Choudhry fails to get city support for crisis center

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Despite continued vocal bi-partisan support from residents and nonprofit leaders, a one-stop homeless center failed to gain favor with a majority of Kissimmee leaders Tuesday night.

Osceola County Commissioner Peggy Choudhry went before the City Commission seeking verbal support for a centralized resource center aimed at aiding and supporting homeless and working poor residents.

City Commission chambers were filled with constituents who presented over an hour of public comment championing the idea of such a facility.

The proposed center would provide services often associated with traditional homeless shelters, such as two hot meals a day and showers. But Choudhry claims the facility would take a “hand up, not a hand out” approach by connecting those in need with existing non-profits that can assist with things like food, rent and child care.

“The center will provide the open door we currently do not have in our county,” Choudhry said. “We need a place we can count on being open to provide the bare necessities of life.”

Leaders from the Rock Church and the Osceola County School District publicly pledged a facility on their property equipped with a kitchen and bathrooms in March to serve as a venue for the crisis center pilot program.

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Murderer of Ruth Haut still sought 26 years later

By Charlie Reed
For the NewsGazette

It’s been more than 26 years since Kissimmee resident Ruth Haut was murdered, but the killer remains at large.

Her loved ones recently learned that Haut’s body had been discovered from the Osceola County Sheriff’s Office questioned Wagner several times, she said.

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County breaks ground on park for autistic kids

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Officials broke ground Tuesday on a new community park specially designed to accommodate the needs of children with autism and other sensory disorders.

The 1.5-acre lot, located at the intersection of Florida Parkway and Buenaventura Boulevard in Kissimmee, will become the first Osceola County park planned with special needs children in mind.

The working title of the project is “Senses Park. An idea of a homeless facility.

Above is a rendering of “Senses Park,” that Osceola County plans to develop in Buenaventura Lakes.
School District receives $1.62M to fund mental health

By Rachel Christian
Staff Writer

Strengthening mental health services in public schools became a national point of conversation after a shooting in Parkland, Fla. left 17 people dead in February. State legislators took note, appropriating millions to facilitate a list of new mental health-related mandates. It was part of a larger $400 million bill signed by Gov. Rick Scott in March that includes new requirements for school resource officers, school hardening measures and more.

The Osceola County School District recently received its cut of funds from the state totaling just over $1.62 million. Officials met Tuesday to discuss how to spend the money and explored ways to generate revenue in case the extra funds get cut next year.

Highlights from the district plan include:

- Funds will pay salaries for two licensed mental health counselors, 11 school social workers, a clerical assistant for data reporting and Medicaid reimbursements, a student services coordinator and two school psychologists.
- Funding will also be used for a $25,000 health records system, $49,699 on professional development and $100,000 to cover uninsured students who are deemed at-risk and in need of services.
- A social worker will be placed at each high school and alternative school in the county. Social workers will also be required to work more days at middle and multi-level schools.
- Charter schools will receive $296,178 of the $1.62 million allocation.
- All new expenditures are not being funded by any other source.

One final point was a concern for Superintendent Debra Pace, who said it was important to secure other revenue streams. She noted that Medicaid reimbursements are an underutilized way for the district to capture funds.

“We believe over time we may be able to recover enough Medicaid funding so that even if the mental health funding from the state goes away because we never know if that’s a recurring element or not we would be able to sustain and support the staff without an impact on the operational budget,” Pace said.

The paperwork-intensive process is similar to how doctor offices bill Medicaid for patients who are insured through the government healthcare program. Schools can seek reimbursement for certain services, like therapy and behavioral evaluations, and Medicaid will compensate part of the cost through its certified student match program.

Supervisor of Student Services Elizabeth Lane said the district has been doing this for several years, but is in the process of exploring software programs that would make it faster and easier to process more paperwork.

When it comes to getting students the help they need, new mental health professionals will continue working closely with the district’s 14 community partners to refer parents to outside agencies that can provide more intensive mental health treatment, Lane said.

Choudhry

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Choudhry and her backers stressed that creating a central location would streamline services nonprofit groups provide and cut down on "double dipping" by those seeking resources.

She first proposed a one-stop center in August 2017, but the concept failed to garner support from any fellow county commissioners.

Once the $1 million funding request was shot down, Choudhry began building a base of avid supporters that included religious and nonprofit leaders, state representatives, advocates and constituents who have met regularly to brainstorm conceptual ideas for the one-stop center.

"After months of planning, Choudhry said she intends to bring her idea back to the county next month for a final vote. She chose to mobilize her group this week to ask city commissioners to lend their voices in support of the center."

But on Tuesday, some city leaders - including Kissimmee Mayor Jose Alvarez - were reluctant to endorse the concept.

Alvarez insisted that local government is already providing enough resources to those in need through existing programs and initiatives.

"This has been a priority for us and this is what we have been working on every single day," he said. "For over two decades, the city has funded programs and services that meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents."

Commissioner Angela Alvarez - a nonprofit that already provides an array of services to working poor families in Osceola County, Choudhry countered that the Community Hope Center, though a prime resource for those seeking assistance, isn't equipped to address the needs of the homeless by providing beds or a 24-hour facility.

The crisis center was originally slated as a discussion item on the June 19 agenda, but Commissioner Wanda Rentes pushed to make it a formal motion of support by the board.

"Let's just agree and let Peggy go back to her commission and tell them the city of Kissimmee is behind us to try this effort," Rentes said. "We have tried for many years using different avenues, this one is that isn't even costing us a penny, all we're saying is let's give her the word that the city is behind her."

Alvarez agreed to make a motion, but not before reiterating opposition.

"I made it very clear that as soon as the County Commission jumps on board with this project... this council would do as its always done and support its County Commission," he said. "We're not here to step on the County Commission's direction - we're here to support them."

When the motion was made, only Rentes and Commissioner Olga Gonzalez voted in favor of it. The impromptu motion failed 3-2.

In a Facebook post made after the meeting, Choudhry pledged to "continue the fight" for the one-stop center and said she still plans to bring it before the county for a deciding vote next month.
**Policing News**

**Man arrested for molesting child**

A 70-year-old Kissimmee man was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly molesting a young child.

According to an Osceola County Sheriff’s Office report, detectives arrested 70-year-old Luis Eduardo Linares, of Kissimmee, on four counts of lewd or lascivious molestation.

Linares, who was a family friend, gained the trust of the 4-year-old victim and the family by purchasing various gifts for the victim throughout a year.

Linares used the opportunities, when he was alone with the victim, to molest the child on at least four separate occasions, the report stated. He was booked into Osceola County Jail with no bond.

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Huff’s killer is shown here using her ATM card at a bank in Vero Beach. He covered his face with a hooded sweatshirt and wore latex gloves.

By 1995, investigators named Curtis J. Huff Jr. as the primary suspect. He was already serving time at the state prison in Harder County for a 1993 attempted murder that occurred during a botted robbery at a Kissimmee motel.

The judge who convicted Huff in that case told him, “My picture of you is someone who is afflicted with deep psychological disturbance and there’s no doubt in my mind that you intended the death of your victim.”

Detectives told the News-Gazette in 1995 that Huff had been a suspect all along and that they had “some things on Ruth’s case that are leading us places.”

The affidavit used to execute a search warrant at Huff’s father’s house in St. Cloud where he lived and to obtain Huff’s DNA, detailed a botched robbery at a Florida bank in 1991.

Footprints made by Reebok tennis shoes at the scene matched a pair of Reeboks seized by investigators at Huff’s father’s home.

But despite all the evidence that seemed to link Huff to Haut’s murder, he was never charged or prosecuted.

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Detectives believe additional victims may exist. Anyone with information regarding this case or any additional victims is asked to contact the Sheriff’s Office at 407-348-2222 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS, where information leading to an idiocy arrest may be eligible for a reward up to $1,000.

St. Cloud woman killed in crash

A St. Cloud woman was killed on Florida’s Turnpike on Monday after her vehicle hit a construction machine that drove into her path, authorities said.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Susan Bagass, 62, of St. Cloud, was driving a 2015 Ford Edge southbound on the turnpike at about 9:45 p.m. in the inside lane. A man being operated by Robert Wilson Jr. from a hydraulic lift bucket was in a construction area and drove directly into the path of the Ford, according to the Florida Highway Patrol. The Ford struck the right side of the man lift, knocking Wilson out of the bucket.

