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Tiny homes being offered in Osceola County

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

A Central Florida-based construction company is now offering tiny home “backyard villas” in Osceola County. The pre-made, micro-housing units arrive amidst an affordable housing crisis in the county that has local officials searching for solutions.

A tiny solution to a big problem

Cornerstone Tiny Homes announced plans earlier this month to offer their 350 square-foot backyard dwellings to the Osceola County market. Brett Hiltbrand, the company’s owner, said the tiny structures make ideal guest homes, in-law suites, or most importantly, year-round rentals.

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Cornerstone Tiny Homes are now offering “backyard villas” in Osceola County. It’s a one-bedroom, 350 square-foot home with all the amenities of a regular home.

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Superheroes swing by



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MegaCon fans dress as Wonder Woman, Red Hood and Batman at this year’s sci-fi, comics and gaming event held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando May 24-27. For more photos, see page 14.

City of St. Cloud adopts sandhill crane as official bird



FILE PHOTO

The St. Cloud City Council officially named the sandhill crane as the city bird.

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Sandhill cranes are easy to spot in Osceola County. With long beaks and even longer legs, the elegant yet

massive birds are an integral part of Central Florida wildlife.

The familiar fowl earned some special recognition last week when St. Cloud
See **Crane**, Page 5.

One-stop center on hold after homeless count released

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

The homeless population in Osceola County is down slightly, according to data released recently.

The yearly census, conducted across the nation on a single day in January, counted 2,053 homeless individuals in Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties. Local Osceola County numbers were also down since 2017, from 239 to 226, a 5.6 percent decrease. Numbers are still up significantly from 2016 though, when just 175 homeless individuals were counted in Osceola County – an

increase of nearly 30 percent in the last two years.

The figures are part of the annual Point in Time (PIT) count, which is conducted locally by volunteers from the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness. Point in Time (PIT) counts are used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to determine how much aid local communities receive.

The latest PIT count identified 226 homeless individuals in Osceola County. Veterans comprised 18 percent of the homeless population, while families made up another 32 percent. Most

homeless individuals (64.6 percent) were found in emergency shelters.

But local homeless advocates say PIT doesn’t accurately reflect the true homeless population in a community.

“The best thing PIT can do is give us a brief snapshot of how many homeless may be in our area,” said Shelley Lauten, CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness. “And sometimes, that snapshot can be very blurry.”

Instead, Lauten and others point to data collected by the Central Florida Consortium of Care (CoC), a collaboration between homeless

stakeholders from Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties.

Organizations that provide aid to the homeless input the number of individuals they serve and what kind of assistance they receive.

According to CoC numbers, there were 378 active homeless client cases in Osceola County over the last year. The CoC dashboard still shows a decrease in the county’s homeless population, but the number remains higher than the federal PIT count.

Osceola County Commissioner Peggy Choudhry told fellow board members Monday that
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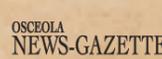
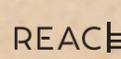
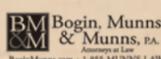
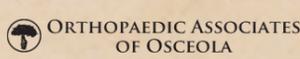
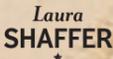
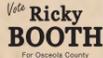
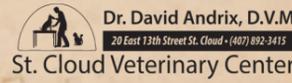
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County looking at land for new offices

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Osceola County officials are eyeing 19 acres of property in Poinciana to act as a possible location of new local government offices, including a tax collector's branch.

County commissioners recently approved a consent agenda item to begin negotiations about the property, which is currently owned by the New Community Baptist Church and located on the southside of Orange Blossom Trail between Pleasant Hill Road and Ham Brown Road.

Money to purchase the land - situated a mile from the new Poinciana SunRail station - will come primarily from fee revenue generated by the tax collector's office, County Manager Don Fisher told commissioners.

The Real Property Purchase Agreement will be presented to county commissioners prior to

acquiring the property, according to the agenda item.

Lengthy waits and cramped quarters at the Poinciana tax collector's office spurred current negotiations. At 2,300 square feet, it is the smallest of the department's four locations, and is hindered by outdated equipment and technology.

The current Poinciana branch - located on Pleasant Hill Road about a mile north of the Poinciana Valencia Campus - is meant to serve the greatest geographical area.

But County Tax Collector Bruce Vickers said residents in Osceola west-side communities like Celebration, Poinciana, Reunion and ChampionsGate, continue to visit the department's main office to avoid hassles at the Poinciana branch.

"It gets more complaints than any other office," said Vickers, who was elected to his current position

in November 2016 after serving as a department employee for 16 years. "It's our smallest location, but it is serving the biggest area. There's no way it can physically handle the amount of people it's supposed to."

Vickers reached out to the county repeatedly about the cramped conditions, pointing out that a more spacious location is necessary to accommodate continued growth in the region.

Since property negotiations recently just began, Vickers said he doesn't know what final plans the county may have for the design and construction of a new facility. He said he's glad to see progress being made on the issue, even if he does have a few reservations about the property location.

"It's not exactly where I thought it should be," Vickers said. "But if the county is going to take care of making sure we have an



Bruce Vickers

office that's good for the taxpayers, then I'm good."

The county tax collector's office provides residents with services like driver license and tag renewals, identification cards, replacements for lost or stolen licenses and address changes.

In February, the four Osceola County tax collector offices served over 29,000 residents, according to data provided by the department. Numbers were even higher in January, with more than 32,000 residents processed in a single month.

6 Osceola schools named best in nation by magazine

Six high schools in Osceola County have been named as "Best High Schools" in Florida and the nation in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 ranking:

► Gold Medal: Osceola County School for the Arts - No. 34 in Florida, No. 467 in the nation.

► Silver Medal: Professional and Technical High School (PATHS) - No. 52 in Florida, No. 688 in the nation.

► Silver Medal: New Dimensions Charter - No. 83 in Florida, No. 988 in the nation.

► Silver Medal: Harmony High - No. 146 in Florida, No. 1,969 in the nation.

► Silver Medal: Celebration High - No. 153

in Florida, No. 2,113 in the nation.

► Silver Medal: St. Cloud High - No. 168 in Florida, No. 2,621 in the nation.

U.S. News started out reviewing 28,813 public high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

To produce the 2018 Best High Schools rankings, U.S. News & World Report teamed with North Carolina-based RTI International, a global nonprofit social science research firm. RTI implemented the U.S. News comprehensive rankings methodology, based on a four-step process.

The first three steps ensured that the

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"Last year, the Orlando-area created a need for 225 homes to be built at a value of \$150,000 or less. Fourteen were built at that price," Hiltbrand said. "There's a growing need that just isn't being met."

The concept is simple. A standard homeowner can purchase a pre-constructed tiny home from Cornerstone for about \$50,000 and up. The company delivers the structure, which is Florida Building Code compliant, to the resident's backyard after the property has passed inspection and met county parking and setback requirements. Residents can then work through Cornerstone contracting partners to get utilities hooked up to the tiny home, or do the work themselves.

Once those steps are complete, owners can begin renting out the structures.

Removing obstacles in county code

The popularity of tiny homes has grown in recent years, but their unusual size and location can often conflict with existing county building codes.

In February, the Osceola County Community Development Department made two significant zoning and permitting changes to what is known as auxiliary dwelling units (ADUs).

Under the old code, ADUs such as garage apartments and guest homes could not be rented out to non-family members as a secondary source of income for homeowners. The new code changed that, while also abolishing minimum size requirements for ADUs.

"The thinking is, ADUs could be a source of affordable housing, and we want to encourage that," said Susan Caswell, Osceola County assistant community development administrator.

Caswell has spoken with companies over the last year, including Cornerstone Tiny Homes,

about alternative forms of affordable housing. Shipping container homes and simple concrete block dwellings are some of the other ideas Caswell has heard about in recent months.

The county administrator said officials are taking an open-minded approach to improve housing options for residents.

"To us, a building is a building," she said. "If it meets Florida building code, we're good."

Finding land for tiny homes

Finding available plots of land to construct their products is the biggest challenge facing tiny home companies, Caswell said.

The rise of massive housing subdivisions that are owned by residential developers like Lenar and AV Homes have made it difficult for small contractors like Cornerstone to break into the housing market.

Cornerstone's backyard villa concept circumvents this issue by building structures on small, privately owned parcels.

But Caswell said Cornerstone and other tiny home companies would either need to partner with a residential developer, purchase lots that have already been sub-divided by that company or search for affordable vacant lots.

"We're building fast, there's a number of developers out there who are sub-dividing and building housing, but I think that's the challenge for these tiny home builders," Caswell said. "It's about getting to the buildable lots."

A growing need for a growing county

A lack of affordable housing continues to be an issue both at the state and local level.

According to the Shinberg Center for Housing

Studies at the University of Florida, 69 percent of Florida's low-income renters are cost burdened by housing costs.

Of the top 50 metro areas nationally, only Las Vegas and Los Angeles had a greater affordable housing shortage than the Orlando Metro Area, according to a March study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

Recent amendments to the county's comprehensive plan are meant to tackle issues created by sprawling single-family subdivisions. The amendments include requirements for a greater variety of housing products within a subdivision (apartments and studios alongside traditional homes), as well as higher density housing to cut down on urban sprawl.

Caswell said a recent county analysis found the greatest housing need is for residents who earn \$35,000 a year or less.

"The issue there is someone earning \$35,000 a year cannot afford a \$200,000 for sale house. They just can't," she said. "The needs are not being met for the households that are here."

Local leaders, including County Commissioner Peggy Choudhry, have long supported efforts to bring tiny homes and other affordable housing to Osceola County.

"I would love for a company to bring a product to the area that can really help resolve this issue, or at least begin to help solve it," Choudhry said. "Our housing crisis could potentially not be a crisis, and then we could be an example instead."

Choudhry has been a major proponent of a one-stop crisis center in Osceola County that would assist the community's working poor and chronically homeless.

But, the commissioner said, the only true way to

break the poverty cycle is to create more affordable housing in Osceola County.

"We need to start thinking outside the box and be open to new ideas," she said. "That's the only way things will begin to change."

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Be more vigilant with storm preparations

By Amy Zubaly and Jacob Williams



Zubaly



Williams

Following an 11-season lull without a hurricane hitting the Sunshine State, the past two very active Atlantic hurricane seasons have appropriately caused Floridians to be much more vigilant with storm preparations.

Last year's hurricane season was among the strongest on record, and forecasts are predicting another active year with the potential for 14 to 18 named storms, including seven hurricanes with three becoming Category 3 or higher. We could be facing another year with hurricanes as destructive as Irma, Maria, Matthew and Hermine.

If you haven't already, now is the time to begin preparing. Be sure to have a hurricane preparedness plan for your family or business. Your family's hurricane preparedness plan should include contact information for everyone in your family, medical information (including prescriptions), established emergency meeting locations and evacuation routes. You'll also need a well-stocked emergency supply kit. The 2018 Florida Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday, which runs June 1 through June 7, is a perfect time

to stock up on emergency supply kit essentials, such as batteries, flashlights, radios and tarps - all tax-free.

In addition to having a plan and emergency supply kit, there are other things homeowners and business owners can do to help mitigate property damage and power outages. Hire a tree professional to assess the trees on your property, remove dead trees and trim branches that could damage your home, business or nearby power lines. Know what you need to pull inside in the event of a storm, such as patio furniture, toys and heavy planters. These items can easily become projectiles in high winds and cause significant damage to both property and power lines. Additional information on hurricane preparation can be found at www.floridadisaster.org.

As you prepare for another busy hurricane season, so have Florida's public power utilities. Downed trees are often the cause of power outages during a storm. Public power communities across the state routinely clear trees and branches away from power lines to minimize outages. We also conduct regular inspections of utility poles, lines and equipment and upgrade those as needed.

Over the last two years, Florida's public power utilities have taken many steps to

storm-harden their systems and maximize responsiveness. We participate in hurricane drills, exercises and preparedness meetings throughout the year. And, we maintain open lines of communication with our network of mutual aid partners in the event we need to call upon them for personnel and equipment to assist with power restoration efforts.

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Amy Zubaly is the Executive Director of the Florida Municipal Electric Association and Jacob Williams is the General Manager and CEO of the Florida Municipal Power Agency.



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St. Cloud OKs open alcohol drinking in downtown 'entertainment district'

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Open consumption of alcoholic beverages is now permitted in downtown St. Cloud during special events, after a recent ordinance was adopted by the City Council.

The board unanimously approved the motion 5-0, but not before ample squabbling between its members over the width of sidewalks.

City Planning Director Andre Anderson went before the council May 10 to discuss the changes.

Open container public consumption of alcohol

will only be permissible during street festivals and other city-approved events, Anderson explained.

The "entertainment district" will be bounded by 12th Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, 9th Street and Massachusetts Avenue. Only plastic containers will be permitted for alcohol consumption during these events.

When asked if public alcohol consumption could increase liability issues for St. Cloud, City Attorney Dan Mantzaris downplayed the risk.

"I'm not saying the city wouldn't be involved with it, and likely probably would depending on how serious the injuries are," Mantzaris said. "But of course, the city is protected too on its own side, so the risk should be minimal to the city."

A different measure that will allow restaurants to operate "sidewalk café" style outdoor seating citywide was also approved. It permits restaurants that already serve alcohol to offer those beverages to patrons dining at tables outside the establishment. The sidewalk café permitting process will

cost establishments \$100, and includes the option to allow pets in the outdoor seating area. Outdoor smoking would be up to the owner, Anderson said.

Council Member Dave Askew raised the concern over the width of sidewalks in the new downtown entertainment district.

Askew asked Anderson if it could be changed to 44 inches instead of the proposed 48 inches, so it would align with the rest of city code.

Anderson explained that 48 inches allows additional wiggle room for pedestrians during crowded street events.

"With 48 inches, you're able to have two people walk side-by-side or pass each other," Anderson said.

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CRANE

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leaders unanimously voted to make Florida sandhill cranes the official city bird.

"If you haven't been paying attention, you already have the sandhill crane everywhere," said Paula Stark, executive director of St. Cloud Main Street, at a City Council meeting May 24. "We already have them on signage at the lake front, we already have them on the website for the city. So we have already unofficially adopted them."

Members of bird groups like the Florida Sandhill Crane Preservation Society and the American Birding Association filled seats at the meeting to show support of making the bird an official city symbol.

But, as Stark explained, the measure does more than create an empty decree – it gives tourism boards like St. Cloud Main Street an opportunity to promote ecotourism in a broader, more unified way.

"We have these meetings all the time where we're talking about the different assets that we have, and one of the assets we have is ecotourism," she said. "This will give us the opportunity to promote that further."

Murals, sculptures, postcards and photo contests, as well as educational outreach programs at public schools, were some of the branding ideas Stark presented to the board.

St. Cloud isn't the first Central Florida city to embrace a bird as a primary symbol. In Winter Park, images of peacocks adorn streetlight banners, manhole covers and other municipality markings.

A representative from SeaWorld's preservation program also spoke to the strong connection St. Cloud residents have for sandhill cranes.

"When I'm out performing rescues in these areas, I'm down in St. Cloud quite a bit, and there's a

really strong community connection," said Dean Moberg, agriculture supervisor at SeaWorld Aviation Rescue. "There are those who don't like them, but for the most part, they have a real strong bond with the community."

Moberg has performed sandhill crane rescue and release missions across Osceola County, treating birds with injuries caused by fishing lures, nets and even arrows. Both Moberg and Stark said that putting sandhill cranes in the city spotlight will hopefully keep them safer.

"If we embrace this bird, we are actually helping to get it off the endangered species list," Stark said.

The initiative received united support from residents and city council members alike.

"I am delighted that we are going to have the sandhill crane as our symbol," said St. Cloud resident Hughette Crumpler.

HOMELESS

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people should consider data from CoC to gain a better understanding of the community's homeless problem.

"It's a much more accurate count," she said. "We know the Point in Time count only takes place on that one day, and isn't necessarily 100 percent, due to weather and other circumstances."

Choudhry has been a vocal supporter of assisting the homeless population in Osceola County. She spearheaded efforts last year to bring a one-stop community crisis center to Kissimmee. The center would focus on providing resources to families in financial crisis, as well as some services for the chronically homeless, such as showers and public restrooms.

Choudhry first presented the concept to

commissioners last year. She described the center as a facility where non-profits and churches could collaborate and pool resources to better serve those in need.

The concept was unpopular with fellow board members from the beginning, but many residents and community leaders gladly lent their voices in support of it.

More than 30 people advocated for the crisis center at an Osceola County commissioner's meeting March 19.

No action was taken that night, but Choudhry told supporters efforts would regroup and return in May to ask for a budget vote.

But that didn't happen. County Chairman Fred Hawkins Jr. was absent from Monday's meeting, and Choudhry said she chose to hold off on bringing

the item back to the board because several citizens told her they wanted to learn more about the nonprofits in the community before making a presentation.

"Citizens are now saying, 'We want to educate ourselves and know exactly what's out there so that we don't duplicate efforts,'" Choudhry said. "We're trying to do our full due diligence before presenting the project for the one-stop center."

Choudhry said PIT count numbers may be down, but assured that she and her supporters are still pushing to make the center a reality.

"There are also those families that fall into homelessness," she said. "It's about providing help before it gets to that point."

Choudhry said she plans to bring the issue back to the board in July.

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Artifacts spotlight

Log Book of Scipio Lesesne

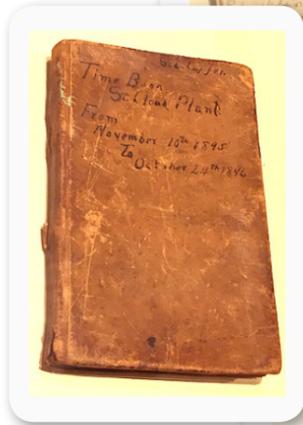
While segregation was a major issue in many places, the tensions between blacks and whites in Osceola County were much less.

There weren't as many restrictions in place, making integration much smoother for the county. Blacks and whites lived close to each other, and in some cases, even worked together. One place in particular that did not discriminate with employees was the Disston Sugar Mill.

The Hamilton Disston Sugar Plantation and Mill arrived in St. Cloud in the late 1880s. Workers were needed to keep everything running, and it didn't matter what their skin color was. The St. Cloud Plantation employed first generation immigrants, as well as black laborers from South Carolina. One of the employees was Scipio Lesesne (pronounced "la-sane"). Lesesne was born in Barbados and traveled to many ports, learning multiple languages along the way. Eventually he found work in Florida as the foreman of the Disston Plantation, where he was able to make use of his language skills.

One of Lesesne's duties was to keep the time records for the employees at the Sugar Mill. He kept a log book with this information written inside. The Osceola County Historical Society has the privilege of displaying the log book Lesesne used in the Osceola County Welcome Center and History Museum. The book is on loan from the William Harleston 'Buster' Lesesne family. The Historical Society was able to make reproductions of a few of the pages from the log book, which can be seen on display next to the book. Guests to the museum have a unique opportunity to see a piece of local history that was used daily by one of the prominent members of Osceola County.

Sources: Osceola County Historical Society



The Pulpit

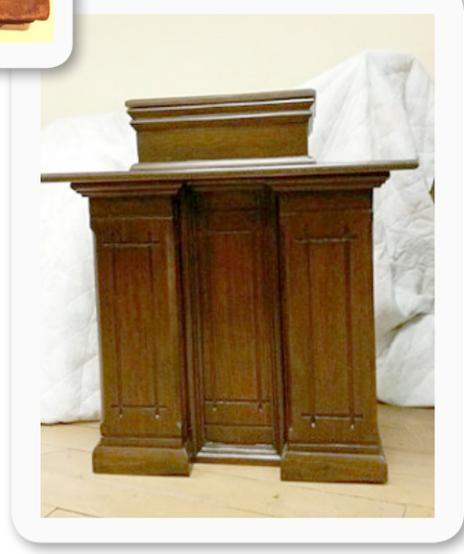
When entering a church, most eyes are drawn to the front of the building where there usually stands a pulpit.

The pulpit is the focal point and perhaps one of the most important pieces of furniture. The Osceola County Historical Society (OCHS) has had the privilege of building a replica church for the Pioneer Village at Shingle Creek. This church would not be complete without its furnishings. One of the most important items to be included in these furnishings is, of course, the pulpit. Luckily, OCHS didn't have to go very far to find the perfect pulpit to be placed in the church.

OCHS was gifted with artifacts from the Shingle Creek Methodist Church, which still remains in use on Old Vineland Road. A new sanctuary was built for the church, and eventually new furnishings would be purchased. Among the items that were donated to OCHS, was the church's old pulpit. While the background of the pulpit is not entirely known, the church itself has an interesting history. Henry Overstreet first brought his family to Shingle Creek in 1856. He and other residents of the area longed to have a church. With the little resources available to them, they constructed a brush arbor to conduct services under. Eventually, a log house was built and soon after replaced by a plank house. The building seemed to be satisfactory until it was decided a proper wooden sanctuary would be built in 1893-1894. This new sanctuary would be used until 1964.

Shingle Creek Methodist Church's pulpit found its new home in the replica church at the Pioneer Village at Shingle Creek. Visitors have the chance to see the beautiful furnishings of the new church, including the historical pulpit.

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OHS-DP rematch coming to Austin-Tindall

▶ Aug. 17 Kickoff Classic to serve as debut for complex's \$10.7M expansion, including stadium

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Osceola and Dr. Phillips will continue their recent football rivalry in the first game to be played at the newly-constructed Austin-Tindall Sports Complex stadium on Boggy Creek Road.

The Kowboys and Panthers will play their 2018 Kickoff Classic on Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. in the 3,000-seat stadium that is the cornerstone of the facility's \$10.7 million expansion and renovation paid for with Tourist Development Tax revenue.

The game is part of a ribbon-cutting and grand unveiling of the expansion that includes the stadium, its Daktronics scoreboard/video board, four other new football fields with goalposts, a new operations and concessions building with permanent restrooms, an ice plant and new paved interior roads that link new park entry points and expanded parking areas. They compliment the park's five existing fields and facilities.

The turf is down at the five newest fields, including the stadium. They will be ready for play by August, Facility Manager Jeff Kuenzli said, with the four other new fields will see their first action in a Labor Day weekend tournament.

Tickets will be \$7 (\$5 for students) for the game 7 p.m. Kickoff Classic, which will follow

a 5:30 ribbon-cutting. Parking will be \$5.

The game was scheduled to be played at Dr. Phillips, but the county bought out the Orange County school's home game for \$15,000 and will collect the game revenue. Experience Kissimmee, the area's tourism marketing arm, is the event's title sponsor, Kuenzli said.

"We're expecting over 3,000 fans," he said. "We can fit more standing room, we're not going to turn anyone away," he said.

The game has been in the works for months now; Kuenzli just recently finalized the finer points of the contracts with the two schools.

Osceola Coach Doug Nichols said he was glad to hear the county could work out a deal to get Dr. Phillips to agree to play the game at Austin-Tindall.

"When we were first asked about it I knew it was out of our hands because it's Dr. Phillips' home game," he said. "But it's awesome and we're excited about it, we'll be happy to jump on a bus and go up there and be in the first game played on that field."

Since it was originally the Panthers' home game, Dr. Phillips will be the home team on the scoreboard.

"This opening ceremonial football game matches up the top Orange and Osceola County teams that have high respect for one another. Their last two



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/KEN JACKSON

Austin-Tindall Sports Complex Facility Manager Jeff Kuenzli looks on as construction nears completion on the facility's new 3,000 seat football stadium, which will open on Aug. 17 with the Kickoff Classic between playoff rivals Osceola and Dr. Phillips, who beat OHS in last year's playoffs en route to the Class 9A state championship.

games came down to their last play or possession in determining the victor," Dr. Phillips Athletic Director Steven McHale said. "This is by far the most anticipated preseason match-up of the year. What better way to bring two communities and counties together to honor such a fabulous sports complex."

Osceola and Dr. Phillips last met on the field in November Class 9A regional playoff game that turned into an instant classic; the Kowboys kicked a field goal to lead 13-10 with 2:04 remaining, only to watch the Panthers drive

the field and score with 15 seconds left and win, 17-13. Dr. Phillips won its first Class 9A state title three weeks later.

If it's an indication of how competitive the Kickoff Classic, essentially a preseason exhibition game, will be, the combined score of the teams' last two playoff meetings and the 2017 Kickoff Classic is: Kowboys 63, Panthers 63.

"We are excited to kick off our new facility with the premier rivalry football game in Central Florida today," Kuenzli said. "Both are perennial powerhouses and a

defending state champion; who could ask for any better?"

"We're going all out and treating this like a bowl game, with the team's logos in the end zones and school colors for the numbers on the field. We hope to make a marquee game like this an annual event for us."

Austin-Tindall will hold a weekend community event into the following day to show off the expanded park's capabilities, Kuenzli said. The facility can and does host tournaments for football, soccer, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey and ultimate Frisbee.

St. Cloud quartet makes college choices as spring ends

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

During St. Cloud High's pre-spring game football scrimmage on May 11, graduating seniors

Johnny Fritz, Cameron Sweenor, Colt Smith and Charles Robinson could only stand and watch as their younger underclassmen were put through their paces.

So, three of the four chose to

take the opportunity to officially sign their college Letters of National Intent.

Fritz, a wide receiver, will stay the closest to home, signing with the University of South Florida

in Tampa. Sweenor, a defensive lineman, will head to Alvernia University in Reading, Penn., and running back Charles Robinson will head to Gulf Coast Prep Sports Academy in Mount Vernon, Ala., for post-graduate work.

Additionally, quarterback Colt Smith will be playing this fall for Friends University in Wichita, Kan. Smith passed for 1,890 yards — ninth most in a season in county history but third-most in 2017 — and 23 touchdowns for St. Cloud on 122-for-195 passing.

"He's big shoes to fill," Smart said. "He had a lot of offers and Friends offered him the best package to continue as a quarterback."

Friends is an NAIA program. Under first-year head coach Dion Meneley, the Falcons 4-7 overall and tied for fifth in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference with a 4-5 conference record.

Over a third of Smith's passing yards and touchdowns (758 and 10 on 44 catches), went to Fritz, who was second in catches and yards on the Bulldogs to rising senior Seth Johnson.

USF was one of 13 Division I offers he had — Troy, Southern Miss and Kentucky were some of the others — and it took from December to the end of April to sort them out and find a program to call home.

"Getting it settled was the first priority, now I can focus on getting bigger and stronger for that level."

Smart called Fritz "a baller." "Johnny just ran into some bad luck early in this process," he said. "He'll do great in USF's offense."

"Getting it settled was the first priority, now I can focus on getting bigger and stronger for that level."

— JOHNNY FRITZ

Sweenor will be part of the Alvernia Eagles inaugural team, which begins play in 2018 in Division III in the Eastern College Athletic Conference. He said he got linked to the school at a combine event in Polk County this past winter, and will play defensive tackle and possibly some fullback for the Golden Wolves.

