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CLERMONT

Body found in wooded area

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Lake County Sheriff's deputies are trying to identify a woman whose body was discovered in a wooded area just outside of Clermont early Friday.

According to sheriff's spokesman Lt. John Herrell, a woman walking her dog around

8:45 a.m. Friday discovered the body about 300 feet from the intersection of Hancock and Hartwood Marsh roads. Herrell said detectives believe the body was there less than 24 hours.

Investigators described the dead woman as between 18 to 25 years of age; 5 feet 2 inches tall; small build;

strawberry-blonde hair; wearing denim Capri pants and a blue shirt. She also two red triangles with their bases facing each other tattooed on her upper left chest area, and the words, "WHAT NOURISHES ME ALSO DESTROYS ME," etched on her left shoulder.

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Crime scene workers investigate a body found in the woods south of the intersection of Hancock and Hartwood Marsh Roads on Friday.



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People enjoy a ride at the Lake County Fair in Eustis on Thursday.

EUSTIS

Grace and Joy at the fair

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Nine-year-old Grace Vanzant of Tavares showed her 5-month-old calf named "Joy" for the first time at the Lake County Fair Thursday evening.

Her grandfather, Wayne Hawthorne, said the minimum age for showing is 8 years old, and this was his granddaughter's first year showing.

"This whole thing is a

real great experience for kids," Hawthorne said.

Grace Vanzant's 11-year-old brother Jackson presented Thursday evening as well, his second time at the fair.

"It's very fun, just nerve wracking," Jackson said.

He showed the same cow he presented last year, named "Ruby."

"She won fourth place last year and she did really good, because I thought she wasn't going

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Wayne Hawthorne, right, talks to his granddaughter Grace Vanzant about her performance during the Breeding Beef and Heifer Show at the Lake County Fair in Eustis on Thursday.

6 years later, US regains jobs lost in the recession

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy has reached a milestone: It has finally regained all the private-sector jobs it lost during the Great Recession.

Yet it took a painfully slow six years, and unemployment remains stubbornly high at 6.7 percent.

The comeback figures were contained in a government report Friday that showed a solid if unspectacular month of job growth in March.

Businesses and non-profits shed 8.8 million jobs during the 2007-09 recession; they have since hired 8.9 million. But because the population has grown since the big downturn, the economy is still millions of jobs short of where it should be by now.

Also, government jobs are still 535,000 below the level they were at when the recession began in December 2007.

That's why the overall economy still has 422,000 fewer jobs than it did then.

As a result, most analysts were hardly celebrating the milestone.

Heidi Shierholz, an economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute, called it a "pretty meaningless benchmark economically."

"The potential labor force is growing all the time, so the private sector should have added millions of jobs over the last six-plus years," she said.

U.S. employers did add a seasonally adjusted 192,000 jobs in March, just below February's 197,000, which was revised higher. March's figure nearly matched last year's average monthly gain, suggesting that the economy has recovered from the hiring slowdown caused by severe weather in December and January.

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Even the healthy now locked out of 2014 insurance policies

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans thinking about buying health insurance on their own later this year, or maybe switching to a different insurer, are probably out of luck. The policies are going off the market as a little-noticed con-

sequence of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

With limited exceptions, insurance companies have stopped selling until next year the sorts of individual plans that used to be available year-round. That locks out many of

the young and healthy as well as the sick and injured, even those who can afford to buy without government subsidies.

"Now they're stuck," said Bonnie Milani, an independent insurance broker in Los Angeles, who says she warned

her customers last year that the change was coming. "It just closes everything down."

The next wide-open chance to sign up comes in November, when enrollment for 2015 begins in the government-run insurance marketplaces created

by the health care law. Companies are following that schedule even for the plans they sell outside the federal and state exchanges.

The health care law allows insurers to keep selling all year. But it also creates the conditions prompting them

to stop.

The law, which requires nearly all Americans to be insured or pay a fine, bans insurers from rejecting customers because of poor health. The companies say that makes it too risky to sell to

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individuals year-round. "If you didn't have an open enrollment period, you would have people who would potentially enroll when they get sick and dis-enroll when they get better," said Chris Stenrud, spokesman for insurer Kaiser Permanente. "The only insured people would be sick people, which would make insurance unaffordable for everyone."

The change makes individual policies work more like the job-based plans that already cover far more Americans.

But those who act fast may still be able to get in this year, depending on where they live.

Following the lead of the government marketplaces, some companies are extending off-marketplace sales for a week or a month to help people who hit snags trying to enroll by last Monday's deadline. Rules vary from state to state.

After those extensions, eligibility for coverage during 2014 is guaranteed only for people who experience certain qualifying life events, such as losing a job that provided insurance, moving to a new state, getting married, having a baby or losing coverage under a parent's health plan.

Insurance broker Steve Bobiak of Frackville, Pa., said he learned only a couple of weeks ago that insurers were cutting off new policies.

"It's lousy communication out there," he said. "If we don't know, my God, how do they expect other people to know? It's terrible."

A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation in mid-March found that 6 out of 10 people without insurance weren't aware of the Affordable Care Act deadline of March 31. The Obama administration, insurance companies and non-profit groups scrambled to spread the word, often with messages that focused on the savings available to many people through government-subsidized plans sold on the mar-

ketplaces.

There wasn't much public discussion about people who prefer to buy policies outside the state or federal marketplaces, sometimes finding better deals or options more to their liking.

Health and Human Services spokesman Aaron Albright pointed to a note buried on the HealthCare.gov website: It says "in some limited cases some insurance companies may sell private health plans outside the marketplace and outside open enrollment" that satisfy the law's coverage mandate. It doesn't say how to find any companies doing that. Albright had no further comment.

Gary Claxton, a health law expert at the Kaiser Family Foundation, said it's "highly unlikely" that companies will offer such coverage after the deadline window fully closes. Some do still offer temporary plans, lasting from a month to a year. But those plans don't cover pre-existing conditions and don't get buyers off the hook for the law's tax penalty.

Nate Purpura, spokesman for eHealthInsurance.com, which sells policies from 200 companies across the nation, said at this point he knows of none planning to offer major medical insurance after this month, except to people with qualifying life events.

For people trying to get an off-marketplace plan through an open enrollment extension, some insurers are selling them through April 15, and others through the end of the month. Purpura said eHealth will offer such plans in at least some areas of these states: Arizona, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Utah, Virginia and Washington state.

The federal marketplace extension for online enrollment is April 15. But Oregon, for example, is giving marketplace buyers until April 30.

After that, Stenrud said, without a qualifying life event, the door closes until Nov. 15.

ECONOMY

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"We're seeing sustained improvement," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "But we're not really that much stronger than we were last year. And we need more improvement for a stronger economy to come into fruition."

The March figures did signal that stronger gains could lie ahead: More Americans without jobs are starting to look for one, and paychecks are growing.

Most economists expect job growth to pick up a bit to a monthly pace of 225,000 or more. One reason: Americans have reduced their debts and benefited from rising home prices and a rising stock market. Better household finances should translate into

more spending.

And a major drag on growth — federal spending cuts and tax increases — will fade this year, most likely boosting the economy. Budget battles and government shut-downs that have eroded business and consumer confidence since the recession ended are unlikely this year.

"Enough repair has happened in damaged sectors and there's enough calm ... so we can have a real recovery," said Ethan Harris, global economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Greater business confidence has been good for companies such as Advanced Technology Services, a Peoria, Ill.-based firm that maintains machine tools, robotics and computer systems for industrial companies such as Caterpillar, Honeywell and Honda.

The company has about 120 openings for



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The Lake County Fair opened Thursday in Eustis.

FAIR

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to do as good as she did," Jackson said.

The Lake County fair opened Thursday evening at the Lake County Fairgrounds at 2101 North County Road 452 in Eustis and is scheduled to continue through April 12.

The fair started in 1921 as the Florida Sportsman Exposition, the Lake County Fair's website states.

Steve Davis of Mount Dora was at the fair Thursday evening with his wife and two daughters.

"I took her (his oldest daughter) to the fair, I took her a couple years ago and she had a blast," Davis said.

He said while they did not make it out to the fair last year, he made it a point to get to the fair this year and put it in his phone calendar.

He added his older daughter now was tall enough to ride most of the rides, which she was not able to do the last time they went to the fair.

"That was the thing, because last time, two years ago, there was only so many

AT THE FAIR TODAY

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- 2:30 p.m. — Poultry show
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rides she could go on," Davis said. "She loved it (the rides)."

She was not tall enough yet to ride the tall "Speed" ride, but her dad did.

"That was the craziest thing I've done in a long time," Davis said.

Sarah Flowers, an 18-year-old from Groveland, showed her year-old calf, that she's had since November, named "Bella" Thursday evening. She was showing with Bay Lake Beef and Swine 4-H club. This was her second time showing at the Lake County Fair.

"I'm excited, I love it," Flowers said. "It's my sport, my hobby."

Mykal Stricker, from North Carolina, was with her husband and son attending the fair while visiting her niece and sisters who live in Tavares.

"Just hanging out with family," Mykal Stricker said of why she went to the fair.

BODY

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There was no identification on the body.

Herrell wouldn't reveal if there were any signs of foul play, but the sheriff's office is calling the death "suspicious."

Herrell said detectives have gone door-to-door in the area, which is filled with subdivisions, to find out if anyone has seen or heard anything suspicious in the area over the last 24 hours. One man came to the scene to see if the body was the daughter of a friend, who is known to wander. The woman hadn't been seen in two days, the man said.

The intersection was crowded with slow-moving vehicles Friday morning and early afternoon as drivers stopped or slowed down to view several squad cars lining the street and crime scene technicians sifting through the woods. The area was surrounded by caution tape and filled with dozens of yellow tags on top of tire tracks, an overturned clothing drop box and other evidence.

Anyone who may know the woman or anything about the death, can call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 352-343-2101; or Central Florida CRIMELINE at 1-800-423-TIPS, where callers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward.

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factory floor technicians, network engineers and information technology professionals. It has 2,700 employees in the U.S. and 300 more in Mexico and Britain.

Jeff Owens, president of ATS, said his clients appear more confident about economic growth and more willing to invest in machinery. He is seeing solid growth in the auto, food processing and oil and gas drilling equipment industries.

"The economy is better than it was a year or two ago," Owens said. "We're seeing that people are more comfortable with executing their strategic plans."

The U.S. unemployment rate has been stuck at 6.7 percent since December, but that partly reflects a positive trend: More Americans, particularly younger people, are either working or looking for work.

So far this year, about 1.3 million people have started looking for jobs, and most have found them. Last year, by contrast, the number of people either working or looking for work had shrunk by roughly 500,000.

That's a welcome change from the pattern that had prevailed since the recession: The proportion of Americans working or looking for work fell to a 35-year low in December. Many of the unemployed had become discouraged and stopped hunting for jobs.

In addition, many younger people stayed in school to avoid the job market. And some older Americans probably retired earlier than they would have otherwise.

For most of the past four years, the number of Americans who found jobs barely kept up with population growth. Now it's growing slightly fast-

er. As a result, the percentage of Americans 16 or older who were working reached 58.9 percent in March — the highest point since 2009.

Another positive sign in the report: Americans worked more hours last month. The average work week rose to 34.5 hours last month, up from 34.3 in February.

More hiring plus a longer workweek means bigger paychecks for more Americans. That should help fuel more consumer spending and economic growth in the months ahead.

Still, for individual workers, average hourly pay slipped a penny to \$24.30. Average hourly wages have risen 2.1 percent in the past year, faster than the 1.1 percent inflation rate. But in a healthy economy, hourly wages typically grow about 3.5 percent a year.

One thing holding back overall pay is the quality of jobs. Most of those added last month were in low-paying industries.

Temporary help agencies added 28,500 positions. Hotels and restaurants added 33,100, and retailers 21,300.

Higher-paying positions didn't fare as well. Manufacturers shed 1,000 jobs, the first such drop since July. And professional and technical services, which include accountants, engineers and information technology workers, added just 10,400.

Freezing cold and heavy snowstorms this winter slowed factories, slowed home sales and kept consumers away from shopping malls. As a result, many economists expect growth slowed to a 1.5 percent to 2 percent annual rate in the first three months of the year.

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Area Briefs

LEESBURG

Lake County Ladies Chorus performs 'When Radio Was'

Comprised of singers from all over Lake County for more than 60 years, this talented group of lady vocalists will present, "When Radio Was" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Paul P. Williams Auditorium, Lake Sumter State College, U.S. Highway 441 in Leesburg.

The group invites the public to be a part of an imaginary studio audience at a local radio station from days gone by, enjoying a variety of gospel music songs, 60s medley's, love songs and others.

Tickets are \$10 and available by calling Helen Ribbe at 352-392-7029.

GROVELAND

'Beauty and the Beast' presented in South Lake

The Tony award-winning Broadway musical, "Beauty and the Beast" will be presented by the performing arts department as the final show of the 2013-14 theater season at South Lake High School on April 10-12 at 7 p.m., in the auditorium at the school, 15600 Silver Eagle Road in Groveland.

Tickets for the event, \$10 general admission and \$7 for ages 10 and younger, are available at the door or by calling Jennifer Julian at 352-394-2100, ext. 5518 or via email to, julianj@lake.k12.fl.us.

MOUNT DORA

Restaurant Wars hosts competition at gala

The Culinary Arts and Architectural Drafting classes at Mount Dora High School will present the 7th annual Tasting Gala from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on April 12 in the Cane Cafe, a fundraiser for the two departments.

Guests will experience a unique display of restaurant designs while enjoying chef specialties created and demonstrated by the students.

After viewing restaurant designs and sampling the cuisine from each team, restaurant guests will be able to cast a vote for the team winners that will be announced at the end of the evening.

Tickets are \$15 each and available by calling Cindy Brisson at 352-383-2177, ext. 1232 or via email to brissonc@lake.k12.fl.us.

TAVARES

LCWA offers free aquatic plants for the public

The Lake County Adopt-a-Lake Program in conjunction with the Lake County Water Authority, is giving away free aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Hickory Point Recreational Park, 27341 State Road 19, in Tavares.

Available plants included at the event are, canna, lizards tail, bulrush, pickerel weed, soft rush, arrowhead and iris and residents will be allowed up to five plants each, while supplies last.

For information, call Cathie Catusus at 352-253-1659 or email ccatusus@lakecountyfl.gov.

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Feds investigating Florida State

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Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State University is under investigation by the U.S. Department of Education for possible Title IX violations in its response to sexual violence complaints.

USA Today first reported the investigation by the Office for Civil Rights. It stems from a complaint

filed with it by the accuser in quarterback Jameis Winston's sexual assault case.

No charges were filed by State Attorney Willie Meggs against the Heisman trophy winner.

