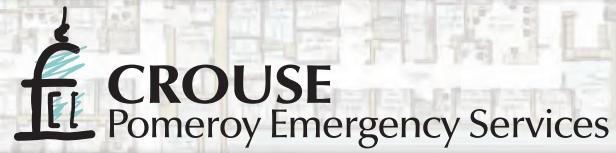




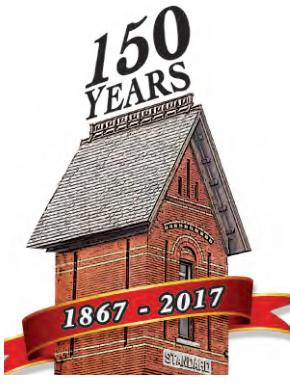
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LOCAL**Camp shows off health careers**

Young teens and pre-teens outside Cortland Regional Medical Center watched a helicopter land Friday as part of the 15th annual Medical Academy of Science and Health, or MASH, camp.

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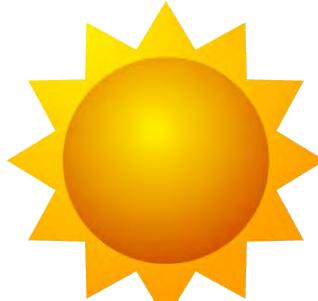
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SPORTS**Flores leading Canadian Open**

The second-round leader shot his second straight 6-under 66 on the rain-softened course at Glen Abbey.

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WEATHER**Sunny**Tomorrow's Weather:
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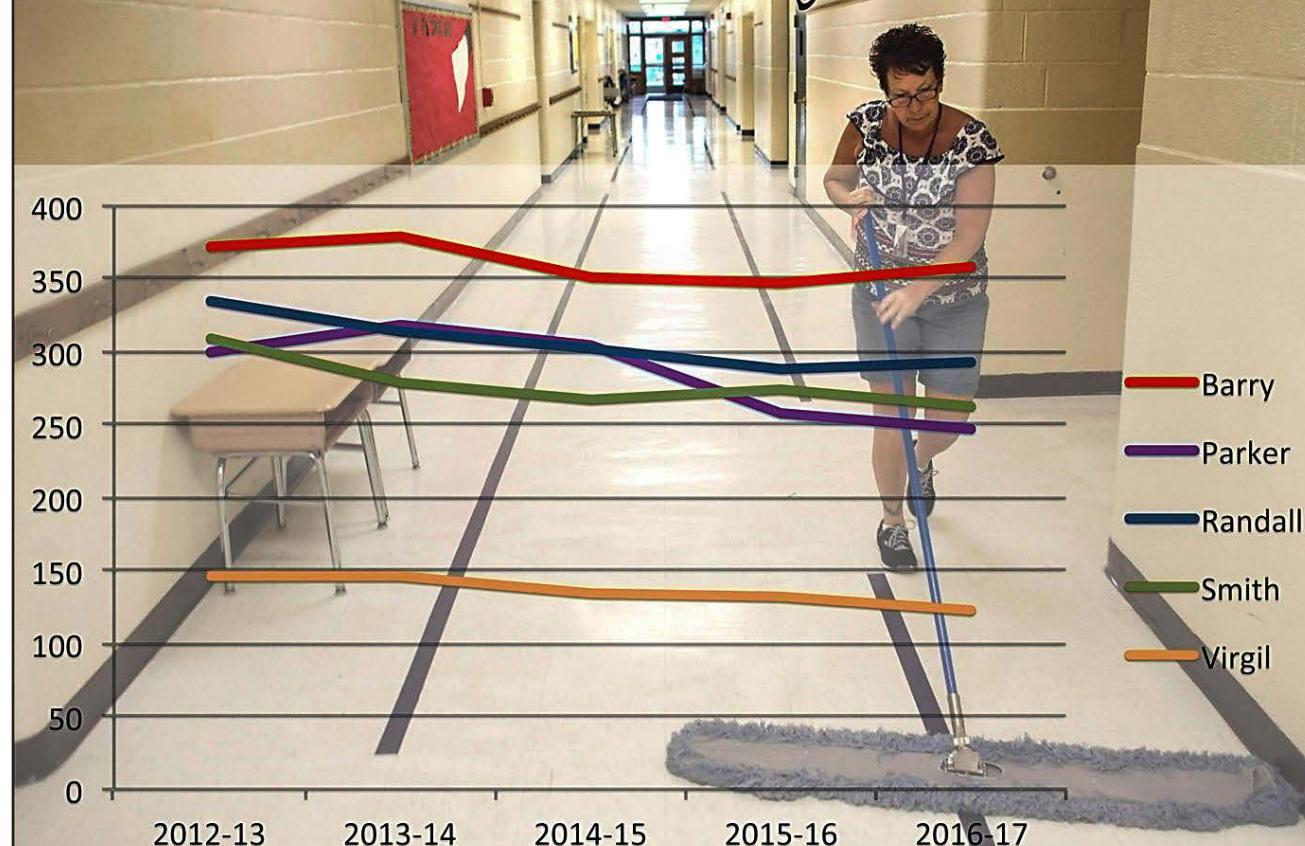
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Cortland Elementary Enrollment



Joe McIntyre/staff photographer/Todd McAdam photo illustration

Kelly Lewis, of Cortland, sweeps the halls Tuesday at Randall Elementary in Cortland.

Space considerations

With enrollments falling, Cortland district weighs closing an elementary and opening a middle school

middle school there, incorporating the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Or it could add sixth-graders to the existing junior high school on Valley View Drive. The high school, in the same facility as the junior high school, records 54 percent room use.

Nothing is decided — that's what the \$34,000 facilities study is for.

It's also why the district has planned

a series of meetings — the next at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Parker Elementary School, with a tour at 5:45 p.m.

The goal of the study, said Schools Superintendent Michael Hoose, is to find out if there is a better way of organizing the school system that would benefit both students and taxpayers.

The district hired Castaldo & Silky

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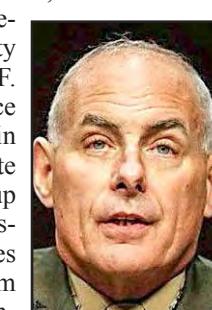
Kelly replaces Priebus as chief of staff

By NOAH BIERMAN and BRIAN BENNETT

Tribune Washington Bureau

(TNS)

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump ousted his beleaguered chief of staff, Reince Priebus, naming Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly to replace him Friday in the latest White House shake-up as the administration struggles to emerge from bitter staff infighting and a stalled legislative agenda.



Kelly

Trump announced the abrupt reshuffle in three posts on Twitter hours after the Senate killed his latest plans to rewrite President Barack Obama's signature health care law, dealing another harsh blow to the White House.

The tweets, sent as Trump was landing in Washington on Air Force One with Priebus after a speech on

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North Korea says 2nd ICBM test puts 'entire' US in range

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said today the second flight test of an intercontinental ballistic missile demonstrated his country can hit the U.S. mainland, hours after the launch left analysts concluding that a wide swath of the United States, including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now in range of North Korean weapons.

The Korean Central News Agency said that Kim expressed "great satisfaction" after the Hwasong-14 missile reached a maximum height of 2,314 miles and traveled 998 kilometers 620 miles before accurately landing in waters off Japan. The agency said that the test was aimed at confirming the maximum range and other technical aspects of the missile it says was capable of delivering a "large-sized, heavy nuclear warhead."

Analysts had estimated that the North's first ICBM on July 4 could have reached Alaska, and said that the latest missile appeared to ex-

tend that range significantly. Immediately after the launch, U.S. and South Korean forces conducted live-fire exercises. South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-moo called for the deployment of strategic U.S. military assets — which usually means stealth bombers and aircraft carriers — as well as additional launchers of an advanced U.S. anti-missile system.

Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said the missile, launched late Friday night, flew for about 45 minutes — about five minutes longer than the first. The missile was launched on very high trajectory, which limited the distance it traveled, and landed west of Japan's island of Hokkaido.

The KCNA quoted Kim as saying that the launch reaffirmed the reliability of the country's ICBM system and an ability to fire at "random regions and locations at random times" with the "entire" U.S. mainland now within range.



A man watches a TV news program showing an image of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during the North's latest test launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile today at Seoul Railway Station in Seoul, South Korea.

NATION**NC power outage forces 10,000 to flee**

OCRACOKE ISLAND, N.C. — A man-made power outage forced 10,000 tourists to flee two North Carolina islands and turned summer vacation into a messy nightmare for many.

Cars lined up Friday to get on ferries, the only way off Ocracoke Island, after a mandatory evacuation order was announced.

Gas stations ran perilously low on fuel and ice, and business owners complained about losing a chunk of their most lucrative time of year due to a construction crew accidentally severing a main transmission line. Without power, air conditioners went silent and ceiling fans stopped humming.

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WORLD**British baby caught in legal battle dies**

LONDON — Charlie Gard, the terminally ill British baby at the center of a legal and ethical battle that attracted the attention of Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump, died Friday. He was one week shy of his first birthday.

Charlie's parents fought for the right to take him to the United States for an experimental medical treatment for his rare genetic disease, mitochondrial depletion syndrome, which left him brain damaged and unable to breathe unaided. His case ended up in the courts when doctors opposed the plan, saying the untested therapy wouldn't help Charlie and might cause him to suffer.

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Off Beat THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THE NEWS**Man hits lottery 2nd time in 9 years**

QUEBEC CITY (AP) — There are lucky men, and then there's Jules Parent.

For the second time in nine years, the 69-year-old Quebec retiree has won a million Canadian dollars playing the lottery.

Parent muses, "Was I born under a good star?"

He showed up at lottery offices to pick up a check for \$1,222,069 after winning the jackpot from an online play worth \$3.20. Loto-Quebec places the odds of such a bet at about one in 23 million.

Parent also won \$1 million back in 2008.

He said Thursday that gambling is one of his favorite pastimes along with walking, hunting and fishing, and he intends to keep playing.