"I planned to sign sooner, but had some issues that put it off, but I'm happy how it turned out," Sweenor said.

Smart said St. Cloud defensive coordinator Tommy Jurgens worked with Sweenor to get him exposure at the Polk County college fair.

Robinson led Osceola County last season with 1,405 yards.

"Chucky had a couple opportunities but ended up going to prep school because his ultimate goal is to get to Division I," Smart said.



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/MARTIN MADDOCK

From left, St. Cloud wide receiver Johnny Fritz (South Florida), defensive lineman Cameron Sweenor (Alvernia College) and running back Charles Robinson (Gulf Coast Prep Sports Academy) sign their college grants during the Bulldogs' spring intersquad scrimmage on May 11. Quarterback Colt Smith, not pictured, also signed with Friends (Kan.) University.

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Lions drop 3rd in a row to Chicago, 2-1

► Sunday at New York first of a four-game road trip; Pride powers to 5-2 victory

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Despite Cristian Higuita scoring his third goal of the season, the Orlando City Lions' current losing skid ran to three games after a 2-1 loss to the Chicago Fire on Saturday that left Coach Jason Kreis frustrated and looking for answers.

"I certainly can't remember a night where I felt like we were more dominant, with this Club or maybe with any club, to be honest," Kreis said. "I think we can look at the statistics and the players know in their hearts that we were the by far the better team. You won't hear me say that very often, but I will tell you there was only one team that was pushing things tonight. The other one was there to try to pick up a draw or catch something on the break."

Orlando (6-5-1, 19 points) held a 60-40 possession advantage, outshot Chicago (4-6-2, 14), 21-10 and had an 8-3 corner kick advantage.

And, when the final whistle blew, it just didn't matter.

Thirteen minutes after Chicago scored to take an initial 1-0 lead, Orlando's Josue Colmán worked his way into the box and found

Chris Mueller, who delayed before slipping it to Higuita all alone. The Colombian calmly placed his shot inside the far post.

City pressed on throughout the rest of the match in search of the game winner, out-possessing and outshooting Chicago, but it was the Fire that found the third goal when Alan Gordon drilled a shot from distance in the 82nd minute.

The Fire were reduced to 10 men when Mohammed Adams was shown a red card for an altercation with Sacha Kljestan, who was shown a yellow on the play. However, it was Chicago who was awarded a free kick instead of Orlando getting the scoring chance from just outside the penalty area, further frustrating Kreis.

"Maybe I misremembered, but I think it was specifically told to me that any red card that happens during a dead ball situation where that red card violation is, that's where the foul is awarded," he said. "So from my point of view, if there's an ejectionable offense [and] it happens in the penalty box, it's a penalty, because otherwise I can just imagine scenarios. You can imagine a scenario where the ball is out of play or for a corner kick and a

player hauls off and strikes another player in the penalty box. Wouldn't that be a penalty kick? I don't think you should be allowed to do whatever you want on the field just because the ball is dead and not be penalized for it severely. But, again, I could be wrong.

"The explanation was that because Sacha fouled him first and received a yellow card, that was it. The player at that point can do whatever he wants to Sacha, pick up a red card and then they get the ball back. Seems odd to me. But again, I could be wrong. I don't know all the rules through and through, I guess."

Midfielders Lamine Sane and Will Johnson were game-day scratches with illnesses, and forward Dom Dwyer missed his third match due to injuries — and the Lions have coincidentally lost those matches.

"For me it's not about Dom Dwyer or not Dom Dwyer. There were players on the field tonight that played very well, that gave enough on most nights to win games. It's about making the plays when it counts the



most. Again, I don't want to really say that if we have Dom in there we win the game. No, we had players out there that played well enough, performed well enough and should have been able to finish off that game."

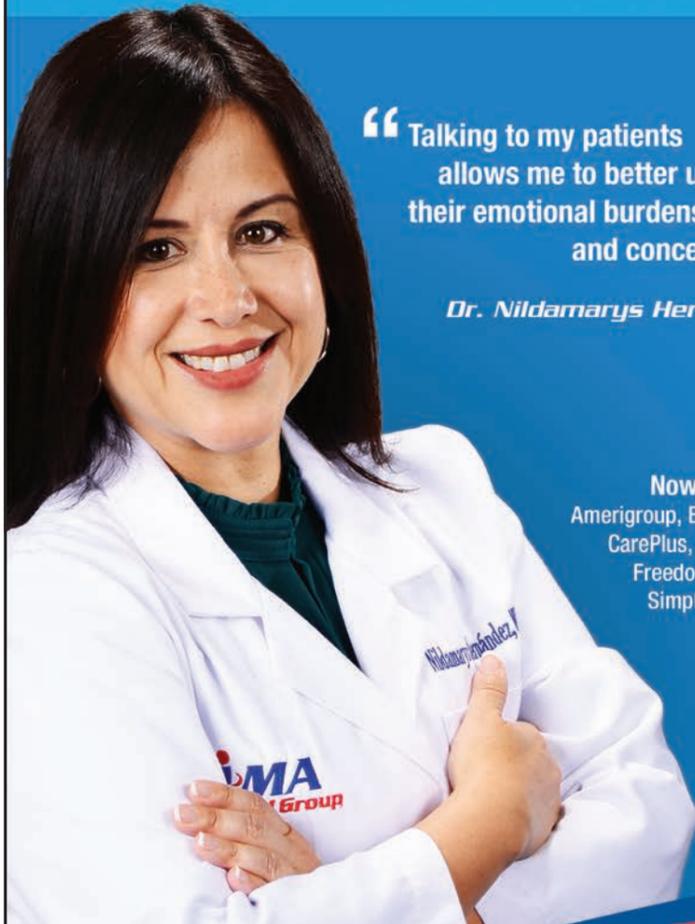
One of those who did play was Higuita, who notched his third goal in five games.

"He's getting himself into some really good spots, really good spots. Another really positive performance from an individual player," Kreis said. Unfortunately hard to count it as too positive because we lost the game. But he's getting himself in some great spots attacking wise. He was in and around things even more so than his goal. He nearly created another one or two. He's doing well. But the flip side is we need other players to step up and make special plays in the attacking third."

Despite scoring, Higuita shared in the disappointment of the loss.

"Just look at my face. A lot of sadness from not getting the result," he said following the match. "We played well, but we weren't
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Silver Spurs celebrates free School's Out Blow Out during this weekend's 141st rodeo



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Fans will see traditional mutton bustin' (sheep racing) at the 141st Silver Spurs Rodeo on Friday and Saturday nights at the Silver Spurs Arena.

By Ken Jackson
Sports Editor

Don't look now — actually you may want to look to see the action in the ring — but it's summer rodeo time again.

The 141st Silver Spurs Rodeo is this weekend, Friday and Saturday, and will include the annual School's Out Blowout.

The summer festival, marking the recent end of the school year, will be outside prior to the rodeos each night beginning at 5:30 p.m. ahead of the 7:30 performances. The free School's Out Blowout, includes bounce houses, music by local DJ's and St. Cloud country singer Kenyon Lockry, games and more for the entire family.

Once inside the Silver Spurs Arena, rodeo fans will be treated to the traditional lineup of rodeo events: bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, barrel racing, steer wrestling and team roping.

Unique to the June Silver Spurs Rodeo, spectators will experience the rodeo clowns, witness a performance from the Silver Spurs Junior/Pee Wee Quadrille Team (think square dancing on horseback) and

see junior bull riders and barrel racers compete, along with fan favorite Mutton Bustin' (sheep racing).

In honor of Memorial Day, the Silver Spurs Rodeo Committee will also be honoring local veterans during the opening ceremonies of each evening's rodeo.

"Our summer rodeo has always been a great event for families, with the children of Silver Spurs members being no exception," said Dusty Holley, this year's Big Boss of the Silver Spurs Rodeo. "Some of our youth will be performing in the junior bull riding, junior barrel racing and Quadrille alongside the professional rodeo cowboys."

"With the school year coming to an end, we're also offering families a free party before the rodeo at the School's Out Blowout. We at the Silvers Spurs Club care about the community and all our rodeo fans no matter their age. By offering this free event we are saying 'thank you' to our students and their families for supporting this great tradition."

Tickets for the rodeo are \$15 per adult for each performance, and kids 10 and under are free. For More Information & to purchase tickets go to www.silver-spursrodeo.com.

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able to finish our chances. Soccer is about goals. We had to be more efficient and we weren't able to finish our chances. Now we have to work really hard because we have very tough matches ahead on the road."

Defender R.J. Allen was equally as upset.

"Yeah, it's definitely an overall disappointing night. We need to learn from it," he said. "We had so many chances, we created so many opportunities, at the end of the day we left them hanging around and we got punished for it. We definitely need to learn from it, take the negatives from this and move forward."

"I think we dominated the second half. Most of the second half we played in their end. [We] had a few opportunities in the first half, but outside of the free kick I'm not sure what else they created. Again for me, we created so many chances, you leave a team like that hanging around with a player like Alan Gordon up front, he comes on and a few dangerous attackers in the league and eventually you'll get punished for it."

The Lions will head on the road for their next four games, first visiting New York City FC on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in a game that can be seen locally on TV-27. City then visits Miami United FC in the fourth round of the 2018 Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup on Wednesday.

The Lions will move on to Vancouver and Montreal

before returning to Orlando City Stadium on Saturday, June 23, to host the Montreal Impact.

On the other hand, the Pride dominated. The Orlando Pride (4-3-3, 15 points) posted its most dominant victory of the 2018 National Women's Soccer League season on Saturday in Chicago, downing the Red Stars (2-3-6, 12 points) 5-2 on a hot day at Toyota Park.

The Pride got the match started quickly when Rachel Hill scored in the second minute, the astest goal in Club history, then Alex Morgan added another tally in the sixth minute. Sydney Leroux chipped in in the second half, scoring her first two goals of the season, the first coming a minute after the Red Stars tied the game in the 60th minute.

"If you're neutral watching it, I think it was a great game to watch. It ebbed and it flowed and it was very competitive," Pride Head Coach Tom Sermanni said. "I thought we started very well but dropped off after we went 2-0 up and Chicago came back very strongly. The turning point was us getting back in front so quickly after they equalized. That gave us a buffer, knocked them back a little bit and we were able to go on and win the game."

The Pride will play their fifth road game over a six match stretch on Sunday, traveling to face Seattle Reign FC. Kickoff is set for 10:30 p.m. Eastern time.

SPORTS BRIEFS

▶ **Kiwanis Club golf**

The 10th annual Kiwanis Club of Kissimmee Bluegrass Golf Tournament is June 2 at 8 a.m. at Royal St. Cloud Golf Links to benefit Osceola County youth. \$70 fee includes golf (4-person scramble), range balls, continental breakfast, lunch, closest to the pin and long drive contests and prizes. For information call Dan George at 407-973-5870.

▶ **Top Gun basketball camp**

The annual Top Gun Shooting Camp, at the St. Cloud High gym, is June 4-8 from 8 a.m.-noon for children in grades 4-12. Camp fee is \$100 and includes camp shirt, daily drinks and snacks. (Campers should bring their own water). For an additional \$40, campers can stay until 1:30 p.m. (Overtime) and play full court games. Space is limited, the camp routinely sells out and only 30 spots are available for overtime. Make checks payable to St. Cloud High School. For information email Chad Ansbaugh at chad.ansbaugh@osceolaschools.net.

▶ **City of Life Basketball Camp**

City of Life Christian Academy, the Class 2A girls state champions, will host a Basketball Skills Development Camp, instructed by Warriors Coach Ray Buggs, Jun 4-8 (1st-5th grades) and June 11-15 (6th-8th) from 8 a.m. to noon. Camp cost is \$75 per camper and includes T-shirt. For information contact Buggs at 407-749-3990.

▶ **Larry Goodwin Education Foundation Golf Classic**

The annual Larry Godwin Memorial Scholarship for Kids Golf Classic, hosted by Education

Foundation Osceola, will be Nov. 9 at the Walt Disney World Palm and Magnolia golf courses. Teams that sign up by July 4 will have the chance to win a "Around Town Golf Package" for four that will include multiple golf courses throughout Central Florida. Playing spots and sponsorships are available, starting at \$40 and \$160 (single player and teams) up to \$10,000 presenting sponsorships. The money raised is used to provide scholarships for Osceola County students. Registration is available online at <https://www.foundationosceola.org/p/68/golf-classic#>.

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▶ **Osceola School District Legacy Program**

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

▶ **Kissimmee tennis program**

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

ball and sustain a rally. Jr. Acers emphasizes technical skills and introduces players to singles and doubles play. The camp will take place Saturdays from 10 a.m.- noon (10-13 years old) and noon-2 p.m. (14-17) at Oak Street Park and 11-12 p.m. (13-13) and 12-1 p.m. at Mark Durbin Park at Lakeside. Fee is \$75 per month (\$60 at Lakeside). Participants can register at the Oak Street Park Community Center (717 Palm Ave.). For information call 407-518-2360 or visit www.kissimmeebays.org.

▶ **Senior softball**

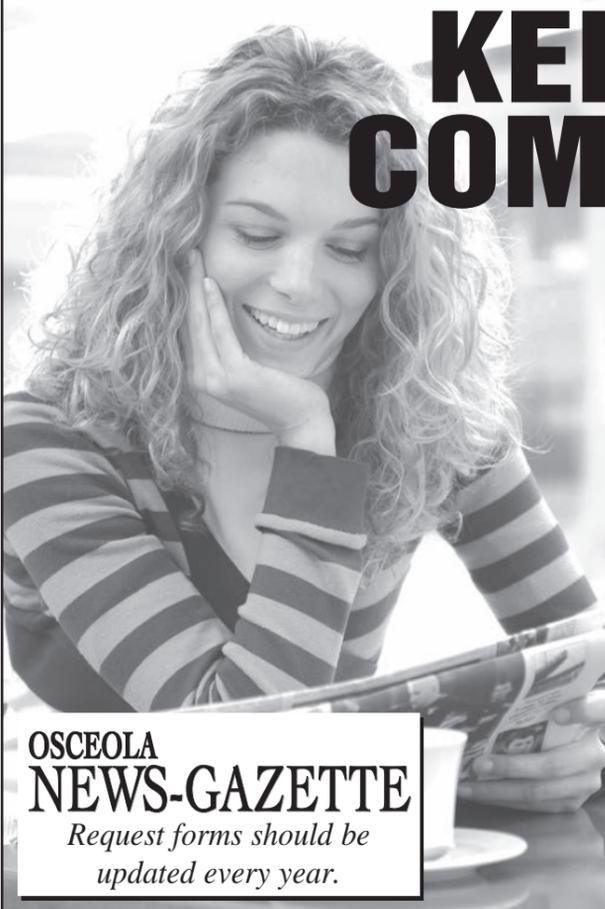
Osceola Senior Softball welcomes players ages 55-over. All skill levels are welcome. Until the fall season starts, pickup games will be held at the Denn John fields behind Valencia College on Mondays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information, call League President Mike Rodriguez at 772-359-8415 or email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

▶ **Soldier City Wrestling**

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



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3 diseases that may affect snakes



Pets come in all shapes and sizes. Dogs and cats may be the first animals that come to mind when people think of pets, but pets need not be furry or four-legged to make great additions to a home.

According to the 2017-18 National Pet Owners Survey from the American Pet Products Association, roughly 4.7 million households in the United States keep reptiles as pets. Many of those reptiles are snakes.

Snakes attract animal lovers for a variety of reasons, including their often exotic looks. First-time snake owners may find that owning snakes is different than owning other pets. Compared to dogs, for example, snakes may seem more enigmatic, particularly in regard to any health-related issues they might be experiencing. According to VCA Animal Hospitals, the following are three common snake diseases and the symptoms that may accompany them.

1. Infectious stomatitis

Also known as "mouth rot," infectious stomatitis is an infection of the oral cavity. Infectious stomatitis may be characterized by pinpoint hemorrhages on the gums or excessive amounts of thick mucus in the mouth and at the inside edges around snakes' mouths. This mucus may contain blood, and some snakes may develop a pus resembling cottage cheese in place of the mucus. Additional symptoms of infectious stomatitis include anorexia, an inability to close the mouth and a reduction in or absence of tongue flicking. In severe cases, snakes may experience loose teeth and swelling of the head.

According to PetEducation.com, infectious stomatitis is often a response to stress, such as that created by environments where temperatures are improperly regulated. Poor nutrition that results in vitamin C deficiency or inappropriate calcium/phosphorous levels in snakes' diets also have been linked to infectious stomatitis. Overcrowding, trauma or internal or external parasites also may contribute to infectious stomatitis.

2. Parasites

VCA notes that both internal and external parasites are common in pet snakes. Snake owners typically learn their snakes have parasites during vet visits, as parasites often produce no symptoms. However, parasites may cause diarrhea, breathing difficulties, itching, irritation, skin infections, anemia, and weight loss. Snakes with parasites also may vomit or regurgitate their food, and some may experience loss of appetite.

3. Blister disease

Snake owners, particularly first-time owners, may miss the signs of blister disease because the lesions that characterize this ailment are typically on the underside of the animal. The VCA recommends snake owners routinely examine their snakes to detect for any physical issues. Often afflicting snakes that are kept in environments that are too moist and/or too dirty, blister disease produces fluid-filled blisters that may become infected with bacteria. The consequences of blister disease cases that are not treated promptly can be very serious and include severe skin damage, blood poisoning and even death.

First-time snake owners may feel snakes are low-maintenance pets when compared to more popular pets like dogs. But snake owners must pay close attention to their snakes to detect any signs of disease, including those ailments that may be deadly if undetected and/or untreated.

The growing problem of pet obesity

Many pet owners would never intentionally harm their companion animals. In fact, pet owners often go above and beyond to ensure their animals are well cared for and content. However, many well-meaning people may be inadvertently harming their pets with something they provide each and every day: food.

Obesity is on the rise among pets. The Association for Pet Obesity Prevention says that 54 percent of dogs and 59 percent of cats in the United States were categorized as overweight or obese in 2016. That marks an increase from 52.5 percent and 58.3 percent, respectively, from four years ago. The majority of veterinarians think that pet obesity is a significant problem and nearly half of pet owners admit that their vets have discussed a pet's ideal weight with them during pet health visits.

Pet weight and appearance

Body weights for pets are based on breed ideals and may not necessarily apply to dogs and cats of mixed breeds. For example, a golden retriever should weigh between 65 and 75 pounds. A domestic cat should weigh between eight and 10 pounds. But vets will consider a host of variables to determine if a given pet is a healthy weight.

Vets advise that dog owners should be able to easily feel and count dogs' ribs when they run their fingers across the side of the animal. Pets viewed from above should display an hourglass figure that includes an indentation near the midsection. The absence of this "waist" may indicate a problem. When observing



a pet from the side while he or she is standing, a slight upward slope of the stomach should be visible. A low-hanging abdomen means abdominal fat may be present.

Health problems related to weight

The Purina Pet Care Center found that overweight pets may live two years less than ideal weight pets. Reduced life span is not the only problem, as carrying extra pounds can contribute to various maladies. These include osteoarthritis and poor joint health, type 2 diabetes, ligament injuries, heart and respiratory disease, kidney disease, and cancer.

Exercise and food

Just like humans, pets need a combination of physical activity and caloric moderation to maintain healthy weights. Daily caloric needs for indoor cats range from 180 to 200 calories per day. The larger a dog is, the more calories it needs.

Pet owners should work with their veterinarians to map out a diet and exercise regimen that can help their overweight pets shed pounds. Vets also can help determine if weight gain is due to illness or food habits.

Pets need to maintain healthy diets and engage in exercise to maintain ideal body weights that will keep them healthy for years to come.

Exploring guinea pigs as pets

Impulsive decisions with regard to family pets can be disastrous. Prospective pet parents who do not take the time to decide if pets fit their lifestyles before taking one home may end up regretting their decisions and/or returning the animal, which can be hard on pets and families alike.

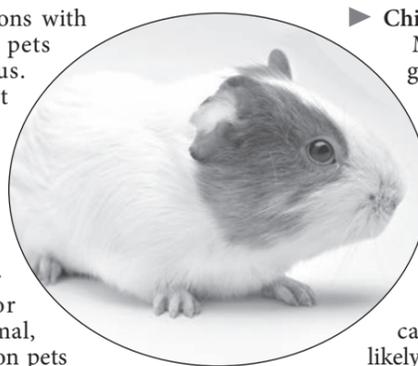
Many prospective pet parents may recognize the commitments that large pets like dogs require. But some may mistakenly believe that small pets, such as guinea pigs, are much easier to care for than cats or dogs. That false impression may compel them to adopt guinea pigs without fully exploring just what it takes to raise these small, personable pets.

► Time commitment

Just because guinea pigs don't need daily walks around the neighborhood does not mean they don't require a substantial commitment of time on the part of their owners. According to the Humane Society of the United States, daily interaction with and attention from their owners is essential for the well-being of guinea pigs.

People considering guinea pigs as pets also should know that guinea pigs require regular grooming, including daily grooming for long-haired breeds.

Guinea pigs' cages also must be meticulously maintained. The HSUS recommends thorough weekly cleanings as well as spot-cleaning every few days.



► Children

Many parents presume guinea pigs will make great first pets for their children. While that may be true, the HSUS points out that young children often lack self-restraint and fine motor control. That can make kids more likely to mishandle guinea pigs, increasing their risk of dropping or squeezing the animals. Some guinea pigs may respond to being mishandled with fear that leads them to bite their handlers. When considering guinea pigs as pets, parents should keep in mind that guinea pigs respond most favorably to being gently held.

► Companionship

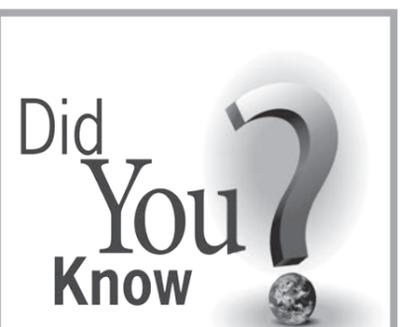
Guinea pigs are social animals, and the HSUS advises that they do best with the companionship of another pig. Solitary guinea pigs can quickly grow lonely and bored, which can be problematic for pet parents whose time is already stretched thin.

► Allergies

Before adopting guinea pigs, prospective owners should confirm that they and members of their household are not allergic to the animals. Visit an animal shelter or the home of a friend with guinea pigs and spend some time with the animal in the room where it spends most of its time. Handle the animals and take note of any potential indicators that you might be allergic.

If you suspect you or a member of your household is allergic, contact an allergist for further testing or discussion.

Guinea pigs make great pets, but prospective guinea pig owners should do their homework before bring these lovable creatures home.



There is an emotional component of becoming a pet owner, but finances also need to be considered. Pet ownership may be impractical for those who are barely making ends meet. The ASPCA says that the first-year cost of pet ownership can exceed \$1,000. Annual pet expenses include food, medical exams, litter, a license, toys, treats, and any unexpected medical costs resulting from illness. Flea and tick prevention, training, professional grooming, and boarding can drive up costs even further. The animal adoption site PetFinder suggests potential pet parents do their homework to determine the feasibility of getting a pet by examining potential costs and how such costs fit into their budgets.

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Toy Story takeover

Toy Story Land to open at Disney's Hollywood Studios



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/JENNIFER DIDOMENICO

Toy Story Land is set to open at Disney's Hollywood Studios on June 30. The new part of the theme park will resemble Andy's backyard, with new attractions, eats, entertainment, character encounters and exclusive merchandise.

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Toy Story is taking over Disney's Hollywood Studios with the opening of Toy Story Land on June 30. Guests will shrink to the size of a toy, as they wander around the land that is designed to resemble Andy's backyard— full of everyone's favorite toys, building blocks, game pieces, and a whole lot of fun.

The highly anticipated addition to the theme park will cover 11 acres of Hollywood Studios, offering new attractions, eats, entertainment, character encounters and special merchandise.

Let's take a closer look...

Attractions

First up, the Alien Swirling Saucers. Guests will swirl and whirl in rocket ship toys with a claw hanging overhead, designed as a playset Andy won at the Pizza Planet restaurant. From the sound of it, this ride may somewhat resemble the favored teacup ride at Disney's Magic Kingdom. Or even a ground-level Dumbo. But we're not entirely sure.

However, it is safe to say that Slinky Dog is the star of Toy Story Land's attractions. You may have already seen him peeking over the bushes from World Drive. His ride, Slinky Dog Dash, is a family-style coaster. Wheezy, the squeaky toy penguin from the Toy Story films, will make his big

appearance in the last scene of the Slinky Dog Dash. He'll sing the films' biggest hit "You've Got a Friend in Me," accompanied by his friends, Mike the tape recorder and Mr. Spell, also from the films.

Toy Story Mania, which is already a favorite in the park, will remain open.

Eats

Woody's Lunch Box is bringing classic favorites to Disney's Hollywood Studios, with a modern twist. Indulge in the S'more French Toast breakfast sandwich, grilled three-cheese sandwich, BBQ brisket melt, Totchos or lunch box tarts.

"Everyone has a special food memory, so it can be tricky putting a modern spin on the favorites," Lenny DeGeorge, Concept Development Culinary Director for Walt Disney World, stated in a press release. "We honored these classic dishes by using the best ingredients to elevate the flavors. How we constructed the sandwiches was important, such as layering the ingredients in a specific order, to maximize textures and flavors. Why have a cold sandwich when you can have a toasted, hot, gooey, cheese-filled one?"

Entertainment

Sarge and the Green Army Drum Corps will march through Toy Story Land. While we can guess it might be similar to the Storm Troopers' Imperial March, we can also assume it may be a little less intimidating. The Green Army Men will

"toy" with guests, as they lead them to an interactive boot camp. Potential recruits can test their abilities with Pixar balls and oversized crayons, and even during a game of "Sarge Says"— a spin on the common game, "Simon Says."

Character Encounters

In Toy Story Land, you get to actually hang out with the toys. How awesome is that? After boot camp with Sarge, you can meet Buzz Lightyear, Sheriff Woody and Jessie the Yodeling Cowgirl.

Merchandise

Announced earlier this month, new merchandise will be coming to Disney's Hollywood Studios. Guests can leave their Mickey and Minnie Mouse Ears headbands at home and purchase three-eyed alien and Slinky Dog headbands, exclusive to Toy Story Land. Exclusive merchandise will also include T-shirts, other clothing, accessories and more.

Admission to Toy Story Land is included with general Hollywood Studios theme park admission. For more information on Toy Story Land, visit DisneyWorld.Disney.Go.com and search "Toy Story Land."

Also coming to Walt Disney World, H2O Glow Nights at Typhoon Lagoon. Guests can continue the Toy Story fun, and hang out with some of their favorite Toy Story characters like Buzz Lightyear, Woody and

See **TOY STORY**, Page 13.



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SILVER SPURS RODEO IS BACK IN TOWN

RODEO TO FEATURE JUNIOR EVENTS, JUNE 1-2 AT OHP

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

The rodeo is headed back to town next weekend. And this time, it's all about the kids.

