeteners are everywhere, but the jury is still out on whether these chemicals are harmless. Also called non-nutritive sweeteners, these can be synthetic — such as saccharin and aspartame — or naturally derived, such as steviol, which comes from the Stevia plant. To date, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved six types of artificial and two types of natural non-nutritive sweeteners for use in food.

That's been great news for those working hard to curb their sugar consumption. Aspartame, for example, is found in more than 6,000 foods worldwide, and about 5,000-5,500 tons are consumed every year in the United States alone.

The American Diabetes Association — the most well-respected professional group focusing on diabetes — officially recommends diet soda as an alternative to sugar-sweetened beverages. To date, seven U.S. municipalities have imposed a sugary beverage tax to discourage consumption.

However, recent medical studies suggest that policymakers eager to implement a soda tax may also want to include diet drinks because these sweeteners may be contributing to chronic diabetes and cardiovascular diseases as well.

Why are these sweeteners calorie-free? The key to these virtually calorie-free sweeteners is that they are not broken down during digestion into natural sugars like glucose, fructose and galactose, which are then either used for energy or converted into fat.

Non-nutritive sweeteners have different byproducts that are not

converted into calories. Aspartame, for example, undergoes a different metabolic process that doesn't yield simple sugars. Others such as saccharin and sucralose are not broken down at all, but instead are absorbed directly into the bloodstream and excreted in the urine.

Theoretically, these sweeteners should be a "better" choice than sugar for diabetics. Glucose stimulates release of insulin, a hormone that regulates blood sugar levels. Type 2 diabetes occurs when the body no longer responds as well to insulin as it should, leading to higher levels of glucose in the blood that damages the nerves, kidneys, blood vessels and heart. Since non-nutritive sweeteners aren't actually sugar, they should sidestep this problem.

Artificial sweeteners, your brain and your microbiome. However, there is growing evidence over the last decade that these sweeteners can alter healthy metabolic processes in other ways, specifically in the gut.

Long-term use of these sweeteners has been associated with a higher risk of Type 2 diabetes. Sweeteners, such as saccharin, have been shown to change the type and function of the gut microbiome, the community of microorganisms that live in the intestine. Aspartame decreases the activity of a gut enzyme that is normally protective against Type 2 diabetes. Furthermore, this response may be exacerbated by the "mismatch" between the body perceiving something as tasting sweet and the expected associated calories. The greater the discrepancy between the sweetness and actual caloric content, the greater



Eunice Zhang

the metabolic dysregulation.

Sweeteners have also been shown to change brain activity associated with eating sweet foods. A functional MRI exam, which studies brain activity by measuring blood flow, has shown that sucralose, compared to regular sugar, decreases activity in the amygdala, a part of the brain involved with taste perception and the experience of eating.

Another study revealed that longer-term and higher diet soda consumption are linked to lower activity in the brain's "caudate head," a region that mediates the reward pathway and is necessary for generating a feeling of satisfaction. Researchers have hypothesized that this decreased

activity could lead a diet soda drinker to compensate for the lack of pleasure they now derive from the food by increasing their consumption of all foods, not just soda.

Together these cellular and brain studies may explain why people who consume sweeteners still have a higher risk of obesity than individuals who don't consume these products.

As this debate on the pros and cons of these sugar substitutes rages on, we must view these behavioral studies with a grain of salt (or sugar) because many diet soda drinkers — or any health-conscious individual who consumes zero-calorie sweeteners — already has the risk factors for obesity,

diabetes, hypertension or heart disease. Those who are already overweight or obese may turn toward low-calorie drinks, making it look as though the diet sodas are causing their weight gain.

This same group may also be less likely to moderate their consumption. For example, those people may think that having a diet soda multiple times a week is much healthier than drinking one case of soda with sugar.

These findings signal that consumers and health practitioners all need to check our assumptions about the health benefits of these products. Sweeteners are everywhere, from beverages to salad dressing, from cookies to yogurt, and we must recognize that there is no guarantee that these chemicals won't increase the burden of metabolic diseases in the future.

As a physician of internal medicine specializing in general prevention and public health, I would like to be able to tell my patients what the true risks and benefits are if they drink diet soda instead of water.

Legislators considering soda taxes to encourage better dietary habits perhaps should think about including foods with non-nutritive sweeteners. Of course, there is an argument to be made for being realistic and pursuing the lesser of two evils. But even if the negative consequences of sugar substitutes doesn't sway our tax policy — for now — at least the medical community should be honest with the public about what they stand to lose or gain, consuming these foods.

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# Congressional leaders to review information on Russia probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ratcheting up pressure on the Russia investigation, the White House announced that top FBI and Justice Department officials have agreed to meet with congressional leaders and "review" highly classified information the lawmakers have been seeking on the handling of the probe.

The agreement came after President Donald Trump made an extraordinary demand that the Justice Department investigate whether the FBI infiltrated his presidential campaign. It's unclear exactly what the members will be allowed to review or if the Justice Department will be providing any documents to Congress.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said Trump chief of staff John Kelly will broker the meeting between congressional leaders and the FBI, Justice Department and office of the Director of National Intelligence. She said the officials will "review highly classified and other information they have requested," but did not provide additional detail.

During a meeting Monday with Trump, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein and FBI Director Christopher Wray also reiterated an announcement late Sunday that the Justice Department's inspector general will expand an existing investigation into the Russia probe by examining whether there was any improper politically motivated surveillance.

Rep. Devin Nunes, an ardent Trump supporter and head of the House Intelligence Committee, has been demanding information on an FBI source in the Russia investigation. And Trump has taken up the cause as the White House tries to combat the threat posed by special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into potential ties between Russia and the Trump cam-

paign. On Tuesday, a group of conservative House lawmakers planned to call for the appointment of a second special counsel to investigate whether misconduct took place in the FBI and the Justice Department.

Trump tweeted Sunday, "I hereby demand, and will do so officially tomorrow, that the Department of Justice look into whether or not the FBI/DOJ infiltrated or surveilled the Trump Campaign for Political Purposes - and if any such demands or requests were made by people within the Obama Administration!"

With the demand, Trump entered into the realm of applying presidential pressure on the Justice Department regarding an investigation into his own campaign — a move few of his predecessors have made.

Trump made the demand amid days of public venting about the special counsel investigation, which he has deemed a "witch hunt" that he says has yielded no evidence of collusion between his campaign and Russia. In response, the Justice Department moved to defuse the confrontation by asking its watchdog to investigate whether there was inappropriate surveillance.

"If anyone did infiltrate or surveil participants in a presidential campaign for inappropriate purposes, we need to know about it and take appropriate action," Rosenstein said in a statement announcing the move.

The Justice Department probe began in March at the request of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and congressional Republicans. Sessions and the lawmakers urged Inspector General Michael Horowitz to review whether FBI and Justice Department officials abused their surveillance powers by using information compiled by Christopher Steele, a former British spy, and paid for by Democrats to justify



FBI Director Christopher Wray, right, leaves the White House, Monday, May 21, 2018, in Washington. AP

monitoring Carter Page, a former campaign adviser to Trump.

Horowitz said his office will look at those claims as well as communications between Steele and Justice and FBI officials.

The back and forth between the Justice Department and Congress began with a classified subpoena from Nunes in late April. The panel didn't publicize the subpoena, but the Justice Department released a letter it sent to Nunes rejecting the request for information "regarding a specific individual." The department said disclosure could have severe consequences, including potential loss of human life.

The Justice Department said the White House had

signed off on its letter, but Nunes wasn't satisfied, and continued to pressure the department. Negotiations between the House Republicans and the Justice Department appeared to stall last week ahead of Trump's tweet — an apparent reversal of the White House's initial policy.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, has called Trump's claim of an embedded spy "nonsense."