Obituaries

John W. Donaghue

John W. Donaghue, 82, of DeRuyter, N.Y., passed away Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Cortland Park Center. Born in Camden, N.J., he was a U.S. Army veteran. He retired as a production worker at Cutler Metals in Camden, N.J. He was a member of the DeRuyter Gold and Silver Club. Surviving are his sons, Eric (Linda) of Atco, N.J., Drew (Lois) of North Haven, Conn. and Bryan (Cynthia) of DeRuyter; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A graveside service will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday at Berlin Cemetery in Berlin, N.J. There are no calling hours. Smith Funeral Home, DeRuyter, has arrangements.

Dolores Helen Polovick

Dolores Helen Polovick, born March 31, 1926, in Scranton, Pa., the daughter of the late George H. and Helen E. (Barber) Ellison, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 27, 2017, in Truxton, N.Y. She has gone to join her husband of 64 years, Stephen Polovick Jr. Her brothers, Fred and John Ellison, also preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons, Kevin (Linda) Polovick, Stephan (Debbie) Polovick and Douglas (Robin) Polovick; daughter Beth (John) Hill; along with seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

For many years, Dolores loved making wedding cakes for her family and relatives. She enjoyed the home bureau, helping the Oakwood United Methodist Church for 50-plus years, enjoyed the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Mr. & Mrs. Club.

The family will welcome relatives and friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Olthof Funeral Home, 1050 Pennsylvania Ave., Elmira/Southport. Funeral services honoring her life will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. The Rev. Patrick Holder will officiate. Interment will follow in the Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Jerusalem Hill.

Flowers are welcomed and memorial donations in memory of her beloved husband, Stephen, may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 435 East Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14620. Condolences and words of comfort may be expressed at Dolores's tribute wall at www.olthof.com.

Deaths

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gang violence in New York, caught Capitol Hill and others off guard even though Priebus' stature in Trump's inner circle has been in sharp decline for some time.

In announcing Kelly's appointment, Trump called the retired Marine Corps general "a Great American" who has "done a spectacular job at Homeland Security. He has been a true star of my Administration."

"I would like to thank Reince Priebus for his service and dedication to his country. We accomplished a lot together and I am proud of him!" Trump said in his third tweet.

Priebus submitted his resignation Thursday but Trump waited a day to make the switch, according to a person close to the White House who is familiar with the fast-moving events.

Trump did not say who he would nominate to replace Kelly to head the Department of Homeland Security, one of

the federal government's largest departments. Its agencies are responsible for immigration, border security, counter-terrorism and other areas that are administration priorities.

Dave Lapan, a Homeland Security spokesman, said Deputy Secretary Elaine Duke would become acting secretary starting Monday.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House spokeswoman, said that Trump had been in talks with Kelly "for a while" about moving to the White House. "The entire administration loves him and no one is comparable," she added. "He will begin on Monday morning and a Cabinet meeting will follow his swearing-in Monday morning."

In a statement, Kelly — who will be the first former general to serve as chief of staff since Alexander Haig under Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford — said he was honored to join the White House. He lavished praise on the Homeland Security Department.

Births

HOUSEL — A boy, Joven Andre Housel, 7 pounds 8 ounces, born July 17 to Alexis Fink and Jason Housel of Cortland at Cortland Regional Medical Center.

STOLL — A boy, Maverikk James Stoll, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born July 19 to Rikki Ruller Stoll and Andrew Stoll of McGraw at Cortland Regional Medical Center.

Lottery Winners

ALBANY (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the New York State Lottery:

Numbers: Midday: 6-1-8, Lucky Sum: 15, Evening: 0-4-4, Lucky Sum: 8; **WinFour:** Midday: 3-0-3-2, Lucky Sum: 8, Evening: 3-5-2-1, Lucky Sum: 11; **Pick 10:** 6-10-11-12-18-19-24-34-43-52-53-57-59-61-62-65-71-73-78-79; **Take Five:** 3-7-13-16-20; **Mega Millions:** 4-6-31-49-52, Mega Ball: 11, Megaplier: 3.

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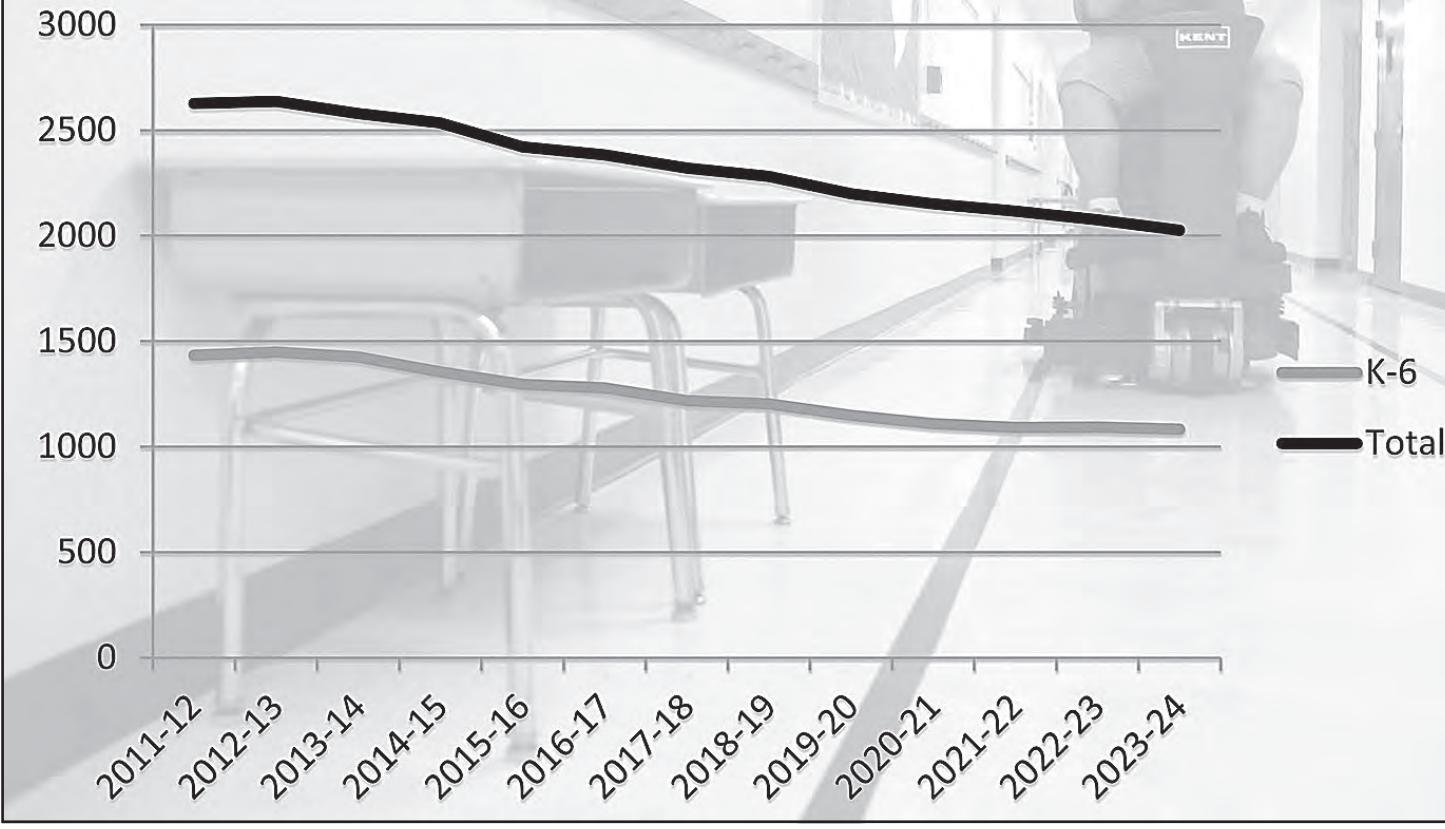
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Cortland School Enrollment



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Randall Elementary custodian Don Rood, of Cortland, polishes the floors Tuesday.

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LLC of Syracuse in March to conduct a facilities study. It's working with the Syracuse-based King & King architectural firm.

The change would come with a cost, but so would keeping things as they are: The district can expect to need to spend \$37 million to repair its facilities in the next five years, the consultant said.

A middle school explored

Bill Silky, owner of Castallo & Silky, said the most common configuration for New York school districts is to have grades six to eight in a middle school and nine to 12 in a high school.

That information comes as enrollment is declining. Expect it to drop to about 2,000 in 2023-24 from nearly 2,600 in 2013-14, according to a Castallo & Silky presentation delivered May 16 at Barry Elementary School.

Among the district's five elementary schools, expect enrollment to drop below 1,100 in 2023-24 from more than 1,400 in 2013-14.

That gives the district space to work with, if it's properly organized. At the meeting Wednesday, the firm will provide an overview of the district's transportation program and discuss options for transportation and building configuration.

The district made it clear one of the options they want us to explore is a five-to-eight or six-to-eight middle school in an existing building or a new building," Silky said.

The consultants will study that, as well as leaving everything as is.

"Ultimately the board has to make a decision about what direction to go," Silky said. The firm will deliver its final recommendations in November. "Sometimes it's a single recommendation or sometimes it's more than one with different caveats."

Parents want more information

Stephanie Madden, who has three children at Smith Elementary, said she wants to get all the information before deciding what she wants, but appreciates the benefits of a middle school.

"I grew up going to a stand-alone junior high, seven to eight and before that K to six, and it was a nice buffer before we went to high school," she said.

However, while she likes the idea of a middle school, she was very impressed by the high school building, especially the

research shows academic performance improves among students who received targeted

Public's input sought on space needs

An advisory committee of residents, parents and faculty is working with consultants and the public to determine the Cortland School District's space needs.

It includes: Breck Aspinwall, Anna Bennett, Susan Byrnes, Kevin Cafararo, Nicole Dintino, Sister Harriett Hamilton, Rick Gamel, Lisa Kaup, Stephanie Madden, Roberto Maniaci, Amy Sundheim, Leigh Vandebogart, Karen Williams and Mark Yacavone

Upcoming committee meetings

(Tours at 5:45 p.m. precede the 6:30 p.m. meetings)

Aug. 2 — (Parker Elementary) Begin exploring options; transportation implications.

Sept. 13 — (Randall Elementary) Continued implications of options; staffing implications.

Oct. 4 — (Smith Elementary) Continued implications of options; financial implications.