The Silver Spurs Rodeo will make its return to Osceola Heritage Park June 1-2, featuring favorite traditional rodeo events plus the School's Out Blowout.

Families are invited to the free School's Out Blowout party before the rodeo, which will be held outside both days. The party includes bounce houses and games, plus music by local DJs and country singer Kenyon Lockry.

"Our summer rodeo has always been a great event for families, with the children of Silver Spurs members being no exception," said Dusty Holley, Big Boss of the Silver Spurs Rodeo. "We at the Silvers Spurs Club care about the community

and all our rodeo fans no matter their age. By offering this free event, we are saying 'thank you' to our students and their families for supporting this great tradition."

Guests of the rodeo are invited to watch young cowboys and cowgirls perform in several events including Junior Bull Riding and Junior Barrel Racing, and can even expect a special appearance by the Junior Pee Wee Quadrille.

"Our Youth that compete in the Silver Spurs Rodeo are our future in the Sport of Rodeo, so it's important that they carry on this tradition in the Junior Bull Riding competition," said Scott Williams, Silver Spurs Club Member and former Bull Rider and Bull Riding Director for the High School Rodeo Association. "My son Weston Williams is in the running for the State of Florida Championships in High School Bull Riding and he started with the



PHOTO/SILVER SPURS RODEO

Mutton Busting event when he was little, and has continued to ride bulls through high school and will graduate in May from Harmony High School, so we are very proud of him carrying on the bull riding tradition."

Also this year, the Mutton Busting event will take place where younger children will ride and race sheep in the arena.

The Silver Spurs Rodeo Committee will be

honoring local veterans during the opening ceremonies of the rodeos.

Tickets to the 141st Silver Spurs Rodeo are \$15 per adult. Kids ages 10 and under are free. Entry to the School's Out Blowout is free and open to the public; no rodeo ticket is required for the party.

For more information on the rodeo and its events, or to purchase tickets, visit www.SilverSpursRodeo.com.

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YOUR SUMMER CHECKLIST: TEE TIME

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Editor's Note: "Your Summer Checklist" is a weekly column running

all summer long, to help you and your family play tourist in your own town. You can submit your suggestions to jdidomenico@osceolanews gazette.com.

I've never played a round of golf. Until a recent media preview at Drive Shack (stay tuned for more on that), I had never even swung a golf club. But as a mini-golf enthusiast, this course is awesome. Definitely a favorite.

Disney's Fantasia Fairways Miniature Golf resembles a true, traditional golf course built on a miniature scale. With sand traps, bunkers, water hazards and sloping greens, the course emphasizes skill over chance.

The course features par-3 and par-5 holes, ranging in length from 63 to 109 feet long. Even some of the top golfers in the world have come to play a round.

While you putt, you can enjoy the surrounding Disney views, including

The Twilight Zone Tower of Terror at Hollywood Studios. If your timing is right, you can even catch the fireworks at night.

And though there is no actual golf dress code enforced, you should totally dress the part. Break out the khaki pants, collared shirts and visors—it 10/10 makes the experience a lot more fun.

Not only can you rent your putters at the clubhouse, but you can also purchase drinks and ice cream bars to cool off on Florida's summer days.

Disney's Fantasia Fairways Miniature Golf is fun for all ages. Single-admission is \$14 for adults (ages 10 and up) and \$12 for children (ages 3-9). Various discounts are given at the gate. Operating hours vary.

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SEAWORLD: 'ELECTRIC OCEAN'

SeaWorld's Electric Ocean has returned for another summer of fun. As the sun goes down, the park comes alive — offering longer park hours and special events for families of all ages to experience.

The theme park's Electric Ocean entertainment includes favorites like the Ignite fireworks show; all-age dance parties, with larger-than-life neon sea creatures at Club Sea Glow; music, lights, lasers and bubbles throughout the live performance of "Pop"; a hilarious, off-the-wall parody of a trip to SeaWorld through the eyes of sea lion superstars Clyde and Seamore; and Shamu's 'Light Up the Night,' a fan-favorite featuring original music and production elements with colorful backdrops and stylistic lighting.

New this year, the Touch the Sky show

features macaws flying overhead while dolphins play below. With original, energetic music and an incredible cast of animal ambassadors, Touch the Sky inspires guests to join in on SeaWorld's mission to protect the world people and animals share.

Electric Ocean is included with standard SeaWorld admission. The special events will run through Sept. 2.

Coming soon to the park: Infinity Falls. This river raft ride will travel through a lush rainforest environment, inspired by some of the world's most incredible freshwater ecosystems. The raft will plunge 40 feet down into the churning whitewater, as the world's tallest drop on a river raft ride. Infinity Falls is expected to open this summer. No official date has been released.



ORLANDO TOURIST DISTRICT REBRAND TO BE ICONIC

I-DRIVE 360 REBRANDS TO ICON ORLANDO 360, NEW ATTRACTIONS AND MORE

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Say goodbye to the Coca-Cola Orlando Eye and hello to ICON Orlando. The 400-foot observation wheel is being rebranded, along with I-Drive 360. The area located in the middle of Orlando's International Drive tourist district is now named ICON Orlando 360.

"Since opening three years ago, the observation wheel has become an instantly recognizable part of the Central Florida landscape and a catalyst for growth along the I-Drive corridor," Cindy Campbell-Taylor — vice president of marketing, sales and public affairs at ICON Orlando 360 — stated in a press release. "As such, the

new ICON Orlando name makes perfect sense as we introduce some key changes and position this iconic structure for the future."

With the rebrand, guests are encouraged to find their "Iconic Moment" at the 18-acre complex with much to see and do.

ICON Orlando 360 is already home to ICON Orlando, SEA LIFE Aquarium, Madame Tussauds Orlando, SKELETONS: Museum of Osteology, and more than a dozen bars and restaurants, with even more to come.

At a media event on May 17, the News-Gazette had the opportunity to experience all of the fun ICON Orlando 360 has to offer. It is truly a great place for families to spend a day

or for friends to spend a night out, with so much to see and do.

According to Campbell-Taylor, there's even more to come for ICON Orlando 360. The area is expected to add several new "ICONic" experiences in upcoming months. This includes ICON Orlando Enhanced Fully Immersive Capsules featuring WiFi, and 'Fun in the Sky: Private Party Capsules' seating up to 10 guests for a private experience.

ICON Orlando will also come to life every night during a newly enhanced, synchronized display, incorporating the courtyard fountains.

With new adventures comes a new way to experience them. ICON

Orlando 360 is expected to offer some new admission options and rates. Guests will be able to enjoy 365 days of fun with the ICONic Annual Pass. A flat \$69 fee (plus tax) allows unlimited entry to ICON Orlando. Annual pass holders can bring a friend at a discounted rate.

Single-ticket admission and annual passes can be purchased online. The new ICON Orlando website went live May 14: www.ICONOrlando.com.

Coming soon: StarFlyer. The StarFlyer is not your traditional swing ride. This daring attraction is only for the bravest of the brave, standing high as one of the tallest structures in Central Florida and as



NEWS-GAZETTE PHOTO/JENNIFER DIDOMENICO

The iconic observation wheel in Orlando lights up for the first time as ICON Orlando, May 17. ICON Orlando 360 will bring new attractions to Orlando.

the tallest StarFlyer in the world. It takes guests up to 400 feet in the air, as they swing above Orlando at 60 miles per hour. The ride is expected to open June 1.

CHEDDAR'S OFFERS NEW SUMMER MENU

WATERMELON VODKARITAS, BLACKENED SALMON

By Jennifer DiDomenico
A&E Editor

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen is offering new menu items for summer, and we have to say they are pretty spectacular.

Cheddar's in Kissimmee hosted a media dinner on May 21, where we got to try all of the new items. We also had the opportunity to chat with Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Executive Chef Brittany Neisen, who creates and reinvents recipes for the menu at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen's corporate office in Central Florida.

Before trying the new items, we tasted two of Cheddar's most favored starters, the Honey Butter Croissants and Homemade Onion Rings. Fun fact: Cheddar's in Kissimmee orders 1,800 pounds of onions every week?

First up on the new menu, the Watermelon Vodkarita. We vote this at the top of our summer drink list. The drink includes a mix of Tito's Vodka, watermelon puree and sour mix. It's even topped with a big ol' slice of watermelon.

News-Gazette freelance photographer Jarred Paluzzi noted the Watermelon Vodkarita is "the perfect summer drink," and other guests commented that "you can't even taste the alcohol." It's great summer blend.



PHOTO/JARRED PALUZZI

Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Executive Chef Brittany Neisen creates and reinvents recipes for the menu at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen's corporate office in Central Florida.

Moving on to the eats, the new summer entrees include Blackened Salmon with Mango Salsa and Salmon & Strawberry Salad. According to Neisen, salsa is a common base in many of the restaurant's dishes.

"We repurpose as many prep items as we can," said Neisen. The onions, for example, are ordered especially for Cheddar's famous onion rings, but are also used in dishes up and down the menu.

The Salmon & Strawberry Salad is refreshing and light — there's no better pair than lettuce and fruit, in my book. Neisen called the salad "iconic for summer."

For dessert, Homemade Chocolate Fudge Cake served with ice cream. Not on the new menu, but certainly delicious.

The post popular year-round menu items include House-Smoked Baby Back Ribs, Homemade Chicken Pot Pie, hand-battered Monte Cristo Sandwich and hand-breaded Chicken Tenders.

Other Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen Florida locations can be found in Brooksville, Daytona Beach, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Lutz, Orlando - Colonial Drive, Orlando - Semoran Boulevard, Pensacola, Pinellas Park, Port St. Lucie, Sanford, Tamarac, Tampa, Wellington and West Melbourne.

For more information on Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, or to view the restaurant's full menu, visit www.Cheddars.com.

For more photos from the media tasting event, visit www.AroundOsceola.com.

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Jessie. Even Rex will be there, hosting family-friendly activities throughout the party.

Along with shorter wait times and less crowds, guests can experience DJ-hosted dance parties, limited-time food, a special adult-only area and more.

H2O Glow Nights at Typhoon Lagoon will run from June 21 to August 11, on select nights. This is a special event; admission is not included with an annual pass. Tickets are \$55 plus tax for guests ages 10 and up, and \$50 plus tax for children ages 3-9.

For more information on H2O Glow Nights at Typhoon Lagoon, visit DisneyWorld.Disney.Go.com and search "H2O Glow Nights."



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MEGACON RETURNS TO ORLANDO



MegaCon, the south east's largest comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming event, attracting more than 100,000 fans every year, took place in Orlando on May 24-27 at the Orange County Convention Center. The four day long convention hosted celebrities including Jason Momoa (DC Justice League), Jeff Goldblum (Jurassic Park), Thor (Ragnarok), Paul Reubens (Pee-Wee Herman), Michael Cudlitz (The Walking Dead), Charlie Cox (Daredevil), Catherine Tate (Doctor Who), Cress Williams (Black Lightning), and The Princess Bride cast reunion featuring Cary Elwes, Chris Sarandon and Wallace Shawn. There were also dozens of Internet celebrities, cosplayers, tattoo artists, vendors and more. For more photos, visit Aroundosceola.com.

Photo submission by Jarred Paluzzi

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SeaWorld Orlando and Busch Gardens are offering free admission to veterans and their families today through July 4, 2018. Veterans must redeem their complimentary single-day ticket(s) online at WAVESOFHONOR.COM, and the free tickets are available online only (not available at the front gate for each park).

FRIDAY 06-01

VALENCIA PRESENTATION AND Q&A

An information session will be held at Valencia's Osceola Campus from 10 to 11 a.m. in Building 4, Room 105. The session includes a presentation about Valencia, a Q&A, plus information on steps to enrollment, the admission process, financial aid, and career options and programs. This is not a new student orientation. Park in lot D or E.

NATIONAL DONUT DAY

Duck Donuts in Kissimmee is celebrating its customers on National Donut Day. Come out and join the fun all day long. Enjoy a free donut (bare, cinnamon sugar or powdered sugar), no purchase necessary. Plus raffles, music, photo booths and made-to-order donuts. The event runs 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. 710 Centerview Blvd. in Kissimmee.

SILVER SPURS RODEO

#SilverSpursRodeo

THE SILVER SPURS RODEO
 The Silver Spurs Rodeo is back in town for two days. Junior Bull Riding and Barrel Racing, Mutton Busting, Pee Wee Quadrille and more. Tickets are \$15 for adults, free for children (ages 10 and under). SILVERSPURSRODEO.COM

SATURDAY 06-02

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.

RELIVE THE 2000s PUB CRAWL

Relive the 2000s at the Downtown Orlando 2000s Pub Crawl. Anything and everything will be from the 2000s, even the music. The crawl includes The Patio, Shots, Chillers and more, ending with a block party on Wall Street Plaza. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day of. Advanced tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

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The Silver Spurs Rodeo is back in town for two days. Junior Bull Riding and Barrel Racing, Mutton Busting, Pee Wee Quadrille and more. Tickets are \$15 for adults, free for children (ages 10 and under). SILVERSPURSRODEO.COM

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.

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.

HISTORY TRUNK

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

MONDAY 06-04

POWERUP YOUR STARTUP OR NEW BUSINESS WORKSHOP

The CashNLearn Free June enrollment to the PowerUp Your StartUp or New Business Workshop is now open. CNL is committed to helping small businesses and entrepreneurs create robust, successful businesses. The Free 10 session workshop is an interactive, live teleconference so you can join us from the comfort of your own home. The sessions start on June 4 and run on select dates through June 19. All sessions are 7-8 p.m. Join us today and claim your spot at CASHNLEARN.COM. Limited space is available.

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

PRIDEFEST KISSIMMEE

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

THURSDAY 06-14

THE LITTLE MERMAID

Opening night of The Little Mermaid, adapted by Brandon Roberts, based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale. The performances will run through July 29 at Orlando Shakespeare Theater. Families of all ages welcome. ORLANDOSHAKES.COM

COFFEETALK

COFFEETALK featuring City Manager Randy Knight, from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Winter Park Country Club.

SATURDAY 06-16

WINTER GARDEN CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW

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

PICNIC WITH FATHER

Picnic with Father — a family fun event, in honor of Father's Day. The picnic is noon to 3 p.m. at the Kraft Azalea Garden in Winter Park.

FAMILY SUMMER SATURDAYS

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MONDAY 06-18

PHYSICIAN LECTURE

Dr. Pasquale Reino, orthopedic surgeon at Poinciana Medical Center, will conduct a lecture about understanding total joint replacement. A physical therapist will also be present to explain physical therapy and answer questions. After the lecture, Dr. Reino will hold an open Q&A. The lecture runs 5:30-6:30 p.m., dinner will be served. RSVP to 1-888-253-8117. Call 407-530-2013 for more information.

SATURDAY 06-23

BBQ AT THE HISTORIC NARCOOSSEE SCHOOLHOUSE

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

FRIDAY 06-29

MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

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

ONGOING

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

RETIRED RACING GREYHOUND ADOPTION

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

TAI CHI FOR ENERGY

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

LIVE MUSIC, DANCE

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

GRIEFSHARE

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

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2018 DODGE

DURANGO HEMI V-8



Manufacturer Photos

The Dodge Durango's combination of utility, advanced technology, class-leading towing and driving range, confident driving dynamics and aggressive styling make it the "Dodge Charger" of the SUV segment. The 5.7-liter HEMI V-8 engine produces a best-in-class 360 horsepower and 390 lb.-ft. of torque and class-leading towing capability of 7,400 pounds. The latest technology includes a programmable digital instrument cluster, available class-exclusive 9-inch dual screen Blu-ray and DVD player, available Beats premium audio system, 8.4-inch Uconnect touchscreen radio with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, navigation and a function to view trailed items through the rear mounted camera while the Durango is in motion.

By Lyndon Conrad Bell
Motor Matters

The last time the Dodge Durango saw a complete redesign was in 2011 when it moved away from its body-on-frame platform to embrace unit-body construction. Designed in concert with the then-new Jeep Cherokee, the Dodge Durango Citadel can be properly referred to as a veteran. So while that update brought the Durango into parity with its competitors of the time, the ensuing seven years have seen the rest of the field advance considerably.

On the other hand however, Dodge has made a number of strides to keep the Durango as fresh as possible. Among the most significant was the adoption of an eight-speed automatic transmission back in 2014 — along with a new interior treatment incorporating Chrysler's outstanding 8.4-inch touchscreen interface hosting the

company's universally applauded Uconnect infotainment system.

As a result, while the Durango's foundation remains rooted in the early part of this decade, the 2018 model still manages to feel contemporary. In fact, if you opt for the luxury-oriented Citadel trim level you'll get the option of the venerable 360-horsepower, 5.7-liter Hemi V-8. Good for 390 lb.-ft. of torque and 22 mpg on the highway, the Hemi can sometimes make you forget just how big Durango Citadel really is.

Happily though, the Dodge puts its size to good use. The 2018 Durango is one of the few vehicles in its class to comfortably accommodate adults in its third row. That's right; seven full-grown people can comfortably occupy the Dodge Durango. Even better, the Dodge's broadly opening rear doors — along with its flip and folding second-row seats — makes that third row easily accessible for grownups.

The Dodge Charger of SUVs

Another byproduct of its spaciousness is 84.5 cubic feet of cargo capacity. Even better, thanks to the presence of that 5.7-liter Hemi in the engine compartment, the Durango is also capable of towing up to 7,400 pounds. Recognizing the fact Durango owners are likely to take advantage of this potential, the Dodge product planners made trailer sway control a standard feature.

While we're on the subject of standard features, choosing the Citadel trim package endows Durango quite comprehensively. You'll find satellite navigation, xenon headlights, automatic high beams, automatic wipers, upgraded brakes, front parking sensors, roof-rail crossbars, a sunroof, a cargo cover, upgraded leather upholstery, additional leather trim, a power-adjustable steering column, a power-adjustable passenger seat, ventilated front seats and a nine-speaker audio system with a subwoofer. In other words, Citadel arrives pretty much fully loaded.

About the only comfort feature you'll likely want to add is the optional rear-seat DVD entertainment system — if you have young children and do long drives. Available driver's aids include adaptive cruise control, blind spot monitoring, automatic emergency braking, lane departure warning and lane keeping assist.

Over the road, you'll appreciate the way the 5.7-liter exerts authority over the Durango's mass. Acceleration is strong, and its sound is wonderfully mellifluous. On the highway, the Durango consumes distance like a hungry person enjoying a sumptuous meal. Cornering can be somewhat ponderous, however, body roll is minimal and a quiet cabin is above average for the class.

Bottom line, this Dodge is very commendable as an alternative to its Grand Cherokee sibling. For 2018, Dodge Durango Citadel pricing starts at \$42,145.



SPECIFICATIONS 2018 DODGE DURANGO CITADEL

VEHICLE TYPE
7-passenger AWD SUV

BASE PRICE
\$42,145 (as tested: \$43,995)

ENGINE TYPE
Hemi V-8

DISPLACEMENT
5.7-liter

HORSEPOWER (net)
360 at 5150 rpm

TORQUE (lb.-ft.)
390 at 4250 rpm

TRANSMISSION
8-speed automatic

OVERALL LENGTH
201.2 in.

TURNING CIRCLE
(curb-to-curb) 40.4 ft.

CURB WEIGHT
5,417 lbs.

FUEL CAPACITY 24.6 gal..

EPA MILEAGE RATING
14 mpg city, 22 mpg highway

Stay agile: 5 tips for easier aging



(BPT) - While many of us may dream of retiring and moving away to a beach-side resort or cabin by the lake, the reality is that most Americans look forward to remaining in their own homes so they can continue to enjoy familiar comforts, activities and loved ones. In fact, an AARP survey recently found that 87 percent of U.S. adults 65 and older and 71 percent of those 50 to 64 wish to stay in their current houses as they get older.

Fortunately, it's becoming easier for seniors to maintain their independence and stay at home longer thanks to the increasing range of services offered to this fast-growing market. This is great news, considering that by 2035, one in three American households are expected to be led by someone 65 or older.

Unlike previous generations who were often forced to leave their homes due to keeping up with home maintenance, personal care and healthcare needs, businesses today offer solutions to these challenges and more.

If you're an aging adult or have parents or other loved ones who are getting older, here are some important services and options that can make aging in place easier.

► **Universal design:** Making your home more easily navigable will make a huge difference should mobility become an issue. Modifications

such as ramped or no-step entrances, wider halls and doorways, lowered electrical controls, lever-style handles, and adapted tubs and showers can be planned over time to help with budgeting.

► **Housecleaning services:** Hiring a professional company to regularly take care of routine housework can take away a huge burden, freeing you up for more enjoyable activities while ensuring your home stays clean, tidy and welcoming to friends and family. Hiring a trusted service provider like Merry Maids ensures a comprehensive cleaning every time. Merry Maids can customize home cleaning plans to accommodate any needs.

► **Emergency alert services:** Think about signing up for a personal emergency response system that can immediately call for medical or police assistance at the push of an (often wearable) button. Many now offer GPS tracking, activity monitoring, fitness tracking, fire and carbon monoxide detection and other advanced features.

► **Transportation services:** If you're nearing the point at which you're unable to drive, you may wish to research other ways of getting you where you wish to go. Depending on your budget, your options might include a service such as Uber, a private car service, a dial-a-ride service, traditional public transportation or paratransit.

► **Grocery delivery:** Fortunately, many grocers are now competing to remain relevant in their industry by offering low-cost delivery services. That pays off for seniors who want to continue to choose their own foods but find shopping or travel physically challenging. Many services even allow you to pick out specific cuts of

meat or pieces of produce online.

Thanks to the buying power of baby boomers, businesses will continue to step up to the plate with new products and services to serve their needs. If you're part of that generation, don't hesitate to take advantage of the latest offerings aimed at making your at-home life easier and more comfortable.

Senior becoming more social media savvy

Over the last decade, seniors have become increasingly more savvy in regard to social media usage.

The Pew Research Center found that, in 2015, around 35 percent of people age 65 and older reported using social media.

That's a large jump from just 2 percent in 2005. As of 2016, 65 percent of people between the ages 50 and 64

reported using social media, according to Pew.

Social media usage among seniors continues to climb, although young adults still comprise the demographic most likely to use it.

Among seniors ages 50 and older, Facebook is by far the most popular social media platform used, followed by Pinterest and LinkedIn.

OBITUARY NOTICES

- Ingrid A. Anderson, 78, of St. Cloud, passed away Tuesday, May 22, 2018. Fisk Funeral Home, St. Cloud, is handling the arrangements. 407-892-2155
- George A. Floss, 83, of Poinciana, passed away Wednesday, May 23, 2018. Osceola Memory Gardens, Kissimmee is handling the arrangements. 407-847-2494.
- Francis Edward Kersey Jr., 55, of Kissimmee, passed away Monday, May 21, 2018. Conrad-Thompson Funeral Home, Kissimmee. 407-847-3188

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 2017-CA-2933-OC
Division: 22
CFEC PROPERTIES, LLC, a Florida limited liability company, Plaintiff,
vs.
ALI INVESTMENTS, INC., a Florida corporation, and WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC., A Florida corporation, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION
TO: WESTMOUNT U.S.A., INC. 250 North Orange Ave, Suite 1400 Orlando, FL 32801
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you seeking partition of the real property consisting of 0.450 acres of unimproved land in Osceola County, Florida, Osceola County Parcel Number: R122528-000004100000 and which is more particularly described as follows:
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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.
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on or before JULY 2, 2018, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either be-

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Dated: May 3, 2018.
Armando R. Ramirez Clerk of Court By: /s/ SN As Deputy Clerk May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

COUNTY, FLORIDA
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NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES
To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **SALON EMVY** located at: 2613 Shelby Ruth Place, in the County of Osceola, in the City of St. Cloud, Florida 34769, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA
General Jurisdiction Division
Case #: 2016-CA-002849 MF
WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY FSB, 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: ARCH TRUST LLC, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF 2016-SE5519 LAND TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 11, 2016, whose residence is unknown, if he/ she/ they be living; and if he/ she/ they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, & SCHNEID, PL 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL:

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is: 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before JUNE 26, 2018/ (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Osceola County, Florida, this 4th day of April 2018.

ARMANDO RAMIREZ CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ S.N. As Deputy Clerk ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, & SCHNEID, PL 6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100 Boca Raton, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL:

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. 7748, 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): C J MALONE, DANA FAYE MALONE Assessed to: **Legal Description:** CENTRAL ACRES SEC 3 PB 2 PG 8 LOTS 162 & 163 Parcel No.: 13 32 34 2790 0001 1620 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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

Dated this day, April 25, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE. ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that IMK PRODUCTS INC, the holder of tax certificate No. 2918, 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): TARPON IV LLC Assessed to: **Legal Description:** POINCIANA VI NBD 1S PB 3 PG 9 BLK 1413 1/27/28 LOT 2 Parcel No.: 25 26 28 6114 1413 0020 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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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, GRANTEES, 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, GRANTEES, 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; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; 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

mail@rasflaw.com 17-023217-AGB May 24, 31, 2018

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

FILE No.: 2011-GA-0036 PG IN RE: The Guardianship of Joseph Roberts,

NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 733.816, Florida Statutes, the Osceola Council on Aging, Inc., Guardian of Joseph Roberts has deposited the amount in excess of \$2,000.00 into the Registry of the Court account with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Osceola County, Florida, for the reason said funds cannot be distributed or paid to the lawful owner because of inability to find the lawful owner or claimant, or, no lawful owner is known to exist, or, the lawful owner or claimant refused to accept such funds. Six (6) months subsequent to the date of the publishing of this notice, said funds will be deposited with the Chief Financial Officer, less Clerk's Fees, if such funds have not

been claimed by the lawful owner or claimant thereof. Signed and dated this 22nd day of May 2018. (CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court of Osceola County, By: /s/ Stacie Conner STACIE CONNER Civil Division Administrator Probate Division May 31, 2018 June 30, 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:
1) 1999 VOLK 2 DR VIN #: WVVDC31JXXW452403 Pursuant to Florida Statute 713.78, these vehicles will be sold at the public auction on JUNE 12, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. Vehicles sold as is, seller reserves the right to bid and guarantees no titles. May 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given that THE STORY GROUP INC, the holder of tax certificate No. 10424, 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): LENA HARDEN, SOAR JEWELL WEST EXEC Assessed to: **Legal Description:** HIGH PRAIRIE SEC E BLK 113 LOTS 40 & 41 PB 1PG 177 Parcel No.: 28 31 33 3340 0113 0400 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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Dated this day, April 25, 2018, publication of this notice is requested. Notice to be published in the OSCEOLA NEWS-GAZETTE. ARMANDO RAMIREZ Clerk of the Circuit Court, Osceola County, Florida By: BB, DEPUTY CLERK May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING

Notice of Application for Tax Deed

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

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OSCEOLA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITY OF ST. CLOUD DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

May 30, 2018

Osceola County 1 Courthouse Square Kissimmee, Florida 34741 (407) 742-2385

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Osceola County.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 19, 2018 Osceola County will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds under Title 1 of the name of the Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the City of St. Cloud Downtown Revitalization Project for the purpose of providing a safe pedestrian path and to improve the City streets and alleyways, utility upgrades, sidewalks and streetscape on Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Florida Avenues and intersections at 10th, 11th, and 12th Streets located in the City of St. Cloud, Osceola County, Florida.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Osceola County has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Osceola County Human Services Department located at 330 N. Beaumont Avenue, Kissimmee, Florida 34741 and may be examined or copied weekdays 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Osceola County Human Services Department, 330 N. Beaumont Ave., Kissimmee, FL 34741, by phone at (407) 742-8402 or email at Danicka.Ransom@osceolacounty.org. All comments received by June 18, 2018 and will be considered by Osceola County prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

Osceola County certifies to HUD that Don Fisher in his capacity as County Manager of Osceola County consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows Osceola County to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of fund and Osceola County's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Osceola County; (b) Osceola County has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD Jacksonville administration office at 400 West Bay Street, Suite 1015, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Don Fisher, County Manager, Osceola County, Florida May 31, 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 THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: 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

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **D & L SALES AND SERVICES** located at: 2905 Evans Way, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34758, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows: DAVID PHILLIPS DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida on this 24th day of May, 2018. May 31, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE # 1322144

Notice is hereby given of the intention to apply to the 2019 Regular Session or subsequent sessions held in 2019 of the Florida Legislature for passage of an act for the relief of Kareem Hawari providing an appropriation (\$3,500,000) to compensate him for his bodily injury (including traumatic brain injury) arising out of negligent supervision on March 5, 2010, which occurred when Mr. Hawari was participating in a wrestling match at Harmony Community School, a school of the School District of Osceola County, and providing an effective date.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

JOE'S AUTO SERVICE CENTER INC., 1123 13th STREET, ST CLOUD, FL 34769 Towed-05/07/2018 Year-2015 Make-LEXUS VIN: 2T2ZK1BA6FC198378 Date of Sale-06/12/2018 Time: 10:00 A.M. Location of Sale - Joe's Auto Service Center INC., 1123 13th Street, St. Cloud, FL 34769 May 31, 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. WESTMONTE 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 FOR OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2018-CP-344 Division PROBATE

IN RE: ESTATE OF KEVIN LEE MOORE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of **KEVIN LEE MOORE**, deceased, whose date of death was January 30, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Osceola County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, FL 34741. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is: May 31, 2018.