"His 'demand' DOJ investigate something they know to be untrue is an abuse of power, and an effort to distract from his growing legal problems," Schiff tweeted. "Never mind that DOJ has warned that lives and alliances are at risk. He doesn't

care."

Trump's demand of the Justice Department alarmed many observers, who felt it not only violated presidential protocol but also could have a chilling effect on federal law enforcement or its use of informants.

The New York Times was the first to report that the FBI had an informant who met several times with Trump campaign officials who had suspicious contacts linked to Russia.

The GOP-led House Intelligence Committee closed its Russian meddling probe last month, saying it found no evidence of collusion or coordination between Trump's campaign and Russia. Schiff and other committee Democrats were furious and argued that Re-

publicans had not subpoenaed many witnesses they considered essential to the committee's work.

Sunday was not the first time that Trump accused his predecessor of politically motivated activity against him.

Without substantiation, Trump tweeted in March 2017 that former President Barack Obama had conducted surveillance the previous October at Trump Tower, the New York skyscraper where Trump ran his campaign and transition and maintains a residence. Comey later testified to Congress that internal reviews found no information to support the president's tweets. Trump fired Comey over the FBI's Russia investigation.

# Trump the dealmaker facing challenges ahead of NKorea summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Weeks before his planned North Korea summit, President Donald Trump is starting down a dealmaker's worst nightmare: overpromising and under-delivering.

As the Singapore meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un draws near, the president and his allies are growing increasingly anxious about how he can score a win on the world stage. While Trump has not suggested he wants to back out, he has struggled to define his objectives for the historic sit-down, and last week he drew fresh criticism from his foreign foil.

"I think that Trump imagined he would go into this meeting and be able to have a historic breakthrough with a deal, but it's clear he's starting to realize it won't be as easy as he imagined," said Jean Lee, director of the North Korea program at the Woodrow Wilson Center and a former Associated Press bureau chief in Pyongyang.

Trump, who has pitched himself as the ultimate negotiator, has focused on ambitious deals as president but has struggled with the

fine print. He just hit the pause button on his threatened trade war with China, announcing an agreement to reduce America's trade deficit with China — but few details. He recently withdrew the U.S. from the international Iran-nuclear deal — without outlining a path forward with his allies. And his Middle East peace plan, which he deputized his son-in-law to lead, is months overdue and facing a more skeptical audience than ever.

Supporters stress that sometimes Trump's ambitious efforts do pay off, as with the massive tax cut bill he signed into law late last year.

Going into the North Korea meeting, senior administration officials say, the president has been almost singularly focused on the pageantry of the summit — including the suspenseful roll-out of details. He has not been deeply engaged in briefing materials on North Korea's nuclear program, said three people with knowledge of the White House efforts. They were not authorized to speak publicly.

Scott Snyder, director of the Program on U.S.-Korea Policy at the Council of Foreign Relations, said there's a risk that "the ceremony and the historic nature of the meeting be allowed to overshadow the deliverables."

Driven by gut instinct, Trump rarely dives deep as he prepares to meet with foreign counterparts. For the North Korea meeting, insiders say, he is motivated by the idea of scoring a historic deal and is tickled by suggestions he could win a Nobel Peace Prize — especially since Barack Obama won the honor early in his presidency. Trump has maintained publicly that his goal is to see the Korean Peninsula denuclearized, and the North has agreed to put its nuclear program on the negotiating table as a condition for the talks. But the two sides are still miles apart on defining what might be mutually acceptable.

Trump will huddle Tuesday at the White House with South Korean President Moon Jae-in to prepare for the June 12 summit. It was Moon's government that de-

livered the initial invitation from Kim for a meeting, and South Korea has been pushing the U.S. toward a peaceful resolution to the nuclear crisis.

North Korea threw a wrench in the plans last week, threatening to cancel over concerns about the U.S. push to see the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Administration officials viewed the warning as bluster, akin to Trump's own promise to walk away if Kim isn't serious about denuclearization.

Both sides, they said, have a vested interest in a successful meeting. Trump attempted to assuage Kim's concerns last week, promising "protections" should he abandon his nuclear weapons. But Trump also suggested Kim risks being overthrown and possibly death if the arsenal remains.

Two former Trump administration officials said the high degree of uncertainty surrounding the talks benefits Kim, who stands to gain the most in the form of international legitimacy from a sit-down with Trump.

Concrete gains for Trump would be slower to emerge. Denuclearization programs are measured in months, not days, and for North Korea, which has already demonstrated thermonuclear capability, it would likely take years to dismantle and verify that it had abandoned its atomic efforts, should it agree to do so.

One official said the priority of the talks in Singapore would be to reach a topline understanding with Kim, with details to be fleshed out later.

The best-case scenario, experts said, would mirror the Iran-nuclear agreement that Trump withdrew from earlier this month — securing an end to the North's atomic program in exchange for a lifting of sanctions. Such an agreement could provide Kim more assurances that his leadership would be secure.

While public jockeying last week led to speculation about whether the meeting will happen, people close to Trump say he does want it to take place.

Victor Cha, a professor at Georgetown University and former White House

official, said the best outcome would be "good optics, good atmospherics, some broad statements on denuclearization and peace, and some immediate deliverable." He said the worst-case scenario was canceling the meeting.

"Where are we, if the meeting is canceled? Are we going back to where we were in 2017? Is North Korea going to start testing again?" he asked. "I think from the broader perspective, that would be the worst outcome."

Laying the political groundwork, Vice President Mike Pence, in an interview with Fox News, said both the Clinton and Bush administrations had been "played" by the North Korean government.

"We offered concessions to the North Korean regime in exchange for promises to end their nuclear weapons program, only to see them break those promises and abandon them," he said. "It would be a great mistake for Kim Jong Un to think he could play Donald Trump."

# Teen suspect said he 'drove at' Maryland officer

PERRY HALL, Md. (AP) — A 16-year-old boy has been charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of a Baltimore County, Maryland, police officer, and three other suspects were taken into custody, authorities said Tuesday.

A statement of probable cause dated Tuesday identified the suspect as Dawnta Anthony Harris of Baltimore and the officer as Amy Caprio. Police have not confirmed how Caprio was fatally injured in a suburban neighborhood Monday, but witnesses reported hearing a pop before seeing a Jeep run her over.

Meanwhile, officials said Tuesday that three additional teenagers had been taken into custody after the officer was killed.

Baltimore County's public safety department tweeted Tuesday morning that the teenagers are suspects in area burglaries.

The department did not say whether the three played any role in the officer's death.

Harris, who was arrested near where a Jeep was found abandoned, told a detective he had been waiting in the driver's seat of the vehicle as other associates of his were in the process of committing a burglary, according to the probable cause statement.

Harris also told the detective that he "drove at the officer," the statement said.

Scott Shellenberger, the state's attorney for Baltimore County, told The Associated Press the teen has been charged as an adult. The Associated Press does not ordinarily identify underage suspects unless they face adult charges.

The records don't list an attorney for Harris, and attempts to reach people believed to be his family members were not immediately successful. He was scheduled to appear before



**Tactical police stage in a Safeway parking lot on Belair Road near Chapel Road in response to the death of a Baltimore County police officer in Perry Hall, Md., May 21, 2018. Rifle-toting police swarmed into the Baltimore suburb where a female officer was fatally injured Monday, searching for suspects believed to be armed after witnesses reported hearing a pop and seeing the officer run over by a Jeep.**

a judge at a Towson courthouse at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Tony Kurek told The Associated Press his adult son was outside in the family's yard Monday afternoon in the northeast Baltimore County community when the son saw the officer with her gun drawn, confronting the occupants of a Jeep.