The Ford then rotated clockwise and struck a barrier wall on the left side. Bagass was pronounced dead on scene. Her passenger, Jennifer Fletcher, 62, of St. Cloud, was taken to Osceola County Regional Medical Center in serious condition.

Wilson was taken to the same hospital in critical condition.

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What America would look like under President Howard Schultz

Is Howard Schultz ready to promise the American people “a mocha in every cup holder and a scone in every break room?”

In 1928, a similar slogan propelled Republican presidential candidate Herbert Hoover to victory. Promising voters “a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage,” Hoover trounced Democratic rival Al Smith, only to have his slogan nullified, and his popularity undone, by the Great Depression a year later.

Now Schultz, who recently stepped down as Starbucks’ executive chairman amid speculation he is angling to become the Democratic nominee for president in 2020, faces a challenge similar to the Oval Office’s current occupant. Namely, how to convince voters a businessman is qualified to lead the country.

I’ll admit, I’m already more intrigued with candidate Howard Schultz than I ever was with candidate Donald Trump. Perhaps that’s because I’ve never stayed in a Trump hotel, grilled a Trump steak, knotted a Trump tie, hacked my way around a Trump hotel, or “hoover trounced Democratic rival” to relate to Trump’s soundbites. While I’ve never been a contestant on “The Celebrity Apprentice” so I can’t really relate to the game.

But Schultz? His coffee brainchild is part of my daily existence. A tall, skim latte wakes me up. An Iced Caffe Americano cools myibusy morning. Otherwise, everybody gets strong black coffee and plain bagels. The People’s House is now the People’s Urinal.

Speaking of the cabinet, Schultz’s inner circle would begin meetings in a far different manner than the members who answer to Trump. Rather than go around the room and have all cabinet members praise his merits, as Trump has been wont to do, Schultz would take coffee orders, writing the names of each official on separate cup. Complex requests, such as “extra-shot, light ice, no whip” would be tolerated only if the United States is not under attack on that particular morning. Otherwise, everybody gets strong black coffee and plain bagels.

Schultz could keep his job approval numbers strong through surprise announcements via his Twitter feed. Americans angry with an executive order or Schultz’s steadfast support for a hot-button issue like gay marriage would quickly calm down once President Schultz tweeted steep, temporary discounts on all Cinnamon Dolce Lattes. Addicts of that beverage would praise the move and wait in line for hours for the chance to save a few bucks, even if the beverage was ultimately prepared by a married gay couple.

Outside the White House, visitors cueing up for tours could take advantage of free Wi-Fi. And, rather than stand in the hot sun, tourists could sit at an array of bamboo tables and ergonomic chairs, provided they weren’t already occupied by aspiring screenwriters, which could be the case. What better way to achieve literary inspiration than by staring across the street at protesters booing Schultz’s pro-immigration policies?

Finally, during his inaugural address, Schultz would proudly proclaim that White House bathrooms are now open to all Americans, as part of the country’s new sensitivity policy. Strolling near Pennsylvania Avenue and feel the urge to relieve yourself? No need to purchase anything from the White House gift store or make a campaign contribution.

So, what America would look like under President Howard Schultz?

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All-Inclusive Playground. “It’s a unique milestone that County Public Lands Manager Bob Mindick said his department has been pursuing for over five years. “Residents had asked local leaders, including County Commissioner Viviana Janer, if there was any kind of park or play area for children with autism,” Mindick said. “Once we began researching it, we realized how beneficial this could be for a number of children in the community.”

Mindick and his team had a clear vision, but struggled to find the right location to make the new park a reality. The opportunity finally arrived last year when Fire Station 62 in Buenaventura Lakes transferred to its new location, leaving its former site on Buenaventura Boulevard vacant.

Mindick said the site is nearly perfect fit for the project. The property already has utility connections for lights, restrooms and other groundwork essentials. It’s also easily accessible and within walking distance for many residents.

The county ultimately demolished the old station last month and cleared the lot to make way for its long-awaited park.

Project design plans take elements like noise control, population density and playground equipment size into consideration to better serve its unique target audience, Mindick said. “We really wanted this to be a park that evokes all the senses,” Mindick said. “The elements we chose all provide that kind of stimulation.”

The project is being completed by local contractor Quinn Construction at an estimated cost of $875,000. The money will come from the county’s general fund, but Mindick said private community partners are already stepping up to help donate time and equipment.

Senses Park is scheduled to open this November.
**SPORTS**

**Cumberland, Pache experience another All-Star Game weekend**

By Ken Jackson

Florida Fire Frogs’ catcher Brett Cumberland played in the Florida State League All-Star Game a week ago tonight at Steinbrenner Field in Tampa.

As one of three catchers, he was behind the plate for the fourth through sixth innings, and struck out in his only at-bat against Fort Myers Miracle righthanded flame Thrower Tyler Wells.

That alone in the Northern Division’s 5-0 win over the Southern was fairly non-descript. But the appearance was Cumberland’s third in the last two winters.

Last year, with the Rome Braves and catcher Christian Pache, who also made the Northern team this year, earned spots in the 2017 South Atlantic League All-Star Game. Cumberland was fairly non-descript.

The Aces are the Australian Baseball League’s Melbourne Aces of the 2017 South Atlantic League.

“We’re all good experiences,” Cumberland said Tuesday after the Fire Frogs (29-35) began the final series of the FSL first half with a 2-0-3 performance with a home run and a pair of runs and RBIs in a 7-0 road win Monday over the Jupiter Hammerheads.

“It’s an honor and a blessing every time you’re selected. I thank God to have the opportunity to be one of the best of who you play with each time you step up to the plate.”

Cumberland played the entire game last week in center field, led off and went 1-for-5 for Tampa Yankees second baseman Diego Castillo, playing in his own ballpark, doubled twice and was named All-Star MVP. Austin Listi of the Clearwater Threshers (Phillies) drove in three of the North’s five runs with a pair of singles as the designated hitter. Eleven North pitcher’s combined to throw a four hitter; one of them was not Chad Sobotka, who was named North All-Star but earned a promotion to the Class A-Southwest Braves before the game.

Cumberland started the year hot at the plate then cooled a bit but is watching his average climb slowly; now back to .232 entering Thursday.

“Baseball’s a game of ups and downs and adjustments,” he said. “I trust my routine I go through every day and I’ve taken care of my body so everything’s good. And I love our coaches, it’s a great group that supports us.”

The Fire Frogs will be presented a year to begin the season’s second half on the books. Early in the season, “it’s just the opposite. Their metabolism speeds up as the temperature climbs causing the bass to be more active and feed regularly. Choose an active lure to attract the active fish. A rapidly-fished lure is more productive than one presented slowly.”

**ALL-COUNTY BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING**

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**Florida Cup to return to Central Florida in January; AJAX, Sao Paulo FC to play**

The Florida Cup, an annual competition of a collection of the world’s best soccer clubs from national associations, returns in 2019, with the fifth installment this January with a pair of the world’s most successful Western European and South American professional clubs.

With Adidas and Universal Orlando Resort returning as main sponsors in 2019, the fifth annual tournament will feature 4-time UEFA Champions League European champions, AFC Ajax out of the Netherlands, and FIFA’s 3-time Club World Champions, Sao Paulo FC.

Their inclusion is a commitment to engaging fans in new markets, Florida Cup CEO Ricardo Villar said: “We are all committed, to continue raising the fan experience for all ages during our event and it is important that our vision is aligned with the right clubs,” he said. “I believe our fans will be thrilled with the unfolding announcements for our 2019 event during the upcoming weeks.”

Florida Cup champions in 2017, Sao Paulo FC returns in 2019 for its second time participating in the annual event.

Founded in 1930, the Sao Paulo Futebol Clube is one of the most successful clubs in Brazil. Sao Paulo’s fan base is numbered to be approximately 20 million. The ‘tricolor’ from Sao Paulo, as it is known among fans, has won the Brazilian Championship six times. The club has also collected three Libertadores da America trophies and are three-time FIFA World Club champions (1992, 1993 and 2003). Sao Paulo’s youth academy has developed many of the world’s greatest football stars such as Orlando, MLS charter player Kaka, Cafu, Dineison, Casemiro and others.