"Our client is particularly gratified by the OCR's decision to investigate and look for discrimination and find remedies to it," the accuser's lawyer Baine Kerr said, "because

her primary goal, from the beginning, has been affecting change that will make women at Florida State safer on campus."

Winston was accused of sexual assault from an incident in Dec. 2012. Police decided not to press charges in Dec. 2013. The OCR will investigate all sexual assault complaints at the university during the last three

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U.S. Air Force Sgt. Wil Alteus, who has been deployed overseas for the past nine months, holds his daughter Lyrique, right, and his sister Kerinley.

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MOUNT DORA

Student gets big surprise

Staff Report

Second-grader Lyrique Alteus went to chapel at Mount Dora Bible Friday morning, probably with a prayer in her heart for her father serving overseas.

Last year, U.S. Air Force Sgt. Wil Alteus was living with Lyrique in New Jersey when he was called up to serve at a location in southwest Asia he cannot identify. Being a single dad, he flew his

daughter to Mount Dora to live with his sister, Kerinley Alteus, before leaving for what he thought would be a year-long assignment.

At chapel, Lyrique and two other students were chosen to take part in a word trivia game, similar to Wheel of Fortune, where letters spell out a phrase. After all the letters were

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GROVELAND

Cops: Drunk driver flees authorities

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A 59-year-old motorist driving on a suspended license was shot with a stun gun and arrested early Thursday after leading law enforcement on a chase through Groveland and Mascotte that ended when lawmen shredded his tires.



JACKSON

Hewitt Lee Jackson, of Bartow, was charged with fleeing and eluding, driving with a suspended license, resisting arrest and his 10th DUI charge. He was released from the Lake County jail Friday after posting \$45,750 bond.

The chase started late Wednesday night after law enforcement officers said they spotted a bronze Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck driving recklessly on County Road 33. Officers believed it was the same driver they had received earlier reports of driving recklessly.

According to an arrest affidavit, Groveland police initiated a traffic stop after officers said the driver of the pickup failed to use turn signals and crossed the center line. The driver wouldn't stop and led police on a slow pursuit

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Alamo replica to be featured at Historical Museum reopening

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The Lake County Historical Museum will have a ribbon-cutting and grand reopening ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on April 17.

Rick Reed, the president of the Lake County Historical Society and a freelance contributor to the Daily Commercial, said the museum has been open for months, but volunteers have been adding and tweaking displays.

"We're gonna unveil a new exhibit, which actually is my hobby-toy soldiers," Reed said. "The centerpiece is gonna be a 1/32 scale model of the Alamo."

Reed said he made the display from kits.

He said the Alamo connects to Lake County because the "the first Alamo movie, legitimate, a real good Alamo movie, was done by Walt Disney, back in probably the 50s or 60s. "The connection to Lake



COURTESY LAKE COUNTY

The Lake County Historical Museum will have a ribbon-cutting and grand reopening ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on April 17.

County is Walt Disney, his parents were married in Lake County and he used to come back and vacation up in the Paisley area, actually... He had looked to (the) Paisley area for Disney World," Reed said.

He added that actor and dancer Buddy Ebsen, known for playing J.D. "Jed" Clampett in the 1960s television sitcom "The Beverly Hillbillies," was in that Alamo movie and that his parents were

dance teachers who would come to Lake County.

Reed said he hopes the museum keeps the Alamo display up for about three months.

A Lake County press release states that, "Visitors will discover Walt Disney's connection to Paisley, the people behind the names of Tavares' most well-traveled roads, the muddled history of the federal

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EUSTIS

Man trying to steal truck subdued by driver

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A 38-year-old motorist allegedly tried to steal a pick-up truck in Eustis late Thursday, only for the man who drove the vehicle for his job to pull him back out and hold him until Lake County Sheriff's deputies arrived.

Jesse James Abercrombie, 38, was charged with grand theft auto as well as resisting arrest after he allegedly started banging his head, kicking and

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DRIVER

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spitting in the back seat of the patrol car of the arresting deputy.

Abercrombie, who appeared to have several bruises on his face in his mugshot, remained in the Lake County jail Friday in lieu of \$2,500 bail.

According to an arrest affidavit, a man who lives in the 200

block of West Charlotte Avenue said he heard a noise outside his residence and found a man, later identified as Abercrombie, lying outside who appeared to have crashed his bicycle into a trash can.

The man said Abercrombie appeared to be intoxicated and he helped him back up and went back inside his home. However, the man said soon afterward, he heard his work truck crank up,

looked outside and spotted Abercrombie inside, who had begun to drive away. But the victim said he was able to stop the truck before he drove out of the driveway, pull Abercrombie out and hold him on the ground until deputies arrived.

The man's boss and owner of the truck was contacted, said he wished to file charges and Abercrombie was arrested.

CHASE

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along State Road 50, Lake Avenue and other roads in Groveland and Mascotte.

Officers said the vehicle was observed jumping curbs, running red lights and traveling in the wrong lane.

The chase ended early Thursday morning after deputies spread

spiked sticks in front of the truck on SR 50, just east of CR 33, which shredded the left front and rear tires. With chunks of tires falling off the rim, the truck continued to drive until it pulled into a field.

The affidavit added the driver, eventually identified as Jackson, got out of the truck and attempted to run on foot. However, when Jackson refused demands to get on the ground, deputies shot him with a stun gun, which caused the suspect to fall. He was then arrested.

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chosen, she read aloud the phrase "Lyrique's dad is home."

She then turned around to see her father walking into the school's auditorium.

At the school's request, Kerinley was also present and caught by surprise.

Nicole Cardoso, director of public relations for Mount Dora Bible, said Wil was told after nine months that he could return to the United States. He contacted the school's ad-

ministration office and asked for the surprise to be set up.

Cardoso said a video of the event was taken and about 50 photographs snapped.

"I still have tears in my eyes," she said of some of the photos.

The video can be viewed on YouTube.

FSU

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years.

The accuser received a letter from the university in February stating that it met with Winston on Jan. 23 to investigate possible Code of Conduct violations. Winston led the Seminoles to the national championship on Jan. 6.

"We can confirm that we have been notified of the OCR investigation; however, due to federal and state privacy laws the university cannot comment," university spokesman

Browning Brooks said in a statement.

The OCR tells schools that "Conduct may constitute unlawful sexual harassment under Title IX even if the police do not have sufficient evidence of a criminal violation. In addition, a criminal investigation into allegations of sexual violence does not relieve the school of its duty under Title IX to resolve complaints promptly and equitably."

It is unclear if the accuser will pursue a civil case against Winston or the university. Her family accused the Tal-

lahassee Police Department of delaying the investigation and discouraging her from going forward with the case because of the public attention it would receive. Tallahassee police have defended their handling of the case.

A civil case can still be filed after the OCR investigation.

The woman told police she had been drinking at a bar with friends and went home with a man she didn't know. She said the alleged assault took place at an off-campus apartment, but she couldn't remember where it was.

A month later, she identified her alleged attacker as the quarterback. Winston's attorney Tim Jansen said the sex was consensual.



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Wayne F. Hagan

Wayne F. Hagan, 80, died at his home in Grand Island, FL March 20, 2014. Born October 3, 1933 in Rockford, IL to parents Lanson and Mary (Stockberger) Hagan. Predeceased by his parents and sister Marjorie (Mossberger) of Byron, IL. Wayne served in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force. Wayne is survived by daughter Andrea, son John (Michele) and granddaughters Kelsey and Tess. Wayne lived an adventurous life and leaves behind many dear friends. Wayne was a supporter of the Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Humane Society. Donations to a local chapter of these organizations in his memory would be welcome. No services will be held.

James Granville Ingram

James Granville Ingram, 90, of Bushnell, FL passed away the morning of Monday, March 31, 2014. James was born on February 24, 1924 in McHenry, KY. He graduated from Beaver Dam Kentucky at the age of 16. He worked for Standard Forge, Chrysler Corporation, and he was a Consultant for Dana Corporation. James resided in Highland, IN, New Castle, IN, and Cedar Key, FL throughout his life. He was a Fifty Year Mason affiliated with the Griffith, Indiana Masonic Lodge #735. He was a member of the Elks, the Moose, and the Eagles. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was also a World War II Veteran who served in the United States Army in Europe. James was always a strong and proud man. He loved to fish and hunt, woodwork, and do crossword puzzles. He lived a very fulfilling life and he will always be looked upon as a great role model and outstanding man by those he left behind. He will be missed, he will be loved, and he will never be forgotten. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Ingram; three daughters,

Sandra McFarland (J.D. Goodwin), Fran Ingram, and Jamie (Mike) Rust; step-children, George (Jill) Costic, Carolyn Brink, Susan Crowley, and Judy (Kevin) Scott; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren with 3 more on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, Granville & Dona Marie Ingram; and sisters, Thelma Ingram, Margaret Langford, and Ava Seward. James was cremated and had a graveside memorial service with full military honors at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, on Friday, April 4, 2014. Online condolences may be left at www.purcellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, FL.

Jean M. Samsel

Jean M. Samsel, 81, of Mount Dora, passed away Friday, April 4, 2014. Born in Flushing, New York, she retired from the New York City Board of Education as the District 5 testing liaison officer. She spent her 1st 22 years as a classroom teacher. Jean was elected outstanding teacher of the year in 1973, she got the fellowship of Bank Street College of Education. She was the President of CONAS in Sanibel Island, Florida. She moved to Mount Dora in 1999 from Sanibel Island. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, August Harold Samsel, Mount Dora, FL; son, August Henry Samsel, Benton, AR; 2 daughters, Debra Ann Bice, Pinellas Park, FL, Betina Samsel, Hawthorne, NY; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Online Guestbook available at www.hardenpauli.com Arrangements by Harden/Pauli Funeral Home, Eustis.

James A. Tarquin

James A. Tarquin, 72, of Leesburg passed away Wednesday, April 2, 2014 following a long illness. Born in Geneva, NY the son of Vincent and Julia (Lolly) Tarquin, he and his late wife Patricia moved to Leesburg from Cazenovia NY in 2001. James was a member of St. Paul's Catholic Church,



TARQUIN

Leesburg where he had served with the Ministry to the Sick. His career included marketing and sales, he was an entrepreneur and most recently served as a court mediator. Jim was very active in the theater as an actor, director and very talented singer. He performed at The Plantation and the Melon Patch Theater and he also played the trumpet. He enjoyed tennis and baseball, both playing and coaching, and music and dancing. Jim served as fundraising chairman and coordinator for the Cancer Society's Relay For Life in honor of his wife Patricia's death from cancer in 2002. Survivors include 3 children, Emily Joan Tarquin, Denver, CO, James P.(Dawn) Tarquin, Silver Springs, FL and Kevin Tarquin, Coconut Creek, FL, 4 grandchildren, Madalyn, Jimmy, Michael and Megan, 1 sister and 2 brothers, Marie, Dom and Vincent Tarquin, and "his sweetheart" Lee Hildebrand, Leesburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, April 7th at 8:30 am at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Leesburg with Father Mark Wajda officiating. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to The American Cancer Society, 1650 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748. On line condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg.

DEATH NOTICES

Catherine Hardie

Catherine Hardie, 96, of Astor, died Friday, April 4, 2014. Beyers Funeral Home, Astor.

Pearl C. Meurer

Pearl C. Meurer, 85, of Mt. Dora, died Monday, March 31, 2014. All Faiths Cremation Society

John Patrick Walsh

John Patrick Walsh, 89, of Mount Dora died Thursday, April 3, 2014. Allen J. Harden Funeral Home, Mount Dora.

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Judge strikes part of Ohio gay marriage law

AMANDA LEE MYERS
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A federal judge said Friday that he will order Ohio to recognize out-of-state gay marriages, a move that would strike down part of the state's ban on gay marriages but stop short of forcing it to perform same-sex weddings.

Judge Timothy Black announced his intentions in federal court in Cincinnati following final arguments in a lawsuit that challenged the constitutionality of the marriage ban.

"I intend to issue a declaration that Ohio's recognition bans, that have been relied upon to deny legal recognition to same-sex couples validly entered in other states where legal, violates the rights secured by the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution," Black said. "(They're) denied their fundamental right to marry a person of their choosing and the right to remain married."

Black said he'll issue the ruling April 14. The civil rights attorneys who filed the February lawsuit did not ask Black to order the state to perform gay marriages, and he did not say he would do so.

Gay marriage is legal in 17 states and the District of Columbia. Feder-

al judges have also struck down bans in Michigan, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma and Virginia, and ordered Kentucky and Tennessee to recognize out-of-state gay marriages, though stays have been issued pending appeals.

Pam and Nicole Yorksmith, a Cincinnati couple who married in California in 2008 and have a 3-year-old son, were among the four couples who filed the lawsuit challenging the gay marriage ban.

"It also validates to our kids that we're bringing into our marriage that their parents are recognized by the state that we live in, and that's extremely important," Pam Yorksmith said. "We're teaching kids of future generations that all families are different and just because our family doesn't look like your family doesn't mean that ours shouldn't be recognized."

Nicole Yorksmith is pregnant through artificial insemination with the couple's second child.

The legal team asked Black to declare that Ohio's gay marriage ban is "facially unconstitutional, invalid and unenforceable," and indicated that following such a ruling, the window would be open for litigation to allow gay couples to marry in Ohio.

Tavares man facing child porn charges

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An examination of a Tavares man's computer has increased the number of child porn possession charges against him from three to 50.

Jason Keith Martin, 34, turned himself in at the Lake County Detention Center on Thursday night and was released eight hours later after posting a \$47,000 bond.

The investigation into Martin initially began in

November 2012. At the time, he was charged with three counts of possession of child pornography and three counts of distribution of child pornography. At the time, Martin was accused of allowing others to acquire child pornography from his computer via the Internet, the Lake County Sheriff's Office reported.

"A forensic examination was conducted on his computer that was

seized during the execution of the search warrant at his home, located at 1211 Park Ave., in Tavares, and the results of the examination revealed that Martin had 47 more images of child pornography," sheriff's spokesman Sgt. James Vachon said.

Vachon said there was "no evidence to suggest Mr. Martin was producing child pornography or had any contact with children."

LSSC receives grant to offer scholarships

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For the second year in a row the college is a recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Lake County Children's Services Council to provide scholarships for the county's underserved children to attend Kids' College, according to a press release from the college.

Kids' College is a six-week summer program for children ages 7-14 focusing on sports, performing arts, crafts and academics.

The grant will provide scholarships for 70 children to a free two-week session of Kids' College.

In order to qualify, applicants must be a Lake County resident, first-time participant and meet one of the following criteria: Free or reduced lunch recipient; total parent income at or below \$22,300; child is homeless; one or two parents deployed with the military; one or two parents

serving in the military or a veteran; single parent home; one or more incarcerated parents; and performing at an unsatisfactory level at school.