"The next thing he heard was a pop, and he saw the Jeep take off and run right

over her," said Kurek. The car left skid marks behind, he said, leaving the officer down and bleeding.

Logan Kurek, who is a volunteer firefighter, said he heard his younger brother "frantically screaming" and ran outside to perform CPR.

Baltimore County Police Cpl. Shawn Vinson said the officer went to investigate a call about a suspicious ve-

hicle when she encountered at least one suspect and was "critically injured." He added that the confrontation may have stemmed from a burglary in progress, noting one home on the block had damage to a patio door.

"What exactly happened, we are not sure yet until an autopsy is performed," Vinson said at a news conference Monday. He said

he had no information about whether she had fired her own weapon.

Events began unfolding Monday afternoon in the leafy neighborhood of single-family homes. It was then that Kurek's neighbor, Dahle Amendt, said he had just settled into his recliner for a rest when he heard a woman's voice outside his house.

"I heard, 'Get out of the

car!' 'Get out of the car!' Get out of the car!' at least three times, and then a pop," Amendt said.

Amendt said his wife also ran outside and tried to revive the officer, who police say would have been on the force four years in July.

"This is a shock. It's a quiet community. It's just so sad," Amendt said.

## 'Beyond Vision': an exhibit to touch, smell and hear, too

NEW YORK (AP) — Cutting-edge technologies and designs can make daily life better, particularly for those with sensory disabilities, a new exhibit here demonstrates.

"The Senses: Design Beyond Vision" features works that invite visitors to touch, hear and smell — often in combination (while looking good too). It's on view at the Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum through Oct. 28.

Some of the pieces are already available to consumers, while others are prototypes offering glimpses of what may be to come. The designers hope "to stimulate our sensory responses to solve problems of access and enrich our interactions with the world," says museum director Caroline Baumann.

The family-friendly exhibit includes dozens of touchable works (custom-designed geranium and sandalwood hand sanitizer is provided throughout). And in keeping with the

exhibit's focus on accessibility "beyond vision," many of its labels are in braille and feature audio descriptions.

"This is very different from other shows because it's about experience. There are a lot of experiences for people to try," says Andrea Lipps, assistant curator of contemporary design at the Cooper Hewitt, who organized the show with Ellen Lupton, senior curator of contemporary design. "Almost every work here engages multiple senses."

The show opens with a large, curvaceous, furry wall embedded with sensors that play music when it's touched. "Tactile Orchestra," created by Studio Roos Meerman and KunstLAB Arnhem, is designed so that one touch prompts a recording of a string instrument playing, and multiple touches result in the playing of the entire musical composition.

"Everyone who sees the wall wants to pet it, and the more people who

stroke the wall, the more instruments join in," Lipps says. "It's tactile and audio and visual."

Across the room, "Dialect for a New Era" features six translucent pillars, each with a line of text describing an emotional state. Visitors can push a button on each pillar, releasing a scent meant to forge connections between language and smell. The piece is a collaborative work by Frederik Duerinck and Marcel Van Brakel, Polymorf and IFF, along with linguist Asifa Majid and perfumer Laurent Le Guerrec.

Other attractions include a commissioned work by Man Made Music called Alarm Fatigue. Its design aims to improve the sonic environment of hospitals, where the frequent beeping and ping of medical equipment can be problematic for patients and caregivers alike.

There's a 3-D map of the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., that talks when touched (by

Touch Graphics), and a Dot Watch, a braille smartwatch.

Vibeat wearable speakers are designed to convert sound into vibrations that can be felt on the skin. Elsewhere, digital animation translates bird chirps into bursts of color and motion.

Another section of the exhibit features 3-D printed vessels made from curry or coffee grounds that smell, well, like curry or coffee (by architects Ronald Rael and Virginia San Fratello).

A work called "Seated Catalog of Feelings," by Sosolimited, sends patterns of vibrations through the seat and back of a chair to evoke odd sensations like "falling backward into a tub of Jell-O" or "getting stroked by an electric toothbrush." Snow Storm, a commissioned work by Christopher Brosius, features balls of felted wool suspended from above, each infused with a scent meant to evoke winter.

"It's fun, but it's also

about smell in our living spaces. Wool holds smell much more than skin," Lipps explains. "So spraying perfume on a sweater will make the smell last longer than if you spray it on your skin."

And for those struggling with loss of appetite, Ode is a "personal scent player" that diffuses food smells into a room at mealtime.

"When we munch on a crunchy pretzel and or swallow a creamy blob of ice cream, we indulge in the multisensory allure of eating. Although serving food is off-limits in a museum, the exhibition shows how package designers use color and texture to prime our appetite," says Lupton.

Jinhyun Jeon's Sensory Spoons, which are edged with bumps or rippled like waves to stimulate the mouth, highlights the relationship between taste and touch, Lupton says.

Elsewhere, jazzy, colorful buttons, handles and grab bars — as illustrated by Dementia Care Bath-

room Fixtures by HEWI — promote safety by helping those features stand out better. As with many of the works in the show, they combine style and function and are intended to appeal to both those with and without sensory disabilities.

The show is accompanied by a book, "The Senses: Design Beyond Vision," by David Genco, co-published by the Cooper Hewitt museum and Princeton Architectural Press.

"Design is extending the realm of the senses," Baumann writes in her foreword to the book. "Experimenting with new and familiar materials, customizing products, and embracing the different needs and experiences of users, contemporary designers are capitalizing on our extraordinary powers of perception to enrich and improve daily life."

# Palestinians want international court to investigate Israel

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Calling it a "historic step" toward justice, the Palestinian foreign minister asked the International Criminal Court on Tuesday to open an "immediate investigation" into alleged Israeli crimes committed against the Palestinian people.

The development was sure to worsen the already troubled relations between the internationally backed Palestinian Authority and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government. Peace talks have been frozen for over four years, and contacts between the two sides are minimal.

Speaking to reporters at the ICC in The Hague, Netherlands, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki said he submitted the "referral" to the court during a meeting with the ICC's chief prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda.

The referral sought an investigation into Israeli policies in the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza Strip since the state of Palestine accepted the ICC's jurisdiction in 2014, he said.

This includes Israeli settlement policies in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, as well as the recent round of bloodshed in the Gaza Strip, where Israeli fire killed over 100 Palestinians during mass protests along the Gaza border, Malki added.

"There is a culture of impunity in Israel for crimes against Palestinians," Malki said. "This referral is Palestine's test to the international mechanism of accountability and respect for international law."

The ICC has been con-

ducting a preliminary probe since 2015 into alleged crimes in the Palestinian territories, including Israel's settlement policy and crimes allegedly committed by both sides in the 2014 Gaza conflict. Tuesday's referral could speed up a decision on whether to open a full-blown investigation that could ultimately lead to the indictment of high-ranking Israelis.

The move comes with Israeli-Palestinian relations at their lowest point in years in the aftermath of the U.S. Embassy move to Jerusalem and the recent bloodshed on the Gaza border.

"This is a conduct that requires that we take action and this is why we moved in this regard," said Palestinian Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs Ammar Hijazi, referring to recent Gaza violence.

Israel has said it was defending its border and accused Gaza's ruling Hamas militant group of using the unrest to carry out attempted attacks and of using civilians as human shields.

In new violence, the Israeli army said it targeted a Hamas observation post in Gaza with tank fire after a group of militants briefly entered Israel and set fire to an Israeli military post. The army said there were no injuries on the Israeli side, and no additional details were immediately available.

In response to Tuesday's move at the ICC, Israel said it took a "severe view" of the Palestinian request, calling it a "cynical" and "absurd" step. It accused the Palestinians of violent incitement against Israel and exploit-

ing women and children as human shields. It also said the ICC had no jurisdiction in the case because Israel is not a member of the court.