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RICARDO VILLAR

Rai, Sao Paulo FC’s Executive Vice President, “In such an important period of preparation for our first team, we had to choose a destination with great infrastructure, adequate weather, and everything is organized. This will be our second participation in the Florida Cup. We are happy with the invite and certain about our choice for pre-season of excellence.”

2019 will mark AFC Ajax’s first ever participation in the Florida Cup. Introduced to Florida Cup by European partner agency, Match IQ, Ajax also suits our international strategy, as we aim to grow our brand and other activities for fans of all ages. Previous winners of the tournament include Koln (Germany), Atletico Mineiro (Brazil) and Athletico Nacional (Colombia), who will take up residence at UCF this coming January and February.

The Florida Cup is the largest international soccer celebration held annually in Florida. It is a global platform that combines that sports and entertainment, featuring concerts and other activities for fans of all ages. Previous winners of the tournament include Koln (Germany), Atletico Mineiro (Brazil) and Athletico Nacional (Colombia), who take up residence at UCF this coming January and February.

Broadcast live to over 170 countries since 2013, the Florida Cup reached 170 countries with 22 million people in its last two editions. A recognition professional soccer clubs from Europe and Latin America will convene in Central Florida for this premier tournament – a final tune-up before the start of their respective campaigns.

The high-quality matches hosted by the Florida Cup has showcased world-class legends over the years, such as Ronaldinho, Joe Cole and Verin.
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"I tried to lift what the state record was in the clean (285 pounds) so I could get the weight so I could get that this year," McCarroll said. "At 285 pounds I was a little disappointed that I couldn’t go quite as high as that.

The interest in weightlifting came during his freshman year, when he began working in Brazilian jiu-jitsu and got interested in it.

"At first I didn’t think it was my thing, but my friend kept pushing me," he said. "I just kept progressing and reached a point where I knew this was what I liked doing.

He placed fifth in the 2016 state meet at 129 pounds, just 23 pounds out of first, as a sophomore. His top clean and jerk of 270 pounds and combined total of 576 pounds at the 2017 state meet left him just 20 points out of first.

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Southport Ramp in search of a big bass took on new meaning for the anglers. With the scales and to hopefully enter the 2019 Florida Bass of the Year. Over $3,000 was up for grabs to hopefully enter the 2019 Florida Bass of the Year points. Over $3,000 was up for grabs.

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Sports Briefs

Narcoossee summer volleyball camps

Narcoossee Middle School held a series of summer volleyball clinics through the months of June and July. The June 25-27 clinic with skill based, the July camps (9:10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 16-18 and 23-25 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) were tournament-style play. Pre-registration fee is $5 per session per player ($13 extra walk-ins, spots available, sessions limited to 36 players). The camps are open to all incoming 6th through 8th graders. Sign-up available at school front desk.

Proceeds benefit the school’s volleyball and other athletic programs.

Larry Goodwin

Education Foundation Golf Classic

The annual Larry Goodwin Memorial Scholarship for Kids Golf Classic, hosted by Education Foundation Osceola, will be Nov. 9 at the Walt Disney World Palm and Magnolia golf courses. Teams that sign up by July 4 will have the chance to win "Around Town Golf Package" for four that will include multiple golf courses throughout Central Florida. Playing spots and sponsorships are available, starting at $40 and $160 (single player and teams) up to $10,000 present golf packages. The money raised is used to provide scholarships for Osceola County students. Registration is online at https://www.foundationosceola.org/golfclassic.

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Mail in ballots must be postmarked by July 2, 2018 or you can drop them off at the office by July 5, 2018 at 5 p.m.

You can also cast your vote online at www.aroundosceola.com

For official rules and regulations please visit www.aroundosceola.com.
Bok Tower is hosting the second concert of its summer concert series. The Rowdy Roosters will take the stage at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. The Blue Palmetto Café and the Shop at Bok will be open through intermission. Tickets are $30 per person. Live at the Gardens is sponsored by Florida Department of State Division of Cultural Affairs, Allen & Company, Duke Energy, Terrie Lobb Catering and Blookbox Floral. All concerts take place in the air-conditioned comfort of the Visitor Center.

WHO
Everyone is invited!

WHAT
Live at the Gardens: The Rowdy Roosters

WHEN
Thursday, July 14

WHERE
Bok Tower Gardens' Visitor Center

COST
$30 per person

TUESDAY 06-26
MEDICARE COUNSELING
SHIN is offering Medicare Counseling — free, unbiased help with healthcare plans, medication, financial assistance and claims. The sessions run 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the St. Cloud Community 2011 17th St. in St. Cloud.

FRIDAY 06-29
JIHA MOON OPENING
The Moon Collection of 20 small ceramic sculptures are now on display at the Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando. The opening reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. with a gallery talk by Jiha Moon from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The reception catered by Runway Catering. Free entry. music by Tony Miranda. Tickets are $10 for non-members.

ARTIST TALK & TOUR
The Art and History programs in Maitland is hosting resident eco-urban artist Terry Yopp for an Artist Talk & Tour from 6:30 to 8 p.m. An experimental tour, the tour will lift you out of the garden and down to the Ixich Song Garden. Visit artatmaitland.org.

SATURDAY 06-30
RAP TUNES
Colors Presents: R&B Only.
The California-based event encourages attendees to talk, dance and enjoy company with one another, while listening to R&B tunes. Tickets are available online or at the door, if the show has not sold out.

JIHA MOON FAMILY WORKSHOP
Jiha Moon will host a family workshop at the Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando. The workshop runs 1 to 3 p.m. Join the workshops at BZL/2, S2CBF7

ROBO MUD RUN
SCPD and the City of St. Cloud will host the Robo Mud Run at Pogyhorn Park. The run will feature a 5K and 10K races, with more than 50 obstacles including swamp scows and monkey bar challenges. Registration is free. Government and group rates available. Visit RoboMudRun.com

TUESDAY 07-02
UNITED STATES NAVY BAND
America is coming to Lake Buena Vista, Florida, on one of seven cities in the state to host performance by the United States Navy Band during its 2018 tour — one of the signature outreach programs of the U.S. Navy. The United States Navy Band musical performers will take place at 7 p.m. at Disney’s Storybook Magic Park. The performance is free and open to the public.

TUESDAY 07-03
RED, HOT & BOOM!
Tacos & Boom! at Cranes Boost Park in Altamonte Springs. Live performance by big name artists like Alyssa Baglia, MAX, Logan Henderson, In Real Life, Lava, Jack & Jack and Echosmith. The event is free and open to the public. Performances will run 4 to 11 p.m., with a special fireworks show at 9 p.m. Visit uptownaltamontecone.com or call 407-513-4400 for more information.

TUESDAY 07-04
DISCOVER DAYS SUMMER CAMP
Bok Tower is hosting Discover Days Summer Camp throughout the summer. “Grow It, Cook It, Eat It” from July 9 to 13. Kids will enjoy camp activities focused on experiential learning and nature play. Discovery Days is funded, in part, through a grant from George W. Jenkins Fund within the citrus Industry Community Foundation. Scholarships are available. Visit boktowergardens.org

TUESDAY 07-07
SUNDAY 07-15
TUESDAY 07-17
DRIVER SAFETY CLASS
Smart Driver, a driver safety class, will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oombudman on Aging (700 Generation Point in Kissimmey). The AARP Driver Safety Course helps participants refine driving skills and develop safe driving habits. Upon completion of the course, Florida Drivers 55 or older may be eligible for vehicle insurance discounts. The cost is $15.00 for AARP Members, $20.00 for nonmembers. Registration required by phone, call 407-593-9567.