Personal Representative: TIM MOLNER 3524 Kaiser Ave. St. Cloud, FL 34772

Attorney for Personal Representative: SAMANTHA SHEALY RAUBA, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 59503 Schatt, Hesser, McGraw P.O. Box 4440 Ocala, FL 34478 Telephone: (352) 789-6520 E-Mail: SRAuba@schatthesser.com May 31, 2018 June 7, 2018

AMENDED 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, Kissimmee, FL 34744, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. PRESTON'S TOWING reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids. **JUNE 6, 2018** 1) 1999 HONDA VIN: 1HGCG1655XA045295 2) 2007 PIAGGIO VIN: ZAPM340W575002312 **JUNE 8, 2018** 1) 1999 HONDA VIN: 2HKRL1865XH518227 (Corrected and revised ad originally published Thursday, May 24, 2018) May 31, 2018

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **EB AUTO SERVICE** located at: 2329 Clay Street, in the County of Osceola, in the City of Kissimmee, Florida 34741, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows: EARL BENNETT DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida on this 24th day of May, 2018. May 31, 2018

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW Pursuant to Section 865.09 FLORIDA STATUTES

To Whom It May Concern: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of: **CRACKER T QUAIL RANCH** located at: 2375 Absher Road, in the County of Osceola, in the City of St. Cloud, Florida 34771, intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations of the Florida Department of State, Tallahassee, Florida. That the party interested in said business enterprise is as follows: TODD S. HUDSON DATED at Kissimmee, Osceola County, Florida on this 24th day of May, 2018. May 31, 2018

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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. **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.

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

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

WARNING**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **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, STARR 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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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 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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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
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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 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.: 18 27 33 2720 0001 2790 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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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

WARNING**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **7480**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): EFREN OCHOTORENA, EVAN RODRIGUEZ Assessed to:

Legal Description: HOLONPAW COUNTY EST UNIT A PB 1 PG 351 BLK A LOT 2C Parcel No.: 24 27 33 3410 000A 002C All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE PORTOFINO VISTA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Board of Supervisors of the Portofino Vista Community Development District will hold a regular meeting and a public hearing on June 27, 2018 at 11:30 AM at the Portofino Vista Clubhouse located at 3545 Allegra Circle, St. Cloud, FL 34772, for the purpose of hearing comments and objections on the adoption of the budget(s) for the operation and maintenance of District facilities for Fiscal Year 2019. In addition, the Board will hear public comment and objections relative to the levy of a non ad valorem assessment pursuant to Florida Law for the purpose of funding operations and maintenance and principal and interest expenses of the District. The District may also fund various facilities through the collection of certain rates, fees and charges which are identified within the budget(s). A copy of the budget(s) may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, 5385 N. Nob Hill Road, Sunrise, Florida 33351, during normal business hours.

The Board will also consider any other business, which may properly come before it. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts.

There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone. At the above location there will be present a speaker telephone so that any interested person can attend the meeting at the above location and be fully informed of the discussions taking place either in person or by telephone communication.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Office at (954) 721-8681 at least five calendar days prior to 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.

Rich Hans
Manager

May 31, 2018
June 7, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a monopole tower at 1276 N John Young Pkwy, Kissimmee, Osceola County, FL 34741 (28 18 12.26 N / 81 24 58.16 W). The height of the tower will be 9.8 meters above ground level (31.7 meters above mean sea level). The tower is anticipated to have no lights. Specific information regarding the project is available by calling Sarah Grauly during normal business hours at 802-578-7030. Any interested party may submit comments by June 23, 2018 with EBI Consulting at 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, PA 17403 on the impact of the proposed action on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National His-toric Preservation Act Section 106. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A1104008. Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should be provided to 618003895-SLG at EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403.

May 31, 2018

WARNING**Notice of Application for Tax Deed**

Notice is hereby given that IMK PRODUCTS INC, the holder of tax certificate No. **2323**, issued on June-01-2011, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows:

Apparent Titleholder(s): EQUIFUNDING LVII LLC Assessed to:
Legal Description: HOTEL SITE FROM THE INT OF THE S LINE OF THER/W OF U S HWY 17 AND THE E LINE OF HOTEL SITE RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W ALONG THE S LINE OF THE SAID R/W OF SAID HWY 111 FT FOR POB FROM THIS PT RUN N 76 DEG 12 MIN W 40 FT, THENCE S 16 DEG W 102.5 FT, S 76 DEG 12 MIN E 40 FT, N 16 DEG E 102.5 FT. TO POB PB A PG 169 Parcel No.: 33 25 28 3450 0001 0410 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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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/fhm/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, SELY 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.

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
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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.

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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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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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Notice is hereby given that 5T WEALTH PARTNERS LP, the holder of tax certificate No. **5106**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): DIAMOND HOMES LLC Assessed to:

Legal Description: LAKE FRONT ADD PB B PGS 61-64 BLK 440 THE S 62.5 FT OF LOT 5 2/26/30 Parcel No.: 01 26 30 0001 0440 0050 All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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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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Notice is hereby given that NEW HOPE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENTS, the holder of tax certificate No. **6618**, issued on June-01-2015, has filed said certificate in this office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The tax certificate information is as follows: Apparent Titleholder(s): CLYDE H SHRIVER Assessed to:

Legal Description: BEG 1979.04 FT S & 716 FT W OF NE COR OF SEC. W 165 FT, S 659.92 FT, E 165 FT, N 659.92 FT TO POB Parcel No.: 25 27 31 9992 0441 001E All of said property being in the County of Osceola, State of Florida.

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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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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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Legal Description: POINCIANA V1 NBD

BRAIN FOOD

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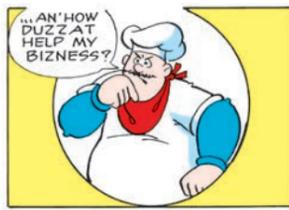
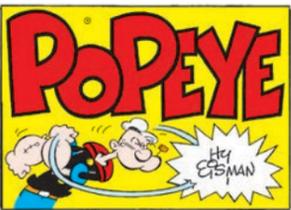
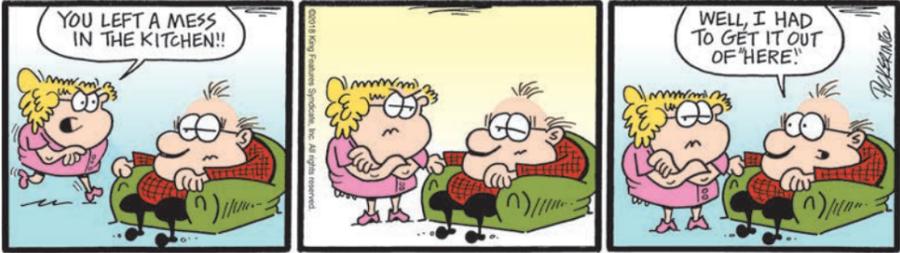
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SCRAMBLERS

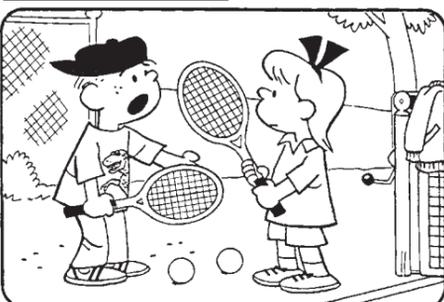
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

- Defer: VESEHL
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- Key: PETALS
- Strange: ZEIBRAR

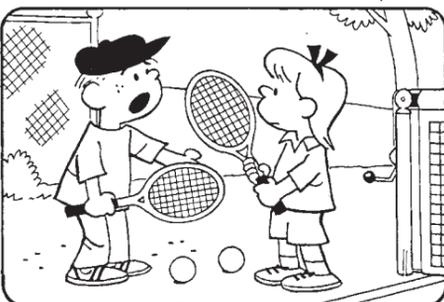
TODAY'S WORD

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Cap is reversed; 2. Dinosaur is missing; 3. Racket is shorter; 4. Bow is smaller; 5. Blouse is shorter; 6. Jacket is missing; 7. Fear of cats; 8. Kelllogg's Frosted Flakes; 9. Elie Wiesel; 10. Hermes, messenger of the gods.

CryptoQuip

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

MJ M YL HGLZQMAP YBCBLA
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IZB LMPDC RYI M'L HYSMAP CDG
LZBATR.

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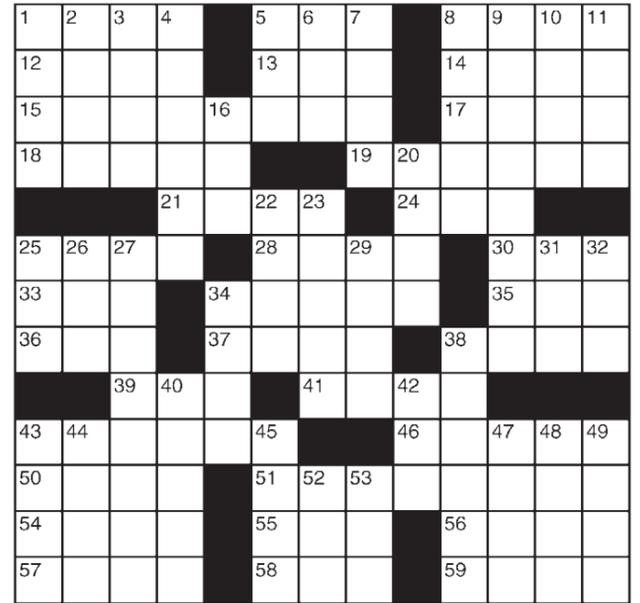
LAFF-A-DAY



King Crossword

ACROSS

- Grand story
- Recipe meas.
- Slender smoke
- Stereo precursor
- Conger or moray
- Opposed to
- Sit on eggs
- Highlander
- Rib
- Off the path
- Thing
- Golf prop
- Related
- Sandwich shop
- Shock and —
- Lair
- Duck down
- Vast expanse
- Pouch
- Male 38-Across
- See 37-Across
- Eggs
- Unrivaled
- Legendary
- Adult insect
- Sahara-like
- On an angle
- Rinky- —
- Use the microwave
- Unrivaled
- Long story



DOWN

- Send forth
- Corn concotion
- Erstwhile Peruvian
- Family member
- With 6-Down, cups and saucers and such
- See 5-Down
- Entreaty
- Haste result
- Enlarge
- Old portico
- Compassion
- Wager
- Use a swizzle stick
- Fix a manuscript
- Olympics prize
- Billboards
- Mauna —
- Arriving
- Toy block name
- Teensy
- Listener
- Jacob's brother
- End
- Bullshot ingredient
- Zero
- Crazes
- Operatic solo
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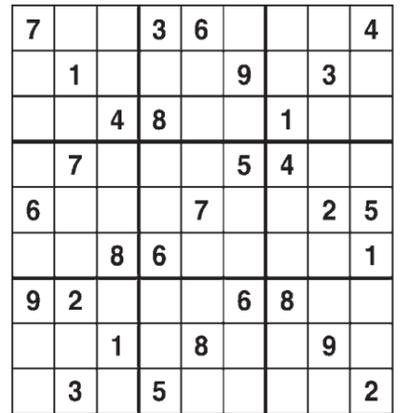
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MATH:** What is the square root of 25?
- GEOGRAPHY:** How many South American countries border Argentina?
- SCIENCE:** The conversion of water vapor to liquid is called what?
- MUSIC:** Who composed the opera "The Barber of Seville"?
- ANATOMY:** Where are the muscles called "lats" located?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of lions called?
- PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear experienced by someone suffering from ailurophobia?
- AD SLOGANS:** What breakfast cereal's ad slogan was, "They're GR-R-R-reat"?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What writer and activist once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference"?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Which Greek god is associated with winged sandals?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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

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King Crossword
Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

ACROSS: 1. Grand story; 2. Recipe meas.; 3. Slender smoke; 4. Stereo precursor; 5. Conger or moray; 6. Opposed to; 7. Sit on eggs; 8. Highlander; 9. Rib; 10. Off the path; 11. Thing; 12. Golf prop; 13. Related; 14. Sandwich shop; 15. Shock and —; 16. Lair; 17. Duck down; 18. Vast expanse; 19. Pouch; 20. Male 38-Across; 21. See 37-Across; 22. Eggs; 23. Unrivaled; 24. Legendary; 25. Adult insect; 26. Sahara-like; 27. On an angle; 28. Rinky- —; 29. Use the microwave; 30. Unrivaled; 31. Long story.

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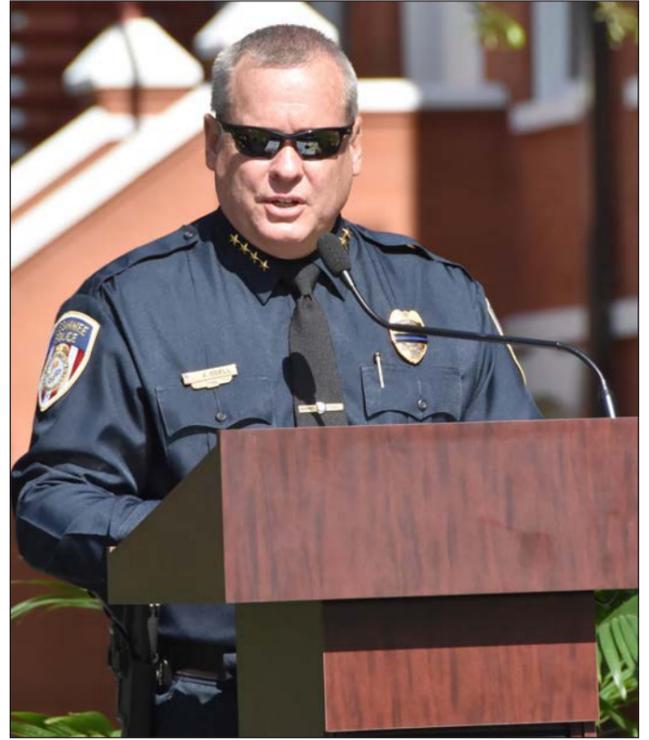
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2 1 6 4 5 9 7 3 8
7 8 9 3 6 1 2 5 4

- Answers
- 5
 - Five: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay
 - Condensation
 - Rossini
 - Back
 - A pride
 - Fear of cats
 - Kelllogg's Frosted Flakes
 - Elie Wiesel
 - Hermes, messenger of the gods

SCRAMBLERS
Today's Word
solution
1. Sheave; 2. Tremor; 3. Staple; 4. Bizarre; 5. MOTHBALLS

REMEMBERING FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT



A special memorial ceremony honoring fallen members of law enforcement took place outside the Osceola County Courthouse Wednesday morning. Dozens of local officers, deputies and community leaders gathered in the courtyard to pay respect to uniformed men and women who lost their lives in the line of duty. The memorial was held in observation of Peace Officers Memorial Day. Top row: Floral wreaths and salutes were given to honor 19 members of the Osceola County criminal justice system who passed away in 2017. Kissimmee Police Chief Jeff O'Dell welcomed visitors to the memorial service. Second row: U.S. Army Retired, Col. Danny McKnight served as the event's keynote speaker. McKnight, earned a Purple Heart, a Bronze Star and Medal of Valor, and several other honors during his career. His service in Somalia in 1993 inspired the book and movie "Black Hawk Down." McKnight spoke about the bravery and sacrifice of law enforcement officers, military personnel and first responders. Third row: The widows of slain Kissimmee Police Officers Matthew Baxter and Sgt. Sam Howard were present at the ceremony, along with their families and loved ones. Right: Taps was played and a 21 gun salute rendered for all those being remembered.



News-Gazette Photos by Martin Maddock

Pie in the Sky

*How to
make a juicy
blueberry
pie and keep
your crust
crisp*

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

We wanted a pie that had a firm, juicy filling full of fresh blueberry flavor with still plump berries, and we also wanted a crisp, flaky crust.

To thicken the pie, we tried cornstarch as well as our gluten-free flour blend but preferred tapioca starch, which was subtle enough to allow the berry flavor to shine through. Too much of it, though, created a congealed mess.

Cooking some of the blueberries down to a saucy consistency helped us reduce the amount of tapioca required, as did adding a peeled Granny Smith apple that we shredded on the large holes of a box grater.

Rich in pectin, the apple helped thicken the berries naturally. Since gluten-free pie crusts can easily turn soggy, we found that preheating a sheet pan in the oven and baking the pie on the lower rack helped keep the crust crisp. (We also offer a gluten-free flour blend).

It's not safe to place a glass (Pyrex) pie plate on a preheated baking sheet. If you must use a glass pie plate, do not preheat the baking sheet; note, however, that your crust will not be as crisp. This pie is best served the day it is made.

BLUEBERRY PIE

Servings: 8
Start to finish: 3 hours

30 ounces (6 cups) blueberries
1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored, and shredded
5 1/4 ounces (3/4 cup) sugar
2 tablespoons tapioca starch
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest plus 2 teaspoons juice
Pinch salt
1 recipe Double-Crust Pie Dough (recipe below)
1 large egg white, lightly beaten

Cook 3 cups blueberries in medium saucepan over medium heat, mashing occasionally with potato masher to help release juices, until half of berries have broken down and mixture is thickened and measures 1 1/2 cups, about 8 minutes. Let cool slightly.

Place shredded apple in clean kitchen towel and wring dry. Combine apple, cooked berry mixture, remaining 3 cups uncooked berries, sugar, tapioca starch, lemon zest and juice, and salt in large bowl.

Adjust oven rack to lowest position, place foil-lined rimmed baking sheet on rack, and heat oven to 425 F. Roll 1 disk of dough into 12-inch circle between 2 large sheets of plastic wrap. Remove top plastic, gently invert dough over 9-inch metal pie plate, and ease dough into plate; remove remaining plastic. Roll other disk of dough into 12-inch circle be-

tween 2 large sheets of plastic. Remove top plastic. Using 1 1/4-inch round cookie cutter, cut hole in center of dough, then cut out 6 more holes, about 1 1/2 inches from hole in center, evenly spaced around center hole.

Spread blueberry mixture evenly into dough-lined pie plate. Gently invert top crust over filling and remove remaining plastic. Trim dough 1/2 inch beyond lip of pie plate, pinch dough edges together, and tuck under itself to be flush with edge of pie plate. Crimp dough evenly around edge using your fingers. Brush pie with egg white.

Place pie on preheated baking sheet and bake until crust is light golden brown, about 25 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 F, rotate baking sheet, and continue to bake until juices are bubbling and crust is deep golden brown, 30 to 40 minutes longer. Let pie cool on wire rack to room temperature, about 4 hours. Serve.

DOUBLE-CRUST PIE DOUGH

Makes enough for one 9-inch pie

Perfect pie dough has just the right balance of tenderness and structure. The former comes from fat, the latter from the long protein chains, called gluten, that form when flour mixes with water. Too little gluten and the dough won't

stick together; too much and the crust turns tough.

So presumably we would face mostly a structural issue with a gluten-free dough, since gluten-free flours are naturally low in protein. As our first step, we swapped in our gluten-free flour blend for the wheat flour in all the pie dough recipes the test kitchen has developed over the years. We produced workable doughs in every case, but an all-butter dough (which includes sour cream for tenderness) had the necessary richness to stand up to the starchiness of the gluten-free flour blend and was clearly the best starting point.

Although we weren't surprised to find that the dough was still too soft and lacked structure, we were taken aback by how tough it was; on its own, the sour cream was not sufficient to tenderize a gluten-free dough. We solved the structural problem easily with the addition of a modest amount of xanthan gum, but flakiness and tenderness were still elusive.

In an effort to further tenderize our dough, we tested ingredients that are known to tenderize: baking soda, lemon juice, and vinegar. Vinegar was the clear winner, producing a pie crust that was not only tender, but also light and flaky. Like conventional recipes, this pie dough can be prepared in advance and refrigerated for two days; however, it is not sturdy enough to withstand freezing.

6 tablespoons ice water
3 tablespoons sour cream
1 tablespoon rice vinegar
13 ounces (2 3/4 cups plus 2 tablespoons) ATK Gluten-Free Flour Blend (recipe below)
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
16 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 1/4-inch pieces and frozen for 10 to 15 minutes

Combine ice water, sour cream, and vinegar together in bowl. Process flour blend, sugar, salt, and xanthan gum together in food processor until combined, about 5 seconds. Scatter butter over top and pulse until crumbs look uniform and distinct pieces of butter are no longer visible, 20 to 30 pulses.

Pour half of sour cream mixture over flour mixture and pulse to incorporate, about three pulses. Add remaining sour cream mixture and pulse until dough comes together in large pieces around blade, about 20 pulses.

Divide dough into two even pieces. Turn each piece of dough onto sheet of plastic wrap and flatten each into 5-inch disk. Wrap each piece tightly in plastic and refrigerate for 1 hour. Before rolling out dough, let it sit on counter to soften slightly, about 30 minutes. (Dough can be wrapped tightly in plastic and refrigerated for up to 2 days.)

THE AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN GLUTEN-FREE FLOUR BLEND

Makes 42 ounces (about 9 1/3 cups)

It is important to bring the mix to room temperature before using it in a recipe. Be sure to use potato starch, not potato flour. Tapioca starch is also sold as tapioca flour; they are interchangeable. See notes at right about shopping for rice flours and substitutes for potato starch and nonfat dry milk powder.

24 ounces (4 1/2 cups plus 1/3 cup) white rice flour
7 1/2 ounces (1 2/3 cups) brown rice flour
7 ounces (1 1/3 cups) potato starch
3 ounces (3/4 cup) tapioca starch
3/4 ounce (3 tablespoons) non-fat milk powder

Whisk all ingredients together in large bowl until well combined. Transfer to airtight container and refrigerate for up to 3 months.

Nutrition information per serving: 506 calories; 227 calories from fat; 26 g fat (15 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 63 mg cholesterol; 339 mg sodium; 70 g carbohydrate; 7 g fiber; 34 g sugar; 6 g protein.



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows a blueberry pie in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "The How Can It Be Gluten-Free Cookbook."

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How to make a yummy Cobb salad without bacon and cheese

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

Stunning presentation aside, Cobb salad has all the markers of a powerhouse meal, including eggs, avocados, tomato, and lean chicken—we just had to do something about all that bacon and cheese.

We were sad to sacrifice bacon's smoky flavor until we tried sauteing shiitake mushrooms with smoked paprika and chili powder. Now we had smokiness and even some umami meatiness without the saturated fat and preservatives. Using kale in place of romaine upped the nutritional ante, and radicchio contributed beautiful color.

For the dressing, just a bit of blue cheese whisked with yogurt, garlic, and lemon juice provided the tangy blue cheese flavor we expected. We tossed some with our greens and drizzled the rest over our still-classic, yet mindfully updated, Cobb salad.

SUPER COBB SALAD

Servings: 6
Start to finish: 45 minutes

8 ounces organic boneless, skinless chicken breasts, trimmed of all visible fat and cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Salt and pepper
2 teaspoons expeller-pressed canola oil

10 ounces shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced thin
1/8 teaspoon smoked paprika
1/8 teaspoon chili powder
8 ounces kale, stemmed and cut into 1-inch pieces (8 cups)
1/3 cup finely chopped red onion
1 tablespoon lemon juice
3/4 cup organic plain low-fat yogurt
3 tablespoons crumbled blue cheese
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 small head radicchio (3 ounces), cored and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
3 hard-cooked large organic eggs, quartered
1 avocado, halved, pitted, and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
6 ounces cherry tomatoes, halved

Pat chicken dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Heat 1 teaspoon oil in 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add chicken and cook, stirring occasionally, until cooked through, 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer to plate and let cool.

Heat remaining 1 teaspoon oil in now-empty skillet over medium heat until shimmering. Add mushrooms and 1/4 teaspoon salt, cover, and cook until mushrooms have released their liquid, 4 to 6 minutes. Uncover and increase heat to medium-high. Stir

in paprika, chili powder, and 1/8 teaspoon pepper and cook until mushrooms are golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Transfer to second plate and let cool.

Place kale in large bowl and cover with warm tap water (110 F to 115 F). Swish kale around to remove grit. Let kale sit in warm water bath for 10 minutes. Remove kale from water and spin dry in salad spinner in multiple batches. Pat leaves dry with paper towels if still wet. Toss onion with 2 teaspoons lemon juice and set aside.

