Trump, Xi hit reset button on trade

By Ed Offley
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After seven weeks of carnage at sea, the 1942 U-boat offensive in the Gulf finally came to an end, on Sept. 5, when U-171 passed back into the Florida Straits after a 25-day patrol that netted three Allied ships totaling 17,041 gross tons.

But the U-boat war itself wasn’t over. It merely moved on to other time theaters. As in previous U-boat offensives, like the six-month campaign along the East Coast earlier that year, U-boat Force commander-in-chief Admiral Karl Dönitz and his staff decided that the growing risks posed by stiffening defenses and a newly imposed coastal convoy system rendered the Gulf no longer cost-effective.

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drum roll

The drum roll is a musical signal that is commonly used to build anticipation and excitement before a significant event or announcement. In the context of a city hall meeting, it might be used to signal the start of a discussion on a crucial issue or to mark the end of a session.


captains, who were a breed of their own. They were able to navigate in the darkest of hours and take on the might of the U-boats. Many of them were awarded medals and commendations for their service.


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By Jocelyn Noveck and Juana Summers

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SEOUL, South Korea — President Donald Trump issued a Twitter invitation Saturday to North Korea's Kim Jong Un to meet for a handshake at the Demilitarized Zone that separates the North and South, and expressed a willingness to cross the border for what would be history-making photo opportunity.

The invitation, while long rumored in diplomatic circles, still came across as an impulsive display of showmanship by a president bent on obtaining a legacy-defining nuclear deal. North Korea responded by calling the offer a “very interesting suggestion.”

Presidential visits to the DMZ are traditionally carefully guarded secrets for security reasons. White House officials couldn’t immediately say whether Kim had agreed to meet with Trump. The president himself claimed before flying from Japan to South Korea that he wasn’t even sure Kim was in North Korea to accept the invitation.

“All I did is put out a feeler, if you’d like to meet,” Trump said later of the message to Kim. He added, somewhat implausibly: “I just thought of it this morning.”

Later, after arriving in Seoul from a summit in Osaka of world leaders, Trump offered no further insight into his planned trip to the heavily fortified border. “If he’s there we’ll see each other for two minutes,” Trump predicted. Such a spectacle would present a valuable propaganda victory for Kim, who, with his family, has long been denied the recognition they sought on the international stage.

Despite Trump’s comments Saturday, he had told The Hill newspaper in Washington in an interview this past week that he would be visiting the DMZ and “might” meet with Kim. The paper reported it had withheld Trump’s comments, citing security concerns by the White House.

North Korea’s first vice foreign minister, Choe Son Hui, said the meeting, if realized, would serve as “another meaningful occasion in further deepening the personal relations between the two leaders and advancing the bilateral relations.”

South Korea’s presidential Blue House said in a tweet that Trump asked South Korean President Moon Jae-in at the Group of 20 meetings whether he’d seen Trump’s Twitter message to Kim. When Moon replied he had, Trump said “Let’s try doing it” and raised his thumb, the Blue House said.

A Moon aide told reporters after the presidents had dinner that they agreed a possible Trump-Kim meeting would be a “good thing.” Moon talked about Kim’s commitment to denuclearization, while Trump expressed his “amicable” views on Kim, according to the official, Yoon Do-han, who added that a meeting would help pave the way for the resumption of nuclear diplomacy.

Trump’s summit with Kim in Vietnam earlier this year collapsed without an agreement for denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula. He became the first sitting U.S. president to meet with the leader of the isolated nation last year, when they signed an agreement in Singapore to bring the North toward denuclearization.

Substantive talks between the nations have largely broken down since then. The North has balked at Trump’s insistence that it give up its weapons programs before it sees relief from crushing international sanctions.
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OSAKA, Japan — The Group of 20 summit in Osaka ended Saturday with lofty language from powerful world leaders, but it was eclipsed by U.S. President Donald Trump, who agreed to restart trade talks with China and extended a surprise invitation for North Korea’s leader to meet him Sunday.

Despite the focus on Trump, the summit’s host, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, declared the gathering a success.

“The G-20 nations, as the countries that lead the world economy, have a responsibility to squarely face global problems and to come up with solutions through frank dialogue,” Abe said in concluding the meeting.

“Now, with this ‘Osaka Declaration,’ we should try to tenaciously find, not the differences, but common ground among us, and, we hope, to continue our effort to sustain global economic growth,” he said.

In striving for common ground, however, the summit declaration finessed differences and yielded no major new initiatives. Still, German Chancellor Angela Merkel welcomed the fact that the leaders managed to hold the line on the issue of climate change, with 19 countries committing themselves to the Paris climate accord.

Only the United States dissented, reiterating Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement “because it disadvantages American workers and taxpayers.” Merkel told reporters that “this process cannot be turned around.” She said some leaders in Osaka indicated they were willing to up commitments to curb greenhouse gases by aiming for “net zero” emissions by 2050.

Merkel also lauded the deal between the EU and the Latin American bloc MERCOSUR — also struck on the G-20 sidelines — to create the world’s largest free trade zone after 20 years of negotiations.
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OAKLAND, Calif. — A federal judge late Friday prohibited President Donald Trump from tapping $2.5 billion in military funding to build high-priority segments of his prized border wall in California, Arizona and New Mexico.

Judge Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr. in Oakland acted in two lawsuits filed by California and by activists who contended that the money transfer was unlawful and that building the wall would pose environmental threats.

“All President Trump has succeeded in building is a constitutional crisis, threatening immediate harm to our state,” said California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who led a 20-state coalition of attorneys general in one lawsuit.

Speaking Saturday at a press conference marking the end of the Group of 20 summit in Osaka, Japan, Trump called the decision “a disgrace.”

“So we’re immediately appealing it and we think we’ll win the appeal,” he went on to say. “There was no reason that that should have happened. And a lot of wall is being built.”

The decisions are in line with Gilliam’s ruling last month that blocked work from beginning on two of the highest-priority projects — one spanning 46 miles in New Mexico and another covering 5 miles in Yuma, Arizona.

But the fight is far from over. The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals is expected to take up the same issue of using military money next week.

At issue is President Donald Trump’s February declaration of a national emergency so that he could divert $6.7 billion from military and other sources to begin construction of the wall, which could have begun as early as Monday.

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California gas tax rises another 6 cents a gallon Monday

By Don Thompson
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — California’s nation-leading gas prices are set to climb even higher Monday, when the state gas tax increases another 5.6 cents a gallon.

It’s the latest increase from a 2017 law designed to raise about $5 billion a year for road and mass transit programs.

A 12 cent-per-gallon boost came that November, and voters last year rejected a Republican-led effort to repeal the law, but Southern California voters did recall one Democratic lawmaker who helped pass the measure.

California motorists were paying an average $3.75 per gallon as of late June, far above the national average of $2.71 calculated by AAA.

The gas tax will increase to 47.3 cents a gallon July 1, according to the state Board of Equalization, and continue to increase indefinitely starting next year to keep up with the California Consumer Price Index.

The money is split between state and local governments, with much of going to fix potholes and rebuild crumbling roads and bridges. Some is also going to public transportation, hiking and walking trails, and other projects.

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Argentina’s ‘dead cow’ finally produces oil

By Jonathan Gilbert

Along the western edge of Argentina’s Patagonia, on an arid steppe nestled against the Andes mountains, lies a shale formation known as the Vaca Muerta. And ever since engineers confirmed what an American geologist suspected a century ago — that the Vaca Muerta, or dead cow, contains massive amounts of oil and gas — the rush to replicate the U.S. fracking boom was on.

First came YPF, the local oil giant, and Chevron. Then the likes of Total and Royal Dutch Shell. Between them, they poured some $13 billion into explorations over the past eight years. None of them ever had much to show for it. Though, obviously, all parties kept popping up, and production was marginal.

Until now. In the last few weeks, two companies have exported two small cargoes from the formation, one of light oil, the other of liquefied natural gas, foreshadowing what industry officials say will be a steady flow of shipments by the end of the year. It’s too early to declare victory — any number of logistical and economic hurdles remain. But it’s the first sign that all the money and time invested might actually pay off, and turn Argentina back into the global energy provider it used to be well over a decade ago.

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According to industry experts, there are over 30 physical problems that can come up during a home inspection. Here are some tips on how to avoid some of these issues:

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2. Inspect the foundation:
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   - Ensure that the foundation is level.

3. Inspect the plumbing:
   - Check for any leaks or obstructions.
   - Ensure that all valves are working properly.

4. Inspect the electrical system:
   - Check for any faulty wiring or outlets.
   - Ensure that all switches and outlets are functioning.

5. Inspect the flooring:
   - Check for any cracks or damages.
   - Ensure that all flooring is level and in good condition.

6. Inspect the heating and cooling systems:
   - Check for any leaks or obstructions.
   - Ensure that all vents are functioning properly.

These tips are just a starting point, and it’s important to have a professional home inspector conduct a thorough inspection of your home. It’s always better to be safe than sorry when it comes to your home’s value.
SAN FRANCISCO — In a mission to clean up trash floating in the ocean, environmentalists pulled 40 tons of abandoned fishing nets this month from an area known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. Mariners on a 140-foot sailboat outfitted with a crane voyaged from Hawaii to the heart of the Pacific Ocean, where they retrieved the haul of mostly plastic fishing nets as part of an effort to rid the waters of the nets that entangle whales, turtles and fish and damage coral reefs.

The volunteers with the California-based nonprofit Ocean Voyages Institute fished out the derelict nets from a marine gyre location where ocean currents converge between Hawaii and California during their 25-day expedition, the group’s founder, Mary Crowley, announced Friday. The group is among a handful of nonprofits working to collect plastic trash from the open ocean, an endeavor that can be dangerous, time consuming and expensive.

“Our success should herald the way for us to do larger clean ups and to inspire clean ups all throughout the Pacific Ocean and throughout the world. It’s not something that we need to wait to day,” Crowley said.

The group has plans to deploy dozens more GPS trackers and next year embark on a three-month trash collection expedition, Crowley said.

It is estimated that between 600,000 and 800,000 metric tons of fishing gear is abandoned or lost during storms each year in the oceans, said Nick Mallos, Director of the Trash Free Seas Program at Ocean Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental advocacy group. Another 9 million tons of plastic waste, including plastic bottles, bags, toys and other items, flow annually into the ocean from beaches, rivers and creeks, according to experts.

The Ocean Voyages Institute is one of dozens of groups around the world trying to tackle the problem. Most focus on cleaning up beaches, rid- ing shores of abandoned fishing nets, traps and other gear and pushing for a reduction on single-use plastic containers. Collecting the trash already in the gyres is also the goal of The Ocean Cleanup project, which was started by Dutch innovator Boyan Slat and last year first deployed a trash collection device to corral plastic litter floating in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.
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ISLAMABAD — A fresh round of talks between the U.S. and the Taliban began in Qatar on Saturday, just days after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Washington is hoping for an Afghan peace agreement before Sept. 1.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid confirmed to The Associated Press that negotiations had begun. Originally scheduled to begin in the morning, the two sides sat down mid-afternoon for the seventh time in a series of direct talks that began last year following the appointment of U.S. peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad.