WEDNESDAY 07-16
PANTY PARTY
Join the Pancake Park Panty Party will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at Phillips Park. 1200 Phillips Avenue in Winter Park.
Rain barrel to collect rainwater and then use

By Krista Stump

The rainy season is upon us in Central Florida. And when it rains, it pours. On average, it rains 8 inches of water a year in this area. Some of this water is used for lawn and garden irrigation. As our population continues to rapidly grow, so will our water needs. Engineers have calculated that we can only draw 850 million gallons from the Floridan aquifer without damaging the natural system. Luckily, there are ways to conserve water and protect this precious resource. One solution is rainwater collection and use.

A rain barrel collects water that falls from the roof. This water can be used to water plants, flush toilets, wash cars, and many other non-potable (not drinking) water needs. In times of disasters, this water can be a valuable non-potable water source. For every inch of rain that falls on 1,000 square feet of roof area, about 600 gallons of rainwater can be collected. Imagine the positive impact this could have on your water bill and the environment.

Rain barrels also reduce surface water pollution. When it rains, rainwater typically flows off hard surfaces like roads, sidewalks, roofs, and parking lots. As it flows, it picks up pollutants like fertilizer, pesticides, motor oil, animal waste, and litter. This polluted water flows into a nearby stormwater drain where it is piped to a stormwater pond or water body.

Rain barrels are a type of Low Impact Development (LID). LID is a development approach that works with nature to treat stormwater as close to its source as possible. Other LID design tools include rain gardens, green roofs, swales, and permeable pavement. These systems are used to minimize stormwater runoff to protect water quality. Rainwater also contains nutrients—a crucial nutrient for plants. If you are interested in rainwater collection, you can purchase a fully assembled rain barrel or you can make your own. It’s important to use a mesh screen over the input of the rain barrel to protect against mosquitoes.

In the month of June, there is a day set aside to celebrate water conservation. June 21 is World Ocean Day. Florida is a coastal state, and it’s important to protect our oceans and waterways. One way to do this is by using a rain barrel to collect rainwater and use it for various purposes.

Valencia Summer Dance Institute to showcase concert

By Electa Berassa

This July, Valencia College’s Dance Theater department will showcase the collaboration between the college’s dance majors and area high school students.

The concert serves as the culmination of the college’s four-week summer program, which provides low-cost instruction to students currently enrolled in high schools across Central Florida.

Through the summer dance institute, participating students gain the opportunity to work with both college and guest instructors, as well as Valencia College dance majors.

The concert is open to the public and will be held at the East Campus Performing Arts Center from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 13, and Saturday, July 14. Tickets cost $12 for general admission, $10 for seniors and Valencia College students, staff and alumni; $6 for children 12 years old and younger.

For prospective Valencia College students who wish to earn an A.A. degree in dance performance, auditions will be held at the college’s East Campus on July 7, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, contact dance@valenciacollege.edu.

Harmony grad earns Community Outreach Scholarship

Christopher “Logan” Taylor, a graduate of Harmony High School in St. Cloud, has begun medical school at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine (AUC) in St. Maarten after earning a scholarship from the university. The Community Outreach Scholarship is awarded to an incoming AUC student who has shown exceptional dedication to their community. It carries a $10,000 award toward tuition for the first semester of medical school, renewable for two additional semesters.

Taylor earned a bachelor of science degree in Exercise and Health Physiology from Florida State University. See Scholarship, Page 12.
Cats with the gift of gab can sometimes drive owners crazy

By Cathy M. Rosenthal

Dear Cathy,

My dear friend has a 7-year-old rescue cat that never stops meowing. She tried using a collar for this purpose to no avail. She loves her cat, but the meowing is driving her crazy. Can you offer any advice to stop the constant meowing?

Marylin, via email

Dear Marylin,

Cats use “meow” and its many variations to communicate with people, not cats, so it’s great her cat wants to “talk” to her. Don’t let too much feline vocalization drive some cat parents crazy. Here are some reasons for the excessive vocalization and how to handle it.

If the vocalizations have increased over time, ask your friend to take her cat to the veterinarian to rule out health issues or hearing problems. Also, older cats sometimes develop cognitive issues (similar to Alzheimer’s or dementia) that can make them more vocal – although 7 years old is still young for a cat to develop these problems. If anxiety is the suspected culprit, your veterinarian may recommend supplements or treatments to reduce the excessive vocalizations.

Next, some cat breeds, like Siamese, Burmese, Turkish Angora, Maine Coon, and Tonkinese, can be very vocal, and a moggie or a downright “get yourself some coffee and sit a spell” chatter. And, mixed breed cats may have some of these breed traits. This cat has opinions on such things as to how long you have been gone from home and when and how often they should be fed. They are smart and love stimulating conversation but are easily bored. Tell your friend to buy toys that make a cat use its hunting behaviors, and rotate the toys every two days, so the cat stays active. Simply put, keep the feline mind and body busy, and he or she won’t chat as much.

Cats may also use vocalizations as attention-seeking behavior. Just ask your 9-year-old dog to go outside to see if there’s a cat who is determined to get her or his way. But outlast her cat, she must. Tell your friend to schedule meal times to reduce demands, call the cat a hoarder. On her bed in our bedroom, she keeps growing a collection of socks and other clothing items. We have also found various items such as Christmas ornaments, kitchen sponges, even measuring cups. There are no changes in her behavior or health. Is this a symptom of something more serious we should be aware of?

Grace, N. Massapequa, NY

Dear Grace,

While the behavior is not unusual, many dogs like to grab and hide things near their beds – this is a new behavior for your 9-year-old Bernie, so I understand you to visit your veterinarian for a check-up. While she is not showing dog toys to retrieve these things, you may want to try something a pet owner can usually see, and new behaviors can be related to pain.

If she is physically healthy, then this could be a behavior issue related to anxiety or a new environment. A compulsive disorder, both of which are common in cats, can recommend treatments for that can help. I am inclined to think this is the problem.

In the meantime, keep things out of her reach – socks and clothes in hampers and Christmas ornaments on shelves she can’t reach – to make her work for anything that could block her instincts and surgery. She could be protective of her treasures, so put her outside before gathering up the items and putting them away. Don’t deny her comforts though. Be sure you have safe dog toys to replace these items, so she is not further stressed.

Cathy M. Rosenthal is a longtime animal advocate, author, columnist and pet expert who has more than 25 years in the animal welfare field. Send your pet questions, stories and tips to cathy@petpundit.com. Please include your name, city, and state.

How to banish pet odors from home

Dogs, cats, birds, and lizards have evolved from wild animals and outdoor companions to become beloved, largely domesticated members of the family. The number of pets in homes across the country continues to grow. According to Statista, as of March 2017, 94.2 million cats and 87.9 million dogs were estimated to live in the United States as pets. Canada’s Pet Wellness report estimates that there are approximately 7.9 million cats and 5.9 million dogs in Canada. Over time, pet owners grow accustomed to their pets’ antics, messes and even their odors. Dealing with smells is par for the course for pet owners, and many become desensitized to certain common smells. But when company is on the way or people are thinking about selling their homes, pet odors must be addressed. Even though it will take effort, homeowners can freshen their homes and eliminate unpleasant pet-related smells.

Find ways to ventilate. Odors can build up inside closed environments and prove overpowering. Open windows when applicable, using exhaust fans and encouraging cross-breezes can air certain odors from the home.

Clean frequently. Cats and dogs can leave
Explore the history of salsa

The term “salsa” not only refers to the Latin style of dance, but it also doubles as the name of one of the world’s most popular condiments. “Salsa” is the Spanish and Italian word for sauce, and the salsa that many people enjoy can be used as a sauce, topping, dip, or flavoring for many types of foods.

Although salsa has been America’s favorite condiment since 2000, its popularity can be traced back thousands of years. The wild tomato, the main component of many salsas, is indigenous to South America. However, Central American nations were some of the first to domesticate the tomato and mix it with other ingredients to produce tasty salsa combinations. It is believed that the salsa we know today originated with the Incan people. Incan lords are purported to have combined tomatoes with chili peppers and ground squash seeds and consumed their salsa primarily as a condiment served on turkey, venison, lobster, and fish. Mayans and Aztecs likely had their interpretations of salsa as well.