"The scholarships give them an opportunity to attend an education program in the summer," said Cathy Green, assistant director of Continuing Education and lead organizer for Kids' College. "The kids get a chance to try out new subjects and new materi-

al. It is something they get really excited about."

Applications must be received by April 11. For more information, call 365-3556 or go to www.lssc.edu/kidscollege.



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Clerk mistook body for mannequin

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — A 61-year-old front desk clerk at a Florida apartment complex was fired this week after mistaking the body of a tenant for a mannequin and throwing it in a trash bin.

Police said 96-year-old Nancy Yates hoisted herself over a balcony of her 16th floor apartment. She fell onto the parking lot and authorities found a suicide note.

Ronald Benjamin told police he saw the body in the parking lot of the 16-story St. Petersburg apartment building when he walked outside to smoke a cigarette early Wednesday and as-

sumed someone put a mannequin there as part of an April Fool's Day prank, *The Tampa Tribune* reported.

"He is no longer with us," said Sheryl Case, the office manager at Peterborough apartments.

When his co-worker arrived around 6 a.m., she told Benjamin she saw a body in the parking lot. But he maintained it was a mannequin. Later he asked a newspaper carrier and her teenage son to help him put the mannequin in the trash.

Finally a maintenance worker saw the body when he looked in the trash bin around 8 a.m., and authorities were called.

Co-worker Mark Hill

told the Tribune that Benjamin thought someone at a nearby bar had played trick on him.

Benjamin had worked at the building for nine years. The building is subsidized and reserved for people 62 and older.

Jimmy Wright, a front desk clerk who works on the weekend shifts, told the Tribune that there's a system in place for employees to check on residents if they fail on a particular day to dial into a special monitoring system.

"She hasn't been coming down for the last few weeks," Wright said. "She didn't come down to mingle with the residents."

MUSEUM

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government's misspelling of Haynes Creek and why Lake County can truly claim the oldest Boy Scout troop in Florida."

Reed added it is also the society's 60th anniversary.

"The love of local history has just blossomed and I think we kind of led the way with it," Reed said of the group.

The museum's curator is Bobby Grenier, according to the press release.

The museum is regularly open

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Reed said, but he added they are looking to hire someone in order to extend the hours to 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum currently is ran only by volunteers.


Reed said volunteers currently do group tours on days other than their usual hours, but they have to let the museum know ahead of time.

The museum is at 317 W. Main St. in Tavares on the first floor of the Lake County Historic Courthouse. Reed said there are four galleries and a rotunda in the museum, with the fourth gallery being used for traveling exhibits.

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Fort Hood gunman had argument with other soldiers

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Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — The Fort Hood soldier who gunned down three other military men before killing himself had an argument with colleagues in his unit before opening fire, and investigators believe his mental condition was not the “direct precipitating factor” in the shooting, authorities said Friday.

The base’s commander, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, offered those details a day after saying that Spc. Ivan Lopez’s mental condition appeared to be an underlying factor in the attack.

On Friday, Milley said that an “escalating argument” precipitated the assault. He declined to discuss the cause of the argument but said in-

vestigators believe Lopez made no effort to target specific soldiers — even though at least one of the soldiers shot was involved in the dispute.

Milley would not say whether those involved were among the dead or wounded, or how many shooting victims had been a part of the argument.

“There was no premeditated targeting of an individual,” he said.

Chris Grey, a spokesman for the Army’s Criminal Investigation Command based in Quantico, Va., said the military has not established a “concrete motive.”

And because Lopez is dead, he added, “the possibility does exist that we may never know why the alleged shooter did what he did.”

The crime scene encompasses two city blocks, Grey said.

Lopez initially began firing near an intersection, then traveled to several nearby buildings, went inside and kept firing. While driving to those locations in his vehicle, he fired indiscriminately at other soldiers, Grey said.

Grey also confirmed for the first time that the military police officer who confronted Lopez exchanged words with him before firing a single round at him that apparently missed. That’s when the gunman put his .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol against his head and pulled the trigger one last time.

Authorities have interviewed more than 900 people in their investigation, Grey said.



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Venezuelan opposition leader charged

FABIOLA SANCHEZ
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela — Jailed opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez was formally charged Friday with inciting violence at an anti-government protest that has been followed by weeks of unrest across Venezuela.

Chief prosecutor Luisa Ortega Diaz announced the charges a day before the legal deadline to make the case for keeping Lopez in custody. The Harvard-educated Lopez has become a cause celebre among opponents of President Nicolas Maduro during the month and a half he has spent in a military prison outside the capital.

Lopez’s Popular Will party responded with what it said would be a 24-hour protest to demand his freedom. Pro-



FERNANDO LLANO / AP

A demonstrator prays in front of a line of Bolivarian National Police prior to clashes during an anti-government protest in Caracas, Venezuela.

testers gathered at the same plaza where the 42-year-old former mayor dramatically surrendered to authorities on Feb. 18 surrounded by a sea of supporters.

Lopez’s wife helped lead the rally. The protest remained peaceful as night fell, with hundreds of police looking on.

The U.S. Embassy put out a release mention-

ing the rally and advising Americans to avoid protests and large gatherings and urging them to stay inside after nightfall.

The unrest has caused at least 39 deaths, including both anti- and pro-government activists as well as bystanders, according to official figures. Most of the deaths happened since Lopez was arrested.

Prosecutors say Lopez was behind the deadly violence that followed a peaceful march Feb. 12, saying he encouraged followers to set fire to and destroy public buildings. Maduro accused him of being the visible face of a U.S.-backed “fascist” conspiracy to topple his year-old administration.

If found guilty, Lopez could serve nearly 14 years in prison. It would be by far the longest sentence for an opposition leader since the protests began. The country’s high court sent two opposition mayors to jail last month for failing to remove road barricades put up by anti-government activists. One mayor was sentenced to a year while the other got 10 months.

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North Korea says US is 'hell-bent on regime change'

CARA ANNA
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — North Korea on Friday accused the United States of being “hell-bent on regime change”

and warned that any maneuvers with that intention will be viewed as a “red line” that will result in countermeasures.

Pyongyang’s deputy U.N. ambassador

Ri Tong Il also repeated that his government “made it very clear we will carry out a new form of nuclear test” but refused to elaborate, saying only that “I recommend you to wait and see what it is.”

His comments came at North Korea’s second press conference at the United Nations in two weeks, a surprising rate for the reclusive Communist regime.

Ri blamed the U.S. for aggravating tensions on the Korean Peninsula by continuing “very dangerous” military drills with South Korea, by pursuing action in the U.N. Security Council against his country’s recent ballistic missile launches and by going after Pyongyang’s human rights performance.

Ri also accused the U.S. of blocking a resumption of six-party talks on its nuclear program by settling preconditions and said Washington’s primary goal is to maintain tensions and prevent denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

A U.S. diplomat who was not authorized to comment publicly later responded: “We have long made clear — in close consultation with our allies — that we are open to improved relations with the DPRK if it is willing to take clear actions to live up to its international obligations and commitments.”

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Two-faced toward our state colleges

In a display of stunning unawareness and underhandedness, the state Senate is considering reckless legislation that would punish Florida's award-winning state college system for ... doing exactly what the lawmakers beseeched it to do just six years ago.

A bill before the Senate, SB 1148, seeks to discourage state colleges, like Lake Sumter State College from continuing to expand their bachelor's degree programs. This, even though bachelor's degree programs at 24 of the 27 state colleges are seeing enrollment boom.

The Legislature in 2008 passed a measure allowing state colleges like LSSC to establish four-year baccalaureate programs to help re-train workers decimated by the recession and also help meet local workforce needs in select high-demand professions.

But now the Senate, led by its powerful budget chairman Joe Negron, R-Stuart, is looking to not only put the brakes on the four-year programs but also penalize state colleges that continue to offer them.

Negron and other supporters of the measure say they are reacting to what they perceive is "mission creep" by the state colleges; that the local colleges are infringing on the territory of the state's universities, despite no cries of foul from the universities themselves.

Clearly Negron & Co. are out of touch and uninformed. If they have not heard, the state universities are turning students away. Years of budget cuts have made it impossible for them to accept every student wanting a four-year degree. That was part of the plan when the state colleges quit being just two-year colleges and added four-year degree programs tailored to local professional needs.

SB 1148 is abysmal public policy. Not only has Florida's state college system outperformed virtually every other state in the annual Aspen Institute rankings of community colleges, year after year, Florida's state colleges answered the call when Tallahassee needed higher education to take all comers during the darkest days of the recession. They took anyone and everyone, while our universities enacted enrollment caps and tuition hikes.

Moreover, when Gov. Rick Scott asked for schools to offer a \$10,000 four-year degree, it again was the state colleges that stepped up.

Now comes the ill-conceived backhand from Negron and his bill, which would penalize state colleges for continuing their four-year programs by reducing their funding for those programs 10 percent annually. Moreover, an amendment has been added to the bill to force state colleges to lower tuition for four-year programs to that of two-year programs.

SB 1148 is terrible legislation — terrible for those seeking an affordable four-year degree, terrible for our state colleges fulfilling their mission and terrible for the businesses and higher education system of Florida.

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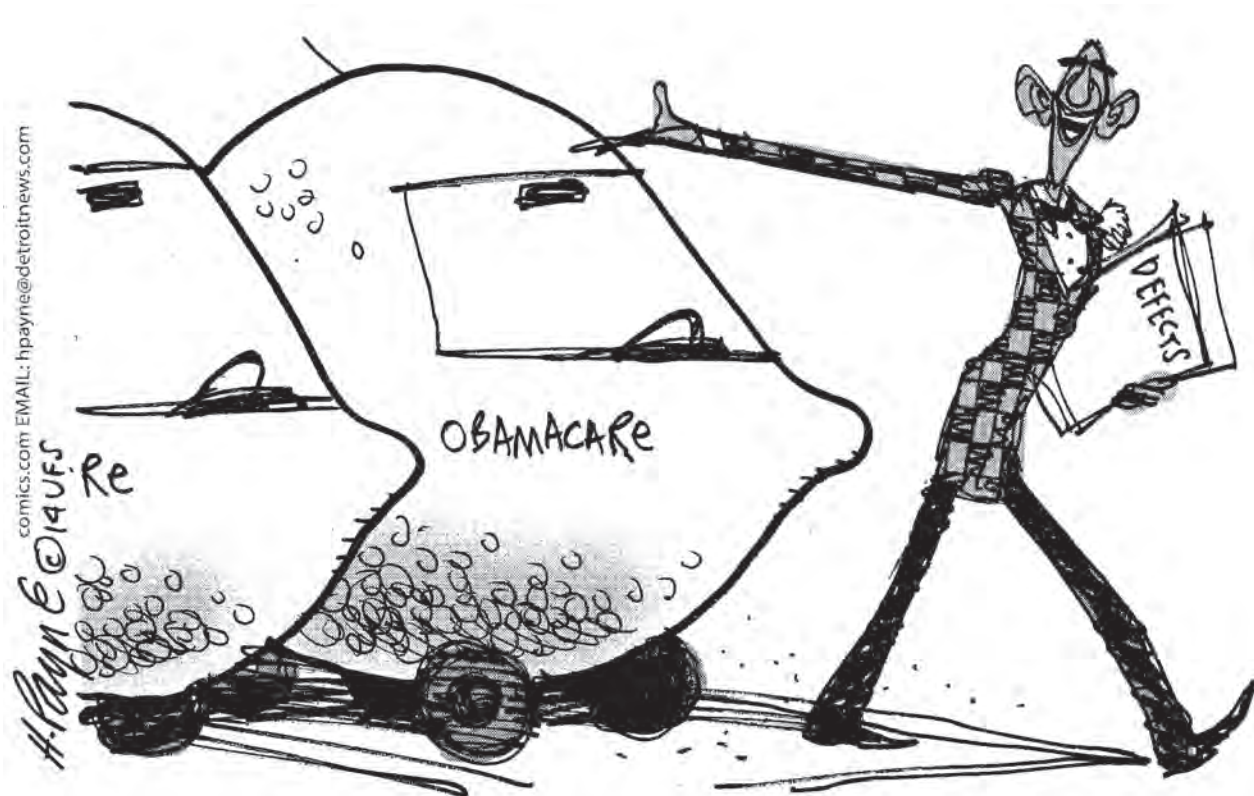
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OTHEr VOICES

Lesson in rising above hate

At a time when sectarian wars are on the rise, a fascinating exhibit at the Free Library of Philadelphia reminds us that people aren't born with these visceral hatreds, but are taught them.

Called Survival in Sarajevo: Jews, Muslims, Serbs, and Croats during the siege of Sarajevo, 1992-1995, the exhibit raises a fascinating question: Why are some people able to rise above political and media machinations that aim to instill hate?

In the polyglot city of Sarajevo, few thought the sectarian violence sparked by the breakup of Yugoslavia would reach them. But the city was besieged, mortared and starved by Belgrade-backed Serbs for three years while the world looked on and did nothing. The Serbs only let sporadic shipments of food aid enter the city, while sniping and shelling those who queued for bread and water.

So a handful of Holocaust survivors turned Sarajevo's one remaining synagogue into a humanitarian aid agency, La Benevolencija (meaning "good will"). There, Jews and Muslims, along with Serbian Orthodox and Catholic Croats, worked together to feed hundreds of near-starving citizens daily. I have a very personal interest in this story, as I visited Sarajevo during the siege and attended Passover seder in 1996 at the synagogue.

The large, turn-of-the-century Ashkenazi synagogue became a shelter, clinic, and storage hall for the needy, with no questions asked about background. Five hundred thousand medical prescriptions were filled and 20,000 patients treated.

"At La Benevolencija they did what was naturally right," says Edward Serotta, director of Centropa, the Jewish historical institute that organized the exhibition. La Benevolencija put the lie to the claim by Serb leader Radovan Karadzic that different ethnic groups could not live together.



Trudy Rubin

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Why are some people able to rise above political and media machinations that aim to instill hate?

What was different about this group?

For one thing, the Jews' deep historic ties to Sarajevo put them in a unique position to initiate the project. Sephardic Jews migrated to the city at the time of the Spanish Inquisition in the 16th century, and, under the Ottoman Empire, were never required to live in ghettos; Ashkenazi Jews arrived when the Austro-Hungarian empire took control of Bosnia in the late 19th century.

The community was decimated by Nazis and Croatian fascists during World War II, with only slightly more than 1,000 Jews remaining at the beginning of the siege. But many of them had lived through the Holocaust or fought with the Yugoslav partisans. In the words of the exhibit, La Benevolencija's organizers "shared with a lesson Jews in Europe had been learning for centuries: how to survive."

