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## Shinseki resigns amid vets' health care problems

JULIE PACE

AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Beset by growing evidence of patient delays and cover-ups, embattled Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki resigned from President Barack Obama's Cabinet Friday, taking the blame for what he decried as a "lack of integrity" in the sprawling health care system for

the nation's military veterans.

Obama, under mounting pressure to act from fellow Democrats who are worried about political fallout in the fall elections, praised the retired four-star general and said he accepted his resignation with "considerable regret." But the president, too, focused on increasingly troubling allegations of treatment

delays and preventable deaths at veterans hospitals around the country.

Emerging from an Oval Office meeting with Shinseki, a stone-faced Obama said the secretary himself acknowledged he had become a distraction as the administration moves to address the VA's troubles, and the president agreed with him.

"We don't have time for distractions," Obama

said. "We need to fix the problem."

One of Shinseki's last acts as secretary was to hand the president an internal accounting that underscored just how big the problems have become. It showed that in some cases, VA schedulers have been pressured to fake information for reports to make waiting times for medical



CHARLES DHARAPAK / AP

Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki pauses as he speaks at a meeting of the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, on Friday in Washington.

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Jazz musician Theo Croker just released his third album, "AfroPhysicist."

LEESBURG

## Healing with music

Local jazz player Theo Croker devotes his life to making melodies

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Composing a song takes time and reflection for jazz trumpeter Theo Croker.

"It is a creative process," said the 29-year-old Leesburg native who has received national acclaim for his newest album "AfroPhysicist." "You have to let things go over in your head a few times. An idea can float around in my head for a long time before I turn it into a final piece."

Indeed, it took Croker three years to release "AfroPhysicist," but he wanted to make sure the album hit all the right notes.

The album reflects his experiences traveling around the world and meeting and inter-

*"Every time you perform, you have the opportunity to express what is happening in the moment. It is a live conversation through music. We play music to help people deal with the daily comings and goings in life."*

Theo Croker, jazz musician

acting with people from different cultures, he said.

"It is DVRK Funk," the jazz composer and trumpeter said of the genre and the title of his band.

He said he likes jazz because of the freedom and the expression it allows.

"Every time you perform, you have the opportunity to express what is happening in the moment," he said. Croker has performed all over the world in countries such as China, En-

gland and Japan. "It is a live conversation through music. We play music to help people deal with the daily comings and goings in life."

"AfroPhysicist" is Croker's third album, which has garnered attention from National Public Radio's, "All Things Considered" and the New York Times.

Croker's new album is "showing his breadth, with plush funk and rock idioms,

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CLERMONT

## World domination a focus of East Ridge student's plans

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World domination and nuking countries apparently was part of the plan of a sixth-grade student who was taken to a mental facility earlier this month after being accused of plotting to kill his East Ridge Middle School teachers.

Lake County Sheriff's detectives said the 12-year-old student was discovered in class on May 19 with a pocket knife as well

as a "little black book" that had a printed map of the school, covered with "X's" of places he planned to kill teachers. The student had also written a note to a school resource deputy, detailing plans to kill people in the front office before killing himself in front of students in the cafeteria.

The sixth-grader's plot apparently started to come to light after he showed fellow students in his class pages from

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TAVARES

## New construction up but tax roll sees only slight gain

Staff Report

New construction added more than \$295 million in taxable value to Lake County's 2014 tax roll, an 88.5 percent increase over the amount of new construction seen last year, Property Appraiser Carrey Baker said Friday.

"For the second year in a row, new construction is the driver of tax roll growth for the county and most cities," he said in a press release.

Some 1,586 new residential homes and 74 new commercial buildings were added to the tax roll this year, Baker said, compared with 874 residential and 46 commercial starts last year.

"This is also the first year since 2007 in which all cities are seeing increases in single-family residential values," Baker said in the release.

The tax roll itself only grew by about

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## GOP House backs state medical marijuana laws

ANDREW TAYLOR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Libertarian-minded and moderate Republicans joined forces early Friday morning with Democrats in an early morning House vote to block the federal government from interfering with states that permit the use of medical marijuana.

The unusual coalition produced a surprising 219-189 vote in the GOP-controlled

House that reflects more permissive public attitudes toward medical pot use. It ran counter to the drug's official classification as holding "no currently accepted medical use" and a "high potential for abuse."

Friday's vote came as the House debated a bill funding the Justice Department's budget. Forty-nine Republicans joined all but 17 Democrats who voted in approving a provision to block the Jus-

tice Department from interfering with state laws permitting the "use, distribution, possession or cultivation of medical marijuana."

The amendment by conservative GOP Rep. Dana Rohrabacher of California — the first state to legalize medical marijuana — came as almost half the states have legalized marijuana for medical uses, such as improving the appetites of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Other states permit the use of a nonpsychoactive marijuana extract to treat epilepsy.

The measure doesn't address the sale and use of marijuana for recreational purposes in Colorado and Washington, where voters have legalized it over objections from most elected officials. But it comes as the public is taking an increasingly permissive view toward medical pot use, particularly to help people suffering from

chronic pain and nausea.

"Public opinion is shifting," Rohrabacher said, noting a recent Pew Research Center survey that found 61 percent of Republicans support medical marijuana. The numbers are higher for independents and Democrats.

"Despite this overwhelming shift of public opinion, the federal government continues its hard line of oppression against medical marijuana," he said.

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**JAZZ**

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some subtle and complex new-jazz ones, a ballad standard 'Moody's Mood for Love' and high-wire soloing," the New York Times wrote.

Croker said he grew to love music at an early age, influenced by what he heard on TV and the movies.

"I think living life has been the biggest inspiration for my music," he said.

But it was his grandfather, legendary jazz artist Doc Cheatham, who continued to inspire him after hearing him play at the Sweet Basil, a jazz club in New York City, his mother Alicia Croker said.

She said her son grew up surrounded by music.

"He kind of grew into the music naturally and did all the hard work to make it a reality for him," the Tavares High School guidance counselor said of her son, who began taking trumpet lessons at age 11. "He has been amazingly focused and not afraid to take some chances."

Croker said he learned a lot from his grandfather, a Grammy award-winning artist.

"He always emphasized a musician should learn to be themselves and find their own voice," he said. "I went my own way. Even if it was not accept-

ed, I would stick with it anyway."

Leesburg still has a soft spot in Croker's heart.

"It was quiet and safe," he said, adding he was appreciative of his nice, pure upbringing.

Alicia said her son was independent, leaving home at age 16 to attend The Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

"He lived in a different environment away from us to be in a full-time music curriculum," she said. "I thought that was pretty brave."

After graduating, he attended the Oberlin Conservatory in Oberlin, Ohio. He graduated in 2007.

He then began playing with older musicians such as Benny Powell, Jimmy and Tootie Heath, Billy Hart and Marcus Belgrave, according to his biography from his publicist.

In 2006, he received the Presser Music Foundation Award, using the grant money to record his first studio album, "The Fundamentals," according to the biography.

He then spent seven years in China.

"The experience pushed him to broaden his idea of jazz to encompass other genres, including salsa, fusion/rock, blues, etc.," the biography states.

Traveling has reminded him how large and diverse the world is, he said.

"Countries the size of



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**Croker has been playing the trumpet since he was 11 years old.**

the state of Florida have so much culture inside them," Croker said. "Every building looks different. People sit in a café and communicate. They don't watch TV all day."

Croker hopes people's spirits are lifted by his music.

"I feel fortunate to be in a position to have my music be relevant and plan to continue to strive to remain relevant to people's needs artistically," he said.

His music expresses love and heartbreak, he said.

"Heartbreak is probably the biggest theme of anyone's music," he said. "There is social commentary in my music. I hope when I write a song that people read the name, it settles in their mind and helps them deal with the same lesson, principle or interaction that I have."

And the artist never tires of the trumpet, referring to it as powerful and expressive.

"My goal is to continue to push boundaries, travel, learn about different cultures and continue to heal people," he said.

**TAX ROLL**

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3.57 percent, Baker said, partly because of losses in Tangible Personal Property, mostly business equipment. These losses were estimated at \$91.5 million, an increase of \$14.4 million over last year's loss of \$77.1 million.

The largest losses were Covanta, a waste to energy plant, and Quantum Lake Power, with combined losses of \$37 million, Baker said.

Also offsetting the gains in new construction were other contributing factors such as obsolescence among telecommunications industries and industrial properties totaling \$35.5 million, and the closure of several businesses totaling \$11.8 million, the press release said.

"Small business owners are still hunkered-down and not re-investing — while the telecoms and other industries are seeing huge changes

in technology leading to obsolescence of existing equipment," Baker said. "Without re-investment or substantial new industry moving into the county, losses in the tangible sector of the tax roll could be a troubling long-term trend."

However, Baker called a nearly 1 percent increase in homes with permanent homeowners receiving a homestead exemption, or 78,372 units, an encouraging sign for residential growth and neighborhood stabilization.

This is the first increase since 2009, he said.

The property appraiser's 2014 Best Estimate of Taxable Value for the Lake County General Fund is up 3.57 percent from last year and the Lake County School Board is up 3.78 percent. County commissioners and school board members, facing extremely tight budgets this year, were hoping for more, they previously said.

The taxable values in all cities are up with the exception of Leesburg, which is basically flat at -0.19 per-

cent, Baker said. The city of Groveland outpaced all others at 14.17 percent, while the South Lake region as a whole continues to experience the most growth.

Groveland Mayor Tim Loucks was surprised by the 14.17 percent increase in taxable value, saying he'd been told by some people that the increase might be around 3 percent.

"The increased percentage is just astronomical," he said. "I'm elated. It's what I have been trying to say for two to three years, that as our city grows, so does our tax base."

Loucks said that the percentage increase is equivalent to \$54 million in new construction.

"We're still growing at an unbelievable rate, too," he added. "We have new homes that are still not even completed and several new developments coming soon. We went through very hard times, but we're out of that now and on our way up."

Staff Writer Roxanne Brown contributed material to this report.

**STUDENT**

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his book that planned for "world domination," as well as the map of the school and then a page covered in blood, according to a fellow student's statement released by the sheriff's office.

The statement said after the fellow student viewed the bloody page, he and another student were left in shock and thought the blood was fake because the sixth-grader

had joked about this stuff all year long — but then the suspect pulled out his knife and smiled.

The sixth-grader told the student the blood came from a fight between himself and his brother.

The statement of a second student said the sixth-grader showed him the notebook, which had blood in some places, as well as pictures of guns and dead people. The student said some days the sixth-grader would make plans to nuke countries, including El Salvador and

Guatemala.

The statement of a third student who saw the book gave similar accounts and added the book also revealed plans to destroy the Clermont school.

At least one of the students reported the book to school officials, which led to the school resource deputy getting involved, according to the sheriff's office.

The sheriff's office also released the sixth-grader's note that had the names of five teachers on it.

The student was taken

to Lifestream Behavioral Center for evaluation under the Baker Act.

None of the students, including the sixth-grader, have been identified. However, Lt. John Herrell, sheriff's spokesman, said no charges are expected for the sixth-grader because it is not illegal for a student to carry a concealed pocket knife and there is no evidence the student had planned to carry out the threats.

"Detectives were convinced the student was in a mental health crisis," Herrell said.



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MAY 30

**CASH 3** ..... 2-9-6  
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**VA**

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appointments look more favorable.

"It is totally unacceptable," Obama said. "Our vets deserve the best. They've earned it."

The president appointed Sloan Gibson, the No. 2 at the Veterans Affairs Department, as temporary secretary as the search for a permanent successor began. Obama also asked Rob Nabors, a top White House aide who has been dispatched to the VA to oversee a broad review, to stay for the time being.

Gibson, who has been Shinseki's deputy for about three months, was formerly president and chief executive officer of the USO, the nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to U.S. troops and their families. Gibson is the son of an Army Air Corpsman who served in World War II and grandson of a World War I Army infantryman.

Republicans in Congress said the shake-up wasn't enough to solve problems at an agency that has been struggling to keep up with a huge demand for its services — some 9 million enrolled now compared to 8 million in 2008. The influx comes from returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, aging Vietnam War vets who now have more health problems, a move by Congress to expand the number of those eligible for care and the migration of veterans to the VA during the last recession after they lost their jobs or switched to the VA when their private insurance became more expensive.

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## Area Briefs

### LAKE COUNTY

#### Man charged with having sex with under-aged girl

A 19-year-old man was arrested this week after being accused of having sex with an under-aged girl he met on a social media website. Storm Adam Wheeler, of Winter Garden, was charged Wednesday with lewd and lascivious battery and has been released from the Lake County Jail after posting a \$5,000 bond. According to an arrest affidavit, both he and the girl had posted on Facebook the girl's actual age, which according to a sheriff's official is under 17 years old.

The affidavit adds Wheeler admitted he knew the girl's real age when he had intercourse with her.

The girl told investigators that after the two had sex, Wheeler said couldn't believe he had sex with someone of her age, regretted it and remarked he "could go to prison for a long time," according to police.

### TAVARES

#### LSGN to host interactive grant writing workshop

"Get the Grant You Need" is the theme at the Lake-Sumter Grantsmanship Network (LSGN) workshop from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 12 at the Lake County Agriculture Extension Office, 1951 Woodlea Dr.

The interactive workshop will host five speakers and sessions on new trends and tips on grant writing.

Cost for the workshop is \$5 for LSGN members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is provided.

Registration is available at [www.lsgn.org](http://www.lsgn.org), by calling Jessica Whitehouse at 407-342-8876, or emailing [info@lsgn.org](mailto:info@lsgn.org).

### TAVARES

#### Chicken University offers tips on farming poultry

The UF/IFAS Extension in Lake County will offer the popular "Chicken University" course from 6 to 8 p.m. on June 12 at the Lake County Agricultural Center, 1951 Woodlea Rd.

Megan Brew, extension agent, will lead the class offering information on poultry anatomy and biology, housing, egg production, predator protection and egg handling.

Pre-registration is required. The class costs \$5 and includes printed materials. Space is limited.

For information, call Megan Brew at 352-343-4101, ext. 2728 or email [horsygrl@ufl.edu](mailto:horsygrl@ufl.edu).

### LEESBURG

#### Arts and Cultural Alliance to host networking meeting

The Lake County Arts and Cultural Alliance is hosting a networking workshop open to local artists and cultural organizations from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at the Leesburg Community Center in Venetian Gardens, 201 E. Dixie Ave.

Jill Swidler, Lake County resident and senior director at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, will talk about their new facility in Orlando. Roundtable discussions regarding projects ongoing in the county will take place at 6 p.m.

For information, call Kathy Pagan at 352-343-9642 or email [KPagan@lakecountyfl.gov](mailto:KPagan@lakecountyfl.gov).

### SORRENTO

#### Website accepting surveys, road name submissions

Lake County is asking residents of Mount Plymouth and Sorrento to complete an online survey to submit road name ideas for a portion of State Road 46 that will require a new name due to the construction of the Wekiva Parkway. Submissions will be accepted until June 30.

For information, go to [www.lake-countyfl.gov/sr46](http://www.lake-countyfl.gov/sr46) or call the Lake County Public Works Department at 352-483-9040.

## Ohio State to work with Florida cancer centers

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center is teaming with the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Florida, to create what they say will be the largest known database of patients for research.

Officials at the Ohio State facility say the partnership will allow both to better develop ways to prevent, diagnose and

treat the disease.

The cancer centers will be able to research the tissue and clinical data of more than 100,000 patients who have agreed to donate their information, according to *The Columbus Dispatch*.

The two centers are forming the Oncology Research Information Exchange Network. Officials hope it will help them develop targeted treatments, allowing re-

searchers and clinicians to better match eligible patients to clinical trials.

With the network, "we're amassing a true national cancer database for the first time," said Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"The collaboration across academic centers and with the health care industry will not only help speed discovery, but will

also provide patients with more personalized treatment options and ultimately, lead to better outcomes," Caligiuri said.

Alan List, president and CEO of Moffitt, said potential breakthroughs have been stalled because cancer centers have lacked an efficient way to share insight.

"Even more frustrating, until today, we've had no system to quickly match

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### MOUNT DORA'S GRADUATING CLASS OF 2014



PHOTOS BY BRETT LE BLANC / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Principal Pam Chateaufeuf talks to Mount Dora's class of 2014 during their graduation ceremony at Mount Dora High School on Friday.



A Mount Dora senior sings the National Anthem during the graduation ceremony at Mount Dora High School on Friday.



Mount Dora's class of 2014 participates in their graduation ceremony on Friday.

### LEESBURG

## Cops to find out if teen fired in self-defense

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Officials are trying to determine whether to charge a teen suspect in a Leesburg grocery parking lot shooting earlier this month that left one of his two alleged attackers dead.

Assistant State Attorney Rich Buxman said Thursday he will try to determine if the shots fired by 17-year-old Tederien M. Jackson were in self-defense in the May 16 incident involving 24-year-old Stacy Maurice Sayles and an unidentified Leesburg High School student.

According to police reports released Friday, after Jackson was met by a barrage of punches by the high school student and thrown to the ground by Sayles, Jackson allegedly started shooting from the ground. However, at least one witness said Jackson

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### MOUNT DORA

## City works with coffee shop owner to fix legal issues

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David Willis, an American Idol finalist who owns the Mount Dora Coffeehouse and Bistro, was breaking the law about a week ago. He just didn't realize it.

Police said they showed up at his Dora Drawdy Way business because of a noise complaint and noticed tables in the road. Officers told Willis about city ordinances involving noise and state laws regarding roadway obstruction, and said they were returning to their vehicles when a few people with open containers of alcohol began yelling obscenities.

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### CLERMONT

## Shots fired between vehicles at gas station

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The Lake County Sheriff's Office detained five "persons of interest" late Friday afternoon in what may be a drug-related shootout between vehicles, and deputies are looking for a possible injured person after blood was found in one of the vehicles.

Sgt. James Vachon, sheriff's spokesman, said detectives determined that two vehicles were involved

in an altercation near the Sunoco gas station at 940 U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont sometime around 1:30 p.m. Friday.

"The individuals in both cars were familiar with one another and at some point gunfire was exchanged; this was not a random act and may be drug related," Vachon said.

Vachon said there is evidence to suggest that someone was injured in

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MILLARD K. IVES / DAILY COMMERCIAL

Yellow caution tape surrounds a Sunoco gas station on U.S. Highway 27 in Clermont late Friday, including a silver Chevy Impala that is suspected to have been part of a shootout there.



## IN MEMORY

## OBITUARIES

## Billy G. Estep

Billy G. Estep, 78 of Fruitland Park, Florida passed away on May 28, 2014. He was born September 11, 1935 in Boone County, West Virginia and proudly served his country in the US Army. Billy was a truck driver for 34 years. He moved to Florida in 2000 from Mentor, Ohio and attended Leesburg Church of the Nazarene. He was an avid gardener, cook, enjoyed painting, golf, and fishing. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Margaret; 4 children: Janet (Paul) Draganic, Loria Estep, Robert (Kristi) Estep and Gail (Rick) Javins; 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren; as well as a brother Clifford Estep and sister Carolyn Workman. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday May 31, 2014 at 3 PM in the Leesburg Church of the Nazarene. Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com). Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL.

## Earl Lavern Nelson

Earl Lavern Nelson, 75, of Leesburg died Wednesday, May 28, 2014. He was born in Anderson County, TN and moved to Fruitland Park in 1971 from Clinton, TN. Earl was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather, and loyal friend to many. Earl was a Professional Hunter and a US Army Veteran. He was a Sergeant in the Sixth Special Forces, Green Berets. He loved to train bird dogs and hunt quail. Earl was a

long standing member at First Baptist Church of Leesburg. Earl is survived by his wife Dottie Nelson, Fruitland Park; 2 daughters, Theresa Sue (Travis) Tritt of Hiram, GA; Natasha Kathryn Nelson of Villa Rica, GA; 4 sons, Earl Lee (Chandra) Nelson, Fruitland Park, FL; Kelley B. (Kristy) Nelson of Fruitland Park; Reggie C. (Sharon) Graham of Fruitland Park; mother, Eva Kelley Cornett, Fruitland Park; 20 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Also Aunt Anna Belle King, and cousins, Kenneth King and Carole King all from Clinton, TN. He was predeceased by his father, Robert S. Kelley and his sister, Carolyn Sue Nelson. Visitation will be Monday, June 2, 2014 at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Heritage Community Church of Fruitland Park with Pastor Sidney Brock and Pastor Art Ayris. Interment will follow at Shiloh Cemetery. Online condolences may be left at [www.beyersfuneralhome.com](http://www.beyersfuneralhome.com). Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.



NELSON



# Official sees harm in recognizing gay marriage

GARY FINEOUT  
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's attorney general contends in recently-filed court documents that recognizing same sex marriages performed in other states would disrupt Florida's existing marriage laws and "impose significant public harm."

Eight gay couples and the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state in federal court in March. The lawsuit argues Florida is discriminating against the couples by not recognizing same-sex marriages performed in states where they are legal.

Attorney General Pam Bondi, a Republican who was named in the lawsuit along with fellow Republican Gov. Rick Scott and other state officials, earlier this month filed a lengthy response that asks a federal judge to throw out the lawsuit for several reasons, saying a federal court shouldn't rule on a state's marriage laws.

*"Florida's discriminatory laws cause serious harm to real families across the state. Despite the state's assertion that the harms to same-sex married couples aren't significant enough to warrant relief, the families living every day being treated like legal strangers by their home state know better."*

Daniel Tilley, attorney

Bondi's office also argues that the state has a legitimate interest in defining marriage as between a man and woman. Florida first banned same-sex marriages nearly two decades ago and voters reinforced that ban when they passed a constitutional amendment in 2008.

"Florida's marriage laws, then, have a close, direct, and rational relationship to society's legitimate interest in increasing the likelihood that children will be born to and raised by the mothers and fathers who produced them in stable and enduring family units," Bondi's office said in court documents.

The state's legal position also notes that there would be significant

financial and logistical problems for the state's pension and health insurance programs if same-sex marriages were recognized.

The lead attorney for the ACLU of Florida disagreed.

"Florida's discriminatory laws cause serious harm to real families across the state," attorney Daniel Tilley said in a statement. "Despite the state's assertion that the harms to same-sex married couples aren't significant enough to warrant relief, the families living every day being treated like legal strangers by their home state know better."

Florida's Democrats and gay rights groups were also highly critical of Bondi's legal response as was one of

Bondi's political opponents.

But the attorney general's office said they had an obligation to defend the state's existing laws.

"Florida's voters approved a constitutional amendment, which is being challenged, and it is the Attorney General's duty to defend Florida law," said Florida Solicitor General Allen Winsor.

Winsor also insisted that the harm mentioned in the filing had to do with the legal challenge itself.

"Florida is harmed whenever a federal court enjoins enforcement of its laws, including the laws at issue here," he said.

Scott earlier this year said he supports Florida's constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman, but added that he "does not believe that anyone should be discriminated against for any reason."

The lawsuit in Florida is part of a groundswell of challenges in the gay marriage debate.

## STATION

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one of the vehicles, however, no one has come forward with any such wounds. He added no bystanders were hit.

The shooting left the store parking lot surrounded with yellow caution tape, orange cones and evidence tags scattered throughout the scene,

including where bullets had riddled a black Honda.

Also surrounded by tape was a silver Chevy Impala.

Detective Clay Watkins said the occupants of the Chevy and a Toyota pick-up truck were involved and the truck was able to drive off, but the Chevy became stuck after getting a flat tire during the shooting.

One occupant of the truck and four occupants of the Chevy were

detained and deputies found the truck in the nearby Cagan Crossings apartment complex. But at 7 p.m. deputies were still looking for the gunmen.

Other than saying it was maybe drug-related, detectives were not clear on what exactly led to the confrontation. But a man at the scene — who didn't want to give his name — said he was an occupant of the Chevy and "they just started shooting."

## SHOOTING

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continued firing after getting back up and as the two alleged attackers were running away.

Sayles died three days after the shooting, according to the Medical Examiner's Office. Jackson, who turned himself in to the Leesburg Police Department on May 23, remained in juvenile custody Friday on charges of theft of a firearm, carrying a concealed firearm and possession of a firearm by a minor.

The second gunshot victim — listed only on the police report as "JP," a 16-year-old LHS student and an apparent cousin of

Sayles — survived the shooting.

Leesburg police said Friday they are still investigating the case in their preparation to turn it over to the State Attorney's Office. No further details about the investigation were released.

The shooting occurred around 6 p.m. at the County Road 468 store.

Responding officers said they found Sayles in the parking lot with apparent gunshot wounds to the head, stomach and pelvic area, and a pool of blood around his head.

According to witnesses' statements, Jackson came out of the store and walked toward Sayles and "JP" after the two yelled out to him. "JP" approached

Jackson in a confrontational manner and immediately began punching him, witnesses said. When Jackson began winning the fight, Sayles jumped in and slammed Jackson to the ground.

While on the ground — with Sayles on top of him — Jackson pulled out a black revolver and started firing, witnesses said. Jackson then got up and continued firing until the gun emptied, with one witness saying he was aiming at Sayles, who had started running away with "JP."

Sayles collapsed to the ground a short distance away.

Jackson ran away from the scene and reportedly threw the gun into a wooded area that was eventually recovered by police.

## RESEARCH

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cancer patients from anywhere in the country with ongoing clinical research with the most potential to help them," List said. "By partnering with Ohio State University ... we've built a cancer-research expressway."

The Moffitt Cancer Center, like Ohio State,

is one of 41 National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer centers in the U.S.

The two institutions say the collaborative will seek partnerships with other cancer centers in North America. It also will allow opportunities for researchers to work with pharmaceutical companies to better match potential candidates for drug trials.

## COFFEE

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An arrest affidavit states that 23-year-old Carlos Menjivar told him to go to a northeast neighborhood to arrest people for having crack.

After being told he was breaking the law for having alcohol in public, Menjivar responded that he was drinking at an "establishment," according to the affidavit. He refused to identify himself twice and was charged with resisting

arrest without violence and curbside drinking, police said. Menjivar has since been released from the Lake County Jail after posting a \$1,250 bond.

As for Willis, supplemental documents provided by the city of Mount Dora said an officer met with him, gave him a copy of the city's noise ordinance and provided literature about roadway obstructions. Willis told the officer he had not applied for an amplified noise permit before because he was told it was not

necessary for what he intended to do, according to the documents.

Kelda Senior, public communications officer for the city of Mount Dora, said Willis took care of getting the noise permit Tuesday morning. She added if the coffee shop's tables or chairs are off to the side, and as long as cars can get by, there will be no future problems.

Senior said street closure requests for events can be brought before city council. She added Willis is having an event this weekend and city staff worked with him since there will not be a council meeting before then.

Senior said it becomes an issue when customers are drinking in the road.

"If there's becoming more of a pattern of customers drinking or becoming intoxicated in the right-of-way,

in the road areas where cars are going back and forth, I mean, obviously, that poses a major safety concern," Senior said. "But if they're seated in the designated area, off to the side, on the sidewalk, near the business, near the porch area of the business then, you know, then they're fine."

She added Mount Dora's Police Department is complaint driven.

"So they aren't out, kind of loitering to see what people are doing downtown to ... try and find somebody to antagonize or to look after. They're complaint driven," Senior said.