Nov. 8 — (Virgil Elementary) Review of draft report and recommendations.

Dec. 13 — (Cortland Board of Education board room) Presentation of final report.

science facilities.

"It's incredible, I could see where sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders would benefit from that and I think they'd have to upgrade the other buildings," Madden said.

Changes this fall

Starting in September, seventh and eighth-graders will be separated from the older students, Hoose said. They may share facilities, but scheduling of shared spaces will reduce overlap.

"We will have separate times for the junior high students as much as possible, it's not 100 percent and there will be some crossover with art teachers, and music there might be a crossover," he said.

The junior and senior high schools will also have separate Basic Educational Data System codes through the state Education Department, which means the test results for each building will be reported separately to the state.

He said this was not related to the high school being placed on the state's list of focus schools, or schools in need of improvement in certain areas, in 2012 and 2016.

There is already separate administration and support staff for the two.

"As a junior high science teacher I would love to have some sort of middle level program," said Amy Sundheim, a junior high school science teacher.

A dedicated middle school lets teachers focus on those grade levels, instead of splitting duties between both the junior and senior high schools, she said. A middle-level program would meet the needs of pre-adolescent students in more ways than just academics, such as social, emotional and developmental needs.

Research shows academic performance improves among students who received targeted

middle-level education, said Jeff Craig, director of curriculum and instruction. Students develop a sense of belonging among their peers and the teacher gets the ability to form relationships with students.

"After socioeconomic status, the greatest variable on student achievement is... the ability to implement... these essential elements of the standards focused on middle level schools and programs," he said.

Virgil principal: Send students here

Cortland schools have their respective attendance zones, geographic boundaries dictating which school children attend. Hoose said that can change if, for example, one school is over enrollment and another has space.

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Stage an issue in mayor's race

By ROBERT CREENAN

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One's a three-term incumbent; the other has never held office. Both are Democrats, and without a Republican nominee, whichever one wins the Sept. 12 primary will face no more than third-party competition to become, or remain, Cortland's mayor.

Little separates Brian Tobin from Angela Wilde on critical issues, except their stance on a plan to build a stage at Courthouse Park. In fact, Wilde once helped Tobin's campaign.

Tobin is running for his fourth term as Cortland mayor, following two two-year terms on Cortland's Common Council. He's already secured the Working Families nomination.

Tobin said in his time as mayor, city government has been more responsive to residents. Infrastructure issues have been addressed, with bridge work on Groton Avenue recently completed and work on the Arthur Avenue bridge to start soon, reducing the danger of floods.

Cortland's police department has started a community-oriented policing program and Tobin prides himself on keeping the city budget from increasing tax rates for

five years.

"People should be pleased with how city government works and look at it with pride," Tobin said. "Residents should be getting great services for their taxes."

Wilde moved to Cortland a decade ago. She has never run for public office, but has been active in public causes. She helped found Friends of the River Trail to support a proposed \$3.1 million trail between Cortland and Homer and helped create Cortland First Fridays.

"This city can have a bright future with the right leadership, and I want to be that leadership," Wilde said.

On the Courthouse Park Stage: The Newell "Spiegler" Wilcox Community Stage is a planned stage in Courthouse Park to hold theater productions, festivals and other performances. It is proposed to be on the west side of the park near the fountain and the "Copper John" Civil War memorial statue.



Tobin



Wilde

Tobin said the stage would meet the needs of performers while keeping that park feel for all the kids who use it.

"We want to balance the stage with the needs of the community," Tobin said.

Wilde considers the park akin to a historical artifact and says it is sacred ground to others. She is also concerned the public has not been sufficiently involved with the project. If it is altered, it needs to be done with expert supervision," Wilde said.

On Housing: Tobin, who first considered running for mayor to improve housing, hopes to continue to improve housing stock and developments on Main Street.

"A lot of businesses are in and around Main," Tobin said. "It's a place where people gather and rub elbows with their neighbors."

Wilde wants the city to continue working with Thoma Development Consultants on housing projects as part of making Cortland attractive to outside businesses.

"If we create better jobs, the city will have more tax revenue," Wilde said.

On green policies: Cortland in Tobin's tenure has expressed its support for the Paris Climate Accord, worked to expand multimodal transportation options and set policies to deal with global warming. Tobin wants to create incentives for green construction and continue to make the city less reliant on automobiles.

"Driving less makes the city more green," Tobin said.

Wilde sees implementing green policies as the wave of the future, but says she needs to inform herself more before establishing policies.

"I want to listen to what residents want and work with the council to use what is available for the betterment of the community," Wilde said.

On drugs: State reports show 20 reported meth labs in Cortland County this year. The state Department of Health listed 326 people in the county admitted to treatment programs for heroin and opioid addictions last year.

Tobin said the city in his tenure has taken steps for people to better communicate to law enforcement and respond to people's concerns.

"Cortland is a good-sized community where if someone isn't doing something right, they'll get caught," Tobin said.

Wilde said that when he was collecting petition signatures, the most frequent topics that came up were drugs and crime and how they affect neighborhoods. She wants to expand the use of citizen advisory committees.

"This would help Cortland move forward and prosper," Wilde said.

On economic development: A tax abatement program was passed in Tobin's tenure, where property owners would not see an increase in taxes if their property was not being improved. The city also funded studies of Main Street to make it more attractive for businesses.

Tobin cited the city's wastewater treatment plant as a reason Byrne Dairy set up its yogurt plant in Cortlandville and the city worked with McNeil and Co. to allow an expansion that creates at least 100 jobs.

"If anyone has an idea, we can make it work," Tobin said. "We're all ears."

Wilde wants to use attractive housing options to make Cortland desirable to outside businesses and entrepreneurs.

Dryden schools survey public

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DRYDEN — As part of a state requirement for being a state-designated focus school, the Dryden Central School District reviewed this week surveys of families, teachers and students, finding educators need to more effectively teach to all learning abilities and also communicate more consistently with families.

The district sent out a cluster of surveys to families, teachers and students, to determine ways to improve student outcomes. Nearly 220 families responded, which district officials are pleased with.

All survey findings are being incorporated into three plans: one for Dryden Elementary School, one for the middle school, and one for the district, that will be submitted Monday to the state Education Department. The Board of Education will vote Aug. 15 to accept or amend the plans.

The school improvement plans are required of the district because Dryden Elementary and the middle school are on the state's list of focus schools, or schools in need of improvement. Last year was the first year the schools were placed on the list, and last year the district also had to enact similar plans.

The schools must improve and if the state deems they aren't, they could be listed as priority districts, said Dryden Elementary School Assistant Principal Brett King. The next step for priority districts, if they do not improve, is for the state to take over the education at the facility.

Dryden is nowhere near that point, King said.

This year, communication is the focus of the plans, said Dryden Schools Superintendent Sandy Sherwood.

"I think there was a little bit of a sense that the school teachers and administrators ... were pretty quick to contact a parent when there's a problem but not always as quick to make sure they are talking to them about how their kid is doing," Sherwood said.

The district wants to increase communication to families and get more parents to participate in events.

The other big takeaway was that the district should improve how it teaches to all different abilities.

"Parents weren't sure work was as differentiated as it needs to be for different learners," Sherwood said.

Part of that is making sure there is a supportive learning climate, she said. For instance, a kid having a bad day who becomes disruptive could be sent out of the class and miss learning time, a problem that could be addressed differently.

"So how can we as teachers and staff members support kids more broadly so they are having a better day, so the learning environment meets their needs and they are able to stay in class," Sherwood said.

King said the plans focus on five areas to improve

- The quality of instruction.
- Effectiveness of leadership and teaching.
- Student achievement
- The social and emotional well-being of students.
- Family and community engagement.

Last year, King said the improvement plan at the elementary school entailed monitoring teachers and reviewing curriculums.

"And we were collecting data from all those different indicators from those areas and we would report out to staff our progress on that and to the state our progress on that," he said.

Sherwood said the plans are not just about getting off the list.

"It's ... more about improving our service to our kids," Sherwood said. "It's nice to get off the list but what's really important is how the kids are doing."



Photos by Joe McIntyre/staff photographer

From left, flight nurse Emily Sweatman demonstrates specialized Mercy Flight lifesaving techniques to Margaret Starr, 13, of Cortland, and Dorothy Hamilton, 13, of Ithaca, on Friday during Cortland Regional Medical Center's MASH Camp.

Lofty aspirations

Camp encourages youths to consider health careers

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Young teens and pre-teens wearing green hospital scrubs gathered in a field across the street from the Cortland Regional Medical Center watching a helicopter land. It was a helicopter used to fly people with medical emergencies to hospitals across Central New York.

Tim DePaull, of Mercy Flight Central, talked to the youths about what goes into being a first responder, both on and off the ground. And what does it take? The ability to deal with stress and cope with trauma — both physical and emotional, said Jarrod Kolodziejczyk, the director of the volunteer office for the hospital.

It was the highlight of the day Friday at the hospital's 15th annual Medical Academy of Science and Health, or MASH, camp. Over the course of the two-day summer camp, 21 students learned about the departments of the hospital. The Mercy Flight helicopter appeared at the 2014 and 2016 camps.

Nurse Joe Wlotkowski and paramedic Emily Sweatman explained to three kids at a time the equipment inside the helicopter and how it transports people.

"It can go from Marcellus to Cortland in 15 minutes," Wlotkowski said. Once the tour of the helicopter was finished, the campers got a look at the hospital's emergency and



MASH Camp students watch Friday as the Mercy Flight helicopter lands outside Cortland Regional Medical Center in Cortland.

operating rooms.

In the physical rehabilitation department, the students got to experience the various conditions and the therapies associated with them. They wore goggles to blur their vision, simulating the affects of diabetes. Students

were wrapped up in therabands to make their joints stiff, mimicking cerebral palsy. They worked with an 8-months pregnant nurse in the maternity ward.

"The students here are the patients," Kolodziejczyk said.

Natalie Day, 12 of McLean, was interested because she is a fan of the television series "Grey's Anatomy."

"I liked learning about the past and present, what they (nurses) used to do back then," Day said. The presentation DePaull gave compared a modern bed with medical equipment next to it with an old photo of a bed with no equipment near it, just nurses.