Equally important, the fact that Jews were considered neutral enabled their vans to pass through Muslim, Croatian Catholic, or Serbian Orthodox check points. And they were able to access Jewish aid groups abroad, primarily the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, which provided the bulk of their supplies.

But the small number of Jews could not have done this alone, and the Croats, Serbs, and Muslims who joined them were also special. Thirty-two percent of Sarajevo's population before the

siege was intermarried. In this sophisticated city, most young people believed their former Yugoslav identity had trumped religion, and tried to cling to that belief when war came. Many Sarajevo Croats and Serbs remained in the city, although it became the capital of the Muslim sector of Bosnia, and were denounced as "traitors" by other Croats and Serbs.

I wish I could say that their splendid nonsectarianism resonated after the siege. Sadly, post-war Bosnia-Herzegovina is still bitterly divided into Serb, Croat, and Muslim sectors, and, even in Sarajevo, sectarian sentiments have increased. Meantime, civic activists who try to surmount religious and ethnic divides in places such as Syria, Egypt, Iraq, and Pakistan have mostly been crushed.

However, even in divided countries, one constantly sees examples of young people defying the hatemongers. At the Passover seder I attended in Sarajevo, local Jews were joined by Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims, and by the then-Bosnian ambassador to Washington, Sven Alcaj, a Sarajevo who was half Jewish and half Croatian Catholic.

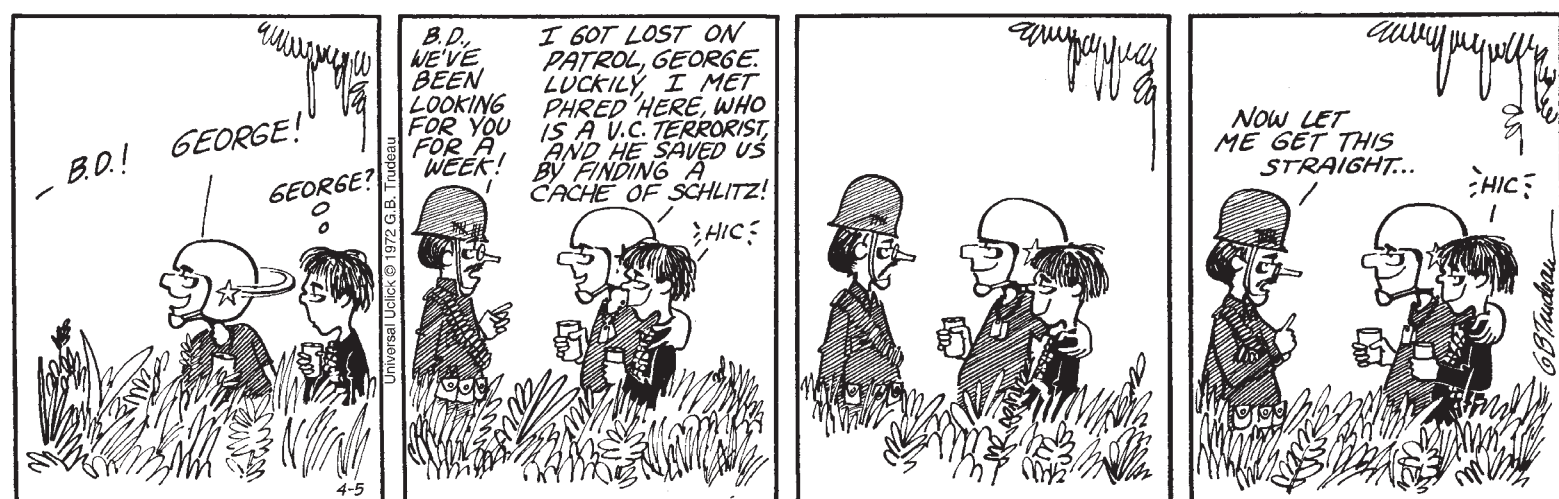
The rabbi, Moshe Tutnauer, an American Israeli who once officiated at Philadelphia's congregation Har Zion, recited a prayer from the famous 14th-century Sarajevo Haggadah (Passover prayerbook) as he held the traditional unleavened bread, saying: "This is the bread of affliction which our ancestors ate in Egypt. Let anyone who is hungry come and eat."

"That," he added, "is the message of La Benevolencija."

And that example remains a model of how to rise above sectarian hate.

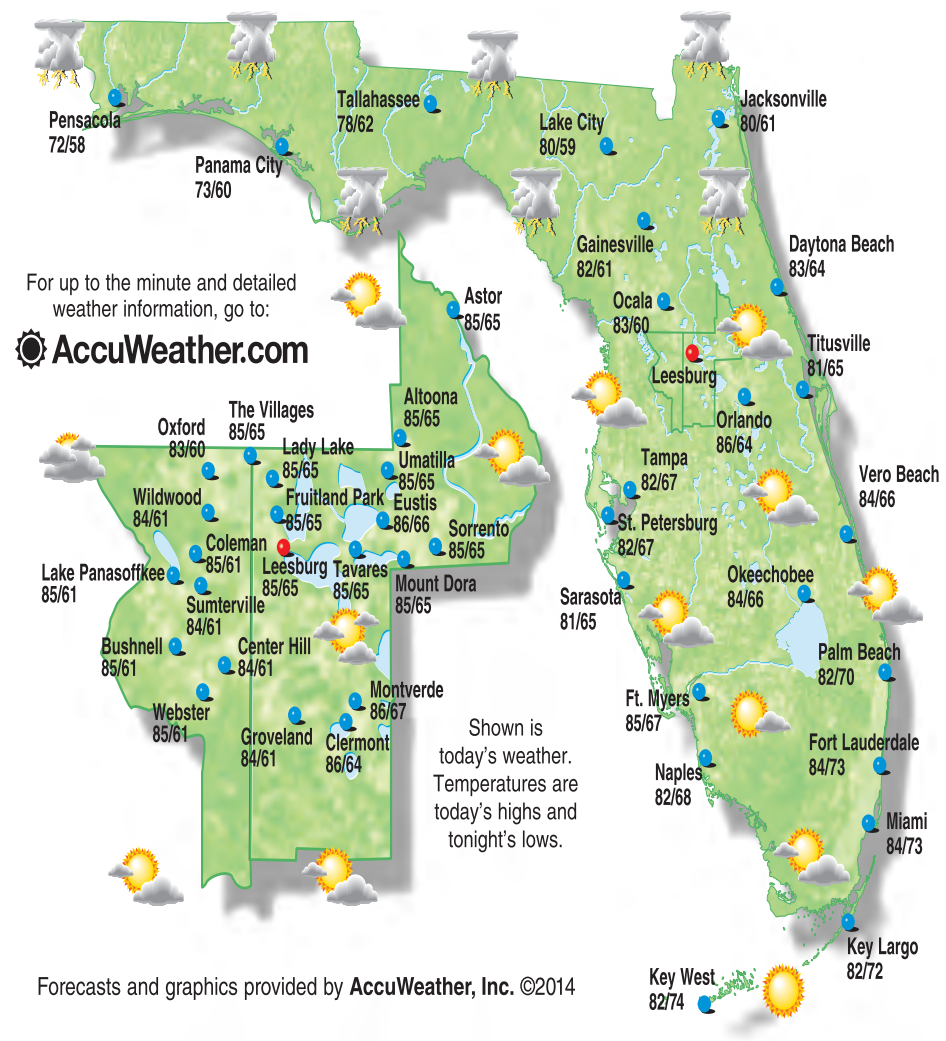
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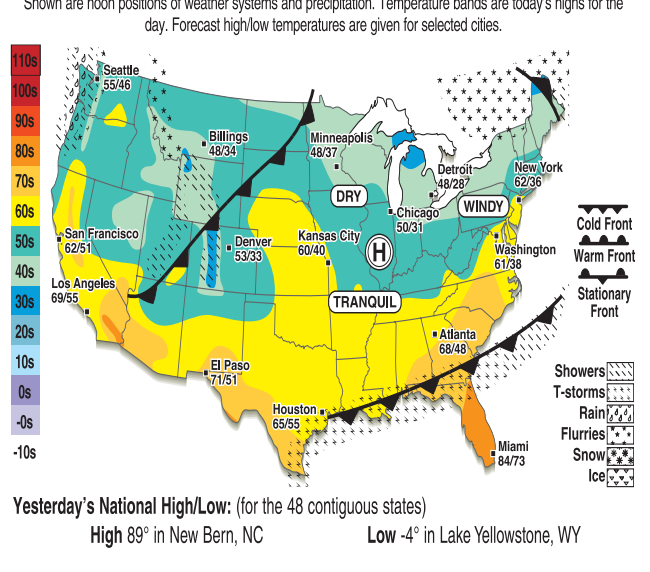


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Sunset	7:48 p.m.	7:48 p.m.				
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WWE: Wrestlemania celebrates 30 years / **B3**

Montverde Academy to play for national title

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New York.

Montverde Academy improved to 26-0 on the season and will play Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Academy at noon today for the national championship in Madison Square Garden, arguably the most famous basketball arena in the world.

The game will be televised on ESPN.

The Eagles will enter



the game as the defending national champions, having beaten Newark (N.J.) St. Benedict's Prep 67-65 in overtime in last year's title tilt.

A pair of free throws by D'Angelo Russell with 7.3 seconds to play sealed the win and capped out a fourth-quarter comeback for the Eagles. Rus-

sell's game clinching charity shots were set up off a steal with 10 seconds left as Huntington (W. Va.) Prep raced the ball up court to set up an attempt a game tying 3 pointer.

Montverde Academy trailed with less than 2 minutes to play. Ben Simmons, an LSU commit, dunked with about a minute to play to give the Eagles a 48-47 lead —

an advantage they would never relinquish.

Simmons finished with 12 points, eight rebounds and three assists. Russell, an Ohio State commit, paced all scorers with 17 points and four steals.

Jalen Lindsey led Huntington (W.Va.) Prep with 14 points.

The win extended Montverde Academy's

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NCAA FINAL FOUR, TBS, FLORIDA-UCONN, 6:09 P.M.; KENTUCKY-WISCONSIN, 8:49 P.M.



DAVID J. PHILLIP / AP

From left, Florida head coach Billy Donovan, forward Chris Walker, and guard Billy Donovan watch a drill during practice on Friday for their NCAA Final Four game in Dallas. Florida plays Connecticut today with a spot in the National Championship game up for grabs.

'Billy the Kid' becomes 'Billy the Builder' at Florida

MARK LONG
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — He was "Billy the Kid" as a college player, then "Billy the Recruiter" as a young coach.

Now, with his fourth team in the Final Four and in the midst of the longest winning streak in school history, maybe Florida coach Billy Donovan should be dubbed "Billy the Builder."

With no surefire NBA lottery picks on his ros-

ter, Donovan has done arguably his best coaching job in 18 seasons with the Gators.

Florida (36-2) has won 30 consecutive games, including four double-digit victories in the NCAA tournament, and is the odds-on favorite to win a third national championship in the last eight years. The Gators, the top overall seed in the tournament, play Connecticut in the Final Four on Saturday.

And unlike those first two title runs, Donovan

is getting lots of credit this time.

"I think he's one of a handful of the greatest coaches in the game," said Wichita State's Gregg Marshall, who was voted The Associated Press' coach of the year. "He's got two national championships in his back pocket and he's vying for a third. He's been in three straight Elite Eights prior to this year, so he's always knocking on the door.

"He does a wonder-

ful job of procurement of talent; he's got great players and does a great job selling the University of Florida and he coaches them well when he gets them."

It didn't happen overnight.

A scrappy, 3-point shooting point guard who led Providence to the 1987 Final Four, Donovan spent his first few years in Gainesville, chasing the top recruits in the country. He

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Contrasting UK, Wisconsin meet at Final Four

EDDIE PELLIS
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — They play the same game, though they come at it from opposite sides of the court.

Kentucky has a coach labeled a renegade, a rotating stable of McDonald's All-Americans and sky high expectations every year. Wisconsin has a coach who has stayed firmly in one state for three decades, a lineup filled with juniors and seniors and an aw-shucks attitude about its first trip to the Final Four in more than a decade.

They meet today in the national semifi-

nals — the One-and-Done Wildcats (28-10) two wins from the program's ninth national title and the Badgers (30-7) making their first trip this far in the tournament since 2000.

"Frank Sinatra, wasn't that the song? We did it our way?" Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "Everybody's doing it their way. If you're a coach and here's the landscape, you do it the best way you can."

In his 13th season at Wisconsin, Ryan is at his first Final Four at this level after winning four national titles at

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ERIC GAY / AP

Kentucky head coach John Calipari shares a light moment with the team during practice on Friday in Dallas. Kentucky plays Wisconsin today in an NCAA national semifinal game.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wake Forest hires Danny Manning from Tulsa

JOEDY MCCREARY
Associated Press

Danny Manning grew up watching Wake Forest play games at the Greensboro Coliseum, memories that linger in his mind all these years later.

He never thought one day he'd coach the Demon Deacons.

Manning, the former Kansas star that spent the past two seasons coaching Tulsa, was hired Friday as Wake Forest's basketball coach. He'll be introduced at a news conference next week on campus in Winston-Salem, N.C., a short drive from where Manning grew up.

"I spent a lot of my formative childhood years in North Carolina," Manning told The Associated Press on Friday at AT&T Stadium, the site of this weekend's Final Four.

"I spent the majority of my life in Kansas," Manning said, "but this was a chance to be a part of a university that I share the same values and history with."

His hiring ends Wake Forest's two-week search for a replacement for Jeff Bzdelik, who resigned under in-



LENNY IGNEZLI / AP

Tulsa head coach Danny Manning gestures as his team plays UCLA on March 21 in an NCAA tournament second-round game in San Diego.

tense public pressure following four mostly unremarkable seasons.

Manning, who was 38-29 with two post-season berths in two seasons at Tulsa, interviewed this week and toured the campus in Winston-Salem on Wednesday before taking the job two days later.

His hiring is considered somewhat risky because of his lack of head coaching experience, but there's no

question he brings in instant name recognition to a program that dropped near the bottom of the expanded Atlantic Coast Conference.

"There have been very few players who have had as much success on the court as Danny," Wake Forest athletic director Ron Wellman said in a statement. "He has played for and worked under a number of legendary coaches and he

has been successful in his coaching career. We fully expect that Danny's coaching career will reflect the excellence of his playing career."

Manning attended Greensboro Page High School before his family moved to Lawrence, Kan., for his senior year, and when it was time to choose a college, he picked Kansas over North Carolina.

After his "Danny and the Miracles" team

won the national title in Kansas City, not far from the Jayhawks' campus, Manning was drafted first overall by the Los Angeles Clippers in 1988.

He made two All-Star teams during a career marred by injuries before joining coach Bill Self's staff at Kansas in 2003. Responsible primarily for working with post players, Manning was promoted to assistant coach in 2006 and two years ago earned his first head coaching job at Tulsa.