As in previous talks between Khalilzad and the Taliban, the focus is on the withdrawal of U.S. troops and Taliban guarantees to prevent Afghanistan from again hosting militants who can stage global attacks.

Both sides say they have come to an understanding on the withdrawal and the guarantees but details have yet to be worked out.

The protracted war in Afghanistan began in 2001 to unseat the Taliban and hunt down al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and his followers, who carried out the 9-11 attacks in the United States while operating in Afghan territory. After nearly 18 years and billions of dollars spent, the Taliban control or contest roughly half of Afghan territory.

In the Afghan capital of Kabul last week, Pompeo said “real progress” had been made on a draft agreement with the Taliban to ensure “that Afghan soil never again becomes a safe haven for terrorists.”

Both Khalilzad and Pompeo have said that agreements with the Taliban will come hand in hand with understandings on an intra-Afghan dialogue and a permanent cease-fire. It was expected that a timetable would be among the discussion points in the Doha talks.

The Taliban’s negotiating team has been led by Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, who co-founded the Taliban movement with its leader Mullah Mohammad Omar, who ruled with an iron fist, imposing a strict brand of Islam. Omar died several years ago, while Baradar has been held in a Pakistani jail since 2010 until his release earlier this year.

The Taliban say they will meet with Afghan government officials but only as ordinary Afghans and not representatives of the government until an agreement with the U.S. is finalized, saying the U.S. is the final arbiter on the Taliban’s biggest issue of troop withdrawal. Khalilzad has been in the region for several weeks meeting a legion of regional and Afghan officials, including Ghani. He has been relentless in his pursuit of an intra-Afghan dialogue after an earlier planned meeting between the government and the Taliban in Doha was scuttled when both sides disagreed on who should participate.

The Taliban have also refused a cease-fire. Taliban officials who have spoken to the AP say they won’t agree to a cease-fire until troop withdrawal is in place. That’s because returning Taliban fighters to the battlefield if the U.S. reneges on its promises could be difficult. Taliban officials spoke on condition they not be identified because they are not authorized to speak to the media.
By the Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — For President Donald Trump, a four-day visit to Asia is shaping up to be more about relationships than results.

In Japan for the Group of 20 summit, Trump had few identifiable accomplishments on a range of pressing challenges as he savored the show of diplomatic backslapping.

He went into his meetings with friends and foes alike against the backdrop of global crises, from Iranian aggression to Russian election meddling, eager to avoid a repeat of his past tumultuous international summit visits, Trump traded hard-nosed negotiations for compliments and sidestepped thorny issues in public, even the most troublesome of global figures.

After meeting with Russia’s Vladimir Putin, Saudi Arabia’s Mohammed bin Salman, Turkey’s Recep Tayyip Erdogan and China’s Xi Jinping, all of whom have authoritarian tendencies, the president invoked the imperative of strong relationships nine times in a closing news conference at the G-20. “I really have a good relationship with everybody,” he said.

Then he moved on to South Korea, holding out hope for another chance to show off what may be his “Art of the Handshake.” He invited North Korea’s Kim Jong Un to join him for a quick exchange of greetings at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone.

The prioritization of personal ties over concrete achievements revealed the unexpected flip side to Trump’s transactional view of foreign policy.

Despite his reputation as a dogged negotiator, he often frames developing connections with world leaders as an end unto itself.

“We have a great relationship and that’s very important, whether you have a place like Saudi Arabia, in all fairness, or China, or North Korea, or any country,” Trump said.

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VA approves psychedelic ketamine for PTSD

By Billy Cox
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SARASOTA — This month's decision by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to offer a psychedelic drug to treat post-traumatic stress disorder while marijuana remains off limits is flummoxing amid the ongoing wave of veteran suicides.

Spravato, derived from the family of anesthetic drugs called ketamines and produced by a division of Johnson & Johnson, will be prescribed to VA clients on a case-by-case basis and administered as a nasal spray. Ketamine variants have made headlines over the decades for their multiple roles as sedatives, recreational hallucinogens and for their impressive track records for mitigating suicidal depression. The Spravato version, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in March, requires patients to remain under professional observation for two hours following ingestion.

See PTSD, B4

Martin Theatre St. Andrews Coffee Shop host sales

By Genevieve Smith
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PANAMA CITY — Two notable establishments in Panama City are temporarily closing up shop for renovations and hold big sales before they do.

The Martin Theatre is picking up chairs and other items at a garage sale at the Martin Theater on Saturday. The sale continues Sunday.

Customers pick through chairs and other items at a garage sale at the Martin Theater on Saturday. The sale continues Sunday. [PHOTO BY DAVID DICKSON]

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By Jim Thompson
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“We’ve done a phone-eral job, a phone call said it was debris removal contractors. The city estimates debris removal will cost around $153 million. However, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is expected to reimburse the city of 70 percent of the total cost. The state will pick up 90 percent of the remaining cost, meaning the city will only be on the hook for the other 10 percent or about $7.6 million. McQueen said the city had around $47 million in reserve to help cover the debris cleanup expense.

Meanwhile, registration for the city’s private property debris removal program is still underway through July 10. McQueen said the city extended the hurricane debris pickup program into July a few months ago because of the need.

“There was a lot of push to get it done quicker, but with everything else going on with the house, we decided to extend it into July,” McQueen said.

See PICKUP, B2

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In July 1969, more than eight years after the moon landing passed, one of the seven surveyed landing sites.

As the 50th anniversary from his days at NASA. Cooksey has stacks of mission — posters that were part of NASA's moon-landing effort, could safely and effectively land on the moon, Armstrong famously said on either side, so we didn't have the proper technical challenges, even if he didn't necessarily fully own it (the rocket).”

As the 50th anniversary of the moon landing passed. Even as NASA was focusing on preparing a man on the moon in the 1970s, Cooksey said, the space exploration was looking like a sure thing.

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Donalda Dorothy, 97, of Panama City, died June 9, 2019, and funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Kent- Forest Lawn Funeral Home where funeral services will take place that afternoon at gym. Interment will follow the service at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

DIANNE HOYDO
Dianne Hoydo, 70, of Panama City died Tuesday, June 25, 2019, and funeral services will be held 2-5 p.m. Monday at the St. Andrews Baptist Church under the direction of Kent-Forest Lawn Funeral Homes. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, the family will then receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. at home.

MICHELLE M. "MIKI" QUICK
Michelle Quick, 58, of Panama City, Fl died Monday, June 24, 2019, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefh.com.

BERtha FAk
Bertha Falk, 83, of Panama City, died June 22, 2019, and the family will receive friends Tuesday at the Kent- Forest Lawn Funeral Home where funeral services will take place that afternoon at gym. Interment will follow the service at Forest Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

SHERiRe AnnHoOk
Sherrie Ann Hook, nest to her home, where she loved the site of shoes, handbags, vegetables, and chasing the mar-

RANdAL CROLEY
Randal Croley, 54 of Panama City, passed away Friday, June 21, 2019, at Brookdale Senior Living. Randal was born August 24, 1965 in Samson, Ala. He attended and graduated from Johnson (Croley) and moved to Florida in the early 1990’s to come to Panama City, where he met his wife, Faye Dall in a hotel at a bay front hotel. He was a graduate of the 1983 graduating class of Union Springs High School. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Dr. Lisa Stidham; their son, John Stephen Croley; his parents, Herman and Dorothy Croley of Minneapolis, Min-

BETHA FAk
Betha Falk, 85, of Panama City, died June 23, 2019, and funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Kent- Forest Lawn Funeral Home where funeral services will take place that afternoon at gym. Interment will follow the service at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

DYnAH LooVENIA SHoReS
Mrs. Sally Lovelonia Shores, 86, of Panama City. Florida finished her earthly journey and joined her heavenly home on June 15, 2019 at the Boulevard Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Destin, Fl. Mrs. Shores was

RayleE BOevink
Rayle E. Boevink, 63 of Panama City, died July 2, 2019, at Heritage Hospice and Rehabilitation Center for the elderly in Tallahassee, FL where he was a member of First Baptist Church and served as a Trustee and Deacon Emeritus in 2016. He was born in Michigan on February 28, 1956 to Dayne and Bernice (Thompson) Boevink. Rayle married Linda (Skipper) Boevink on July 24, 1976. They lived in Alabama until 1981 when they moved to Panama City, where Rayle opened his dental practice. Rayle was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as President of the Church board for 6 years and the deacons continued to compensate him for his service to the Church. He will be forever loved for his selflessness, his faith, his generous spirit and his love of Christ. He will be greatly missed by 26 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefh.com.

LINDA SkInnEr
Linda Skinner, 87, of Panama City, Fl died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Kent- Forest Lawn Funeral Home where funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at the First- Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel.

BETHYE COTTIN
Bettie Cotton, 80, of Panama City, Fl died Saturday, May 25, 2019, and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First- Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel.

LaRiSAA EmPHELa
Larissa Emphele, 83, of Panama City, Fl died June 16, 2019, and funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Heritage Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Gardens, the family will then receive friends from noon to 1 p.m.

BETTY RAYE BeaTrice
Betty Raye Beatrice, 80, of Panama City, Fl died Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at the Guest House Retirement Community where she was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. She was a member of Delta Honor Society and was a NiBeta in Biology in 1952. She was a member of the education at the University of Loyola where she graduated with a Doctorate in Nursing in 1956. After completing her intern-ship she would apply at Apalachee Cor- rectional Institution and was hired at the Panama City, where she worked for 37 years. She was named Lion of Heart for her work. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she served as President of the Church board for 6 years and the deacons continued to compensate her for her service to the Church. She will be forever loved for her selflessness, her faith, her generous spirit and her love of Christ. She will be greatly missed by 26 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritagefh.com.

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BOBBY FAmILY
The Family of Bobby James Alan Fails, 81 years, of Panama City, FL died June 23, 2019 and funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Monday at First- Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon and then at First- Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel Saturday July 6th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day of the funeral services for Bobby James Alan Fails.

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Destin connector up for more debate

By Tony Judnich

The council members to entertain several options for the overall project.

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MIAMI — Jose Garcia carried a drawstring backpack full of used syringes as he walked into the converted shipping container that serves as the base for Florida’s only hypodermic needle exchange program.

The 57-year-old carefully counted as he dropped 115 syringes one-by-one into a locked biohazard bin brimming with hundreds of other used needles.

Garcia said the University of Miami pilot program protects drug users like him by allowing users to exchange used syringes for clean ones in order to avoid the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases. “Too many kids” re-use discarded needles found on the streets, he said. Called the IDEA Exchange, the program also conducts HIV screening, provides the opioid-overdose antidote Narcan and assists willing addicts to rehabilitation and social services.

Similar needle exchanges could soon come to other parts of the state under a new law. Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill Wednesday giving Florida counties the authorization to establish their own programs. The measure is crafted after the Miami program that has disposed of more than 317,000 used needles since it received temporary authorization from lawmakers in 2016.

The bill, drafted by Miami Gardens Democratic Sen. Oscar Braynon, was unanimously approved by the Senate in early May after clearing the House 111-3. Although a similar bill was halted during last year’s legislative session, Braynon said the passing of the measure represents a turning of the tide for state lawmakers who have been grappling with a growing opioid problem.