Willis said Sunday will be the shop's one-year anniversary and it has live entertainment almost every night.

"I've never once been told that I need an amplified sound permit," he said.

Willis said he likes to play by the rules and

once he found out he needed a permit, he went and got one.

Willis said Menjivar is a friend of his from high school and the arrest was unfortunate.

"It was upsetting more than anything," Willis said. "It's a busy night in Mount Dora, which is good for Mount Dora and is good for us ... I wish it didn't happen the way it happened, but we're on track now."

Willis said he will look to move to a larger location — hopefully by the fall — in the downtown area as his business focuses on entertainment and his shop is very small.

"When 200 people show up, you just got to imagine what they're going to do. We have the tables and chairs outside and over time they shift, because people are dancing, people are standing up, walking around," Willis said.

He said while they are at their existing location they have readjusted their layout plans for their entertainment night.

While it's legal to consume alcohol within 100 feet of a business, that right ends at any public road within this 100-foot zone, Willis said of the confusion, even though Dora Drawdy Way is an alley.

"It got to be like lack of communication and lack of knowledge, and that's where I would take responsibility in saying, 'Well, I didn't know that ... he couldn't be exactly who he was drinking his beer,'" Willis said of Menjivar.

He added the city is growing and evolving and described situations like these as growing pains, saying there are no hard feelings from the shop and they now have clarity for what they need to know going forward.

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# Medicare ban on sex reassignment surgery lifted

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Medicare can no longer automatically deny coverage requests for sex reassignment surgeries, a federal board ruled Friday in a groundbreaking decision that recognizes the procedures are medically necessary for some people who don't identify with their biological sex.

Ruling in favor of a 74-year-old transgender Army veteran whose request to have Medicare pay for her genital reconstruction was denied two years ago, a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services review board said there was no justification for a three-decade-old agency rule excluding such surgeries from treatments covered by the national health program for the elderly and disabled.

"Sometimes I am asked aren't I too old to have surgery. My answer is how old is too old?" the veteran, Denee Mallon, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, said in an email interview before the board issued its decision. "When people ask if I am too old, it feels like they are implying that it's a 'waste of money' to operate at my age. But I could have an active life ahead of me for another 20 years. And I want to spend those years in congruence and not distress."

Jennifer Levi, a lawyer who directs the Transgender Rights Project of Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston, said the ruling does not mean Medicare recipients are necessarily entitled to have sex reassignment surgery paid for by the government.

Instead, the lifting of the



CRAIG FRITZ / AP

Denee Mallon, right, holds a banner before taking part in the Trans March to Morningside Park in Albuquerque, N.M. on Thursday.

coverage ban means they now will be able to seek authorization by submitting documentation from a doctor and mental health professionals stating that surgery is recommended in their individual case, Levi said.

No statistics exist on how many people might be affected by the decision. Gary Gates, a demographer with The Williams Institute, a think tank on LGBT issues based at the University of California, Los Angeles, has estimated that people who self-identify as transgender make up 0.3 percent of the U.S. adult population. Over 49 million Americans are enrolled in Medicare.

The cost of gender reassignment surgery varies, but

typically ranges from \$7,000 to \$50,000, according to the Transgender Law Center in Oakland, California.

In Friday's ruling, the appeals board said that HHS lacked sufficient evidence in 1981 when it made a "national coverage determination," or NCD, holding that Medicare recipients were ineligible for what it then called "transsexual surgery" because the procedure was too controversial, experimental and medically risky.

The panel went on to say that regardless of what the record showed then, studies and experts have since shown the efficacy of surgical interventions as a treatment for gender dysphoria, the diagnosis given to people

who experience extreme distress due to the disconnect between their birth sex and their gender identity.

"We have no difficulty concluding that the new evidence, which includes medical studies published in the more than 32 years since issuance of the 1981 report underlying the NCD, outweighs the NCD record and demonstrates that transsexual surgery is safe and effective and not experimental. Thus, as we discuss below, the grounds for the ...exclusion of coverage are not reasonable," the civilian panel said.

The appeals board's decisions are binding on HHS unless they are appealed in federal court. The Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency within HHS that manages Medicare, opted not to defend the transgender surgery exclusion before the five-member board and had initiated the process for lifting it on its own before Mallon filed her complaint.

The ruling does not apply to Medicaid, which provides health coverage for individuals and families with low-incomes and is regulated by the states. Some states have exclusions on sex reassignment surgeries and the sex hormones transgender people often take during their transitions, while others evaluate claims on a case-by-case basis.

Transgender health advocates said that because private insurance companies and Medicaid programs often take their cues from the federal government on what is considered medically necessary, elective or experimental, the decision could pave the way for sex-reassignment surgeries to be a routinely covered benefit.

Mallon was born a man and has lived as a woman on and off since she was a teenager and full time since 2009. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services must eliminate its blanket exclusion on transition-related surgeries within 30 days and re-evaluate Mallon's medical claim in light of the change, the HHS board said.

"This decision means so much to me and to many other transgender people. I am relieved to know that my doctor and I can now address my medical needs, just as other patients and doctors do," Mallon said in a statement Friday.

# Issa releases Kerry from Benghazi testimony

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the House Oversight committee on Friday released Secretary of State John Kerry from his obligation to testify next month about the deadly Benghazi attack, allowing a newly formed select committee to move forward in questioning the top diplomat.

In a swipe at a member of President Barack Obama's Cabinet, Rep. Darrell Issa accused Kerry of trying to use his June 12 appearance before the oversight panel as an excuse to avoid testifying before the select House committee investigating the Sept. 11, 2012, assault on the Libyan outpost.

The State Department had said last week that the secretary would testify before Issa's panel but that the appearance "would remove any need for the secretary to appear before the select committee to answer additional questions."

The California Republican said he had no choice but to reassess.

"It's been disappointing to watch a long-serving former senator, like Secretary Kerry, squirm his way to what I'm doing today — releasing him from the upcoming hearing commitment he made only after we issued him a subpoena," Issa said in a state-

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John Boehner, Speaker of the House

ment.

Issa had twice subpoenaed Kerry to testify about emails and other documents that the Obama administration has provided Congress about the attack. Four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed. After weeks of back and forth, Kerry had told the panel he could testify next month, and Issa agreed.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters on Friday that officials were "mystified" by Issa's decision as well as his criticism that Kerry has obstructed the probe. It's "hard to see how that's accurate when we were prepared to appear," Psaki said.

Republicans have accused the administration of misleading the American people about the attack, playing down a terror attack in the weeks before the 2012 presidential election, and then stonewalling congressional investigators.

Multiple independent, bipartisan and Republican-led investigations have been con-

ducted in the nearly 20 months since the attack. Investigators have faulted the State Department for lax security at the diplomatic facility.

The House voted along party lines on May 8 to establish a select committee to conduct an eighth probe led by Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C. In creating the panel, the House also required the committees involved in Benghazi investigations, including Armed Services, Intelligence and Oversight, to turn over all their documents within 14 days to the select committee.

That leaves that panel as the main congressional investigator, essentially ending the other probes, including Issa's.

In her upcoming book, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton — a potential 2016 presidential candidate — defended her response to the attack and criticized those who politicized the assault, saying she "will not be part of a political slugfest on the backs of dead Americans."

At a Capitol Hill news



AP FILE PHOTO

This photo shows then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listening as President Barack Obama speaks in the Cabinet Room at the White House in Washington. The White House confirmed that Hillary Clinton had lunch with President Obama Thursday.

conference, House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, was asked about Clinton's complaints.

"This is about one issue and one issue only, and that is getting the truth for the American people and the truth about what happened in Benghazi for the four families that lost their loved ones there. That's why we created a select committee," he said.

Boehner said it would be up to the select committee on whether it calls Clinton to testify.

The top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee said Friday that his panel's investigation focused on several statements about Benghazi that proved wrong, and

he was satisfied with the military's response that chaotic night.

"Given what the posture of the military was at the time, yes," Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., the panel chairman, said in an interview taped for C-SPAN's "Newsmak-

ers" that will air Sunday. "We are not a 7/24 rotation. We don't have pilots sitting on the runway in their plane with the plane fully fueled and equipped with ammunition to run many different kinds of missions. We can't afford to do that."

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# India: 2 police fired for not acting in rape case

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LUCKNOW, India — Facing relentless media attention and growing criticism for a series of rapes, state officials in north India fired two police officers Friday for failing to investigate the disappearance of two teenage cousins, who were gang-raped and later found hanging from a tree.

But in a country with a long history of tolerance for sexual violence, the firings also came as the state's top official mocked journalists for asking about the attack.

"Aren't you safe? You're not facing any danger, are you?" Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav said in Lucknow, the state capital. "Then why are you worried? What's it to you?"

The gang rape, with video of the girls' corpses hanging from a mango tree and swaying gently in a breeze, was the top story Friday on India's relentless 24-hour news stations. But in just the past few days, Uttar Pradesh has also seen the mother of a rape victim brutally attacked and a 17-year-old girl gang-raped by four men.

Uttar Pradesh is India's most populous state, with nearly 200 million people.

Official statistics say about 25,000 rapes are committed every year in India, a nation of 1.2 billion people. But activists say that number is very low, since women are often pressed by family or police to stay quiet about sexual assaults.

Indian police and politicians, who for decades had done little about sexual



MANISH SWARUP / AP

Members of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union shout slogans during a protest against a gang rape of two teenage girls in Katra village, outside the Uttar Pradesh state house on Friday, in New Delhi, India.

violence, have faced growing public anger since the December 2013 gang-rape and murder of a young woman on a moving New Delhi bus, an attack that sparked national outrage over the treatment of women.

On Friday, the state's former chief minister lashed out at the ruling government.

"There is no law and order in the state," said Mayawati, who uses only one name. "It is the law of the jungle."

Hours later, the chief minister ordered that suspects in the attack be tried in special "fast track" courts, to get around India's notoriously slow judicial system.

The girls, who were 14 and 15, were raped in the tiny village of Katra, about 180 miles (300 kilometers) from Lucknow.

Police say they disappeared Tuesday night after going into fields near their home to relieve themselves, since their house has no toilet.

The father of one girl went to police that night to report them missing, but he said they refused to help.

When the bodies were discovered the next day, angry villagers silently protested the police inaction by refusing to allow the bodies to be cut down from the tree.

The villagers allowed authorities to take down the corpses after the first arrests were made Wednesday. Police arrested two police officers and two men from the village, and were searching for three more suspects.

The girls were Dalits, from the community once known as "untouchables" in India's

ancient caste system. The fired policemen and the men accused in the attack are Yadavs, a low-caste community that dominates that part of Uttar Pradesh. The chief minister is from the same caste.

On Thursday, officials suspended two local police officers for ignoring the father's pleas for help. They were fired Friday.

Top state official Anil Kumar Gupta said the two policemen had been charged with criminal conspiracy for refusing to file a complaint or take any action.

Meanwhile, the chief minister's mocking comments to reporters were not a surprise to many in India.

Last month, Yadav's father — a former chief minister and head of the state's ruling party — told an election rally

that the party opposed a law calling for gang rapists to be executed.

"Boys will be boys," Mulayam Singh Yadav said. "They make mistakes."

Kavita Krishnan, a women's rights activist, said such comments make clear to police that rape isn't taken seriously by officials.

She called the chief minister's Friday comments "a trivialization of rape."

While sexual assaults are reported across India, there have been a string of high-profile attacks in just the past few days in Uttar Pradesh.

On Thursday, police arrested three men for brutally attacking the mother of a rape victim after she refused to withdraw her complaint.

The attack, in the town of Etawah, followed the May 11 rape of the woman's teenage daughter. A local man was arrested after the mother filed a complaint with authorities.

Five men — including the father, a brother and a cousin of the man accused in the rape — followed the victim's mother away from her house on Monday and beat her relentlessly, demanding she drop the accusation, said Dinesh Kumar, the town's police superintendent. The mother was in critical condition in a hospital, with numerous broken bones and internal injuries.

Police arrested three men Thursday for the attack and were looking for two others.

On Wednesday, a 17-year-old woman was attacked in a field and raped by four men in southwestern Uttar Pradesh, police said. One man has been arrested.

## East Ukraine's uneasy silence raises leadership questions

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DONETSK, Ukraine — The scruffy rebels who normally wander about the headquarters of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic were mostly out of view on Friday, replaced by a disciplined new faction who showed up a day earlier with an armored personnel carrier and anti-aircraft gun.

The separatists' so-called prime minister said nothing has changed — but something has clearly shifted in Ukraine's troubled east.

The balance of power in the region has teetered wildly this week. After Ukrainians elected Petro Poroshenko as the country's president and Russia said it would respect the vote, hopes rose for a resolution to the conflict between the central government and the insurgents who want Donetsk to be part of Russia.

But a day later, the rebels launched an exceptionally bold assault, seizing Donetsk's airport. Ukraine's military responded with previously unseen ferocity, launching airstrikes and sending in paratroopers to retake the airport.

To some, the rebel operation looked like a desperate last stand. But on Thursday, insurgents shot down a Ukrainian military helicopter, killing 12 soldiers, including a general. The same day, the murky Vostok Battalion militiamen took over rebel headquarters in the 11-story Donetsk regional administration building, demanding it be evacuated because of what they said was the presence of looters.

The Vostok Battalion's wrath was ostensibly about the ransacking of a supermarket during the battle for the airport, but some interpreted their move as a power grab.

## Thai coup leader says peace, reform needed before elections can be held

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BANGKOK — In his first address to the public since taking control of Thailand in a bloodless coup, the head of the military junta said Friday that it could take more than a year for new elections to be held because peace and reforms must be achieved first.

Army commander Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha repeated warnings against protests or resistance to the army's May 22 takeover, saying they would slow the process of bringing back "happiness" to the Thai people.

A return to democracy will not happen if there are still "protests without a true understanding of democracy," he said.

The speech was meant to reassure Thais that the army has a plan to keep the country stable and restore democracy.

But it was unlikely to win favor among supporters of the ousted civilian government because it laid out broadly the same program advocated by anti-government protesters who demonstrated aggressively for seven months to try to topple it, clashing with police and occupying government offices.

Prayuth said it would take the junta, called the National Council for Peace and Order, at least two to three months to achieve reconciliation in the deeply divided country, then take about



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Photographers take pictures of a boy posing with Thai soldiers guarding the square at Victory Monument to prevent anti-coup demonstration in Bangkok, Thailand on Friday.

a year to write a new constitution and set up an interim government. Only then could elections be held, he said.

"Give us time to solve the problems for you. Then the soldiers will step back to look at Thailand from afar," he said.

The United States, a longtime ally of Thailand, said it believed elections should be held sooner.

"Certainly we don't want anything to end in chaos. But we think setting a timeline for early elections is something that is not just possible, but it's what the appropriate step is and that should be what their focus is on," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters in Washington.

Prayuth did not mention former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, whose political machine was the protesters' main target. Thaksin, who is at

the center of Thailand's political divide, was overthrown in a 2006 military coup after being accused of corruption and abuse of power. His sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, was prime minister of the government that was besieged by protesters. Her government won a landslide election victory three years ago.

Prayuth explained the reasons for the army's action, and the junta's plans for administering the country, emphasizing financial stability and transparency.

"The reason NCPO has taken control of national administration was because of the prolonged political deadlock, protests, and violence," he said. "The caretaker government was unable to perform their duties effectively," and the situation risked hurting the economy, he said.

English-language subtitles accompanied Prayuth's speech, which was broadcast on all television stations.

"The NCPO does understand the feelings of the foreigners," he said. "We do understand the world's order, that at the moment, it's the world of democracy. But let us have time to change our attitudes, values and several other things to solve Thailand's democracy to make it match with the international standards."

In the past week, the junta has moved to silence its critics and warned that it will not tolerate dissent.

It has summoned more than 250 people, including members of the ousted government and other leading political figures, journalists, scholars and activists seen as critical of the regime. Roughly 70 people are still in custody.

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## The president and the pupils

**P**ublic university presidents across America are pulling down big bucks as their students accumulate massive debt and are increasingly taught by part-time faculty. In fact, a new study has found that the universities with the highest-paid presidents have seen student debt and the use of adjunct faculty grow at a much faster pace than the average public university.

The study by the Institute for Policy Studies, a left-leaning Washington research group, looked at the 25 public universities with the highest executive pay from fall 2005 to summer 2012.

The University of Florida ranked 14th on the list, paying President Bernie Machen a total of more than \$4.3 million over that period, according to the study.

The study found that average annual executive pay at the 25 universities grew to nearly \$1 million in 2012. At the same time, the number of permanent faculty fell. By fall 2012, adjuncts and other part-time faculty outnumbered permanent professors at those universities for the first time.

The student debt crisis — which observers have been busily reminding us has reached the \$1 trillion mark nationally — is also worse at universities with the highest-paid presidents, according to the report. Yet, inexplicably, administrative spending outstripped scholarship spending at those schools by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

As UF searches for a new president, the study shows that high presidential pay doesn't necessarily translate to a better learning environment for students.

To Machen's credit, he has made a priority of providing scholarships to first-generation students. In 2008, he donated his \$285,000 in performance bonuses to the scholarships.

Nonetheless, Machen has been well compensated in his tenure at UF. His performance bonuses were eventually replaced by retirement contributions and retention bonuses worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. He was given a raise last year that brought his pay to more than \$725,000 annually.

His compensation isn't unusual and, in fact, puts him below some of his peers. Machen's compensation ranked 26th among public university presidents in the Chronicle of Higher Education's recently released survey.

The Institute for Policy Studies proposes that state legislatures consider measures to rein in presidential pay. The group recommends limiting administrative salaries to 10 times the pay of the lowest-paid faculty member. It also proposes limiting university spending on administration to twice the amount spent on scholarships.

However the issue is addressed, university presidents shouldn't be compensated at the expense of students and faculty, and it seems that is what is happening, at least to some extent.

As UF seeks to become a top 10 public university, it should worry less about how its presidential pay ranks and more about whether students are accumulating increasing debt for a watered-down academic experience.

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## Truth on Ukraine and Jews

**I**n early April, swastikas and "Death to the Jews" were painted on walls surrounding the Jewish cemetery in this legendary city on the Black Sea. The graffiti was signed "Right Sector," the name of an ultranationalist movement that took part in the February revolt that ousted the pro-Russian President Viktor Yanukovich.

The Kremlin claims that Ukraine's rebels — who want the country to turn toward Europe rather than Russia — are riddled with anti-Semites and neofascists. The desecration in Odessa seems to fit those charges. But what I heard from Avram Wolff, Odessa's chief rabbi — and from Jews from all over Ukraine — contradicts Moscow's propaganda machine.

Wolff told me that a top Right Sector leader quickly came to his office and denied the group's involvement. "I asked him to prove it by painting over the graffiti," the rabbi told me in his book-lined office. Soon the militiaman, wearing his fatigues with a neofascist shoulder patch, was standing shoulder to shoulder with the bearded Chabad-Lubavitcher rabbi erasing the swastikas.

Odessa, whose huge Jewish population was decimated during World War II, is still home to 40,000 Jews and three synagogues; Wolff runs an active congregation, including schools, orphanages and a university, and a newsletter distributed to 15,000 families. "To say there is no anti-semitism in Ukraine is not accurate, because there is anti-semitism everywhere," says Wolff. "Jews had no real problems, maybe the occasional incident, before the current conflict."

"In this conflict," he adds, "there is no involvement of anti-semitism. This is strictly between Ukraine and Russia."

He believes that pro-Russian provocateurs, like the ones he thinks scrawled the graffiti, seek to frighten Jews into asking Russia for help, thus confirming the Kremlin's charges.



*Trudy Rubin*  
 MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

The Russian message resonates in some circles because of the role Right Sector, and Ukraine's far-right nationalist party Svoboda, played in the Euromaidan revolt and the handful of posts they got in the current interim government.

But Russia grossly exaggerates the role of both groups, according to Josef Zissels, the chairman of the Association of Jewish Organizations and Communities in Ukraine. "Every society has right-wing people," he says. "The question is, what is their strength in society, and what is the mainstream?"

This week's Ukrainian presidential election gave a clear answer: The Right Sector candidate, Dmitry Yarosh, won 1 percent of the vote; Oleh Tyahnybok of Svoboda received 1.3 percent. Neither did as well as Jewish businessman Vadim Rabinovich, with 2 percent. Compare that with French and British votes for ultranationalist parties in Sunday's European Parliament elections, respectively 25 and 27 percent.

Moreover, Ukrainians of Jewish descent hold critical government posts, including Volodymyr Groysman, 37, a vice prime minister who is designing the critical plan to devolve more power to the regions. When I asked him about Russian claims of anti-semitism in the government, he gave a disgusted look and shot back: "That's a perfect example of black is white and white is black."

I heard the same complaints about Russian propaganda from Jewish activists in the Euromaidan revolution, who noted that anti-semitism in Russia is much more blatant than in Ukraine. Jewish journalist Andrei Mysh of Donetsk told me the only anti-semitism that

disturbed him was the rhetoric of local pro-Russian separatists and the language on Russian TV.

Of course, much of the reason why Russian claims find receptive ears lies with history. My grandparents, who fled Ukraine when it was ruled by the tsars, told me stories of pogroms. Ukraine's nationalist hero Stepan Bandera allied with the Nazis in the struggle to win independence from the Soviet Union (he was ultimately sent to a German concentration camp). This was after dictator Josef Stalin had deliberately starved millions of Ukrainian peasants to death in the 1930s.

Some Ukrainian nationalists and police took part in anti-Jewish pogroms during World War II. (Was that the case, I wonder, when the Germans killed 3,000 Jews from my grandmother's town of Mezritsch near Rovno, in August, 1942 — something I learned about for the first time from Rabbi Wolff — or might Ukrainians have helped save the 100 survivors?)

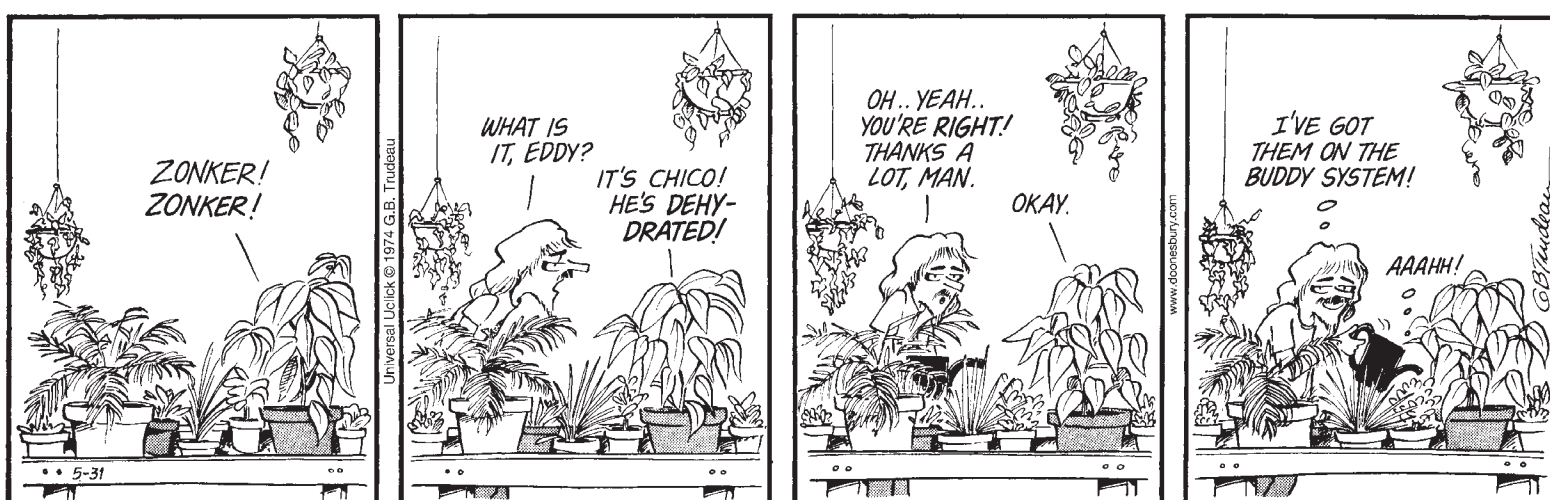
But that was then. Today's Ukraine is a very different place.

It's a place where Ihor Shchupak heads a Department of Holocaust studies at the Jewish Museum and a huge Jewish community center in Dnipropetrovsk, and lectures to university and high school teachers all over Ukraine. And, oh yes, the very successful governor of Dnipropetrovsk, Ihor Kolomoisky, is also of Jewish descent.

It's a place where preconceptions about anti-semitism confront a reality that is oh-so-different. On a Saturday night in the lovely City Park in Odessa, filled with open-air cafes around a bandstand, a singer was belting out "Hava Nagila," while elderly Jewish (and non-Jewish) ladies danced to the music. It could have been Brooklyn. When it comes to Jewish life in Ukraine, things are not what you expect.

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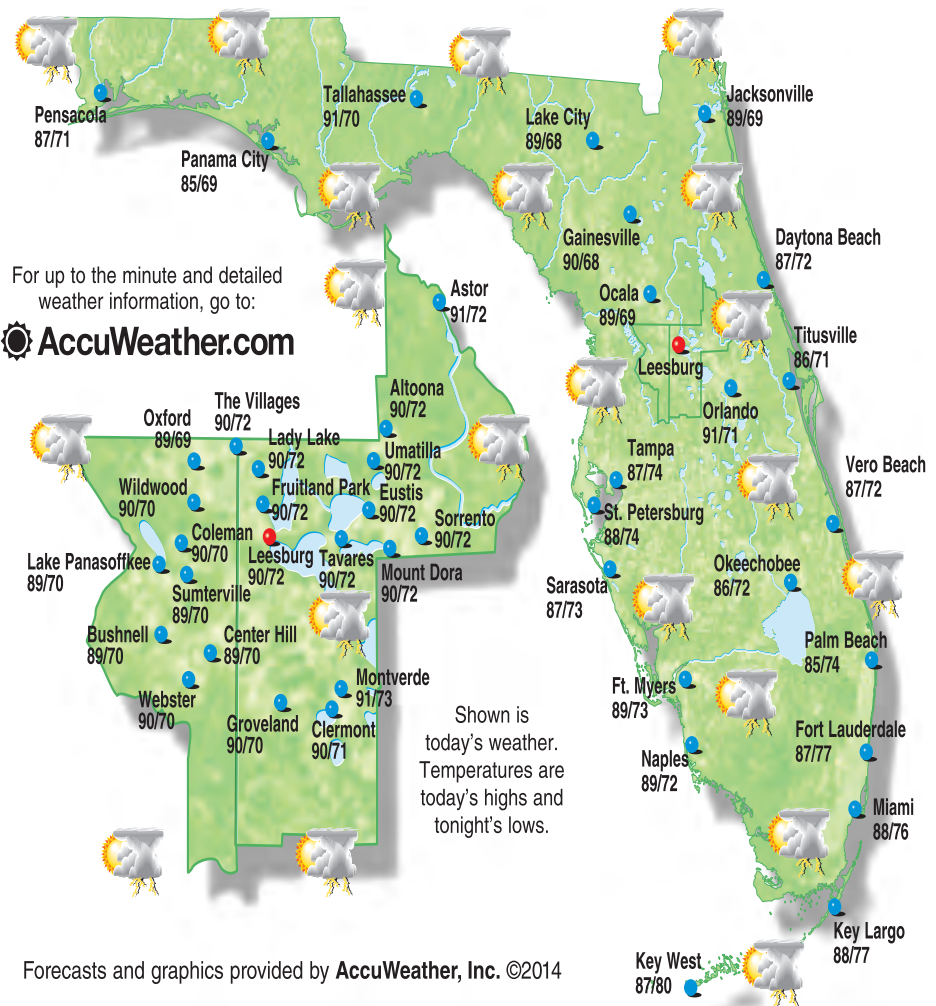


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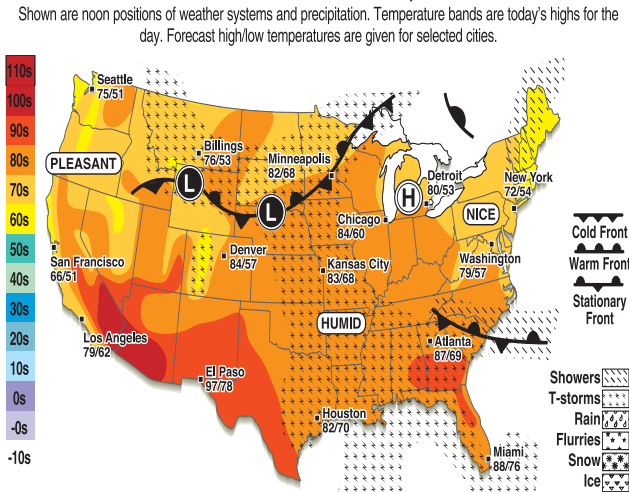
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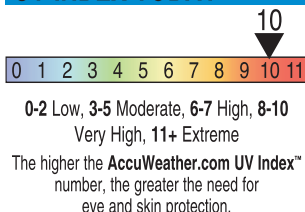
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**SOLAR TABLE**

The solar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today 2:13 a.m.	8:25 a.m.	2:37 p.m.	8:49 p.m.
Sun. 3:06 a.m.	9:18 a.m.	3:29 p.m.	9:41 p.m.