"Israel expects the ICC and its prosecutor not to yield to Palestinian pressure, and stand firm against continued Palestinian efforts to politicize the court and to derail it from its mandate," the Israeli statement said.

Israel is not a member of the ICC, but its citizens can be charged by the court if they are suspected of committing grave crimes on the territory or against a national of a country that is a member. The ICC has recognized "Palestine" as a member state.

The ICC is a court of last resort — it is authorized to take on cases where national authorities cannot or will not launch prosecutions.

Israel says it has investigated actions by its forces during the Gaza conflict, and says it has opened a number of investigations into the latest Gaza violence as well. But critics say the investigations rarely lead anywhere.

"Israel acts in accordance with independent and thorough judicial review mechanisms, befitting a democratic state, and in accordance with international law," the Israeli statement said.

While the ICC can indict suspects, it has no police force and has to rely on cooperation from member states to enforce arrest warrants.

Richard Dicker, Director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights



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Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki speaks during a press conference at the International Criminal Court on Tuesday May 22, 2018. The Palestinian foreign minister asked the International Criminal Court on Tuesday to open an "immediate investigation" into alleged Israeli "crimes" committed against the Palestinian people.

Watch, said Bensouda, the chief ICC prosecutor, should now "take steps to open a formal probe aimed at holding perpetrators of serious crimes to account and ensuring impartial and comprehensive justice consistent with the court's statute."

The Palestinians appear to have an especially strong case in the matter of settlements. In 2004, the United Nations' highest judicial organ, the International Court of Justice, ruled in an advisory opinion that the settlements breached international law.

In late 2016, the U.N. Security Council also declared the settlements to be illegal. Over 600,000 Israelis

now live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem — territories sought by the Palestinians as parts of their future state. Israel captured both territories from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast war.

Under international law it is illegal to transfer populations out of or into occupied territory.

Israel claims east Jerusalem as an inseparable part of its capital — though its annexation is not internationally recognized.

Israel claims the West Bank is not occupied because it was captured from Jordan, not the Palestinians, and Jordan does not make a claim to the territory.

Since the Palestinians never ruled the West Bank,

Israel says this territory is disputed and its final status should be resolved in negotiations. It also claims that settlements can be torn down and therefore do not prejudice the final status of the territory. It notes that in the case of Gaza, for instance, it uprooted all settlements there when it withdrew in 2005. Israel also captured Gaza in the 1967 war.

While the Gaza withdrawal removed some 8,000 settlers, the much larger population in the West Bank and east Jerusalem would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to move.

# Airlines caving to Beijing despite White House protest

SHANGHAI (AP) — Global airlines are obeying Beijing's demands to refer to Taiwan explicitly as a part of China, despite the White House's call this month to stand firm against such "Orwellian nonsense." The Associated Press found 20 carriers, including Air Canada, British Airways and Lufthansa, that now refer to Taiwan, the self-ruled island that Beijing considers Chinese territory, as a part of China on their global websites.

There are just three days left for dozens of foreign airlines to decide whether to comply with Beijing's orders, or face consequences that could cripple their China business, including legal sanctions. Many have already sided with Beijing.

The spread of "Taiwan, China" on the drop-down menus and maps of airline websites represents another victory for China's President Xi Jinping and his ruling Communist Party's nationalistic effort to force foreign companies to conform to their geopolitical vision, even in operations outside of China. Critics say China's incremental push to leverage its economic power to forge new international norms — in this case regarding Taiwan's status — creates worrying precedents.

Beyond fiery missives there is little Washington can do to unify a fractured global response and effectively push back against

Beijing's demands.

"What's at stake is that we're allowing a revisionist regime with a terrible track record on freedom of speech to dictate what we say and write in our own countries," said J. Michael Cole, a Taipei-based senior fellow with the China Policy Institute and the University of Nottingham's Taiwan studies program. "If Beijing does not encounter red lines, it can only keep asking for more."

For Beijing, there is only one China and Taiwan, which has been a democracy since the 1990s, is part of it. The People's Republic of China and Taiwan separated during a civil war in 1949. Washington officially recognizes Beijing rather than Taipei, but despite the lack of formal ties, the U.S. is legally bound to respond to threats to Taiwan and is the island's main supplier of foreign military hardware.

"We strongly object to China's efforts to bully, coerce, and threaten their way to achieving their political objectives," Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement to the AP. "We call on all countries around the world to stand together to uphold the freedom of speech and freedom to do business. We also call on private firms to collectively reject China's unreasonable demands to change their designation of 'Taiwan' to 'Taiwan, China.'"

Xi has warned a Taiwanese envoy that the issue of

unification cannot be put off indefinitely, and the People's Liberation Army has sent fighter planes near Taiwan's coast. As China steps up efforts to isolate Taiwan diplomatically, the list of multinationals that have bent to Beijing's will is long — and growing.

U.S. clothing retailer The Gap apologized this month for selling T-shirts with a map of China that omitted Taiwan and pulled the offending merchandise from stores around the world. In January, Delta Airlines, Marriott, Zara and medical equipment maker Medtronic all publicly apologized for referring to Taiwan as a country.

"You can't just say 'no,'" said Carly Ramsey, a regulatory risk specialist at Control Risks, a consultancy in Shanghai. "Increasingly, for situations like this, non-compliance is not an option if you want to do business in and with China."

The day after Delta apologized for "emotional damage caused to the Chinese people," the Civil Aviation Administration of China published a notice on its website saying it requires foreign airlines operating in China to avoid referring to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau as countries.

Some foreign carriers began changing drop-down menus on their websites from "country" to "country/region."

But Beijing wanted more. On April 25, the Civil

Aviation Administration of China sent a letter to 36 foreign airlines ordering them to explicitly refer to Taiwan as a part of China. The regulator did not respond to requests for comment.

In a strongly-worded statement 10 days later, the White House called that demand "Orwellian nonsense."

"China's efforts to export its censorship and political correctness to Americans and the rest of the free world will be resisted," it said.

China's foreign ministry hit back the next day, saying Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau are "inalienable" parts of China's territory and foreign companies operating in China "should respect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, abide by China's laws and respect the national sentiment of the Chinese people."

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators, led by Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican, and Bob Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat, offered the airlines support.

"As you weigh your response options, you should know that your government stands with you, and will strongly oppose attempts by China or any other foreign government to unilaterally dictate terms to an American company and exert sovereignty over your internal business practices and the content of your website," the group of eight lawmakers said in a letter dated last

week.

But a growing number of airlines have heeded Beijing's call.

The AP found that Air Canada, Lufthansa, British Airways, Finnair, Garuda Indonesia, Asiana Airlines, and Philippine Airlines all have changed the way they refer to Taiwan to bring their global websites in line with the Chinese Communist Party's vision. SAS airlines, Swissair, Malaysia Airlines, Cebu Pacific Air, Aeroflot, Italy's Alitalia, Austrian Airlines, Air Mauritius, Etihad Airways, Spain's Iberia, Israel's EL AL, MIAT Mongolian Airlines and Russia's S7 Airlines all also refer to Taiwan as part of China, but it was not immediately clear how long they had been using that formulation.

Lufthansa, British Airways, Air Canada and Finnair said they abide by laws and regulations internationally and in the jurisdictions in which they work.

"This includes taking customs of the international clientele into consideration," Lufthansa said in a statement, adding that we "seek your understanding for the situation."

Finnair said a decision was taken to amend the website earlier this year and "in line with the general view taken in Europe, Taiwan is not shown as an independent country in our list of destinations."