Whisk yogurt, blue cheese, garlic, remaining 1 teaspoon lemon juice, and 1/4 teaspoon salt together in bowl until well combined. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Toss kale and radicchio with 1/2 cup dressing to coat. Transfer to serving platter and mound in even layer. Arrange cooled mushrooms, onion, eggs, avocado, and tomatoes in single, even rows over greens, leaving space at either end. Arrange half of chicken in each open space at ends of platter. Drizzle remaining dressing over salad. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 223 calories; 108 calories from fat; 12 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 125 mg cholesterol; 322 mg sodium; 12 g carbohydrate; 5 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 19 g protein.



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows a super Cobb salad in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "Nutritious Delicious."

For delicious cake pops at home, ditch the store-bought mix

By AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

There's no denying the novel appeal of cake pops; after all, everyone loves food on a stick, and if it's dessert, even better.

Most recipes call for starting with cake made from a store-bought mix, breaking it into crumbs, combining it with canned frosting, and forming the mixture into balls. We knew we could do better.

Making a simple homemade yellow cake was easy enough and far superior to anything from a box; baking it in an 8-inch square pan gave us just enough cake for about three dozen pops. While traditional frosting worked as a binder, tasters found the pops overwhelmingly sweet.

Moistening the crumbs with milk worked just as well, and a couple of tablespoons of confectioners' sugar provided just enough sweetness.

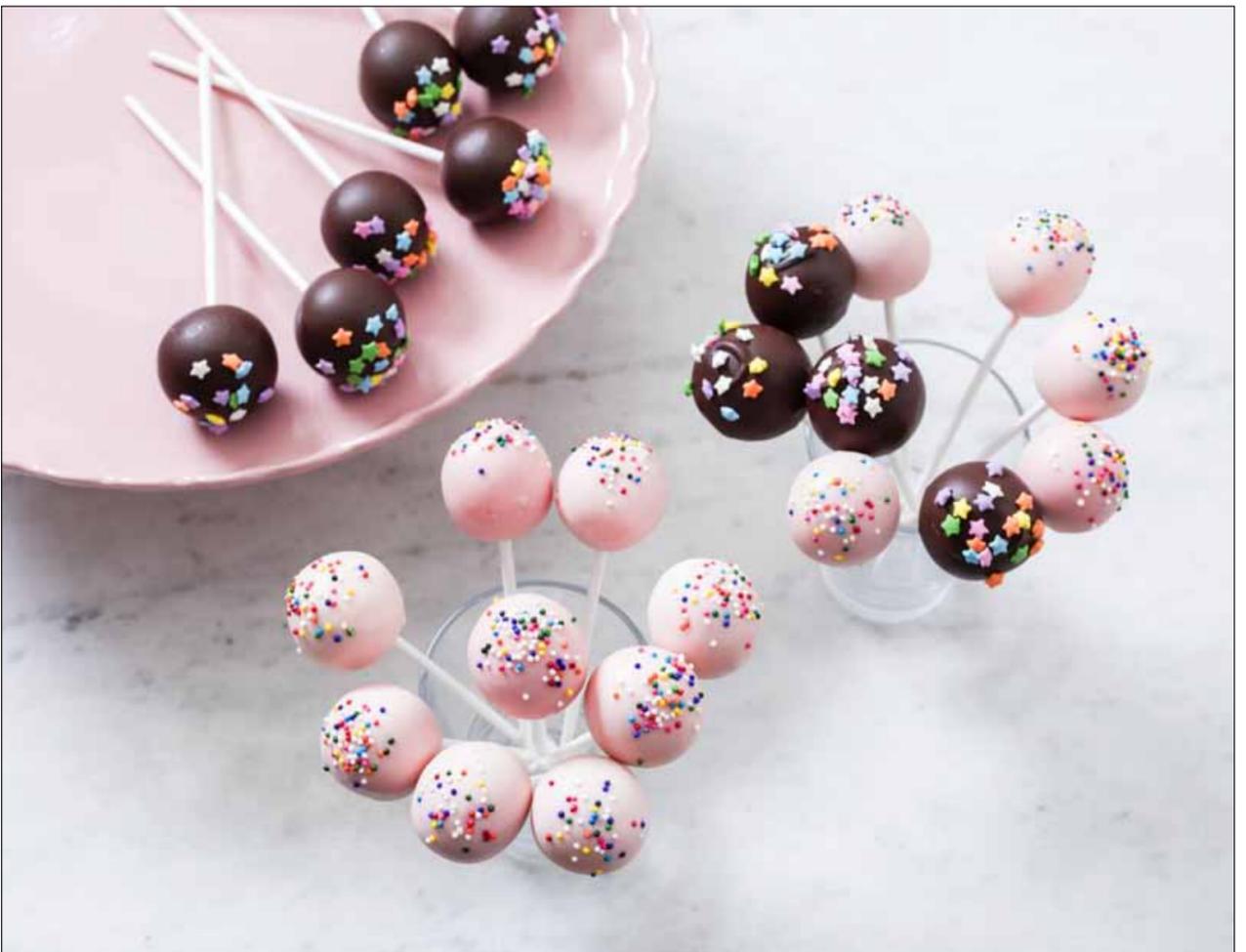
Briefly freezing the cookie dough-like cake balls made them firm enough to stay put on their sticks, and also helped set the coating of melted chocolate chips (chips worked better than bar chocolate because their stabilizers created a smooth, snappy coating).

We like to use a 2-cup liquid measuring cup to melt the chocolate; its tall, narrow sides allow for easier coating of the cake balls. You'll need a floral foam block (available at craft stores and online) to stand the cake pops upright as the coating sets. If you're unable to find one, stand the dipped cake pops upside down on a parchment paper-lined baking sheet (note that this will give the tops a flat appearance). To make different colors for the coating, add drops of food coloring to the melted white chocolate chips.

PARTY CAKE POPS

Makes: 36 cake pops
Start to finish: 4 hours

1 1/2 cups (7 1/2 ounces) all-purpose flour
1 cup (7 ounces) granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
8 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup sour cream
1 large egg plus 2 large yolks, room temperature
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons confectioners'



This undated photo provided by America's Test Kitchen in May 2018 shows party cake pops in Brookline, Mass. This recipe appears in the cookbook "The Perfect Cake."

sugar
2 1/2 cups (15 ounces) white chocolate chips or semisweet chocolate chips
Lollipop sticks
Multicolored nonpareil sprinkles

Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 8-inch square baking pan, line with parchment paper, grease parchment, and flour pan.

Whisk flour, granulated sugar, baking powder, and salt together in bowl of stand mixer. Fit stand mixer with paddle; add butter, sour cream, egg and yolks, and vanilla; and beat on medium speed until smooth and satiny, about 30 seconds. Scrape down bowl with rubber spatula and stir by hand until smooth and no flour pockets remain.

Scrape batter into prepared pan

and smooth top with rubber spatula. Gently tap pan on counter to release air bubbles. Bake until light golden and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes, rotating pan halfway through baking. Let cake cool in pan on wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove cake from pan, discarding parchment, and let cool completely on rack, about 2 hours. (Cake can be wrapped in plastic wrap and stored at room temperature for up to 24 hours.)

In clean, dry bowl of stand mixer fitted with paddle, break cake into rough 1-inch pieces. Add milk and confectioners' sugar and beat on medium-low speed until broken into fine, evenly moistened crumbs and cohesive dough begins to form, about 1 minute, scraping down bowl as needed.

Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Working with 1 packed tablespoon cake mixture at a time, roll into balls and place in single layer on prepared sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze until firm but still pliable, 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Microwave 2 cups chocolate chips in 2-cup liquid measuring cup at 50 percent power, stirring occasionally, until melted, 1 to 2 minutes. Working with 1 cake ball at a time, insert lollipop stick into cake ball, stopping at center. Dip entire cake ball into melted chocolate and turn until completely coated (tipping measuring cup to the side as needed). Lift up from chocolate (do not turn upright) and gently shake side to side to allow excess coating to drip off evenly. Turn cake pop upright, gently twist back and

forth to even out coating, and insert stick into foam block. Sprinkle with nonpareils. Stir and rewarm chocolate in microwave as needed to stay fluid; add remaining 1/2 cup chocolate chips and melt when chocolate level becomes too low to dip easily. (If cake balls become too soft, re-freeze until firm.)

Let cake pops sit at room temperature until coating is set, about 30 minutes. Serve. (Cake pops can be kept at room temperature for up to 4 hours or refrigerated for up to three days; bring to room temperature before serving.)

Nutrition information per cake pop: 132 calories; 62 calories from fat; 7 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 27 mg cholesterol; 35 mg sodium; 16 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 12 g sugar; 2 g protein.

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False accusations about immigration fly between opponents

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump and Democratic critics traded outraged, sometimes plainly false accusations about immigration as the debate over "lost" children and the practice of separating families caught crossing the border illegally reached a new boiling point.

The White House on Tuesday wrongly blamed Democrats for forcing Trump's administration to separate children from parents. Liberal activists and others, including some from media outlets, tried to highlight the issue by tweeting photos of young people in steel cages that actually were taken during the Obama administration. Others seized on reports the government had "lost" more than 1,000 children, though that wasn't quite the case.

It all comes just in time for the midterm elections as Republicans and Democrats try to rally core voters by pointing fingers at one another. Trump won the presidency promising to build a wall along the southern border and end illegal immigration, and the White House believes stressing the same issues will drive voters to the polls and help the GOP hang on to their majorities in the Senate and House.

The White House is "really beating the immigration drum in the lead-up to the midterm elections as a rallying cry and as a way of mobilizing voter support for Trump and the candidates that he chooses," said Doris Meissner, a senior fellow at the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute and former commissioner of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during the Clinton administration. "It does seem to provoke a ratcheting up across the board."

Indeed, the situation grew so hostile over the holiday weekend that the president's elder daughter, White House adviser Ivanka Trump, came under fire for tweeting a photo of herself and her youngest son in their pajamas Sunday morning.

"Focus on what is before you, on what you can control and ignore the trolls!" she later wrote.

During a White House conference call Tuesday, senior adviser Stephen Miller contended "the current immigration and border crisis" is "the exclusive product of loopholes in federal immigration law that Democrats refuse to close."

That was after Trump lit up social media over the weekend by falsely claiming there



In this June 18, 2014 file photo, two female detainees sleep in a holding cell, as the children are separated by age group and gender, as hundreds of mostly Central American immigrant children are being processed and held at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Nogales Placement Center in Nogales, Ariz. President Donald Trump has seized on an error by liberal activists for tweeting photos of detainees at the U.S.-Mexico border in steel cages and blamed the current administration for separating immigrant children from their parents. The photos were taken by The Associated Press in 2014, when President Barack Obama was in office.

was a "horrible law" that separates children from their parents after they cross the border illegally. He had said previously that "we have to break up families" at the border because "the Democrats gave us that law."

But there's no law mandating that parents must be separated from their children, and it's not a policy Democrats have pushed or can change alone as the minority in Congress. The tactic's increased use is being driven by Trump's administration, which recently announced a new "zero-tolerance policy" in which it will press criminal charges against all people crossing the border illegally, even if they have few or no previous offenses. More children are expected to be separated from their parents as a result.

A Customs and Border Protection official told lawmakers last week that 658 children had been separated from their parents at the border from May 6 to May 19 as the parents face charges. That's in addition to hundreds more who were estimated to

have been removed from their parents since October.

The practice has drawn condemnation from Trump critics, who have long accused him of supporting inhumane policies in his efforts to crack down on illegal immigration.

"He actually called the practice horrible. If he thinks it's so horrible then he ought to just end it and not make the children a negotiating tool," said Lee Gelernt, deputy director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project.

"It's never a good idea to separate small children from their parents," said Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla. "I cannot defend that, nor do I wish to."

Curbelo is a leader of GOP lawmakers trying to force House immigration votes next month over leaders' objections.

Trump foes made their own missteps in the debate.

Over the weekend, some critics of the policy tweeted photos of young-looking immigrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in steel cages and blamed the Trump admin-

istration for separating immigrant children from their parents. The problem: The photos were taken by The Associated Press in 2014, when Barack Obama was in office, and the photo captions reference children who crossed the border as unaccompanied minors.

How or why the story resurfaced on social media four years after it was published was unclear. But Trump seized on the error.

"Democrats mistakenly tweet 2014 pictures from Obama's term showing children from the Border in steel cages. They thought it was recent pictures in order to make us look bad, but backfires," Trump tweeted Tuesday. "Dems must agree to Wall and new Border Protection for good of country ... Bipartisan Bill!"

It's unclear what "Bipartisan Bill!" Trump might have been referring to.

Congress is heading toward an immigration showdown in the House as Republican moderates force a June vote on legislation to protect young "Dreamer" im-

migrants and beef up border security.

GOP leaders are trying to stop the bill, which has robust support from Democrats and some Republicans. They're worried any legislation that smacks of "amnesty" for immigrants in the U.S. illegally would dampen conservative enthusiasm ahead of the midterms.

Instead, House Speaker Paul Ryan and his leadership team are trying to put together an alternative approach that most Republicans would support. But finding common ground remains difficult. Trump so far has not engaged in the Capitol Hill debate, even as he repeatedly insists Congress must act.

Also making the rounds on social media over the holiday weekend: Allegations that children placed in custody have been "lost" by federal authorities, which officials say isn't the case.

The allegation, which sparked #WhereAreOurChildren on Twitter, grew out of testimony in April by a federal official that the government had lost track of nearly

1,500 unaccompanied minor children it placed with adult sponsors in the U.S.

An official from the Health and Human Services Department told a congressional hearing last month that his department placed follow-up phone calls from October to December to U.S. households that were sponsoring minors who crossed the border without their parents. They reached 86 percent of the children or sponsors, but the department could not verify the whereabouts of 1,475. In some cases, sponsors simply didn't respond to the follow-up phone call, not surprising because many are themselves in the U.S. illegally and reluctant to speak to authorities.

"If you call a friend and they don't answer the phone, you don't assume that they've been kidnapped," HHS' Steven Wagner said.

Officials said Tuesday they are planning more thorough screening of both minors and their sponsors, including a fingerprint background check of every sponsor.

Gowdy disputes Trump's 'spy' claim, says FBI acted properly

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is no evidence that the FBI planted a "spy" on President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, a senior House Republican said Wednesday, directly contradicting Trump's repeated insistence that the agency inserted a "spy for political reasons and to help Crooked Hillary win."

Rep. Trey Gowdy, chairman of the House Oversight Committee and a longtime Trump supporter, was briefed last week by the Justice Department and FBI following reports that investigators relied on a U.S. government informant in its investigation into Russian election med-

dling. "I am even more convinced that the FBI did exactly what my fellow citizens would want them to do when they got the information they got and that it has nothing to do with Donald Trump," Gowdy, a South Carolina Republican, told Fox News on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Gowdy said he had "never heard the term 'spy' used" and did not see evidence of that.

"Informants are used all day, every day by law enforcement," he told "CBS This Morning."

Gowdy's comments are particularly striking because of his role as a powerful GOP

watchdog who took on Democrat Hillary Clinton in his committee's investigation into the 2012 attacks on American in Benghazi, Libya, while she was secretary of state. The probe unearthed the existence of Clinton's private email server, which triggered an FBI inquiry and crippled her 2016 presidential campaign against Trump.

Gowdy announced in January that he would retire from Congress at the end of the current term and return to work in the justice system.

Trump has zeroed in on, and at times embellished, reports on the informant, calling it "spygate" and tweeting

that it was "starting to look like one of the biggest political scandals in U.S. history." Trump has also rejected assertions by the U.S. intelligence agencies that the Russian government was trying to help him beat Clinton.

Trump's legal team has asked to review classified information about the origins of the FBI investigation to prepare the president for an interview with special counsel Robert Mueller, who is now leading the investigation into ties between Trump's campaign and Russia.

"The folks who have seen the information have the same perspective," Gowdy

said. "The folks who have not seen the information, I don't know what informs their perspective."

Gowdy, did, however, express support for Trump's "frustration" with Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who recused himself in May 2017 from the Russia probe based on possible conflict of interest. The recusal of Sessions, an early backer of Trump's presidential bid, followed the revelation that he had two previously undisclosed interactions during the 2016 campaign with the Russian ambassador.

Gowdy told CBS that Trump is just "expressing

frustration that Attorney General Sessions should have shared these reasons for recusal before he took the job. Not afterward."

Trump tweeted out Gowdy's comments on Sessions, including his saying that "there are lots of really good lawyers in the country" and that the president "could have picked someone else" for the top Justice Department job.

"And I wish I did!" Trump wrote.

Trump did not reference Gowdy's comments that there was no evidence of the FBI planting a spy on his campaign.

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Missouri governor who vowed to fight scandal instead quits

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — On a dreary overcast day, Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens stood in a light rain near the Governor's Mansion and recounted his grueling training as a Navy SEAL officer to suggest he would never quit fighting allegations of sexual misconduct and campaign finance violations.

Less than two weeks later, Greitens announced Tuesday that he is quitting with his mission incomplete.

"The time has come, though, to tend to those who have been wounded and to care for those who need us most," said the Republican governor, his voice cracking while his team members struggled to hold back tears. "So for the moment, let us walk off the battlefield with our heads held high."

Greitens' departure will become official at 5 p.m. Friday — marking a stunning political defeat for the 44-year-old, self-made warrior-philosopher who had aspirations of someday becoming president.

For those fellow Republicans who had strenuously urged his resignation, Greitens' exit provides the divided party a chance to reunify at the start of a summer campaign season in which it's seeking to unseat Democratic U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill.

Greitens' resignation also allows him to avoid the potentially dubious distinction of becoming the first Missouri governor ever impeached. A House investigatory committee had subpoenaed Greitens to testify next Monday during a special monthlong session focused solely on his potential discipline.

Fellow Republican Lt. Gov. Mike Parson — a former state lawmaker and sheriff — is to serve the remainder of Greitens' term, which runs until January 2021.

In addition to the legislative investigation, Greitens faced a felony charge in St. Louis of tampering with computer data for disclosing a donor list of The Mission Continues to his political fundraiser in 2015 without

the permission of the St. Louis-based veterans' charity he founded.

A special prosecutor from Kansas City also is weighing whether to refile a recently dismissed invasion-of-privacy charge in St. Louis alleging that Greitens took and transmitted a nonconsensual photo of a partially nude woman with whom he acknowledged having an affair in 2015.

The St. Louis prosecutor's office said it had reached a "fair and just resolution" on criminal charges against Greitens now that he's leaving office, and that more details would be made public Wednesday. But the special prosecutor from Kansas City said Tuesday that her investigation is ongoing.

Greitens could face other investigations. The chairman of the House investigatory committee and an attorney representing the woman's ex-husband both have said they have shared information with FBI agents looking into the governor.

A complaint also remains pending at the Missouri Ethics Commission alleging Greitens filed a false campaign report last year about the source of the charity donor list.

On May 17, Greitens suggested to a crowd of supporters gathered for an agricultural event that wouldn't give up.

"No matter what they throw at me, no matter how painful they try to make it, no matter how much suffering they want to put me and my family through and my team through ... we are going to step forward day after day after day, and we are going to continue in our mission to fight for the people of Missouri," Greitens said then.

On Tuesday, Greitens remained defiant even while resigning.

"I am not perfect. But I have not broken any laws or committed any offense worthy of this treatment," he said. "I will let the fairness of this process be judged by history."



AP Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens reads from a prepared statement as he announces his resignation during a news conference, Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at the state Capitol, in Jefferson City, Mo. Greitens resigned amid a widening investigation that arose from an affair with his former hairdresser. Greitens said his resignation would take effect Friday.

Greitens is a married father of two young sons. He is a Rhodes scholar with a doctoral degree in politics who traveled the world on humanitarian missions before joining the Navy. After being wounded in Iraq, he founded a veterans' charity and became a best-selling author and motivational speaker.

He campaigned as a political outsider in 2016, winning an expensive Republican gubernatorial primary and then defeating Democratic Attorney General Chris Koster in the general election to give Missouri Republicans control of the governor's mansion for the first time in eight years.

Greitens had a sometimes rocky relationship with the GOP-controlled Legislature as he pushed his agenda, once comparing them to third-graders and frequently denouncing them as "career politicians."

His support in the Capitol unraveled further after the night of Jan. 10, when a St. Louis TV station aired a report featuring an audio recording secretly made by a woman's ex-husband. In that, the woman describes how Greitens allegedly bound her hands, blindfolded her and took a compromising photo while threatening that he would distribute it if she ever spoke of their encounter. Greitens denied threatening blackmail, but hasn't directly answered questions about whether he took the photo.

A St. Louis grand jury indicted Greitens on Feb. 22 on one felony count of invasion of privacy related to the alleged photo. That prompted the Missouri House to form a special investigatory committee.

In April, the legislative panel released a report containing graphic testimony in which the woman said Gre-

itens had restrained, slapped, shoved and belittled her during a series of sexual encounters that at times left her crying and afraid. Greitens denied any violence and said the allegations amounted to a "political witch hunt." He vowed to stay in office.

But Greitens' troubles deepened in the ensuing weeks when Republican Attorney General Josh Hawley — who is running for McCaskill's seat — referred evidence to the St. Louis prosecutor leading to the felony charge alleging misuse of the charity donor list.

A May 2 House committee report indicated that Greitens himself received the donor list while CEO of the charity and later directed political aides to work off it. Shortly before Greitens resigned Tuesday, the House panel heard a second round of testimony from former aide Michael Hafner about the

charity donor list and other efforts by Greitens' campaign to conceal the original source of some political donations.

Earlier Tuesday, a judge also ruled that a secretive pro-Greitens nonprofit group called A New Missouri must comply with a legislative subpoena for any documents or communications showing potential coordination between the organization, Greitens and his campaign committee. The subpoena also sought receipts, content and communications by A New Missouri related to media advertising.

The judge said the identities of donors to A New Missouri — which don't have to be publicly disclosed because it is a 501c4 organization — could be redacted from the documents.

The legislative panel also had subpoenaed other Greitens' campaign aides.

Need an entry-level job at a store? It can be harder now

NEWYORK (AP) — Asia Thomas knew she was at a disadvantage. It had been 16 years since she quit a job at McDonald's to raise her kids. When she left, restaurants didn't have kiosks to take orders, people didn't use smartphones to pay, and job seekers did applications on paper.

"Things have changed," said Thomas, who lives in Baltimore. "And there were a lot of things I forgot."

Getting a job at a store or fast-food restaurant — often a way into the economy for an unskilled worker — used to be as simple as walking up and down the mall and applying. Now, with store chains closing and laying off thousands of workers, that path is more complicated. The stores that remain financially healthy are actually raising wages in a tight labor market. But they're seeking a new type of worker — one who has a lot more skills up front.

Thomas, 44, was able to get a job at wholesale club B.J.'s for \$12 an hour — but that was only after signing up for computer lessons and taking a class in retail basics like how to track inventory and handle issues like returns. That led her to another opportunity at a casino.

Across all entry-level retail jobs, the number of skills

being demanded rose from 2010 to 2016, according to an analysis done for The Associated Press by Burning Glass Technologies, which scours 25 million job postings.

Burning Glass found a greater emphasis on customer service and communications skills for cashier, stock clerk and sales floor support jobs. And for many other entry-level jobs, employers want even more skills, like the ability to use customer relations software like Salesforce. Even forklift operators are being asked to be proficient in inventory management software.

This has major consequences for workers without college degrees or vocational training trying to get an economic foothold. A decade ago, workers, especially young ones, could start as cashiers and move up to become store managers or even higher. But now, it's harder to even get in the door.

"The bottom may be coming out of the career ladder," said Burning Glass CEO Matt Sigelman.

Experts say those who might otherwise have started out at working at a store may head instead to cleaning, dishwashing or health aide jobs. The number of jobs in those fields is expected

to grow far more than in retail. While these jobs may pay about the same as retail, they can be more demanding physically and provide less opportunity to move up.

"This phenomenon is creating more pressure on incomes at the lower end of the middle class and will push people down closer to and even below the poverty line," said Fred Crawford, senior vice chairman of consulting firm AlixPartners. "It will exacerbate the growing gap between the haves and have-nots."

These changes are being driven by companies' use of large amounts of data not available a generation ago. Supermarkets, for instance, use loyalty programs to better track customers' shopping habits. Clothing chains are now quickly reacting to the latest fashion trends, adjusting the merchandise on store shelves within days. That means front-line workers must do more.

Take cashiers. Employers asked for five skills in 2016, up from three in 2010. The job often requires running sophisticated registers that track loyalty cards, digital coupons and real-time inventory.

"We are looking for workers who are not only friendly and passionate but people

who are tech-savvy," said Marisa Velez, store director of DSW Designer Warehouse in New York's Union Square.

That's a shift from just five years ago, when the technology a sales clerk at the service yourself shoes and accessories chain would use would involve a calculator or calling another store to check if they have an item.

At DSW, Phoebe Li swiftly navigates the aisles stacked with boxes of shoes, seeing if customers need help while she scans an iPad to check on online inventory. The tablets DSW uses will soon be able to ring up a sale as well. "If I see someone bending down looking for a size, I ask them, 'How is everything?'" said Li, 24, who has worked at DSW part-time since February.

"Customers are coming in with limited time," Velez said. "They're rushing. They want what they are looking for. We're able to expedite that through the app, through the iPad and making sure we are respecting their time while still capturing the sale."

Online home goods retailer Wayfair is increasingly looking for customer service and warehouse workers with problem-solving skills. Its employees help customers design a room, or they figure

out how to pack a truck without damaging fragile items. So it's now recruiting gamers at places like Comic Con for those roles, said Liz Graham, who oversees customer service and sales.

Nearly a third of all first jobs in the U.S. are in retail. But 62 percent of service-sector workers, which includes jobs like cashiers and store sales assistants, have limited literacy skills and 74 percent have limited math abilities, according to the National Skills Coalition, funded by Walmart Inc.'s charitable arm.

Chains like Target and Walmart are increasing training on the job. And the nonprofit arm of the industry's trade and lobbying group, the National Retail Federation, launched a training and credential program for entry-level workers last year, joining with nonprofit groups like Goodwill to teach classes. But that may not be enough to fill the skill gap. There were more than 700,000 current job openings in retail in March, according to government data.

The retail industry "relied on a largely unskilled entry labor force. Now, it's leaning more toward skilled people and competing with other sectors" like technology, said

economist Frank Badillo, founder and director of research at MacroSavvy.

The training programs are making difference. Nadine Vixama would have never had a shot without them. Vixama, 42, emigrated from Haiti eight years ago and worked in a money payment business and then at a dry cleaners. But she wanted something that was more about customer service.

She did snag a job at Whole Foods in Cambridge, Massachusetts, first as a bagger and now as a cashier, making a little more than \$11 an hour. But that was after taking English classes and the store basics program developed by the NRF.

"I've learned to treat customers in a better way ... how to keep pace with them," Vixama said. At another class offered by a workplace group, she learned about spreadsheet programs like Excel and studied basic accounting.