Jayda Calmer, 13, of Dryden, wanted to come because her mother is a nurse and heard her stories of what it is like to work in a hospital.

"I wanted to know what it is like to work in the medical field," said Hallie Allport, 14, of Dryden. She attended with her twin brother, Jack, who was forced to come along.

"My dad wanted me to get exposed," Jack said.

Kolodziejczyk said the camp also works as a feeder for the hospital's teenage volunteer program. The hospital usually gets two to three new volunteers each camp. A few kids who participated in last year's camp did return for this year's.

"We usually get good feedback from the students," Kolodziejczyk said.

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Around the Towns

Releases for community events must be submitted to the Cortland Standard one week before the planned event is scheduled. To submit a release, email towns@cortlandstandard.net or mail it to P.O. Box 5548, Cortland, NY 13045. Please include a name and contact information (this will not be printed unless permission is granted).

Meeting posted

There will be a regular meeting of the Cortland school board at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8 at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive.

Pancake brunch next week at senior center in Truxton

The Truxton Senior Center will host a pancake brunch from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

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QUESTION:

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Cortland County Junior Fair

The following results are from competitions held July 4-8 at the Cortland County Junior Fair in Cortlandville.

Market Broilers AND TURKEY SHOW

Market Turkey Showmanship Class
Novice Showman
Blue to Ryan Champion.
Junior Showman
Blue to Aleta Gross.
Champion Market Turkey Showman
Aleta Gross.

Market Turkey Weight Class
Light Weight
1st, Ryan Champion, 2nd, Aleta Gross.

Market Turkey Champion
Ryan Champion

Reserve Market Turkey Champion
Aleta Gross

Market Broilers Show
Market Broilers Showmanship:
Blues: 1st, Nora Gross; 2nd, Ryan Champion.

Champion Market Broiler Showman
Nora Gross

Market Broilers (Pen of 3)
Blues: 1st, Ryan Champion, 2nd, Place Nora Gross

Champion Broilers
Ryan Champion

Reserve Champion Broilers
Nora Gross

SWINE SHOW

Swine Showmanship Classes
First-Year Showman 8-13
Blues: 1st, Sam Birdsall; 2nd, Sarah Birdsall; 3rd, Everett Brayman, 4th, Evan Butts; and 5th, Caitlyn McCloy

First-Year Showman 14-19
1st blue: Elise Butts

Juniors

Blues: 1st, Alice Tylutki; 2nd, Conner McCloy; Reds: 3rd, Collin Weik; 4th, Nolan Weik; and 5th, Robert Houston

Grand Champion and First-Year Showman Junior
Sam Birdsall

First-Year Senior Showman
Elise Butts

Junior Showman

Alice Tylutki

Swine Breed Classes
January Spring Gilt
Blues: 1st, Sarah Birdsall; 2nd, Sam Birdsall

February Spring Gilt
Blues: 1st, Conner McCloy; 2nd, Caitlyn McCloy

Junior Spring Gilt
Blues: 1st, Everett Brayman; Red: 2nd, Robert Houston

Feeder Hog Light Class
Red: Robert Houston

Medium Class
Blues: 1st, Evan Butts; 2nd, Caitlyn McCloy

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August 5, 2017

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Grand Champion Breeding Hog
Sarah Birdsall

Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Hog
Conner McCloy

Market Hogs 214-220 pounds Light Market
Blues: 1st, Alice Tylutki (220), 2nd, Nolan Weik (214)

More Than 220 Pounds Medium Market
Blue: Everett Brayman

Heavy Market
Blue: Sam Birdsall

Grand Champion Market Hog
Sam Birdsall

Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog
Everett Brayman

BEEF SHOW

Showmanship Class
First-Year Showman 8-13
Blues: 1st, Sarah Birdsall; 2nd, Thornton Allis

Junior Showman 8-13
Blues: 1st, Sam Birdsall; 2nd, Thornton Allis

Senior Showman 14-19
Blues: 1st, Sonya Helms; 2nd, Donovan Allis

First-Year Showman Junior
Sarah Birdsall

Reserve First-Year Junior Showman
Everett Brayman

Junior Champion Showman
Sam Birdsall

Reserve Junior Champion Showman
Thornton Allis

Senior Champion Showperson
Sonya Helms

Reserve Senior Champion Showperson
Donovan Allis

Grand Champion Showperson
Sonya Helms

Reserve Grand Champion Showperson
Abby Thomas

Ewe Lamb
Blues: 1st, Sonya Helms; 2nd, Thornton Allis; Red: 3rd, Caylene Russell

Ram Lamb
Blue: Colson Slade

Yearling Ewe
Blues: 1st, Thornton Allis; 2nd, Donovan Allis

Feeder Lamb
Blues: 1st, Donovan Allis; 2nd, Thornton Allis

Market Lamb
Blue: Abby Thomas

Champion Market Lamb
Abby Thomas

Champion Breeding Ewe
Sonya Helms

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Lucy Withers of Cortland shows some moves in the water Wednesday at the new Accessible Aquatics program at Wickwire Pool. She said when she is in the water, she is free. She can exercise without hurting her joints.

Now open at Wickwire Pool:

Accessible aquatics

By KATIE KEYSER

Living and Leisure Editor

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Lucy Withers is on a mission to lose weight — and swimming is one of the tools in her tool box to shed the pounds.

"You get more fitness, more toned in water exercise than on land. You tone up faster," said the 51-year-old woman, who is down to 379 pounds from her 505 weight a year and a half ago.

"Your joints don't hurt as bad. When you are on land, your joints hurt. In water, you are weight free. I can do things I can't do on land."

Withers has been enjoying the free sessions of Accessible Aquatics pool time at Wickwire Pool. She showed off a hand stand in the water.

"It's something you can't do when you are heavy set," she said.

Adults with mobility limitations, senior citizens or people with a developmental disability can enjoy the swimming pool at Suggett Park in Cortland 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. weekdays until Aug. 18.

Children can't access the pool at that time, which is open to the public regularly noon to 7 p.m. daily through the summer.

"The advantage of this time, you have the whole pool to yourself," Withers said.

The program is funded by Seven Valleys Health Coalition of Cortland, which is getting \$700 from the state Department of Health's NYSLocalIMPACT program to pay for lifeguards, said Susan Williams, project manager at the coalition.

Withers lost 30 pounds through an-

other health coalition initiative: a national diabetes prevention program led by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. It is designed for overweight and sedentary people facing the possibility of type 2 diabetes.

A new session will start 6 p.m. Wednesday and take place the same time Wednesdays at the YMCA, 22 Tompkins St., Cortland. Call 607-756-4198 to reserve a spot.

"Next week's class is a meet and greet," said Erin Ladoceour, the lifestyle coach for the program. She is also a project manager at the health coalition and is a SUNY Cortland adjunct health teacher. "It goes for a year. We meet weekly for 16 weeks before changing to once a month."

There is a small fee that is a fraction of the cost of the program, Williams said.

"The goal is the prevent type 2 diabetes for folks at risk," said Ladoceour.

People can take a risk test at the sevenvalleyshealth.org website to see if they are eligible.

The health coalition has a grant from NYSLocalIMPACT to provide programs that increase the physical activity in adults in Cortland at risk for chronic diseases, seniors, people with disabilities and low-income people who don't have access to changing to once a month."

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people to take advantage of the program, particularly seniors and people with disabilities who may not want to swim at peak pool time.

Withers uses both programs. She is learning to watch her fat content, exercise more and eat less through the diabetes prevention program.

As for the Accessible Aquatics: "I've got to be here," Withers said.

She showed up on Monday and swam in the rain. She also is experiencing the loss of her boyfriend, who died just July 21. He was proud that she was taking measures to improve her life, she said.

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The boy was screaming with 7 hours left to fly ...

... Then she held out her hand

By BRUCE HENDERSON
The Charlotte Observer (TNS)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — She's a shy Jewish woman from Charlotte. He's a little boy, apparently African and Muslim, who was screaming aboard a transatlantic flight.

Their July 14 encounter between Brussels and New York made the eight-hour flight go easier for their fellow passengers. The virtually wordless connection — neither spoke the others' language — also offered a lesson in compassion that has circulated widely online. By her account, Rochel Groner, 33, is among the least likely people to make a public display.

"I'm the type of person who would let somebody step on my foot for like a half-hour before I would say something," she says.

But about an hour into the flight, a return home after Groner and her husband Bentzion chaperoned teens to Israel, Groner heard sounds of distress behind them. Not cries from a baby. Not a bored teen.

"It was just kind of a shriek without any words," Groner says. "I recognized it right away as a child with special needs."

Groner knew this not through training, although she used to teach elementary school, but from experience. She and her husband run Friendship Circle, which pairs teen volunteers with children with special needs



Robert Lahser/The Charlotte Observer/TNS

Rochel Groner — far right, pictured here in a 2014 photo — calmed a crying boy aboard a transatlantic flight.

such as autism. They also run ZABS Place, a Matthews thrift boutique that employs 28 young adults with "special talents."

Social connections work a special magic, Bentzion Groner says. As a 16-year-old diagnosed with leukemia, he says, visits and gifts from friends "literally changed everything. I'm a big believer in that. It's something that we as adults forget, that friendship could be a life changer."

As the wailing continued, tension mounted. Sleeping passengers woke up, startled by the noise. Others stirred, restless and increasingly irritated. The phone between the attendants' station

and flight deck kept beeping. After 15 minutes, Rochel Groner could sit still no longer.

"I kind of felt this responsibility, like, I know what this is, but I'm not sure if anybody else knows what this is," she says. "You cannot fly for eight hours with someone crying, you just can't."

Autistic people, in particular, dislike enclosed spaces, Bentzion Groner said. They need to be in control of what's around them. The boy's identity and condition are unknown. The airline didn't respond to an Observer email.

Groner got out of her seat. She asked for a pen from a flight attendant, grabbed a nausea bag and

threaded her way down the aisle.

The boy looked to be about 8 and wore an African tunic and pants. He stood at his seat and sobbed, tears streaming down his face. His mother, who wore Islamic clothing, sat beside him.

Groner put her hand out. The boy looked at her, stopped his wailing, and took it. They walked into the aisle and plopped down together on the floor near an emergency exit.