“The only thing we found that is actually working in the state of Florida is us,” Braynon said of combating the epidemic. Narcan distributed by the IDEA Exchange has reversed over 1,250 overdoses since the program’s inception, according to program data. Florida registered more than 5,000 opioid-related deaths in 2017, per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The IDEA Exchange’s founder and medical director, Dr. Hansel Tookes, had made several attempts throughout the years to convince lawmakers to consider authorizing needle exchanges. He said in May that he was “stunned” and stated that it finally passed. “So many people are dying preventable deaths in Florida,” Tookes said at the time. “I’m really heartened that the Legislature recognizes that.”

Tookes said he hopes to advise other counties establishing similar programs after the measure goes into effect July 1. There are more than 300 needle exchange programs spread across 39 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.
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Fifteen new scholars were inducted into the Foundation’s Take Stock In Children program at a May 21, 2019 dinner at Florida State University-Pensacola City. They and their parents signed a contract with the Foundation to focus on achievement, attendance and attitude. The Take Stock In Children program offers a two-year college/technical school plan to these selected students. In addition to the scholarship, the program provides mentors, staff support and guidance to ensure that the students — many of whom are the first in their families to attend college — are prepared for the rigor of college coursework.

Joining the other 101 Foundation Take Stock in Children students in middle and high school are Jane Parmer, Elizabeth Halland (Pensacola High School); Tharonna Pratt (Breakfast Point Academy); Vicki Brown, Vi Anaya-Packard (Brooks Middle School); Kaylee Selinde (Meatball Middle School); Gabrielle Brown, Jaden Brown, Grace Depew, Jaelly Goodwin, Kamber Goodwin, Madiana Middleton, Jordan Quicke-Goldhill, John Rowland and Jordan Thomas (Saratoga Middle School).

Congratulations Class of 2019!

Take Stock alumni attended the May 21 dinner, too! Six scholars graduated from college, ready and able to join the 96 college graduates already out in the working world.” Group alumni photo at dinner: Faith Harmon, Jhanbruina Williams, Kacey Smith, Faith Bushnell, Whitney Peterson, Johnny Atwell, Carlos Hillman, Lacy Newsom, Danielle DeForest, Anna Chess, Nyeria Hunt, Morgan Miner.

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TALLAHASSEE — The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday blocked—with at least for now—a citizenship question being asked in the 2020 census, saying the Trump administration offered a “contrived” explanation as to why it was needed. The opinion, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, eased Florida Democrats’ concerns that a citizenship question in Florida, which is a magnet for immigrants, would lead to an undercount of the state’s population.

“While 750,000 undocumented residents, we need everyone counted so our state can receive important federal resources and congressional representation!” state Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, tweeted. 

The decision was a blow to the Trump administration, which argued the question would be “meaningless.” U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., said earlier this month that “it’s common sense to ask households about their residents’ citizenship status because ‘illegal immigration makes us weaker.’”

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The opinion by justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan. “But agencies must pursue their goals reasonably. Reasoned decision-making under the Administrative Procedure Act calls for an explanation for agency action. What was provided here was vacuity, devoid of genuine justification for it,” Roberts wrote.

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WASHINGTON — The House Ethics Committee is investigating whether a Florida congressman tried to intimidate Michael Cohen before the former personal lawyer to President Donald Trump testified to Congress about Trump.

Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz is a two-term lawmaker who has been one of Trump's most outspoken defenders. Cohen testified to a House committee in February that Trump had known WikiLeaks had obtained damaging emails about his 2016 presidential rival, Hillary Clinton. The day before that appearance, Gaetz asked Cohen in a tweet if his "wife and father-in-law know about your girlfriends?"

Gaetz later apologized for the tweet. A brief statement Friday by the ethics panel did not mention the tweet. It said Gaetz refused the committee's requests to testify about the allegation, so lawmakers are forming a bipartisan subcommittee to investigate.

Gaetz was defiant Friday, saying in a statement released by his office that, "If members of Congress want to spend their time psychoanalyzing my tweets, it's certainly their prerogative. I won't be joining them in the endeavor."

Meanwhile, Gaetz said this week that he plans to press charges against a woman who allegedly threw a drink cup at him as he was leaving a town hall event earlier this month.

"I am going to press charges. It's really important to send a message that we as conservatives have a right to our views—just like anybody else. We're not backing down," Gaetz tweeted Thursday.

**A 14-foot jawbone of endangered whale discovered**

By The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — An almost 14-foot (4-meter) jawbone believed to be from a right whale was found in a museum after a boater spotted it on a barrier island off Florida's Atlantic Coast.

The Tampa Bay Times reports the bone was taken to the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville last month. The jawbone was discovered near Jacksonville.

Museum officials say it appears to be a left mandible, which is part of the jawbone. DNA tests are underway to determine if the bone is indeed from a right whale. There are only about 450 right whales left in the world.

Florida Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman Michelle Kerr says it was a "rare, unique discovery."
MIAMI — Two people have been charged in Florida with orchestrating a massive arms smuggling scheme involving thousands of weapons and parts sent to South America, federal officials said Friday.

Homeland Security Investigations officials said at a news conference that authorities seized 5,300 firearms and components, many of them powerful AR-15 rifles. More than two dozen people have been arrested in Argentina, Brazil and the U.S.

Matthew Albence, deputy director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, said the weapons were mailed in pieces using false labeling from the U.S. to South America and assembled there. The weapons parts were shipped through the U.S. Post Office and other delivery services.

“There’s no shortage of creativity in the criminal element,” Albence said. “It’s not just stopping the contraband, it’s dismantling the organizations.”

In Miami, a criminal complaint charges John James Peterson, 60, and Brunella Zuppone, 67, with playing key roles in the smuggling scheme. In addition to the rifles and parts, authorities seized 156 handguns, 30,000 rounds of ammunition, 167 explosives and 15 silencers.

It wasn’t immediately clear if Peterson and Zuppone had lawyers to represent them.

In addition to the weapons and ammunition, authorities seized more than $100,000 in cash. Anthony Salisbury, chief of Homeland Security Investigations in Miami, said most of the weapons were intended for Brazil after transiting through Argentina.

“At the end of the day, it’s all for money,” Albence said. “There’s always groups that exploit vulnerabilities in the system for profit.”
TALLAHASSEE —

Lawmakers seeking to slap gambling-addiction warnings on state lottery tickets and advertising once again failed to scratch out a winner.

On Friday, Gov. Ron DeSantis, noting potential impacts to money for education, vetoed a controversial bill (HB 629) that sought to require the following warnings to be prominently displayed on the front of all lottery tickets: "Warning: Lottery games may be addictive," or "Play responsibly."

DeSantis in a letter accompanying his veto noted that Florida Lottery officials expressed concerns the new warning requirements could affect marketing and participation in multi-state games. "As governor, one of my key priorities is making higher education affordable, for Florida families," DeSantis wrote. "This bill reduces the Lottery's ability to continue to maximize revenue for education and negatively impacts Florida students."

The veto came as DeSantis signed seven other bills on Friday. The lottery bill, sponsored by Rep. Will Robinson, R-Bradenton, had been a priority of House leaders.

Former Gov. Rick Scott, now a U.S. Senator, vetoed a similar measure in 2017, saying it would impose "burdensome regulations" on the games and retailers.

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EASTPOINT — One year after the Lime rock wildfire incinerated three dozen homes just blocks away from Franklin County’s famed seafood houses, Stella Glass and many of her neighbors are still living in FEMA camper trailers barely big enough to fit through the seams. Some of which are coming apart. It’s just not what she had in mind.

They're grateful for the mass outpouring of help that came into town after the fires, the police and firefighters who braved the blaze, the support of hundreds of volunteers, the church and radio stations that maintained their community information network after the fire, the money they got from the federal government.

But the wildfire turned that quiet fishing village into a灌满废墟的小镇，只剩下木板和沙砾。传统的沿河而建的房子，他们的汽车，他们的打猎装备，几乎全部都化为灰烬。许多家庭失去了家园，只能居住在临时搭建的帐篷里。

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The couple, “adopted” by neighbors through a partnership of local government and non-profits, said they’re applying for a permanent housing grant to Franklin County. They’re still waiting on homes. I’m not even sure we have a home,” Becky Banks said. “They’ve taken a year to get it all figured out.”

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permanent housing to people who have had to live in a camper trailer, which is not designed to be a permanent house. So we've been fortunate to work with Franklin County to try to make the primary resident as whole as possible in a meaningful way. Center expects all of the fire victims to have permanent housing by the end of the summer. He noted that social service agencies and the government can only do so much to help.

"We've done a lot," he said. "But there's no way we're ever going to be able to do everything. Permanent relief will have to come through the courts. And that's not our role.

Glass said he's been approved for a $70,000 house. He expects to get a modular home, like one that went up down the street, but he's not sure and doesn't know when it might arrive. And while the homes donated through the Sheriff's Office and the Community Action Agency were given free and clear to residents, he said the homes purchased with federal dollars come with strings attached.

"It's a lot of paperwork we've got to go through," he said. "And (the county) gets to take control of my property for 10 years — which I don't care for that none. If I live in the house for 10 years, it will be paid off, we won't have to pay for the house. That's the way it was explained to me."

Stephanie Johns, who lost her home in the fire, has been trying to maintain a normal life inside one of the FEMA campers with her husband, their two kids and small dogs. But she said it's nearly impossible in such confined quarters.

"Everybody has a different story, but it's more or less the same," she said. "We all just want a house."

Glass and many of the fire victims have filed nearly a dozen lawsuits against Wildlands Service, and more are expected. Some of them also have notified state agencies of their intent to sue, said Doug Lyons, a Tallahassee attorney representing more than 50 people. He said all told, there are about 120 plaintiffs, with nearly a dozen lawyers handling their cases. Lyons said that while Wildlands Service had a $5 million insurance policy, only $1 million of it is available to pay out claims to the fire victims. Court-ordered mediation could happen as soon as August, opening the door to a possible settlement.

Cecil Davis, a Tallahassee attorney representing Wildlands Service, said he could not comment because of the ongoing litigation.

"We all have lawsuits, but it feels like they're dragging it out," Johns said. "They came out here and burned stuff and took people's homes and took people's animals. To me, that right there is negligence because everyone in the world knows they set that fire and then went back to Tallahassee. People could really use that money. Everyone could.

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The filing, in the case of convicted murderer Duane Eugene Owen, comes as a revamped Supreme Court is exploring whether to reverse course on decisions that allowed dozens of convicted murderers to have their death sentences reconsidered.

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Another local historian, the late W. Dan Southerland, noted that Tampa’s history is filled with stories of how African-Americans moved to the city, but often without knowing where they were going. For example, he said, “In the early years of the city, many African-Americans were sold into slavery and later freed. Some of these freedmen chose to stay in Tampa, while others moved to other cities.”

Southerland also noted that, despite the many challenges faced by African-Americans in Tampa, the city has a rich history that is worth exploring. He said, “The city’s history is full of stories of struggle and resilience, and we need to make sure that these stories are told.”