Vixama just finished the second class, and shadowed a manager at CVS as part of that training. She's considering an entry-level job at a drugstore and mulling her options.

"I don't want to stay like this," she said. "I want to have better growth opportunities."



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Russian journalist reported killed in Ukraine shows up alive

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian journalist Arkady Babchenko turned up at a news conference in the Ukrainian capital Wednesday less than 24 hours after police reported he had been shot and killed at his Kiev apartment building. The country's security services said Babchenko's death was faked to foil a plot to take his life.

Ukrainian police said Tuesday that Babchenko, a strong critic of the Kremlin, was shot multiple times in the back Tuesday and found bleeding there by his wife. Authorities said they suspected he was killed because of his work.

Vasyl Gritsak, head of the Ukrainian Security Service, announced at a news conference Wednesday that the security agency and the police had solved Babchenko's slaying. He then startled everyone there by inviting the 41-year-old reporter into the room.

To the applause and gasps of the press, Babchenko took the floor and apologized to the friends and family who mourned for him and were unaware of the plan.

"I'm still alive," he said.

Before ushering Babchenko into the room, Gritsak said investigators had identified a Ukrainian citizen who had been recruited and paid \$40,000 by the Russian security service to organize and carry out the killing. The unidentified Ukrainian man in turn hired an acquaintance who had fought in the separatist war in eastern Ukraine as the gunman.

Babchenko, one of Rus-



A view of the multi-storey building where Russian opposition journalist Arkady Babchenko lived, in Kiev, Ukraine, Wednesday, May 30, 2018. A Russian journalist harshly critical of the Kremlin was said to be shot and killed in the Ukrainian capital Tuesday, and the national police said they are assuming he was targeted because of his work. On Wednesday, it was revealed at a press conference that he is still alive, and that the Ukrainian government helped him fake his death.

sia's best-known war reporters, fled the country in February 2017 after receiving death threats. He spoke and wrote about leaving the country because of the threats against

him and his family. He said his home address was published online and the threats he received were made by phone, email and social media.

Ilya Ponomarev, a former

Russian lawmaker who also moved to Ukraine, said Wednesday that Babchenko continued being threatened after he settled last fall in Kiev, where he worked as a host

for the Crimean Tatar TV station. Babchenko did not take the intimidation too seriously, according to Ponomarev.

Moscow's annexation of Crimea and support for

separatist insurgents in eastern Ukraine were topics on which the journalist was scathingly critical of the Kremlin.

Belgium shooting rampage was terrorist act, prosecutors say

BRUSSELS (AP) — The man who killed four people in the Belgian city of Liege this week carried out an act of "terrorist murder" and may have intended to cause more carnage, prosecutors said Wednesday, as authorities tried to establish whether he acted alone.

Benjamin Herman, an inmate on a two-day prison furlough, attacked two female police officers from behind with a knife on Tuesday, stabbed them repeatedly, stole their handguns and shot them as they lay on the ground, officials said. Crossing the road, he fired several shots at a 22-year old man who was a passenger in a car, killing him. Herman then took a cleaning woman hostage at a nearby school. When police closed in, he ran out onto the sidewalk firing and police fatally shot him. Four officers were wounded.

He yelled "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for God is great, several times during Tuesday's rampage, prosecutors said. Officials later confirmed that Herman had also killed another

person Monday.

The attack has shaken Belgium where police and military have been working overtime to guard public buildings for two years since coordinated suicide attacks on the Brussels airport and subway system killed 32 people and injured hundreds on March 22, 2016.

Belgian federal magistrate Wenke Roggen said Wednesday that the attack was considered "terrorist murder and attempted terrorist murder." She said it's being treated as terrorism given the way Herman acted, which she says resembled Islamic State calls via video to attack police with knives and steal their weapons, the fact that he yelled "Allahu Akbar" and was in contact with radicalized people.

The attack started outside a Liege cafe and Roggen said the attacker went in and out of it a few times after shooting the officers but that people inside had fled or hidden thanks to the quick thinking of the owner.

An investigating magistrate specializing in terror-

ism has ordered autopsies on those killed at the scene and a toxicology examination of the attacker.

Prosecutors said Herman has had several run-ins with police since he was a minor. He has been sentenced on assault, drug and insubordination charges. He left prison early Monday on furlough and should have returned Tuesday evening.

"He also committed a murder the night before," Interior Minister Jan Jambon told broadcaster RTL. Jambon said the fourth victim was a former inmate who did prison time with Herman. Herman is alleged to have killed the man on Monday evening by hitting him over the head with a blunt object.

Jambon added that the woman he took hostage may have talked the shooter down and helped to avoid more deaths inside the school.

Jambon, Prime Minister Charles Michel and King Philippe visited the woman in hospital, where she was being treated for shock.

"She was very coura-

geous and perhaps, but this we will have to verify, she helped avoid more victims in the school," Jambon said.

The cleaning woman, identified only by her first name Darifa, told state broadcaster RTBF that Herman said he just wanted to "stir up" the police. He asked her if she was a Muslim and if she was observing the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

"He told me don't worry, I won't do anything at all. Listen, you do what I say, but don't worry. I won't do anything to you," the woman said.

She said he threw his ID card on the ground before running out to confront the police.

"I think he knew that it was all over for him. And he went out," she said.

Jambon said an investigation has been launched into the incident, including the circumstances surrounding Herman's release from prison.

"It's really an isolated case. He wasn't part of a network, he didn't receive instructions from anyone else, so there is no need

to raise the terror threat alert level," Jambon said, adding that investigators have no precise information that any other attacks might be likely.

Amid questions about how two officers could have been disarmed, Jambon praised the work of all involved, saying "the police did an extraordinary job."

"They reacted well. All the systems, all the procedures worked. But if you are attacked from behind, as was the case with the two officers, you can't do anything," he said.

The police officers have been identified as Soraya Belkacemi, 44, and Lucile Garcia, 54. The passenger in the car was named as Cyril Vangriecken, 22, who was preparing to become a primary school teacher.

Belgian media reports named the man killed before Tuesday's rampage as Michael Wilmet.

In Liege, the mother of Soraya Belkacemi, Bernadette Hennart, kissed a necklace and laid it over flowers at the scene, saying it was important for

her and the victim's brother to visit the place where her daughter spent her last moments alive.

Hennart said that they had come "to piece things together. No one has told me very much. Only through the media, and it's not nice. I can't stand watching it. I can't say goodbye to her."

Flags were flying at half-staff on public buildings around the city and people gathered to sign a book of condolences and lay flowers in memory of the victims. The prime minister joined others at the scene in a minute's silence. Police and security officials also assembled in Brussels and Antwerp to mourn the loss of their two colleagues.

"Every morning I am scared that something like this will happen, and every day it happens closer to home," Melissa Lamny told The Associated Press after wrapping flowers around a lamppost at the scene of the killings.



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Celtics' Ainge: Prepared to stand pat this summer (maybe)

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Danny Ainge tore apart the team that made the Eastern Conference finals last year, and then put together a new roster that came one victory from playing for an NBA title.

This summer may present him with an even bigger challenge: standing pat.

With Gordon Hayward and Kyrie Irving coming back from injuries to join fellow All-Star Al Horford and young stars Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum, the Boston Celtics general manager doesn't really need to do much to give the NBA's most-decorated franchise a chance at its 18th title.

And that's not really in Ainge's nature. "I like this group of guys," he said Monday, a day after the Celtics lost Game 7 of the conference finals to the Cleveland Cavaliers. "We're not looking to make changes, other than a handful of tweaks."

But he also said: "You never know what opportunities will present themselves."

The Celtics finished with the No. 1 seed in the East in 2017, but the five-game loss to the Cavaliers in the conference finals reinforced what Ainge already suspected: that that team was not going to take the next step.

He went after Hayward (and, unsuccessfully, Kevin Durant), then won the draft lottery.

It still wasn't enough.

When Irving asked the Cavaliers to trade him, Ainge pounced, giving up fan favorite Isaiah Thomas in a package that left Boston with 11 new players. (He also wheeled the No. 1 overall pick to Philadelphia for a future No. 1 and the right to draft Tatum — the player he says he really wanted.)

Despite losing Hayward in the first quarter of the season opener, and Irving in March, the Celtics had home-court advantage for Game 7 and led the Cavaliers with six minutes left in the fourth quarter. But with the Celtics shooters turning ice cold, LeBron James proved to be too much, amassing 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists while playing every second of the game.

"The farther you go in the playoffs, the more difficult it is to lose," Ainge said. "It was one of those games we lost that we should have won. That's going to eat at all of us for a while."

But the team's performance in the playoffs also gave the Celtics reason to believe that this team may be good enough to contend for the title. And with the two injured All-Stars returning, this summer doesn't have to be like last summer.

"Last year, we didn't know all that stuff was going to happen, but we do feel we have a bright future with this team," Horford said. "It's something we're all looking forward to. We can't think about 'what could have been.' But when Kyrie is on our team, we're at another level."

The biggest issue for the Celtics this year is holding onto guard Marcus Smart, who is a restricted free agent and expected to draw offers of \$12 million to \$14 million. Ainge said the team is willing to pay the luxury tax if that's what it takes to build a contender.

And Smart said he wants to stay.

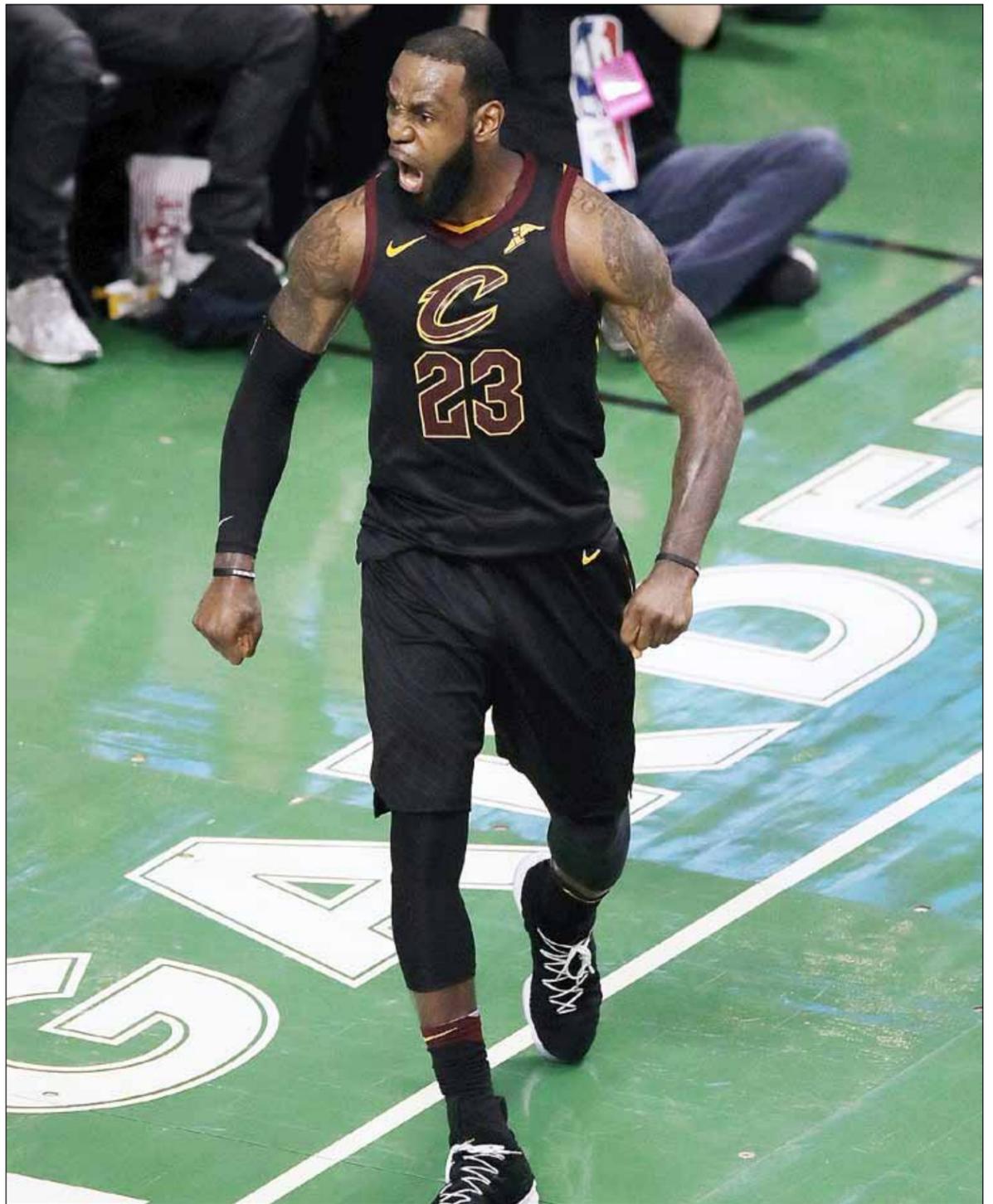
"They're already planning for me to be here," he said at the team's practice facility after exit interviews. "I want to be in Boston. I've been here for four years. My heart's here."

Center Aron Baynes is an unrestricted free agent, as are Greg Monroe and Shane Larkin.

"I hope we have something special with this group," said Brown, who in his second year averaged 14.5 points and 4.9 rebounds per game. "But in this league, you never know."

And with Ainge calling the shots, it's almost impossible to predict the future.

"We're not going to do something unless it makes us better. And there's no guarantee that those deals are there," Ainge said. "At this time last year, I didn't think we would have 11 new players."



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James reacts to a play during the second half in Sunday's Game 7 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals against the Boston Celtics in Boston.

NO DAYS OFF

Another NBA Finals brings another huge challenge for LeBron

BOSTON (AP) — LeBron James will get a couple days to catch his breath, then make his annual June journey to Golden State or down to Houston to face a team far better than his.

His eighth straight NBA Finals sets up as one of his most difficult, flanked by a largely unheralded set of teammates who force him to do much more at 33 than most other players are ever asked.

But James keeps showing he can do it, and he can't wait for his chance to win another ring.

Dare count him out? "At the end of the day, the game is won in between the lines, and we have an opportunity to play for a championship," he said after Sunday's 87-79 victory over Boston. "That's all that matters."

James dragged an injured and inconsistent Cavaliers team out of the Eastern Conference and back to the NBA Finals, where they will be an underdog against whichever team wins Game 7 in the West on Monday.

But after playing all 48 minutes in his 100th game of the season, punctuating one of the greatest series a player has ever had with 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, he

sure looks capable of more.

And the Cavaliers will need every bit of it. They had to play seven games just to get out of the first round, and seven more to finish a climb out of 2-0 deficit against a younger, more athletic Celtics team. They have to be tired, and that's no way to go into a series against Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors, who blew Cleveland away in five games last year, or James Harden and a Rockets team that can be every bit as potent on one end and lock teams down on the other.

The only way it would appear Cleveland would have a chance would be if James can summon his highest level, the kind that perhaps no other player can reach — and then do it three more times.

The Celtics have seen him do it, after he averaged 33.6 points, 9.0 rebounds and 8.4 assists to eliminate them in the East finals for the second straight year.

"I think we've played now until May 25th and May 27th the last two years, and we started on Sept. 25th," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. "That's every day. Every day that you're totally focused on this, and he's gone past that eight straight times.

It's ridiculous, and he does it at this level and with the pressure, with the scrutiny. Doesn't matter. It's just unbelievable."

This was the year James' finals streak looked over. Kyrie Irving had been traded to Boston in the offseason, Isaiah Thomas, Dwyane Wade and Derrick Rose weren't the answers as his replacement, and Kevin Love missed significant time with injuries.

And even after the Cavaliers remade their team at the February trade deadline, it didn't look good enough. Cleveland had finished just fourth in the East, never developing the necessary cohesiveness required to be even a mediocre defensive team, let alone a championship-caliber one. They still can surrender open shots everywhere, a flaw that seems fatal against the 3-point happy Rockets or Warriors.

The only obvious advantage the Cavaliers have is James, the kind of player who can win a Game 7 in Boston with a team that was without its other All-Star because of a concussion and couldn't shoot straight deep into the first half, with Cavaliers other than James missing their

first 10 3s until J.R. Smith hit one with 2:54 remaining until halftime.

"I mean, the bigger the stage, the bigger the player, and he's been doing it for us since we've been here," Cavs coach Tyrone Lue said. "The great quote from the great Doc Rivers is you always want to go into the Game 7 with the best player, and we have the best player on our team going into a Game 7. I like our chances."

And he'll like them again starting Thursday even if the odds makers don't. The Cavaliers were probably far better last year and could only get a game from the Warriors.

But two years ago, they also weren't given much of a shot against the Warriors, especially after falling behind 3-1 in the finals. Nobody had ever overcome that deficit in the championship round, and Cleveland had to do it against a team that had won an NBA-record 73 games.

James led that comeback to Cleveland's first title, and now he's got a shot for another unlikely one.

"I'll be available for at least four more games," James said, "and we'll see what happens."



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Senior NKorean official heads to NY to plan for Trump summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. “continues to actively prepare” for an “expected summit” between President Donald Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un in Singapore, the White House said, as diplomatic efforts are underway on two continents to prepare for the historic meeting.

Trump confirmed Tuesday that a top North Korean official, Kim Yong Chol, is headed to New York for talks with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. It marks the latest sign that prospects for the summit are growing, just days after it was ostensibly called off by Trump, as teams of U.S. officials have arrived at the Korean demilitarized zone and in Singapore to prepare for the meeting.

The conference had been scheduled for June 12 in the island nation, but Trump announced last week that he had decided to “terminate” the meeting following a provocative statement from the North and its decision to skip planning talks and ignore preparatory phone calls. White House officials have characterized the letter from the president to Kim as a negotiating tactic, designed to bring the North back to the table.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said that since the letter, “the North Koreans have been engaging,” with the U.S.

“The United States continues to actively prepare for President Trump’s expected summit with leader Kim in Singapore,” she said in a statement Tuesday.

South Korean media had reported earlier that Kim Yong Chol’s name was on the passenger list for a flight Wednesday from Beijing to New York. Kim was seen in the Beijing airport on Tuesday by Associated Press Television. Sanders said he would meet with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in New York later this week.

“We have put a great team together for our talks with North Korea,” Trump

tweeted Tuesday morning. “Meetings are currently taking place concerning Summit, and more. Kim Young Chol, the Vice Chairman of North Korea, heading now to New York. Solid response to my letter, thank you!”

Kim Yong Chol is a former military intelligence chief and now a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party’s central committee. He will be the highest-level North Korean official to travel to the United States since 2000, when late National Defense Commission First Vice Chairman Jo Myong Rok visited Washington, South Korea’s Unification Ministry said.

Pompeo has traveled to Pyongyang, North Korea’s capital, twice in recent weeks for meetings with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, and has said there is a “shared understanding” between the two sides about what they hope to achieve. It remains unclear whom Kim Yong Chol will meet in the United States.

Meanwhile, a team of American diplomats are holding preparatory discussions with North Korean officials at the DMZ. The group first met with their counterparts Sunday, and was seen leaving a Seoul hotel on Tuesday, but it was unclear whether they went to Panmunjom, a village that straddles the border inside the Demilitarized Zone. The U.S. officials are led by Sung Kim, the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, who formerly was the U.S. ambassador to Seoul and a top negotiator with North Korea in past nuclear talks. It includes senior officials with the National Security Council and the Pentagon.

The White House emphasized that it has remained in close contact with South Korean and Japanese officials as preparations for the talks continue. Sanders said Trump will host Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan on June 7th to coordinate their thinking ahead of the summit. Trump hosted South



In this May 28, 2018 photo, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe walks out from his official residence to meet journalists after talking on the phone with President Donald Trump in Tokyo.

Korean President Moon Jae-in last week.

South Korean media also reported that a North Korean delegation arrived in Singapore on Monday night, where other U.S. officials, led by White House deputy chief of staff Joe Hagin, are preparing for the summit.

South Korea’s Foreign Ministry said Washington and Pyongyang were engaging in “working-level” talks to arrange the possible summit, but said it couldn’t confirm specifics. Ministry spokesman Noh Kyu-duk also did not say whether Seoul knew of any U.S. plans regarding Kim Yong Chol’s visit, such as whether he and Pompeo would meet.

Trump withdrew from the planned summit with Kim Jong Un last Thursday, citing hostile North Korean comments, but has since said the meeting in Singapore could still happen as originally scheduled on June 12.

“We are having very productive talks with North Korea about reinstating the Summit which, if it does happen, will likely remain in Singapore on the same date, June 12th., and, if necessary, will be extended beyond that date,” Trump tweeted Friday.

White House counselor Kellyanne Conway said Tuesday morning in an appearance on Fox News Channel’s “Fox & Friends” that the president had “sent over two delegations - one for logistics and one for more diplomatic purposes that are on the ground making the logistic preparations for June 12.”

“But, as the president has said,” she added, “if it doesn’t happen June 12 it could happen thereafter.”

Moon, who has lobbied hard for nuclear negotiations between Trump and Kim Jong Un, held a surprise meeting with the North Korean leader Saturday in an effort to keep the summit alive.

In their second meeting in a month, Moon said Kim Jong Un expressed a willingness to cooperate to end confrontation and work toward peace for the sake of a successful summit with Trump. But the North Korean leader also said he was unsure whether he could trust the United States to end hostile policies against North Korea and provide security assurances if the country does abandon its nuclear weapons, according to Moon.

At their first meeting on April 27, Kim Jong Un and Moon announced vague aspirations for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and permanent peace, which Seoul has tried to sell as a meaningful breakthrough that increases the chances of successful talks between Kim and Trump.

Their second meeting came after inter-Korean relations had chilled in recent weeks, with North Korea canceling a high-level meeting with Seoul over

South Korea’s participation in a two-week military exercise with the United States that ended last week.

Since the 1970s, the United States and South Korea have been holding a major summertime exercise called Ulchi Freedom Guardian that involves tens of thousands of troops. South Korea’s Defense Ministry said Tuesday there have been no discussions yet between Washington and Seoul on modifying the drills, which usually take place in August.

Despite the North’s apparent eagerness for a summit with Trump, there are lingering doubts about whether Kim Jong Un will fully relinquish his nuclear weapons, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival. Moon has insisted he can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and bombs in a verifiable and irreversible way in exchange for credible security and economic guarantees.

Not so easy: Trump’s trade agenda hits stumbling block

BY KEN THOMAS
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump’s hard-line views on trade, a staple of his message long before he entered politics, are beginning to collide with the cold realities of global geopolitics.

Trade talks on China and the North American Free Trade Agreement have hit stumbling blocks, posing a challenge for a president who vowed to make trade deals more equitable for the United States during his 2016 campaign and who famously tweeted that trade wars are “easy to win.”

Trump’s trade agenda — at least lately — has not been so easy.

Trump’s administration announced plans Tuesday to slap \$50 billion worth of tariffs on Chinese technology while taking steps to impose new investment restrictions and export controls, aimed at pushing China to remove trade barriers that make it difficult for

U.S. companies to do business in China.

The new action came after the administration said earlier this month that it had suspended plans to impose \$150 billion in tariffs for now and the president tweeted last week that a “different structure” would be needed in the trade talks involving the world’s two largest economies.

The president has bemoaned the massive U.S. trade deficit with China — \$337 billion last year — as evidence that Beijing has been complicit in abusive trading practices and outsmarted his predecessors.

Pointing to a pause in the trade dispute, the administration had pointed to China’s plans to “significantly increase” its purchases of U.S. goods and services and make “meaningful increases” in U.S. exports of agriculture and energy products. Financial markets, wary of a calamitous trade war, were relieved.

But Beijing did not agree to any specific dollar

amounts, despite the Trump administration’s push to lower the U.S. trade deficit by at least \$200 billion. And doubts remain about whether China will address allegations the Chinese engage in cybertheft of trade secrets, force U.S. companies to transfer some of their technology in exchange for market access or back away from its China 2025 plan to dominate emerging technologies.

Separately, on Friday, the U.S. reached a deal on ZTE Corp. that will allow the Chinese telecommunications giant to remain in business. Under the deal, ZTE will oust its management team, hire American compliance officers and pay a fine — on top of the \$1 billion it’s already paid for selling equipment to North Korea and Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions. In return, the U.S. Commerce Department will lift a seven-year ban on ZTE buying components from U.S. companies. The ban, imposed this month, threatened to put

ZTE out of business.

Trump said earlier that a resolution would help U.S. firms that supply ZTE with components, but members of Congress, including several Republicans, warned that the U.S. is being too lenient on a company that has violated U.S. sanctions.

“ZTE presents a national security threat to the United States — and nothing in this reported deal addresses that fundamental fact,” said Sen. Chris Van Hollen, a Maryland Democrat. “If President Trump won’t put our security before Chinese jobs, Congress will act on a bipartisan basis to stop him.”

Trump’s team, meanwhile, has hit an impasse with Canada and Mexico on negotiations over NAFTA. The president has sought to overhaul NAFTA as a way of returning automobile production to the U.S. and reduce America’s trade deficit with Mexico.

But the talks are running into the complications of Mexican elections in July

and the U.S. midterm elections in November along with a dispute over rules for car production.

Seeking leverage, Trump’s administration launched an investigation into whether tariffs might be necessary on car imports, based on national security concerns. The potential penalties could affect Mexico, Canada, Japan and the European Union.

The administration used a similar Commerce Department probe to impose tariffs in March on imported steel and aluminum.

But auto manufacturers said they didn’t push for the auto investigation, and members of Congress questioned the validity of the probe.

“The Honda Accord is not a threat to our national security,” said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, hours after joining Trump for a bill signing at the White House. But he added that “taxing it with trade tariffs is a threat to the economic security of millions of hard-working

American families.”

The trade talks with China have come against the backdrop of Trump’s efforts to hold a June summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. His attempts to push Kim toward denuclearization have required the cooperation of China, something the president acknowledged to reporters earlier in the week.

The president said alongside South Korean President Moon Jae-in, prior to this week’s uncertainty over the Singapore summit, that he has a “much bigger picture” in mind as he considers China trade, a reminder that his trade policies are no longer a matter of campaign rhetoric.

“I’m also thinking about what they’re doing to help us with peace with North Korea. That’s a very important element,” Trump said. “So we’ll see how it all works out. But in the end, it will work out. Can’t tell you exactly how or why, but it always does.”



A surfer makes his way out into the water as a subtropical approaches on Monday, May 28, 2018, in Pensacola, Fla. The storm gained the early jump on the 2018 hurricane season as it headed toward anticipated landfall sometime Monday on the northern Gulf Coast, where white sandy beaches emptied of their usual Memorial Day crowds.

Sex-abusing doctor's patients: No justice in Philadelphia

Patients of a neurologist already facing rape charges in New York and New Jersey say law enforcement officials in Philadelphia are burying nearly identical accusations against him, angering and perplexing women who say they are being victimized twice — first by their doctor, now by a big-city justice system that won't hold him accountable.