Major U.S. carriers have not yet caved. United Airlines, American Airlines,

Delta and Hawaiian Airlines, as well as Australia's Qantas Airways — all of which received April letters from the regulator — did not refer to Taiwan as part of China on their websites as of Tuesday.

The airlines told AP they were reviewing the request.

But the sweep of concessions will likely make it harder to resist Beijing's call.

"If they make individual corporate decisions, they will likely accede, individually but entirely, to Chinese demands," said Robert Daly, the director of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. What Washington could do, he added, is "launch and sustain a global discussion of the implications of Beijing's insistence on the worldwide jurisdiction of Chinese law. That kind of effort would require a commitment to global leadership and strong alliances that this administration has not yet demonstrated."

In one apparent exception to Beijing's rules the national flag carrier Air China seems not to have gotten the regulator's memo. On its US site, Taipei is a part of "Taiwan, China." But its Taiwan website lists it as "Taipei, Taiwan."

Air China did not immediately respond to requests for comment.



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The Vegas Golden Knights mob goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury after defeating the Winnipeg Jets during NHL Western Conference Finals, Game 5, in Winnipeg, Sunday.

## Stanley Cup Final bound Vegas turning impossible into possible

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Welcome to Impossible.

Those words have been projected onto the ice in big, bold letters at T-Mobile Arena before each game during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Well, the Vegas Golden Knights are turning impossible into possible.

The stunningly successful expansion squad is headed to the Stanley Cup Final after beating the Winnipeg Jets 2-1 on Sunday to win the Western Conference final series in five games.

"I remember eight months ago, when we won against Dallas (in the season opener), we had that unbelievable feeling," Vegas center Pierre-Edouard Bellemare said. "Doesn't feel like we're satisfied. It's a good feeling when you know the guys are excited for the next one."

The Golden Knights are the third franchise in NHL history to clinch a berth in the Stanley Cup Final in its inaugural season, joining the Toronto Arenas in 1918 and St. Louis Blues in 1968.

Vegas will play either Tampa Bay or Washington on hockey's biggest stage. The Lightning lead the Eastern Conference final 3-2, but the Capitals host Game 6 on Monday night.

"Either way, we're not going to be favorites," said Jonathan Marchessault, who leads Vegas with 18 points in the postseason. "That's been the case all year. Tampa has been the best team all year. Washington, (they're) playing great hockey right now. Either way, we're not going to be favorites, and that's fine with us. We went all year like that and we're going to keep going."

Hence, "The Golden Misfits" tag.

Nobody could have scripted Vegas, a 500-1 long shot at the start of the season, making the playoffs — let alone earning a shot at Lord Stanley's Cup.

But the Golden Knights, who finished fifth in the league during the regular season, just knocked off the No. 2 team in the regular season in Winnipeg, which in the conference semifinals knocked off the No. 1 team in the regular season, Nashville.

Vegas clinched all three of its Western Conference series on the road, becoming the seventh team in NHL history to accomplish such a feat.

"Everybody on this team has something to prove," said Winnipeg native Ryan Reaves, who scored the winning goal Sunday in his hometown. "We call ourselves 'The Golden Misfits' for a reason. We're doing a good job of proving everybody wrong."

Just as they have all season, they are living in the moment.

Vegas, which had just two players under contract at this time last year, heads into the final round with a 12-3 playoff record after outscoring its Western Conference opponents 42-27.

It's a credit to coach Gerard Gallant's philosophy of having a well-conditioned, confident group of forwards who work well together, focus on short effective shifts, and exude confidence on the ice — all while, as he reiterates it daily, playing 200 feet of hockey.

And while the Golden Knights haven't necessarily been a high-scoring threat, scoring just three or fewer goals in 12 of their 15 playoff games, their defensemen have played exceptional to this point.

Vegas has allowed the least amount of goals in the playoffs, among teams that have played 10 games. It was a stifling and disruptive defense that helped propel the Golden Knights past the Jets on Sunday, with their sixth win in eight road games during the postseason.

"Everybody's stepping up at different times during the season," said goalie Marc-Andre Fleury, who has 12 wins, four shutouts, a .947 save percentage and 1.68 goals against average. "That's a big reason why we've been playing consistently."

The key cog in Vegas' engine has been Fleury, whose remarkable play has translated into a career-best postseason. He has allowed two or fewer goals in 10 of 15 playoff games, and is heading to the Stanley Cup final for a third consecutive year. And whether he admits it or not, the 14-year veteran still bears the scars of being left exposed by Pittsburgh last summer after spending the first 13 years of his career with the Penguins.

Gallant, who remained coy about his team's aspirations during the regular season, made it clear the Golden Knights haven't reached their goal.

"It's been an awesome ride so far," said Gallant, who some might also consider a "misfit" after Florida fired him following a road game at Carolina last season, then left him and his luggage on the curb outside PNC Arena. "We're going to the Stanley Cup Final, but again, this isn't what we want. We want to win."

"It's great to win tonight and it's great to be the (conference) champions," Gallant added, "but that's not what we're here for."

Even as impossible as that all seemed just a few months ago.

## Vasilevskiy turns East final around for Lightning

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jon Cooper didn't blame Andrei Vasilevskiy for the Tampa Bay Lightning digging a deep hole early in the Eastern Conference final.

Two games and two losses brought plenty of criticism of the young Russian goaltender. Cooper wasn't thrilled about that.

"The questions were coming from the other side of the table, and I felt it was the questioning of Vasilevskiy," the Tampa Bay coach said. "We don't. He's been the guy for us."

Vasilevskiy is the guy who turned the series around for the Lightning, who now lead the Capitals 3-2 and can eliminate Washington on the road in Game 6 on Monday night and move on to the Stanley Cup Final against the Vegas Golden Knights. After a 6.00 goals-against average and .839 save percentage in Games 1 and 2, he has a 2.00 GAA and .943 save percentage since as the series' biggest difference-maker.

"Just tried to stay positive and play my game," Vasilevskiy said last week. "It's very important, especially in the playoffs. Good or bad game, doesn't matter. Turn the page, start over again and again. That's how you get success."

Vasilevskiy has found plenty of success this season, his first as a full-time NHL starter. The 23-year-old is a Vezina Trophy finalist after leading the league with 44 wins and eight shutouts.

But Vasilevskiy hasn't made it easy on himself. He rarely does.

Cooper saw it during the 2016-17 season when Vasilevskiy struggled during a stretch of 10 consecutive starts when Ben Bishop was hurt and then again late this season when a swoon by him and the entire team almost cost Tampa Bay the East's top seed. Vasilevskiy bounced back strong each time.

"His ability to be able to turn the page now and understand, 'You know what there might be a tough night for you, but I'm going to go out the next night anyway and I've got to be there for my team,' — I think that's where his growth process has really come in," Cooper said.

The same happened between Games 2 and 3 in this series. The shy Vasilevskiy who has been reluctant to do interviews told a pool reporter he didn't make any adjustments from his worst games against the Capitals to his best.

Somehow, he has looked like an entirely different goalie. Chants of "Vasy! Vasy!" filled Amalie Arena in Game 5 on Saturday night when he stopped 28 of 30 shots, and the highest praise was reserved for inside the Lightning's locker room.

"He's a world class goaltender, that's what he does," defenseman Braydon Coburn said. "He battles hard every day in practice all season long, and he's raised his game in the playoffs here."

No doubt his teammates have improved their play in front of Vasilevskiy, with defenseman Anton Stralman saying: "We always feel like we owe him." But against a star-studded Capitals team led by countrymen Alex Ovechkin and Evgeny Kuznetsov, Vasilevskiy had to raise his game to give Tampa Bay any chance.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said confidence in Vasilevskiy never wavered, and he has showed them on the ice evidence of what they've seen all season.