Self called Manning "one of the most accomplished, humble people you'll ever meet."

The 47-year-old Manning took the Golden Hurricane to the CBI in his first year and followed that by guiding them to the Conference USA tournament title and their first NCAA tournament berth since 2003. They earned a No. 13 seed and lost to UCLA in their tournament opener.

Wake Forest never came close to making the NCAA tournament under Bzdelik, who stepped down March 20. Bzdelik went 51-76 with a 17-51 record in ACC play, and won only two league road games.

Eight players transferred out during his tenure, and the Demon Deacons have been one of the youngest programs in the country — with only one fourth-year senior in each of the past two years.

Barring any more transfers, Manning will inherit a team with eight players who are either juniors or red-shirt juniors — including promising big man Devin Thomas and tempo-setting guard Codi Miller-McIntyre.

As details of Manning's hiring trickled across Twitter, Miller-McIntyre tweeted: "Finally it's over! Time to get back to work."

Manning called the Demon Deacons a "sleeping giant," one that he believes will be able to contend with Tobacco Road rivals Duke and North Carolina in the near future.

"A few years back, they were ranked No. 1 in the country," Manning told AP. "They've had great players. You're about Chris Paul, Tim Duncan, just to name a few, because they've had quite a few."

"I'm looking forward to going there and being part of that great tradition."

Hogan's return adds muscle to WrestleMania 30

DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

Once billed as "Hollywood" Hulk Hogan, wrestling's marquee star has a scaled down title at 60.

Try, Host Hogan.

With Hogan more suited these days for an AARP membership than a WWE championship, it's unlikely he'll deliver a thunderous boot to the face, followed by a leg drop for the 1-2-3 on the challenger of the month.

That's why he'll be hosting Sunday's WrestleMania 30 in New Orleans. However, Hogan might have a few hard fists left in the red-and-yellow tank.

"I guarantee you, his presence will be felt at WrestleMania 30, and he'll make an impact on the show," said Paul "Triple H" Levesque, a wrestler and WWE executive.

Few wrestlers have made an impact on the WWE's signature event quite like Hogan during the first 29 WrestleMania's. His bodyslam of Andre the Giant is etched in sports-entertainment lore.

Hogan will be part of history on Sunday, with WrestleMania aired for the first time on the WWE Network.

WWE chairman Vince McMahon gambled that fans have grown weary of the traditional pay-per-view model and were ready to plunk

down \$9.99 a month for the right to watch the biggest cards, on-demand classic events and other premium shows not available elsewhere.

The WWE Network launched Feb. 24 as a streaming service with a six-month commitment and included all 12 pay-per-view events.

Hogan was thrilled to bring his famed 24-inch pythons to the 24-hour network. He's ready to start searching through more than 1,500 hours of archived programming.

"I'd probably start when I had a full head of hair," Hogan said. "I'd probably roll back to 1977, '78 when I first went to work for Vince McMahon Sr. I'd probably start with my first match ever at the TV tapings in Allentown, Pa."

The PPVs are still available in their current format through cable or satellite providers. The 4-hour WrestleMania card costs \$64.99 in high definition.

The network is available on desktops and laptops via WWE.com. WWE Network is also available through the WWE App on various devices. George Barrios, WWE's chief strategy and financial officer, said at the launch that research showed "it's within the realm of possibility" that WWE could have between 2 million and 4 million subscribers.



DAVE ALLOCCA / AP

Professional wrestling personalities Hulk Hogan, left, and John Cena stand on top of the Hard Rock Cafe during a news conference for Wrestlemania 30 on Tuesday, in New York. Wrestlemania 30 will be held on Sunday in New Orleans.

Even WWE's big boss man is hooked.

"I get caught watching it," Triple H said. "I don't get anything done."

Wrestling fans are a vocal bunch, and they'll howl in protest if there are glitches in the telecast.

So WWE collaborated with MLB Advanced Media for technology services, including operational support for reliable cross-platform distribution.

"That's the question, whether it holds up and if they can get through the pay-per-view with-

out any major hiccups," Prowrestling.net editor Jason Powell said. "I'd hate to work for their customer service department if anything happens during WrestleMania."

WWE was expected to announce the first batch of subscriber numbers next week. Powell, who has covered the pro wrestling industry for 15 years, said anything around the 300,000-350,000 mark was a strong first indicator the network was a smash.

The 1 million PPV

buyrate is now obsolete.

For the inaugural WrestleMania, Hogan paired with Mr. T in a tag-team grudge match against "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and "Mr. Wonderful" Paul Orndorff in front of 19,000 fans at Madison Square Garden. Even more watched on closed-circuit television.

Fast forward to WrestleMania 29 at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey when John Cena pinned The Rock in front of 80,676 fans and another 1,039,000 who bought the pay-per-view.

WWE is expecting another packed house Sunday at the Superdome, home of the New Orleans Saints, for the anniversary event.

The Undertaker faces former UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar in one of the signature bouts. Triple H wrestles Daniel Bryan, the company's most popular star, and the winner advances to a triple-threat match for the WWE championship against Randy Orton and Batista. Cena takes on Bray Wyatt and there's even an Andre The Giant Memorial Battle Royal.

Holding the mayhem together is Hogan. His style hasn't changed much since 1985 when his hand was raised in victory by guest referee Muhammad Ali at the first WrestleMania.

Hogan wore the signature red bandana, yellow sleeveless shirt emblazoned with "Hulkamania" on the front and sunglasses on a recent "Raw" segment that paired him with Arnold Schwarzenegger.

From The Greatest to The Terminator, The Hulkster has wrestled himself a supersized spot alongside the great entertainment icons of the last 30 years.

"I got to go from WrestleMania 1 to a career I could have never, ever dreamed of having," Hogan said. "It doesn't even feel real."

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Red Sox receive WS championship rings

HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Red Sox received their 2013 World Series championship rings on Friday during a ceremony that also honored victims of the Boston Marathon bombing and two firefighters who died in a blaze last week.

As the ceremony began before the game against the Milwaukee Brewers, banners for Red Sox championship teams from 1903, '12, '15, '16, '18, 2004, '07 and '13 were lowered from the top of the Green Monster.

Family members of victims who died in the bombing last April and survivors walked in from the left-field wall with the rings. John Henry and other members of the ownership group presented them to manager John Farrell, coaches, players and other personnel. Then co-workers from the same station as Lt. Edward J. Walsh and firefighter Michael R. Kennedy walked into center field and embraced and stood beside the players.



Boston designated hitter David Ortiz, left, and relief pitcher Koji Uehara, lower right, celebrate with teammates after receiving their World Series rings on Friday at Fenway Park in Boston.

Fenway Park is served by the station, located less than 2 miles away.

The ceremony lasted about 50 minutes and preceded Boston's first game at Fenway Park since it won the World Series there on Oct. 30 by beating the St. Louis

Cardinals 6-1 in Game 6.

"This is a day we should all enjoy," Red Sox manager John Farrell said.

Dustin Pedroia was the first player introduced, and David Ortiz received the loudest

ovation when he was the last player who trotted out of the dugout to receive his ring. He also was given a ring for being part of all three Red Sox championship teams over the past 10 seasons.

Two players no longer

active in the Red Sox organization also received rings: outfielder Quintin Berry and right-hander Ryan Dempster.

Dempster announced at the start of spring training he will not play this year because of physical and personal reasons.

"It's just fun to be back around the guys a little bit," said Dempster, who was 8-9 with a 4.57 ERA in his only season with Boston. "It's incredible. It's going to be a special moment, something that you play your whole career for."

Among the Marathon bombing survivors and family members honored were relatives of 8-year-old Martin Richard and Krystle Campbell, who both died in the attack, and of Sean Collier, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer killed during the manhunt for suspects.

Carlos Arredondo also was in the group with his cowboy hat. He was in a now familiar Associated Press photograph leading Jeff Bauman, a spectator who lost both legs, from the blast scene in a wheelchair.

After the rings were presented, the 2013 championship banner and American flag were raised in left-center field by players and other ring recipients. Then firefighters of Engine 33 and Ladder 15 entered through the center field door to applause and lowered both to half staff.

There was a moment of silence for the two firefighters who died.

Players representing championship clubs of the other three major professional teams in Boston walked toward the pitcher's mound: Tedy Bruschi, Troy Brown and Ty Law of the New England Patriots, Leon Powe of the Celtics and Mark Recchi of the Bruins. The Patriots and Powe carried championship trophies, while Recchi drove a golf cart carrying former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

With them were former Red Sox players Pedro Martinez, Jason Varitek and Mike Lowell. Each carried a World Series trophy.

Mayor Marty Walsh threw out the ceremonial first pitch to Ortiz.

Ricketts looking at options for Wrigley financing

JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Wrigley Field turns 100 this spring, and Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts is looking forward to celebrating the landmark birthday. He also wants to get started on the future of the beloved ballpark.

Ricketts said Friday the team is examining all options for financing the renovation of the Cubs' longtime home, including bringing in outside investors for the franchise.

"Most teams are owned by dozens of investors," Ricketts said. "It's unusual for anyone to own 95 percent of a team. So we're going to look at whether or not that fits for us. But it is non-controlling, minority shares."

Ricketts said outside investment is just one financing option being considered, and the process is just getting started. He also said

there is no reason to be concerned about the financial state of the club.

"It is quite common for teams to sell limited partnership interests," said Sal Galatioto, president of Galatioto Sports Partners. "Most of the major baseball franchises are held through partnerships."

Galatioto said his firm represented the Ricketts when they purchased the Cubs, Wrigley Field and 25 percent of Comcast SportsNet Chicago in 2009 from Tribune Co. or \$845 million. The family controls 95 percent of the Cubs, with Tribune Co. owning the rest.

Forbes, in its recent valuation of major league teams, ranked the Cubs as the fourth-most valuable at \$1.2 billion.

"The \$1.2 billion valuation of the club by itself seems to be in the ballpark," Galatioto said in an email.

While Wrigley re-



Andrew Fry, right, and Andrea Fry, of Crest Hill, Ill., take a self portrait outside of Wrigley Field on Friday before the Cubs home opener against Philadelphia in Chicago.

mains one of baseball's most popular ballparks, it lacks many of the modern amenities that are common around the majors. But the team's privately financed \$500

million renovation plan remains on hold.

The long-delayed project calls for construction of a nearby hotel and upgrades throughout the ball-

park, with a Jumbotron video screen in left field and a 650 square-foot Budweiser sign in right. The Cubs have approval from the city for the Jumbotron and

sign but seek assurances from rooftop owners along Waveland and Sheffield Aves. that they won't slow construction by suing over blocked views.

The rooftop businesses give a percentage of their revenue to the Cubs as part of their contracts with the team.

"The key is to just keep moving forward and keep talking," Ricketts said before the Cubs' home opener against the Philadelphia Phillies, "and I expect that something will work for us. We'll figure it out."

But Ricketts had hoped to have started construction by now, and he sounded a bit tired about the negotiations with the rooftop owners.

"We've made a lot of concessions," he said. "At some point it has to end somewhere. But again, we're not there yet. We keep working and see what we can get done."

Nationals owner says team payroll 'beyond topped out'

HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Washington Nationals owner Mark Lerner says the club's payroll is "beyond topped out" and that his family is "not going to do something where we're losing tens of millions of dollars a year."

In a rare, wide-ranging session with reporters before Washington's home opener against the Atlanta Braves on Friday, Lerner said the Nationals are still negotiating about their

future Florida spring training home with current site Viera and possible new spot Palm Beach.

Even if the team decides to move its Grapefruit League base, Lerner said it's likely the Nationals will spend one or two more years in Viera.

He said sales of full season tickets and equivalents at Nationals Park were "a little bit ahead of last year," and "just short" of 20,000, where the team would cap such plans.

According to figures obtained by The Associated Press from management and player sources, the Nationals' opening day major league payroll was \$134.3 million, which put them ninth out of 30 clubs.

That total represents an increase of more than \$20 million from 2013, and more than \$50 million from 2012, according to AP calculations.

"We're beyond topped out. Our payroll has skyrocketed to like \$140

million. ... I don't think we can go much further with the revenue streams that we have," Lerner said.

Asked about what the team's 2015 payroll might look like, Lerner responded: "We take it one at a time. We'll look at it after the season as far as what we can do. We went into this thing — it's a business. We've got to run it smartly. We're not going to do something where we're losing tens of millions of dollars a year. Anybody can understand

that."

His father, Ted, the team's managing principal owner, is a real estate magnate who has a net worth of \$4.4 billion, according to Forbes.com.

The Lerner took over the Nationals from Major League Baseball in 2006, the year after the club moved from Montreal to Washington.

The team has remained at Space Coast Stadium in Viera for spring training, but the Lerner have been looking into other options. One possibility is

to move to Palm Beach, where a new stadium would need to be built.

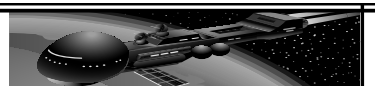
"It's been a long process, but hopefully sometime in the next few months, we'll cut a deal with somebody," Lerner said.

On other topics, Lerner said the club hasn't "actively been looking in the past few years" for a naming rights sponsor for Nationals Park, and that the owners "really weren't pursuing" having a retractable roof put on the stadium.

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The Congregational Church of Mount Dora, shown here in the 1940s, is planning a series of fundraisers in order to replace the 130-year-old church steeple. One of these will be a concert of traditional old-time, gospel, bluegrass and Celtic music on Sunday from 3-5 p.m.

MOUNT DORA

130-year-old steeple needs to be repaired

RICK REED

Special to the Daily Commercial

After standing tall for 130 years, the steeple of Central Florida's oldest church is in need of much-needed repairs.

That's why members and friends of the Congregational Church of Mount Dora are holding a fundraising concert of traditional gospel, bluegrass and Celtic music on Sunday from 3-5 p.m.

"The steeple needs refurbishing outside and inside," said Carolee Stewart, a friend of the church who will perform at the concert. "You can tell it needs painting. We won't raise enough money to fix it completely, but this is a start and we will have other fundraisers."

The concert will include mountain and hammered dulcimers and a variety of other instruments, including performances by the duo M.T. Pawketts Revue with Jeff Friberg and Kace Montgomery, Rima Ridge with Dell and Helen Hoyt and Last 2 Standing with Billy Jickell and Chris Campbell.

The white-framed church was built in 1887 on land donated by John and Annie Donnelly on the corner of Donnelly Street and Seventh Avenue. At the time it was built, Donnelly Street was just a sand trail. And outside of a building or two, the church's only neighbors were a few towering pine trees.

"The church is a beautiful building and it has a long history," said Stewart. "I have an affinity for history, old buildings and music."

Church records state that on Dec.