In addition to Southerland, the Tampa Historical Society has been working to keep the city’s history alive. The society has been working to collect and preserve old documents and artifacts from the city’s past. They have also been working to educate the public about the city’s history through events and tours.

The society’s executive director, John Smith, said, “We believe that it’s important to keep the city’s history alive so that future generations can learn from it.”

Smith added, “We also believe that it’s important to recognize the contributions that African-Americans made to the city’s history.”

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SUNSHINE TRIBUNE
ORLANDO — A 20-year-old Florida bank customer has been sentenced to 23 months in federal prison for stealing more than $72,000 from accounts that he controlled. He used the money to buy marijuana and auto loans.

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Ye Olde Slugfest: Yanks top Red Sox in MLB Euro debut

By Ronald Blum

The Associated Press

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Lashley drives on the 11th tee during the third round of the Rocket Mortgage Classic, Saturday in Detroit. (AP Photo/Carlos Osorio, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)
Major League Baseball has scrapped its proposed playeroppel 2020 season amid Asia and Japanese play may be canceled in Europe.

MLB’s 2020 season was scheduled to begin in March. It will start its season in Tokyo in the fall, after Major League Baseball and the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games agreed to a new schedule for the games.

“With the health and safety of our players, employees, fans, and the public in mind, we have decided to delay the start of our season to accommodate the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo,” MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement.

The season was scheduled to begin on March 26, with the first game between the host team, the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, and the Seattle Mariners at Tokyo Dome. The season was expected to run through the end of September, with the final game between the San Diego Padres and Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

Manfred said the decision was made after consulting with the players union and MLB owners to ensure the health and safety of all involved.

The delay of the season is a significant blow to the league, which had been hoping to draw fans from around the world to watch the games in Japan.

The decision also comes amid concerns about the spread of the coronavirus in the United States, where MLB has already been hit with a number of positive cases among players and team staff.

The league had been planning to hold spring training in Arizona and Florida, but those plans have been put on hold due to the pandemic.

Manfred said the league will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions as needed.

The Associated Press
New Jersey tops Nevada in sports betting volume in May

By Wayne Parry

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Nevada casino operators need to know how fast sports betting is growing in New Jersey. The state took in more sports bets last month than Nevada, which took in its 13th straight monthly decline.

According to gambling analysts, New Jersey saw $318.9 million worth of bets for the month, edging past Nevada, which took in $254 million.

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**SCORES/SCHEDULE**

**TODAY’S GAMES**

- **AMERICAN LEAGUE**
  - **Texas Rangers** at **Kansas City Royals**, 2:10 p.m.
  - **Chicago White Sox** at **Chicago Cubs**, 7:05 p.m.
  - **Seattle Mariners** at **Houston Astros**, 2:10 p.m.

- **NATIONAL LEAGUE**
  - **New York Mets** at **Washington Nationals**, 1:10 p.m.
  - **Miami Marlins** at **Pittsburgh Pirates**, 7:05 p.m.
  - **Los Angeles Dodgers** at **San Francisco Giants**, 6:30 p.m.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

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- **New York** 53 28 .654 — — 9-1 W-4 31-14 22-14
- **Chicago** 45 38 .542 — — 5-5 W-1 29-16 16-22
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- **Philadelphia** 43 40 .518 6½ ½ 4-6 L-2 27-17 16-23

**RUNDOWN**

- **Yankees 17, Red Sox 13**
  - Michael Pineda threw six solid innings for Minnesota.
  - Brendan McKay took a perfect game.
  - Neil Walker homered and drove.
  - Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
  - Washington at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
  - Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:05 p.m.
  - Seattle at Houston, 2:10 p.m.

**STATISTICAL LEADERS**

- **BATTING**
  - Minnesota, .269; Chicago, .267; Kansas City, .252.

- **RBI**
  - Stroman, 14; Soto, 13; Dozier, 13; Mancini, 13.

- **HOME RUNS**
  - Kepler, Minnesota, 27; Soto, Washington, 26; Dozier, Minnesota, 25; Mancini, Baltimore, 25.

- **RUNS**
  - Kepler, Minnesota, 73; Soto, Washington, 62; Jones, Boston, 52; Trout, Los Angeles, 52.

- **STOLEN BASES**
  - Kepler, Minnesota, 29; Soto, Washington, 28; Davis, Baltimore, 27; Mancini, Baltimore, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 25.
Busch looks back on last throwback event to try to get more "..." — Williams let out the 37-year-old American ing better" and her coach, at least in part to an injured at the suburban raceway. for another memorable finish for more drama this season. package in an effort to create the norm for its top series, more of the exception than detail. But the frantic final seconds Series returns to the bumpy -- It's hard to know exactly 16th last year continued to 105 have at least time this season, factors she -- She has only 12 tour-level quarters. So she hasn't played together. "Then things should got more interesting. Quickly, giving Busch the chance to win..." busch said. "We were on the middle of last week, started..."

NASCAR returns to Chicagoland after frantic finish last year at the middle of last week, started..."

WIMMELING, England — Clearly, Andy Murray's farewell to tennis was premature. So, too, was his final run at Wimbledon, where he announced his retirement after the first round-

Andy Murray of Britain signs a large tennis ball for a young fan after a double after the World Tennis Championships in London Saturday. [DEN CESTLAVIC/PHOTO]

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By Patti Blake

There’s something special about the night sky over Cape San Blas, and photographers are flocking to the area to capture it. Photos of the Donna Kay shrimp boat under a starry night sky are becoming increasingly popular on social media feeds like Milky Way Chasers Group or 30E Cape San Blas, FL Group.

Michael Simmons lives in Houston, Texas, and made the 780-mile drive to capture photos of the shrimp boat under the night sky. “When I heard of the Donna Kay, I wanted to see a shrimp boat under the stars, but to also see a now iconic fixture of the beach,” he said.

With similar thoughts in mind, I talked a friend into packing a picnic and making a 2-mile walk along the Cape San Blas shoreline in late May. We chose a night with a new moon so the stars wouldn’t be washed out in my photos by bright moonlight.

The resulting photos were unexpectedly beautiful and
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**Tony Blake**  

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BAY COUNTY PET OF THE WEEK: ‘THUNDER’

This smart and hand- some boy is Thunder. He is very treat-moti- vated and is quick to learn new tricks and commands. He is a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever mix. Weighing in at 65 pounds, he would do best having a large yard to play in. His fawn colored coat is short making his groom- ing needs minimal. All of his vaccinations are up to date. He is also neutered and is a great choice for your forever home. Thunder’s adoption cost is $25. Spend some time with Thunder and his friends at Bay County Animal Services, 6401 Bay Line Drive, Panama City, or call 850-767-3333.

‘Ace’ is available from Heartland Rescue Ranch. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

HEARTLAND PET OF THE WEEK: ‘ACE’

Ace is 2 years old, housetrained with other dogs, neutered, microchipped and ready for his forever home. ‘Ace’ is available from Heartland Rescue Ranch.

For more information or to meet Ace, contact Heartland Rescue Ranch at 850-960-4543.

Heartland Rescue Ranch
6401 Bay Line Drive, Panama City, Florida 32401
850-960-4543

www.heartlandranch.com

Visit Heartland Rescue Ranch on Facebook

‘Ace’ is available from Heartland Rescue Ranch.
The simple bedroom at Cross Creek shows the slatted board walls of the typical "cracker" house.

**Community Connections**

Published regular meeting of clubs, groups and organizations with particular interest. Announcements are published as space allows. Submit information to provincetown.com with "Community Connections" in the subject line.

**CIVIC/SERVICE CLUBS**

Federal Employed Women (F EW) Chapter No. 362: 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in room 209 at our location. Details: Fewpc461@hotmail.com.

Kiwani Club of Panama City: 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the Old Lighthouse on St. Andrews Parkway. For information contact Mr. Bill Corbin at 850-237-1717.

**FITNESS/HEALTH**

TOPS FL 563: 5:30 p.m., meetings at 6 p.m., Wednesdays in room 1 at the Panama City Church, corner of Beck Parkway and St. Andrews St. Contact: Jenny 850-227-6940 or jrmercuri@gmail.com. Free. Details: Jenny 850-227-6940 or jrmercuri@gmail.com. Free.

**DANCE, MUSIC**

Panama City: 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Egg and 1114 Thomas Drive, Panama City Beach. Exclusive club event with a bar. Details: 850-586-2485.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2830: 6:30 p.m., 5th Tuesday of the month at the FPW Post, 16788 Ashley Ave., Panama City Beach. Legion guest of honor events welcome. Details: 850-703-7803 or FPWPost2830@gmail.com.

FPW Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars: 5:30 p.m., 6th Tuesday of the month at the FPW Post, 16788 Ashley Ave., Panama City Beach. Legion guest of honor events welcome. Details: 850-703-7803 or FPWPost2830@gmail.com.

**FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW)**

Chapter 362: 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in room 209 at our location. Details: Fewpc461@hotmail.com.

**STUDENT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

3:00 p.m. Mondays at Free Arts at the Beach, 1725 Panama City Beach

**Keller Library**

Cross Creek belongs to you.
DEAR ABBY

I’ve been a 30-year-old woman who’s been single for two years. We are a weird couple, and I love to have a serious conversation about love and career goals. We both love each other very much, but we have a very complicated relationship that has always been a strain on our relationship. I just don’t want to risk losing each other over this...
**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**HADDAY FARMERS MARKET:** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seaside Amphitheater. With the Seaside Repertory Theatre present a free, one-of-a-kind storytelling experience for children of all ages. The REP offers a new story based on participation and suggestions from the audience. Details at Facebook.com/SeasideFL/FarmersMarket.

**BACKSTAGE PASS:** one-of-a-kind storytelling with the Seaside Repertory Theatre in Seaside. Actors present a free, one-of-a-kind storytelling experience for children of all ages. Each day the REP offers a new story based on participation and suggestions from the audience. Details at Facebook.com/SeasideFL/FarmersMarket.

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**BABY SIGN LANGUAGE:** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Bay County Public Library, 88 W. 11th St., Panama City. Early literacy ages 0-5 years. Details at www.baylibrary.com.

**STORIES BY THE SEA:** 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seaside Amphitheater. The Seaside Repertory Theatre presents a free, one-of-a-kind storytelling experience for children of all ages. Actors with the Seaside Repertory Theatre present a free, one-of-a-kind storytelling experience for children of all ages. Each day the REP offers a new story based on participation and suggestions from the audience. Details at Facebook.com/SeasideFL/FarmersMarket.

**GYPSY FARBABA Y DAVE HAPABA:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Capstone Hotel, 737 Beck Ave., Panama City. Celebrating their 13th year as a troupe. Open to the public. Admission is $10. There will be cake. Details at Facebook.com/GypsyFarBaba.

**THE MATTERS (FORMERLY KNOW AS UNK+NIT)** 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. sessions at Ms. Rosemary Beach. Free concert by a local favorite.

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**FORGOTTEN COAST SEA TURTLE FESTIVAL: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. at George Newby’s, Panama City Beach. Free admission. Celebrate sea turtle conservation and community in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. Details at Facebook.com/ForgottenCoastSeaTurtleFestival.