A slew of patients who accuse Dr. Ricardo Cruciani of sexual misconduct in Philadelphia have yet to see authorities pursue a felony case against him, even after police in New York City and New Jersey investigated their claims and swiftly filed charges that could put him away for decades.

The Ivy League-trained neurologist faces a total of 30 criminal counts. He has pleaded not guilty and is free on \$1 million bail.

In Pennsylvania's largest city, "they're just turning a blind eye. That's what's so egregious and utterly disgusting," said Hillary Tullin, 46, who saw Cruciani for years and said she was assaulted repeatedly by him in all three states. "That's why people don't come forward, because they don't believe they'll get justice or that anything will happen."

Philadelphia police and prosecutors defend their handling of the investigation, noting Cruciani pleaded guilty to an earlier set of misdemeanor charges that required him to give up his medical license and register as a sex offender. City officials acknowledge Cruciani's latest accusers are frustrated but say some of their cases are too weak to prosecute. Other complaints are still under investigation.

Tanisha Johnson, one of six patients interviewed by The Associated Press about their experience with Philadelphia law enforcement, said she called police multiple times in a fruitless effort to schedule an interview. She recalled a particularly distressing March conversation with a supervisor in the special victims unit.

"What he said to me was, 'The case in Philadelphia has already been dealt with. I suggest you contact New York and New Jersey.' My response was, 'You want me to contact New York and New Jersey about a crime that took place in Philadelphia?' I was offended by that," Johnson said.

Capt. Sekou Kinebrew, a police spokesman, said the department doesn't comment on conversations between accusers and special victims unit investigators.

"It was disheartening and it was disrespectful, and I was disregarded," said Johnson, 43. "When I hung up the phone, I cried for about three hours. I can't believe that's the way you would deal with a victim of rape."

Johnson said she eventually managed to give a statement, but only after she traveled from her home in New York City to Philadelphia and went to the DA's office unannounced. Cruciani arrived in Philadelphia two years ago as a heralded pain doctor. As chief neurologist at Drexel University's medical school, he saw patients with rare, complicated syndromes and chronic, unrelenting pain.

His accusers say Cruciani used that specialized medical knowledge to trap them in long-term doctor-patient relationships marked by abuse, taking advantage of their desperation. Some of the women say Cruciani forced them to have intercourse and perform oral sex and penetrated them with his fingers.

The neurologist's misconduct first came to light, ironically, in Philadelphia, where he was charged last year and later pleaded guilty to relatively minor groping counts involving seven patients. He received seven years' probation, a punishment some of the victims viewed as a slap on the wrist.

The publicity prompted a round of new, more serious accusations.

A 55-year-old woman who alleges Cruciani abused her for years told the AP that she gave a statement to Philadelphia police in late 2017 but has heard nothing since. The woman said police in New York and New Jersey responded immediately, communicated with her each step of the way and charged Cruciani based on her account.

"There was already so much misery and shame going on, and to have to go through all this is just ridiculous," the woman, who lives in Dutchess County, New York, said of Philadelphia law enforcement. "Did they not take me seriously? Were they trying to cover it up? All these things go through your head when you're ignored. I was so ignored."

The Associated Press does not typically identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault unless they grant permission, as Tullin and Johnson have done.

In Philadelphia, a total of 18 accusers have filed police reports since May 2017, including 10 who came forward after his arrest in September, according to the police department.

Philadelphia police routinely buried rape cases in decades past, a practice exposed by The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1999. The scandal prompted major reforms, including an annual, confidential review of police sexual assault files by outside advocacy groups. A former prosecutor not associated with the case said he is perplexed by Philadelphia's handling of the Cruciani cases.

"I would find it surprising, regardless of whether he was charged in another jurisdiction, that if they have multiple, overlapping, credible victims who want to see this man prosecuted, that charges wouldn't be filed," said Dave Zuckerman, a Pittsburgh defense lawyer and former assistant district attorney. "To me, that is not customary."

Tullin is outraged the DA's office declined her case. She said a prosecutor cherry-picked two statements in a police interview to wrongly imply she had consented to sex acts with Cruciani.

"It was the very first interview I ever did. I didn't have an advocate, I had never talked about this with anybody, I hadn't seen a trauma counselor. You're saying things that sometimes don't make sense," Tullin said. "And what I was saying was taken out of context."

South doused with heavy rains from remnants of Alberto

BY JAY REEVES
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — The remnants of Alberto doused the Deep South with waves of rain Tuesday as the vast, soggy system pushed northward toward the Tennessee Valley.

Forecasters said the subtropical depression swirling near Birmingham could dump as much as 6 inches (15 centimeters) of rain on central Alabama.

Heavy downpours reduced visibility for commuters, while toppled trees blocked roads south of the city. The U.S. Golf Association canceled a practice round of the U.S. Women's Open Championship, being played at Shoal Creek, because of the weather.

Alabama Power Co. said about 20,000 homes and businesses were without electricity Tuesday, most in the Birmingham area.

In south Alabama near the Florida line, the city of Andalusia reopened its roads after ordering residents to stay off streets overnight because of flash flooding and downed trees and power lines.

As the first named storm of the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season, Subtropical Storm Alberto lumbered ashore Monday afternoon in the Florida Panhandle and then weakened overnight to a depression.

Forecasters said that rain could still kill people caught in flash floods in the coming hours or days in Alabama and large areas of Georgia, Tennessee and the Carolinas.

In North Carolina, a television news anchor and a photojournalist were

killed instantly on Monday while covering the weather, when a tree became uprooted from rain-soaked ground and toppled onto their SUV, authorities said.

"Two journalists working to keep the public informed about this storm have tragically lost their lives, and we mourn with their families, friends and colleagues," North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said in a statement.

"North Carolina needs to take Alberto seriously. I urge everyone to keep a close eye on forecasts, warnings and road conditions, especially in western North Carolina where even heavier rain is predicted."

Between 2 and 6 inches (10-15 centimeters) of rain could soak Alabama and western Georgia on Tuesday, and isolated deluges of 12 inches (30 centimeters) also are possible as the system heads into the Tennessee Valley on its way to the Ohio Valley and Great Lakes region.

Alberto dumped between 2 and 5 inches (2 and 13 centimeters) of rain over parts of the Florida Panhandle, according to the National Weather Service. Double-red flags along the white sandy beaches kept most people out of the rough waters, and some low-lying areas experienced minor flooding, officials said.

"Most of the issues we're having right now are downed trees and downed limbs," Walton County spokesman Louis Svehla told the Northwest Florida Daily News. "Our beaches did good. There was not a lot of erosion. The surge was not that large."

Santa Rosa County officials had put

out many piles of sand several days ago in case people wanted to make sandbags to mitigate any flooding in their homes. People who took those supplies will be better prepared as the hurricane season gets its official start on Friday, said county spokeswoman Brandi Whitehurst.

"What Alberto has done for us is to have people dust off their hurricane plans and stock up on supplies," Whitehurst said.

The pelting rain soaked the uniform and socks of Lt. Andy Husar with the Bay County Sheriff's Office, who watched surf get kicked up along Panama City Beach on Monday.

"It's not a good sign, getting hit by a storm before hurricane season," Husar told the Panama City News Herald.

As a subtropical storm, Alberto had a less defined and cooler center than a tropical storm, and its strongest winds were found farther from its center.

The large tree that crushed the TV news vehicle Monday afternoon near Tryon, North Carolina, killed news anchor Mike McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer of WYFF-TV of Greenville, South Carolina, the station said.

They had just interviewed Tryon Fire Chief Geoffrey Tennant as they covered storms in North Carolina.

"Ten minutes later we get the call and it was them," Tennant said at a news conference, his voice cracking.

Tennant said the roots of the large tree tore loose from ground saturated by a week's worth of rain. The men died instantly, their vehicle's engine still running, he said.

Starbucks closing over 8,000 stores for anti-bias training

BY TERRY TANG
Associated Press

Starbucks is closing more than 8,000 U.S. stores for a few hours Tuesday to conduct anti-bias training in the company's latest step to deal with the fallout over the arrest of two black men at one of its shops in Philadelphia.

After the incident last month, the coffee chain's leaders apologized and met with the men but also scheduled an afternoon of training for 175,000 employees.

"We still aspire to be a place where everyone feels welcome," Starbucks chairman Howard Schultz said in an open letter Tuesday. He said the instruction will become part of how Starbucks trains all its workers.

According to a video previewing the session, Starbucks executives and rapper-activist Common were to deliver recorded remarks. From there, employees were to "move into a real and honest exploration of bias" where, in small groups, they can share how the issue comes up in their daily work life.

Developed with feedback from the NAACP Legal Defense and Education

Fund, the Perception Institute and other advocacy groups, the four-hour session was designed to give workers a primer on the history of civil rights from the 1960s to the present day. The agenda included a short documentary film.

Training in unconscious, or implicit, bias is used by many corporations, police departments and other organizations. It is typically designed to get people to open up about prejudices and stereotypes.

The Perception Institute, a consortium of researchers consulting with Starbucks, defines implicit bias as attitudes — positive or negative — or stereotypes someone has toward a person or group without being conscious of it. A common example, according to some of its studies, is a tendency for white people to associate black people with criminal behavior.

Many retailers, including Walmart and Target, said they already offer some racial bias training. Target says it plans to expand that training. Nordstrom has said it plans to enhance its training after apologizing to three black teenagers in Missouri who were falsely accused by employees of shoplifting.

In the Philadelphia incident, Rashon Nelson and Donte Robinson were asked to leave after one was denied access to the bathroom. They were arrested by police minutes after they sat down to await a business meeting. The incident was recorded by cellphone and went viral.

Nelson and Robinson settled with Starbucks for an undisclosed sum and an offer of a free college education. They also reached a deal with the city of Philadelphia for a symbolic \$1 each and a promise from officials to establish a \$200,000 program for young entrepreneurs. Starbucks said the arrests never should have occurred. It has since announced anyone can use its restrooms, even if not buying anything.

Calvin Lai, an assistant professor of psychological and brain sciences at Washington University in St. Louis, said people should not place high expectations on this one day.

"We find that oftentimes diversity training has mixed effects, and in some cases it can even backfire and lead people who are kind of already reactive to these issues to become even more polarized," Lai said.

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Financial turmoil engulfs Italy amid political uncertainty

MILAN (AP) — The specter of a financial crisis came back to haunt Italy on Tuesday, as its markets plunged on fears that it is heading toward another election that could shape up to be a referendum on whether to stay in the common currency.

Carlo Cottarelli, a former IMF official, was tapped as premier of a non-political government of technocrats after an attempt by two populist parties to form a government foundered. The president, who in Italy appoints the premier and ministers, had opposed the populists' choice of a euroskeptical economics minister.

Cottarelli was expected to submit his list of ministers to President Sergio Mattarella on Tuesday, but left the president's office without comment after about an hour, unexpectedly delaying the formation of a government. A

spokesman for Mattarella said the two would meet again Wednesday morning.

The Cottarelli government, which would see Italy through a period of uncertainty, seems doomed even before it's created. The populist parties, which got the most votes in the inconclusive March election, have promised to vote against it in a confidence vote. That would force Italy to new elections in the late summer or early fall.

The anti-establishment 5-Star Movement and the anti-euro League have been emboldened by the president's dismissal of their government in favor of an unelected group of technocrats. They say it shows the establishment ignores the popular vote.

That could raise the stakes for the next election by making it more clearly about whether Italy

should reconsider its membership in the euro.

"Italy will be wrapped in a long drawn-out period of wrangling that will feature intense anti-establishment and euroskeptical tones," said political analyst Wolfgang Piccoli. He said that while he doubted either populist party would embrace a clear euro-exit platform, they would be more combative toward Brussels.

The Milan stock index was down more than 2 percent, weighing particularly hard on banks, and Italian bonds suffered a plunge reminiscent of the worst days of the financial crisis of 2011. The government's borrowing rate for two-year money more than doubled, to 2 percent, indicating a surge in investor concern. The 10-year yield rose to near 3 percent, according to FactSet.

"We should now call this a cri-

sis," said Kit Juckes, an analyst at Societe Generale.

Ratings agency Moody's warned that it would cut Italy's rating — now just two notches above junk level — if the next government doesn't present a budget that puts Italy on a trajectory to reduce its debt, now at 132 percent of GDP, the second highest rate in the eurozone after Greece.

If Cottarelli does not pass a vote of confidence, as is nearly certain, his government would not get a chance to set out such a budget.

In an annual speech on the state of the Italian economy, Bank of Italy governor Ignazio Visco tried to sound a warning against the tide of populism, saying that "Italy's destiny is that of Europe."

"We are part of a very large and deeply integrated economic area, whose development deter-

mines that of Italy and at the same time depends on it," he said. "It is important Italy has an authoritative voice in forums where the future of the European Union is decided," Visco said, referring to upcoming EU decisions regarding the governance of the bloc, multi-year budgets and the revision of financial rules.

Visco warned that investors would flee the system if they see their wealth eroded because of an economic crisis, noting that "foreign investors will follow suit even more quickly. The financial crisis that would ensue would put us back significantly. It would taint Italy's reputation forever."

Addressing populists who have raised fears that outside forces are calling the shots in Italy, he said, "we are not constrained by European rules, but by economic logic."

Senior N.Korean official's US visit reminiscent of 2000 trip

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's dispatch of a top lieutenant to the United States suggests that preparations for a summit between him and President Donald Trump are in the final stages. But history shows that such trips don't always lead to summits: The high hopes raised by a similar North Korean mission to Washington to set up a summit 18 years ago ended up dashed.

Trump confirmed in a tweet Tuesday that senior North Korean official Kim Yong Chol is coming to New York. South Korean media earlier reported that his name was on the passenger list for a flight Wednesday from Beijing to New York.

Kim Yong Chol, a vice chairman of the ruling Workers' Party who was seen in the Beijing airport on Tuesday by The Associated Press, has been deeply involved in the diplomacy that followed Kim Jong Un's sudden outreach to Washington and Seoul earlier this year.

He is among a small group of North Korean officials who have accompanied Kim Jong Un to all four of his summits with foreign leaders in recent months — twice with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and twice with Chinese President Xi Jinping. He also visited South Korea in February to attend the closing ceremony of the Winter Olympics at the start of Kim Jong Un's charm offensive.

Kim Yong Chol, who is about 72, is a contentious figure outside North Korea.

Before taking up the job responsible for relations with South Korea in 2016 he was a four-star army general and a military intelligence chief who is thought to have been behind a slew of provocations, including two deadly

attacks in 2010 that killed 50 South Koreans and an alleged 2014 cyber-attack on Sony Pictures. Both Seoul and Washington imposed sanctions on him in recent years.

While in the United States, South Korean media say Kim Yong Chol will likely meet Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who visited Pyongyang, North Korea's capital, twice recently, to finalize plans for the North Korea-U.S. summit. But it's not known what else he'll do there. Media reports said Pompeo could make a third trip to Pyongyang after Kim's U.S. visit.

His U.S. visit will follow a recent diplomatic back-and-forth that began when Trump on Thursday abruptly backed away from the meeting, citing hostile comments by the North. Trump then announced the summit could still happen in Singapore on June 12, as initially scheduled, after North Korea issued an unusually conciliatory statement about his cancellation of the summit.

Subsequently, U.S. and North Korean officials on Sunday began preliminary talks at the Korean border to set the agenda for the summit. The countries were expected to hold another set of working-level meetings in Singapore to discuss protocol, security and other logistical issues for the summit.

While Kim Yong Chol's trip to the United States could further brighten the prospects for the summit, history shows that things could still crumble at the last minute even after an exchange of high-level officials.

In October 2000, then North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, the late dictator father of Kim Jong Un, sent Vice Marshal Jo Myong Rok to Washington on a then-unprecedented goodwill mission. Jo, who died in 2010, remains the highest-level North Korean official

to visit the United States since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

Jo's trip came as the two countries were seeking closer ties following North Korea's first-ever summit talks with South Korea in June 2000.

During his Washington visit, Jo met then President Bill Clinton, conveyed a letter from Kim Jong Il and met Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen. Jo said that improved relations "will be good for both countries and for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and the Northeast Asian region as well."

About three weeks later, Albright made a historic reciprocal trip to Pyongyang to try to arrange a North Korea trip by Clinton. Some U.S. critics suspected Clinton was angling for a hasty foreign policy triumph in his last months in office.

During her stay in Pyongyang, Kim Jong Il took Albright to one of the mass games spectacles that included a giant mosaic displaying a rocket flying into the sky. "This will be our last missile," Kim reportedly told Albright at the time, in an apparent reference to a medium-range ballistic missile the North fired over Japan two years earlier, which stunned the region.

The warming ties between the two countries chilled after President George W. Bush took office in January 2001, taking a tough line on the North. The nuclear confrontation deepened in 2002, with the Bush administration accusing North Korea of running a clandestine uranium enrichment program in breach of a 1994 disarmament deal.

Clinton eventually visited North Korea as a former president in 2009 to secure the freedom of two detained American journalists.

Study: Christians in west Europe less tolerant of immigrants

BERLIN (AP) — Christians in western Europe are less accepting of immigrants and non-Christians than people without religious affiliations, a study published Tuesday that was based on a 15-country survey found.

The Pew Research Center report revealed that Christians — whether or not they are churchgoers — are more likely than western Europeans who don't identify with a religion to express negative views of Muslims, Jews and migrants. They also are more inclined to think their country's culture and values are superior.

"On balance, more respondents say immigrants are honest and hardworking than say the opposite," the study's authors wrote. "But a clear pattern emerges: Both church-attending and non-practicing Christians are more likely than religiously unaffiliated adults in Western Europe to voice anti-immigrant and anti-minority views."

"Undercurrents of discomfort with multiculturalism are evident in Western European societies," the researchers wrote in the report.

The study was based on a telephone survey of 24,599 randomly selected adults in the 15 countries. Pew researchers compared the attitudes of respondents who described themselves as practicing Christians, non-practicing Christians and religiously unaffiliated, including atheists and agnostics.

One of their findings was that ethnic Europeans as a whole hold "mixed views on whether Islam is compatible with their country's values and culture."

In Britain, 45 percent of churchgoing Christians and 47 percent of non-practicing Christians agreed with the statement that "Islam is fundamentally incompatible with our values and culture, the survey showed. Among non-religious Britons, 30 percent shared that view.

In France, nearly three-quarters of church-attending Christians, or 72 percent, agreed it was important to have French ancestry to be "truly French." Among non-practicing Christians, 52 percent took this position, compared to 43 percent of those without religious affiliations.

The survey was conducted during April-August 2017, after more than 2.3 million migrants and refugees had entered Europe during the previous two years, according to the European border control agency Frontex. Some European countries, including Germany and Italy, have seen an anti-immigration backlash and nationalist political parties gaining support.

The survey found that Swedes were the least likely to express nationalist, anti-migrant and anti-minority views, while Italians were the most likely.

Although Muslim newcomers have been the focus of far-right campaigns to seal Europe's borders, the survey also asked about attitudes toward Jews in western Europe. For example, 36 percent of Italians, more than in any other country, agreed with the statement that, "Jews always overstate how much they have suffered," compared to the 11 percent of Swedes who did.

However, anti-Muslim sentiment exceeded anti-Semitism in every country.

One-quarter of all the respondents in Italy — Christian and non-religious combined — said they would not be willing to accept a Jew as a family member. The comparable figure in Britain it was 23 percent, in Austria 21 percent and 29 percent in Germany.

By comparison, 43 percent in Italy, 36 percent in Britain, 34 percent in Austria and 33 percent in Germany said they would be unwilling to accept a Muslim as a family member.

A hotly debated question in some parts of Europe is whether Muslim women should be prohibited from wearing concealing garments such as burkas. Most of the adults Pew surveyed supported at least some restrictions on religious dress.

Some 30 percent of those surveyed in Italy, 28 percent in Belgium and 24 percent in both Germany and Austria agreed that Muslim women "should not be allowed to wear any religious clothing." Across the 15 countries where people were surveyed, the median was 22 percent, while half agreed Muslim women should be able to wear religious clothing as long as it does not cover their faces.

Pew said the survey had a margin of error of 2.7 to 3.3 percentage points depending on the number of people questioned in each country.

Man kills 3 in Belgium with guns of stabbed police officers

LIEGE, Belgium (AP) — A knife-wielding man stabbed two female police officers in the Belgian city of Liege, stole their service weapons and shot them and a bystander dead in an attack Tuesday that prosecutors fear could be terror-related.

Justice Minister Koen Geens said the assailant, who was later killed by police, was released from prison on a two-day leave Monday. Geens described him as a multiple repeat offender who had been incarcerated since 2003.

Liege Police Chief Christian Beaupere said at a news conference that the slain officers were 45-years-old and 53-years-old, the latter the mother of twins. Four other officers were wounded in the attack, one of them seriously with a severed femoral artery.

State broadcaster RTBF identified the suspect as Benjamin Herman. Herman, a Belgian national born in 1982,

had a criminal record that included theft, assault and drug offenses, RTBF reported.

The federal prosecutor's office declined to comment.

Earlier, Liege prosecutors' spokesman Philippe Dulieu said the man crept up on the two officers from behind carrying a knife and stabbed them several times.

"He then took their weapons. He used the weapons on the officers, who died," Dulieu told reporters. The two police handguns had a total of 17 bullets.

Dulieu said the attacker then shot dead a 22-year-old man in a vehicle that was just leaving a parking place outside a nearby high school. The attacker then took a woman hostage inside the school.

"Liege police intervened. He came out firing at police, wounding a number of them, notably in the legs. He

was shot dead," the spokesman said.

A senior official at the federal prosecutor's office told The Associated Press that "there are indications it could be a terror attack."

Despite this, Belgium's crisis center said it saw no reason to raise the country's terror threat alert for now.

When asked about the report that the attack was terror-related, Liege city hall Michel Firket spokesman told the AP: "I know nothing formal about that. The police is doing its investigation. There are no formal conclusions."

A spokeswoman for the city mayor's office, Laurence Comminette, told the AP that the children at the school were all safe.

Belgium's King Philippe, Prime Minister Charles Michel and the country's justice and interior ministers traveled to Liege to confer with local officials.

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As rents soar, co-living becomes a more appealing option

BY DEE-ANN DURBIN
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Big city apartment-dwelling can be a financial and emotional drain, but the growing trend of co-living can soften the blow.

Co-living comes in many varieties, from shared houses to luxurious mini-apartments. But the basic premise is the same: Renters can save money and expand their social circle if they're comfortable with smaller digs and shared common spaces. Co-living properties also tend to have more flexible lease terms and no broker fees, which can add thousands to the cost of a rental.

Take Carmel Place, an apartment building in the Kips Bay neighborhood of Manhattan. It opened in 2016 and is run by Ollie, a six-year-old co-living startup. The building has 55 studio apartments that range from 260 to 300 square feet, about the size of a one-car garage. The apartments come with bed linens, towels and furniture designed for tiny living, like a couch that folds into a bed. Residents share a lounge, laundry facilities, a gym and a rooftop terrace.

Apartments at Carmel Place start at \$2,775 per month, which includes cable and Wi-Fi, regular housekeeping and access to social events. One block away, an unfurnished, 510-square-foot studio in a building with a gym is listed at \$3,150 per month.

Matthew Alexander has lived at Carmel Place for almost two years. He had been living with roommates but wanted a place of his own, and he liked Carmel Place because it was new and offered amenities like grocery delivery.

Alexander has befriended his neighbors through Ollie-planned events like a mixology class in Soho and a tour of a Brooklyn chocolate factory. He doesn't mind his apartment's small size, but thinks it would be too small for two people.

"I like the concept of the micro-studio and minimalist living," said Alexander, 27, who works in human resources at Citigroup.

Rooms at co-living spaces are in high demand. Common, a co-living startup with homes in New York, San Francisco, Chicago and Washington, says it's getting 1,000 applications per week for its 500 bedrooms.

Co-living is such a new trend that no one company has perfected it yet, says Bob O'Brien, the global real estate sector leader for the Deloitte consulting firm. He expects a lot of experimentation over the next five to 10 years.

But he thinks the trend could be here to stay, in part because it appeals to so many people. Even if millennials form families and move to bigger homes, there are plenty of transient contract workers and empty nesters who might fill the void.

Ollie will expand its offerings this month in Long Island City, a neighborhood in Queens, New York. It's opening two- and three-bedroom furnished apartments with kitchens (but no living rooms) on 13 floors of a 42-story high rise. It will help match roommates who can pay as little as \$1,393 per month for a small bedroom with a shared bath. Residents have access to an indoor lap pool and a gym.

In the same neighborhood, Craigslist is advertising a bedroom in a two-bedroom apartment for \$2,021



In this May 1, 2018, photo, Carmel Place resident Matthew Alexander poses for a photo in the kitchen, dining room, office space and bedroom of his small co-living studio apartment in New York. Alexander says after years of sharing spaces with roommates, he likes the independent, minimalist living style of the building, which features amenities such as housekeeping, grocery delivery, dry-cleaning pickup, a rooftop terrace, a gym, and social gatherings.

per month. "What we're trying to do is create Class B pricing for a Class A product," said Christopher Bledsoe, Ollie's co-founder and CEO. Ollie brings down costs by fitting a lot of people into its buildings and negotiating with furniture suppliers and other vendors.

Bledsoe says two-thirds of Ollie's renters are under 35. But most of the rest are over 50.

WeLive — which spun off from WeWork shared office spaces — is another co-living option, with buildings in Arlington, Virginia,

and New York that have 200 apartments each plus shared office space. The fully furnished apartments are a little larger than Ollie's, but there's a similar focus on big common areas and amenities like housekeeping. A WeLive studio apartment in Arlington starts at \$1,500 per month, or about \$100 less than a nearby unfurnished studio listed on Apartments.com.

Other co-living startups are offering even cheaper accommodations without fancy amenities. HubHaus, a two-year-old startup based in Los Altos, Cali-

fornia, rents homes from landlords and configures them for shared living, sometimes adding rooms to fit more people. HubHaus matches housemates and rents unfurnished bedrooms; the common areas are furnished, Wi-Fi is provided and cleaners come twice a month. HubHaus also sponsors activities like backpacking trips and house dinners.

A room in a five-bedroom HubHaus home near Apple Inc.'s headquarters in Cupertino, California, is available for \$1,250 per month. Up the street, a room with

a bathroom is being offered on Craigslist for \$1,300. A one-bedroom apartment in the same neighborhood is available for \$2,750.

Shruti Merchant, HubHaus's co-founder and CEO, says the company currently has 464 rooms at 75 houses around San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Merchant says co-living is gaining in popularity because affordable apartments are scarce. She also thinks young people feel disconnected and want housing that prioritizes community over privacy.

To love honeysuckle, plant the right one in the right spot

BY LEE REICH
Associated Press

Who couldn't love a plant with a name that speaks of both sweetness and nurturing? Yet there are those who scorn honeysuckle. And — just as bad — there are those who shower honeysuckles with too much affection.