**THE SUN AND MOON**

	Today	Sunday	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise	6:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m.				
Sunset	8:21 p.m.	8:21 p.m.				
Moonrise	9:00 a.m.	9:52 a.m.				
Moonset	10:46 p.m.	11:27 p.m.				
			June 5	June 12	June 19	June 27

**TIDES**

Homosassa		Day		High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	7:45 am .....1.1	2:55 am	.....0.0	Sun.	8:21 am .....1.1	3:29 am	.....0.0
	6:46 pm .....1.4	2:40 pm	.....0.4		7:24 pm .....1.3	3:17 pm	.....0.4
Daytona Beach		Day		High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	10:36 am .....3.6	4:30 am	.....0.1	Sun.	11:17 am .....3.6	5:10 am	.....0.3
	10:52 pm .....4.2	4:29 pm	.....0.2		11:31 pm .....4.0	5:11 pm	.....0.4

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Sunday	City	Today	Sunday	City	Today	Sunday	City	Today	Sunday
Albany	74 45 pc	78 51 s	Cheyenne	78 52 t	80 47 pc	Great Falls	71 46 t	65 43 t	Norfolk, VA	75 59 s	72 56 s
Albuquerque	90 67 s	94 65 s	Chicago	84 60 s	85 66 t	Greensboro, NC	81 57 pc	79 59 s	Oklahoma City	85 69 pc	88 70 pc
Anchorage	54 46 sh	58 48 sh	Cincinnati	83 60 s	87 68 pc	Hartford	69 41 pc	78 49 s	Omaha	86 68 t	88 69 t
Asheville	80 61 sh	76 54 s	Cleveland	75 51 s	81 62 s	Honolulu	88 75 s	86 74 pc	Philadelphia	77 54 s	79 56 s
Atlanta	87 69 t	81 64 pc	Columbia, SC	87 65 t	83 59 s	Houston	82 70 t	86 71 t	Phoenix	107 82 pc	106 81 s
Atlantic City	71 49 s	71 48 s	Concord, NH	67 36 pc	78 45 s	Indianapolis	83 60 s	84 68 pc	Pittsburgh	78 52 s	81 59 s
Baltimore	78 52 s	78 54 s	Dallas	83 72 t	89 73 pc	Jackson, MS	85 65 t	90 68 t	Portland, ME	63 42 pc	72 48 s
Billings	76 53 t	71 48 t	Dayton	81 56 s	83 67 pc	Kansas City	83 68 t	85 70 t	Portland, OR	78 54 pc	76 54 pc
Birmingham	89 69 t	87 69 t	Denver	84 57 t	87 52 pc	Las Vegas	99 80 s	96 79 s	Providence	67 46 pc	75 52 s
Bismarck	76 60 t	76 55 t	Des Moines	81 67 t	86 69 t	Little Rock	82 69 t	85 70 t	Raleigh	82 56 pc	82 58 s
Boise	84 52 pc	78 53 pc	Detroit	80 53 s	82 64 pc	Louisville	87 64 s	90 70 t	Reno	80 53 pc	83 56 pc
Boston	62 49 pc	72 55 s	Duluth	76 57 t	74 53 t	Memphis	87 71 t	88 72 t	Richmond	80 54 s	78 54 s
Buffalo	73 50 s	79 57 s	El Paso	97 78 s	102 78 s	Milwaukee	72 56 s	79 63 t	Sacramento	84 52 s	88 54 s
Burlington, VT	71 46 pc	78 54 s	Fargo	77 62 r	80 61 sh	Minneapolis	82 68 t	85 67 t	St. Louis	86 70 pc	86 72 t
Charleston, SC	87 67 t	82 62 pc	Fairbanks	65 41 sh	60 42 pc	Nashville	88 67 t	87 68 t	Salt Lake City	84 54 pc	78 55 pc
Charleston, WV	84 55 s	86 62 s	Flagstaff	80 47 pc	79 48 s	New Orleans	86 72 t	88 72 t	San Antonio	90 71 t	90 72 pc
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### SECOND DAY SAME AS THE FIRST FOR FLORIDA



Florida players celebrate on the pitcher's mound during the seventh inning against Oregon after beating Oregon 4-0 on Friday at the NCAA Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City. Florida won 4-0.

## UF, Rogers blank Ducks

MURRAY EVANS  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Hannah Rogers threw her fifth shutout of the postseason, Bailey Castro went 3 for 4 with a homer and two RBIs and Florida beat top-seeded Oregon 4-0 on Friday night in the Women's College World Series.

Florida (52-12) moved within a win of reaching the best-of-three championship series and will be off until Sunday. Oregon (55-8-1) will face an

elimination game today against Baylor or Florida State.

The Gators have won seven of their eight NCAA tournament games by shutout, dominating the opposition. Florida's opening-round 11-0 rout of Baylor on Thursday was only the fourth five-inning run-rule win in the WCWS in the past 16 years.

Rogers (28-8) tossed her second straight three-hitter, having also blanked Baylor.

Castro homered in



Florida's Kelsey Stewart, back, makes it to second base before Oregon shortstop Nikki Udria makes the catch during the third inning of Friday's NCAA Women's College World Series action in Oklahoma City.

the second inning off Oregon starter Cheridan Hawkins (34-5) and started a three-run third-inning outburst for the Gators with an RBI single.

Former South Sumter High School Kirsti Meritt went 2-for-3 for the Gators and raised her batting average to .302 for the season. She also scored a run.

### LEESBURG

## LSSC baseball player earns honor

FRANK JOLLEY | Staff Writer  
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Chris Blanton is the epitome of a student-athlete.

The Lake-Sumter State College catcher delivered a solid career for the Lakehawks with a .231 batting average in 2014 and sported a .994 fielding percentage behind the plate.

Solid numbers for sure, but it is in the classroom where Blanton takes things to another level.

Blanton became the first student-athlete in LSSC history to win the Florida College System Activities Association Male Scholar Athlete of the Year award, the

highest honor a student-athlete can receive from the Florida College System. Previously, Blanton was named the Bill Tu-

ten Baseball Scholar-Athlete from the FCSAA Baseball Committee and the Mid-Florida Conference Male Scholar Athlete of the



BLANTON

Year.

"It is quite impressive and no small feat that Chris has been selected for all three awards in a single year," said LSSC Athletic Director Mike Matulia. "We are extremely proud of him. Chris received these awards based on his tremendous accomplishments as a

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## Casey surges, McIlroy tumbles at Memorial

DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

DUBLIN, Ohio — Paul Casey expected to be chasing someone Friday in the Memorial, figuring it would be Rory McIlroy.

After two holes, Casey had the lead to himself at Muirfield Village, and that was only the start of another big day. He took advantage of the par 5s for another 6-under 66, giving him a three-shot lead over Masters champion Bubba Watson going into the weekend.

McIlroy, whose 63

was the lowest first round in the 39-year history of the tournament, was barely in the picture. He was 15 shots worse with a 78, courtesy of three straight double bogeys and his fourth straight PGA Tour event with a nine-hole score of 40 or higher. McIlroy went from a three-shot lead to nine shots behind.

"To be honest, I thought I was going to be playing a round to try and maybe catch a couple of guys," Casey said. "I woke up

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## Djokovic, Federer into fourth round in Paris

JEROME PUGMIRE  
Associated Press

PARIS — Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer both needed four sets to reach the fourth round of the French Open on Friday, while Agnieszka Radwanska's third-round defeat means the top three seeded women have all been eliminated in the first week.

The second-seeded Djokovic looked sluggish at times but beat Marin Cilic 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4, improving to 9-0 in their head-to-head meetings.

Federer, meanwhile, was in total control before wasting four set



DJOKOVIC



FEDERER

points in the second set on his way to a 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-4 win against Dmitry

Tursunov.

"I'm pleased I found a way and played it solid and tough toward the very end," Federer said. "When somebody

serves big like he does, it's sometimes a bit difficult."

In women's third-round play, four-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova needed only 51 minutes to blank Paula Ormaechea of Argentina 6-0, 6-0.

Earlier, third-seeded Radwanska became the latest women's favorite

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Paul Casey tees off on the 15th hole during Friday's second round of the Memorial in Dublin, Ohio.

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**BASKETBALL**  
**NBA Playoffs**  
**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Miami 3, Indiana 2**  
 Sunday, May 18: Indiana 107, Miami 96  
 Tuesday, May 20: Miami 87, Indiana 83  
 Saturday, May 24: Miami 99, Indiana 87  
 Monday, May 26: Miami 102, Indiana 90  
 Wednesday, May 28: Indiana 93, Miami 90  
 Friday, May 30: Indiana at Miami, late  
 x-Sunday, June 1: Miami at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**San Antonio 3, Oklahoma City 2**  
 Monday, May 19: San Antonio 122, Oklahoma City 105  
 Wednesday, May 21: San Antonio 112, Oklahoma City 77  
 Sunday, May 25: Oklahoma City 106, San Antonio 97  
 Tuesday, May 27: Oklahoma City 105, San Antonio 92  
 Thursday, May 29: San Antonio 117, Oklahoma City 89  
 Saturday, May 31: San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 8:30 p.m.  
 x-Monday, June 2: Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 9 p.m.

**HOCKEY**  
**NHL Playoffs**  
**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**N.Y. Rangers 4, Montreal 2**  
 Saturday, May 17: N.Y. Rangers 7, Montreal 2  
 Monday, May 19: NY Rangers 3, Montreal 1  
 Thursday, May 22: Montreal 3, NY Rangers 2, OT  
 Sunday, May 25: NY Rangers 3, Montreal 2, OT  
 Tuesday, May 27: Montreal 7, NY Rangers 4  
 Thursday, May 29: NY Rangers 1, Montreal 0  
**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Los Angeles 3, Chicago 2**  
 Sunday, May 18: Chicago 3, Los Angeles 1  
 Wednesday, May 21: Los Angeles 6, Chicago 2  
 Saturday, May 24: Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3  
 Monday, May 26: Los Angeles 5, Chicago 2  
 Wednesday, May 28: Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 2OT  
 Friday, May 30: Chicago at Los Angeles, late  
 x-Sunday, June 1: Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.

**SOFTBALL**  
**NCAA Division I World Series**  
**At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium**  
**Oklahoma City**  
**Double Elimination; x-if necessary**  
**Thursday, May 29**  
 Game 1 — Florida 11, Baylor 0, 5 innings  
 Game 2 — Oregon 3, Florida State 0  
 Game 3 — Kentucky 4, Louisiana-Lafayette 1  
 Game 4 — Alabama 6, Oklahoma 2  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 5 — Florida 4, Oregon 0  
 Game 6 — Kentucky (49-14) vs. Alabama (51-11), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 7 — Baylor (47-15) vs. Florida State (55-8), Noon  
 Game 8 — Louisiana-Lafayette (49-9) vs. Oklahoma

(50-12), 2:30 p.m.  
 Game 9 — Oregon (55-8) vs. Game 7 winner, 7 p.m.  
 Game 10 — Game 6 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 9:30 p.m.  
**BASEBALL**  
**NCAA Division I Regionals**  
**Double Elimination; x-if necessary**  
**At Davenport Field**  
**Charlottesville, Va.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Virginia 10, Bucknell 1  
 Game 2 — Liberty (41-16) vs. Arkansas (38-23), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Bucknell (30-20-1) vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Virginia (45-13) vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

**At Carolina Stadium**  
**Columbia, S.C.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Maryland 4, Old Dominion 3  
 Game 2 — South Carolina (42-16) vs. Campbell (40-19), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Old Dominion (36-25) vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Maryland (37-21) vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

**At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium**  
**Gainesville**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Long Beach State 6, North Carolina 1  
 Game 2 — Florida (40-21) vs. College of Charleston (41-17), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — North Carolina (34-26) vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Long Beach State (33-24) vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

**At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field**  
**Coral Gables**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Texas Tech 3, Columbia 2  
 Game 2 — Miami (41-17) vs. Bethune-Cookman (26-31), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Columbia (29-19) vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Texas Tech (41-18) vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

**At Dick Howser Stadium**  
**Tallahassee**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Kennesaw State 1, Alabama 0  
 Game 2 — Florida State (43-15) vs. Georgia Southern (39-21), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Alabama (34-23) vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Kennesaw State (38-21) vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.

**At Jim Patterson Stadium**  
**Louisville, Ky.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 1 — Kansas (34-24) vs. Kentucky (35-23), late  
 Game 2 — Louisville (45-15) vs. Kent State (36-21), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.

**At Bart Kaufman Field**  
**Bloomington, Ind.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Stanford 8, Indiana State 1  
 Game 2 — Indiana (42-13) vs. Youngstown State (16-36), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Indiana State (35-17) vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Stanford (31-23) vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.

**At Hawkins Field**  
**Nashville, Tenn.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Oregon 18, Clemson 1  
 Game 2 — Vanderbilt (41-18) vs. Xavier (29-27), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Clemson (36-24) vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Oregon (43-18) vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

**At Swayze Field**  
**Oxford, Miss.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 1 — Georgia Tech (36-25) vs. Washington (39-15-1), p.p.d., rain  
 Game 2 — Mississippi (41-18) vs. Jacksonville State (36-25), p.p.d., rain  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 1 — Georgia Tech (36-25) vs. Washington (39-15-1), 2 p.m.  
 Game 2 — Mississippi (41-18) vs. Jacksonville State (36-25), 6 p.m.

**At Alex Box Stadium**  
**Baton Rouge, La.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 LSU 8, Southeastern Louisiana 4  
 Game 2 — Bryant (42-14) vs. Houston (44-15), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Southeastern Louisiana (37-24) vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.  
 Game 4 — LSU (45-14-1) vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

**At M.L. Tighe Moore Field**  
**Lafayette, La.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Mississippi State 5, San Diego State 2

Game 2 — Louisiana-Lafayette (53-7) vs. Jackson State (31-23), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — San Diego State (42-20) vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Mississippi State (38-22) vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.  
**At Allie P. Reynolds Stadium**  
**Stillwater, Okla.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Cal State Fullerton 5, Nebraska 1  
 Game 2 — Oklahoma State (45-16) vs. Binghamton (25-25), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Nebraska (40-20) vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Cal State Fullerton (33-22) vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.

**At Charlie and Marie Lupton Stadium**  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Sam Houston State 2, Dallas Baptist 1  
 Game 2 — TCU (42-15) vs. Siena (26-31), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Dallas Baptist (40-20) vs. Game 2 loser, 3:30 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Sam Houston State (42-17) vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

**At Reckling Park**  
**Houston**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 1 — Texas 8, Texas A&M 1  
 Game 2 — Rice (41-18) vs. George Mason (34-20), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Texas A&M (33-25) vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Texas (39-18) vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.

**At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field**  
**Corvallis, Ore.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 1 — UC Irvine 10, UNLV 3  
 Game 2 — Oregon State (42-12) vs. North Dakota State (25-24), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — UNLV (35-24) vs. Game 2 loser, 5 p.m.  
 Game 4 — UC Irvine (36-22) vs. Game 2 winner, 11 p.m.

**At Baggett Stadium**  
**San Luis Obispo, Calif.**  
**Friday, May 30**  
 Game 1 — Pepperdine 3, Arizona State 2  
 Game 2 — Cal Poly (45-10) vs. Sacramento State (39-22), late  
**Saturday, May 31**  
 Game 3 — Arizona State (33-23) vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m.  
 Game 4 — Pepperdine (40-16) vs. Game 2 winner, 9 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
**French Open**  
**Friday**  
**At Stade Roland Garros**  
**Paris**  
**Purse: \$34.12 million (Grand Slam)**  
**Surface: Clay-Outdoor**  
**Singles**  
**Men**  
**Third Round**  
 Ernests Gulbis (18), Latvia, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.  
 Roger Federer (4), Switzerland, def. Dmitry Tursunov (31), Russia, 7-5, 6-7 (7), 6-2, 6-4.  
 Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Marin Cilic (25), Croatia, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-4.  
 John Isner (10), United States, def. Tommy Robredo (17), Spain, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3), 6-7 (5), 7-5.  
 Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Republic, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (27), Spain, 6-1, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-4.  
 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13), France, def. Jerzy Janowicz (22), Poland, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.  
 Milos Raonic (8), Canada, def. Gilles Simon (29), France, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.  
 Marcel Granollers, Spain, leads Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-7 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (4), susp., darkness.

**Women**  
**Third Round**  
 Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Sam Stosur (19), Australia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (9), Slovakia, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Carla Suarez Navarro (14), Spain, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 6-2, 6-2.  
 Garbine Muguruza, Spain, def. Anna Schmiedlova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Maria Sharapova (7), Russia, def. Paula Ormaechea, Argentina, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Pauline Parmentier, France, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 1-6, 6-1, 7-5.  
 Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Daniela Hantuchova (31), Slovakia, 7-5, 6-3.

**GOLF**  
**PGA Tour**  
**Memorial**  
**Friday**  
**At Muirfield Village Golf Club course**  
**Dublin, Ohio**  
**Purse: \$6.2 million**  
**Yardage: 7,392; Par: 72**  
**Second Round**  
 Paul Casey 66-66 — 132  
 Bubba Watson 66-69 — 135  
 Chris Kirk 66-70 — 136

Hideki Matsuyama 70-67 — 137  
 Martin Flores 69-87 — 137  
 Thorbjorn Olesen 71-87 — 138  
 Hunter Mahan 68-70 — 138  
 Ryan Moore 68-70 — 138  
 Scott Langley 72-66 — 138  
 Camilo Villegas 71-68 — 139  
 Scott Brown 70-69 — 139  
 Brendon Todd 71-68 — 139  
 Gary Woodland 71-68 — 139  
 Adam Scott 69-70 — 139  
 Robert Streb 72-67 — 139  
 Marc Leishman 71-68 — 139  
 Bill Haas 73-67 — 140  
 Nick Watney 69-71 — 140  
 Justin Hicks 73-67 — 140  
 Ben Curtis 69-71 — 140  
 Billy Horschel 71-69 — 140  
 Luke Donald 71-69 — 140  
 Jason Dufner 72-69 — 141  
 Kevin Na 72-69 — 141  
 Jordan Spieth 69-72 — 141  
 Dustin Johnson 73-68 — 141  
 Jason Day 72-69 — 141  
 Rory McIlroy 63-78 — 141  
 Charley Hoffman 69-72 — 141  
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**LPGA Tour**  
**Shoptite Classic**  
**Friday**  
**At Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club, Bay Course**  
**Galloway Township, N.J.**  
**Purse: \$1.5 million**  
**Yardage: 6,177; Par: 71 (37-34)**  
**First Round**  
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 Haru Nomura 32-31 — 63  
 Christina Kim 33-31 — 64  
 Na Yeon Choi 33-33 — 66  
 Inbee Park 33-33 — 66  
 Chella Choi 35-32 — 67  
 Laura Diaz 36-31 — 67  
 Sandra Gal 36-31 — 67  
 Sarah Kemp 34-33 — 67  
 Jennifer Kirby 36-31 — 67  
 Brittany Lewis 33-34 — 67  
 Brittany Lincicome 35-32 — 67  
 Gerina Piller 35-32 — 67  
 Michelle Wie 36-31 — 67  
 Jodi Ewart Shadoff 36-32 — 68  
 Mina Harigae 33-35 — 68  
 Katy Harris 36-32 — 68  
 Haegi Kang 36-32 — 68  
 Stacey Keating 38-30 — 68  
 Lydia Ko 35-33 — 68  
 Mi Hyang Lee 36-32 — 68  
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 Dori Carter 34-35 — 69  
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 Brittany Lincicome 37-32 — 69  
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 Ashleigh Simon 35-34 — 69  
 Kelly Tan 36-33 — 69  
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 Carlota Ciganda 36-34 — 70  
 Cristie Kerr 37-33 — 70  
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 Mirim Lee 37-33 — 70  
 Amelia Lewis 34-36 — 70

# TV2DAY

**AUTO RACING**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, pole qualifying for May Dover Race, at Dover, Del.  
**2 p.m.**  
**ESPN** — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, May Dover Race, at Dover, Del.  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**ABC** — IndyCar, Indy Dual in Detroit, race 1  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN** — NHRA, qualifying for Summernationals, at Englishtown, N.J.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL**  
**Noon**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD  
**4 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD  
**5 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD  
**7 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD  
**8 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD  
**11 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — NCAA, Division I playoffs, regionals, teams TBD

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
**Noon**  
**ESPN2** — World Series, game 7, Baylor vs. Florida St., at Oklahoma City  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN2** — World Series, game 8, La.-Lafayette vs. Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City  
**7 p.m.**  
**ESPN** — World Series, game 9, Oregon vs. Baylor-Florida St. winner, at Oklahoma City  
**9:30 p.m.**  
**ESPN** — World Series, game 10, Kentucky-Alabama loser vs. Louisiana-Lafayette- Oklahoma winner, at Oklahoma City

**GOLF**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**TGC** — PGA Tour, The Memorial Tournament, third round, at Dublin, Ohio  
**2:30 p.m.**  
**TGC** — LPGA, ShopRite Classic, second round, at Galloway, N.J.  
**3 p.m.**  
**CBS** — PGA Tour, The Memorial Tournament, third round, at Dublin, Ohio  
**5 p.m.**  
**TGC** — Champions Tour, Principal Charity Classic, second round, at Des Moines, Iowa

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
**MLB** — Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees  
**2 p.m.**  
**WGN** — San Diego at Chicago White Sox  
**4 p.m.**  
**FS1** — Atlanta at Miami  
**7 p.m.**  
**FOX** — Tampa Bay at Boston  
**10 p.m.**  
**MLB** — Detroit at Seattle

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**8:30 p.m.**  
**TNT** — Playoffs, conference finals, game 6, San Antonio at Oklahoma City  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**NBCSN** — Prefontaine Classic, at Eugene, Ore.  
**4:30 p.m.**  
**NBC** — Prefontaine Classic, at Eugene, Ore.

**TENNIS**  
**Noon**  
**NBC** — French Open, third round, at Paris

# LSSC

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student and athlete, as well as being a great ambassador for Lake-Sumter State College.” LSSC baseball coach Josh Holt said he considers Blanton one of the most highly regarded student-athletes in program history.

“His transcript clearly represents his breadth of academic excellence and willingness to be a leader in the classroom by achieving a 4.0 grade point average and the President’s List every semester at LSSC,” Holt said. “Chris has been on the FCSAA and the Mid-Florida Conference All-Academic teams and will achieve these honors as well as National Junior College Athletic Association Academic All-American honors this year. He was also selected by the LSSC Student Government Association and the FCSAA Student Government Association to attend the Florida Model United Nations program last fall at Santa Fe College.”

Holt said Blanton was recording at the FMUN program was a “leader,” as well as for “having a good sense of humor” and for “strong professionalism” by his peers.

In addition, Blanton served on the school’s SGA budget committee for two years and was a representative on the college wide Student Life committee. He is a two-time All-Conference Academic Team and All-State Academic team.

Blanton also was LSSC’s 2014 Student-Athlete of the Year.

Blanton expects to attend the University of Central Florida in the fall.

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## GOLF

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checking the scores to see what Rory was going to be. That’s really what I was going to be doing — see how many under I was going to have to try to shoot to chase. Obviously, that didn’t happen.”

Casey, taking another step on a long road back from injuries that nearly derailed his career, was at 12-under 132.

He made his first birdie with his best drive of the day on the par-5 11th, setting up a 4-iron onto the green

for a two-putt birdie. He made eagle on the par-5 15th hole for the second straight day, and he stuffed it close around the turn for birdies to start pulling away from the field.

Watson gave him a good run in an active round that featured six birdies, five bogeys and an eagle. He only was angry at a few shots where he failed to concentrate. Even so, a bogey-bogey finish wasn’t enough to entirely ruin his day. Watson has never finished better than 23rd in eight previous appearances.

“I can’t look at the bo-

geys,” Watson said. “I’ve got to look at where I’m at. If you told me it’s my best two days around this golf course, I’d take it.”

Chris Kirk (70) was four shots behind. Hideki Matsuyama (67) and Martin Flores (68) were five back.

Adam Scott, who won Colonial in his debut at No. 1 in the world, shot 70 and was at 5-under 139, still in the mix depending on how Casey fares on the weekend. Phil Mickelson was happy to get in two more rounds. He shot a 70, though he was 10 shots back.

Casey, once a Ryder Cup regular who reached as high as No. 3 in the world, is slowly getting his game and his life back in the right place. He endured injuries to his shoulder and his toe that kept him winless for more than two years. He went through a divorce. He wondered if he would ever return to the brand of golf he was capable of playing.

Weeks like this offer promise.

Casey won the Irish Open a year ago with what he called “spectacular” golf. The game is still there.

## FRENCH

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to go out, losing 6-4, 6-4 to unseeded Ajla Tomljanovic of Croatia. She followed No. 1 Serena Williams and No. 2 Li Na out of the tournament.

The seventh-seeded Sharapova next faces Samantha Stosur of Australia. The 19th-seeded Stosur, runner-up in 2010, beat No. 9 Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-4, 6-4.

Sharapova won the title at Roland Garros in 2012 — something Djokovic has never done.

The Serb lost to eight-time champion Rafael Nadal in the semifinals last year.