"He just expects a lot," Stamkos said. "You see his work ethic every day in practice. You guys don't get to see what goes on in the room, but his mental preparation, his physical preparation, he wants to be the best all the time. He doesn't want to give up a goal at all, including in practice. That's the mentality he has and that's why he's so good."

If the Capitals can crack Vasilevskiy like they did the first two times, there will be a Game 7 on Wednesday night at Tampa Bay. But they'd better figure that out and get an even better game from Braden Holtby because the Lightning are 11-0 in the playoffs when scoring three-plus goals.

That record is thanks to Vasilevskiy, who doesn't like cameras but loves playoff hockey.

"It's definitely a fun time," he said. "Lot of emotions. Different hockey. It's pretty fun to play. Just excitement level is pretty high. A different season."

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# US issues steep list of demands for nuclear treaty with Iran

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Monday issued a steep list of demands to be included in a nuclear treaty with Iran to replace the deal scuttled by President Donald Trump and threatened "the strongest sanctions in history" if Iran doesn't change course.

Drawing sharp contrasts with the 2015 deal, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said a stronger pact should require that Iran stop enrichment of uranium, which was allowed within strict limitations under the previous deal. Iran would also have to walk away from core pillars of its foreign policy, including its involvement in Syria, Yemen, Lebanon and Afghanistan.

"This list may seem long to some, but it is simply a reflection of the massive scope of Iranian malign behavior," Pompeo said. "America did not create this need for changed behavior. Iran did."

Pompeo vowed that Trump's approach would ensure "Iran has no possible path to a nuclear weapon, ever." As he called for a better agreement to constrain Iran's activities, he said the U.S. would "apply unprecedented financial pressure" to bring Tehran back to the table.

"These will end up being the strongest sanctions in history by the time we are complete," Pompeo said at the conservative Heritage Foundation in his first major policy speech since taking over as top diplomat.

At the same time, Pompeo offered Iran a series of dramatic potential U.S. concessions if it agrees to make "major changes." Under a new agreement, the U.S. would be willing to lift all sanctions, restore full diplomatic and commercial ties with Iran, and even support the modernization of its economy, Pompeo said.

"It is America's hope that our labors toward peace and security will bear fruit for the long-suffering people of Iran," Pompeo said.

Still, Pompeo's list of



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative public policy think tank, in Washington, Monday, May 21, 2018. Pompeo issued a steep list of demands Monday that he said should be included in a nuclear treaty with Iran to replace the Obama-era deal, threatening "the strongest sanctions in history."

12 requirements included many that Iran is highly unlikely to consider. He said Iran must allow nuclear inspectors "unqualified access to all sites throughout the country," Pompeo said, alluding to military sites that were off-limits under the 2015 deal except under specific circumstances. To that end, he also said Iran must declare all previous efforts to build a nuclear weapon, reopening an issue that the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency has already deemed a closed matter.

Pompeo also demanded that Iran cease from a range of activities throughout the Middle East that have long drawn the ire of the U.S. and its allies. He said

Iran must end support for Shiite Houthi rebels in Yemen, "withdraw all forces" from Syria, halt support for its ally Hezbollah and stop threatening Israel.

Iran must also "release all U.S. citizens" missing in Iran or being held on "spurious charges," he said.

Taken together, the demands would constitute a wholesale transformation by Iran's government, and they hardened the perception that what Trump's administration really seeks is a change in the Iranian regime. A longtime Iran hawk, Pompeo has spoken positively about regime change in the past, but in his confirmation hearing last month he sought to soften

that stance.

Laying out Trump's new approach Monday, Pompeo said he couldn't put a timeline on how long the strategy might take.

"At the end of the day, the Iranian people will get to make their choice about their leadership," Pompeo said. "If they make the decision quickly, that would be wonderful. If they choose not to do so, we will stay hard at this until we achieve the outcomes that I set forward today."

In another departure from the Obama administration's approach, Pompeo said that "a treaty is our preferred way to go." Former President Barack Obama did not seek a Senate-ratified treaty

with Iran because of the dim prospects for getting approval from a Republican-run Congress.

Pompeo's speech came after Trump earlier this month infuriated U.S. allies in Europe by withdrawing from the 2015 deal brokered by President Barack Obama, Iran and world powers. Europeans allies had pleaded with Trump not to scuttle that deal and are now scrambling to keep the deal alive even without the U.S.

But the Trump administration has held out hope that those same allies will put aside that frustration and work with the U.S. to ramp pressure back up on Iran through sanctions in a

bid to bring Tehran back to the negotiating table for a stronger deal.

Pompeo said he understood that Trump's decision "will pose financial and economic difficulties for a number of our friends." But he warned them that the U.S. planned to follow through with threats to punish European companies that continue doing business with Iran that is allowed under the deal but will violate reimposed U.S. sanctions.

"I know our allies in Europe may try to keep the old nuclear deal going with Tehran. That is their decision to make," Pompeo said. "They know where we stand."

# Trump to DOJ: Investigate whether FBI infiltrated campaign

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump said he will "demand" that the Justice Department investigate whether the FBI infiltrated his presidential campaign, an extraordinary order that came hours before his legal team said the special counsel indicated the investigation into the president could be concluded by September.

Trump tweeted Sunday: "I hereby demand, and will do so officially tomorrow, that the Department of Justice look into whether or not the FBI/DOJ infiltrated or surveilled the Trump Campaign for Political Purposes - and if any such demands or requests were made by people within the Obama Administration!"

Trump's demand puts further pressure on the Justice Department, which later Sunday asked its inspector general to expand an existing investigation into the Russia probe by examining whether there was any improper politically motivated surveillance. It comes as the White House tries to combat the threat posed by special counsel Robert Mueller's

investigation into potential ties between Russia and the Trump campaign.

The president's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, said Mueller recently shared a timetable that suggested his probe could end by Sept. 1 if Trump were to sit for an interview in July, which is the legal team's new working plan.

"We said to them, 'If we're going to be interviewed in July, how much time until the report gets issued?'" Giuliani told The Associated Press on Sunday, referring to the report Mueller is expected to issue to Congress at the conclusion of his investigation. "They said September, which is good for everyone, because no one wants this to drag into the midterms."

Giuliani said he did not want a repeat of what happened in 2016, when FBI Director James Comey announced in the campaign's final days that he was reopening the investigation into Hillary Clinton's use of a private email server, a decision Democrats believe cost Clinton the race. Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, also said Mueller's

team indicated that the entire probe could end by September, not just its investigation into potential obstruction of justice.

"This would be the culmination of the investigation into the president," Giuliani said.

The special counsel's office did not respond to a request for comment.

It is not certain that Trump will sit for an interview with Mueller, though the president has publicly said he would. Giuliani said a decision would not be made until after Trump's summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore, which is slated for June 12. Giuliani said Sunday the two sides "were getting closer" to agreeing on the parameters on a potential interview but would not put the odds of it happening at better than 50/50.

Giuliani's apparent attempt to publicly pressure Mueller on the timeline amid interview negotiations came just hours after Trump's demand for a new inquiry, which moved beyond his usual bluster accusations of institutional wrongdoing and

into the realm of applying presidential pressure on the Justice Department, a move few of his predecessors have made.

Trump made the order amid days of public venting about the special counsel investigation, which he has deemed a "witch hunt" that he says has yielded no evidence of collusion between his campaign and Russia. In response, the Justice Department moved Sunday to defuse a growing confrontation with the White House by asking its watchdog to investigate whether there was inappropriate surveillance.

It was not immediately clear if that move would satisfy Trump, or if any further demands could lead to a confrontation with FBI Director Christopher Wray or Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is overseeing the Mueller investigation. Rosenstein released a statement Sunday saying, "If anyone did infiltrate or surveil participants in a presidential campaign for inappropriate purposes, we need to know about it and take appropriate action."