The key to experiencing honeysuckle's sweet side is having the right plant in the right place. The name "honeysuckle" can refer to any of the almost 200 species in Lonicera, the honeysuckle genus, not to mention all the varieties within each species. They vary considerably in appearance, growth habit and, shall we say, exuberance.

THREATENING HONEYSUCKLES

Hall's honeysuckle, deciduous in northern regions and increasingly evergreen as you travel south, is a vine that bears extremely fragrant, yellowish flowers pretty much all summer long. Although it was welcomed enthusiastically when it arrived here from Asia in 1806, it subsequently spread with equal enthusiasm, leading some gardeners to curse it. Especially where winter cold does not keep growth in check, this plant swallows up banks, rocks, trees and shrubs. If you plant Hall's honeysuckle, keep a watchful eye on it.

Amur honeysuckle, which

releases a sweet aroma each spring from yellowish or pinkish blossoms, is another invader that draws critics. This robust shrub will grow as much as 10 feet high and wide, and as its stems arch to the ground, they can take root to create whole new shrubs, which do the same. The shiny, red berries, paired along the stems later in summer, capture our attention because they look so tasty. Birds like eating them and contribute to this honeysuckle's spread, mostly to abandoned fields and the edges of woods, where it often does battle with the multiflora rose, another invasive shrub.

HONEYSUCKLES WORTH PLANTING

Not all honeysuckles threaten to take over the world. And these more timid species still abound in quantities. Take, for example, winter honeysuckle, a plant most appreciated in late winter or early spring. Its flowers, though not particularly showy, emit a powerful, lemony fragrance over a long period of time.

One of my favorite honeysuckles — one of my favorite plants, in fact — is trumpet honeysuckle. The flowers, unfortunately, have no fragrance, but they make up for that in ostentatious beauty with their clusters of long, red trumpets joined at their bases.

Another favorite of mine

is woodbine honeysuckle. Its flowers are more subdued, in pastel purple, pink, and yellow, but they flare wide open and, according to some people (not me), have a fragrance.

Both trumpet and woodbine honeysuckle are twining vines that burst into bloom in early summer, then continue the show at a more restrained pace for almost the rest of the season. To me, every bare telephone pole cries out for this vine. I've clothed two.

One honeysuckle that gets high marks all around is Sakhalin honeysuckle. It's a reasonably sized, rounded shrub with large, red flowers that are followed by red berries. An especially nice feature of this honeysuckle is the golden yellow fall color of its leaves. Despite all the other honeysuckles in the landscape — and some are frighteningly exuberant — let's make an opening for this relative newcomer, introduced in 1917.

EDIBLE HONEYSUCKLES

Two more honeysuckles, honeyberry honeysuckle and bearberry honeysuckle, are worth mentioning because of their blue, edible fruits that ripen very early in the season, even before strawberries. These berries have long been harvested in China, Russia and Japan, and the plants have recently been introduced here.



Unlike some other species of honeysuckle, trumpet honeysuckle is sedate enough to make a good garden plant — and it blooms all summer long.

I haven't found the berries to be particularly tasty. Then again, this is a new fruit, at the same point in develop-

ment now as the apple may have been 2,000 years ago, so I'm willing to wait and see. I'll assume that the nectar —

which gives honeysuckles their name — is at least as sweet as that of other honeysuckles.

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Seoul: North Korea committed to US summit, denuclearization

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Sunday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un committed in the rivals' surprise meeting to sitting down with President Donald Trump and to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." The Korean leaders' second summit in a month Saturday saw bear hugs and broad smiles, but their quickly arranged meeting appears to highlight a sense of urgency on both sides of the world's most heavily armed border.

At the White House, Trump said negotiations over a potential June 12 summit with Kim that he had earlier canceled are "going along very well." Trump told reporters that they are still considering Singapore as the venue for their talks. He said there is a "lot of good will" and denuclearization of the Korean peninsula would be "a great thing."

The Koreas' talks, which Moon said Kim requested, capped a whirlwind 24 hours of diplomatic back-and-forth. It allowed Moon to push for a U.S.-North Korean summit that he sees as the best way to ease animosity that had some fearing a war last year. Kim may see the sit-down with Trump as necessary to easing pressure from crushing sanctions and to winning security assurances in a region surrounded by enemies.

Moon told reporters Sunday that Kim "again made clear his commitment to a complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," and told the South Korean leader that he's willing to cooperate to end confrontation for the sake of the successful North Korea-U.S. summit. Moon said he told Kim that Trump has a "firm resolve" to end hostile relations with North Korea and initiate economic cooperation if Kim implements "complete denuclearization."

"What Kim is unclear about is that he has concerns about whether his country can surely trust the United States over its promise to

end hostile relations (with North Korea) and provide a security guarantee if they do denuclearization," Moon said. "During the South Korea-U.S. summit, President Trump said the U.S. is willing to clearly put an end to hostile relations (between the U.S. and North Korea) and help (the North) achieve economic prosperity if North Korea conducts denuclearization."

Kim, in a telling line from a dispatch issued by the North's state-run news service on Sunday, "expressed his fixed will on the historic (North Korea)-U.S. summit talks." The two Korean leaders agreed to "positively cooperate with each other as ever to improve (North Korea)-U.S. relations and establish (a) mechanism for permanent and durable peace."

They agreed to have their top officials meet again June 1 and to set up separate talks between their top generals.

The meeting came hours after South Korea expressed relief over revived talks for a summit between Trump and Kim.

Despite repeated references to "denuclearization" by the North, it remains unclear whether Kim will ever agree to fully abandon his nuclear arsenal, despite Moon's insistence that Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and bombs in a verifiable and irreversible way in exchange for credible security and economic guarantees.

Moon, who brokered the summit between Washington and Pyongyang, likely used Saturday's meeting to confirm Kim's willingness to enter nuclear negotiations with Trump and clarify what steps Kim has in mind in the process of denuclearization, said Hong Min, a senior analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

"While Washington and Pyongyang have expressed their hopes for a summit through published statements, Moon has to step up as the mediator because the



In this May 26, 2018, photo provided on May 27, 2018, by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, right, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, left, shake hands before their meeting at the northern side of the Panmunjom in North Korea. The content of this image is as provided and cannot be independently verified.

surest way to set the meeting in stone would be an official confirmation of intent between heads of states," Hong said.

U.S. officials have talked about a comprehensive one-shot deal in which North Korea fully eliminates its nukes first and receives rewards later. But Kim, through two summits with Chinese President Xi Jinping in March and May, has called for a phased and synchronized process in which every action he takes is met with a reciprocal reward from the United States.

Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University and a policy adviser to Moon, said the South Korean president wants Kim to accept an alternative approach advocated by Seoul, in which the North's comprehensive commitment and credible actions toward denuclearization are followed by a phased but

compressed process of declaration, inspection and verifiable dismantling.

Before he canceled the summit, Trump this past week did not rule out an incremental approach that would provide incentives along the way to the North.

Following an unusually provocative 2017 in which his engineers tested a purported thermonuclear warhead and three long-range missiles theoretically capable of striking mainland U.S. cities, Kim has engaged in a flurry of diplomatic activity in recent months. In addition to his summits with Moon and Xi, Kim also has had two meetings with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Ahead of their first meeting last month, Kim and Moon established a hotline that they said would enable direct communication between the leaders and would

be valuable to defuse crises, but it was unclear whether it was used to set up the latest meeting.

Photos released by South Korea's presidential office showed Moon arriving at the North Korean side of the Panmunjom truce village and shaking hands with Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, before sitting down with Kim for their summit.

Moon was accompanied by his spy chief, Suh Hoon, while Kim was joined by Kim Yong Chol, a former military intelligence chief who is now a vice chairman of the North Korean ruling party's Central Committee tasked with inter-Korean relations.

The two leaders embraced as Moon departed.

At their first meeting, Kim and Moon announced vague aspirations for a nuclear-free Korean Peninsula and permanent peace, which Seoul

has tried to sell as a meaningful breakthrough to set up the summit with Trump.

But relations between the two Koreas chilled in recent weeks, with North Korea canceling a high-level meeting with Seoul over South Korea's participation in regular military exercises with the United States and insisting that it will not return to talks unless its grievances are resolved.

South Korea was caught off guard by Trump's abrupt cancellation of his summit with Kim, with the U.S. president citing hostility in recent North Korean comments. Moon said Trump's decision left him "perplexed" and was "very regrettable." He urged Washington and Pyongyang to resolve their differences through "more direct and closer dialogue between their leaders."

Freed after 2 years, man jailed in Venezuela returns to US

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joshua Holt, who traveled to Venezuela from Utah in 2016 to marry a Spanish-speaking Mormon woman but soon found himself jailed and later branded the CIA's top spy in Latin America, was set free by the anti-American Maduro government on Saturday, saying he was "overwhelmed with gratitude."

Holt and his wife, Thamar Caleno, arrived Saturday evening at Washington Dullles International Airport for a tearful reunion with his parents, Laurie and Jason Holt. A few hours later President Donald Trump welcomed them to the White House.

"Those two years, they were a very, very, very difficult two years," said an emotional Holt, sitting next to Trump in the Oval Office. "Not really the great vacation that I was looking for ... I'm just so grateful for what you guys have done."

To Holt, Trump said: "You've gone through a lot. More than most people could endure."

The Utah man's mother, Laurie Holt, thanked Trump

and the lawmakers for her son's safe return, adding: "I also want to say thank you to President Maduro for releasing Josh and letting him to come home."

Their release came one day after Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., held a surprise meeting in Caracas with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who the Trump administration says runs a "dictatorship" and just won re-election in a "sham" vote.

Trump, in a tweet, described Holt as a "hostage." The U.S. contended Holt was held on trumped up charges.

Months of secret, back-channel talks between an aide to Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and close allies of Maduro preceded their return. Yet Holt's release had seemed unlikely even a week ago.

Joining Trump in the Oval Officer were Corker, Utah Sens. Orrin Hatch and Mike Lee and Utah Rep. Mia Love. The lawmakers thanked Trump for his support.

The White House learned from Corker on Friday of

Holt's impending release, according to a U.S. official who has closely followed Holt's plight and spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private talks.

Holt and his wife were reunited at the Caracas airport with her daughter from a previous relationship, and all three boarded a chartered flight to Washington. "We are on our way home," Corker tweeted.

When he departed the Caracas airport earlier, Holt told The Associated Press that the ordeal had left him "exhausted."

Venezuela's communications minister, Jorge Rodriguez, said their release was a goodwill gesture that followed months of dialogue between the Maduro government and U.S. lawmakers.

"We're praying that this type of gesture ... will allow us to strengthen what we've always sought: dialogue, harmony, respect for our independence and respect for our sovereignty," he said.

Holt, now 26, set out for the South American country in June 2016 to marry a

woman he met online while looking for Spanish-speaking Mormons who could help him improve his Spanish. He had planned to spend several months in Caracas that summer with his new wife and her two daughters, to secure their visas so they could move with him to the U.S.

Instead, the couple was arrested that June 30 at her family's apartment in a government housing complex on the outskirts of Caracas. Authorities accused him of stockpiling an assault rifle and grenades, and suggested that his case was linked to other unspecified U.S. attempts to undermine Maduro's rule amid deep economic and political turbulence.

They were held in a notorious Caracas prison, run by the secret police, that also is home to dozens of top Maduro opponents jailed during the past few years of political unrest in the country. Their trial was set to begin this month after repeated delays that led the Trump administration to question the motives for his detention.

Until Trump's tweet on Sat-

urday, the U.S. had stopped short of publicly calling Holt a "hostage."

Holt's release looked unlikely a week ago, when he appeared in a clandestinely shot video railing against the Maduro government and saying his life was threatened in a prison riot. In retaliation, socialist party boss Diosdado Cabello, a powerful Maduro ally, said on state television that Holt was the CIA's top spy in Latin America.

Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., spoke to Trump at length Friday night and later said the couple's release "will in no way change U.S. policy toward the dictatorship in Venezuela."

The Trump administration has threatened crippling oil sanctions on Venezuela for Maduro's decision to go forward with the presidential election last week.

The U.S. government at first avoided ratcheting up public pressure on Venezuela in light of their already strained relations, but eventually raised Holt's case with the highest levels of the Venezuelan government and de-

cried his treatment in prison.

Corker was seen live on state TV on Friday shaking hands with Maduro and being greeted by first lady Cilia Flores as he entered the presidential palace. Corker left an hour later; neither the senator nor the president made any statements.

Laurie Holt worked feverishly to bring attention to her son's incarceration, hosting rallies, fundraisers and doing media interviews. She said her son has suffered numerous health problems in jail, including kidney stones and respiratory problems. He was depressed and at one point lost so much weight that he dropped several pant sizes, she said.

In their statement, the Holt family said, "We thank you for your collaboration during this time of anguish. We ask that you allow us to meet with our son and his wife before giving any interviews and statements. We are grateful to all who participated in this miracle."

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From snipers to moms

World War II exhibit focuses on women

NATICK, Mass. (AP) — The terrors of World War II impacted most of the world's women, both on the home and battlefronts.

A new exhibition opening Friday at the International Museum of World War II in Natick, Massachusetts, highlights just that — the important and sometimes unconventional roles women took on during the war.

"It's about the human story," founder Kenneth Rendell explains. "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase and honor women's service to the war effort."

"Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" is composed of more than 100 artifacts from the U.S., Soviet Union, Germany, Japan, France and Great Britain.

For many women, wartime was about more than rationing food for their families.

In the Soviet Union, 400,000 women drafted as "Red Army girls" filled roles as doctors and even snipers. One photograph shows par nurses jumping out of a plane into a war zone, strapped with medical supplies to save wounded soldiers.

Kathryn Bernheim became one of 27 American women chosen by the Army Air Force in 1942 to ferry planes in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Service program. As a civilian with more than 1,000 hours of flight experience, Bernheim flew aircraft like the P-47 Thunderbolt, relieving men for combat flying until politics ended the program in 1944. The exhibit showcases her flight jacket, dress uniform and a photo of a smiling Bernheim looking at a map.

Not all women had such dramatic roles, but millions across the U.S. served as postal workers, trash collectors and manufacturers, roles previously held by men.

A 1945 photograph shows 24-year-old Fern Corbett "pinch-hitting as a window washer" 10 floors above a Minneapolis street

— a far cry from her original job as the company's stenographer.

Some women could not risk being as visible in their daring new roles. Female members of the French resistance would load forbidden radios and weapons into the secret compartment of a baby carriage, like one showcased in the collection, risking their lives walking past Nazi occupiers.

Also included in the exhibit is a light green uniform labeled "Lebensborn." The frock was worn by women associated with the Nazi group tasked with raising the birth rate of Aryan children. The women worked at centers that provided free health care to unmarried mothers often impregnated by SS officers. Many children were adopted by other SS members and their families.

The philosophy of women dedicating their bodies and minds to the Third Reich is even more apparent in three swastika-embellished crosses. Women who bore four to five children received a bronze cross; six to seven a silver. Those who birthed eight or more children received a golden cross from Adolf Hitler.

"The Nazis wanted women to be wives and mothers. You see photos of women doing outdoor tasks in great physical shape — this was not so they could fight, but so they could bear children," says Sue Wilkins, the museum's education director.

Across the English Channel, more than 640,000 British women served in auxiliary services, performing noncombat work such as handling massive searchlights to spot enemy aircraft intent on bombing British cities. Photos of everyday women working in the Royal Naval Service are starkly contrasted with a photo of then-Princess Elizabeth wearing the uniform of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and working under the hood of a car.

The exhibition is on display through Oct. 7.



AP
In this Monday, May 21, 2018, photo, a British World War II recruitment poster, left, created by graphic designer Abram Games, to encourage women to join the Auxiliary Territorial Service, forms part of a new exhibit called "Women in WWII: On the Home Fronts and the Battlefronts" at The International Museum of World War II, in Natick, Mass



AP
In this Monday, May 21, 2018, photo, a World War II-era, black-and-white photograph of French student Simone Billard is attached to a fake identity card created by the French Resistance. Billard used a homemade radio to listen to the British Broadcasting Corporation, or BBC, during the war, which was an offense in Nazi-occupied France that could incur severe punishment.

Veterans, discharged and jobless, seek hiring-rules changes

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Military veterans who were discharged for relatively minor offenses say they often can't get jobs, and they hope a recent warning to employers by the state of Connecticut will change that.

The state's human rights commission told employers last month they could be breaking the law if they discriminate against veterans with some types of less-than-honorable discharges. Blanket policies against hiring such veterans could be discriminatory, the commission said, because the military has issued them disproportionately to black, Latino, gay and disabled veterans.

At least one other state, Illinois, already prohibits hiring discrimination based on a veteran's discharge status,

advocates say, but Connecticut appears to be the first to base its decision on what it deems discrimination by the military. Regardless of the state's reasons, veterans say, the attention there could at least educate employers.

"You may as well be a felon when you're looking for a job," said Iraq War veteran Kristofer Goldsmith, who said the Army gave him a general discharge in 2007 because he attempted suicide.

An honorable discharge is the only type that entails full benefits. A dishonorable discharge is given after a court-martial for serious offenses, which can include felonies.

Other types of discharges in between — known by veterans as "bad paper" — are issued administratively, with

no court case, and can stem from behavior including talking back, tardiness, drug use or fighting.

The commission says its guidance focused on that middle class of discharges.

Sometimes such discharges are given to veterans whose violations stemmed from post-traumatic stress disorder, like Goldsmith's, or brain injuries. Many private employers may not be aware of those extenuating circumstances or understand the differences between discharges, critics say.

And they either won't hire bad-paper veterans or won't give them preferences an honorably discharged veteran would get, the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School told the Connecticut commission.

The clinic, acting on behalf of the Connecticut chapter of the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, showed the commission job postings that require applicants who have served in the military to have been honorably discharged.

It also cited a 2017 report by the advocacy organization Protect Our Defenders that found black service members were more likely to be disciplined than white members. And the commission's guidance to employers notes thousands of service members have been discharged for their sexual orientation.

Employers might require an honorable discharge as an easy way to narrow the pool and get strong applicants, said Amanda Ljubicic, vice

president of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut.

"At face value it seems like a simple, logical cutoff to make as an employer," she said. "Certainly this new policy forces employers to think about it differently and to think about the complexities."

The Vietnam Veterans of America asked for a presidential pardon for bad-paper veterans. President Barack Obama didn't respond as he was leaving office, nor did President Donald Trump as he was entering, said John Rowan, the organization's president. He was unsure whether activists would ask Trump again.

More than 13,000 service members received a type of discharge for misconduct,

known as other than honorable, between 2011 and 2015, despite being diagnosed with PTSD, a traumatic brain injury or another condition associated with misconduct, the U.S. Government Accountability Office found.

The Department of Veterans Affairs, under an order from Congress, expanded emergency mental health coverage to those veterans for the first time last year.

Passing new laws to address the effects of bad paper is probably not the best solution, said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy, a Connecticut Democrat who pushed for the changes; rather, he said, the military should stop issuing bad-paper discharges to injured veterans.

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Canceled Trump-Kim summit tests Moon's middleman role

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Just a month ago, South Korean President Moon Jae-in was smiling with pride as he grasped the hands of North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un, a young and brash leader with a nuclear arsenal, as they announced aspirations for a nuclear-free peninsula and permanent peace.

South Koreans pinned their hopes on a summit to come between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump. Their euphoria shifted to unease before sinking into a funk upon learning as they awoke Friday that Trump had canceled the summit, citing hostility in recent North Korean comments.

Trump's decision underscores the delicacy of Seoul's intermediary status but also the credibility problems Moon faces over his claim that Kim is genuinely interested in negotiating away his nuclear weapons.

Moon had meticulously brokered the summit between Trump and Kim and claimed the "driver's seat" in trying to resolve the nuclear standoff, but said Trump's cancellation left him "very perplexed."

Critics, though, say Moon has been an overeager matchmaker rather than an honest broker, driving up unrealistic expectations in both Washington and Pyongyang for a quick breakthrough when they remain far apart on the future of Kim's nuclear program.

Trump's decision to pull out also undercuts claims by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who after meeting Kim twice in recent weeks said there was a "shared understanding" between Washington and Pyongyang about what they hope to achieve in the summit.

Choi Kang, vice president of Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies, said Trump's move has put Moon in a quandary. It will be hard for Moon to continue engagement with Pyongyang at the cost of widening a rift with Washington. Moon will also have to deal with a public that is deeply split along ideological lines, with progressives expressing anger over Trump and conservatives criticizing Moon for being too soft on Pyongyang.

"It's a big dilemma and I can't think of any clear



In this April 27, 2018, file photo, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, left, poses with South Korean President Moon Jae-in for a photo inside the Peace House at the border village of Panmunjom in Demilitarized Zone, South Korea.

way out of it," Choi said. "Inter-Korean relations have become a substructure of U.S.-North Korea relations."

South Korea was clearly blindsided by Trump's decision to back away from the summit, which was announced in a letter to Kim. It came just hours after the South Korean government issued a statement welcoming the North's dismantling of its nuclear test site, calling it a "meaningful first step" toward denuclearization. It also came just days after Trump hosted a White House meeting with Moon at which they expressed optimism for successful talks in Singapore.

In his letter, Trump objected specifically to a statement from senior North Korean diplomat Choe Son Hui, who referred to Vice President Mike Pence as a "political dummy" for his earlier comments on North Korea and said it was up to

the Americans whether they would "meet us at a meeting room or encounter us at nuclear-to-nuclear showdown."

Trump didn't entirely kill the summit, writing to Kim "please do not hesitate to call me or write."

But Trump also threw Moon under the metaphorical bus. In an apparent response to Choe's claim that Washington had asked for dialogue first, Trump wrote, "We were informed that the meeting was requested by North Korea, but that to us is totally irrelevant."

South Korea maintained an optimistic tone on Friday, referring to the North's conciliatory reaction to Trump's announcement and its hope the summit could take place later.

"There have been no changes in the stance of related parties in that the problem should be solved through dialogue," said Baek Tae-hyun, the spokes-

man of Seoul's Unification Ministry.

But clearly Moon faces the greatest test of his diplomatic skills since he used his hosting role for the Winter Olympics in February to renew the push to resolve the nuclear standoff with Pyongyang.

North Korea sent hundreds of athletes, performers and dignitaries to the Pyeongchang Games, including Kim's sister, who conveyed her brother's desire for a summit with Moon. Moon later brokered the canceled summit between Kim and Trump.

The chill in the inter-Korean warmth set in when North Korea canceled a high-level meeting with the South over U.S.-South Korean military drills. The North also lashed out at Trump's hard-line national security adviser, John Bolton, before it criticized Pence and said it has no interest in talks that amount to

a unilateral surrender of its nuclear weapons.

The North's statements raised further doubts about Moon's claim that Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and weapons in a verifiable and irreversible way in return for credible security and economic guarantees.

Comments in North Korea's state media indicate Kim saw any meeting with Trump as an arms control negotiation between legitimate nuclear states, rather than a process to surrender his nukes.

For decades, North Korea has been pushing a concept of "denuclearization" that bears no resemblance to the American definition, vowing to pursue nuclear development unless Washington removes its troops from South Korea and the American "nuclear umbrella" defending South Korea and Japan.

Moon and Kim's vague

pledge for the "complete denuclearization" of their peninsula after last month's inter-Korean summit has done little to quiet questions over Kim's true intent.

South Korea may lose much of its voice if Trump chooses to deal more directly with Kim or seeks a broader resolution including China, North Korea's only major ally. Moon may lose the driver's seat for good if Pyongyang reverts to provocative weapons tests, which would bring back U.S. talk of using military force against the North.

"It's an awkward and tough situation but the talks haven't been broken yet," said Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University and an policy adviser to Moon. "South Korea has to be more active as a mediator to reduce the distrust between both sides."

Actress Priyanka Chopra visits Rohingya kids in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Priyanka Chopra, actress and a goodwill ambassador of the United Nations' children's agency, said Thursday the world should be more compassionate to hundreds of thousands of Rohingya children who desperately need help in Bangladeshi camps where they've been sheltered.

Some 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state since late August to escape military-led violence and are now seeking U.N. protection to return home. Almost 60 percent of the total refugees are children, and 60 babies are being born every day in camps in Bangladesh.

Many children crossed the border into Bangladesh without a parent, according to

UNICEF. They saw violence, dead bodies, burned homes while many saw their parents and family members killed in front of their eyes and their mothers and sisters raped. Children were also shot in their hands and legs. Many are recovering from psychological trauma.

Chopra, who came to Bangladesh directly from London after attending the royal wedding of her American friend Meghan Markle on a four-day visit, visited camps in Cox's Bazar bordering Myanmar and passed time with the desperate children at safe homes, makeshift schools and helped them draw pictures of sunshine and hope.

On Thursday, during a press conference and a subsequent interview with The

Associated Press, she refused to answer any questions beyond children's welfare in the camps and beyond. She recognized the Rohingya refugee crisis is a "political crisis" but would not talk beyond her mandate as a goodwill ambassador of UNICEF.

"I'm here on behalf of children. I'm too small, I feel, to speak about political situation like this. I'm not someone who believes in a blame game. I think that creates more hatreds and animosities," the former Miss World said.

Chopra, whose third Hollywood film is expected to be released on the Valentine's Day in next February, said she was overwhelmed to see the condition of the children in the camps she visited.

"Open your heart to the

children," Chopra, a star in India's Hindi films, urged the world community in the interview with the AP. "Be compassionate for the sake of the humanity," she said.

During her visit to the camps Chopra saw children being screened for malnutrition, a statement by UNICEF said. With 163,295 children less than 5 years old living in the camps, UNICEF's nutrition centers offer a vital lifeline by screening and treating children for malnourishment and teaching new mothers breastfeeding practices to help make sure their babies have the best possible start in life during the critical first 1,000-day period, it said.

She said the international community was working to support the children, but that is not enough.

"Please don't divide children, they are future citizens of the world we live in," she said. "No matter where a child is from or what his or her circumstances are, every child is the future of this world," she said.

The actress, who made debut in Hollywood by acting in Baywatch in 2017, said the sufferings of the children shook her because of the violence "these children were exposed to."

"The kids I met were smiling but I could still see sadness in their eyes that reflected the carnage and horror they witnessed," she said.

She said the children need more support and urged the international community to come forward.

"There is still so much more support needed," she

said, also a star in the American TV thriller series "Quantico," said. "It is up to us, as global citizens, to make sure they have a future."

Earlier Thursday, the actress also met Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"It was wonderful to meet her. She has done a commendable job," Hasina said.

The recent violence in Myanmar began when Rohingya insurgents staged a series of attacks on Aug. 25 on about 30 security outposts and other targets.

In a subsequent crackdown described by U.N. and U.S. officials as "ethnic cleansing," Myanmar security forces have been accused of rape, killing, torture and the burning of Rohingya homes.



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