23, 1883, "A meeting was held in the Mount Dora school house for the purpose of organizing and founding a society of the Congregational Church."

By the close of 1883, Mount Dora was one of six Congregational churches in Florida. The Tavares church was organized two years later. Church services were originally held in an old 15-foot by 30-foot school house on the east side of Clayton Street, near Seventh Avenue.

By 1886, the congregation had outgrown the "primitive school house to a comfortable hall over a store on the southeast corner of Donnelly Street and East Fourth Avenue," according to the church history.

In 1887, construction on a church building began at last. Four months later, it was ready for use, though far from completed.

The church had 23 preachers during the first 27 years of its history. Most came from the north and spent a few months or the winter in Florida, and only one served as long as three seasons.

"You get a good sense of history in the church," said the Rev. Dr. Richard Don, pastor of the congregation. "We have a number of historical pieces. Also, President Calvin Coolidge and his wife Grace attended here when they were winter residents. They were Congregationalists."

The congregation, which meets for Sunday worship at 11 a.m., has been lovingly caring for its building over the years.

Two years ago the church windows were changed at considerable expense, close to \$30,000. Church

officials had to adhere to code in maintaining the look of the original building.

The church was built for about \$2,032. It was a real ecumenical effort as the Presbyterians gave \$99, the Episcopalians \$50, independent believers \$85 and the Congregationalists the rest. When the dedication took place, the church was free of all debt.

Afterward, the Congregational church helped other churches get started.

Now they have started a steeple fund. In addition to different types of shows, Don also expects to have several dinners to help raise much-needed money.

"We will start taking bids and working on it," said Don. "We would like to bring it back to metal and we would like to make it copper so that it will last longer. We're not sure if that will be allowed."

While the church maintains its historic integrity, members wanted to make it more appealing. So they painted the front doors an attention-getting red.

Red symbolizes the Passover, and that the church is a haven.

Admission to the family-friendly concert is free and refreshments will be available. Suggested donations of \$5 or more will be accepted for the church steeple fund to be used for needed maintenance and repairs to the steeple after standing tall for 130 years in picturesque Mount Dora.

The Congregational Church of Mount Dora is at the corner of Seventh and Donnelly Streets.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY

ANNUAL YARD SALE AT CORPUS CHRISTI EPISCOPAL CHURCH: From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka.

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SUNDAY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MOUNT DORA CELEBRATES 130 YEARS WITH STEEPLE FUNDRAISER AND CONCERT: Old-time, gospel, bluegrass and Celtic music concert from 3 to 5 p.m. at the church, 650 N. Donnelly St. Musical guests, mountain and hammered dulcimers, including performances by the M.T. Pawketts Revue and others. Admission is free, suggested donation of \$5 or more for the church steeple fund. Call the church at 352-383-2285.

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Time spent in prayer is the most important part of the day

Are you too busy to pray? Martin Luther was so busy he said he needed to pray three hours each day.

A.J. Gordon said, "You can do more than pray after you have prayed; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed."

I've been considering the need for prayer in my life and have been studying prayer. It is very easy to study too much about prayer, but we can never pray too much.

I agree fully with Paul E. Billheimer, who said, "Satan does not care how many people read about prayer if only he can keep them from praying."

Do you believe what Chuck Smith said? "Prayer does not change the purpose of God. But prayer does change the action of God."

If we truly believed that, not even Satan could keep us from praying.



RICK REED

REFLECTIONS

Early in my Christian walk I decided to do an exhaustive study on prayer. It wasn't as easy as it is today because my research material was limited to the Bible and a concordance. Today, I can go online to Biblegateway.org and type the word "pray" to receive a complete listing of all prayer references in the Old and New Testaments. I can refine my search by telling my computer to just give references for the word pray or words with pray in them, like prayer, praying or prayed.

Back in the day I recorded each verse in small print on a legal tablet. I ended up with something like 12 pag-

es about prayer. If only I had spent as much time praying.

Bottom line, I found we can pray kneeling, lying down, walking, sitting or standing.

I found we can pray in the morning, evening or midday.

I found we can pray silently or out loud, happy or sad, rejoicing or lamenting, asking or thanking, in a group or alone.

It doesn't matter how we pray, just that we do it.

If I spend more time writing this column than praying about it, I haven't spent enough time in prayer.

Corrie Ten Boom said, "Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

Conversely, there isn't any problem so big that we can't pray about it.

Last week I heard the end of a sermon on the radio by Allistar Begg, who was born in Scotland and has a won-

derful accent. More importantly, his words are biblical.

Begg's topic was about having a vision and the main point was the need to pray, at least in the portion I heard. He was talking about Nehemiah, upon whose heart God placed the burning desire to repair the wall around Jerusalem.

The short of it is that Nehemiah, the cupbearer to the powerful Persian King Artaxerxes, asked the king to allow him to repair the wall. It was a dangerous thing for Nehemiah to do and could have cost him his life. But the king was favorable and complied with several of Nehemiah's requests.

It's important to note that four months elapsed between the end of Nehemiah 1 and the second chapter, where he made his request to the king. Chapter 1 ended with Nehemiah praying to God for the success of his mission. I don't think it's any

stretch to consider that Nehemiah and whatever Israelites he could gather spent much of those four months in prayer.

It's also important to note that it took 52 days to repair and restore the wall. That was significantly less than half the time he spent praying about it.

"Time spent in prayer will yield more than that given to work," said Andrew Murray. "Prayer alone gives work its worth and its success. Prayer opens the way for God Himself to do His work in us and through us. Let our chief work as God's messengers be intercession; in it we secure the presence and power of God to go with us."

As John Wesley said, "Prayer is where the action is."

Let us pray, continuously.

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Trader William McInerney, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Friday.

Tech stocks, once highfliers, drop; Nasdaq index sinks

MATTHEW CRAFT
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A slump in Internet and other technology stocks pulled the broader market lower Friday, as traders turned on the same companies they flocked to earlier this year. Google, Netflix and other pillars of the Internet economy took a beating.

It was a bad day in an otherwise decent week. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the week slightly higher.

Mixed signals in the government's monthly jobs report gave investors little direction Friday. The government said that U.S. employers added more workers to their payrolls last month, but the overall report presented a mixed picture, and the

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unemployment rate remained at 6.7 percent.

The stock market crept higher to start, began losing steam at lunchtime and then turned lower in the afternoon. The jobs report wasn't the culprit, said Uri Landesman, president of the hedge fund Platinum Management. It was likely the "momentum" traders, he said, people who chased high-flying stocks and are having a change of heart.

Tech stocks had soared over the past year, pushing

the Nasdaq composite index up 28 percent, as traders piled into Internet and biotechnology companies. Netflix and Facebook, for instance, doubled in price over that time.

"It's like (traders) took a look at some of these high-flying Internet companies and said, 'How can I justify these prices?'" Landesman said.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index plunged 110.01 points, or 2.6 percent, to close at 4,127.73, its biggest one-day drop since February.

The S&P 500 index fell 23.68 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,865.09. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 159.84 points, or 1 percent, to 16,412.71.

Milwaukee group wants to buy Pabst Blue Ribbon

CARRIE ANTLINGER
Associated Press

Writer

MILWAUKEE — Long before it was known for fine cheddar cheese or the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin was famous for beer, especially the national brands brewed in Milwaukee: Schlitz, Blatz and Pabst Blue Ribbon.

The brewing tradition started by Milwaukee's German immigrants in the 1800s endured for more than a century, until industry consolidation in the 1980s and '90s began sending familiar brands to other companies and cities.

Now a small group of Milwaukee residents wants to revive part of that proud history by buying Pabst Brewing Co. from a California executive in hopes of returning the brand to its birthplace, possibly as a city-owned brewery.

The effort appears to be a distant long shot, requiring hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire the 170-year-old beer best known as PBR. But Milwaukee officials like the idea enough to talk about it,

and at least one industry analyst says the plan is not beyond the realm of possibility.

"When I think about Pabst being anywhere else but Milwaukee, it just doesn't make sense," said Susie Seidelman, an organizer of the "Bring Pabst Blue Ribbon Home" effort. "Milwaukee made this beer what it is. ... It's right on the can."

The beer, with its pale gold color and light, fizzy taste, has become especially popular over the last decade among urban hipsters, in part because it's one of the cheapest on the market.

The company that started in Milwaukee in 1844 is now headquartered in Los Angeles after being bought by food industry executive C. Dean Metropoulos in 2010 for a reported \$250 million.

Reports surfaced last month suggesting that Pabst might be looking for buyers. Organizers of the group want Metropoulos to give them first rights of sale so they can begin raising money toward any asking price.

Pabst representatives would not comment on

any potential sale or the efforts to bring the brand back to Milwaukee, saying only that they "are considering financial alternatives" that will help Pabst "aggressively pursue its next phase of growth through strategic acquisitions."

The effort to buy Pabst has a core of seven people with various business and nonprofit backgrounds. It also has a Facebook page titled "Milwaukee Should Own Pabst Blue Ribbon" and a website at bringpbrhome.com, which lets visitors sign a letter to Metropoulos. The letter acknowledges that the purchase proposal might seem "crazy" but asks readers to "humor us for just a moment."

"We want to bring PBR home," reads the letter, expected to be sent next week.

In 1996, Pabst headquarters left and beer production ceased at the company's main complex in downtown Milwaukee, opening a "gaping hole in our city's economy," according to the letter. PBR is now brewed in another part of town as part of a deal with MillerCoors.

EUSTIS

LifeStream opens new LAKE Academy-Eustis campus

Staff report

LifeStream Behavioral Center recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for its new LAKE Academy-Eustis campus and Children's Center located at 1217 Huffstetler Drive.

Eustis Mayor Linda Bob, Lake County school board member Debbie Stivender, Lake County Commissioner Welton Cadwell, LifeStream officials and staff, and parents were in attendance.

LifeStream has been providing educational services under contract with the School Board of Lake County for more than 30 years, said Sherry Olszanski, LifeStream development and marketing manager.

"LAKE Academy serves students, grades kindergarten through twelfth, which are referred by the school district," she said. "LAKE Academy provides a specialized educational environment for students who have emotional and behavioral



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From left, Eustis Mayor Linda Bob, LifeStream CEO Jon Cherry, LAKE Academy Administrator Rudy Rolle, LSA Site Administrator William Benjamin, LifeStream Senior Vice President of Clinical Services Jill Baird, Lake County School Board member Debbie Stivender and Lake County Commissioner Welton Cadwell cut the ribbon at the new facility.

disorders, and also for students in need of an alternative disciplinary placement in lieu of expulsion."

Also located at the Children's Center campus are children's outpatient services and a Parent-Child Interaction Training program, where therapists teach parents how to improve the quality of their parent-child relationship, as well as introduce skills needed to manage negative child behavior.

In addition, there is staff for the Children's Clinical On-Site Services program, a

school-based therapeutic program that serves all Lake County public schools.

LAKE Academy has another location at 2020 Tally Road, in Leesburg.

Beginning in 1969 as a component of Waterman Memorial Hospital in Eustis, LifeStream became an independent non-profit organization in 1971. Since then, LifeStream has grown to 21 facilities and 52 programs to help those who suffer from mental illness and substance abuse achieve recovery and resiliency, according to its website.

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Close-up on the Fed

Fed watchers get a closer look on Wednesday at the discussions held by the central bank's policymakers last month.

The Federal Reserve is scheduled to release the minutes of its two-day meeting that ended March 19. After the meeting, the first presided over by Fed Chair Janet Yellen, the Fed approved another \$10 billion reduction in its monthly bond purchases, bringing new purchases down to \$55 billion per month.



Profitable again?

Rite Aid has reported a profit for five consecutive quarters, aided by a wave of new generic medicines. Wall Street predicts the streak continued in the drugstore chain's fiscal fourth quarter. But investors expect Rite Aid will report Thursday that its earnings declined from a year ago. The company lowered its 2014 earnings forecast in December, citing drug cost increases and a decreasing benefit from new generic drugs, among other factors.



Housing bellwether

Wells Fargo's latest quarterly earnings should provide insight on how the U.S. housing market is faring this year.

Investors will want to know whether the harsh winter weather that helped slow home sales early this year dampened mortgage lending for the nation's biggest issuer of home loans. They'll also want to know whether the bank's mortgage business picked up as the annual spring homebuying season got underway last month. Wells Fargo reports fiscal first-quarter results on Friday.



Stocks Recap

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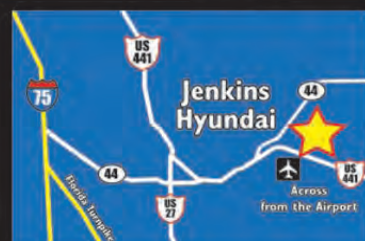
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Hyundai Equus is a different sort of high-end horse

TERRY BOX
The Dallas Morning News

Even in my Ziggy Stardust days in the 1970s — floating along in giant bellbottoms and blue-and-yellow platform shoes — I never once considered a white suit.

I was way too long hair-proud and blue-jeans-bound to be attracted to anything wrapped around Ricardo Montalban or Barry Gibb.

White suits smacked of some smiling California cult leader happy to save your soul in exchange for the deed to your house in Tarzana. Guys in white always looked like they were wearing the interior of a rich man's red Cadillac.

But I sure could have used one recently. It would have been just the right attire for driving the 2014 Hyundai Equus Ultimate, a big, definitely different luxury sedan with one tire in Lexus-land and the other somewhere in South Korea or China.

Like white suits, the Equus offers a bit of Hollywood flash, especially if you're sporting an acceptable tan. But the real question is: Can either ever be widely accepted outside of Seattle, Seoul and Beijing? I don't know.

My all-white model galloped in loaded with pretty good stuff for its limited assault on the luxury-sedan segment. Long, tall and heavy, the V-8 powered Equus wants to compete with the 7-series BMW, Mercedes-Benz S-class, Audi A8 and Lexus LS.

It will be a long battle. Hyundai sold 3,578 of the cars last year, according to Automotive News, down nearly 10 percent from 2012.

The Equus is the largest and most expensive vehicle in Hyundai's lineup (mine carried a sticker of \$68,920), and it's available mainly in South Korea, China, the Middle East and the U.S.



MCT PHOTO

The 2014 Hyundai Equus is the largest and most expensive vehicle in Hyundai's lineup, and it's available mainly in South Korea, China, the Middle East and the U.S.

Built on a platform similar to what underpins the mid-size Hyundai Genesis, the Equus I had felt like a reasonable competitor to the Lexus LS, which starts at \$72,000.

But be forewarned: If cachet counts, no one at the country club and few in your neighborhood will know what in blazes it is. (Just tell them it's the presidential car of Costa Rica, which it actually is, according to Wikipedia.)

At first glance, the Equus sort of resembles a Mercedes-Benz that's missing some of its jewelry. A four-bar grille wearing not a single Hyundai badge flowed into a long, broad hood flanked by large headlamps.