The Justice Department

probe had begun in March at the request of Attorney General Jeff Sessions and congressional Republicans. Sessions and the lawmakers had urged Inspector General Michael Horowitz to review whether FBI and Justice Department officials abused their surveillance powers by using information compiled by Christopher Steele, a former British spy, and paid for by Democrats to justify monitoring Carter Page, a former campaign adviser to Trump.

Horowitz said his office will look at those claims as well as communications between Steele and DOJ and FBI officials.

Trump did not elaborate on the promised "demand," which he included in one of a series of tweets he sent throughout the day Sunday. On Saturday, Trump tweeted, "If the FBI or DOJ was infiltrating a campaign for the benefit of another campaign, that is a really big deal." He said only the release or review of documents the House Intelligence Committee is seeking from the Justice Department "can give conclusive answers."

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, called Trump's claim of an embedded spy "nonsense."

"His 'demand' DOJ investigate something they know to be untrue is an abuse of power, and an effort to distract from his growing legal problems," Schiff tweeted. "Never mind that DOJ has warned that lives and alliances are at risk. He doesn't care."

Trump's extraordinary demand of the Justice Department alarmed many observers, who felt it not only violated presidential protocol but also could have a chilling effect on federal law enforcement or its use of informants. Giuliani defended the president's actions.

"As the president's lawyer, I can't be concerned on what effect it may have," he said. "To me, there's not much of a difference between an informant's ongoing collection of information in a surreptitious way or a spy."

"If this guy was an FBI informant into the campaign," Giuliani said, "that's as offensive as Watergate."

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# 'Miles to go before I sleep'

## Robert Frost museum reopens

SHAFTSBURY, Vt. (AP) — On a warm June morning in 1922, Robert Frost sat down at his dining room table in southern Vermont and wrote "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," one of his most famous poems.

That house, including the 7-acre grounds with rugged old stone walls, a barn and some of the heirloom apple trees from Frost's orchard, is now open again as a museum under the ownership of Bennington College.

"This was a very important property for him and an important time in his life," said Megan Mayhew Bergman, director of the Robert Frost Stone House Museum at Bennington College. He hit his prime as a poet here, she said.

Frost's poems, with their simple rhymes, stories, evocations of rural life and sometimes dark allusions, were immensely popular in the 20th century. They were memorized by school children and recited at countless graduations. The first line of "Stopping By Woods" — "Whose woods these are I think I know" — and the final, haunting line, "And miles to go before I sleep" — are instantly familiar to millions of Americans.

Frost bought the Dutch Colonial stone house built in 1769 in South Shaftsbury and moved his family there with plans to be an apple farmer, after leaving a teaching post at Amherst College. He found it easier to write when he was farming, according to Frost biographer Jay Parini.

He and his family lived there for nine years, with Frost winning the first of his four Pulitzers during that time.

"I have moved a good part of the way to a stone cottage on a hill at South Shaftsbury in southern Vermont on the New York side near the historic town of Bennington where if I have any money left after repairing the roof in the spring I mean to plant a new Garden of Eden with a thousand apple trees of some unfor-



In this May 2, 2018 photo is the Robert Frost Stone House Museum in Shaftsbury, Vt. The museum now owned by Bennington College reopened this spring.

bidden variety," wrote Frost in a letter to a friend on Oct. 23, 1920, according to Parini's book, "Robert Frost A Life."

The simple stone and timber house hasn't changed much since then. The museum has displayed photographs of Frost and his family, a facsimile of the "Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening" manuscript and woodcuts by artist J.J. Lankes, who illustrated Frost's books. The house now has Frost quotations painted on some walls, including his epitaph, "I had a lover's quarrel with the world," from his tomb-

stone where he is buried in the First Congregational Church cemetery in nearby Bennington.

Outside, many of the heirloom apple trees from Frost's orchard have toppled in wind storms in recent years. One of the remaining gray gnarled trunks stands in the backyard with new growth angling toward the sky. The museum has taken shoots from the tree and is working with an heirloom orchard to propagate them.

"We think it's really important to preserve the historic landscape and that connection between the landscape and the work

it inspired. Because it's so articulated here," said Bergman, who also teaches literature at Bennington, which is incorporating the museum into students' education. Some students have created a three-dimensional visual of the property using photography, surveying and mapping tools and Frost's desk objects.

Frost gave the house to his son Carol, and then moved to a farm across the road. Carol Frost, who struggled with depression as his father sometimes did, took his own life at the house in 1940. The house stayed in the family and lat-

er was privately owned. It was opened as a museum in 2002. Bennington College acquired the house from the nonprofit Friends of Robert Frost last year.

The museum plans to have poetry readings at the Stone House, an outdoor film series and bluegrass concerts on the grounds.

"We want to be involved with the community and we want to be involved with supporting the arts and talking about poetry and making poetry accessible," said Bergman. "We live in a rural, slightly economically depressed community. It's important, I think, to make

poetry and the arts accessible."

If You Go...  
**ROBERT FROST STONE HOUSE MUSEUM:** 121 Historic Route 7A, Shaftsbury, Vermont; <http://www.bennington.edu/robert-frost-stone-house-museum>. In May, open Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. June-October, Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission, \$10 (seniors or students, \$6). Located about 190 miles (305 kilometers) from New York City and about 150 miles (240 kilometers) from Boston.

## Toxic cloud caused by Hawaii volcano lava emerges over ocean

PAHOA, Hawaii (AP) — White plumes of acid and extremely fine shards of glass billowed into the sky over Hawaii as molten rock from Kilauea volcano poured into the ocean, creating yet another hazard from an eruption that began more than two weeks ago: A toxic steam cloud.

Authorities on Sunday warned the public to stay away from the cloud that formed by a chemical reaction when lava touched seawater.

Further upslope, lava continued gushing out of large cracks in the ground in residential neighborhoods in a rural part of the Big Island. The molten rock made rivers that bisected forests and farms as it meandered toward the coast.

The rate of sulfur dioxide gas shooting from the ground fissures tripled, leading Hawaii County to repeat warnings about air quality. At the

volcano's summit, two explosive eruptions unleashed clouds of ash. Winds carried much of it toward the southwest.

Joseph Kekedi, an orchid grower who lives and works about 3 miles (5 kilometers) from where lava dropped into the sea, said the flow luckily did not head toward him. At one point, it was about a mile (1.6 kilometers) upslope from his property in the coastal community of Kapoho.

Residents can only stay informed and be ready to get out of the way, he said.

"Here's nature reminding us again who's boss," Kekedi said.

Scientists said the steam clouds at the spots where lava entered the ocean were laced with hydrochloric acid and fine glass particles that can irritate skin and eyes and cause breathing problems.

The lava haze called "laze"

from the plume spread as far as 15 miles (24 kilometers) west of where the lava met the ocean on the Big Island's southern coast. It was just offshore and running parallel to the coast, said U.S. Geological Survey scientist Wendy Stovall.

Scientists said the acid in the plume was about as corrosive as diluted battery acid. The glass was in the form of fine glass shards. Getting hit by it might feel like being sprinkled with glitter.

"If you're feeling stinging on your skin, go inside," Stovall said. Authorities warned that the plume could shift direction if the winds changed.

The Coast Guard said it was enforcing a safety zone extending 984 feet (300 meters) around the ocean entry point.

Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. John Bannon said in a statement Sunday that "getting

too close to the lava can result in serious injury or death."

Gov. David Ige told reporters in Hilo that the state was monitoring the volcano and keeping people safe.

"Like typical eruptions and lava flows, it's really allowing Madam Pele to run its course," he said, referring to the Hawaiian goddess of volcanoes and fire.