Djokovic dropped serve early on Friday to trail 3-1, made sloppy unforced errors in the tiebreaker, and was broken back in the fourth set after leading 4-2. He sealed the victory on his first match point when the 25th-seeded Croat double-faulted.

“Physically I had to work very hard, because he was very aggressive,” Djokovic said. “First two sets and beginning of the third I had some chances to break him and get the

job done in straight sets, but he started playing a little bit better.”</





# The skinny on the Big Leagues MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Box scores and results for games ending after 10 p.m. will appear in our next edition.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

### EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Toronto	32	23	.582	—	—	9-1	L-1	16-12	16-11
New York	28	24	.538	2½	—	5-5	W-1	11-11	17-13
Baltimore	26	26	.500	4½	2	4-6	L-3	11-12	15-14
Boston	24	29	.453	7	4½	4-6	W-4	12-17	12-12
Tampa Bay	23	31	.426	8½	6	4-6	L-3	12-14	11-17

### CENTRAL

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Detroit	30	20	.600	—	—	3-7	W-1	14-11	16-9
Chicago	28	27	.509	4½	1½	7-3	W-3	16-12	12-15
Kansas City	25	28	.472	6½	3½	3-7	W-1	13-14	12-14
Minnesota	24	27	.471	6½	3½	3-7	L-2	13-14	11-13
Cleveland	24	30	.444	8	5	5-5	L-4	15-11	9-19

### WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Oakland	32	22	.593	—	—	4-6	L-1	14-12	18-10
Los Angeles	30	23	.566	1½	—	6-4	W-1	15-13	15-10
Texas	28	26	.519	4	1	7-3	W-2	13-13	15-13
Seattle	26	27	.491	5½	2½	5-5	L-1	12-14	14-13
Houston	23	32	.418	9½	6½	6-4	W-6	11-15	12-17

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Texas 5, Minnesota 4  
Detroit 5, Oakland 4  
Kansas City 8, Toronto 6, 10 innings  
Boston 4, Atlanta 3  
Houston 3, Baltimore 1  
L.A. Angels 7, Seattle 5

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Cleveland, late  
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, late  
Texas at Washington, late  
Kansas City at Toronto, late  
Tampa Bay at Boston, late  
Baltimore at Houston, late  
San Diego at Chicago White Sox, late  
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late  
Detroit at Seattle, late

### TODAY'S GAMES

Texas (Tepesch 2-0) at Washington (Fister 2-1), 12:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Correia 2-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-1), 1:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Undecided) at Toronto (Hutchison 4-3), 1:07 p.m.  
San Diego (T.Ross 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Rienzo 4-1), 2:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Morales 3-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 1-2), 3:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Tillman 4-2) at Houston (Keuchel 6-2), 4:10 p.m.  
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-4) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 0-0), 7:15 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-2) at Oakland (Milone 3-3), 10:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Smyly 2-3) at Seattle (C.Young 4-2), 10:10 p.m.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

### EAST

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	28	25	.528	—	—	4-6	L-4	18-12	10-13
Miami	28	25	.528	—	—	6-4	W-2	20-8	8-17
Washington	25	27	.481	2½	2½	3-7	L-2	14-14	11-13
New York	25	28	.472	3	3	5-5	W-3	13-17	12-11
Philadelphia	23	28	.451	4	4	4-6	L-1	11-16	12-12

### CENTRAL

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	32	22	.593	—	—	5-5	W-2	16-11	16-11
St. Louis	29	25	.537	3	—	6-4	L-2	15-10	14-15
Pittsburgh	24	29	.453	7½	4	6-4	W-1	16-13	8-16
Cincinnati	23	29	.442	8	4½	4-6	L-1	12-12	11-17
Chicago	19	32	.373	11½	8	5-5	L-2	10-13	9-19

### WEST

	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
San Francisco	35	19	.648	—	—	8-2	W-3	19-9	16-10
Colorado	28	25	.528	6½	—	4-6	L-1	16-7	12-18
Los Angeles	29	26	.527	6½	—	6-4	L-2	11-15	18-11
San Diego	24	30	.444	11	4½	3-7	L-1	14-15	10-15
Arizona	23	33	.411	13	6½	5-5	W-2	9-19	14-14

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets 4, Philadelphia 1  
Boston 4, Atlanta 3  
San Francisco 6, St. Louis 5  
Arizona 4, Cincinnati 0  
Pittsburgh 6, L.A. Dodgers 3

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Cleveland, late  
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, late  
Texas at Washington, late  
Atlanta at Miami, late  
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San Francisco (M.Cain 1-3) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-3), 2:15 p.m.  
Colorado (Morales 3-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 1-2), 3:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 0-2) at Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 1-5), 3:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (E.Santana 4-2) at Miami (Ja.Turner 1-2), 4:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-3) at Milwaukee (W.Peralta 4-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Cumpton 0-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 5-2), 7:15 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Cueto 4-4) at Arizona (McCarthy 1-6), 10:10 p.m.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING:** VMartinez, Detroit, .344; Ramirez, Chicago, .327; Cano, Seattle, .327; Rios, Texas, .325; Altuve, Houston, .325; MiCabrera, Detroit, .323; Kinsler, Detroit, .318.  
**RUNS:** Donaldson, Oakland, 44; Dozier, Minnesota, 43; Bautista, Toronto, 40; NCruz, Baltimore, 38; Encarnacion, Toronto, 37; Kinsler, Detroit, 37; MiCabrera, Toronto, 36.  
**RBI:** NCruz, Baltimore, 49; Encarnacion, Toronto, 48; MiCabrera, Detroit, 46; JAbreu, Chicago, 42; Moss, Oakland, 42; Donaldson, Oakland, 41; Brantley, Cleveland, 39.  
**HITS:** Altuve, Houston, 76; MiCabrera, Toronto, 72; Ramirez, Chicago, 69; Rios, Texas, 69; Cano, Seattle, 67; Kinsler, Detroit, 67; Markakis, Baltimore, 66.  
**DOUBLES:** Hosmer, Kansas City, 19; Kinsler, Detroit, 19; Plouffe, Minnesota, 19; MiCabrera, Detroit, 18; Pedroia, Boston, 18; Altuve, Houston, 17; EScobar, Minnesota, 15; Lowrie, Oakland, 15; Viedico, Chicago, 15.  
**HOME RUNS:** NCruz, Baltimore, 19; Encarnacion, Toronto, 18; JAbreu, Chicago, 15; Pujols, Los Angeles, 14; Bautista, Toronto, 13; Donaldson, Oakland, 13; VMartinez, Detroit, 12; Moss, Oakland, 12; Ortiz, Boston, 12.  
**STOLEN BASES:** Altuve, Houston, 19; RDavis, Detroit, 16; AEscobar, Kansas City, 15; Ellsbury, New York, 14; Andrus, Texas, 13; Dozier, Minnesota, 12; 5 tied at 11.  
**PITCHING:** Buehrle, Toronto, 9-1; Porcello, Detroit, 8-2; F Hernandez, Seattle, 7-1; Tanaka, New York, 7-1; 7 tied at 6.  
**ERA:** Tanaka, New York, 2.29; Gray, Oakland, 2.31; Buehrle, Toronto, 2.33; Darvish, Texas, 2.35; Kazmir, Oakland, 2.36; Keuchel, Houston, 2.55; F Hernandez, Seattle, 2.57.  
**STRIKEOUTS:** Price, Tampa Bay, 84; F Hernandez, Seattle, 83; Kluber, Cleveland, 83; Lester, Boston, 83; Scherzer, Detroit, 82; Tanaka, New York, 79; Darvish, Texas, 71.  
**SAVES:** Holland, Kansas City, 15; Perkins, Minnesota, 14; Nathan, Detroit, 13; Rodney, Seattle, 13; Tom-Hunter, Baltimore, 11; Uehara, Boston, 11; DavRobertson, New York, 11.



MATT SLOCUM / AP

Philadelphia's A.J. Burnett pitches during the first inning of Friday's game against the New York Mets in Philadelphia.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

**BATTING:** Tulowitzki, Colorado, .369; Puig, Los Angeles, .348; Utley, Philadelphia, .328; Lucroy, Milwaukee, .326; MaAdams, St. Louis, .325.  
**RUNS:** Tulowitzki, Colorado, 45; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 40; Pence, San Francisco, 40; Stanton, Miami, 38; MCarpenter, St. Louis, 37; Blackmon, Colorado, 35; CGomez, Milwaukee, 35; Yelich, Miami, 35.  
**RBI:** Stanton, Miami, 49; Puig, Los Angeles, 40; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 37; Morse, San Francisco, 37; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 37; AdGonzalez, Los Angeles, 36.  
**HITS:** Goldschmidt, Arizona, 68; DWright, New York, 67; DanMurphy, New York, 66; Puig, Los Angeles, 65; MaAdams, St. Louis, 63; Stanton, Miami, 63; Utley, Philadelphia, 63.  
**DOUBLES:** Goldschmidt, Arizona, 22; Utley, Philadelphia, 22; Lucroy, Milwaukee, 21; Arenado, Colorado, 17; MaAdams, St. Louis, 16; Byrd, Philadelphia, 16; HRamirez, Los Angeles, 16.  
**HOME RUNS:** Stanton, Miami, 15; Tulowitzki, Colorado, 14; JUpton, Atlanta, 13; AdGonzalez, Los Angeles, 12; Reynolds, Milwaukee, 12; CGomez, Milwaukee, 11; Morse, San Francisco, 11; Puig, Los Angeles, 11.  
**STOLEN BASES:** DGordon, Los Angeles, 32; BHamilton, Cincinnati, 18; EYoung, New York, 17; Revere, Philadelphia, 14; Bonifacio, Chicago, 12; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 12; ECabrera, San Diego, 11; Pagan, San Francisco, 11.  
**PITCHING:** Greinke, Los Angeles, 8-1; Wainwright, St. Louis, 8-2; Lohse, Milwaukee, 6-1; Lynn, St. Louis, 6-2; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 6-3; JDe La Rosa, Colorado, 6-3; Simon, Cincinnati, 6-3; SMiller, St. Louis, 6-4.  
**ERA:** Wainwright, St. Louis, 1.67; Samardzija, Chicago, 1.68; Teheran, Atlanta, 1.77; Cueto, Cincinnati, 1.83; Hudson, San Francisco, 1.92; W.Peralta, Milwaukee, 2.12; Greinke, Los Angeles, 2.18.  
**STRIKEOUTS:** Cueto, Cincinnati, 85; Strasburg, Washington, 81; Wainwright, St. Louis, 77; Greinke, Los Angeles, 76; Bumgarner, San Francisco, 75; Kennedy, San Diego, 72; Harang, Atlanta, 71.  
**SAVES:** Romo, San Francisco, 17; FRodriguez, Milwaukee, 17; Jansen, Los Angeles, 16; Rosenthal, St. Louis, 15; Street, San Diego, 15; AReed, Arizona, 14.

**Late Thursday**  
**Angels 7, Mariners 5**

Los Angeles		Seattle	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Calton rf	4 3 2 0	J.Jones cf	4 1 2 0
Aybar ss	5 1 3 3	Frkin 2b	4 0 0 0
Trout cf	3 0 3 2	MSndrs rf	2 2 1 0
Freese 3b	5 0 1 0	Smoak 1b	4 0 0 0
Cowgill pr/f	0 0 0 0	Seager 3b	4 1 1 2
HKndrc 2b	5 0 0 0	Romer dh	4 0 0 0
Ibanez dh	5 0 1 0	Ackley lf	4 0 0 0
Cron 1b	5 2 3 0	Zunino c	3 0 0 0
Conger c	3 0 0 0	BMiller ss	3 1 2 0
Green lf	4 1 1 1		
JMcDnl 3b	1 0 1 1		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>40 7 15 7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32 5 6 5</b>
<b>Los Angeles</b>	<b>100 401 001</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>000 201 002</b>

E-Seager (7), B.Miller (9), DP-Seattle 2, LOB-Los Angeles 12, Seattle 2, 2B-Calhoun (5), Cron (6), J.Jones (5), 3B-Ibanez (2), Cron (1), HR-Aybar (4), M.Saunders (3), Seager (7), SB-Aybar (4), SF-Trout, M.Saunders.

Snider ph-rf 0 0 0 0 C.Perez p 0 0 0 0  
JWright p 0 0 0 0  
**Totals** 35 6 12 6 **Totals** 32 3 7 3

**Pittsburgh** 010 011 300 — 6  
**Los Angeles** 110 001 000 — 3

E-H-Ramirez (8), DP-Pittsburgh 1, Los Angeles 1, LOB-Pittsburgh 7, Los Angeles 5, 2B-G.Sanchez (8), Puig (14), Ju.Turner (7), 3B-Ethier (2), HR-R.Martin (3), Alvarez (10), SB-D.Gordon 2 (32), H.Ramirez (4), CS-N.Walker (1), S.Marte (4), S-Cole 2, Federowicz.

**Pittsburgh** 6 1/3 6 3 3 2 3  
Cole W,5:3  
Watson H,12  
Melancon H,8  
Grilli S,6:9  
**Los Angeles** 6 8 3 3 0 2  
Haren 2/3 3 3 3 1 0  
League L,1:2  
Maholm 1/3 1 0 0 1 0  
C.Perez 1/3 1 0 0 0 0  
J.Wright 1/3 1 0 0 0 0

HBP-by C.Perez (Snider),  
Umpires-Home, Chris Guccione; First, Paul Nauert;  
Second, Eric Cooper; Third, Sean Barber.  
T-2:58. A-39,643 (56,000).

**Diamondbacks 4, Reds 0**

**Arizona**

ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
BHmltn cf	3 0 1 0	Pollock cf	4 2 2 0
Frazier 3b	3 0 0 0	Owings ss	4 0 1 0
Gltsch 1b	3 0 0 0	Gidsch 1b	3 0 0 0
Bruce rf	3 0 0 0	Prado 3b	4 1 2 1
Mesorc c	3 0 0 0	Hill 2b	4 1 3 2
Ludwick lf	3 0 0 0	C.Ross lf	3 0 1 0
B.Pena 1b	3 0 2 0	Inciart lf	1 0 1 0
Cozart ss	3 0 0 0	GPerra rf	3 0 0 0
Cingrn p	2 0 0 0	GSwsch c	3 0 0 0
Hoover p	0 0 0 0	Clintm p	4 0 0 0
SMrshll p	0 0 0 0		
Tomkr ph	1 0 0 0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27 0 3 0</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>33 4 10 3</b>

**Cincinnati** 000 000 000 — 0  
**Arizona** 100 101 100 — 4

E-Mesoraco (3), DP-Cincinnati 1, Arizona 3, LOB-Cincinnati 0, Arizona 8, 2B-B.Pena (8), Pollock (13), Owings (10), Prado (9), 3B-Pollock (4), HR-Hill (5), SB-Pollock (7).

**Cincinnati** 5 7 3 2 2 3  
Hoover 2 2 1 1 1 1  
S.Marshall 1 1 0 0 0 1

**Arizona** 3 0 0 0 0 5  
Collmenter W,4:9

Fahrtly 2b 3 0 1 0 Presley lf 2 0 0 0  
Hundly c 3 0 1 0 Grsmn dh 4 0 0 0  
Villar ss 4 0 0 0

**Totals** 34 1 7 1 **Totals** 31 3 5 2

**Baltimore** 010 100 000 — 1  
**Houston** 000 000 20x — 3

E-C.Davis (1), Machado (6), LOB-Baltimore 6, Houston 9, 2B-Pearce (5), Altuve (17), HR-Springer (10), SB-Altuve 2 (19).

**Giants 6, Cardinals 5**

San Francisco		St. Louis	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Pagan cf	4 1 1 0	MCrpt 3b	5 1 2 1
Pence rf	4 0 0 0	Wong 2b	3 0 0 0
Sandow 3b	3 2 1 1	Rosrhl p	0 0 0 0
Romo p	0 0 0 0	Sfmm p	0 0 0 0
Morse 1b	4 1 2 3	Roinsn ph	1 0 0 0
HSnchz c	4 0 0 0	Hollidy lf	4 1 1 0
B.Hicks 2b	3 1 1 0	Craig 1b	3 2 2 2
BCnfr ss	3 0 0 0	Y.Molin c	3 0 0 0
Bianco lf	4 1 3 1	JhPerit ss	4 0 1 0
Vlgsp jf	2 0 0 0	Jay rf	4 1 2 1
J.Lopez p	0 0 0 0	Bourjof cf	4 0 0 0
Colvin ph	1 0 0 0	JGarci p	1 0 1 0
Machi p	0 0 0 0	M.Ellis ph	0 0 0 0
Arias ph-3b	1 0 0 0	CMrtz p	0 0 0 0
Descals 2b	0 0 0 0		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33 6 8 5</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32 5 9 4</b>

**San Francisco** 020 001 030 — 6  
**St. Louis** 100 201 001 — 5

E-B.Crawford (6), Bourjos (2), DP-San Francisco 2, LOB-San Francisco 3, St. Louis 6, 2B-Morse (14), Craig (9), HR-Sandoval (8), Morse (11), Craig (6), SB-Bianco (6), M.Carpenter (2), Wong (8), S-B.Crawford, J.Garcia, M.Ellis.

**San Francisco** 6 1 3 7 4 4 3 0 7  
Vogelsong 6 1 3 7 4 4 3 0 7  
J.Lopez W,1:02:3  
Machi H,6 1 0 0 0 0 1  
Romo S,17:19:1 2 1 1 1 1 1

**St. Louis** 7 5 3 3 0 7  
C.Martinez L,0:3 BS,5-5 2 3 2 3 1 0  
Rosenthal 1 3 1 0 0 0 1  
S.Freeman 1 0 0 0 0 1 1

Umpires-Home, Mike Everett; First, Ron Kulpa; Second, Marcus Pattillo; Third, Lance Barrett.  
T-3:08. A-41,337 (45,399).

**Astros 3, Orioles 1**

Baltimore		Houston	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Markis rf	4 0 1 0	Altuve 2b	4 1 3 0
Pearce lf	4 1 1 0	Spring rf	4 1 1 2
A.Jones of	4 0 1 0	Fowler c	3 0 0 0
C.Davis 1b	4 0 0 0	JCastro c	3 1 0 0
N.Cruz dh	4 0 2 1	MDM 3b	4 0 1 0
Hardy ss	4 0 0 0	Carter 1b	3 0 0 0
Machd 3b	4 0 0 0	Guzmn 1b	0 0 0 0

Dickey pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.  
HBP-by Delabar (Aoki), by Redmond (Ciriaco), by Rasmussen (S.Perez), WP-Rasmussen.  
Umpires-Home, Angel Hernandez; First, Adrian Johnson; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Larry Vanover.  
T-3:26. A-17,978 (49,282).

**Mets 4, Phillies 1**

Philadelphia		Philadelphia	
r h bi	ab	r h bi	ab



## GOLF

## Jennifer Johnson leads ShopRite LPGA Classic

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GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Jennifer Johnson matched the course record with a 9-under 62 on Friday to take the first-round lead in the ShopRite LPGA Classic.

The 22-year-old Johnson, the winner last year in Mobile, Alabama, had 10 birdies — five straight on Nos. 9-13 — and a bogey on the Bay Course at Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club.

"I've been playing well the past few weeks, so I

felt pretty good about my game," Johnson said. "If you just let it happen and just let a good round come together, normally it does."

Haru Nomura had a bogey-free 63, and Christina Kim opened with a 64.

Top-ranked Inbee Park and Na Yeon Choi shot 66 in the morning session.

But they're all chasing Johnson, who matched the record set by Laura Davies and Jimin Kang in 2005.

Johnson had a shot a 63 on the course two

years ago.

"On 17, that's when I was 8 under and I was trying to beat my 63," Johnson said. "So then I started getting a little nervous because my goal was to get to 10 under, but I only got to 9. But when you shoot something that you've never shot before, nerves are going to happen."

Nomura had eight birdies in her career-low round.

"All in all, my putting was on, my shot was really good and the conditions were great,"

Nomura said. "So everything was perfect today."

Kim finished with seven birdies, including a 35-foot putt on 11 that she called "one of the longest putts I've made since the 90s."

Park, winless this season, had five birdies a week after missing the cut in Alabama to end her streak at 22 events.

Focusing on not letting her shoulder dip down too much, which she said caused her putts to veer to the left last week, Park drained a 15-foot birdie putt on the first hole.



MEL EVANS / AP

Jennifer Johnson lines up a putt on the 18th hole during Friday's first round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic in Galloway Township, N.J.

## OLYMPICS

## IOC faces trouble finding cities to host games

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LONDON — The Olympics have weathered world wars, boycotts and corruption scandals. These days, the IOC has a new crisis on its hands: Finding cities willing to host the games.

The troubled race for the 2022 Winter Olympics is a case in point. High costs and internal political opposition prevented several potential contenders not to bid. Two candidate cities withdrew and two others could still drop out.

The way things are going, the winner could be decided next year by default. Take the games, please.

"I have not seen anything like this before," senior Norwegian IOC member Gerhard Heiberg said. "This is urgent. We need to sit down and discuss what is going on. We are at a crossroads here."

It's a challenge the International Olympic Committee and new President Thomas Bach need to resolve quickly to ensure the long-term viability of the world's most prized sports event.

Changes to the bidding process and efforts to reduce the cost of the games are among the key issues being addressed by the IOC as part of Bach's "Agenda 2020," his blueprint for the future of the Olympic movement that will be voted on in Decem-



ALIK KEPLICZ / AP

Austria's Michael Hayboeck soars through the air during the qualification round of the 16th World Cup Ski Jumping competition on Jan. 12, 2013 in Zakopane, Poland. Zakopane was to be one of the sites of the 2022 Winter Games that the nearby city of Krakow was bidding to co-host, but cancelled the effort the day after the residents voted against the plan in a local referendum on Sunday.

ber.

Watching closely are countries and cities considering whether to bid for the even bigger and more expensive Summer Olympics of 2024.

The financial burden is worrying potential host cities. Specifically, the \$51 billion price tag associated with February's Winter Olympics in Sochi. Olympic officials say most of that huge sum went to long-term projects and that the operations costs of the Olympics were no higher than previous games.

No matter. The public perception is that the games cost too much.

Concerns over Rio de Janeiro's delayed preparations for the 2016

Olympics have further dampened enthusiasm for hosting the games.

The Olympics continue to succeed as a spectacle, with huge audiences on television and online. But the field for 2022 has taken one hit after the other.

Munich and St. Moritz-Davos withdrew planned bids when voters in Germany and Switzerland voted 'no' in referendums. Stockholm, one of the five declared candidates, pulled out in December after the city government declined to offer financial backing. On Monday, the Polish city of Krakow dropped out after 70 percent of voters rejected the bid in a referendum.

That leaves four cities

in contention for now: Almaty, Kazakhstan; Beijing; Lviv, Ukraine; and Oslo, Norway.

The bid from Lviv has been on hold because of the turmoil in Ukraine.

It's possible only three bids will still be in play when the IOC executive board meets in Lausanne, Switzerland, from July 7-9 to decide which cities go to the final stage. Rather than cut the field, the board would likely keep the remaining three. The host city will be selected by the full IOC in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on July 31, 2015.

Most worrying for the IOC is the uncertain status of the Oslo bid. Polls show 60 percent of Norwegians are opposed. One of the two

parties in the governing coalition came out against the bid earlier this month. The government won't decide until the autumn whether to provide the required financial guarantees.

"We have an image problem," Heiberg said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"People in Norway say we love the games but we hate the IOC."

Oslo, which hosted the 1952 Winter Olympics, would have been the natural favorite. Norway lives and breathes winter sports and its athletes have won the most medals at the Winter Games. The 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer, Norway, are widely described as the best ever.

"If there is a referendum today, the 'no' side will win by a large margin," said Heiberg, who organized the Lillehammer Games. "But this could change. We have time."

Amid all the instability, Almaty and Beijing stand as the most solid bids.

Beijing, which hosted the 2008 Olympics, is bidding to become the first city to host both the summer and winter games, with Alpine events in Zhangjiakou. Almaty, the commercial capital of the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan in Central Asia, hosted the 2011 Asian Games and will host the Winter University Games in 2017. It looks like the current favorite.

Has the situation

reached the stage where the Olympics can only be held in non-democratic countries where money is no object? No public referendums are being held in Beijing or Almaty. Kazakhstan has been ruled by the same leader in 1989. Both countries have been criticized for their human rights records.

"I see a problem in Western Europe," Heiberg said. "We have to accept the fact that we are not attractive to Western European countries. People think the games have become gigantic, the investments are too heavy."

The current crisis centers primarily on Winter Games, which also face concerns over whether rising temperatures will prevent countries from holding the event in future decades. But the attention will soon shift to the race for a bigger prize: the 2024 Summer Games.

The U.S., which hasn't hosted the Summer Games since Atlanta in 1996, is weighing another bid after failed campaigns by New York (2012) and Chicago (2016). The USOC is expected to decide whether to put a city forward by the end of the year.

Still in the mix are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, Washington, Dallas and San Diego.

Paris, Rome and a city from Germany are potential contenders from Europe. Other possible bidders include Doha, Qatar; Istanbul, Turkey, and a city in South Africa.

## COLLEGE SPORTS

## SEC hands out record \$309.6M for 2013-14 school year

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Associated Press

DESTIN — Southeastern Conference revenue remains on the rise. It should make a major jump next year following the launch of the SEC Network.

The SEC will distribute a record \$309.6 million in revenue to its 14 member institutions, which equates to \$20.9 million per school.

Commissioner Mike Slive announced the payout Friday, the final day of the annual SEC meetings.

The revenue is generated from football and basketball television

contracts, bowl games, the league's football championship game, the league's men's basketball tournament, NCAA championships and supplemental surplus. It has nearly doubled since 2009, when the league doled out \$165.9 million to its schools.

It could rise significantly next year, with estimations ranging from \$15 million to \$20 million because of added television revenue.

"There are some numbers floating around out there, but everything is speculative," Slive said. "We're optimistic. We

believe the product is so good. We believe the network is so strong. We believe the network will be national. We believe it will generate revenue as it grows over the next decade, but to speculate as to how much that will add to the revenue through the conference to our institutions is really speculative."

The SEC also passed five proposals Friday.

The most significant change involved an automatic waiver for graduate-school transfers with less than two years of eligibility remaining, a move that should expedite the transfer process.

Previously, the SEC required a waiver for anyone to transfer with less than two years of eligibility remaining. The waiver had to be approved by the conference, essentially causing red tape that football and basketball coaches felt was putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

"I think it's been a factor — not the only factor — in the success of men's basketball and it's being addressed," Auburn basketball coach Bruce Pearl said.

Not everyone agreed. Florida president Bernie Machen called the

graduate-transfer rule "bad."

"I just don't think that it's a rule that the NCAA ought to have at all," Machen said. "If they really wanted to transfer somewhere else, then they should sit out a year. If you didn't have anything to do, you could track and see how many of them completed their grad program. It was put together under the banner of helping the athlete. It's really not. It's just a way for a school to fill a void at a very last moment or a player to get more playing time without sitting out."

The league also:

- Allowed the use of artificial noisemakers — even music and sound controlled by the school — at any time during football games except from the time the center is over the football until the end of the play.

- Increased the roster size for tennis teams from eight to 10 during SEC championship play.

- Tweaked roster rules for soccer teams, allowing coaches to change his or her 22 available players from game to game instead of setting the roster before the SEC tournament begins.



NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

# Shelly Sterling agrees to sell Clippers to Ballmer

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LOS ANGELES — Shelly Sterling has informed the NBA of her deal with Steve Ballmer to purchase the Los Angeles Clippers, but the league isn't ready to call off next week's owners hearing just yet.

First, it needs more information about the potential record-breaking \$2 billion sale she agreed to with the former Microsoft CEO.

"We await the submission of necessary documentation from Mrs. Sterling," NBA spokesman Mike Bass said Friday in a statement. "In the meantime, the June 3 special meeting of the NBA Board of Governors remains as scheduled."

The league is planning a hearing that day to consider the charge against her husband, Donald Sterling, for damaging the league with his racist comments. Owners could vote to terminate his ownership — and Shelly's as well — during that hearing.

But Commissioner Adam Silver has said he would prefer the Sterlings sell the team, and Shelly Sterling announced late Thursday night that she'd signed a binding contract for a sale of the Clippers by The Sterling Family Trust to Ballmer.

Ballmer "will be a terrific owner," Sterling said, "We have worked for 33 years to build the Clippers into a premier NBA franchise. I am confident that Steve will take the team to new levels of success."



ELAINE THOMPSON / AP

In this Jan. 25 photo, then-Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, left, shakes hands with former NBA players Bill Russell, right, and "Downtown" Freddie Brown as Omar Lee looks on during an NCAA college basketball game between Washington and Oregon State in Seattle.

Sterling negotiated the sale after Donald Sterling made racist remarks that were made public. The remarks included Sterling telling girlfriend V. Stiviano not to bring blacks to Clippers games, specifically mentioning Hall of Famer Magic Johnson.

Shelly Sterling's statement noted that she made the deal "under her authority as the sole trustee of The Sterling Family Trust, which owns the Clippers." Donald Sterling's attorneys contend that he is a co-owner and therefore must give his assent for the deal to go through. They also say he won't be giving it.

"Sterling is not selling the team," said his attorney, Bobby Samini. "That's his position. He's not going to sell."

Ballmer beat out bids by Guggenheim Partners and a group including former NBA All-Star Grant Hill af-

ter presenting an "all-around superior bid," according to an individual with knowledge of the negotiations. The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly, said Ballmer made more than an hour-long personal visit to Shelly Sterling's Malibu home Sunday and laid out his plan.

"He knocked their socks off, they bonded, had a good connection," the individual said. The amount was also the largest of the offers, and Ballmer was one potential buyer to deal with rather than numerous members of a group.

Ballmer said in a statement that he is honored to have his name submitted to the NBA for approval and thanked the league for working collaboratively with him throughout the process.

"I love basketball. And I intend to do ev-

erything in my power to ensure that the Clippers continue to win — and win big — in Los Angeles," Ballmer said. "LA is one of the world's great cities — a city that embraces inclusiveness, in exactly the same way that the NBA and I embrace inclusiveness."

On Thursday, Magic Johnson lauded the deal on his Twitter account: "Steve Ballmer owning the Clippers is a big win for the City of LA and all the people who live in the City of Angels!"

Though Donald Sterling's attorneys now say he won't agree to sell the team, a May 22 letter obtained by The Associated Press and written by another of Sterling's attorneys that says that "Donald T. Sterling authorizes Rochelle Sterling to negotiate with the National Basketball Association regarding all issues in connection with a sale of the Los Angeles Clippers team."

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AUTO RACING

# Stewart keeps sprint car plans under wraps

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DOVER, Del. — Tony Stewart let his secret out this week on Twitter: He was back testing in a sprint car, feeling like he'd never left.

So when will he race again?

Well, Smoke didn't need 140 characters to let reporters know if he'd make public the date of his return race.

"Nope." Stewart kept mum Friday about any future plans in sprint cars, more than nine months after he broke his leg in a crash that cost him the rest of the 2013 season. He did complete a recent private test at an undisclosed track. The rest is for Stewart to know, and the racing world to find out.

"You won't know when it's coming," he said at Dover International Speedway. "When I do go, nobody is going to know about it. I'm going to slide in and do it. I want to enjoy it. I don't want it to be a cluster."

The three-time NASCAR champion missed the final 15 races last year after breaking his leg in two places during a sprint car crash in Iowa. His first time back in a race car was Feb. 14, the day before he competed — and was crashed out of — the exhibition Sprint Unlimited.

His sprint car had been fitted with safety improvements to the torque tube to prevent an injury like the one

he suffered.

Stewart said no one had tried to talk him out of returning to his weeknight passion. But if they had, well, the feisty champ known as Smoke wouldn't listen anyway: "It's my life. I'm going to live my life."

Stewart cleared the mental and physical hurdles of returning to racing at Daytona months ago. And while his Sprint Cup season hasn't been a huge success — he's winless in 12 starts with only two top-five finishes — he hasn't missed a beat in driving and running his Stewart-Haas Racing organization. But rehabilitation has dragged on much longer than he expected.



STEWART

"As far as rehab, pain, all that stuff, I thought it would all be done," he said. "I thought we would be healed 100 percent by now. But I keep going to the doctor on our scheduled appointments and they keep updating us on how it's going and what they think the outlook is for it."

He also needs to fix whatever ails his No. 14 Chevrolet team. He hasn't finished higher than 13th in any of his last four races and crashed out at Talladega. He's a woeful 22nd in the standings and in serious danger of missing out for the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship and driving for his fourth title if can't win a race. That could happen any time — Stewart has 48 career

wins and has at least one checkered flag in every season of his Cup career that dates to 1999.

"Our track record shows that we can get it," he said. "It's just a matter of when is it going to happen. ... I think you get six or eight weeks before Richmond, then you start panicking if you don't have that win."

Stewart does have three career wins at Dover, including the spring race last season that snapped a 30-race winless skid. He was stuck in 20th in the standings then, a sure sign that all takes is that one checkered flag to snap Smoke back into the thick of contention.

"I think it's still too early to panic, at least for us," he said.

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Pope Francis, center, walks with Israeli President Shimon Peres, left, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, during an official arrival ceremony at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, on Sunday.

## Coming together for peace

Prayer meeting between pope, Israel and Palestinian presidents set for June 8

NICOLE WINFIELD  
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will join Pope Francis for an afternoon praying for peace at the Vatican on June 8, the Vatican said Thursday.

Francis had invited both men to “my home” to pray during his recent trip to the Middle East. Speaking from the biblical town of Bethlehem, Francis said: “Building peace is difficult, but living without peace is a constant torment.”

Both men immediately agreed, and subsequently approved the June 8 date, the Vatican said in a statement Thursday.

Francis has stressed that he is not seeking to jumpstart peace negotiations, but merely bring the two sides together to pray. He said he had arranged for a rabbi and a Muslim cleric to lead the prayers, along with him.

“It will be a prayer meeting. It’s not to do mediation or find solutions,” he told reporters on the flight home from Jerusalem on Monday. “We’ll meet just to pray, and then everyone will go home. But I think praying is important, praying together.”

He called both Abbas and Peres “men of peace.”

The prospects of any breakthrough are slim. Peres, a 90-year-old Nobel peace laureate, holds a largely ceremonial office and is set



Pope Francis, right, talks with Israeli President Shimon Peres on Sunday.

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Pope Francis

to step down this summer. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has expressed anger with politicians who have reached out to Abbas at a time when the Palestinian leader is reconciling with the Islamic militant group Hamas. Israel considers Hamas, which controls the Gaza Strip, a terrorist group.

There was no comment Thursday from Netanyahu’s office.

The latest round of U.S.-brokered peace negotiations collapsed in April.

Francis’ prayer meeting falls on Pentecost Sunday, an important feast in the Catholic Church which celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. It formally marks the end of the Easter season, and Francis is due to celebrate Mass that morning in St. Peter’s Basilica.

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#### SUNDAY

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**CORPUS CHRISTI EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUMMER SERVICES:** At 9 a.m., Holy Eucharist; at 11:30 a.m., Rite II, begins today at the church, 3430 County Road 470 in Okahumpka. Go to [www.corpuschristiepisopal.org](http://www.corpuschristiepisopal.org) or email [ccec3430@embarqmail.com](mailto:ccec3430@embarqmail.com) for information.

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**INTERFAITH ALLIANCE POTLUCK DINNER AND A MOVIE:** At 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Marion County, 7280 S.E. 135th St., in Summerfield. “Religious Pluralism in a Democracy” by Elboo Patel, founder of the Interfaith Youth Corps.

#### WEDNESDAY

**GRACE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH SUMMER VIDEO SERIES:** “Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven,” an 11-week summer video series begins today at 7 p.m. at the church, 1703 Lewis Rd. in Leesburg. Nursery provided for children under 3 years of age. For information, call the church at 352-326-5738.

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#### JUNE 13

**CONGREGATION BETH SHOLOM FRIDAY EVENING SHABBAT SERVICE:** At 7 p.m. at the synagogue, 315 N. 13th St. in Leesburg. Refreshments following. Go to [www.bethsholomflorida.org](http://www.bethsholomflorida.org) or call Linda Bork at 352-315-0309.

## Men are called to be strong and courageous

When asked if he were apprehensive during the second game of the 1973 World Series, which the Mets won by scoring four runs in the 12th inning, Yogi Berra reportedly replied, “No, but I was scared.”

He had plenty of reasons. First, the Mets were down to two outs before they scored their first run in the top of the 12th, and then the Oakland Athletics got their first three men on base in the bottom of the inning.

Plenty of reason for apprehension.

Plenty of reason to be scared.

Of course, we’re only talking about baseball. But we all know what it’s like to be scared.

That was the case about a decade ago while we were living in Lynn, Mass. It was late at night and my wife



RICK REED  
REFLECTIONS

woke me shouting, “They’re coming in through the bathroom window.”

I don’t really know what was going through my mind as I ran into the bathroom, other than the fact that I needed to put myself between our unknown intruder and my family. It was more instinct than anything.

Rather than pull open the shower curtain and see my assailant face to face, I made some sort of guttural growl and threw myself across the tub in the general direction of the window.

As I did that, I flung my

forearms up in a sort of violent football blocking motion with the desire to send whoever was entering my house into the next county — at least.

Thankfully, I met no resistance. There was nobody there.

That awful noise my wife heard was actually the radiator in the bathroom that sounded like someone was banging on it with a hammer.

Generally I consider myself more of a coward than a hero, but when I thought my family was threatened, I was willing to put my life on the line and put myself in harm’s way.

Not to sound sexist, but that’s what a man is supposed to do. Oh I know my wife Nancy would protect our kids like a mama bear if they were threatened, but it’s the man’s place to protect his family.

While closing his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul wrote, “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

Act like men. What did Paul mean by that?

Whoever first asked, “Are you a man or a mouse?” knew exactly what Paul was saying. It’s not macho garbage. It means doing what it takes to protect your family, your people. It’s sacrifice. It’s spending time with your wife or children when you’d rather be watching TV. It’s not opening the family to the portals of sin by viewing pornography on the tube or computer. It’s being gentle, a man of velvet and steel.

It’s acting like men.

This is the only place in the Bible that uses the phrase, “Act like men.” But Samuel recorded another similar

statement made by the leader of the Philistines when confronted by the Israelites, “Take courage, and be men, O Philistines, lest you become slaves to the Hebrews as they have been to you; be men and fight.”

Paul expected the men to be courageous.

And strong. But that strength was strength of character.

A man doesn’t need to bench press his own weight to be courageous. He just needs a big heart.

Men, as we get closer to Father’s Day, let’s not think about the gifts we hope to receive. Rather, let us consider how we can truly act like men for those we love.

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# Southern Baptist membership drops for 7th year

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Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The nation's largest Protestant denomination saw membership decline for the seventh straight year in 2013, according to an annual report released Wednesday.

The report by the Southern Baptist Convention's publishing arm, Lifeway Christian Resources, puts total membership in the Nashville-based SBC at 15.7 million. That's down from 15.9 million in 2012, a decrease of a little less than 1 percent.

Weekly church attendance decreased more than 2 percent last year, falling to 5.8 million as a weekly average for the year.

The report also notes a 1.5 percent decrease in the number of baptisms, falling to 310,368. Baptisms are an important measure for the denomination because of its strong commitment to evangelism.

The convention has been concerned about the membership and baptism trends



JAMIE MONCRIEF / MCT

Pastor Barbara Bell sits inside her Brunswick County church, the Goshen Baptist Church on Mount Misery Road. The Southern Baptist preacher leads a congregation of about 70 people, ministering to all races and ages.

for several years. After 2012 saw a drop in baptisms of 5.5 percent, a task force was convened to study why. The group of pastors released their report earlier this

month and recommendations included praying for a "spiritual awakening in our churches and our nation."

Lifeway President and CEO Thom S. Rainer said in a

news release about the 2013 declines, "I am grieved we are clearly losing our evangelistic effectiveness."

David W. Key Sr., director of Baptist studies at Emory

University's Candler School of Theology, said the declines are not surprising. They mirror an overall decline in Protestant church membership that has been going on for a couple of decades.

Key said the Southern Baptists have resisted the trend until recently, but the numbers reflect the fact that the denomination is no longer in sync with the dominant culture, even in much of the South, the SBC's traditional stronghold.

Russell Moore, president of the SBC's public policy arm, the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, has said recently that Southern Baptists can no longer pretend to be the moral majority and should instead seek to be a "prophetic minority."

Despite the membership decline, the total number of SBC-affiliated churches increased slightly in 2013 to 46,125.

The report was released on Wednesday, just ahead of the convention's annual meeting June 10-11 in Baltimore.

# Eastside church is changing in a 'post-gang era'

HECTOR BECERRA  
MCT

LOS ANGELES — Pastor Pete Bradford, a reformed "dope fiend" from San Diego, went out into the streets of Boyle Heights looking for gang members to pray over. Finding them wasn't hard.

It was the early 1990s, the era of "Boyz n the Hood" and "Colors" and gangsta rap. Everything about gang life in Los Angeles was loud: the jagged slashes of graffiti, the thrum of police helicopters, the percussion of gun blasts.

Bradford, who said God had called him to L.A.'s Eastside, opened the Boyle Heights Christian Center in a low-slung building on 1st Street. The Pentecostal church became known as a house of worship for gang members, drug addicts and lost souls.

"It was not unusual to hear gunshots every day," recalled Bradford, 66, who decided to retire last spring when Parkinson's disease made it difficult to control his body. "We had windows shot out. They weren't shooting at us. They were shooting at each other."

Now, the loudest sound isn't gunshots, but the insistent, clattering roar of

the Gold Line train that sometimes fuzzes out the sermons of Bradford's young successor, Joey Oquendo. The streets where gang members once prowled are dotted with cafes, wine bars, community theaters, art galleries and bookstores.

"There's members who have been here forever, but in essence, a new church is starting," Oquendo said. "Gang members want better things too. But because of who I am, and because of who my members are, we're going to get more of the post-gang era."

When the reconstruction of the church is finished, Oquendo said, even the name won't be the same.

Few neighborhoods influenced the way that gang members look, act and talk from New Mexico to El Salvador as much as the Eastside neighborhoods that include Boyle Heights. Some of the gangs went back to the Great Depression.

Even now, 34 gangs are squeezed into the 15-square-mile Hollenbeck area largely made up of Boyle Heights, Lincoln Heights and El Sereno. But when Bradford came to Boyle Heights, L.A.'s gangs were especially bold.

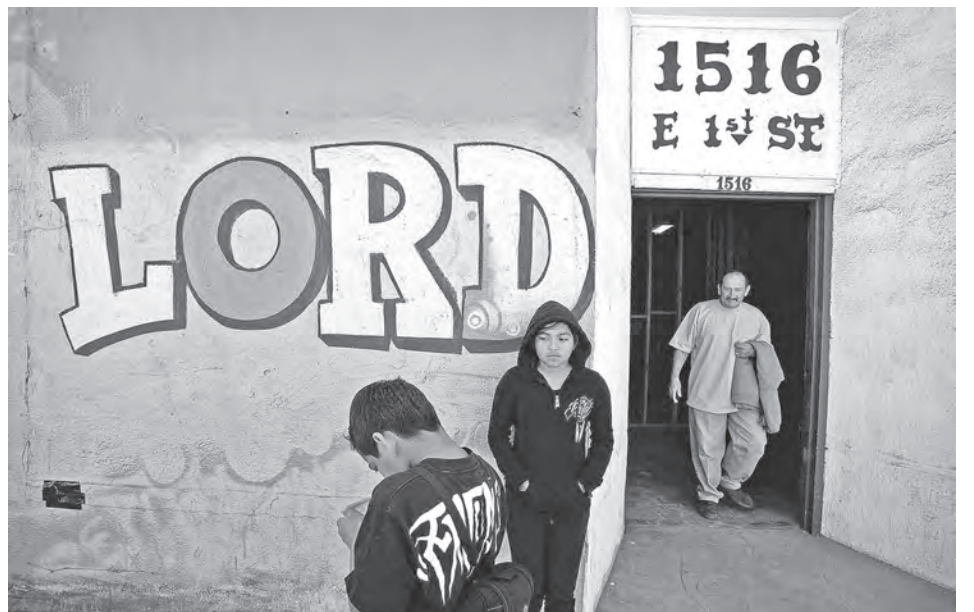
In each of the three years after Bradford arrived in 1990, there were more than 2,000 homicides in L.A. County. In 1992, the LAPD's Hollenbeck Division, which patrols Boyle Heights, had 86 killings, most of them gang-related. Father Gregory Boyle, the founder of Homeboy Industries, called the years from 1988 to 1998 "the decade of death."

"One summer, someone died like for a month straight, every weekend," said Charles Williams, 36, a drummer in the church band who joined when he was 15. "You couldn't play basketball because they were shooting at the backboards."

When Oquendo arrived, in 2013, L.A. County had 592 homicides, about a quarter as many as when Bradford began. Hollenbeck recorded just 14 homicides last year — a sharper decrease than the rest of the county.

After he was busted for drug possession in the late 1960s, Bradford was a fugitive for seven years, living in a hippie colony in Northern California and a tepee in New Mexico.

He became a minister and by the late 1980s was drawn to the



BARBARA DAVIDSON / MCT

Eliasar Avalos, left, and his sister Angelina wait for their parents after Pastor Joey Oquendo's service at the Boyle Heights Christian Center in Los Angeles.

stories of the gang violence in L.A. He arrived in a neighborhood dominated by housing projects and four gangs warring in close proximity.

Gang members at the time didn't worry about so-called gang enhancements that levied tougher penalties for even basic crimes if someone was on a gang list. Proudly proclaiming gang fealty was the norm.

Bradford met Mike Garcia, now 69 and a retired gang member, who became his guide to the neighborhood's wild side.

With Garcia's help, he opened the back of the church as a gym, which

attracted members of one gang and then others. Many joined the church.

"He would read you a scripture from the Bible, and from there he would run with that scripture into the streets, and related it to what he went through and what a lot of the guys went through," Garcia said.

Bradford said he could relate to the men.

"I had been a bit of a criminal myself," he said with a chuckle. "I believe they knew I was for real. I believe that was the big difference. ... If you don't love those people, then you're wasting your

time and theirs."

The church's ranks, which had grown to about 200 at its height around 1999, gradually shrank, and its finances, which depended significantly on tithing from a largely poor flock, struggled.

Last spring, Bradford handed the reins of the small church to a larger Assemblies of God church in Covina. About a month and a half later, Oquendo took over.

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1334 Griffin Road, Leesburg  
**352-787-7275**  
 Sunday Service 9:30am  
 Wednesday Bible Study 10:00am  
 Sunday Bible Study 8:30am

### Leesburg

#### Emmanuel Baptist Church of Leesburg

1710 U.S. Hwy. 441 E., Leesburg  
**352-323-1588**  
 Pastor Jeff Carney  
 Sunday Celebration Service 10:30am  
 Wednesday Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 8:00am  
 Wednesday Praise & Prayer 6:30pm  
 Sunday Bible Study 9:15am  
 Wednesday Epic Youth Ministry 6:30pm  
[www.EmmanuelFL.com](http://www.EmmanuelFL.com)

#### First Baptist Leesburg

220 N. 13th St., Leesburg  
**352-787-1005**  
 Sunday Service 8:15am, 9:30am  
 & 10:45am  
 Sunday Bible Study 8:15am,  
 9:30am & 10:45am  
 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm  
[www.fbcleesburg.org](http://www.fbcleesburg.org)

#### First Church of Christ, Scientist, Leesburg

13th & Line St., Leesburg  
**352-787-1921**  
 Sunday Service 10:30am  
 Sunday School 10:30am  
 Wednesday School 3:30pm

#### First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

200 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg  
**352-787-5687**  
 Sunday Service 10:00pm  
 Sunday School 8:45am  
[www.firstpresleesburg.org](http://www.firstpresleesburg.org)  
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130 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg  
**352-787-3223**  
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 8:00am & 10:30am  
 Sunday Worship May-September  
 9:15am  
 Christian Education October-April  
 9:15am  
[www.gloriadeielca.net](http://www.gloriadeielca.net)

#### Lakes and Hills Covenant Church

Rev. Ken Folmsbee, PhD, Pastor  
 Worship Service 10:15am  
 Bible Study 9:00am  
 @ Women's Club of Leesburg  
 700 S. 9th Street, Leesburg  
 Church Office  
 106 S. Palm Ave., Howie-in-the-Hills  
**352-552-0052**  
[www.lakeshillscovenantchurch.org](http://www.lakeshillscovenantchurch.org)

#### Legacy Community Church

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 Pastor Theo Bob-352-250-0156  
 Pastor Buddy Walker-352-978-0509  
 Spanish Pastor Luis Fuentes-352-552-1357  
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[www.legacycic.org](http://www.legacycic.org)

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508 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg  
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 Sabbath School Service 11:00am  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00pm

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 109 E. Dixie Avenue, Leesburg  
**352-431-3944**  
 Rev. Dr. John Lodge  
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 Sunday School 10:45am  
[www.solidrockef.com](http://www.solidrockef.com)

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650 N. Donnelly St., Mount Dora  
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 Rev. Dr. Richard Don  
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222 W. 6th Avenue at Alexander, Mt. Dora  
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 (Childcare Provided)  
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[www.stphiliplc.com](http://www.stphiliplc.com)

### Okahumpka

#### Corpus Christi Episcopal Church

3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka  
**352-787-8430**  
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 Rite II 11:30am  
 Fellowship following 9:00am service  
 and before 11:30am service  
 Thursday Morning Prayer 9:30am  
[www.corpuschristiepiscopeal.org](http://www.corpuschristiepiscopeal.org)

### Tavares

#### All Saint's Roman Catholic Chapel

11433 U.S. 441, River Plaza #11, Tavares  
**407-391-8678**  
**352-385-3880**  
 Sunday Latin Mass 8:00am & 10:00am

#### First Baptist Church of Tavares

124 N. Joanna Avenue, Tavares  
**352-343-7131**  
 Sunday Contemporary Service 8:30am  
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 11:00am & 6:00pm  
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 (Activity Center)  
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 Treehouse Kids Church 10:45am  
[www.fumctavares.com](http://www.fumctavares.com)

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[www.lighthousefoundationministries.org](http://www.lighthousefoundationministries.org)

#### Linden Church of God

4309 CR 772, Webster  
 Pastor Doyle D. Glass  
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30am  
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm  
 Sunday School 9:45am  
 Wednesday Night (Family Training Hour) 7:00pm

### Wildwood

#### Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Inc.

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## Motorola to close Fort Worth smartphone factory

EMILY SCHMALL  
Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Google's Motorola Mobility handset unit announced Friday it will shutter its North Texas factory by the end of this year, barely a year after it opened with much fanfare as the first smartphone assembly plant in the U.S.

At the time, Google had explained its surprising decision by saying the plant's location in Texas would enable it to fulfill customized, built-to-order devices and deliver them anywhere in the U.S. within five days.

But sales of its flagship phone, the Moto X, have been too weak and the costs of running the plant too high to keep operations going, Motorola Mobility spokesman Will Moss said. Singapore-based international contract electronics manufacturer Flextronics Ltd. operates the plant.

Even though the concept of the smartphone was pioneered in the U.S. and many phones have been designed here, the vast majority of phones are assembled in Asia. The Fort Worth factory has allowed Google to stamp the phone with "Made in the



AP FILE PHOTO

Workers man the Motorola smartphone plant in Fort Worth, Texas. Cellphone pioneer Motorola has announced it's closing a Texas manufacturing facility just a year after announcing its opening.

U.S.A.," although assembly is just the last step in the manufacturing process, and accounts for relatively little of the cost of a smartphone. The cost largely lies in the chips, battery and display, most of which come from Asia.

The Fort Worth factory currently employs about 700 workers who assemble

the Moto X smartphones for the U.S. market, Moss said. He declined to comment on whether Motorola would retain the workers.

Motorola Mobility will continue to develop the Moto X in Brazil and China, where the costs for labor and shipping aren't as high.

Google bought cellphone

pioneer Motorola for \$12.4 billion in 2012. Originally retailing the Moto X for \$600, amid flagging sales, Google dropped the price to \$399. Still, only a fraction of the units were sold compared to the Apple iPhone in the first quarter of 2014. The average selling price globally for a smartphone in 2013

was \$335, according to Massachusetts-based researcher International Data Corp.

Nonetheless, Google reported its Motorola mobile segment generated \$4.4 billion in sales in 2013, a 13 percent increase over the previous year.

The announcement of the plant closure comes four months after Google said it planned to sell the Motorola Mobility smartphone business to Hong Kong-based computer maker Lenovo for \$2.9 billion. The sale is expected to close by the end of the year, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Moss said Lenovo's acquisition of Motorola Mobility and the closing of the factory were not related.

San Francisco-based Internet analyst Kerry Rice of Needham & Co. said Google acquired Motorola more for its patents, which it has retained, and less for its production capacity.

"They wanted to give it a go as far as building in the U.S., but it was probably a stretch for them to take that on. Manufacturing is not their core competency and never has been," he said.

## Dow, S&P 500 close out May with record highs

KEN SWEET  
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market closed out May mostly higher Friday, sending two out of the three major U.S. indexes to record highs.

Trading was uneven, and indexes moved between small gains and losses for most of the day. A late push higher left the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 at all-time highs, but just barely.

May was the best month for investors since February. The S&P rose 2.1 percent for the month, while the Dow rose 0.8 percent and the Nasdaq rose 3.1 percent.

"This market may have been choppy earlier in the year, but the trend is higher," said Karyn Cavanaugh, a market strategist with Voya Investment Management, formerly known as ING Investment Management.

The Dow rose 18.43 points, or 0.1 percent, to close at 16,717.17, less than two points above its previous record high set on May 13.

The S&P 500 index rose 3.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,923.57, also closing at a record. The only index to fall was the Nasdaq composite, which ended down 5.33 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,242.62.

On Friday, investors had two somewhat disappointing reports on the U.S. consumer.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending unexpectedly fell 0.1 percent in April, the first drop in that



RICHARD DREW / AP

Trader John Santiago, right, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Friday. Two negative reports on U.S. consumers were pushing stocks lower in early trading Friday.

indicator in a year. Economists expect the drop to be temporary, however. Consumer spending jumped 1 percent in March.