Though a bit bulky and slab-sided, the Equus featured some fun lines on its big doors. A conventional character line zipped through the front door handle, suddenly kicking up over the rear handle like the lines on a Buick LaCrosse. It gave the semi-stodgy bruiser cruiser a dash of whimsy, I thought.

2014 HYUNDAI EQUUS ULTIMATE

TYPE OF VEHICLE: Full-size, rear-wheel-drive, four-passenger luxury sedan

FUEL ECONOMY: 15 mpg city, 23 highway

WEIGHT: 4,659 pounds

ENGINE: 5-liter V-8 with 429 horsepower and 376 pound-feet of torque

TRANSMISSION: Eight-speed automatic

PERFORMANCE: 0 to 60 mph in 5.5 seconds

BASE PRICE: \$61,250

PRICE AS TESTED, INCLUDING DESTINATION CHARGE: \$68,920

In back, the Equus had tail lamps that appeared to be a cross between BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

Most Equuses — Equis? — roll on five-spoke, 19-inch wheels shiny enough to blind a motorcyclist on a summer day. Mine, however, got shod with lower-key, 19-inch, turbine-style wheels carrying 245/45 tires. They looked fine, but I think the car would have been more attractive with the flashy semi-dubs.

Like a lot of consumers, I suspect, I didn't take the Equus all that seriously un-

til I settled into its cushy off-white driver's seat and hit the start button.

All thoughts of white suits evaporated pretty quickly. Two years ago, the Equus got Hyundai's new 5-liter, 429-horsepower V-8, an absolute jewel of an engine that is an option in the Genesis.

Silent and silky at idle, the five-liter generates great low-end torque and even gets a bit all-American throaty at about 2,500 rpm.

Although burdened with more than 4,600 pounds of weight, the big sedan can zip

effortlessly to 60 in 5.5 seconds — faster, Hyundai says, than the Lexus LS.

Coupled to a refined eight-speed automatic, the engine pushes hard to its 6,600 rpm red line, gathering speed like a large train running downhill.

In fact, I think the engine, which gets only about 15 miles per gallon in town and 23 on the highway, is the car's greatest asset.

Keep the Equus in a straight line, and you'll be all smiles all day long.

But even in "sport" mode, the big sedan doesn't contend very gracefully with curves. When pushed moderately into tight corners, the Equus leaned, lapsing pretty quickly into understeer.

While its electronic air suspension competently soaked up bumps and broken pavement, it felt softer to me overall than the Lexus LS.

Likewise, the steering was numb and seemed overly boosted, making it more difficult to explore the sedan's modest cornering limits.

Toyota Highlander has plenty of room — for Muppets

DAVID UNDERCOFFLER
Los Angeles Times

Maybe the Muppets weren't such a good idea.

Toyota, for those who missed the Super Bowl ad, has enlisted the help of Jim Henson's finest to sell its all-new Highlander SUV.

This would be a hoot except for one awkward fact: This thing holds Muppets a lot better than actual people.

The new Highlander has less head- and leg-room in the third row than the previous generation model. In fact, it has less space back there than nearly all of its SUV and crossover rivals. That's disappointing, particularly because the outside of the Highlander is actually about 3 inches longer.

So you may have an easier time fitting Animal, Rowlf and Pepe the King Prawn in the way-back seat than your friends and family.

The rest of the changes to the 2014 Highlander are good ones. Toyota gave it a handsome new body, a more refined cabin and a healthier dose of safety and technology. Engine choices still include a four-cylinder, a V-6 and a hybrid.



PATRICK WYMORE / MCT

Kermit the Frog and Terry Crews on the set of Toyota's all-new 2014 Highlander commercial aired during the Super Bowl.

The Highlander, starting at \$29,215, is among the more popular in the mid-size crossover set. It helped pioneer the segment in 2001. Yet crossovers' popularity has more than doubled in the past decade, and the Highlander's market share has eroded as more competitors joined the fray.

Still, the Highlander has been a steady seller in the face of pressure from other three-row players such as the Hyundai Santa Fe, Mazda CX-9, Honda Pilot, Ford Explorer, Nissan Pathfinder and Chevy Traverse.

2014 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER V-6

HIGHS: Sharp styling, improved efficiency, crisper handling

LOWS: Third row of seats short on room, interior a little sparse compared with peers

VEHICLE TYPE: 4-door mid-size crossover SUV

POWERTRAIN: 3.5-liter, direct-injected V-6 engine, full-time all-wheel drive

TRANSMISSION: six-speed automatic

HORSEPOWER: 270

TORQUE: 248 pound-feet

EPA FUEL ECONOMY RATING: 18 mpg city, 24 mpg highway

BASE PRICE, EXCLUDING DESTINATION CHARGE: \$29,215

PRICE AS TESTED: \$45,170

Fans of the previous model will notice that the new 2014 version has bolder, more masculine sheet metal than before, a deliberate move. A narrower grille, larger horizontal

headlights and sharper shoulders give the Highlander more prominence up front. The rear gets a healthy infusion of edges to go with the added length.

The interior also got an

overhaul. For better or worse, the cabin of the \$45,170 AWD V-6 Limited we tested was less luxurious than practical. Instead of Lexus-like earth tones and faux wood, it offered storage bins and cubby holes. All the buttons and controls are easy to find and use, but they're presented with less style than in a corresponding Hyundai, Mazda or Nissan.

One neat trick: a small shelf built into the dashboard that runs to the passenger door. It's the perfect spot to store cell-phones, house keys or a sewing kit for injured Muppets. Toyota even coated it with a grippy material to prevent objects from sliding around.

Most versions of the Highlander now seat eight people, though optional second-row captain's chairs, like those in our tester, reduce seating to seven. Neither configuration allows enough room for adults in the rear. This won't matter to some buyers, but if you try to cram your mother-in-law there, you might be repaid with a cold stare.

Otherwise this Toyota's cabin was highlighted by comfortable seats inside a quiet and refined

cabin. Its functionality encroaches on minivan territory, an alternative for people too cool to be seen pulling van duty.

The ride is a bit stiffer than before, Toyota's attempt to shed a reputation for soft handling. The automaker takes this quest a little too far by programming the steering with forearm-busting resistance, becoming one of several automakers who think stiff steering somehow makes their vehicle sporty.

As mentioned, a base 2.7-liter, four-cylinder engine is available for those who don't care much about power or who want to pinch pennies. But Toyota says about 85 percent of buyers will opt for the smooth and capable 3.5-liter V-6 we tested. Carried over from the previous generation, this engine is direct-injected and pumps out 270 horsepower and 248 pound-feet of torque.

New for 2014 is the six-speed automatic transmission that Toyota bolted into the Highlander. A replacement for the earlier model's five-speed, the new gearbox gives this crossover a nice boost in fuel economy.

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CROSS-POLLINATION: A garden project / **E4**

Landscaping: Top 10 mistakes to avoid

I started with UF/IFAS Extension almost four years ago as the Florida-Friendly Landscaping™/Urban Horticulture agent in Sumter County, coming from a profession of maintaining extraordinary landscapes at Universal Orlando and The Breakers Palm Beach. I find many landscapes in

Central Florida aesthetically and environmentally sound. Some, however, seem misguided. Please pardon my rant for a moment as I provide a top 10 of landscape faux pas.

10) Trees planted too deeply. They will suffer and die a slow, agonizing death if a root flare is not visible

above the soil level. If the trunk profile lines going into the ground are parallel instead of spreading, lift and replant or at least remove excess soil and mulch from around the stem. If a tree has excessive moss or trouble thriving, the planting depth may be the problem.

9) Rock and weed barrier



LLOYD SINGLETON
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er used instead of organic mulch. Gravel or rock absorbs and holds heat in the root zone of plants. Weed

fabric repels some of the water and nutrients away from the hungry roots. Use a 3- to 4-inch layer of pine straw or bark instead to build the soil and stay weed-free.

8) High nitrogen fertilizer on turfgrass. Nitrogen, the first number on the fertilizer

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ABOVE: Ayla Bornshtein eats a snack in the new spacious multi-functional kitchen. BELOW: Zev Bornshtein plays with a toy in the master bedroom addition featuring a navy tufted headboard and vintage campaign nightstands painted gray.

DIY bloggers update their home, with help from a TV design pro

LYNN UNDERWOOD
Star Tribune

Last year, Bruno Bornshtein and Alicia Lacy did something controversial: They painted the dark-stained woodwork in their century-old Dutch Colonial a crisp white.

That might not sound like a radical act, but Bornshtein and Lacy aren't just any couple. They publish the DIY and home decor websites Curbly.com and ManmadeDIY.com, and their own home improvements are shared with thousands of readers, many of whom weren't thrilled when Bornshtein revealed their plans for their woodwork online.

"Our readers are purists when it comes to woodwork and think it's a sin to paint it,"



Bornshtein said. "But it's our house, and we'll be living here for 30 years."

The couple's home makeover has been a labor of love. When they bought the 1907-built St. Paul, Minn., house, it offered a wealth of DIY potential. It had been vacant and neglected, with visible water damage. But it also offered a good floor plan, a beautiful coffered ceiling and a fireplace with a Mission-style Crafts-

man mantel. Four bedrooms upstairs offered plenty of room for the family, which, at the time, included a toddler and a baby on the way.

"We love old, unloved houses and want to fix them up," Lacy said. "We're the crazy cat people of old houses. We went into it so blind, but we were optimistic and driven by the potential it had."

With Bornshtein as general contractor,

they demolished and gutted the main floor and part of the upstairs, put in a new furnace, and rewired and replumbed the whole house. It was back-breaking, painstaking work, he recalled. "We had to take down each one of the trim pieces of the coffered ceiling, number them, and put it all back together."

Then they made the controversial decision to paint the woodwork, to make the space "brighter, younger and modern," Lacy said.

With the main living spaces updated, the couple focused on the "dinky kitchen tucked into a back corner." The cupboards and walls were lemon yellow, and counter space was minimal. To expand the kitchen and

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Turquoise is the color that makes things happen

MARY CAROL GARRITY
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Life is just more fun when you are treated to happy surprises, like an unexpected bouquet of flowers, a call from a long lost friend or an afternoon off on the first beautiful day of spring. I think our homes need some joyful surprises too, little touches here and there that make us pause and smile. The color turquoise is the perfect pick to give your home — and life — some verve. Here are a few ways to splash up your decor with turquoise:

A STATEMENT PIECE OF FURNITURE

One of my favorite ap-

proaches when designing a room with people who are up for a little adventure is to pull together a harmonious mix of furnishings, then, KA-POW!, throw in a decorative element that is completely unexpected. It shakes everything up a little and makes the space dynamic and exciting. Just about anything done in turquoise will get you there.

My friends Matt and Kristen came into my store, Nell Hill's, ready to infuse their new family home with their vibrant personalities.

They have an eye for decorating and are

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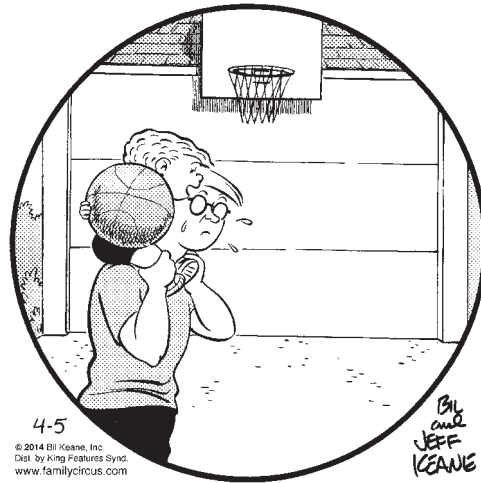
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"I THINK A 'BUCKET LIST' IS WHAT MY MOM GIVES DAD TO DO ON WEEKENDS."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"That was a good one, Daddy. Now let's go for a slam-dunk!"

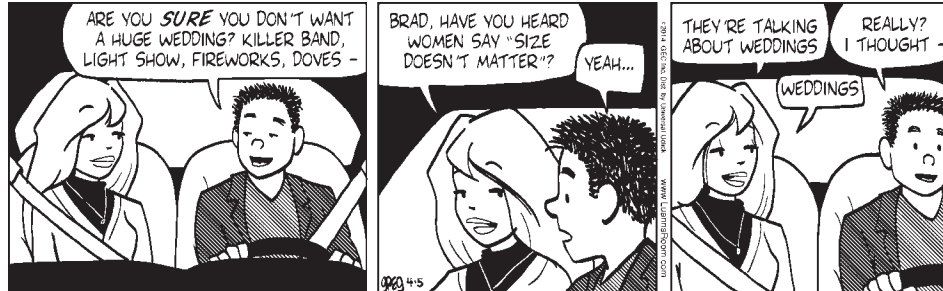
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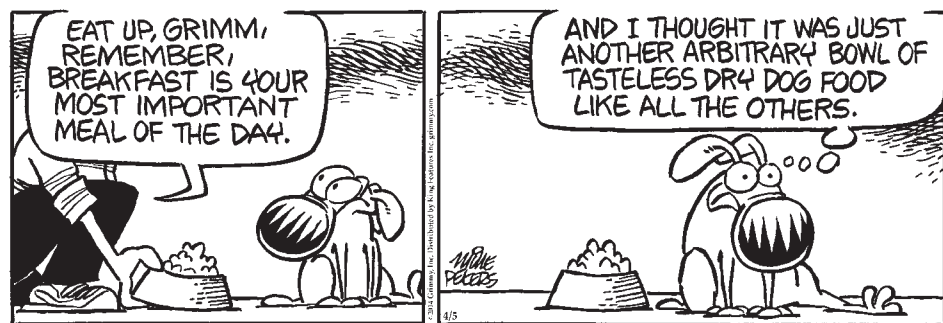