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Eric Trump, the president’s son, has repeatedly suggested that Biden might be too old to serve in the Oval Office. “Of course,” Trump said on May 12, “but they are old; their talking points are old; their personas are old; their ideas are old; and their views are old. Biden might be unwilling to ‘pass the torch,’ as Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., challenged him to do.” But it slipped out of his hand when Harris delivered an emotionally devastating blow on her past record and recent comments on race not just for Democratic primary voters but also for all Americans who have been on the side of civil rights from before Biden entered the Senate in 1975. (Do people still like Biden? Of course. But they are asking themselves [many already aware], “What don’t we understand about this guy?” He’s slipping, badly. Sanders is not in far-left field, and as this primary is not a binary choice, that is his strong suit. He was the only candidate with a true, in-your-face, who-by-his-hand, who’s-here-for-you message. Even before Harris, Bernie is too much Bernie, too much of a caricature of center-right realities, with the tribe of generational change — is sharing the stage. Eloquent still counts in politics. The temperament displayed by the young mayor was perhaps honed in Afghanistan, but he is strikingly unflappable, direct and confident for a 38-year-old rising star with 15 million or so people watching. His only error was in significantly distorted telling of his story. Everyone understands that conservatives more broadly believe about God and the role of faith in politics. Buttigieg is too smart not to know that he presented a caricature of center-right people of faith in the public square, and one that will be hard to put away should he improbably run the table. His was a high-risk pitch to the religious left, a not-in-my-sight of the electorate long ignored by the Democratic Party, but he might have overshot the mark. If so, it was his time to end it and to move on. I hope he walked on to the stage burdened by a shooting in South Bend.

The race could, to the benefit of everyone.

See HUWITT, E2

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., gestures during the Democratic primary debate hosted by NBC News at the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Art on Thursday in Miami, as South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, right, and former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper, left, listen. (AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)
Feline-friendly hotels: catastrophe or cat’s meow?

From Page E1

The preliminary and detention hearings for Mustafa Mustapha Alowemer took place at the Joseph F. Weis Jr. Federal Courthouse on Friday in Pittsburgh. Prosecutors allege Alowemer planned to bomb a rug at home. Cami, what you “yet,” but stranger things leave a laser pointer on for Motel 6 customers, “We’ll bring their cats along."

Danny Tyree

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HART

The strongest expansions of gay rights in the United States have come in recent landmark decisions from the supposedly "conservative" Supreme Court. It has mostly taken the view that it is not the government’s role to tell people what they can or cannot do if it does not hurt anyone else.

Dealing with issues like this, it is always good to consult our Constitution. It should teach the left to have less government and fewer rules (like you can’t marry) because, when government grows, freedoms diminish. This mandate of saying we will grow in for certain groups in growing up today.

The left’s current strat- egy is to attack anyone who voices his own personal religious views of gays, essentially denying him or her First Amendment rights. When asked, Chick-fil-A founders stated their Bible-based views in opposition to same-sex marriage. The company was beaten up in the press and targeted by the CAT ordered to remove its "anti-gay" signs. It was a PR nightmare and an example of bullying. I suggested at the time that Chick-fil-A make amends by offering a limited time, Chick-on-Chick sandwich in its midtown stores.

I tried to understand the thinking of those few who oppose gay marriage. Like most bad decisions, it comes out of ignorance.

I talked to my Uncle Mac, who lives in Alabama and is probably the only person in my family who opposes gay marriage.

Gay marriage in Ala-

"...I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, and I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

VIEWSPEODY

Feline-friendly hotels: catastrophe or cat’s meow?

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The story of "The Fourth Way: The New Spirituality of the Western World," by Hugh Hewitt, a Post columnist and radio show and is author of "The Tyree's Tyrades."

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tently; it does not address future college obligations, they would also be taxed more to help fund the college loan bailout without either raising a host of other taxes immediately—and significantly—or with racking up huge deficits or debt. Indeed, to Mr. Sanders’ promises, does not simply “disappear.” It just gets dumped on somebody else, notably including future taxpayers—who far out-earn them. How is that fair, critics ask? The senator’s proposal is unlikely to become law, but it does suggest that the tab can be paid with a tax on what he calls “speculation.” What that really means is a tax on investments that make trade make compensatory demands all participants who took part in the community and the trade, its continuing impact on the community and the trade, its continuing impact on the community and the trade. Slavery was a gross violation of human rights. Justice demands all participants in the trans-Atlantic slave trade make compensatory payments to slaves. However, there is no way European countries could have captured millions of Africans. That means compensation would have to be paid by Afri- can and Arab captors and sold slaves to Europeans in addition to the people who bought and used slaves. Since slaves and slave traders and owners are no longer with us, compensation is beyond our reach and it’s a matter that will have to be settled in hell or heaven. Let’s pretend for a moment that reparations issue makes a modicum of sense. There’s the question of responsibility. More explicitly, should we com- pensate a black person in Mississippi today by punishing a white person in Massachusetts for his money, for what a white person of yesteryear did to a black person of yesteryear? If we believe in individual accountability, we should find that doing so is unjust. In other words, are we willing to pay reparations to Mexican Americans, European and Latin American immigrants who were forced to migrate from their countries to make reparations? What about descendants of Northern whites who fought and died in the name of free- dom? Should we have to pay reparations to black people? What about slave owners of South- ern whites—who were a majority of Southern whites should their descendants be made to pay reparations? Reparations advocates continue the usual charade of reproachment that “United States will have no capital backs of free black labor. That’s not the way it is. While some slave owners became rich, there is a good record of produc- ing wealth. Slavery existed in the southern states and outlawed in most of the northern states. Entering into the reparations argument suggests that the antebellum South was rich and the slave- owned North was poor. The truth is just the opposite. In fact, the poorest states and regions of our country were places where slavery flour- ished: Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia. And the richest states and regions were those where slavery was absent: Pennsylvania, New York and Massachusetts. The reparations move- ment would be an amusing sideshow if it wasn’t for its damaging distractions. It is grossly misplaced on resources that could be better spent elsewhere. According to the state of finance, by 1792, 7% of black people could not meet state standards in reading. In 2016, 12% of Baltimore’s high schools, 9% schools in the state scored proficient on the state’s mathematics exam. In six high schools, only 19% tested proficient in math. The same story of low educa- tion outcomes can be told about most cities with black populations. The nation’s most prominent big cities are Detroit, Oakland, St. Louis, Minneapolis, St. Petersburg, Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, Detroit, Chicago, Mi- nneapolis and Milwaukee. The common characteristic about most of these cities is that they have large black populations and blacks have traditionally gotten the worst of it, power as mayors, city coun- cilmembers and chiefs of police. Energy spent on reparations should be used to solve those problems. When a person is responsible for what he did, he is responsible for it. So is a company. Businesses are responsible for what they do. And governments are responsible for what they do. There’s no question about it. So what can we do to make sure that the responsibility falls where it is due? When a person is responsible for what he did, he is responsible for it. So is a company. Businesses are responsible for what they do. And governments are responsible for what they do.
WINGS program

On June 7, a group of faculty and staff from the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville travelled to represent the college at the Southern Baptist Convention and Pastor’s Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Throughout the week, college representatives provided information to prospective students and greeted alumni, friends and messengers at the BCF exhibit booth.

[CONTRIBUTED PHOTO]

Back Beach Barbecue donation

PANAMA CITY BEACH — Back Beach Barbecue held the Second Annual Hog Bash to celebrate its two-year anniversary and raised $2,400 for South Walton Academy. The private, non-profit inclusion school and pediatric therapy center in Santa Rosa Beach includes therapies and educational tools in an effort to bridge the gap between communication and children with Autism and other learning disabilities.

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USN Hospitalman Jintaja Lewis

Holmes County Sheriff John Tate stopped by the Bonifay K-8 WINGS program on June 12, to speak with students about various topics including internet safety, bullying and the importance of making sound, civic-minded decisions.

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BCF at Southern convention

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Chad M. Longo graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Longo is the son of Marianna Longo and brother of James Longo of Panama City. The airman is a 2010 graduate of A. Crawford Mosley High School in Lynn Haven, and earned an associate degree in 2016 from Gulf Coast State College in Panama City.

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USAF Airman 1st Class Chad M. Longo

On June 7, a group of faculty and staff from the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville travelled to represent the college at the Southern Baptist Convention and Pastor’s Conference in Birmingham, Alabama. Throughout the week, college representatives provided information to prospective students and greeted alumni, friends and messengers at the BCF exhibit booth.

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AARP Chapter 1315

AARP Chapter 1315 had its annual picnic on June 11 at Glenwood Community Center. Master of Ceremonies for the event was Jerry Brown, anchorwoman of WMBB-TV-13. Guest speakers were: AARP Florida (Miami) Victoria Funes, associate state director, who did interviews on the effects of Hurricane Michael on the people of Bay County; AARP Florida (Tallahassee) Leslie Spencer, associate state director for Advocacy & Outreach; Anna Robbino, Bay County Public Library; Sue Trauman, AARP Drivers Safety; Franka Luman, Broke Powell, and Brad Mostroe, Bay County Emergency Management, shared recovery needs for Hurricane Michael and future Hurricane Preparedness.

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“The water was not fit to drink. To make it palatable, we had to add whisky. By diligent effort, I learned to like it.”

– Winston Churchill
Single malt Scotch, one of the world’s most revered spirits, is made out of water and barley. There are a few steps between harvesting the grain and pouring a complex, spectacular glass of amber gold, but the process itself is pretty straightforward.

In essence, to make spirits you need to make wine or beer, then remove a lot of the water. Simple, right?

Of course, walk into a bar or liquor store and see the wide world of different spirits made from this basic process and you’ll understand that difference is in the details.

The first step is making alcohol from your base ingredients — fermentation — which requires just two things: yeast and sugar. As yeast eats the sugar it creates alcohol and CO2. Problem is, yeast can’t survive in high concentrations of alcohol, so once it reaches a certain point it dies off and fermentation ends. That’s why you can’t find wine that’s much more than 15% alcohol.

Thankfully, water has a higher boiling point than alcohol. Heat your low-alcohol liquid to more than 173 F (but less than 212 F) and the alcohol evaporates. Catch that alcohol vapor, condense it back into a liquid using cold temperatures and you have distilled a spirit.
The Base Liquid

The choices a distiller makes start with what is used to make the alcohol in the first place. Any sugar or starch can be fermented. Fruit, like grapes, or sugary plants like beets or sugar cane, are easy — turn them into a liquid and add yeast. With grains, enzymes are needed to turn the starch into sugar. That’s made easier by malting, during which the grain is soaked until it begins to germinate — producing those starch-converting enzymes — and then dried. You can ferment unmalted grains, but it will either take a long time to convert the starches, or you’ll need to find the enzymes that will speed things up.

Those initial ingredients have a big impact on the final product, thanks to the imperfections that are passed through the distillation process. That’s why Calvados, made from apples, tastes very different from bourbon, or pisco tastes different from grappa.