"It is obvious that after an unseasonably colder January and February, consumers came out with a vengeance in March," Chris Christopher, an economist at IHS Global Insight, wrote in a note to clients. "So, April's poor showing on the spending front is payback for a strong March."

In a separate report, the University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index fell more than analysts were expecting. The index slipped to 81.9 in May from 84.9 in April. Economists had expected 82.8.

Key economic data comes out next week, including the May jobs report on Friday. Economists expect the U.S. economy created 220,000 jobs in May, and the unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent, according to FactSet, a financial information

### CURRENCIES

Dollar vs.	Exchange Rate	Pvs Day
Yen	101.72	101.72
Euro	\$1.3636	\$1.3603
Pound	\$1.6764	\$1.6719
Swiss franc	0.8950	0.8976
Canadian dollar	1.0845	1.0841
Mexican peso	12.8550	12.8392

provider. The European Central Bank will also have its interest rate policy meeting that day.

Among stocks, Lions Gate Entertainment was one of the biggest decliners Friday. The movie studio slid \$3.40, or 12 percent, to \$26.13 after reporting a profit of 35 cents per share, a 70 percent drop from the year before and well below what analysts had expected. Lions Gate's movies include the "The Hunger Games" series.

Sunglasses retailer Pacific Sunwear dropped 52 cents, or 18 percent, to \$2.42. The company warned investors that it would report a two-cent loss this quarter, not the two-cent profit that analysts had expected.

## Feds: Arch Coal workers took \$2M in kickbacks from vendors

JONATHAN MATTISE  
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Arch Coal employees at a West Virginia mine are charged with pocketing almost \$2 million from vendors in a pay-to-play kickback scheme, federal prosecutors said Friday.

U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin said the widespread setup required vendors to pay kickbacks to Arch Coal employees to do business with the coal company.

Four employees at Arch Coal's Mountain Laurel mining complex in Logan County are accused of taking kickbacks from 2007 to 2012. Prosecutors said the mine's former general manager, David E. Runyon, was at the center of the setup.

Prosecutors said some companies spent more than \$400,000 to maintain lucrative contracts with Arch Coal, one of the biggest coal producers and

"This kind of pay-to-play scheme hurts honest coal industry vendors who refuse to pay bribes as a way to get customers."

Booth Goodwin, U.S. Attorney

marketers worldwide. Ten people in all have been charged, with vendors, contractors and four Arch employees among them. The employees are no longer with the company.

Companies knew Arch Coal would sever their contracts if the side payments stopped. Likewise, Runyon knew losing the contracts would hurt the companies, according to court documents.

"This kind of pay-to-play scheme hurts honest coal industry vendors who refuse to pay bribes as a way to get customers," Goodwin said in a news release Friday.

Arch Coal has mines in Wyoming, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia and Maryland. Its Mountain Laurel facility employs

more than 350 in underground and surface mining. Mountain Laurel produced 2.9 million tons in sales last year, according to the company's website.

The St. Louis-based company has previously said it reached out to the U.S. attorney for help investigating possible misconduct. The company issued a statement Friday thanking investigators for their quick response.

"While it was extremely disappointing to find that former employees had failed to live up to our trust in them, we are pleased and relieved to have this issue behind us," the company said.

Runyon, a 45-year-old from Delbarton, faces up to 25 years in prison and \$500,000 in fines if convicted of extortion and tax evasion.

## Oil ends week down 1.6 pct

The Associated Press

The price of oil fell below \$103 per barrel Friday on ample supplies of crude and fuels.

Benchmark U.S. crude for July delivery fell 87 cents to close at \$102.71 a barrel in New York. The contract closed down 1.6 percent for the week, though it finished the month up nearly 3 percent.

Brent crude, a benchmark for international oil used by many U.S. refineries, fell 56 cents to close at \$109.41 a barrel in London.

The price of crude was pulled down in part by the falling prices of wholesale

gasoline and heating oil, suggesting that the U.S. has ample supplies of refined fuels. That could crimp demand for crude oil in coming weeks.

Crude supplies in the U.S. are also plentiful, but crude prices were pushed higher during the month because inventories at the U.S. trading hub where benchmark crude is priced have fallen sharply.

Next week traders are expected to focus on a string of macroeconomic reports, including a manufacturing report and employment data that could change expectations for gasoline, diesel and crude demand.



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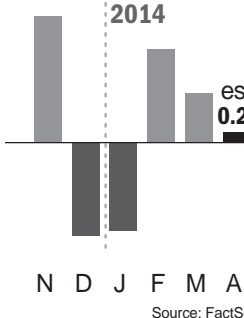
### Production ramping up?

Orders to U.S. factories advanced strongly in March for a second month in a row.

Those gains followed two months of declines in December and January. The reversal suggests what many economists have been saying: Rising demand should boost factory production as the economy emerges from a slowdown during a harsh winter. The Commerce Department reports its data on April factory orders on Tuesday.

### Factory orders

Monthly percent change



### Trade gap monitor

The Commerce Department reports on Wednesday its latest tally of the nation's trade deficit.

Economists predict the trade gap widened slightly in April to \$40.8 billion from \$40.4 billion a month earlier, when a pickup in exports, led by strong gains in sales of aircraft, autos and farm goods, helped cut the imbalance from a five-month high. A smaller trade deficit can boost growth because it means U.S. companies are earning more from their overseas sales.

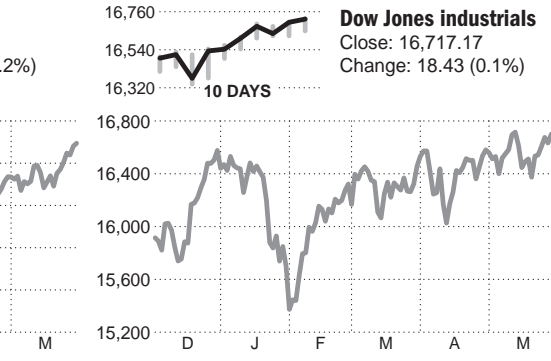
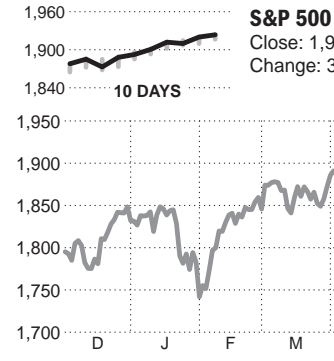
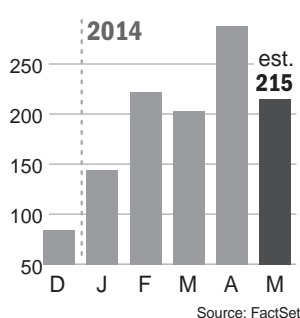
### Spotlight on jobs

U.S. employers have ramped up hiring this year, a trend that has helped drive down the unemployment rate to 6.3 percent.

Employers added 288,000 jobs in April, the biggest hiring surge in two years. All told, employers added an average of 214,000 jobs a month between January and April. That's up from 194,000 last year. Did hiring pick up strongly again in May? Find out on Friday, when the government reports its latest monthly job figures.

### Nonfarm payrolls

monthly change in thousands



### Stocks Recap

Table with columns for NYSE and NASD, showing volume, Pvs. Volume, Advanced, Declined, New Highs, and New Lows.

Table with columns for HIGH, LOW, CLOSE, CHG., %CHG., and YTD for various market indices like DOW, NYSE Comp., NASDAQ, S&P 500, etc.

### Stocks of Local Interest

Table listing various stocks with columns for NAME, TICKER, 52-WK RANGE, %CHG, and YTD performance.

### New York Stock Exchange

Large table listing individual stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and other financial metrics. Includes sections for A-B-C, G-H-I, M-N-O, P-Q-R, and S-T-U.

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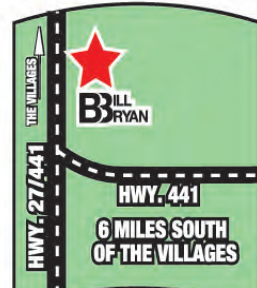
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF CLYDE J. BITNER  
 File No. 2014 CP 85  
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Clyde J. Bitner, deceased, whose date of death was May 24, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778-7800. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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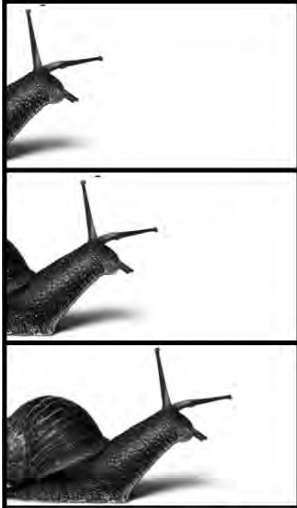
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOIS H. BITNER  
 File No. 2014 CP 301  
 Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Lois H. Bitner, deceased, whose date of death was December 25, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778-7800. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure in the above action, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at Lake, Florida on JUN25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at First floor Lobby at main courthouse (near info. desk) 650 W. Main St. Tavares, FL 32778 for the following described property:

Lot 72, EL BONITO, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 46, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus of the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale. DATED May 8, 2014

NEIL KELLY  
 Clerk of the Court  
 /s/ D. NEAL  
 Deputy Clerk

Plaintiffs Attorney  
 Gladstone Law Group P.A.  
 1499 W. Palmetto Park Road,  
 Suite 300  
 Boca Raton, FL 33486

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts at least 7 before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving your notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Please contact: Nicole Berg, Phone # (352)253-1604

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 2013 CA 001993

BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KEVIN P. DEMERS; et al;  
Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated April 4, 2014, and entered in Case No. 2013 CA 001993, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE County, Florida, wherein BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is Plaintiff and KEVIN P. DEMERS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KEVIN P. DEMERS; UNKNOWN PERSON(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY; are defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash IN THE FIRST FLOOR LOBBY OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE JUDICIAL CENTER NEAR THE INFORMATION DESK, at 550 WEST MAIN STREET, TAVARES, at LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA 32778, at 11:00 A.M., on the 24th day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 135, 136, 137 AND 138, PLANTATION HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND ALSO THAT CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 28 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 138, PLANTATION HEIGHTS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 17, PAGE 22 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE MOST EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 138 A DISTANCE OF 195 FEET TO THE MOST SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT 5, PLANTATION HEIGHTS, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5, A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET TO THE MOST EASTERLY CORNER OF LOT 5; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY PARALLEL WITH THE AFORESAID MOST EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 5 A DISTANCE OF 195 FEET TO A POINT ON THE MOST NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TORRE ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID NORTHWESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF TORRE ROAD A DISTANCE OF 100 FEET OF THE POINT OF BEGINNING (SHOWN ON SUBDIVISION PLAT AS LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL NO. 139)

TOGETHER WITH THE 2005 MOBILE HOME WITH VIN # GAF534478321-FE21 AND GAF534878321-FE21, TITLE # 95058257 AND 95058338, PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO THE LAND.

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

Dated this 8 day of April, 2014  
NEIL KELLY  
As Clerk of said Court  
By /s/A. THIGPEN  
As Deputy Clerk

This notice is provided pursuant to Administrative Order No.2.065. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to provisions of certain assistance. Please contact the Court Administrator at 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, Phone No. (352)620-3582 within 2 working days of your receipt of this notice or pleading; if you are hearing impaired, call 1-800-955-8771 (TDD); if you are voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8770 (V) (Via Florida Relay Services).

Submitted by: Kahane & Associates, P.A., 8201 Peters Road, Ste.3000, Plantation, FL 33324  
Telephone: (954) 382-3486, Telefacsimile: (954) 382-5380  
Designated service email: notice@kahaneandassociates.com  
File No.: 12-07454 BOA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2013 CC 002973

S.O. CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Plaintiff,  
vs.  
PAUL D. DEELEY,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 19, 2014, in Case No. 2013CC002973 of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, in which S.O. CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. is the Plaintiff and PAUL D. DEELEY is the Defendant. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Lake County's Courthouse, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11 a.m. on June 23, 2014, the following described property set forth in the Order of Final Judgment.

Unit B-5 of Spanish Oaks, a Condominium, in the City of Leesburg, Florida, according to the Declaration of Condominium recorded in Official Records Book 685, Page 1676, and according to the survey and plot plan recorded in Condominium Plat Book 1, Pages 40 through 44, inclusive, Public Records of Lake County, Florida together with an undivided interest in the common elements appurtenant thereof, as set forth in said Declaration.

Subject Property Located at: 1112 W. Main Street, #B5, Leesburg, FL 34748.

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, 550 West Main Street, Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

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Dated May 20, 2014

Neil Kelly  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ L. MIKELL  
Deputy Clerk

CLAYTON & MCCULLOH  
PLAINTIFFS ATTORNEY  
1065 MAITLAND CENTER COMMON  
BLVD, Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 875-2655

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 2011 CA 002957

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION, FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-FF10, ASSET-BACKED CERTS. SERIES 2004-FF10, PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
SOFIANE MANNAI; BETHENA HATOU MANNAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1; WOODRIDGE PHASE IIA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.; WOODRIDGE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated December 13, 2012 and entered in 2011 CA 002957 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE ASSET BACKED FUNDING CORPORATION, FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2004-FF10, ASSET-BACKED CERTS. SERIES 2004-FF10, is the Plaintiff and SOFIANE MANNAI; BETHENA HATOU MANNAN; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1; WOODRIDGE PHASE IIA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION INC.; WOODRIDGE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., are the Defendant(s). Neil Kelly as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main St. 1st Floor, Near Information Desk, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 A.M. on June 25, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 2, WOODRIDGE, PHASE IIA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 5 AND 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus of the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Dated this 20 day of May, 2014  
NEIL KELLY  
As Clerk of the Court  
By /s/A. THIGPEN  
Deputy Clerk

## IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse; Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorney for Plaintiff  
6409 Congress Avenue Suite 100, Boca Raton, FL 33487  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIVIL DIVISION

CASE NO.: 2012 CA 001963

WELLS FARGO N.A.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

BARON DUFAULT II, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; DAWN DUFAULT; UNKNOWN TENANT; IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 20 day of MAY 2014, and entered in Case No.2012 CA 001963, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and DAWN DUFAULT BARON DUFAULT II WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; AND UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. The Clerk of this Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE AT 550 W. MAIN STREET, in Tavares, FL 32778 11:00 a.m. on the 26 day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 21 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RUN N. 89°41'43" W. ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY 1/4 A DISTANCE OF 100.80 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 36°00'14" W. 35.94 FEET, THENCE S. 44°34'44" W. 618.89 FEET, THENCE S. 54°07'01" W. 133.75 FEET, THENCE S. 86°29'07" W. 188.74 FEET, THENCE N. 00°23'12" W. 563.90 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 THENCE S. 89°41'43" E. ALONG SAID NORTHERLY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 756.18 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN MANUFACTURED HOME DESCRIBED AS A 2004 NOBILITY 8 ID#11468 A& ID# 11468B

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

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, 550 West Main Street, Post Office Box 7800, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this Notice. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 1-800-955-8771.

Dated this 20 day of May, 2014  
Neil Kelly  
Clerk Of The Circuit Court  
By: /s/ A. THIGPEN  
Deputy Clerk

Choice Legal Group, P.A.  
200 NW 49th Street, Suite 120  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 2012 CA 1099

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-11, PLAINTIFF,  
vs.  
KATIE RANEY  
DEFENDANT(S).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated APRIL 21, 2014 and entered in 2012 CA 1099 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-11, is the Plaintiff and KATIE RANEY are the Defendant(s). Neil Kelly as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at the Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main St. 1st Floor, Near Information Desk, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 A.M. on June 26, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, RUN NORTH 89°40'20" WEST A DISTANCE OF 632.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0°08'20" WEST 100 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING RUN SOUTH 0°08'20" WEST W 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°40'20" EAST 130 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0°08'20" EAST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°40'20" WEST 130 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING (TRACT 20) ALL LYING AND BEING IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 507 ROSE AVENUE, FRUITLAND PARK, FL 34731-0000.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus of the sale, if any, other than the property owner, as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

Dated this 25 day of APRIL, 2014  
NEIL KELLY  
As Clerk of the Court  
By /s/A. THIGPEN  
Deputy Clerk

## IMPORTANT

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse; Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.2012 CA 004096

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under, or against Perry DeMaio a/k/a Perry J. DeMaio, Deceased Last Known Address: Unknown  
Defendants

NOTICE OF ACTION  
CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming an interest by, through, under, or against Perry DeMaio a/k/a Perry J. DeMaio, Deceased Last Known Address: Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Lake County, Florida:

ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 LYING EAST OF TUSCANOOGA-MASCOTTE ROAD, IN SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 24 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jeremy Apisdorf, Esquire; Brock & Scott, PLLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309,

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on or before a date within 30 days from the 1st date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; other wise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.

DATED ON 5/16/14  
Neil Kelly  
As Clerk of the Court  
By /S/R. SLAGLE  
As Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.2012 CA 003865  
Division:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
Plaintiff

vs.

LINDA O'BRIEN A/K/A LINDA G. O'BRIEN A/K/A LINDA GAIL O'BRIEN, A/K/A LINDA G. SILEO, A/K/A LINDA C. O'BRIEN, A/K/A LINDA G. CHESEBOROUGH O'BRIEN, DECEASED, CHRISTINA KORTEN, KNOWN HEIR OF LINDA O'BRIEN A/K/A LINDA G. O'BRIEN A/K/A LINDA G. SILEO, A/K/A LINDA C. O'BRIEN, A/K/A LINDA CHESEBOROUGH O'BRIEN, DECEASED, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure date May 7, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 on June 24, 2014 the following described property:

LOT 620, LAKE FRANCES ESTATES - UNIT 4, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 26, PAGES 10 AND 11, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TOGETHER WITH THAT CERTAIN 1984 BARR MANUFACTURED HOME BEARING VIN #FLFL2AD51336721 AND #FLFL2BD51336721, LOCATED THEREON AND ATTACHED THERETO

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1437 Mohawk Circle, Tavares, FL 32778

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

Dated: May 8, 2014

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Judicial Center, P.O. Box 7800 / 550 W Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, Telephone (352) 253-0900 ext 100, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court this May 8, 2014

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By /s/A. THIGPEN  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Ad No: 10014144  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.2013 CA 000245  
Division:

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC  
Plaintiff

vs.

BRITTNEY L FOUNTAIN, DAVID L. FOUNTAIN, et al.,  
Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure date January 29, 2014 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 on June 25, 2014 the following described property:

LOT 10, EAGLE PINES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 15 AND 16, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 1108 Imperial Eagle Street, Groveland, FL 34736

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

Dated: May 6, 2014

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Judicial Center, P.O. Box 7800 / 550 W Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, Telephone (352) 253-0900 ext 100, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court this May 6, 2014

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By /s/A. THIGPEN  
DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

Ad No: 10014151  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO: 2012 CA 004269

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,  
PLAINTIFF

vs.

MIGUEL TORRES, APONTE, IVELESSE, et.al.,  
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order or Final Judgment entered in Case No. of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE County, Florida, wherein, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, and, APONTE IVELESSE et. al., are Defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder for cash at, in the first floor lobby in the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main St., Tavares, FL 32778, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. on JUN 25, 2014, the following described property:

LOT 17, OF SUMMIT RIDGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 59, PAGES 89 AND 90, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

DATED this 8 day of May, 2014.

Neil Kelly  
Clerk Of The Court  
By: /s/ D. NEAL  
Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk of the Court's disability Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse; Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.: 35 2012 CA 001739

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC  
Plaintiff,

vs.

RHEA ANN KENNEDY, WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP.,  
Defendants

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered February 20, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 35-2012-CA-001739 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE County, Tavares, Florida wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC is Plaintiff and RHEA ANN KENNEDY, WILLIAM J. KENNEDY, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINE



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JUAN J. MARTINEZ (CURRENT RESIDENCE UNKNOWN)  
Last Known Address:  
924 MARQUEE DR. MINNEOLA, FL 34715  
Additional Address: 1250 BRICKELL BAY DR. APT 6, MIAMI, FL 33131-3211

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action for Foreclosure of Mortgage on the following described property:

LOT 37, EASTRIDGE PHASE I, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 41, PAGE 1, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

A/K/A 924 MARQUEE DR. MINNEOLA, FL 34715

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to Vladimir R. St. Louis, Esq. at VAN NESS LAW FIRM, P.C., Attorney for the Plaintiff, whose address is 1239 E. NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE #110, DEERFIELD BEACH, FL 33442 within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice in the DAILY COMMERCIAL and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. This notice is provided to Administrative Order No. 2065

If you are a person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for the Courts with 2 working day of your receipt of your notice to appear in Court at: (352)253-0900 X100, Laurie Crews

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court this 20 day of MAY 2014,

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
BY /s/ DANA NOLETTE  
As Deputy Clerk

Ad No: 10014186  
May 24, 2014 & May 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 2010 CA 000421

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-HE1, Plaintiff,

vs.

JENIFER D. MOORE, et. al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 15, 2013, entered in Case No. 2010-CA-000421 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company is the Plaintiff and Jenifer D. Moore and Allen D. Moore, Jr. are the Defendants, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the first floor of the courthouse, near the information desk, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, beginning at 11:00 AM on the 26 day of June, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOTS 5 AND 6, AND FOR A POINT OF BEGINNING, BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 4, RUN THENCE EAST ALONG SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOT 20 FEET, THENCE NORTH IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE SAID LOT 4, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALL IN THE BLOCK E, ACCORDING TO THE REPLAT OF INDIAN OAKS, A SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 63, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Nicole Berg, the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse P.O. Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 253-1604 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Plaintiffs Attorney  
David W. Norris, Esquire  
303 North Texas Avenue  
Tavares, FL 32778  
Fax (866)544-7582  
david@davidnorrislaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO. 2009 CA 000636

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, PLAINTIFF

vs.

MICHON ORBAN, et. al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Non-Jury Trial dated April 22, 2014 entered in Civil Case Number 2009 CA 000636, in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff, and MICHON ORBAN, et. al., are the Defendants, Lake County Clerk of Court will sell the property situated in Lake County, Florida, as described as:

LOT 88, LAKE CLAIR PLACE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 75 AND 76, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Lobby of the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 AM, on the 26 day of June 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: APRIL 22, 2014  
Neil Kelly, Lake County Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ A. THIGPEN, Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability

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who needs an accommodation in order to participate in a proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse; Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone: (352) 253-1604, at least seven (7) days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than seven (7) days. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Si vous êtes une personne handicapée qui a besoin d'un logement afin de participer à une instance, vous avez le droit, sans frais pour vous, la mise à disposition de certaines aides. S'il vous plaît communiquer avec le coordonnateur ADA au bureau de l'administrateur ou tribunal de première instance, le Centre judiciaire du comté de Lake, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Téléphone: (352) 253-1604, au moins sept (7) jours avant votre comparution devant le tribunal prévue, ou dès réception de cette notification, si le temps avant l'apparition programmée est inférieure à sept (7) jours. Si vous êtes malentendant ou la voix altérée, appeler 771.

Si ou se you moun ki gen andikap ki bezwen you akomodasyon yo nan lòd you patisipe nan you pwosè dapèl, ou gen dwa, san sa pa koute ou, dispozisyon pou asistans a sèten. Tanpri kontakte Kowòdinatè ADA nan Biwo Administratè a Tribinal Trial, Lake County Jidisyè Center, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, telefon: (352) 253-1604, nan omwen sèt (7) jou anvan pwogramè konparèt nan tribinal ou an, oswa imedyatman apre you resewva avi sa si tan an anvan aparans ki pwogramè gen mwens pase sèt (7) jou. Si w ap tandè oswa ki gen pwoblèm vwa, rele 771.

Si usted es una persona con una discapacidad que necesita un alojamiento con el fin de participar en una audiencia, usted tiene derecho, sin costo alguno para usted, el suministro de determinada asistencia. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el coordinador de ADA en la Oficina del Administrador del Juzgado de Primera Instancia del Centro Judicial del Condado de Lake, Post Office Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida, 32778, Teléfono: (352) 253-1604, por lo menos siete (7) días antes de su comparencia ante el tribunal programada, o inmediatamente después de recibir la notificación, si el tiempo antes de la comparencia prevista es inferior a siete (7) días. Si usted está escuchando o la voz intoxicado, llame al 771.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO: 35-2012-CA-002129

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2007-HE4 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-HE4 Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY JANE BLAIR; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; TENANT N/K/A JILL GOODWIN, Defendant(s);

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May 24, 2014 & May 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:2011 CA 001748

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-18; Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW HEPNER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MATTHEW HEPNER; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER, AND AGAINST THE HEREIN NAMED INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANT(S) WHO ARE NOT KNOWN TO BE DEAD OR ALIVE, WHETHER SAID UNKNOWN PARTIES MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST AS SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, OR OTHER CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY; Defendants

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May 24, 2014 & May 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:2011 CA 001748

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order of Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 21, 2014 entered in Civil Case No. 35-2012-CA-002129 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash on 25TH day of JUNE, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake County Courthouse Lobby, First Floor, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, in accordance with Chapter 45 Florida Statutes, relative to the following described property as set forth in the Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 23 JEFFERIS ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 15, PAGE 25, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

ATTENTION: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. please contact ADA Coordinator, Lake County P.O. Box 7800/ 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 Phone: (352) 253-1604 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 771.

Dated at TAVARES, Florida this 23rd day of April, 2014.

NEIL KELLY  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
Lake County, FLORIDA  
By: /s/ L. MIKELL  
Deputy Clerk

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May 24, 2014 & May 31, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CIVIL ACTION

CASE NO. 2012 CA 000804

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLAINTIFF

vs.

HYUN S. KIM, et. al., Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an order dated April 21, 2014 entered in Civil Case Number 2012 CA 000804, in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, wherein PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff, and HYUN S. KIM, et. al. are the Defendants, Lake County Clerk of

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Court will sell the property situated in Lake County, Florida, as described as:

LOT 60, LAKEWOOD RANCHES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGE 19, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA, at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, in the Lobby of the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 AM, on the 26 day of June 2014. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owners as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated: APRIL 22, 2014  
Neil Kelly, Lake County Clerk of Court  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ D. MATTSOON, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.:2011 CA 001748

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 29, 2014 in the above-styled cause. Foreclosure sales are held Monday through Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the first floor lobby near the information desk in the Lake County Courthouse 550 West Main St. Tavares, on July 3, 2014 the following described property;

LOT 1, THE GLEN PHASE'S 1.2.3: A SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 62 AND 63 INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1641 MYRTLE LAKE AVENUE, FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA 34731, Lake

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

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WITNESS my hand on 30th day of April, 2014  
Neil Kelly  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
By: /s/ L. MIKELL  
Deputy Clerk

Plaintiff's Attorney  
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.  
100 WEST CYPRESS CREEK ROAD, STE 1045  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33309  
Telephone: (954)644-8704

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May 31, 2014 & June 07, 2014

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Notice of Public Sale

Notice is hereby given that on JUNE 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. or thereafter, Leesburg Self Storage, LLC, whose facility is located at 1435 Center Street, Leesburg, Florida 34748, (352) 365-0199, will sell at a public sale by competitive bidding, at the aforementioned address, the personal property heretofore stored with Leesburg Self Storage, LLC by:

Shane Moose Unit #1124  
Household Goods  
Tina King Unit#206  
Household Goods  
Anthony Abadia Unit#1104  
Household Goods, Furniture  
Deneeza Akanbi-Marchbanks  
Unit #330 Household Goods  
James Bostic II - Unit#905  
Household Goods  
Regina Mason Unit #400  
Household Goods

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May 31, 2014 & June 07, 2014

Public Notice

The School Board of Lake County is in the process of submitting grant proposals to the Florida Department of Education for the upcoming year. These grants will include:

- (1) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B, Entitlement.
- (2) IDEA, Part B, Preschool Entitlement for Children with Disabilities Ages 3-5.