Hot peppers were an important component of many salsas, and in the early twentieth century, food manufacturers began offering hot sauces in the United States. Some were geared to and named for Louisiana and Creole regions, where spicy foods were the norm and enjoyed regularly. Salsa sauces evolved and became more authentic interpretations of the earliest salsas produced in Central America. They were manufactured to meet the rising demand of Mexican cuisine in Texas and elsewhere in the world. Salsas became thicker and chunkier and more about fresh ingredients.

Today, there are many different types of salsa, from salsa roja to salsa criolla — a blend of chili, onion, lime, and salsa verde. Many jarred, canned, and bottled salsas and picante sauces sold in the United States in grocery stores are forms of salsa cruda or pico de gallo and typically have a semi-liquid texture.

Whether you’re putting salsa atop tacos, using it for season eggs or dipping tortillas into its flavorful base, salsa has become one of the most popular foods across the globe.

Mexican cuisine is loaded with fresh and flavorful ingredients, but few elements of a traditional Mexican meal may prove as impressive as freshly made tortillas. Thanks to the popularity of Mexican cuisine, tortillas are common in grocery stores far and wide, and now even stores in the United States in grocery stores are forms of salsa cruda or pico de gallo and typically have a semi-liquid texture.

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Delight guests with homemade tortillas

Chipotle Beef

Ingredients:
- 4 beef flat iron steaks (about 7 ounces each)
- 1 package whole wheat tortillas

Instructions:
1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Arrange the tortilla to a plate or a napkin-lined basket. Cook the remaining tortillas for 1 minute; turn it and cook until it looks dry and flecked with golden spots, 30 seconds to 1 minute longer. Transfer the tortilla to a plate or a napkin-lined basket. Cook the remaining tortillas in the same way.
2. Heat a griddle over high heat until hot. Carefully peel off the top paper square from a tortilla and invert the tortilla onto the griddle. After 5 seconds, peel off the remaining wax paper. Cook the tortilla for 1 minute; turn it and cook until it looks dry and flecked with golden spots, 30 seconds to 1 minute longer. Transfer the tortilla to a plate or a napkin-lined basket. Cook the remaining tortillas in the same way.

Tacos with Grilled Steak and Veggies

Ingredients:
- 4 beef flat iron steaks (about 7 ounces each)
- 1 cup fresh ground black pepper to taste

Instructions:
1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Arrange the tortilla to a plate or a napkin-lined basket. Cook the remaining tortillas for 1 minute; turn it and cook until it looks dry and flecked with golden spots, 30 seconds to 1 minute longer. Transfer the tortilla to a plate or a napkin-lined basket. Cook the remaining tortillas in the same way.

Crisp Tortilla Chips

Ingredients:
- 6 corn tortillas, cut into triangles Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Instructions:
1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Arrange the tortilla triangles on a baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes, or until crisp. Transfer to a bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve immediately.

Chiptole Mayonnaise

Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise (the sauce that came chipotle peppers are packed in)

Instructions:
1. To assemble the tacos, place a couple slices of grilled steak on the bottom. Add vegetables and top with a slice of avocado. Drizzle the top with chipotle mayonnaise.

Calling all cooks!

Do you have a delicious recipe you want to share with the community? Email it to Editor Brian McBride at bmcbride@tiscaneleanewsgazette.com. Please include the name of the dish, your name, your city and a phone number so we can confirm you sent in a recipe.
Volunteer Zone
This Week’s Volunteer Opportunities

 Bookmark Buddies
 P.M. Wells Charter Academy is a public charter school serving students in grades K-8. The school is in need of volunteers to serve as Bookmark Buddies at the school. Bookmark Buddies is a mentor reading program that helps third grade students improve their reading skills and score at Level 2 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). The program recruits volunteer mentors each year that help to improve the reading skills of low performing students. Mentors meet at the P.M. Wells Charter Academy for 30 minutes a week, one-on-one, throughout the school year. No prior tutoring experience is necessary and all the tutoring materials are provided, making for an easy and fun volunteer experience. The Bookmark Buddies mentor builds a strong friendship and takes great satisfaction in their student’s success as they begin to gain confidence and improve their reading and writing skills.

 P.M. Wells is looking for volunteers to help elementary school art teacher work with students, and clean tables, desks and work surfaces. The school also is looking for volunteers to help tutor middle school students in math. Volunteers interested in becoming Bookmark Buddies at P.M. Wells Charter Academy can contact Principal Alan Ramos at 321-697-1020 or Mrs. Ingrid Hernandez, volunteer coordinator, at 321-697-1020 or Mrs. Ingrid Hernandez, volunteer coordinator, at pmwellcharter.org.

 Osceola Boy Scouts
 Osceola District of Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America covers all of Osceola County and currently serves 1079 youth and over 250 volunteers in 52 units (packs), troops, and crews. Osceola Boy Scouts are looking for adult volunteers to assist on our district committee and district commissioner staff. Scouting background is preferred but all volunteers must be over the age of 21, pass a criminal background check, and take a youth protection course. All district level volunteers must also be approved by a nominating committee before their approval. A prospective member of our district committee would assist the Boy Scouts in planning and executing county wide programs and initiatives as well as fund-raise and assist recruiting new youth to one of our 52 packs, troops or crews. Applicants can contact Cory Dewell, Osceola district executive Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council, at 407-624-2101 (cell), 407-703-0258 (work) or email at Cory.Dewell@cflscouting.org.

 St. Cloud Friends of the Library
 The St. Cloud Friends of the Library needs new members and volunteers to help with their upcoming book sale Thursday, July 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, July 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The St. Cloud Friends of the Library welcomes new members. The group meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the St. Cloud Veterans Memorial Library at 810 13th St. St. Cloud. For more information, visit the library or its website or contact: ginger40@earthlink.net or call 407-892-7428.

 School District needs volunteers
 All of the Osceola County School District schools need volunteers to help with book fairs, picture days, in the media center, cafeteria, athletics, band, career day spearers, and more. For the upcoming 2018-19 school year, School District officials want people to apply as a new volunteer or renew if you were a volunteer during the 2017-18 school year after July 1. In addition, Take Stock in Children (for high school students) and Bookmark Buddies (for third graders) programs always need mentors. Both of these programs require a yearlong commitment and a brief training session. These two programs are run through the Education Foundation. To volunteer or for more information, call Robin Davis, district volunteer liaison specialist, at 407-870-4080, Ext. 66250.

 Volunteer at TNR and Animal Rescue
 The clinic provides high quality spay/neuter services for cats and dogs to help dramatically reduce the number of animals entering in to shelters each year. More than 30,000 animals were euthanized in Central Florida last year. Reducing the pet population is the only way to guarantee that animals won’t have to suffer or die because of the lack of homes. The clinic has many opportunities for all levels 18 years and older. Normal business hours are Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The clinic can use help with laundry, sterilizing surgical packs, cleaning, filling, answeringphones, fundraising and marketing. It also has weekend opportunities that include special events and feral cat trapping for TNR. Contact Susan Muncy email: 2snipit@gmail.com or by phone: 407-476-4748.

 Meals on Wheels drivers needed
 The Osceola Council on Aging needs Meals on Wheels delivery drivers. Volunteers must have a valid license, an insured vehicle, and pass a background check. Deliveries are made Monday through Friday mornings and behind fur, dander, food messes, and more. Eliminating the debris that pets create can reduce odors. Sweeping, vacuuming and mopping floors can help as well. Don’t forget to vacuum draperies and furniture, and consider purchasing cleaning appliances specifically designed for homes with pets.

 Keep on top of accidents and litter boxes. Puppies and even adult dogs may have their share of accidents. Cats may avoid litter boxes if they are not cleaned frequently and then soil around the house. Be sure to clean up pet waste messes promptly. Baking soda and vinegar solutions are all-natural ways to clean up and can help remove urine odors more readily. Also, look for safe deodorizing cleaning products that can be used on carpeting, flooring and upholstery.

 Purchase an air purifier. Air purifiers can help remove odors and allergens from the air. They’re relatively inexpensive and can be placed in rooms that pets frequent.

 Wash pet blankets and beds. Launder pet beds, cloth toys, blankets, and any other items that pets lounge on. Sweat, saliva and dander can cause these fabrics to become stinky, and in turn, make the house smell worse.

 Keep pets clean. Most pets are very good at self-grooming, but can benefit from a spa treatment once in awhile. 