Many other things during this first step can also affect the final spirit. In Scotland, the fire that helped dry the malted barley was fueled by peat, which adds a significant and distinct flavor to the whisky. Scotch made on the island Islay often has a powerful briny flavor to it, thanks to the environment and the water used throughout the process.
The Still

Classically, distillation was the realm of ancient scientists and alchemists who used alembic, or pot, distillation. Giant pots filled with “mash” — the fermented liquid — are heated, with pipes jutting from the top of the pot that catch the vapor and cool it before depositing the resulting liquid into another container. This type of distillation is inefficient, so other things are vaporized along with the alcohol and end up in the final product. That’s bad if you want quantity and purity, but great if you want to make a complex and interesting spirit, which is why most high-end spirits are still made using pot distillation.

Scotch whisky is distilled twice, while Irish whiskey is distilled three times. Arguably, Scotch is more complex, while Irish whiskey is smoother.

If you want to make a more refined spirit in large quantities, column distilling is really the only other way to do it. Essentially giant towers that are fine-tuned to produce the exact temperature needed to vaporize alcohol, column stills produce a more refined spirit more quickly than pot stills. If you’re making straight ethanol or vodka, it’s an efficient process.

You can reduce these “imperfections” by running the distilled spirit through the process again, or multiple times, depending on the style of the spirit you are making.
Aging and Flavoring

Look at bourbon fresh from the still and it will be crystal clear. That beautiful golden brown color that you see in the bottle comes as it spends time in oak barrels. That oak aging also mellows the spirit, adds sweet vanilla notes and richness. The newer the barrel, the more profound the impact. Bourbon has to be aged in new charred barrels, but other spirits are aged in older barrels (often bought from bourbon distillers, who have to keep replacing them).

What was aged in the barrel previously can have an impact, as well — the same batch of Scotch split between barrels used to age bourbon and barrels used to age port wine will taste significantly different at the end. In addition to the qualities of the barrels, aging oxidizes the spirit, which can add nuttiness and other flavors.

This is also the stage when flavored spirits like gin or absinthe are infused with whatever comprises the distiller’s particular recipe, then filtered out before bottling.

Unlike wine, spirits don’t really improve with age after they are bottled. Unopened, a spirit will last a long time. Open it up and take some out, then oxygen will begin its work, slowly impacting the flavor. Again unlike wine, oxidation can take years to harm spirits, instead of days, so no need to rush.
A reference guide to the world’s most popular spirits

BRANDY

Brandy is any spirit produced by distilling wine, but that definition can get pretty broad, depending on how much of a stickler you are. You can make wine from fruits other than grapes, for example, and some classify spirits made from pomace — the grapes, seeds, skins and stems left over after crushing during winemaking — as brandy. For convenience, we’ll include the highlights from across the brandy spectrum.

Cognac

The traditional king of brandy, Cognac should only use the name if it is distilled in the specific region surrounding the town of Cognac, France. It is aged for at least two years in French oak casks and then blended with multiple different batches to produce a Cognac house’s particular style.

The basic designations of Cognac are:
- V.S.: Very Special, the most basic Cognac
- V.S.O.P.: Very Superior Old Pale, which must be aged at least four years on oak
- XO/Napoleon: Extra Old, which must be aged at least six years on oak

Armagnac

Gascony in southwest France is home to Armagnac, the country’s oldest distilling region. Though similar to Cognac, Armagnac is distilled only once and uses different grapes in the wine, which results in brandy that can be more aromatic than its French brother. For Armagnac, V.S. means at least two years in oak, V.S.O.P. three years and XO 10 years.

Grappa

Made from pomace, the grape detritus left over after juice is pressed out for wine, grappa can only be produced in Italy, certain areas of southern Switzerland, and the tiny country of San Marino. It is often unaged, which results in very subtle flavors that are prized by fans, but often come across as harsh to the uninitiated.

Calvados

Made from apple and pear cider in Normandy, France, Calvados is the elegant grandfather of fruit brandies from around the world.

Spanish

There are two primary types of Spanish brandy — Brandy de Jerez from Andalucía and Torres from Catalonia — but both are produced using the unique Spanish solera system, which is also used to produce sherry. To understand the solera system, picture oak barrels stacked in multiple layers. Brandy is bottled from the bottom barrels, but some is always left behind. Then the barrels are filled from the layer above and, finally, new brandy is added to the top layer. This means that brandy is constantly mixing with multiple years, or decades, of other brandy, making it easy
for a producer to maintain a consistent style. Spanish brandy ranges from fruity and bright to rich and complex, depending on the producer.

**Pisco**
The national spirit of both Peru and Chile, with both claiming its creation, pisco is a grape brandy that doesn't spend any time in oak barrels. Also, it must be distilled to the exact proof it will be when bottled, which means no water gets added. Throw in grapes that are naturally higher in sugar than those harvested in France, and you're left with a clear brandy that has bright, clean flavors and a touch of sweetness.
WHISKEY

The term whiskey (or whisky, depending on where it is made or who you’re talking to) encompasses a wide variety of styles from around the globe, but mostly concentrated in Scotland, Ireland and North America. The one unifying factor between them all is that they are distilled from fermented grain mash.

Scotch
Perhaps the most famous of all whiskeys, Scotch has a pedigree that extends back to the 1400s. There are five different basic types of Scotch, which pretty much all come down to what grains are used and where the batches come from.

**Single malt:** Must be produced using only water and malted barley and distilled in pot stills at a single distillery.

**Single grain:** Must come from a single distillery using a malted grain other than barley.

**Blended:** A mixture of one or more single malt with one or more single grain.

**Blended malt:** A mixture of two or more single malts from different distilleries.

**Blended grain:** A mixture of single grains distilled at different distilleries.

Most Scotch produced, over 90 percent, falls into the blended category. Blended Scotch tends to be smooth and rich, without as much complexity and often with less aging than single malt Scotch. All Scotch whisky must be aged at least three years and if there is an age stated on the label that indicates the youngest whisky in the blend.

In the early days of Scotch production, distilleries used the abundant peat as a fuel for the fires that dried their grain, which added a distinctive flavor to the final product. It is much less common these days, though some distilleries are known for their profound peat aromas.

Like wine (and unlike most spirits), single malt Scotch can also vary widely in style depending on which of the five defined regions in Scotland it comes from. This is an oversimplification, but whisky from The Highlands tends to be more refined and rich; Speyside whisky tends to be complex and nuanced; and Islay whisky can have a profound briny character.

Irish
Once the most popular spirit in the world, Irish whiskey is more
approachable than Scotch, which may explain its widespread appeal. That’s because Irish distillers rarely use peat and distill three times (compared to Scotch’s two), which strips out some of the complexity but results in a rich and smooth spirit.

**Bourbon**

Bourbon is largely synonymous with American whiskey, the name dating back to at least the early 1800s. Many people associate it with Bourbon County, Kentucky, but Bourbon can actually be produced anywhere in the United States. The rules are simple: the grain mixture must be at least 51% corn; it must be aged in new, charred oak; distilled to 160 proof or less; aged at no more than 125 proof; and bottled at least 80 proof. There are no minimum aging requirements, but if the label states an age, it has to be the age of the youngest whiskey in the mix. Those simple rules result in a multitude of styles ranging from harsh and simple to elegant and complex, depending on the producer.

**Canadian**

Typically a blend of various grains, with usually a little rye in the mix, Canadian whiskey tends to be smoother and lighter than Scotch or Bourbon, although there are definitely some craft distillers that buck the trend. Because of its gentle character, Canadian has often been seen as ideal for many cocktails that might require a more subtle whiskey.

**American Rye**

Though Canadian whiskey can be referred to as “rye whiskey” if it includes even a little rye in its grain blend, American rye needs to be distilled from at least 51% rye. Otherwise the rules are the same as those for bourbon. Rye is prized because it can add more complexity to the whiskey and comes across as less sweet than corn-based bourbon.
FLAVORED SPIRITS

Absinthe
Though spirits as a whole are demonized by some, absinthe has been subjected to a notoriety that goes beyond merely the evils of alcohol. Detractors claimed that it caused hallucinations and encouraged criminal and immoral behavior. Absinthe’s hallucinogenic properties, at least, have been debunked by modern science.

Originally a Swiss medicinal creation, absinthe is flavored by two primary botanicals — anise and grand wormwood — along with a bounty of others, depending on the producer. After it was given to Napoleon’s troops to prevent certain diseases, it became wildly popular in France, popularity that returned among artists and bohemians in the early 20th century.

Absinthe also has a traditional preparation, almost a cocktail in itself. First, put some absinthe in a glass, then place a lump of sugar on a slotted spoon and pour cold water over the top. The cold water mixes with the botanicals in the spirit and turns it from pale green to milky white. There are several variations on this, some of which involve soaking the sugar in alcohol and setting it on fire.

Aquavit
Distilled for over 600 years in Scandinavia — primarily Norway — aquavit is flavored with a handful of botanicals, but primarily caraway. Depending on the country, aquavit can be matured in oak casks, is often paired with beer and is often served during holiday celebrations, although it is also popular throughout the year.

Bitters
Its origins lie in the preparation of medicinal, herb-infused spirits to aid digestion and cure or prevent disease, especially when distilled spirits became widely available through Europe in the Middle Ages. The British brought it into their commercial trade routes in the 1800s, which is when the brand Angostura Bitters began, created as a cure for sea sickness (and a laundry list of other maladies). The United States also has a claim to one of the other big brands, namely Peychaud’s Bitters, which was created in New Orleans.

These days, there are two types of bitters — cocktail and digestive. Cocktail bitters are not classified as beverages, primarily because their flavor is so potent that a few drops are plenty, preferably added to an elegant cocktail. Digestive bitters are meant to be consumed on their own, or mixed in cocktails, and include popular varieties like Amaro, Aperol, Campari, Fernet-Branca and many others.

Genever
A predecessor of gin popular in The Netherlands and Belgium, genever was discovered by British soldiers while fighting shoulder-to-shoulder with Dutch troops in the 16th century. Like gin, it is flavored with juniper and other botanicals, but unlike gin it is made with some malted grain mash, often mixed with non-malted grain spirit. This gives genever a much richer and complex character that is very different from the clean and crisp character of gin.

Gin
The national drink of England, gin is uniquely tied to the British Empire over the past half-millenium. It rose in popularity when taxes were placed on foreign spirits, used to mask the flavor of quinine to prevent malaria in the colonies and caused riots when the government attempted to impose serious taxes on the spirit. It is also an ideal empty palette, a simple grain spirit flavored with juniper that acts as a blank canvas for a host of botanical infusions that determine individual producers’ styles.

Ouzo
The classic spirit of Greece, and believed to have originated there, ouzo is a grain spirit flavored primarily with anise, although each producer has their own unique blend of herbs and spices that set their recipe apart from the others. Besides Greece, ouzo is popular throughout the eastern Mediterranean, especially Turkey, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel and Jordan.
MEZCAL/TEQUILA

The national spirit of Mexico, mezcal is any spirit made from fermenting the agave cactus, tequila is technically a mezcal, but limited to a particular region surrounding the town of Tequila and fermented using only the blue agave plant. It was first produced in the 1500s and was being mass-produced as early as 1600.