"I put him in my lap and gave him a firm hug and I just started to rock him," she says. His body had been tensed. Soon, "you could feel his muscles start to relax."

Groner doodled on the nausea bag, tracing the outline of her hand as the boy watched, absorbed. Groner talked and smiled at him, and grabbed more nausea bags. At one point, the boy traced his own hand.

So it went for another hour or two. A travel pillow, some orange juice and cookies helped calm the child. The boy spun a fidget spinner and held it to his cheek, soothed by its rhythm. He even smiled and laughed.

The rest of the trip went smoothly, Groner said. An attendant thanked her after the flight, and so did several passengers.

The boy's mother, in a few words of English, also thanked Groner. She did not get their names. Groner believes God put her on the flight.

Wedding

Rejman & Ward

Kayrn L. Rejman and Harlan A. Ward exchanged wedding vows on July 1, 2017.

The Cortland High School graduates, who met through school, have proud parents, Cheryl A. Rejman and Iva McIntosh.

Kayrn is employed at Walmart in Cortlandville and Harlan is employed at the Preble rest area in Preble.



Kayrn and Harlan Ward

Partying like it's 1867

By BRIAN BOSCH
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Last week, the *Cortland Standard* celebrated its start 150 years ago as a newspaper with a special section.

It was a tribute to a company dedicated to the Cortland area for far longer than any of us have been alive. It was also a huge mistake.

Not because 150 years isn't impressive, but because celebrating the start of anything misses out on the best parts.



Bosch

Slice of Life

Imagine it's the World Series, bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, three runs down: fans would cheer loudest after the grand slam, not when the batter first steps up to the plate. Likewise, a fairy tale doesn't stop right after "Once upon a time." Yet somehow a lot of our biggest celebrations focus on a beginning instead of what comes after. Luckily, it's easy enough to update.

Birthdays: At the point in time at which you, I and everyone else come into this world we've done very little beyond causing our mom's nine months of inconvenience.

That's a low standard for presents. Instead, celebrate the first time we make it a night without crying and waking our parents. It's the first moment we as wailing, drooling diaper monsters do something to make the world better — and all new moms and dads would agree a good night's sleep is worth all the cake and candles in the world.

Don't forget holidays. The Fourth of July is a birthday — a unique birthday with hot dogs and booming fireworks that celebrates the United States of America — but a birthday nonetheless.

So why not change the big patriotic party to the date when George Washington announced he wouldn't pursue a third term as president. It was the most powerful person in the country willingly laying down his power — and if the U.S. was founded on the spirit of democratic ideals, then that was the first great test in realizing them.

Don't worry, the grill smoke and sparklers aren't going any-

where. Some things are perfect the way they are.

Anniversaries: Each year, unmarried couples mark the day the fates aligned to bring them together for the first time. They gaze, smitten at each other, while remembering sweet things like what they wore or ate, or that funny thing the other one said.

It's sweet but also dishonest because at that early, anxious stage they're also trying to figure out whether they've met a potential soulmate or a potential serial killer.

Clearly, "Glad you didn't kill me" isn't going to make it on a Hallmark card. A better option, then, is celebrating the day couples feel comfortable enough with each other to discuss embarrassing health issues. Nothing says "successful, stable romance" more than making it to the point where unsightly moles are no longer unspoken mysteries.

Wedding anniversaries could stand a change, as well. Yes, your lifelong pledge of love is an accomplishment, but brave words are still just words. What's needed is a moment so dangerous, so blood-freezingly terrifying that those brave words are backed up by brave action.

There's one clear best option for married couples to adopt: the first family car trip lasting more than four hours. Two kids and endless construction zones on an Interstate gives "Until death do us part" a much more vivid meaning. And if your marriage survives it, it should certainly get marked down on the calendar.

So what should the *Cortland Standard* celebrate if not its beginning? Maybe the first day the local news was delivered against all odds in a blizzard? Or the first time an article caused public debate? It could even be the first time a kid folded the comics section into an admiral's hat.

The best part is, done right, there's no reason the *Cortland Standard* will stop serving the community anytime soon. And that's what's really worth a party or two: Anyone ever alive was born — the real opportunity is in what comes after.

Notebook

Taylor Made to appear Aug. 3

Tink Bennett and Taylor Made will bring their music to Court House Park on Aug. 3. The free show will take place at 7 p.m. at the Church Street park.

The local band has been performing and opening for national acts in the Central New York area and beyond for over 30 years, including Lady Antebellum, Charlie Daniels, Josh Thompson, Sammy Kershaw and Molly Hatchett. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Sponsored by the Cortland Youth Bureau.

Is drinking a problem?

Perhaps Alcoholic Anonymous can help. Call 607-753-1344 to find out more.

AA meetings take place every day in Cortland. Get a start at:

■ **The Cortland Morning Group** takes place 9 a.m. daily, except for Sunday, at Grace and Holy Spirit Church, 13 Court St.

■ **The Cortland Noon Group** meets noon Monday through Friday at the United Presbyterian Church, 25 Church St.

■ **The Serenity Circle Group** meets at 6:30 p.m. Fridays for a beginner's group and at 7:30 p.m. for a speaker meeting at the basement auditorium of Cortland Memorial Hospital Nursing Facility on Alvena Avenue.

Other Opinions

The following editorial roundup, compiled by The Associated Press for members, provides excerpts from editorials that have appeared in the last week in newspapers from around the US and world.

The Arizona Republic on Sen. John McCain's legacy:

In a life in which there is nothing left to prove, came one more catastrophic challenge last Wednesday night.

"McCain has brain cancer," roared the CNN home page.

On every news front in America, the same words told you the gravity of the moment: One of the world's most powerful men is severely ill.

That brought all the other powerful people bearing tributes.

Then Meghan McCain stepped in. It was shortly after 5 p.m. Arizona time that another tribute emerged on social media in words both moving and elegant from a daughter, who said:

"It won't surprise you to learn that in all this, the one who is most confident and calm is my father," wrote Meghan McCain.

No, Meghan. We're not surprised.

Fifty years ago, John Sidney McCain III faced perhaps the most impossible odds of his life: That he, a 31-year-old Navy aviator, would ever measure up to the McCains who came before him.

Both his father and his grandfather were four-star admirals in the United States Navy.

And things were not starting out well for John.

None of this ever broke McCain.

In July of that year, 1967, John McCain barely escaped with his life when an electrical malfunction discharged a rocket and set ablaze the aircraft carrier USS *Forrestal*; 134 Americans would die that day.

In October 1967, McCain flew his A-4E Skyhawk in a bombing mission over Hanoi and was struck by a North Vietnamese missile. He ejected from his aircraft, breaking both arms and a leg. He then nearly drowned parachuting into Truc Bach Lake.

The Vietnamese who found him stabbed him with a bayonet and crushed his shoulder with a rifle butt.

He would be taken to the Hanoi Hilton, where his captors continued the beatings and refused him treatment. It was the beginning of six years of imprisonment, in which he was routinely tortured and paraded about as an object of propaganda.

As the son of a high-ranking admiral, he was given the opportunity to skip the line and go home early. But he refused. He would not benefit from some other American's misfortune.

He would survive the war, return home and become one of the most influential leaders of our time.

'It will not make him surrender'

He has been through the political gauntlet time and again, including a grueling run for president in 2008. And still he managed to stay vital and win a sixth term in the United States Senate at age 80.

So you understand why Sen. McCain is calm.

"He is the toughest person I know," wrote his daughter. "The cruellest enemy could not break him. ... Cancer may afflict him in many ways. But it will not make him surrender. Nothing ever has."

"My love for my father is boundless, and like any daughter I cannot and do not wish to be in a world without him. I have faith that those days remain far away."

"Yet even in this moment my fears for him are overwhelmed by one thing above all: Gratitude for our years together and the years still to come. He is a warrior at dusk, one of the greatest Americans of our age, and the worthy heir to his father's and grandfather's name."

The McCain legacy is in good hands

The Australian on President Donald Trump's Twitter habits:

Donald Trump clearly is frustrated by the way allegations of Russian collusion in last year's presidential election are engulfing members of his family. But that does not justify the unifying, over-the-top Twitter rampage he has launched to demean, denigrate and, presumably, force the resignation of Attorney General Jeff Sessions. Nor does it provide grounds for his apparent determination, in viciously targeting Mr Sessions, to relaunch the "lock her up" theme of his 2016 campaign by ominously recalling that the embattled attorney general "has taken a very weak position on Hillary Clinton crimes". Nothing, however, appears sacrosanct. Even the President's youngest son, Barron, has been drawn in rhetorically to help make Mr. Trump's argument against the Russian probe. "Jared Kushner," he tweeted of his son-in-law, "did very well yesterday in proving he did not collude with the Russians. Witch Hunt. Next up, 11-year-old Barron Trump!"

Mr. Trump, as the president of the most powerful nation on earth and leader of the free world, should be above such crassness. He is, as The Wall Street Journal has noted, "harming himself, alienating allies and crossing dangerous legal and political lines". His implied suggestion that his attorney general should prosecute his defeated opponent "is the kind of crude political retribution one expects in Erdogan's Turkey or Duterte's Philippines".

Mr. Sessions, America's top law officer, was a veteran US senator who campaigned tirelessly for Mr. Trump. He has provoked the President's ire because he recused himself from supervising the Russian collusion investigation — which he was right to do. What Mr. Trump needs to consider is that it is his tweeting, rather than Mr. Sessions, that is creating a mess around his administration.

The Dallas Morning News on President Donald Trump's needling of Attorney General Jeff Sessions:

Just six months ago, Jeff Sessions promised the American people that if his fellow senators allowed him to serve as Attorney General he'd be bound by the rule of law, not by his loyalty to President Donald Trump.

Few foresaw just how quickly that pledge would be put to the test by the president, who has spent the last two weeks publicly needling Sessions as a weak and disappointing AG.

Trump has made the source of his displeasure clear. Had he known that Sessions would remove himself from oversight of the widening investigation into the Trump campaign's ties to Russia, he says he never would have nominated Sessions.

This attack, which has so far been met with steely resolve by the Cabinet member, does great damage to America. Had any other president in recent memory — from Bill Clinton to George W. Bush to Barack Obama — expressed so naked a political view of the Department of Justice, voters on the right and left would have reacted with anger.