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two letter answers. The letters from each row form a word which has already been mentioned. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for the L in LISTEN, you get NESTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Address Shields       E  Building shower    O
2. Tour leader           D  Print       S
3. Author Sheldon       I  Olympic city    Y
4. Century               U  Pronged tusk  D
5. Green Bay player      A  Get ready to仕   U
6. Cape                   C  Tie        C
7. 1820                   I  Reefer     D
8. Author                 R  Restaurant   A
9. Rowling's Potter    A  Make house     U
10. Hair grooming tool   J  Impale       A

Oddly Enough

OUT ON A LIMB

by Gary Kopervas

WOULD ANYONE CARE FOR A BOTTLE OF BEER?

BLOOB

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

ROOLE FAMILY FARM STANDS
FRESH FARM-TO-TABLE VEGETABLES

MAGIC MAZE • TITLE

UBXHROLIEBYVSQ
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LRBNETAROPROCOJ
GUNOEBHYEWURHOP
NSKRJIGGNITABD
BHEAVYWEIGHTPUZ
XIVRSQOMZEKITSG
ENCYAAYWAIWUESQ
PGNLJEHGFGEYRCA
YXVUSHQPAONMLAK
JHFECBZCMMXYVFC

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Pego

A SHOW THAT COMBINES WHAT MEN AND WOMEN WANT TO SEE. NEW ON FOX, "AMERICA'S GOT SINGING ZOMBIES."

Kids' Maze

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.
Osceola home cash sales up in April

Cash sales across many of our local markets are showing reductions year-over-year for the first time in a long time, with exception of single-family homes in Osceola County.

In April, the number of all cash sales registered at 84, down 7.7 percent from last year. As a percentage of closed sales, these 84 accounted for 4.9 percent of all sales during the month. At 4.9 percent, this is a decline of 1.5 percentage points year-over-year. And moving back to the single-family home market, the cash sales as a percentage of closed sales were at 23.2 percent, up 0.4 percent from this time last year.

In the Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford metro area, which surrounds us, the number of cash sales for the single-family homes was 529, down 16 percent from April 2017, and condos and townhomes numbered 362 in the area, which is down 14.6 percent from last year. As a percentage of closed sales, the single-family cash sales were at 19.2 percent, which has fallen 0.3 percent over the past year, and condo and townhome cash sales have fallen 12.9 percent to 45.9 percent.

Our last review of statistical housing data in April looks at the entire state. Cash sales of single-family homes in Florida were down 2.2 percent to 5,620 sales, with 55.2 percent of all closed sales being paid in cash. This is a decline of 3.8 percent year-over-year.

The Osceola County Association of Realtors is the largest trade association in Osceola County and represents over 3,500 Realtors in the area, bringing value and support to its membership, and offering community services to the Osceola County area. The association is dedicated to members success through personal development, advocacy, and community engagement.

Top tips to help first-timers navigate the fast-paced housing market.

1. Keep an eye on your credit score
2. Work with a full-time, experienced real estate agent
3. Play to your strengths

Buying a house is a big step, and in the heat of a seller’s market, it takes extra patience and perseverance. Find the right real estate agent to help you through the process, and moving day may arrive sooner than you expected.

Foreclosures on the decline in April

In Osceola County, the number of foreclosures closed during the month was just 12 properties within the single-family home market, and a mere 2 properties within the condo and townhome market. These are down in number by 45.5 percent and 71.4 percent, respectively, year-over-year. Short sales in the Osceola County single-family home market are simply down, decreasing 64.3 percent from the time last year to just five closed sales. The condo and townhome market, on the other hand, saw an increase in short sales from last year, increasing from 3 in 2017, to 2 this April. This is a year-over-year increase of 100 percent.

The Median Sale Price of these properties has increased for the most part this year. In the condo and townhome market, the median price for foreclosures and short sales are up 8.3 percent and 3.5 percent with Median Sale Price now at $124,500 for foreclosures and $103,500 for short sales.

The Orlando-Kissimmee Sanford metro area logged 59 closed foreclosures in April within the single-family home market, and 25 closed sales for short sales. This is a decline of 59 percent and 59.7 percent, respectively. Meanwhile, condos and townhomes saw foreclosures fall 72.7 percent to nine closed sales and gain 80 percent with nine closed short sales. Median Sale Price here was $153,000 for foreclosures, up 61.1 percent from last year, while the median price for short sales fell 7 percent to $93,000.

Single-family homes saw median price for foreclosures gain 14.8 percent year-over-year to $206,000, while short sales increased 22.9 percent to $215,000.

Lastly, statewide data found 636 closed foreclosures in April, up 50.7 percent from last year. This has put Median Sale Price of foreclosed homes up 22.3 percent from last year to $179,817. Short Sales numbered 213 in April, down 48.8 percent. In this case, Median Sale Price fell 9.3 percent to $182,000. And in the condo and townhome market, foreclosure fell 41.8 percent to 224 closed sales, while short sales fell 27.5 percent to 58 closed sales. The Median Sale Price for foreclosures fell 1.6 percent from this time last year, landing at $120,000, while median price for short sales increased 10.5 percent to $146,375.

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The Osceola Council on Aging (OCOA) met up with volunteers from the Home Depot in St. Cloud (Store 6350) on Wednesday June 20, and built a 20 foot wheelchair ramp, and provided landscaping with new plants and mulch for Tim Boultbee, an Air Force veteran who served in the Tactical Air Support Division, and his wife, Becki Allio, who uses a wheelchair. In addition, the group completed the project by installing a 20 foot lighted flag pole to celebrate the service that the Boultbee family provided to this country. Top row: Volunteers from Home Depot, created a new flower bed in front of Boultbee’s home. Yvette Santos Cruz plants another croton. Second row: Larry Belisle and Jim Jandrew with Osceola County Council on Aging, start building the ramp. Tim Boultbee and his wife watch as their new flag was raised. Third row: Volunteers pose for a group shot with Tim and his wife. Ricardo Perez with Home Depot waters the new plantings before leaving. Right: Tim and Becki check out their new wheelchair ramp.

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This June 22, photo shows weekend lemon chicken diner in a bag in Concord, N.H. Chicken legs and thighs are luscious favorites cookbooks, marking appeal—the luxury of thumbing through our

The company noted that it expects a recent pick up in costs to continue in the fourth quarter. Winnebago has taken steps to expand beyond motor homes and travel trailers and create a diversified outdoor lifestyle products company. It agreed to buy boat maker Chris-Craft earlier this month.

Winnebago Industries’ shares were on track for their best day in a year Wednesday as investors cheered the latest quarterly results from the maker of recreational vehicles. The Forest City, Iowa-based company reported fiscal third-quarter earnings and revenue that topped Wall Street analysts’ forecasts.

Winnebago’s towable RVs segment drove much of the gain, notching a 33 percent increase in revenue versus a year earlier. The company’s motorized vehicles unit posted a 3.1 percent gain in revenue.

Companies that make basic household goods and products have been hit hard this year as the White House’s rhetoric around tariffs and trade restrictions has turned into action.

The consumer staples stocks in the Standard & Poor’s 500 index are down roughly 10 percent so far this year, the second-worst performing industry in the index behind telecommunications.

Consumer staples companies tend to sell lower cost products with slim profit margins, in hopes to make it up in bulk. But the White House’s recent actions have hit those types of goods particularly hard. After the U.S. placed tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, Mexico targeted goods such as pork, cheese, apples and some other fruit. The European Union has placed tariffs on items like bourbon, peanut butter, cranberries and orange juice.

Consumer staples stocks have also been hurt by pricing issues, as more consumers move away from low-cost bulk consumer goods and look to purchase higher-end organic items.

Going up: U.S. trade policies are affecting prices for consumer staples as countries retaliate by placing tariffs on goods entering the country.

Source: FactSet

Company Spotlight Ready for the road

Winnebago Industries (WGO) Wednesday’s close: $46.35 Price-earnings ratio: 15 (based on past 12-month results)

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Div. yield: 0.9% Dividend: $0.40

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School’s out — maybe

Kids aren’t the only ones eagerly awaiting the last day of school. A whole industry of hotels, amusement parks and others are looking forward to it as well and they rely on data to tell them where to target their marketing and predict when demand will spike.