There is a grant-planning meeting scheduled for June 04, 2014, 8:00 a.m. at the Lake County School Board Room, 201 W. Burleigh Boulevard, Tavares, FL. Anyone wanting to have input into this process is invited to participate.

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May 23, 2014 & May 24, 2014.  
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OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

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For Farmer Barley & Associates in our Surveying Department in Wildwood. Exp. in Real Estate and/or land descriptions preferred. Proficiency in Microsoft Office. Must work well in a team environment and be able to anticipate the needs of the firm. Relieve team of many administrative duties, within established guidelines. Organize and maintain filing systems. Benefits: PTO, Health Insurance, 7 Paid Holidays, Long Term Disability, 401(k)  
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Sbarley@farmerbarley.com  
Fax - 352-748-0823

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Email resume to:  
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STANLEY STEEMER  
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1st wk. M - F: 7:30am - 4:30pm.  
2nd wk. Mon - Thur 7:30 - 4:30pm & Sat. 7am - 3pm.  
Email resume to:  
jo.white@steemer.com

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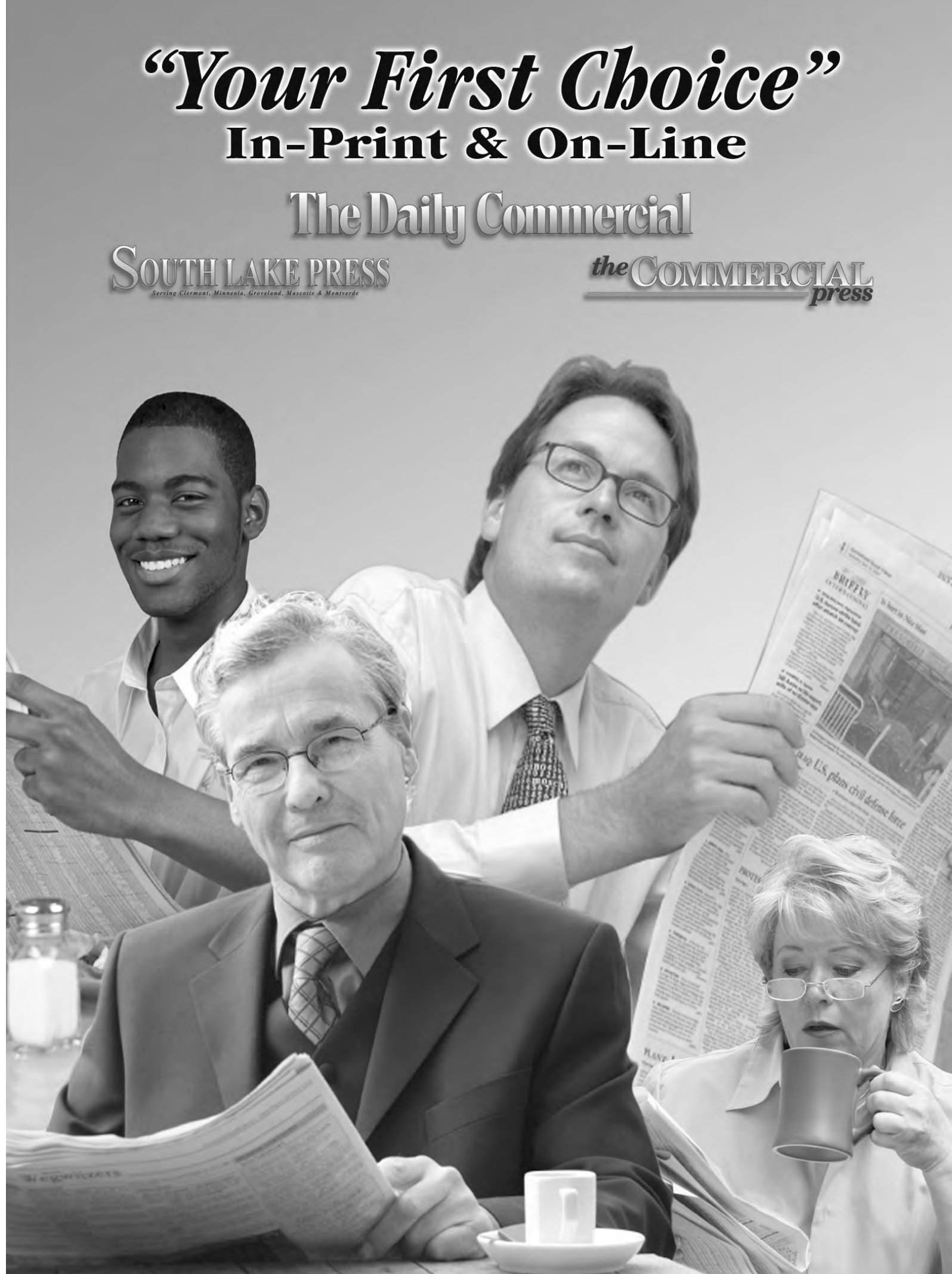
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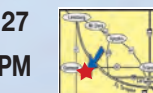


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## **GARDEN:** How to multiply your daffodils / **E2**

# Five spots to dress up in your kitchen

MARY CAROL GARRITY  
MCT

My kitchen was the first room I wanted to redecorate when Dan and I moved into our Money Pit historic fixer-upper. But it was the last room I actually got to tackle. The cost of a complete kitchen renovation, which is what this poor space needed, isn't

cheap. As I discovered, there is a lot you can do to make your kitchen look sensational short of remodeling. In fact, by focusing your decorating energies on five key spots, you can make your kitchen a visual treat.

### KITCHEN ISLAND

In most homes, the kitchen island is the hub of fam-

ily life. This is the place you grab a quick bite, do food prep, toss all your stuff when you walk in the door and fill with food and beverage services when you entertain. Like a fireplace in the living room, it's also a natural focal point in the room. So you need to decorate the island with a display that is minimal enough to accommodate the

real life that happens around it, but also fetching enough to give this important spot its decorating due.

I advise building a stunning but shorter display on top of a tray. When the accents are contained in a tray, they won't get spread out into the hubbub of the island. And the display will be portable, so when you need every

inch of the island for homework or a sewing project, you can easily remove it without having to take it apart.

Setting your island for daily life also can be a display in itself.

### ABOVE THE STOVE

Your oven and stove can take up a huge chunk of your

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## SUPER SIMPLE SUNFLOWERS

PHOTOS BY MAUREEN GILMER / MCT

The heads of Mammoth sunflowers can rise to 15 feet high at maturity.

# Leave winter behind in easy, breezy style

MAUREEN GILMER  
MCT

Though Helen Keller had never actually seen a sunflower, she still learned something from these amazing plants. "Keep your face to the sunshine so you cannot see the shadows," she wrote. "That's what the sunflowers do." Mammoth sunflower buds will indeed follow the sun's path every day like clockwork. This is an amazing demonstration of a scientific concept known as phototropism, which is the response of plants to the sun. Once the terminal flower bud is ready to open, the head becomes stationary at that point and never moves again.

There is no better plant to help us all rise out of the most brutal winter in recent memory. It's such an easy



Most seed catalogs offer mixes of colored florist sunflowers in a single packet for lots of variety and affordable plants.

plant to grow virtually every novice should give it a try. The key is to understand the many types of sunflow-

ers to select the most ideal ones for your garden, your family and your sense of style.

The most well-

known is the Mammoth sunflower with its amazing tall stalks and a single, enormous dinner plate sized flower on top. Mammoth produces the largest seed and is preferred by those who want to make their own snacks at harvest time. Not only can they reach 15 feet tall, the movement of the head teaches much about plant responses to solar orientation. Then harvest the seed, roast them in your oven, and enjoy healthy home grown snacks with the kids.

The sunflower is native to the Midwest where Native Americans first cultivated them on the flood plains of the Missouri and other great rivers. They too saved seed from the best of the current crop, selecting only from flower

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# Three simple steps to making compost quickly

JOE LAMP'L  
MCT

I recently had a conversation with someone that was expressing frustration about their efforts to make compost. Her complaint was that the pile was just sitting there — not breaking down. In fact, she hadn't seen any noticeable results in many months. It's a common problem, and an easy fix.

First, we need to understand what is considered a realistic time frame for making compost quickly. Unfortunately, it's not a few weeks. Yes, there are a few people out there that swear they can make it that fast. Maybe so, but for the rest of us, a reasonable timeframe if you follow the simple steps I've outlined below will give you beautiful finished compost in about six months to nine months and without a lot of work.

So what exactly is finished compost? I consider compost finished when the raw materi-

al that makes it up, has biodegraded to an unrecognizable state. Basically, you can't identify any of the original ingredients, the appearance is uniform and there's no noticeable unpleasant odor. In fact, when finished, it will smell heavenly, in an earthy kind of way.

The steps to making compost easily and quickly are far less complicated than many people think. The sooner you can get your pile cooking, or heating up, the faster it will break down. Do the following and I promise, you'll have black gold faster than ever before.

### PILE IT ON

Put your game face on and start thinking compost. Constantly look for sources where you can add ingredients to your heap. Do not wait until you have some sort of compost bin. You don't need it! Find a place in your yard, and start your pile.

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Joe Lamp'l's compost pile cooks at 140 degrees.

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# How to help daffodils make more daffodils

LEE REICH  
Associated Press

Now that daffodil bloom time has passed, some gardeners might be wondering where their flowers were. If some plants remained all leaves, with few or no flowers, why was that?

It might be that overhanging trees have made the location too shady. But the more likely culprit is the plant's age.

As a daffodil bulb gets older, baby bulbs, called offsets, develop snuggled up against its side. You can picture this most clearly if you realize that a daffodil bulb is, essentially, a compressed stem. That stem is the "plate" at the base of the bulb, and the leaves are the fleshy scales up and around it.

Just as any stem eventually makes side branches, a bulb also, with time, "branches." These branches — the offsets — likewise beget their own babies. So what you have over time is a lot of bulbs of varying sizes packed into a very small space.

The offsets won't flower until they reach a certain size. If they are too crowded, they have trouble reaching that size. The result: few or no



LEE REICH / AP

These daffodil bulbs have multiplied so much that they're too crowded to keep flowering well in New Paltz, N.Y.

blooms. (It pays, then, when purchasing bulbs, to get large ones; they make more flowers their first spring.)

## GIVE THE BULBS MORE ELBOW ROOM

The obvious solution is to give each developing bulb more room. Dig up the bulbs and separate them as soon as the foliage turns brown. The

youngest ones, the ones that have just split off from their mothers, are spoon-shaped. Older ones are round and, if large enough, will each house a single flower bud, possibly two. The larger the bulbs, the better the blooms.

No need to plant the divided bulbs back in the ground immediately. Bulb nurseries store their daffodil bulbs out

of the soil in a cool room. It is during the summer, when the bulbs are apparently dormant, that buds inside the bulbs morph into flower buds. Optimum conditions for this change in daffodils are when storage is at 75 percent humidity and temperatures are around 60 degrees. Easiest, of course, is just to stick the bulbs back in

the ground, giving each one enough room to develop and make babies for a few years.

With good conditions, a spoon-shaped baby becomes a small flowering bulb after a year, and in another year that small flowering bulb can make two flower buds. After another year, the "double-nose," as it's called, is making offsets of its own.

## DAFFODIL FUTURES

Daffodils like moderately rich soil that stays moist but is not soggy. Because most bulb growth takes place after flowering, let the foliage remain undisturbed until it chooses to die down, even if it's not all that pretty in its final throes. No tying it up or tucking it beneath other plants' leaves either, as is sometimes recommended for hiding the foliage out of sight. The leaves need light to fatten up their attendant bulbs.

Daffodils do not need this digging and dividing operation every year, which is one reason they are among the best bulbs for naturalizing. Don't begrudge them the operation when it is finally needed, for you can never have too many daffodils.

## COMPOST

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you can add to it from inside the house: vegetable scraps, dryer lint, paper towel rolls, shredded paper, coffee and tea grounds, etc. (Don't include dairy products, meat, grease, or pet waste).

From outside: grass clippings, leaves, small sticks and twigs, plant clippings, chicken and rabbit manure. Do not use manure from animals such as horses that eat hay from sources that use persistent herbicides on their fields. Modern herbicides can persist for years through the composting process.

And don't overcomplicate this. Many books and articles talk about a proper ratio of green waste (nitrogen source) to brown waste (carbon source). Just keep adding ingredients from wherever you can find it. Shoot for an overall size of about 3-4 feet tall and wide. Just focus on building a nice mix of greens and browns.

## MIX IT UP

Find a pitchfork or garden fork and keep it close by. Once a week (more is better), turn over your pile as best you can. It will get harder as you add volume but don't worry about that now. The goal is to introduce more oxygen into the center of the heap while blending it all together. Air is hugely important to the success of quick compost. Not turning or aerating your pile is one of the biggest reasons for ingredients not breaking down. Air is needed because live microorganisms are consuming the components. They need to breathe.

## JUST ADD WATER

To keep things simple, have your garden hose ready and spray your pile every time you turn it. Aim for making it moist like a damp sponge all throughout the heap. A dry pile is another major reason ingredients don't break down quicker. Conversely, don't over water either. A pile that is too wet doesn't help. More is not better in this case.

## KITCHEN

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kitchen, so make this utilitarian spot as fetching as possible. When my friend Anne designed her dream kitchen, she knew she wanted a big stove that could keep up with the mealtime demands of her busy family. She figured out a masterful way to make the stove a lovely addition by incorporating a few interesting features into the blueprint. The ledge above holds a set of mugs from a family collection and serves as a base for a simple but sensational artwork display.

I have to confess that my stove and oven rarely get used. I'm just not a cook, unless you count microwave popcorn. As a result, I get to treat my stovetop more like a display area. To camouflage the griddle on the cooktop, I've showcased beautiful silver buffet lids. The built-in shelf



MCT PHOTO

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holds some serving pieces. Displays flank the stovetop. Above the stove is an arch, which I thought was just screaming for a creative artwork display, so it's filled with a crazy mix of platters, trays, plates and framed art.

## BEHIND THE SINK

Think of the little space behind your kitchen sink as a surplus spot where you can add a little decorating flair. It doesn't have to be much — just a little accent or two that brings in a touch of color or interest. My friend

Anne lined up a few petite blue vases behind her sink. She can fill them with blooms from her garden, snips of fresh herbs or seasonal accents. Love it!

Like me, my friend Marsee has a window smack dab behind her sink. And just like she does, I always put something lovely to look at on the sill, like an ivy topiary. Her petite bud vases are the perfect touch — sweet and simple but full of cheer.

Here's another fun idea: Find an attractive caddy and fill it with all your sink-side es-

entials, like dish soap, hand soap, hand lotion and scrubbers. Suddenly, that unattractive, utilitarian stuff becomes a design feature.

## LEDGES AND SHELVES

Oh my goodness but you can have some fun decorating the ledges, shelves and niches in your kitchen. One of my favorite looks is to cluster together cream, white, silver and glass serving pieces and dishes, as my friend Julie did in a cubby above one of her cabinets in her kitchen. If your display is high up, like on top of kitchen cabinets, be sure to pick larger scaled pieces so they don't get lost.

Lisa showcased her collection of old silver teapots on a ledge above her stove. Interesting transferware platters propped up in easels provide a nice backdrop for this intriguing assortment.

My friend Jean's kitchen had an unusual oven built into the wall. So when she renovated, she turned it into an adorable fireplace, complete with a hearth ready to decorate. The decor around this unusual focal point is simple and perfect and oozing with charm.

## COUNTERTOPS

Break up the planes of solid, hard surfaces on your kitchen counters by accenting them with a simple but fetching display. To create this look, lean a piece of artwork against the backsplash. Place a tray holding some interesting accents in front of it, like some jars. Then add balance with a heavier piece on the left, like a ceramic bucket.

In spots where you don't have a backsplash, build a few freestanding displays. Jean dressed up an empty corner of her counter by using a stack of her beloved cookbooks as an art element. For seasonal flair, add some fresh flowers from your garden.

My favorite countertop displays mix in a variety of heights, shapes and finishes because they are so intriguing.

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# From recycled glass to concrete, countertops get colorful, creative

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The concrete countertops in Eleanor Zuckerman's San Francisco kitchen are hand-crafted works of art.

Custom-designed by Fu-Tun Cheng of the Berkeley, California-based Cheng Concrete, they feature colors like brick, flowing lines and pictures of nautilus shells.

"With concrete there is a lot of room for creativity, to say nothing of color," says Zuckerman, a retired psychologist. "It gives you flexibility."

Homeowners looking to spice up their kitchens can install a variety of countertops that go beyond the traditional laminate and tile. Today's options include concrete and butcher-block-style wood, and a range of custom-designed colors and shapes. IceStone countertops use recycled glass from broken bottles.

"So many different materials are used in countertops these days," says Tony Izzo, Curtis Lumber's corporate kitchen and bath manager in Albany, New York. Until about 25 years ago, he says, roughly 90 percent of countertops in U.S. homes were laminate, and the rest tile.

Then DuPont's Corian hit the market, followed by granite and quartz, which are current favorites, he says. Today, just half of countertops are laminate, Izzo says.

The burgeoning interest in alternative countertops is the natural extension of that trend. And they are becoming more affordable.

"Slowly, over the years, the



MATTHEW MILLMAN / AP

Concrete is shown being used to create artisanal countertops.

market has really grown," says Mike Heidebrink, president of Cheng Concrete. When the company opened in 2002, it catered mostly to well-heeled dot-comers willing to spend more to bring an artisan's touch to their kitchens.

Today, Heidebrink says, Cheng also serves a growing number of skilled do-it-yourselfers who want to shape, mold and install countertops themselves. They can choose the color and lines of their countertops, he says. Once installed and sealed, he says, concrete countertops are as durable as limestone and marble.

"They can have that for \$10 a square foot," he says.

Nils Wessell in Brooklyn, New York, says the do-it-yourself movement is also fueling his businesses, in a different way.

"This DIY interest in cooking leads to people wanting a suit-

able surface to chop up meat on," says Wessell, whose company, Brooklyn Butcher Blocks, makes wooden countertops with enough thickness and durability to be used as cutting boards. Clients include barbecue restaurants as well as home cooks.

While Wessell says his handmade countertops are more expensive than factory-made ones, he can make "a sizeable countertop for about a grand," he says.

Of course, no countertop is perfect. Concrete can stain, so it must be sealed properly. Wooden countertops take a beating from knives, although Wessell says they can be easily maintained with semi-regular sanding.

Soapstone, popular for its natural look, has its quirks as well, Izzo says: It weathers over time. "Consumers generally have to accept that idea and know that they want a living finish like that," he says.

# Paper flowers: handcrafted and sneeze-free

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Malinda Swain has "a thing" about nature, snowy white paper, handmade or recycled anything — and the kind of solitude others dread.

She jokingly calls the hours, days, and weeks spent alone in her suburban studio folding recycled copy paper into three-dimensional flowers "my solitary confinement."

Lock us up, please! The studio is in a funky old carriage house overlooking the tennis court at her father and stepmother's Haverford estate. Says Swain, 32, an artist from Brisbane, Australia: "It's quite lovely to sit here and drink tea and listen to music and fold."

Swain's folding honors the traditions of origami, the ancient Japanese art; and kirigami, a paper-cutting variation. Beyond that, she says, "I make it up," which seems to suit someone whose childhood ambition was to be a florist.

"Now I'm a paper florist," says Swain, who also does photography, sculpture, drawing, and video work.

She sits cross-legged on the floor, folding and folding the crisp paper sheets, her slender fingers moving rhythmically and noiselessly. It's a tactile meditation that's at once riveting and calming — and, it turns out, fashionable.

In this craft-crazy DIY world, paper

flowers are increasingly showing up at weddings and events. Driving the demand are bridal parties wanting unusual backdrops for photos and the public's seemingly endless appetite for one-of-a-kind, handcrafted decorations, according to Rebecca Thuss, author with her husband Patrick Farrell of "Paper to Petal: 75 Whimsical Paper Flowers to Craft by Hand" (Potter Craft publishers, 2013).

"It's one of those crafts that is so simple and yet it can be so complex . . . and we have access now to so many more materials to work with," she says.

Paper flowers are a centuries-old craft, their popularity fading and reviving over time, from Asia and Mexico, to colonial America and Victorian England, and again in the U.S. in the 1920s, '50s, and '70s.

"There's always that resurgence, always artists and crafters looking backward and getting inspired by the past," says Thuss, former style director at Martha Stewart Weddings magazine.

Grace Bonney, creator of the home and product design blog Design(asterisk) Sponge, has a different take. "I think the current wave of paper flowers is pulling more from current floral trends than it is paper-folding history," she says, citing the "loose garden-style arrangements that are so popular today."

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DAVID SWANSON / MCT

Malinda Swain turns out paper flowers, a trend that is gaining momentum.

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heads with the largest kernels. Over time their seed strains produced larger flowers but fewer of them. When these strains were explored by early plant breeders, they were hybridized to further increase flower size. The Russians needed a short season oil producing crop so their breeders developed what is now the Mammoth.

Another group are called branching sunflowers developed for cut flowers. These retain the size and open habit of their wild ancestors with color changes in the flower. Branching varieties produce flowers about six inches across with colors in sunset hues from dark red to orange and even rusty brown. Most seed houses offer



MAUREEN GILMER / MCT

The most exotic florist variety is the double sunflower, which is a smaller plant perfect for a flower or food garden.

these branching types. Start with packets of mixed varieties such as the Autumn Beauties strains to get a great range of colors for less than \$3.

It's easy to tuck seed of branching sunflowers into your vegetable garden, flower beds and shrub borders. They don't need staking and the colors remain bright for a long time. They're ideal for back of the beds where their blossoms rise above

the shorter plants while the lanky stems are screened from view.

If you snip the flowers off the moment the petals wither, this stimulates new buds to form for an extended bloom season. If you cut them while in full bloom you get the same results with a bonus of bright flowers indoors. In the process, note the dense clusters of tiny flowers that make up the center of the bloom called a "disk" which is

organized into a most amazing spiral pattern.

Grow branching sunflowers in the view from your kitchen sink for a daily show. After the petals fade, don't cut the flowers if you love birds. Instead let the densely packed mass of seed mature so song birds come to hang on the flowers as they peck away at the seed crop.

For those who have never grown flowers from seed, the sunflower is a gateway plant that opens us all to the miracles in the garden. No other is such a huge lure to pollinators for the price of a single seed packet. But if you really want some fun, plant a bag of black oil sunflower bird seed in a barren or neglected corner of your yard. There it becomes the genesis of an entire sunflower forest that transforms your property into bona fide habitat.

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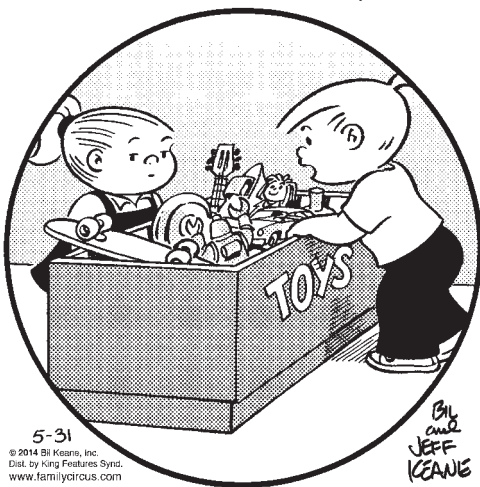
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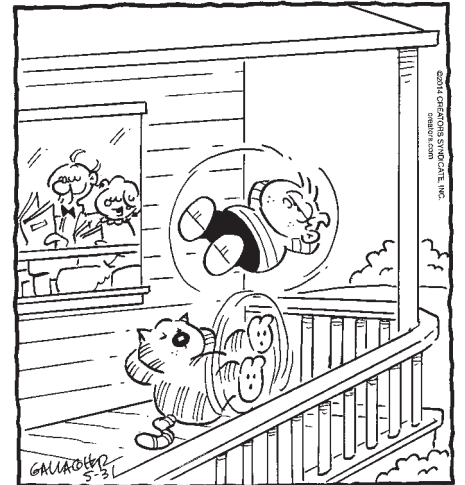
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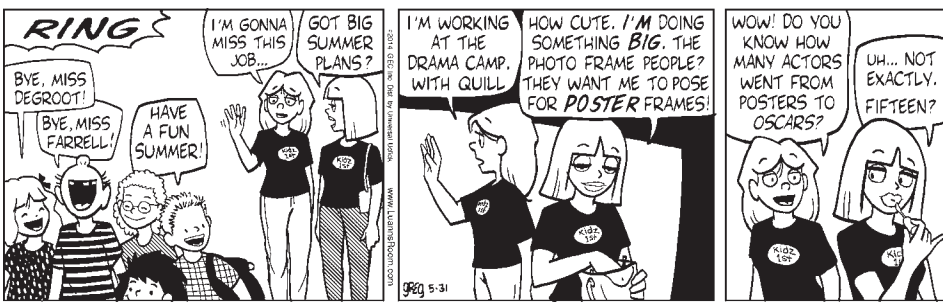
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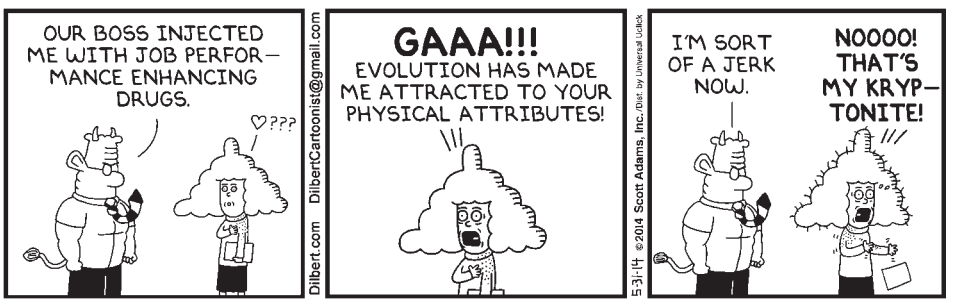