We need that courage now, from all sides. Trump has recast the debate over Sessions' decision to recuse himself in purely personal terms, as is his tiresome wont. It's "very unfair" to him and to any president, Trump contends, for his attorney general to step aside from an investigation like this.

In Trump's world, then, a president names an attorney general primarily to ensure that Justice does not interfere with the president, rather than to ensure that justice itself runs its course.

As he has continued his attacks, Trump called Sessions "very weak" in not re-launching the criminal case against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Trump's presidency is forever pushing boundaries. But the line that has kept the DOJ insulated from the rawest of political agendas in the White House at least since Richard Nixon blew up his presidency by ordering the Saturday Night Massacre in 1973 is one that should not bend.

A more recent lesson should have given Trump pause. Surely Trump understands how disastrously his firing of FBI Director James Comey has backfired? But so far the only thing that seems to have kept Sessions in his job is the fact that so many of Trump's own base see the former senator as a representative of the early true-believers that helped elect Trump.

We do not share that fondness for the politics or priorities of Sessions, whom we believed was a poor choice for Attorney General. But Trump's assault on Sessions is a dagger stabbed straight at the heart of the department's integrity; it's a thrust that must be repelled.



"I think Trump is in bed with the Russians!"

Thanks to the *Cortland Standard* for shining a spotlight on how Cortland is proactively promoting early literacy.

The recent articles on summer learning and the Books to Grow On program, followed by your "Words Matter" editorial, demonstrate that Cortland recognizes the importance of reading. To add to the *Standard's* coverage, here are other local opportunities that help create a love of reading and learning at no cost to families:

■ Dolly Parton's Imagination Library — Children from newborn to age 5 can receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book mailed directly to their home every month. Children who participate for the full five years will become the proud owners of their own 60-book library. Parents can register at imaginationlibrary.com or stop by the Cortland Free Library for a registration brochure. (The Homer and Cincinnatus School Districts and Peck Library in Marathon also offer this program.)

■ Cortland Free Library offers:

○ Baby/Toddler Time —

What is it about Russia — some vestige of all those Cold War spy films, perhaps — that makes so many people, on all political sides, behave so irrationally when it's mentioned?

Consider the behavior of the Democrats, who are seeking to prove that Donald Trump and/or his campaign colluded with Russia, with the implication that this collusion somehow determined the outcome of the 2016 election.

Mainstream media feed this narrative, with breathless multiple-byline stories about Attorney General Jeff Sessions' encounter with the Russian ambassador in the Mayflower Hotel or Donald Trump Jr.'s ludicrous meeting with the Russian lawyer.

Of course, a genuine conspiracy would have been conducted with the internet age equivalent of secret messages written in invisible ink delivered to secret drop boxes. And it's not clear what useful guidance the shambolic, tweet-driven Trump campaign could have given Russians bent on messing with the American electoral process.

In any case, the Russia issue was litigated in the campaign. Candidate Trump's weird unwillingness to say anything negative about Vladimir Putin, plus his past business dealings in Russia, raised legitimate questions about his Russia policy.

Hillary Clinton intelligently and aggressively aired these issues in debates and on the stump.

No evidence has been found that any state's election system was hacked. Hackers, apparently Russian (though Trump strangely said he doubted that),

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Vivian Bosch



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Vivian Bosch is the chair of the Cortland Free Library's Imagination Library Committee, the president of the Cortland Free Library Board of Trustees and the chair of Cortland Area Communities That Care's School Readiness Workgroup. She lives in Cortlandville.

torney General Rod Rosenstein to cabin in what National Review's Andrew McCarthy has argued is Mueller's illegally broad mandate. Presidents have lines of communication with appointees less public than Twitter.

Trump, of course, has only himself to blame for Mueller's appointment, which resulted from self-admitted clever leaking and maneuvering by James Comey after he was abruptly fired as FBI director in May.

Meanwhile, it's hard to dismiss reports that other Cabinet members and Republican senators are dismayed and disheartened at Trump's treatment of Sessions. You would surely feel that way yourself if you were in their shoes.

Moreover, if Sessions resigns or is fired, there will be confirmation hearings for his replacement. One thing Democrats and maybe some Republicans will demand is a commitment that Mueller not be fired or his investigation not be limited.

Similar commitments extracted from Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus prompted their resignations when Richard Nixon ordered them to fire special prosecutor Archibald Cox in October 1973. Nixon resigned 10 months later.

It has long been my contention that the political marketplace, like the economic marketplace, operates tolerably well when competitors, constrained by the rule of law, act out of rational self-interest.

It doesn't work so well when people on both sides keep acting irrationally.

Dems, Trump irrational

Michael Barone



tried to access Republican and Democratic servers. They penetrated the Democrats' system and publicized embarrassing emails.

Does anyone believe that those stories switched the 77,000 votes by which Trump narrowly carried Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin? Not really.

Ever since about 9 p.m. Eastern time on election night, Democrats have been yearning to oust Trump from office. Some otherwise-intelligent liberals outlined scenarios putting Clinton in the White House. Many imagine now that some smoking gun of collusion evidence will result in Trump's impeachment and removal from office.

But it's hard to imagine what it could be. Special prosecutor Robert Mueller may ensnare some witness in a perjury trap, but how do you have a smoking gun when there's no identifiable crime?

I think it's irrationally risky for Democrats to make collusion their major issue and effectively to promise they'll impeach Trump if they win a House majority next year. More

to the point, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi seems to agree and has told colleagues to downplay the I-word.

She doesn't want to alienate that quantum of voters willing to vote for Democrats to check Trump but not wanting to force an impeachment trial, which would, as in 1999, result in acquittal in the Senate. But such cool rationality seems rare among her fellow Democrats.

Cool rationality is not a term anyone, fan or foe, seems likely to attach to Trump any time soon. His tweets and interview responses, seemingly determined to prompt Sessions' resignation as attorney general, are as irrational as critics' scenarios of his imminent replacement by Clinton.

Sessions, the only senator to endorse Trump before he clinched the Republican nomination in May 2016, has striven faithfully to carry out his policies.

Sessions' recusal from involvement on Russia matters last March, though overcautious, was something Trump could have cautioned against then. And Trump could now legitimately call on Deputy At-

Trump speech appears to advocate rough police treatment of suspects

By JILL COLVIN
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Associated Press

BRENTWOOD — Talking tough on illegal immigration and violent crime, President Donald Trump appeared Friday to advocate rougher treatment of people in police custody, speaking dismissively of the police practice of shielding the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are being placed in patrol cars.

"Don't be too nice," Trump told law enforcement officers in Suffolk County, New York, during a visit to highlight his administration's efforts to crack down on the street gang known as MS-13. The violent international group has terrorized communities on Long Island and in other parts of the country.

The president urged Congress to find money to pay for 10,000 Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers "so that we can eliminate MS-13."

Trump said his administration is removing these gang members from the United States but said, "We'd like to get them out a lot faster and when you see ... these thugs being thrown into the back of the paddy wagon, you just see them thrown in, rough, I said, 'Please don't be too nice.'"

Trump then spoke dismissively of the practice by which arresting officers shield the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are placed in police cars.

"I said, 'You could take the hand away, OK,'" he said, drawing applause from many in the audience, which included federal and law enforcement personnel from the New York-New Jersey area.

The Suffolk County Police Department said in a statement after Trump's speech that it has strict rules and procedures about how prisoners should be handled. "Violations of those rules and procedures are treated extremely seriously. As a department, we do not and will not tolerate roughing up of prisoners."

The former chief of the Suffolk County Police Department, James Burke, was sentenced to nearly four years in prison last November for beating a handcuffed man in an interrogation room.



President Donald Trump addresses law enforcement officials on the street gang MS-13 on Friday in Brentwood.

Evan Vucci/Associated Press

Trump talks regularly about cracking down on MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha. The gang is believed to have originated in immigrant communities in Los Angeles in the 1980s and then entrenched itself in Central America when its leaders were deported. It is known for violent tactics that include torturing victims and hacking them with machetes. Authorities estimate the group has tens of thousands of members across Central America and in many U.S. states.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has instructed the Justice Department's law enforcement agencies and federal prosecutors to prioritize the prosecution of MS-13 members, as directed by an executive order Trump signed in February.

Since the beginning of 2017, the Department of Homeland Security's investigative unit has arrested 3,311 gang members nationwide in targeted operations, said Tom

Homan, acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The agency could not provide similar numbers for 2016.

Trump's visit to his home state of New York came as Sessions was in El Salvador to increase international cooperation against the gang. But the president did not mention Sessions in his remarks — his latest slight against the man he's been publicly fuming at for recusing himself from all matters related to Russian election meddling.

Trump's comments about the treatment of people in police custody resurrected memories of Freddie Gray, 25, a Baltimore man who was shackled but alive when he was put into a Baltimore police van in April 2015. Gray left the vehicle with severe neck injuries, and his subsequent death spawned rioting. Six officers were charged initially, but prosecutors in July 2016 dropped all remaining charges after acquittals and a hung jury.

Lawyer says teens wrongly detained in gang crackdown

BELLPORT (AP) — Some immigrant high school students are being unfairly swept up in a growing hysteria over the brutal MS-13 street gang, civil rights lawyers said.

At least nine students from Long Island's Suffolk County, east of New York City, have been sent to U.S. immigration detention facilities after being falsely labeled as gang members, the New York Civil Liberties Union said.

"They butchered those little girls," the Republican president said. "They kidnap. They extort. They rape, and they rob. ... They shouldn't be here."

Immigration and civil rights lawyers, though, said a crackdown in some Suffolk County schools has gone too far.

The NYCLU said one student was suspended for wearing a Chicago Bulls shirt, a possible gang symbol, to school and another for posting an El Salvadoran flag on a Facebook page.

Attorney Peter Brill, who represents three students suspended from Bellport High School, said one was later detained by immigration officials. All three were from Central America and initially entered the U.S. illegally.

"They all vehemently deny being involved in gangs," Brill said. "They all fled their countries to get away from gang violence. This doesn't make sense."