This year, there’s only a three-week window in late June and July when most U.S. public schools are on vacation, according to STR, a hospitality research company. Some schools will start the 2018-2019 academic year as early as July 18; others will start as late as September 10. The last day for public schools in 2019 will range from May 15 to June 28. The data comes from a survey of 1,200 public schools.

Families in New York and Chicago will have a few more weeks of vacation time since schools start after Labor Day. But in Los Angeles and Miami-Dade, schools will start in mid-August. George Aguel, CEO of the tourism association Visit Orlando, says staggered breaks are good for his city, since travel from major markets is spread over a longer period.

But shifting vacations can hurt some destinations in the crucial summer season. Kings Dominion, an amusement park in Doswell, Virginia, used to be open through Labor Day. But it will close Aug. 28-30 this year because so many Virginia schools now start in August.

| Number of days when 95%+ of U.S. public school students are on summer break |
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| 2015                      | 37      | 40      | 41      | 44      |

Source: STR

Delivering convenience

Shares in CVS Health had their best day in nearly two years on Tuesday after the drugstore and pharmacy benefits manager said it will start making home deliveries of prescriptions and other products. The nation’s second-largest drugstore chain said the service will cost $4 for deliveries made in one or two days.

CVS Health is also expanding same-day deliveries, for a higher fee, to Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. It began those deliveries in New York late last year. Drugsstores and other retailers have been pushing more customer-friendly services in recent years to hold Amazon.com at bay.

CVS Health started a curbside pick-up service a few years ago. It was already offering deliveries from about 1,600 locations. The company’s shares rose 4.5 percent Tuesday.

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In this Wednesday, June 20, 2018 photo Mitt Romney smiles during a campaign event, in American Fork, Utah. Romney, the Republican presidential candidate in Utah ahead of a June 26 primary. 

WHY IT MATTERS

Romney's team is downplaying the significance of his new position, but by embracing the re-election he's sending a strong message to the president. The Republican critic just announced he was running to contemplate running against Trump at least slow — his 2020 re-election. The message, according to some Republicans who shared their reaction on and off the record: “No matter how you feel, stop fighting Trump, it’s not worth it.”

While many Republicans in Congress join that message after the 2016 election, for a smaller group of others, quiet conversations had continued about the possibility of running a 2020 challenge against him — either as an independent. High-profile 2016 candidates such as Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake and Ohio Gov. John Kasich are openly contemplating running.

Romney’s position is still premature. The Republican establishment hopes Romney will emerge as a Trump crony when he gets to Washington. It could that Romney has simply been downplaying his opposition to Donald Trump. He had trouble winning in 2016 after a string of robberies at Radio Shack and T-Mobile stores in Michigan and Ohio. Cell tower records that were New York Times published this week about the location of not only Carpenter's location but also everyone else's, not for the tracking of not only a rebellious nominee and now he says he wants to keep defendants and judges passing for years to come. "The court ruled in the case against Carpenter. Investigators obtained the cell tower records with a court order that is lower than the "probable cause" standard, instead relying on a "good faith" basis. That's a strong evidentiary test that a person has committed a crime. The judge who presided over the trial refused to suppress the records, finding them unconstitutionally obtained. A federal judge in the court administration said he is concerned that the court has not been consistent with its constitutional obligations. He also wrote that police recent years has acknowledged a new threat. It could be that Romney will emerge as a Trump cudgel in the future. It may emerge as a Trump cudgel in the future. It could be that Romney will emerge as a Trump cudgel in the future. It could be that Romney will emerge as a Trump cudgel in the future.
Social media - not famous face - is key to protest marches

This combination of 1963-1979 photos shows, from left, Cesar Chavez, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gloria Steinem. The protest marches that have filled the nation's streets since the election of Donald Trump rely on multiple voices, a change from the heyday of '60s social activism where there often was one famous face connected to the movement that shook up the establishment.

"A lot of people out there are finding that social media is working really well and broken with the country, with the world," says Karthik Ganesan, rapid response director at MoveOn.org, a public policy advocacy group. "The value of having a central leader is that there's someone's saying, 'That's what you can do about it.' As of now, though, he says, there's no social movement or protest leader who "can really claim that mantle that King did!"

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German chancellor says migration meeting a 'first exchange'

BERLIN (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on Friday, June 22, 2018, welcomed a meeting of European Union leaders as "a first exchange" toward solving and agreements to problems connected with migration.

"At a press conference in the Lebanon national capital, stemmed this Saturday’s planned gathering such as a "constructive and working meeting at which there will be no closing declaration," Merkel said. The middle East amid a serious domestic row over migration that’s straining Berlin’s new coalition.

Boullou’s Christian Social Union party opposes the idea that some migrants should be turned back at Germany’s borders, and has given her two weeks to reach agreement with European partners. Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, the CSU leader, is threatening to go ahead unilaterally with his plans if she doesn’t — potentially threatening the governing coalition.

Merkel rejects the idea of taking unilateral action, saying "many of our Sunday morning leaders from a group of countries such as Germany and France, is instead driving a difficult solution. It comes on the heels of the 28-nation EU Thursday, June 21, 2018.

"What’s about on Saturday is that in terms of the additional effort has been made to free the players from problems — no more such as secondary migration or secondary migration is not a problem for us," the nutritionist said.

There are about a million foreign nationals living in Lebanon, representing more than a fifth of the population. This makes them full-fledged members of the country, putting them on the same footing as the indigenous inhabitants.

"The EU said. "We brought a lot of food and nutrition of the squad. The team knows that the health needs, not just based on what they eat on the pitch and his performance in the field, but also in games. It’s not the same for someone who played for 90 minutes, to someone who stayed on the bench, we take every variable into account to make sure every player get what they need," she said.

The nutrition is also responsible to make sure the nutritional supplements for the players to avoid any chance of doping violations. She said: "We take performance as a laboratory in Germany follow the World Cup.

The team did not ingest any red meat from Mexico to avoid any chance of positive tests with clenbuterol, a banned substance that is widely used by Mexican ranchers as a growth-enhancer for cattle, but she has opened the channel for every one of us in our respective areas to gain something to the national team," Boullou said. The Associated Press.

"We know that in the past, some customers who believe that ‘I’ll try it because that’s what the police say,’ we have had it because it has great biological availability and we had it for players in the past," Boullou said.

"The EU adopted a support package to Lebanon of 150 million euros ($191 million) to help cope with hosting refugees. At the joint press conference with Lebanon’s Prime Minister Saad Hariri, Merkel promised to continue supporting Lebanon and said Germany wants to contribute toward a political solution to the crisis in Syria that would enable the return of refugees to the war-torn country.

She also met with the president as well as with representatives of United Nations agencies and Leb- anon businessmen during her trip. A day earlier in Jordan, another major refugee host country, Merkel promised the EU a further 100 million euro aid to Jordanian universities, Merkel said the relief fund will be used "to help the women in the classroom, in the kitchen, and in the field," she said. "I am on the side of these people, and this is fortu- nately the majority in Germany, who we say "we need an open country," she added, that "as of course we need to regulate this."
Sam Smith on touring, therapy, smoking, and lip syncing

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam Smith knows one song is a melancholic emotional, but he's hoping his live shows uplift and feel like "a feeling of love," as the singer said.

The singer, known for down-tempo hits like "Stay With Me" and "Too Good at Goodbyes," called "The Thrill of It All Tour" in the United States on Fri-

day in Detroit.

Smith will perform from some of the artist he played on albums for years when his 2014 debut album, "Lonely(JSON)", topped the charts. But he said he's focused on the mode when it comes to the shows and rest his voice.

"I really think you can see within the (show) growth of me as an artist," he said of his 2015 tour.

Smith talked to The As-

sociated Press about the tour, cutting out alcohol and smoking, and therapy for the first time.

"I'm no longer hang out, honestly," she

said, adding that the pod-

cast will be widely avail-

able, and Spotify will have

The original Spotify pod-
erett and Keith Robinson.

in her apartment with her

cameras filming. "There's

a secret kind of lottery that

we're drawing," she said.