Ige said he was thankful that the current lava flows did not pose a threat to homes and hoped it would stay that way.

On Saturday, the eruption claimed its first major injury when a man was struck in the leg by a flying piece of lava.

David Mace, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency who was helping Hawaii County respond to the disaster, did not have further details about the man's injuries or his condition.

Kilauea has burned some

40 structures, including two dozen homes, since it began erupting in people's backyards in the Leilani Estates neighborhood on May 3. About 2,000 people have evacuated their homes, including 300 who were staying in shelters.

In recent days, the lava began to move more quickly and emerge from the ground in greater volume. Scientists said that's because the lava that first erupted was magma left over from a 1955 eruption that had been stored in the ground for the past six decades.

The molten rock that began emerging over the past few days was from magma that has recently moved down the volcano's eastern flank from one or two craters that sit further upslope — the Puu Oo crater and the summit crater.

The new lava is hotter, moves faster and has spread

over a wider area.

Early Monday, a small eruption occurred at the Kilauea summit, producing an ash plume that reached about 7,000 feet (2,134 meters). Officials said wind carried the ash plume to the southwest, toward the communities of Wood Valley, Pahala, Naalehu and Waiohinu.

Scientists have said they do not know how long the eruption will last. The volcano has opened more than 20 vents, including four that have merged into one large crack. It has been gushing lava high into the sky and sending a river of molten rock toward the ocean at about 300 yards (274 meters) per hour.

Hawaii tourism officials have stressed that most of the Big Island remains unaffected by the eruption and is open for business.

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# A landslide that keeps going

## International outcry grows over disputed Venezuela vote

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — A growing roster of nations condemned Venezuela's presidential election Monday and threatened to ramp up diplomatic and economic pressure on President Nicolas Maduro's already embattled government.

A coalition of 14 nations from throughout the Americas, including Brazil, Mexico and Colombia, pledged to scale back diplomatic relations with Venezuela and urge international organizations not to issue Venezuela any new credit.

Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy decried the vote as not respecting "minimal democratic standards" and vowed to consult with European counterparts on new measures in hopes of "easing the suffering of Venezuelans."

The outcry followed U.S. condemnation even before the pro-government National Election Council declared Maduro the overwhelming winner in Sunday's vote, which drew the lowest participation on record for a presidential election in decades.

Most opposition organizers had urged Venezuelans not to participate in an election from which the most popular anti-government leaders had been banned. Leaders with the nation's fragmented opposition declared the widespread abstention a silent but forceful protest and vowed to regroup moving forward.

"It's evident we are the resounding majority those who want a new Venezuela," said Henrique Capriles, one of Venezuela's most prominent opposition leaders. "It's evident those who are in power can't mobilize and don't have the support they once enjoyed."

The Election Council announced that with more than 92 percent of polling stations reporting, Maduro won nearly 68 percent of the votes, beating his nearest challenger Henri Falcon by more than 40 points.

As the results were being announced, residents of downtown Caracas banged pots in protest just a few blocks from where Maduro supporters were celebrating. Falcon accused the government of dirty tricks, including buying votes of poor voters who have been hurt by widespread food shortages and hyperinflation in what was once Latin America's wealthiest nation.

The election "without any doubt lacks legitimacy and we categorically refuse to recognize this process," Falcon told supporters minutes before the results were announced, vowing to fight on instead of joining a growing list of



**Supporters of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro gather at the presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Sunday, May 20, 2018. Electoral officials declared the socialist leader the winner of Sunday's presidential election, while his leading challenger questioned the legitimacy of a vote marred by irregularities and called for a new ballot. A growing roster of nations condemned Venezuela's presidential election Monday and threatened to ramp up diplomatic and economic pressure on President Nicolas Maduro's already embattled government.**

beleaguered anti-government politicians who've fled into exile of late.

A senior U.S. official said Sunday the Trump administration might press ahead on threats of imposing crippling oil sanctions and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo warned "sham elections change nothing." U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, who has repeatedly pushed for a tougher U.S. response on Venezuela, declared in Spanish on Twitter that "now there is no doubt that there is not an electoral exit."

Falcon was joined in his demand for a new election by third-place finisher Javier Bertucci, who won around 11 percent of the vote. Bertucci, a TV evangelist who handed out soup at his campaign rallies, stopped short of challenging the results, partly blaming what he called a mistaken opposition boycott that led to a turnout of around 46 percent — the lowest in a presidential race in two decades of revolution. Turnout in the three previous presidential elections averaged 79 percent.

But Falcon said he nonetheless favors a new elec-

tion soon and urged Maduro to do the courageous thing and desist from running. If Maduro presses forward, he warned, Venezuela will explode before his new six-year term is scheduled to begin in January.

A social crisis years in the making has worsened as Venezuela's oil production — the source of almost all of its foreign income — has collapsed to the lowest level in decades and financial sanctions by the Trump administration have made it impossible for the government to renegotiate its debts. More than 1 million people have fled the country in the past two years and 14,000 percent inflation has crushed the minimum wage to less than \$2 a month.

Maduro, 55, immediately called for dialogue with his opponents and put the best face on what analysts said were disappointing results underscoring how vulnerable his hold on power remains. Despite energetic campaigning, his overall vote haul slipped by 1.6 million from 2013, when he was first elected after his mentor Hugo Chavez's death from cancer.

But he showed no sign of replaying Sunday's vote.

"We will be the most powerful and largest political force in Venezuela for a long time," he told a festive crowd of supporters who poured into the grounds of the presidential palace to celebrate. "It doesn't faze me when they say I'm a dictator."

He promised to spend the next two years before scheduled congressional elections repairing an economy he says has been badly damaged by mafias backed by Colombia and the U.S.

Both of Maduro's opponents accused electoral authorities of ignoring blatant violations before the vote and on election day. Falcon said that at 86 percent of voting centers, ruling party activists set up so-called "Red Points" where they used cellphones to scan QR codes on government-issued "Fatherland Cards."

Some poor cardholders in Caracas — there are 16.5 million nationwide — said they hoped Maduro would deliver on his campaign promise of a "prize

to those who demonstrated their loyalty. Maduro accused his opponents of trying to "demonize" a program intended to address the social crisis and not assert political control. Luis Emilio Rondon, the sole opposition voice on the electoral council, backed Falcon and Bertucci's claims of irregularities and said he too refused to recognize the results.

National Electoral Council President Tibusay Lucena acknowledged a handful of complaints, but insisted they were minor compared to past elections.

"The people of Venezuela have made their pronouncement and we ask everyone, nationally and international, to respect the results," she said.

Opposition leaders said the lifeless voting centers were evidence that Venezuelans heeded their call to abstain from voting in an election they contended was certain to be rigged in Maduro's favor.

"This was a farce by a dictator that wants to stay in power without popular support," said lawmaker Juan Pablo Guanipa, speaking on behalf of the

newly created Broad Front coalition that backed the stay-at-home strategy.

Opinion polls say the overwhelming majority of Venezuelans distrust the electoral council. Official turnout figures in last year's elections for a constitutional assembly, which the opposition also boycotted, were inflated by at least 1 million votes, according to the company that provided technology for Venezuela's electronic voting machines for more than a decade.

But despite the unlevel playing field and concerns of fraud, some government critics nonetheless questioned the wisdom of not participating in an election that looked to be its best chance in years to defeat Chavismo.

"If you're sick and the doctor gives you few days to live, you don't lie in bed waiting to die. You seek treatment," said Nayra Martinez, a city employee in the wealthy Caracas district of Chacao who decided to buck her party's call to abstain. "That's what we need to do with our country. Venezuela is very sick and we the people are the medicine."



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