The NYCLU said a consent decree signed in 1997 and a federal law enacted in 2002 require juvenile detainees be placed in the least restrictive setting unless it's determined they pose a threat to themselves or others. Juveniles also must have the ability to contest the detention.

Ride crash prompts re-inspections for state fair

SYRACUSE (AP) — State officials say certain rides at the New York State Fair will be re-inspected in the wake of a fatal accident involving a ride at the Ohio State Fair.

The state Department of Labor, the New York agency in charge of amusement park ride inspections,

announced Thursday that rides managed by the company involved in the Ohio accident and similar rides will be inspected again before the New York State Fair opens Aug. 23.

An 18-year-old man was killed when a ride broke apart at the Ohio fairgrounds in Columbus on Wednesday.

Man sentenced for killing 82-year-old grandma who raised him

BINGHAMTON (AP) — A New York man has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for killing the 82-year-old grandmother who helped raise him.

The Press & Sun Bulletin reports Kenneth Weber, 31, was sentenced Friday in Binghamton court, where he pleaded

guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the killing of Saundra Stabler.

He shook his head when asked if he wanted to speak before he was sentenced.

Authorities say Weber killed Stabler by pushing her down the stairs of her Vestal home in January 2015. He rolled up her

body in a rug and left it off a back road in neighboring Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Police found her body a few days later.

Officials say Stabler helped raise her grandson when his parents no longer could.

Weather

Local

Rest of today: Cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 73. North winds 5 to 13 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. North winds 5 to 7 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Calm winds becoming north 5 to 8 mph.

Sunday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Light west winds.

Extended

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Calm winds becoming northwest 5 to 7 mph.

Monday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Tuesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Wednesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Thursday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79.

Thursday night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

Temperatures

July 28-29

10 a.m.	68	7 p.m.	68
11 a.m.	72	9 p.m.	63
Noon	72	Mid	55
1 p.m.	72	3 a.m.	55
2 p.m.	72	5 a.m.	54
3 p.m.	70	7 a.m.	52
4 p.m.	72	8 a.m.	55
6 p.m.	70	9 a.m.	61

Precipitation

July 28-29

Month to date 5.62 inches

Skies Today

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Sunset today 8:29 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow 5:54 a.m.

Normal high temperature 81

Normal low temperature 58

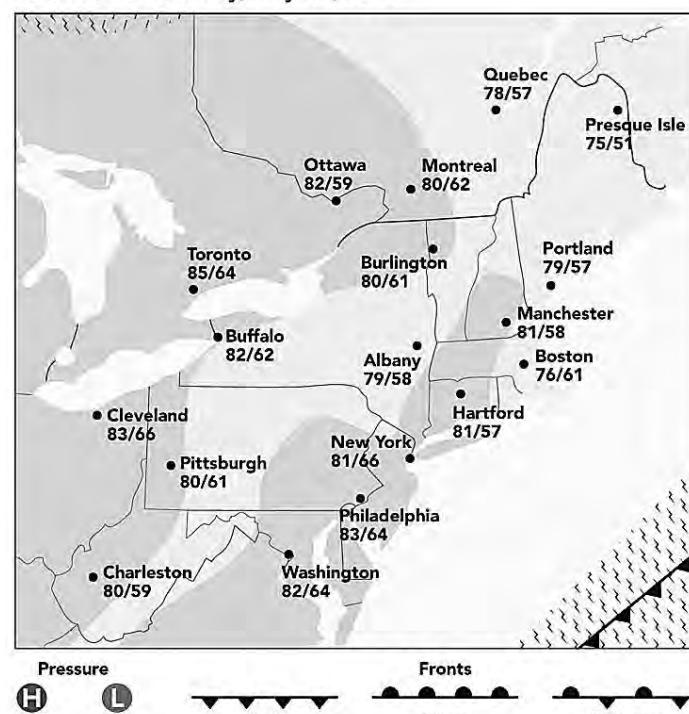
Average temperature 70

First quarter moon July 30

Tomorrow's weather

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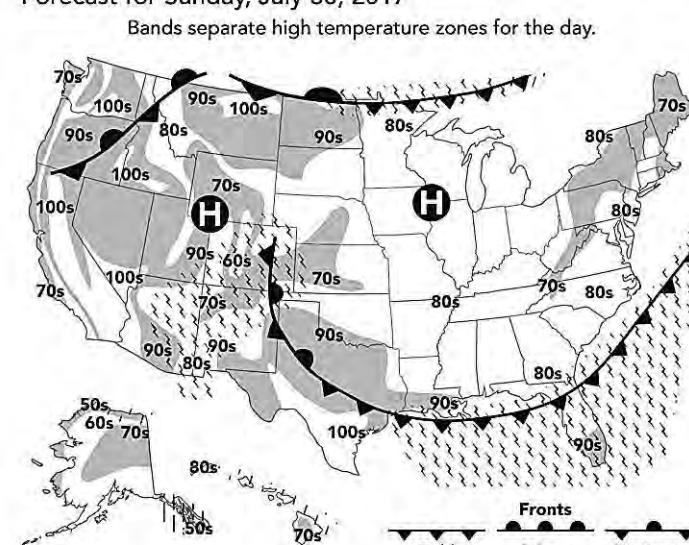
Forecast for Sunday, July 30, 2017



National weather

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Forecast for Sunday, July 30, 2017



NATIONAL SUMMARY: Dry weather will prevail across much of the East tomorrow. However, as a front lingers over northern and central Florida, it will trigger a few showers and thunderstorms. Other thunderstorms will blossom during the afternoon over the central and southern Rockies. The rest of the western third of the country will be warm and dry.

Silver's lawyers seek Supreme Court review

NEW YORK (AP) — Former New York Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's lawyers say he should not face retrial in his corruption case — at least until the U.S. Supreme Court reviews it. A prosecutor called the move a "delay tactic."

The lawyers said in a Thursday appeals court filing that the Democrat's case "is an excellent vehicle" for the high court to provide further guidance to lower courts about public corruption. A recent Supreme Court ruling in which the court reversed the conviction of Virginia Republican ex-Gov. Bob McDonnell cleared the way for Silver's conviction to be overturned earlier this month.

Silver's lawyers asked the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan to let them immediately appeal its finding that there was sufficient evidence of public corruption for a jury to convict Silver. The Supreme Court declines to hear most cases sent its way.

Silver, 73, was convicted in 2015 in a \$5 million scheme and was sentenced to 12 years in prison.

In filing late Friday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Tatiana Martins called the defense effort "little

more than a delay tactic."

"Silver's retrial is inevitable, regardless of the outcome of any one of his claims in the Supreme Court," she said. "There is no good cause for delay."

Martins added: "Moreover, Silver's apparent desire for further delay surely is motivated by his recognition that, as time passes, necessary witnesses and other evidence may be lost."

The prosecutor noted that one of the central witnesses in Silver's trial is over 80 years old, and she said Silver should not be allowed to use the remote chance that the Supreme Court would take up the case to gain a strategic advantage.

Silver's lawyers still say there's not enough evidence and that there are so many conflicts in the legal history surrounding charges against Silver that the high court must resolve them.

"Moreover, a retrial at this stage would burden the jury and the district court with evidence and legal argument on matters that could well be rendered entirely irrelevant if the Supreme Court grants review," the lawyers wrote.

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Do you know what's hiding in your ETF?

By JAMES ROYAL
NerdWallet

Exchange-traded funds have swept the stock market over the past decade and been a blessing for many investors.

But while large index-based funds, such as those that track the Standard & Poor's 500, may fairly represent the index's stocks, smaller niche ETFs don't always deliver strictly what their names promise, and you might wind up indirectly buying a lot of something you didn't really want.

This doesn't mean you should avoid ETFs entirely. After all, top investor Warren Buffett recommends S&P index ETFs as the top choice for most investors.

But if a tightly focused investment is what you're after, you have to know what's in your fund.

So why bother with ETFs? Index mutual funds are similarly cheap and diversified, but they don't offer ETFs' flexibility and focus.

ETFs trade throughout the day like stocks, while mutual funds are priced and traded at the end of the day. So investors can move in and out of ETFs quickly and easily.

Plus, ETFs offer an increasing range of investment themes, slicing and dicing the market by almost any category imaginable — capitalization, industry, value, country and more.

If you really want to bore in on a specific sector, ETFs can let you do that — at least, that's the idea.

Take a look at the iShares MSCI Spain Capped ETF, which is meant to give investors access to large and midsized companies in a single country, according to its fund manager.

But while the fund does use stocks listed in Spain, the revenues of those companies largely come from outside the country.

According to asset manager Horizon Kinetics, the top 10 companies within this ETF, which account for more than two-thirds of its total assets, derived 53 percent of their sales from outside Spain as of Dec. 31, 2016.

The iShares MSCI United Kingdom ETF has a similar issue. The fund means to be U.K.-focused, but it's stuffed with global multinationals, which derived 64 percent of their revenue from outside the U.K. in 2016, according to Horizon Kinetics.

These aren't isolated events; mismatches can occur in many funds. Small-company ETFs might have little exposure to truly small companies, preferring to shade into more liquid midsize firms. And as Horizon notes, supposedly value-themed ETFs may deliver less growth and yet be more costly than the overall S&P 500, so hardly a value.

If you want to figure out what's really in an ETF, you'll have to dig beyond its name.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The rise in ETF investing has created a market where fund managers are awash in cash that must be placed in themed investments.

Over the past decade, more than \$1 trillion has moved from actively managed stock mutual funds to passively managed stock index funds and ETFs.

The more money an ETF has, the more it will be forced to chase larger companies, since these stocks can more easily absorb the dollars flowing in.

But there's a limited selection of large, liquid companies. And, returning to the earlier examples, these companies tend to operate globally, so only small percentages of their revenue come from any one country. It ends up being hard for an ETF to get "pure" exposure to, say, Spain or the U.K.

WHAT CAN INVESTORS DO?

The first step is understanding that a niche ETF might not be quite as focused as its name suggests. Then you can find out much of what a fund does own, because each ETF details its top 10 stakes, including names and position sizes.

But you'll have to dig deeper — into the EDGAR database on the Securities and Exchange Commission website, for example — if you want to determine how much business a company does in a certain niche. That defeats much of the purpose of this kind of ETF: speed and simplicity.