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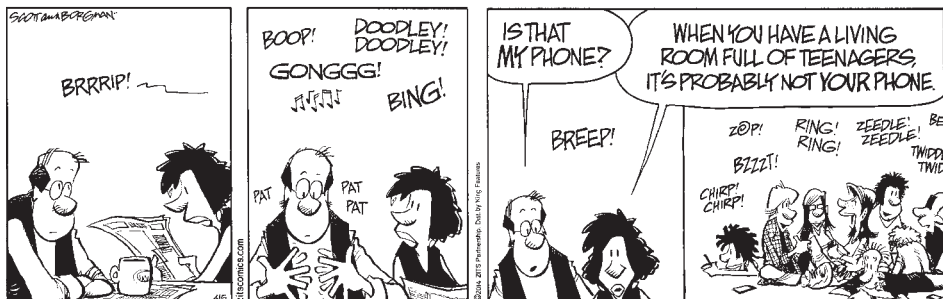
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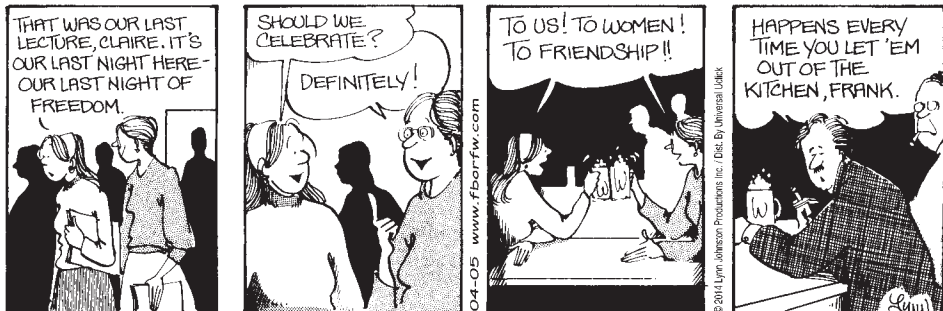
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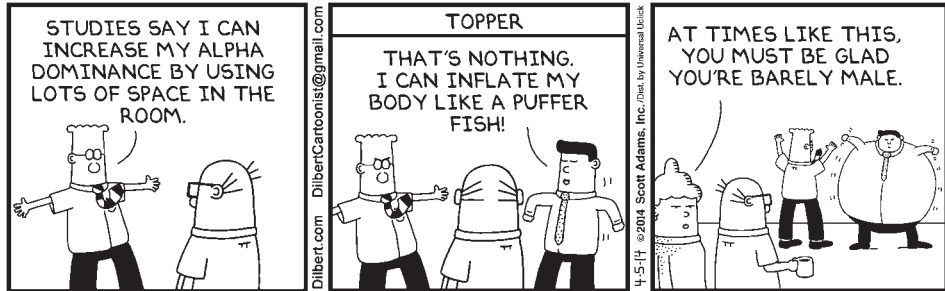
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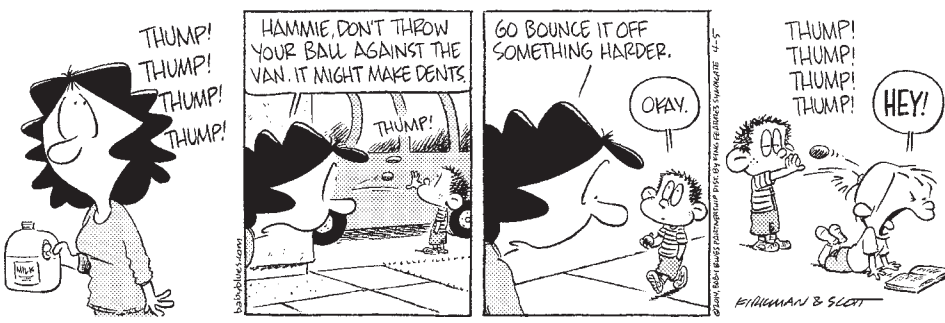
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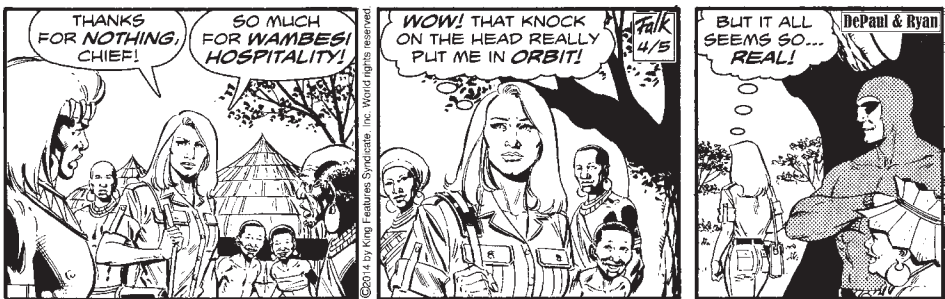
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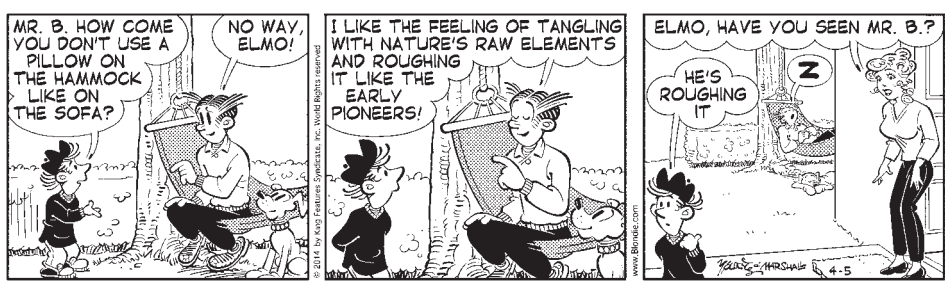
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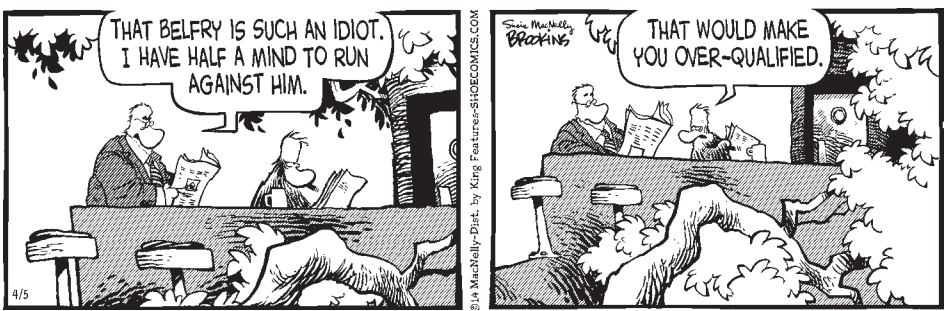
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AND SEE ALL THE PEOPLE!



Cross-pollination can be a backyard garden project

CINDY MCNATT

The Orange County Register

If you ever thought to teach your children how babies are made, you could always start with fruits and flowers. All kinds of new plants come from backyards either by alert gardeners selecting something that looks different, or by plant enthusiasts puttering around with a paintbrush trying to cross a tall coleus with a short one, or a favorite striped tomato with a cherry type.

All you're really doing is beating the bees to the pollination punch.

Annuals are the easiest to work with since their lifespan is a single season. And you'll want to cross like plants with like plants. Trying to cross corn with eggplant won't work because the personal parts are different.

But closely related plants such as cucumber and cantaloupe can cross, not that you'd want to go there, flavor-wise.

The lesson is in inheritance — how the offspring inherit something from the mother and the father. No telling what the outcome will be, but that is part of the fun.

Let's say you wanted to breed your own crazy pumpkin this year. You will cross-pollinate your plants this season, the fruit will grow, and then you will harvest the seeds. From these seeds come the offspring. And when the seeds grow, bloom and produce fruit (you won't pollinate the offspring but let them pollinate themselves), you get your crazy family pumpkin that makes you suddenly famous among your friends.

Pumpkins are really squash. So to make it inter-



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Craig Strong laughs as he picks up the very heavy bucca bruta ("ugly pumpkin" in Italian) at VR Farms in San Clemente, Calif.

PLANTS THAT CROSS-POLLINATE

■ To start your pumpkin experiment, look for the same botanically named plants. The botanical name for squashes and pumpkins is Cucurbita.

■ So look for Cucurbita pepo or Cucurbita moschata. Any members of these squash families cross-pollinate easily with each other.

■ Cucurbita pepo: Cross any combination of summer squash such as yellow, crookneck, zucchini, patty pan and acorn squash with all kinds of gourds or pumpkins.

■ Cucurbita moschata: Winter or butternut squash cross-pollinates with Cheese, Dickinson field and Kentucky field pumpkins.

■ Cucurbita maxima: Hubbard squash cross-pollinates with Big Max, Mammoth Chile, Mammoth Prize and Atlantic Giant pumpkins.

esting, you could start a garden this year with a variety of pumpkin and squash plants with plans to cross them. These plants look very much alike, so you will want to label each and every plant.

Note these in your notebook. Oh, yeah — you'll need a notebook.

The tricky part about

squash plants is that you get male and female flowers on the same plant. You can tell them apart because the male flowers grow on skinny stems. The female flowers are larger and have unpollinated squash-like growths below the flower.

You'll have to keep a daily watch on your squash and

pumpkin plants as they begin to flower. Most important, you will want to prevent the bees from getting to them before you do. Don't sleep late. Squash flowers open in the early morning hours.

When you notice the flowers are about to open — the dark yellow insides begin to appear between the petals, meaning the flowers are mature — you clamp them closed with a rubber band or small piece of string.

With the male and female flowers closed on all your pumpkin and squash plants, you are now the breeder.

Make notes in your notebook as you go so you can remember what you crossed with what. You never know — you could have a famous plant in the end.

On the second day, take a clean, dry watercolor paint

brush, open the male flower from one plant, pick up as much pollen as you can with the paintbrush, walk it over to the female flower of the other plant you are crossing it with and apply the pollen to the stigma of the female flower.

Make sure you get plenty of pollen on the female flower stigmas.

Now place a small paper bag over the female flowers to prevent the bees from further pollinating them. Tie off, label and keep the flower secure.

You can let your crossed squashes develop and allow the rest of the plant to pollinate at will, or continue to pollinate female flowers daily. When you feel you have enough crosses, pinch off any further flowers that develop on the plant.

As soon as the flower dries out and you notice the small fruit behind the flower developing, you can remove the bags and let the fruit fully develop to maturity.

This can be as fast as 60 days. In fact, you may be able to harvest seeds from mature squash/pumpkin crosses this summer and get your second crop of offspring by fall.

When the fruit is fully developed (don't pick underripe fruit; the seeds won't be mature), open it up and remove the seeds.

These are the babies waiting to be planted. Clean and wash the seeds by rubbing them between your hands under running water. Let them dry thoroughly for a few days before you plant them again the garden.

There is no predicting what kind of offspring you will have — maybe something super-scary for Halloween.

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bag, should be in balance with potassium, the third number. Empire Zoysia grass is particularly sensitive to excessive nitrogen and responds with pest and disease problems.

7) Over-watering. This is a waste of money and of a precious natural resource, and promotes weeds and plant diseases. Let your lawn tell you when to water it, and make sure your rain sensor shut-off works. One-half to three-quarters of an inch with each irrigation cycle is sufficient.

6) Use of broad-spectrum insecticides. Only 1 percent of insects are pests of plants. An insecticide may be killing the very insect that is going to predate the plant pest. Identify the pest and wait to treat; nature may take care of it.

5) Over-pruning palms. Most Florida palms will self-prune. Pruning tools can spread disease, and removing a leaf before it's time can add to nutrient deficiencies. Remember, brown is a color too.

4) Hedge clippers shearing shrubs into boxes and meatballs. Let's go for clouds and pillows instead, for a natural look. Plants should grow together in masses. Step away from the hedge shears; instead, selectively prune wild hairs only.

3) Large plant in a small space. Oops. Consider the mature size of a plant before selecting it for a particular spot.

2) Using large amounts of tropical plants in the landscape. They will succumb to cold damage. We are in USDA Hardiness zones 9a and 9b.

1) Unsustainable expectations in a natural system. Let's enjoy being part of an ecosystem instead of constantly fighting to control it.

Visit the Discovery Gardens, open weekdays and the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ag Center.

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fearless with color. So they turned to turquoise to add energy and excitement to their decor. The heart of their stylish living room is an edgy blue leather coffee table ottoman. Ottomans are a great place to start if you want to add a pop of bold color to your decor.

TOSS IN SOME PILLOWS

To connect their spunky turquoise ottoman with the rest of the room's decor, Matt and Kristen tossed a garden of dissimilar accent pillows onto their white sofas. I love how the pillows aren't matchy-matchy yet feel unified because they blend together variations of turquoise.

If bold color makes you a bit nervous, try it in small

doses. You can get a lot of visual appeal by adding a pillow or two to a sofa or chair.

That's what I do in my home. My white sofas and chairs serve as blank canvases for an ever-changing library of seasonal pillows. I don't want lots of bold, saturated color in my home, but I love the spice I get from tossing a few peppery pillows here and there.

CREATE A COLORFUL FOUNDATION

Matt and Kristen's kitchen and adjoining family room use the power of an area rug to set the tone of a room. With its palette of white, black and gray, the space is soothing and sedate. The added pops of blue in the area rug, ottoman and accent pillows makes sure the space scores a perfect 10.

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create a Minnesota must-have mudroom, they built a 600-square-foot, two-story addition on the back of the home. Upstairs, the extra space gave them a spacious master suite with a walk-in closet and bathroom. At the last minute, the couple decided to vault the ceiling in the bedroom.

Being a DIY guy, Bornshtein pitched in on every project, hiring some out and enlisting friends to help with others. He stripped, sanded and painted woodwork, hung wallboard, laid tile and did demolition.

COCKTAIL ENCOUNTER

The couple were ready to finish their makeover and integrate the old spaces with the new, when they had a fortuitous encounter with a Los Angeles celebrity designer. Last winter at Alt Summit, a conference in Salt Lake City, the couple mingled with other design and lifestyle bloggers. They clicked with Emily Henderson, a Los Angeles designer who won a season of HGTV's "Design Star" and pens a sassy style blog. After a couple of glasses of wine at a cocktail party, "Bruno and I floated around the idea of Em-



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Designer Emily Henderson divided the long sunroom into a breakfast nook and kids' play room.

ily designing some of the rooms in our remodeled home," Lacy recalled.

Bornshtein was excited by the prospect of collaborating with someone he considered a gifted designer. "Emily has such good taste and an amazing eye," he said. "And she was really fun."

The couple returned to the Twin Cities expecting nothing to come of their social-hour decorating discussions. But after they recruited a sponsor for the redesign of the "Curbly" family home, which they would document on their

website, they called Henderson. She was on board.

"I'm always looking for projects that offer good portfolio work," Henderson said. "Bruno and Alicia have a big following, good taste and style — and I knew I would have fun that week."

Yes, one week. Henderson's assignment was almost like an HGTV reality show: Furnish and decorate four rooms — living and dining, sunroom and master bedroom — in just a few days. Henderson compared the process to "fast art installation."

"Their home is tradition-

al, so I wanted it to feel classic, but at the same time, bring in some eclectic mid-century pieces," she said.

Weeks before Henderson came to town, the couple organized their ideas on Pinterest and sought Henderson's advice, via e-mail and Skype, on purchasing the main furniture pieces. When she arrived, the trio went on mega-shopping trips everywhere from West Elm and Ikea to thrift and vintage shops. They also mined online sites and designer wholesale sources to fill in with accessories, lighting, artwork and fabrics.