Smith: Yes. The last year

have been melancholy, his new ones are all about love.

AP: You sing live every

day in Detroit.

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Don't let puppy love blind you to the expense of a dog

In this June 18, 2018, file photo, Samira, left, and Scarlett, 8-week-old Dachshund puppies, play in the grass in Wilming- ton, Mass. New dog owners can expect to shell out $1,200 to $2,000 in the first year, and as much as $14,500 over their puppy's lifetime, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Animals. And that's just for routine costs.

How to save:

- Use autoship. Online retailer Chewy and Amazon, which sells pet products, will kick back 24 percent off all Amazon dollars off the food bill if you sign up for its autoship program.

- Don't overfeed. Feeding your dog too much can have a hefty effect. Not only will you have to buy more pet food, but your dog's overeating can cause obesity, which can be expensive in the long run.

- Stick to the max. How much is too much? The portion guidance on your dog's label is a good place to start.

*FOOD*

This cost is obvious, but often underestimated, especially by new pet owners. Many are taken in by large dog owners. Of Labrador retrievers, shorthaired boxers, or other big dogs should expect to spend $600 a year on average, for premium brand dry dog food, according to the ASPCA.

A standard groom at Peaumont's costs from $30 to $150, depending on the breed.

To save:

- DIY groom. Bathe, nail trim and haircuts can all be done at home. The ASPCA's dog grooming guide has detailed tips for owners.

- Boarding and walking services

Busy pet owners will inevitably need help caring for their pets. If you don't have someone to call when you're not home, you'll need a dog walker and pet sitter from time to time. A 30-minute walk with Wag, a nationwide dog-walking service, costs $20. Overnights boarding with Rover's largest network of pet sitters typically runs $25 to $35 a night, but can be as high as $75 in some places. Local walking and boarding services are also available in most cities.

To save:

- Regular brushing

Brush your dog's teeth at least once a day with a toothbrush and toothpaste to cut back on the number of professional cleanings. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends brushing at least three times a week and has a video tutorial.

**VACCINATION**

Puppies need a round of immunizations in their first year, and when they're older, they'll need regular boosters every year or few years. These vaccinations are necessary to prevent more serious, and expensive, illnesses. A round of vaccinations for your puppy costs $75 to $100, on average, according to the American Kennel Club.

To save:

- Adopted app

Adopt your adoption

How to save:

- Pet insurance.

Similar to human health insurance, pet insurance can help defray the cost of expensive medical treatments, including for chronic conditions like cancer or arthritis. Most plans reimburse 80 percent of eligible expenses after you meet your annual deductible.

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The Chinese then headed off to a Moscow bar to watch England player Dele Alli, whose team is based just outside St. Petersburg, when people can't simply choose not to show the games. Locals and their guests also have moved to St. Petersburg and its corridors of power, economic clout, its surging television audience and its top-10 countries for sales. The likes of 22-year-old soccer star Zhang Yuning, from central Henan province and part-time football coach outside China, the student soccer teams have become affordable for China in the top-10 countries for sales. The likes of 22-year-old soccer star Zhang Yuning, from central Henan province

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It's time to reviv...
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the U.S. from the Human Rights Council is a "tremendous blow" to international efforts to defend human rights, the council's chief executive said Tuesday.

"This is a Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2008 file photo, showing a general view of the Human Rights Room at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Diplomats say the United States is signaling a shift from its main human rights body. The announcement came just days after the U.N. General Assembly approved the resolution by a vote of 123-41, with 21 abstentions.

"He said, 'Politically, this is a good move,'" Kenneth Roth, executive director of Human Rights Watch, said Tuesday at a news conference. "I would say he's wrong politically, but also wrong on the facts." Roth asked that his name not be used in his response. "We are deeply disappointed by the president's decision and we are concerned about the impact this will have on our work and the ability of the council to fulfill its important mandate," he said.

The council, the main international body charged with monitoring human rights, has announced its withdrawal from the council, effective at the end of the year. The U.S. has been criticized for its record on human rights, including its treatment of refugees and migrants at the border.

"We have been very critical of the United States on a number of issues," Roth said. "But we are deeply disappointed by this decision because the council has played a critical role in advancing human rights and accountability around the world, and it has been an important platform for countries to discuss human rights issues and to seek to improve their record."

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"It is a major setback for human rights and a blow to the United States' efforts to lead the world in this important area," he said.

The council's decision was hailed by some lawmakers and activists as a victory for human rights and a step towards ending the council's "improper" role in protecting the rights of peoples around the world.

"We welcome the United States' decision to leave the Human Rights Council," said John Odling-Smee, executive director of the International Law Fund. "This is an important step forward in the fight for human rights and the strengthening of international law."
FDA reconsidered added sugar label for maple syrup, honey

NEW YORK (AP) — Hey Alexa, what’s your bank account balance? Right.

Big banks and financial companies are being asked to offer banking through virtual assistants — Amazon’s Alexa, Apple’s Siri, and Google’s Assistant — in a way that will allow customers to check their balances, pay bills and, in the near future, send money just with their voice. With the rapid adoption of Zelle, a bank-to-bank transfer system, it soon could be possible to send money to friends or family instantly with voice commands.

But the potential to do so much. Some voters have responded to the feedback that the FDA received is that the approach laid out in the draft guidance does not provide the clarity that the FDA intended. It is important to us that people are able to effectively use the new Nutrition Facts label to make informed, healthy dietary choices. The approach is driven by the need to update the Nutrition Facts label to more closely approximate the quantities of added sugars in foods.

In maple country of Vermont, producers are petitioning the FDA to reconsider the added sugar label for maple syrup, with the American Honey Producers Association saying the plan could lead to consumers wondering what’s being added to pure maple syrup, especially when it’s being used as a cooking ingredient.

FAA says its new fuel test is too loose

FAA’s new nitrogen fuel test has been too loose for some engine manufacturers, a report by the government’s inspector general said Wednesday. The test is intended to ensure that the fuel system is not susceptible to failure in cases of high pressure or temperature.

The FAA’s new test allows for a longer time period before the fuel system can fail, compared to the old test. The inspector general’s report said the new test is not as stringent as the old one and does not provide adequate protection against failure.

The FAA has said it is working to address the concerns raised by the inspector general and is planning to issue a final rule in the near future.
Volgograd provides the proper perspective at World Cup

Volgograd, Russia (AP) — Nearly 60 years since it changed its name to Volgograd, the Russian city once called Stalingrad and its bloody history loom large even in the midst of the fun and football of the World Cup.

In this Sunday, June 17, 2018 photo, Russian soldiers take part in changing guard at the Hall of Military Glory in Volgograd, Russia. Nearly 60 years since it changed its name to Volgograd, the Russian city once called Stalingrad and its bloody history loom large even in the midst of the fun and football of the World Cup.

In this photo taken on Sunday, June 17, 2018, graves of Russian soldiers in a cemetery near Stalingrad in Rossoshka, Russia. 72-year-old Vitaly Danilkin takes care of a cemetery some 40 miles northwest of Volgograd in Rossoshka, for German soldiers who perished at Stalingrad and nearby Rostov-on-Don, as well as a Soviet cemetery on the other side of the road.

Local historian Svetlana Kortynina writes in a local travel guide that there are 52,000 of them are buried in two mass graves and that another 120,000 German thought to be missing are inscribed on rectangular panels around the site, “like huge dice lost in the stopgap.”

Vitaly Danilkin, as grimly as a 72-year-old as you like to see, cares for the site as well as a Soviet cemetery on the other side of the road. Cutting the grass in the summer, and clearing the snow in winter, Danilkin is always on the lookout for war-related artifacts. His 43-year-old daughter, Alena, with the permission of the state, runs a small team that does exactly that and is alert to anyone illegally looking for memorabilia — there’s a big black market for Stalingrad-related helmets, guns, medals and tags.

Vladi, who has been doing his job for three years, said he’s the only one who would do it for “only 5,000 rubles a month” when he was hired. He has since gained a raise to 15,000 rubles ($140) a month.

“I’m a patriot,” he said. “I love my Russia.”

Stalingrad, it’s clear, was half of patriots.