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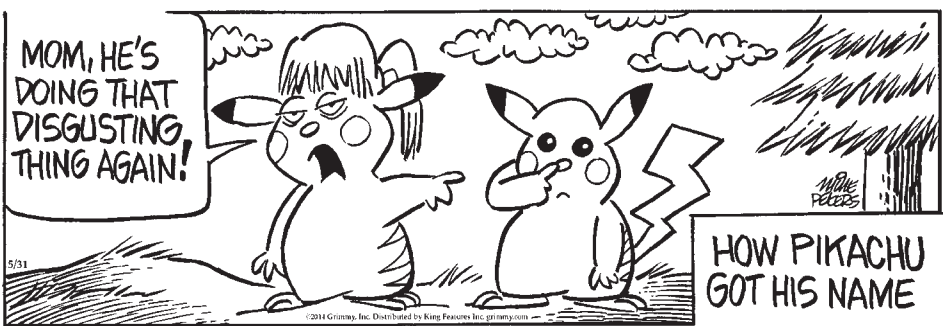
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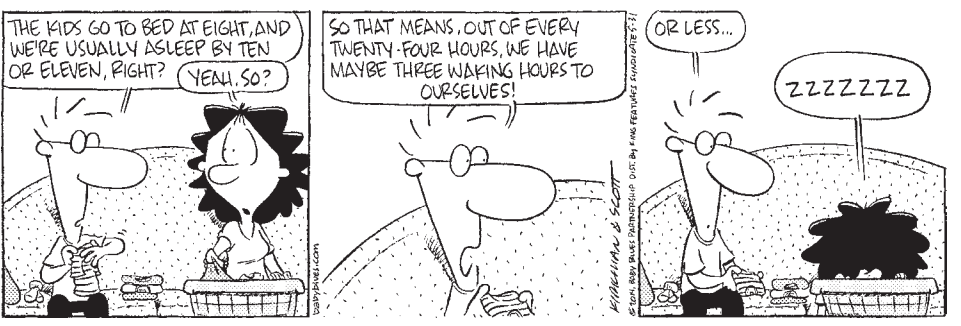
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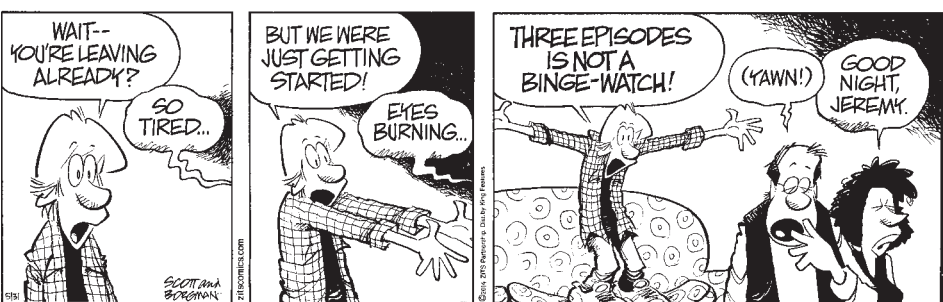
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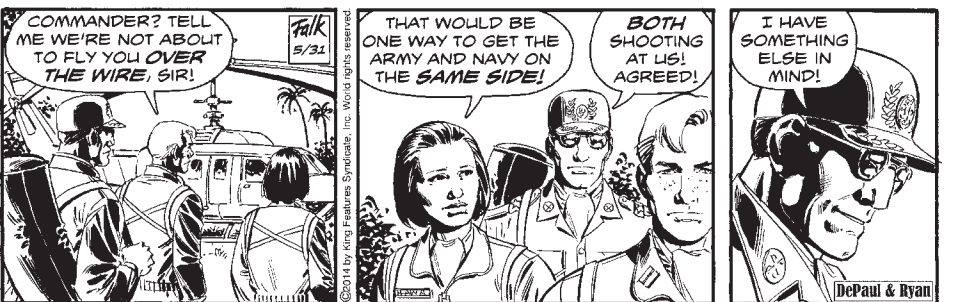
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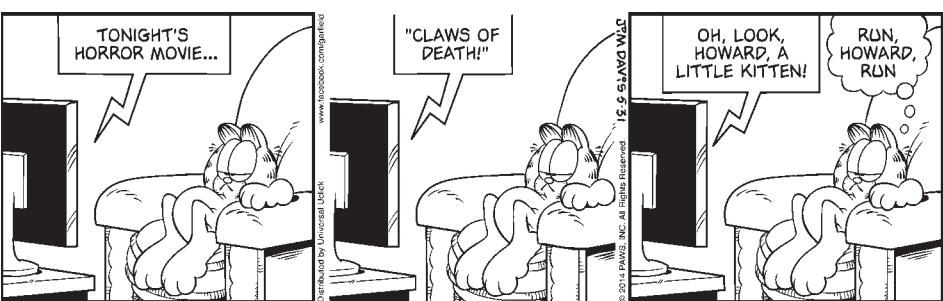
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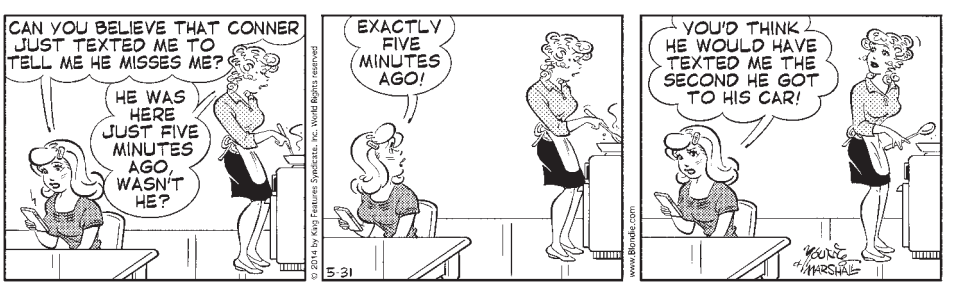
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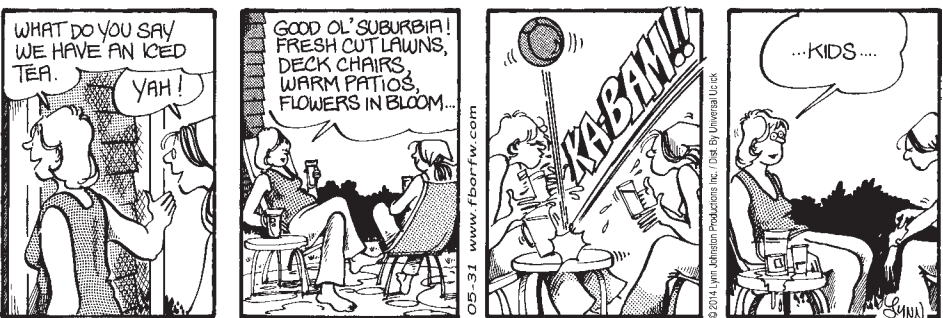
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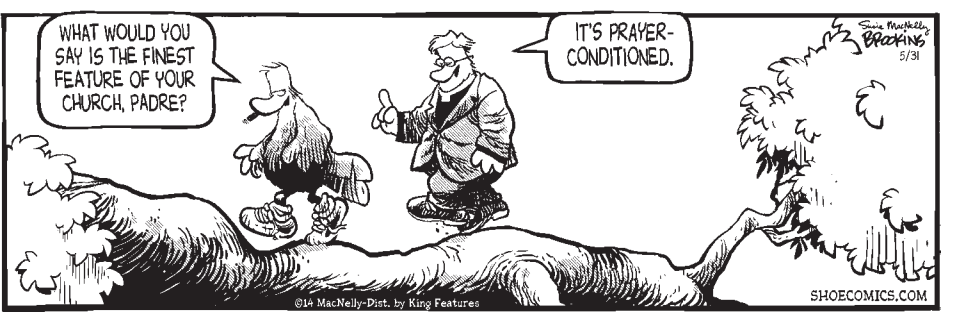
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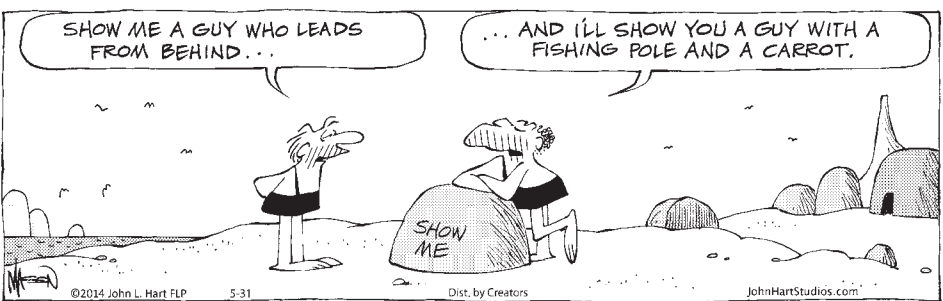
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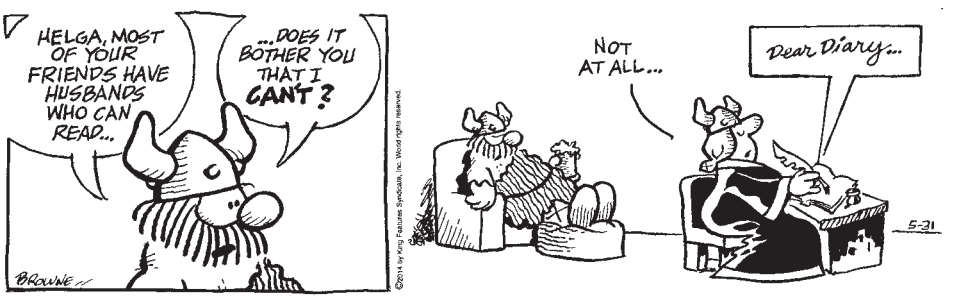
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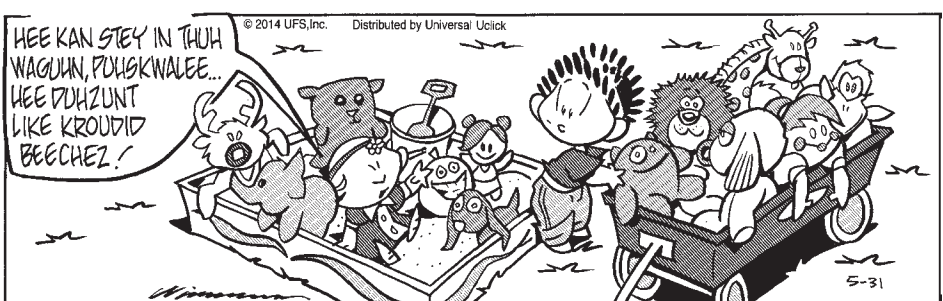
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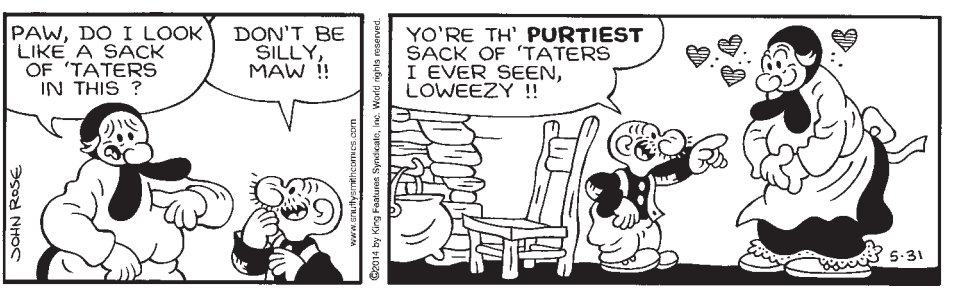
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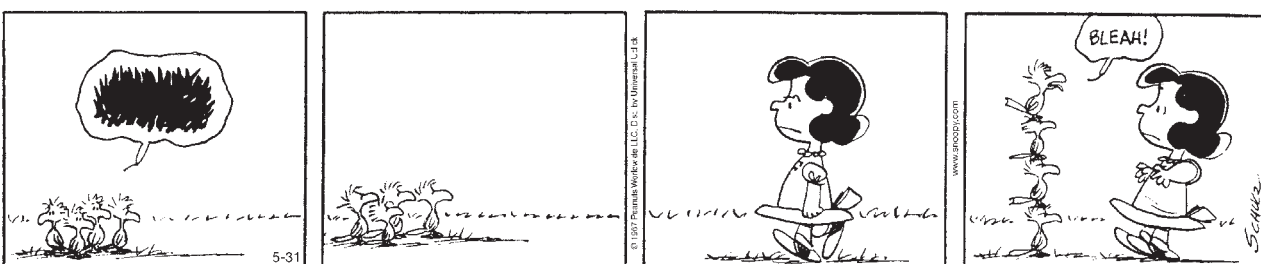
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# Diversions

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## Refusal to drink makes woman feel out of step with her peers

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm 20 years old. My boyfriend and I don't drink. Almost every person my age does, and it's starting to get to me. I'd love to have friends besides my boyfriend I can hang out with, but I find that I only connect with him because everyone else always wants to go out and party. He is an introvert, so the seclusion doesn't bother him. I, on the other hand, am greatly bothered by it.

I have always been ahead of the curve in terms of people my age. I have more in common with 30-year-olds than people in college. Unfortunately, I would feel weird spending time with 30-year-olds, and I'm sure they'd feel the same about spending time with me. Most of my spare time is spent with my family. They just seem to get me.

How can I find people my age who think

the way I do? I don't want to be the kind of girl who only spends time with her boyfriend. I would appreciate other relationships. — **LIZ IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR LIZ:** I agree that it's time to expand your circle of acquaintances. That's why I'm advising you to join a gym or some other physical activity group and start meeting people who are involved in physical fitness. None of the ones I know want to spend their time drinking and partying because they are more interested in eating and living healthfully. I'm sure if you try it, you will meet others who think the way you do.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 15, and all of my friends my age and a grade lower have their belly buttons pierced. I have been asking my mom for a very long time and she doesn't have a problem with it, but



**JEANNE PHILLIPS**

DEAR ABBY

my dad does. He won't let me get it done because he doesn't want me looking like trash at this age.

I don't want it to impress boys; I want it for my own beauty and to look good with a cute jewel to go with my summer outfits or bathing suits. They said to ask you if you think it's wrong to have a belly button pierced at the age of 15. Is it wrong? — **KYLIE IN WASHINGTON**

**DEAR KYLIE:** I don't think that having a belly button pierced is a question of right or wrong. I suspect that your father's objection — and I'm not sure I disagree with him — is that he would prefer you make an impression by attracting at-

tention in some other way. I'm suggesting you hold off for now and have it done when you're older — providing you haven't changed your mind by then.

**DEAR ABBY:** 1. What do you call a person who is neither a morning lark nor a night owl? (That's me.)

2. What do you call someone who is neither a giver nor a taker? (That's me, too.)

Your answers will help me win a delicious meal! — **INQUISITIVE IN OTTAWA**

**DEAR INQUISITIVE:** A person who is neither a lark nor a night owl is called a robin. Someone who is neither a giver nor a taker is probably a loner.

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## HOROSCOPES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, May 31, 2014:

This year you have a unique opportunity to get past a problem that has haunted you for years. You also will spend a considerable amount of time reflecting and enjoying your downtime. Take a class in yoga, or try some other type of relaxing exercise. You even might opt to do some volunteer work. If you are single, this summer is when Cupid will be in your neighborhood. You probably will meet several potential suitors this year. If you are attached, you will enjoy spending more time together by partaking in your favorite pastimes. Make plenty of one-and-one time for each other. **CANCER** is very emotional.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You inadvertently might upset someone you look up to and care about. Your spontaneity might threaten this person's plans, as he or she wants you to be part of them. Tap into your imagination, and you will come out ahead.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** You will say exactly what you want, and others will

hear you. Avoid a power play at all costs. Your imagination will take you to a new level, once you get into a deep conversation with a friend. Someone at a distance might have quite an effect on you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** An argument could color your day. Part of the issue might have to do with your spending habits. A discussion with a loved one will be enlightening, if nothing else. Remain sensitive to this person, even if you don't like what you are hearing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You might irritate a roommate or a loved one. Fortunately, you seem to have the right words to patch up a problem in a moment or two. Allow more creativity to come in through others. Chime in with your sense of humor.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Whatever is going on that is hush-hush might be best kept that way. Be wise, and don't ask for more information. A loved one at a distance could surprise you with his or her ideas. Go along with this person's line of thought.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.**



**JACQUELINE BIGAR**

BIGAR'S STARS

**22)** You could be pushed by friends to meet up with them. By saying "yes," you might discover that you stop worrying about a problem and how to deal with it. Don't let a loved one railroad you into doing only what he or she wants to do.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Your sense of direction will help you make it through a meeting. An older relative or friend might want you to join him or her; however, you must tackle and complete a responsibility first. Anger might be a lot closer to the surface than you realize.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You might want to understand what is happening with a neighbor or relative. Make a call and casually catch up on news. You might want to reflect on what you are hearing after the talk. If concerned, follow your intuitive sense.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You will want to re-

think a personal decision. You might be worried about what is happening with a friend who has been angry as of late. You could have quite a disagreement with this person, but try to be understanding.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You might want to hear more from others. The best way to achieve this would be to say less yet also show extreme interest. One person in particular will seek your approval. Be careful with how you respond, as he or she needs more self-confidence.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** No one doubts that you are busy and need to finish some projects. The incoming calls are meant to let you know that you are missed. Free yourself up as soon as you can, as you will want to join your pals.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Be more forthright in how you handle a personal matter. You could be unusually fatigued by a child. Use caution with a risk, and know full well what needs to happen. A friend might become uptight and quite difficult to speak to. Avoid a risk at all costs.

## BRIDGE

### A Different Kind of Squeeze

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ Q J 10 4  
 ♥ Q  
 ♦ K 8 5 2  
 ♣ A K 10 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ 8 3  
 ♦ A Q 10 9 7 6  
 ♣ Q 8 5 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 9 6 3 2  
 ♥ A J 5  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ J 6 2

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1 ♣ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ Pass  
 4 ♣ Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

There is a play in bridge called a trump squeeze. The opportunity to use it seldom occurs, but when the proper setup arises, the trump squeeze can be applied with devastating effect.

Consider this deal where West led the jack of diamonds against six spades. Declarer played low from dummy and ruffed West's diamond continuation at trick two. At this point, it might seem that declarer requires a successful club finesse to make the slam, but South decided not to put all his eggs in this one basket.

Instead he cashed the ace of hearts at trick three, then ruffed a heart with dummy's ten. A low trump to the nine was followed by the jack of hearts, ruffed by dummy's jack as East discarded a diamond. South then overtook the queen of trumps with the king and cashed the ace of trumps, discarding a club from dummy as East discarded another diamond. This was now the position:

**North**  
 ♦ K 8  
 ♣ A K 10

**West**  
 ♥ 10 9 7  
 ♠ 9 7

**East**  
 ♦ A Q  
 ♣ Q 8 5

**South**  
 ♠ 6 3  
 ♥ J 6 2

By this time, declarer knew that East had started with precisely one spade, two hearts, six diamonds and, therefore, four clubs. This meant that East was subject to a trump squeeze, and that it did not matter whether he had the queen of clubs or not.

Accordingly, South led the spade six and discarded the club ten from dummy, placing East in an untenable position. If East discarded a club, declarer would cash the A-K of clubs to establish his jack; if East discarded the diamond queen instead, declarer would cross to dummy with a club and ruff the eight of diamonds to establish the king. Either way, the contract was home.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, May 31, the 151st day of 2014. There are 214 days left in the year.

**On this date:**  
 In 1594, Italian artist Titoretto died in Venice in his

mid-70s.  
 In 1669, English diarist Samuel Pepys (peeps) wrote the final entry of his journal, blaming his failing eyesight for his inability to continue.

### AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

5-31 CRYPTOQUOTE  
 Z NIOZY RPNSIO HI QCJTPBSO  
 PT FPKO, LSY PY'T TODR-  
 KHRPEOFKO YCZY UZMOT  
 THUOHFO IOZDDJ TOVJ.  
 — WPWP KZ RHV

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A RETENTIVE MEMORY MAY BE A GOOD THING, BUT THE ABILITY TO FORGET IS THE TRUE TOKEN OF GREATNESS. — ELBERT HUBBARD

## Sharkys VAC N SEW

### "Ask Al"

#### BAG OR BAGLESS?

Over the last 48 years, I have seen vacuum cleaners come and go. Uprights to canisters, round ones and square ones, plain ones to one that have \$800.00 a gallon color changing paint, from indoor to outdoor, from hard to push to self-propelled and now bag to bagless. My goodness, we humans sure bore easily don't we? Anyway, I have been told by many people that they just love their bagless vacuum or they wouldn't have anything but a bag type vacuum. So the question of the day is...which one do I buy?

The number one selling vacuum cleaner on the market is a bagless vacuum....BUT hold on just a moment! It isn't because it sucks better than anything else. It isn't because it is rated by...well you know those smarteek research people. And it isn't because it doesn't use bags. No it is because of a little thing or should I say BIG thing called "Marketing"! You see, when you see a man in a lab coat that looks like a research scientist and these cone shaped thing-a-ma-jigs that have dirt swirling around and the "scientist" writing equations on a chalk board and this ball rolling around then this has got to be "the one", right?

Well, the vacuum industry laughs all the way to the bank because you have just bought into the idea that you don't EVER need to buy bags again for that stupid vacuum cleaner. But the truth really is that instead of buying approximately 3-4 packages of bags a year you now have to buy filters twice a year. Yes but the filters are cheaper than the bags. NOT! Lets say you bought 4 packs of bags @ \$5.00 each, that's \$20.00 and the filters range anywhere from \$19.99-29.99 each @ 2 times a year....Well you see the dirt. Oh yeah, that's the other reason people like the bagless as opposed to the bag type vacuum cleaner is they can actually see the dirt and think they are really picking up a lot more because they can't see what's in the bag.

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## WORD SCRIMMAGE™

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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 135-145 PTS  
 Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

## Sudoku ★★★★★ 4puz.com

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			4	8				2
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Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

## WORD SCRIMMAGE™ SOLUTION BY JUDD HAMBRICK

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2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN = 90  
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3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN = 69  
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AVERAGE GAME 255-265 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 402

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

**How to play:** Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.



# Keep insect pests from ruining your landscape

The heat and humidity of summer create a thriving environment for our insect friends and foes. Butterflies and lady beetles are out in droves, but so are the chinch bugs, scale, aphids and other plant pests. If insect pests are wrecking your landscape and ruining your weekend, you can take preventative actions to make life easier.

One of the most important steps in reducing pest damage in your landscape is to routinely scout your plants for insects. Scouting can be performed by flipping over leaves and looking for insects and other plant problems.

Venture out into your landscape weekly and focus on the soft growing tips and the oldest leaves of your plants. Plant pests tend to attack or lay eggs on these areas first.

Scan the landscape and look for irregular growth. This could be a



**BROOKE MOFFIS**  
LAKE COUNTY  
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sign of pest problems. If you see abnormal growth, take a closer look. You may have an insect pest lurking on the underside of leaves. The point of scouting is to catch pests early before they require repeated pesticide treatments.

If you locate an insect pest, bring it into the extension office for positive identification. You must know what insect you are dealing with in order to determine the best means of control. Sometimes control is not warranted because the insect that is thought to be a pest is actually a predatory insect that eats other bugs.

Collect your insect specimen in a jar of rubbing alcohol or place a section of the plant containing the insect in a plastic baggie. The more of a sample you can bring in, the better. Master gardeners are available to help you identify landscape problems at the UF/IFAS Extension Lake Coun-

ty Office, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If it is determined that you have an insect problem, consider using soaps and oils first. If applied correctly, these products can offer effective control while minimizing the use of other insecticides. When using these products, it is important to thoroughly cover the insect, because soaps and oils work by suffocating the pest.

When applying insecticides, always read the label. The label will tell you how to correctly apply the product to control the insect while reducing negative effects on the plant. On tough plants, insects can simply be blasted off with a hard stream of water from a hose.

Catch plant pests early and use the UF/IFAS Extension Lake County Service to properly identify your insect problems.

Our next Saturday in the Gardens class will be June 7 at 10 a.m., taught by Lake County Master Gardener Jeanette Hanst. The topic is Why Plants Fail. The cost is \$5 per resident.

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# Top 5 plants there's no need to buy

MARTHA BUNS  
MCT

First, let me be clear: This isn't a list of plants you shouldn't own, just a list of plants for which there's no need to trade actual cash unless you're feeling picky. These are the usual suspects that spread, slowly or otherwise, in people's yards and many gardeners would be happy to find a good home for their excess.

These are plants you can almost always find for free, if you ask around or find a local plant swap:

**1. GENERIC HOSTA.** Either the solid green or the green/white variety show up in droves, because the plants do better if they're periodically divided. Most of them are what I call no-name hostas, because they came with someone's house and weren't planted, so no one ever knew their name. But if you've got a shady area, they're super reliable all-season greenery. And usually someone will show up with some big leaf blue hosta to trade, because even gorgeous, pedigreed hostas need dividing sometimes.

**2. LILY OF THE VALLEY.** These plants are givers that won't stop giving, and their owners won't stop giving them away. Unless your heart is set on the pink variety, you're guaranteed to have your fill of lily of the valley.

**3. CHIVES.** When I see these plants for sale, I think "Really?! Please, take mine." And if you're smarter than me, you'll put them in pots or else be prepared to dig out the excess. Even garlic chives are likely to make an appearance at most plant swaps.

**4. ORANGE DAYLILIES.** Borders upon borders' worth show up at every swap. They may not be as exciting as the many varieties available now for purchase, but if you've just got a side of a garage you don't want to have to think about, a row of these babies will take care of it.

**5. GRANDMA'S FERNS.** There are a lot of gorgeous varieties of ferns worth parting with money for, but if you're just in the market for a back of the shady border staple, nearly everyone who has them has them in droves and will gladly share. (And if they're by a neighboring fence, we'll share them willy nilly.)



DAVID SWANSON / MCT

Paper flowers are gaining momentum among artists and crafters, and are turning up more and more as art installations.

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"... I'm seeing far more garden roses, vines, and wildflowers reproduced in paper form than perfectly shaped rosebuds," she says, adding that the current trend is not limited to the U.S.

Paper flowers also are "popping up in window displays throughout England, France, Germany and Sweden," says Bonney, a former Inquirer design columnist.

Bonney doesn't see paper flowers' ever displacing real blooms, which are incomparably bright and lush. "They're very different looks, and the best paper flowers, the ones that look the most dramatic and realistic, are just as time-intensive and expensive to produce as real cut-flower arrangements," she says.

Like Swain, Thuss has always loved the look and feel of paper, but she prefers crepe, wrapping, or tissue paper

over stiffer varieties.

Speaking of variety, crepe paper, Thuss' favorite, comes in single-ply; double-sided two-ply; streamers; vintage; printed; florist; and metallic.

Sculpture was Swain's major at Griffith University in Australia, where she earned a degree in fine art, and it remains an abiding interest.

It's also how she thinks of the three huge installations the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society commissioned her to do for the Philadelphia Flower Show in March. Like stylized progeny of Babylon's hanging gardens, which Swain loosely drew on for inspiration, they greeted visitors overhead and on the walls inside the Convention Center, where the show was held.

These grand paper sculptures took six weeks to make and assemble and three long days to install at the show. And though a perfectionist, Swain did

not decide on a design ahead of time, preferring instead to just put it all together.

"Sometimes you don't even know where you're getting your ideas from," she says.

Swain now is playing with paper pyramids, crystals, and other geometric forms, and she has an idea: Why not use undesirable or invasive vines to make "gigantic human-size pods that you could hang up and crawl into to take a nap"?

This is more practical than you might think. Swain and her fiancé, Darcey Clancy, 26, a carpenter and fellow Aussie, hope to buy land in the tropical rain forest of North Queensland, Australia, build a tree house, plant a garden and live off the grid. The plan lacks only a napping pod.

The wedding will be small. Guests will bring food. Swain will borrow a dress and carry a small bouquet — of paper flowers.

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