The standards for tequila depend on the type. Blanco designates an unaged spirit; reposado requires aging in oak between two months and a year; anejo requires one to three years; extra anejo requires a minimum of three years.

RUM

Although these days most rum is made in the Caribbean and Latin America, its origins can be traced back to ancient Sanskrit texts dating back to the 7th century. It makes sense, because any culture that produces sugar can make what we now call rum. Rum almost spontaneously occurred in the Caribbean once slaves and plantation owners discovered that molasses, which comes from the refining of sugar, could be fermented and distilled. Rum distilleries in Colonial New England became one of the area's primary revenue generators, which drove the slave trade as Caribbean plantations needed more workers to supply the growing demand for molasses and sugar.

In modern times, rum is available in everything from light and mild inexpensive varieties to versions aged for years in oak barrels. Some rums are flavored with everything from banana to starfruit, with coconut one of the most popular. Rums spiced with cinnamon, cloves and other additions are common, often with the addition of caramel to add sweetness.

VODKA

Though it likely originated in Poland, vodka is perhaps most associated with Russia. It was highly regulated by the nobility until the late 1800s, when the government opened production and prices dropped dramatically. By the early 20th century, roughly 90% of all alcohol consumed in Russia was vodka.

Vodka is one of the simplest and purest of the spirits. It is produced using pretty much any grain or starch on hand, distilled multiple times, filtered and fined to remove any impurities, then mixed with water to reach the right proof. The result is a spirit that is clear and clean and largely devoid of flavor.

Of course, flavor can be added later. Over the past two decades, flavored vodkas have become common, spiced, seasoned and fortified with pretty much any fruit or spice you can imagine.
Fortified wines are like a double dose of grape alcohol, in a way. Take a wine in the midst of fermentation, add some grape brandy and you have fortified wine. The brandy increases the alcohol content high enough to kill the yeast and stop fermentation, often before all the sugar has been used up, resulting in a drink somewhere between wine and brandy.

Originally this was done to protect wine from the rigors of long sea voyages, when heat, motion and time would combine to kill a wine before it could reach shops in another country, especially across the long expanse between the old and new world. Soon enough, however, people discovered the joys of fortified wine as its own delicious beverage.

Port
Perhaps because of its proximity to England, the Portuguese city of Porto dominated the fortified wine trade and still does to this day. Many ports are blended using multiple vintages of wine to better reproduce a producer’s distinct style. There are two major styles: ruby port and tawny port. Ruby port ranges from inexpensive bottles featuring bright black berry fruit to higher-end vintage port, built to age for decades before it reaches its best flavor. Tawny port is blended from multiple vintages and often a little oxidized, which results in nut and dried fruit flavors.

Madeira
Produced on Portuguese islands off the coast of Africa, west of Morocco, Madeira’s unique fortified wine style came about almost by accident. Ships travelling to the New World in the 16th century often stopped at Madeira to stock up, and one of the things they bought was the island’s wine, fortified to protect it during the long voyage. When an unsold shipment returned to the island, winemakers found that the heat and oxidation during the long voyage had changed it for the better. So, they started heating and oxidizing the wine themselves. The result is a wine that is both tasty and almost indestructible, with nutty caramel flavors and a wide range of sweetness levels.

Sherry
Spain’s distinctive fortified wine from Jerez is put through a process of intentional oxidation through a process called the solera system. The best way to visualize this is to imagine barrels stacked four high, each filled with wine. Wine is bottled from the bottom layer of barrels, which are then refilled by the layer second layer, the second layer filled by the third layer, third filled by the top layer, which is then replenished by new wine. Since no more than a third of a barrel is transferred to the one below (and usually a lot less), that means that each barrel is a blend of all the wine produced since that solera began. The solera process produces wines that have a distinct nuttiness from oxidation, bright to raisiny fruit and range from dry to very sweet.
We all have our favorite drinks, and likely make sure to keep them on hand, but what if you want to go all out when people come over? It’s easy, and not too costly, to create a home bar that will allow you to make just about anything your friends and family might ask for. (And if you don’t know how to make it, there are plenty of books and apps for that.)

A properly assembled bar may cost a fair amount in the short term, but if you like to entertain it will pay dividends for years to come — spirits last a long time. It also gives you the ability to throw an impromptu party at a moment’s notice. And when people see your setup, they’ll often clamor to be included on your guest list for future events.

There is a plethora of fancy, intricate, or downright mystifying bar tools and spirits out there, but we’ll just concern ourselves with the basics, the core supplies you’ll need to make 95-percent of the drinks your guests could possibly conceive of, as well as a few simple skills you’ll need to properly mix a bevy of classic cocktails.

And it all starts with:

**SPIRITS**

Forget the fancy liqueurs and the thousand different types of flavored vodkas, just make sure to cover your bases. Avoid low-end brands and stick to middle- or upper-tier spirits.

**Basics:**
- Bourbon or rye whiskey
- Brandy
- Gin
- Rum, white
- Scotch, blended
- Tequila, white
- Triple sec (or Cointreau)
- Vermouth
- Vodka

**Advanced:**
- Amaretto
- Amaro
- Aperol
- Campari
- Coffee liqueur (or Kahlua)
- Creme de cacao
- Elderflower liqueur (or St-Germain)
- Herbal liqueur (or Green Chartreuse)
- Pisco
- Rum, spiced
- Scotch, single-malt
- Tequila, aged
GARNISHES

Make lemon and lime twists, wedges and wheels before your party starts, since they can be time-consuming for a beginner. And remember, if you run out of a garnish, just substitute something else. There are no hard and fast rules about what decorates your drink.

- Cinnamon sticks
- Lemons
- Limes
- Maraschino cherries
- Mint
- Olives
- Salt
- Sugar

MIXERS

Stick to small bottles or cans of these mixers so that you won’t waste much if you end up just making a single cocktail with it. The rest can be stored for the next time. Don’t buy canned citrus juices — fresh is so much better it’s just not worth it.

- Bitters
- Club soda
- Cola
- Cranberry juice
- Ginger ale
- Ginger beer
- Ice (and plenty of it)
- Pineapple juice
- Simple syrup (see recipe below)
- Tomato juice
- Tonic water

EQUIPMENT

Since this is a home bar, you won’t find items on this list that you’ll already have readily available in your kitchen, like knives, cutting boards, measuring spoons and the like.

- Bottle opener
- Corkscrew
- Fine-mesh strainer
- Hawthorne strainer
- Jigger
- Mixing glass
- Muddler
- Shaker

GLASSWARE

Just like with garnishes, it’s your party so you can use whatever glassware you have on hand. That said, there are only three basic cocktail glasses, so you may want to go ahead and grab a set of each.

Basics:

- Champagne flute
- Cocktail (or martini)
- Highball (or Collins)
- Old-fashioned (or rocks)
- Pint
- Shot
- White and red wine

Advanced:

- Brandy snifter
- Cordial
- Irish coffee
- Margarita

SUPPLIES

You don’t need cocktail napkins, but why not? And make sure your stirring sticks and straws match your decor because, well, you can.

- Napkins
- Picks
- Stirring sticks
- Straws
BASIC BAR SKILLS

How to make a citrus twist

The best way is to cut a slice off of each end of the fruit, then use a sharp spoon to separate the meat of the fruit from the rind. Slice through one side of the fruit lengthwise then remove the meat of the fruit. Roll the rind into a tight cylinder, then slice widthwise into 1/8-inch strips. You may want to more tightly coil the twists before garnishing a glass, to make them a little twistier.

How to make simple syrup

Add equal parts water and sugar to a saucepan and heat on medium. Stir until the sugar is dissolved. Pour into a container and let cool to room temperature before storing. Simple syrup will keep in the refrigerator for about a month.

How to rim a glass

Moisten the edge of the glass (with water or a wedge of citrus, depending on the drink) then dip the edge into a shallow bowl filled with your chosen rimming material (usually sugar or salt). Remove, give it a little shake, then fill with your cocktail.
25 classic cocktails everyone should know how to make

Bloody Mary

One of many cocktails created — according to some — at famous expatriate hangout Harry’s New York Bar in Paris, the bloody mary’s true claim to fame is that it is one of the few cocktails that has become a morning staple, especially at brunch. More than most cocktails on this list, the bloody mary is definitely open to interpretation. Feel free to take this classic template and add or subtract to make it your own.

**Ingredients**
- ½ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- A few dashes of salt
- A few dashes of black pepper
- 2 ounces vodka
- 4 ounces tomato juice
- A few dashes of Tabasco (or other hot sauce)

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and pour into a highball glass. Garnish with a celery stalk and lime wedge.

**Optional:**
Other potential (and tasty) ingredients include prepared horseradish, smoked paprika, soy sauce and more. You can also rim the glass in celery salt for an extra punch of flavor.

Boulevardier

It’s a negroni, except you sub out herbacious gin for rich rye whiskey that tempers the bitter character of Campari and has a more warming feel.

**Ingredients**
- 1 ounce Campari
- 1 ounce sweet vermouth
- 1 ounce rye whiskey

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into an old fashioned glass filled with ice, stir and garnish with an orange twist.
Cosmopolitan

If I told you this modern cocktail was created in the 1970s, you’d believe me, right? Although the cosmo rose in popularity in the decades after it hit the bar scene, it didn’t become a cliche until it was shown as the cocktail of choice for the women on “Sex and the City.” Then again, it wouldn’t be a cliche if it wasn’t so darn appealing.

Ingredients
- 1 ½ ounces citrus-flavored vodka
- ½ ounce triple sec
- ½ ounce cranberry juice
- ¼ ounce fresh lime juice

Method:
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange twist.

Daiquiri

Forget those sugary, artificial frozen drinks you can find at beach bars and resorts — this is an elegant and refined cocktail that works in almost any setting. Popularized by Ernest Hemmingway, the daiquiri is a sweet, sour and refreshing crowd-pleaser.

Ingredients
- 2 ounces dark rum
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice
- 1 ounce simple syrup

Method:
Add all ingredients into a glass filled with ice. Stir until extremely cold and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with a lime wheel.

Dark and Stormy

One of the simplest cocktails around, the dark and stormy succeeds thanks to the bright and spicy flavor of good ginger beer.

Ingredients
- 1 ½ ounces dark rum
- Ginger beer

Method:
Pour rum into a highball glass filled with ice. Top with ginger beer and garnish with a lime wedge.

French 75

Possibly named for a piece of WWI artillery, think of the French 75 as a sort of mimosa on steroids, for when you need a little extra fortification at brunch.

Ingredients
- 1 ½ ounces gin
- ½ ounce fresh lemon juice
- ½ ounce simple syrup
- 1 ½ ounces sparkling wine

Method:
Add gin, lime juice and simple syrup to a shaker filled with ice. Shake and strain into a Champagne flute, then top with sparkling wine. Garnish with a lemon twist.
Gimlet

Traditionally believed to originate from a drink sailors used to combat scurvy, this simple cocktail is probably a little more elegant in its current version than what was served on 18th century ships.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ½ ounces gin
- ½ ounce simple syrup
- ½ ounce fresh lime juice

**Method:**
Add all ingredients to a shaker filled with ice. Shake and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a lime slice.

Gin Fizz

Bright and refreshing, the gin fizz is one of those odd cocktails that uses an egg white to create a rich and creamy froth to this classic drink. The trick is to make sure you shake it very well before you add the ice, then shake a little more.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces gin
- 1 ounce fresh lemon juice
- ½ ounce simple syrup
- 1 egg white
- 1 ounce club soda

**Method:**
Add gin, lemon juice, simple syrup and egg white to an empty shaker. Shake vigorously. Add a few cubes of ice and shake vigorously. Strain (through a mesh strainer) into a chilled glass and top with club soda.

Mai Tai

The mai tai is the quintessential tiki drink, created — depending on who you believe — by either famed “Polynesian” impressario Don the Bachcomber or his rival Victor Bergeron, owner of the iconic Trader Vic’s. Either way, it has become a must-have at beach resorts, on cruise ships, or at any tiki party or luau. Because of the competition in the California tiki scene, recipes were often fiercely guarded, but the one below is close to the classic.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces premium aged rum
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice
- ¼ ounce orange curacao
- ½ ounce orgeat syrup
- ¼ ounce simple syrup

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and strain into an old fashioned glass filled with ice. Garnish with fresh mint.

Manhattan

One of the most iconic cocktails around, the Manhattan was created in New York City some time in the 1860s or ’70s, depending on which origin story you subscribe to. It is elegant, classic and simple, and looks amazing in a glass.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces rye whiskey
- 1 ounce sweet vermouth
- 5 drops bitters

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a glass filled with ice. Stir until extremely cold and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a cherry.

Margarita

Although extremely popular, the margarita has been bastardized thanks to the prevalence of syrupy, artificial, pre-made sour mix. Use fresh juice and you’ll impress your guests.

**Ingredients**
- ¾ ounces fresh lime juice
- 1 ounce Cointreau (or another orange liqueur)
- 1 ½ ounce blanco tequila

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and strain into a rocks glass filled with ice. Garnish with a lime wheel.

**Optional:**
If you want a salt rim, moisten the edge of the glass and press into a bowl of sea salt.
**Martini**

Although the name “martini” has been attached to thousands of different concoctions, this is the classic, the drink that made the name ubiquitous. And yes, you can make it with vodka if you have to, but gin has the more complex and subtle flavor that has made this a cocktail standard.

**Ingredients**
- 2 1/2 ounces high-quality gin
- 1/2 ounce dry vermouth
- 1 dash bitters

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a glass filled with ice. Stir until extremely cold and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with a lemon twist or olives.

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**Mint Julep**

Mentioned as early as the late 1700s, the mint julep was a creation of the American south that was likely originally intended — as so many cocktails were — to calm the stomach. Although popular throughout the 1800s, mint julep’s rise to stardom came when it became the cocktail of choice at the Kentucky Derby in the 1930s. It really isn’t the same without crushed ice, so plan ahead.

**Ingredients**
- 1 teaspoon sugar (or use 2 teaspoons simple syrup)
- 10-12 leaves fresh mint
- 2 1/2 ounces bourbon

**Method:**
Mix sugar and 1 teaspoon water in a tall glass and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add mint leaves and muddle gently (you don’t want to crush, just bruise). Add bourbon and crushed ice and stir to chill and combine. Garnish with fresh mint.

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**Mimosa**

A brunch standard, the mimosa is one of those cocktails that not only is fine to drink in the morning, it’s expected. You don’t need Champagne for this, any decent sparkling wine will do, just make sure both it and the orange juice are extremely cold.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces fresh orange juice
- Sparkling wine

**Method:**
Add the orange juice to a Champagne flute and top with very cold sparkling wine.

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**Mojito**

This cocktail is so old, some trace early versions of it to natives on Cuba, who offered it to the crew of Sir Frances Drake’s ship in the late 1500s as a remedy for scurvy. No matter the origins, its popularity in the United States stems from the mojito’s association — accurate or not — with Ernest Hemmingway, whose love of a good cocktail spawned many trends. The mojito’s popularity has increased in recent years to the point where it was named the most popular cocktail in the U.K. and France in 2016.

**Ingredients**
- 1 teaspoon sugar (or use 2 teaspoons simple syrup)
- 10 leaves of fresh mint
- 1 1/2 ounces white rum
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice
- Club soda

**Method:**
Put mint and sugar in a collins glass and gently muddle. Add rum and lime juice, then stir. Fill glass with ice, then top with club soda. Garnish with mint and a lime twist.
**Moscow Mule**

Born in New York’s Chatham Hotel, perhaps out of the necessity of clearing out unsold ginger beer, it eventually became all the rage in 1940s Los Angeles. It is traditionally served in a copper mug, due largely to promotional efforts by distributors of Smirnoff vodka.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces vodka
- 3 ounces ginger beer
- 1 ounce fresh lime juice

**Method:**
Add all ingredients to a chilled copper mug (or highball glass) filled with ice. Stir and garnish with a lime slice.

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**Old Fashioned**

One of the oldest cocktails in the modern American repertoire — it became popular in the late 1800s — the old fashioned balances rich whiskey with a hint of sweet. It’s traditional to use a sugar cube, but simple syrup is easier and just as tasty.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces rye whiskey or bourbon
- 2 dashes bitters
- 1 sugar cube (or use 2 teaspoons simple syrup)

**Method:**
Muddle the sugar cube, bitters and a few drops of water in an old fashioned glass. Add whiskey and stir until sugar is dissolved. Add ice. Garnish with an orange twist.

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**Negroni**

Crisp and refreshing, but with a bitter edge, the negroni is an Italian classic that is versatile enough to enjoy at garden parties or elegant dinners. Its distinctive bitterness means it also pairs exceptionally well with food.

**Ingredients**
- 1 ounce Campari
- 1 ounce gin
- 1 ounce sweet vermouth

**Method:**
Add all ingredients to an old fashioned glass filled with ice. Stir and garnish with an orange twist.

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**Paloma**

One of the most popular cocktails in Mexico, the paloma’s history is murky, although some place its origin, appropriately enough, at a bar in Jalisco, Mexico.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces tequila
- ½ ounce fresh lime juice
- Grapefruit soda (like Jarritos)

**Method:**
Add tequila and lime juice to a highball glass filled with ice. Top with grapefruit soda and stir. Garnish with a lime slice.

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**Sazerac**

Along with the old fashioned, the sazerac is one of the oldest cocktails around, traced to The Sazerac Coffee House in New Orleans in the 1850s. Some of the cocktail’s origin is linked to Antoine Amedie Peychaud, a Creole apothecary in the French Quarter who sold bitters based on a family recipe. That’s a good reason to choose Peychaud’s Bitters instead of another brand, when making sazeracs. The classic recipe includes absinthe, which has become much easier to find in recent years, but you can also substitute a few more common spirits.

**Ingredients**
- 1 sugar cube (or use 2 teaspoons simple syrup)
- 2-3 dashes Peychaud’s Bitters
- 2 ounces rye whiskey
- ¼ ounce absinthe (or substitute Pernod or pastis)

**Method:**
Muddle sugar cube, bitters and a few drops of water in the bottom of a mixing glass. Add rye whiskey and stir until sugar is dissolved. Pour absinthe into a chilled old fashioned glass and rotate until the interior is coated; discard excess. Pour in mixture from the mixing glass. Garnish with a lemon twist.
Sidecar

Think of the sidecar as the margarita's rich cousin. Instead of tequila, you use cognac. Instead of lime, you use lemon. The flavor and feel of the sidecar, however, is vastly different than its cousin. It has an elegance that fits more in in a dark, clubby speakeasy than a pool-side bar.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces VSOP cognac, or other high-quality brandy
- 1 ounce Cointreau
- ¾ ounce fresh lemon juice

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with an orange or lemon twist.

Vesper

Created by Ian Fleming in his 1953 James Bond book “Casino Royale,” and revived in the 2006 movie of the same name, it's one of the few cocktails that is best to make according to the instructions, if only to grab a little of that suave Bond essence.

**Ingredients**
- 3 ounces gin
- 1 ounce vodka
- ½ ounce Lillet blanc

**Method:**
Add all ingredients to a cocktail shaker filled with ice and shake. Pour into a martini glass and garnish with a lemon twist.

Tom Collins

Originally a mix of “gin and sparkling lemonade,” many people's first experience with a modern tom collins is a bastardized version made with gin and Sprite. Show your guests the potential of this light and refreshing cocktail by making it the right way. It was originally made with old Tom gin, which is a touch sweeter than the more common London dry gin, so you can hunt that down or just add an extra touch of simple syrup.

**Ingredients**
- 3 ounces gin
- 1 ounce fresh lemon juice
- 1 ounce simple syrup
- Soda water

**Method:**
Add gin, lemon juice and simple syrup to a collins glass and stir. Fill with ice and top with soda water. Garnish with a lemon wheel.

Vieux Carre

Believed to be invented at the Carousel Bar in New Orleans, this cocktail is representative of where it was created: a complex blend of many different flavors that create a powerful and tasty melange.

**Ingredients**
- ¾ ounce Cognac
- ¾ ounce rye whiskey
- ¾ ounce sweet vermouth
- ¼ ounce Benedictine
- 2 dashes Peychaud’s bitters
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a glass filled with ice. Stir and strain into an old fashioned glass filled with ice. Garnish with a lemon twist.

Whiskey Sour

It's easy to make, but that simplicity hides an elegant and classic combination of sweetness and bright acidity, backed by rich whiskey. And sometimes, especially at a party, simplicity is best.

**Ingredients**
- 2 ounces whiskey
- 1 ounce fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon sugar (or use 2 teaspoons simple syrup)

**Method:**
Add all ingredients into a shaker filled with ice. Shake until extremely cold and strain into a cocktail glass. Garnish with a cherry or orange wheel.
## Spirit and cocktail terms to know

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<td>An addition to your spirit served on the side, like water or beer.</td>
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<td><strong>Cask strength or barrel proof</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Digestif</strong></td>
<td>A liquor or liqueur served after a meal, meant to help settle the stomach.</td>
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<td>What you say if you want a splash of olive brine in your martini.</td>
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<td>Fifth</td>
<td>A 750ml bottle of liquor.</td>
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<td>Hawthorne strainer</td>
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<td>A metal cup, sometimes attached to a stick, that is usually around 1½ ounces.</td>
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<td>A sweet spirit that contains extra sugar and is often flavored.</td>
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<td>A cocktail served over crushed ice.</td>
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**Schnapps**  
Essentially the name for vodka in Germany and some Scandinavian countries, although these days many schnapps are also flavored.

**Sling**  
A cocktail traditionally made with sugar, club soda and lemon juice.

**Toddy**  
A cocktail made of sugar, water and (often) spices, usually (but not always) served hot, often made with whiskey or rum.

**Tot**  
Essentially a small shot of liquor.

**Up**  
What you say if you want a cocktail or spirit that has been chilled, but is served without ice.

**Wet**  
The opposite of dry (in cocktail terms, as well), this is what you say when you want more vermouth in your martini.
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