The information the ETF provides can also help investors who assume that a themed fund will help them diversify their portfolio.

For example, in the Spain fund, the top position, Banco Santander, makes up more than 18 percent of the fund's assets — so if you already own that stock, or another fund that contains that stock, your portfolio's diversity will actually suffer.

With so many funds investing in the same large companies, you might end up with a bigger allocation to one company than you want.

So if you're looking to ETFs for diversification — or for a precisely targeted investment — read the fine print first.



Associated Press
An example of a home delivered meal from Blue Apron is displayed Oct. 6, 2014, in Concord, New Hampshire. Researchers found that people who doled out cash to save them time, housekeeping, grocery delivery services, taxis, were happier than those who don't.

Yes, you can buy happiness — if you spend it to save time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yes, you can buy happiness — especially if the money saves you time.

People who dole out cash to save time on things like housekeeping, delivery services and taxis are a little bit happier than those who don't, new research finds.

Researchers surveyed more than 6,000 people in four countries and also ran an experiment, giving people \$40 for two weeks. One week, they had to buy something material, like a shirt. The next week, they paid to save themselves time. People said they felt happier after saving time than buying stuff.

"Money can buy happiness if you spend it right," said University of British Columbia psychology professor Elizabeth Dunn, co-author of a study in Monday's Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The right way is paying someone else to do the time-consuming drudge work that you don't like, said study lead author Ashley Whillans at the Harvard Business School. When people do that, they report feeling greater life satisfaction in general and happier that day. But when they buy material objects, it tends not to bring people the happiness they expect, she said.

Lynda Jones, a retired critical care nurse in Indianapolis, has been hiring a housekeeper since she got out of college and said it's the one thing that kept her from burning out in the high stress job. Now she also has a grocery delivery service.

"It's really not that expensive when you think about what my time costs," Jones said Monday. "You can always get money. You can't buy back time."

Earlier research found that using money to help others or have good experiences — like a spa day or travel — also make people happier than buying things, Dunn and Whillans said.

The survey was done in the United States, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands. Except for the U.S., the countries rank near the top of global happiness reports. In general, buying time increases Americans happiness about 0.77 on a 10-point scale, with similar increases in the other countries, Dunn said. That may not seem like much but it is

statistically significant, Whillans said.

Income doesn't matter. Rich or poor, spending money to save time seems to make people happier, Whillans said. And if anything, the data suggested that people with less money were able to get a bigger happiness boost from time-saving purchases than those with more, she said.

Yet, only 28 percent of the people surveyed spent money to save time, an average of \$148 per month.

In the \$40 experiment, the researchers picked 60 people at a Canadian science museum. When the people spent the money on things, their average happiness score was 3.7 on a five-point scale. But when they spent it to pay a neighbor's kids to do yardwork or get lunch delivered or take a taxi rather than a bus, their score averaged 4, a small but statistically significant difference, said Dunn, co-author of the book, "Happy Money: The Science of Happier Spending."

Not only is the phrase "money can't buy happiness" wrong but so is "time is money," Dunn said. Earlier studies show people are less likely to volunteer their time or help the environment when they think of time as money, she said.

Outside researchers in happiness praised the research.

"Research shows that people in rich nations are more stressed than people in poor ones, which at first does not seem to make sense. But part of the stress is this time pressure — too much to do and one cannot get everything done," said happiness researcher Edward Diener at the University of Illinois. "So buying time through purchases makes a lot of sense."

Whillans put her findings to the test when she moved from Vancouver to the Boston area. She paid for someone to get rid of all of the boxes from her new house and hired housekeeping and grocery delivery services — a change from graduate student life.

"I was surprised," Whillans said. "Wow, this really does feel great."

Similarly, Dunn had been fighting with her husband about getting a housekeeper. Now, she said, "I win" and they are getting a housekeeper.

Stocks sag after profit reports disappoint

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock markets around the world sagged on Friday after Amazon and other big companies reported quarterly results that underwhelmed investors.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.32 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,472.10 and closed a week packed with corporate earnings reports almost exactly where it started. It set a record during the middle of it.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 33.76 points, or 0.2 percent, to 21,830.31 and set another all-time high. The Nasdaq composite fell 7.51, or 0.1 percent, to 6,374.68.

A little more than half the companies in the S&P 500 have now shown how much profit they made during the spring, and the results have been mostly encouraging. Earnings for the index are on pace to be about 9 percent higher than a year earlier, according to FactSet. But expectations were high coming into the reporting season, and the few companies that have fallen short of forecasts have seen their stock prices punished.

Amazon dropped \$25.96, or 2.5 percent, to \$1,020.04 after its profit missed expectations. Its forecast for operating income

this fiscal year was also below many analysts' forecasts, though revenue for the latest quarter beat expectations.

Earnings reports were the main focus for markets during a busy week, where the Federal Reserve also decided on Wednesday to hold interest rates steady and the government on Friday gave an update on the economy's health.

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.6 percent in the second quarter, revved up by a rise in consumer spending, the Commerce Department reported. Last quarter's growth rate was more than double that of the year's first quarter, which was revised down to 1.2 percent. The faster growth, though, was still a shade below the 2.7 percent that economists expected.

"Overall, the economy continues to move along, but it's hard to see where the fuel is going to come from for further acceleration," said Rich Weiss, chief investment officer of multi-asset strategies at American Century Investments. He says the economy reminds him of what golfers call a "son-in-law" shot, one that's not bad but not great.

"We're not throwing new money into the stock market

at this point," Weiss said. Instead of U.S. stocks, he prefers foreign markets where he says economies have more potential for improvement. Many other investors have shifted their money using a similar philosophy, and the falling value of the dollar against other currencies has helped boost foreign stocks' returns.

Excitement about the U.S. economy had been higher earlier in the year, when many investors expected the Republican takeover of Washington to lead to more pro-business policies. But inaction in the Capitol, capped by the Senate's latest failed attempt to revamp the nation's health care system, is raising doubts about whether tax reform or a big infrastructure plan will happen.

Tobacco stocks were some of Friday's worst performers after the U.S. government said it's considering limiting the amount of nicotine in cigarettes so that they're no longer addictive. Altria Group, which sells Marlboro and other cigarettes in the U.S., fell \$7.02, or 9.5 percent to \$66.94. It had been down as much as 18.9 percent shortly after the Food and Drug Administration's announcement.

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British baby at center of legal battle dies

By DANICA KIRKA
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Associated Press

LONDON — Charlie Gard, the terminally ill British baby at the center of a legal and ethical battle that attracted the attention of Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump, died Friday. He was one week shy of his first birthday.

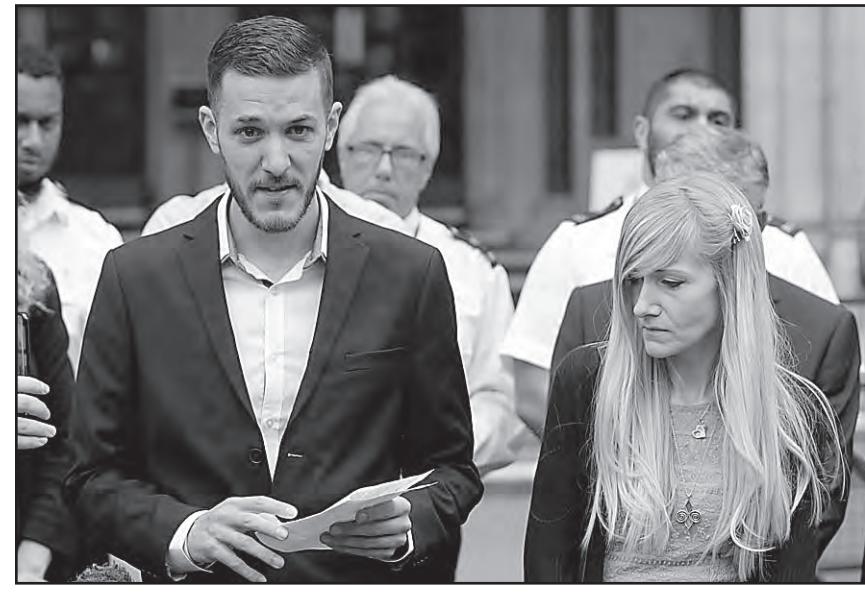
Charlie's parents fought for the right to take him to the United States for an experimental medical treatment for his rare genetic disease, mitochondrial depletion syndrome, which left him brain damaged and unable to breathe unaided. His case ended up in the courts when doctors opposed the plan, saying the untested therapy wouldn't help Charlie and might cause him to suffer.

A family spokeswoman, Alison Smith-Squire, confirmed Charlie's death on Friday, a day after a judge ordered that he be taken off a ventilator at the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London and moved to an undisclosed hospice for his final hours.

"Our beautiful little boy has gone, we're so proud of him," his mother, Connie Yates, said in a statement.

Charlie was seemingly healthy at birth but soon began to weaken. He was admitted to Great Ormond Street Hospital, Britain's premier children's hospital, when he was two months old and remained there until almost the end of his life.

His legal case became a flashpoint for debates on the rights of children and parents, on health-care funding, medi-



Chris Gard, the father of baby Charlie Gard reads a statement next to the boy's mother, Connie Yates, at the end of their case July 24 at the High Court in London.

cal interventions, the responsibilities of hospitals and medical workers and the role of the state. It gained international attention last month when Pope Francis and President Trump expressed their support for Charlie and his family.

The intervention of two of the world's most powerful men made the case a worldwide talking point. Images of Charlie hooked to a tube while dozing peacefully in a star-flecked navy blue onesie graced websites, newspapers and television news programs.

The pope reacted quickly to the news of Charlie's death, tweeting late Friday

"I entrust little Charlie to the Father and pray for his parents and all those who loved him."

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence tweeted "Saddened to hear of the passing of Charlie Gard. Karen & I offer our prayers & condolences to his loving parents during this difficult time."

Charlie's parents raised more than \$1.7 million to pay for the experimental treatment they believed could prolong his life. But British courts consistently accepted the hospital's position, ruling that it was in Charlie's best interests that he be allowed to die.

After months of legal battles, High Court judge Nicholas Francis ruled Thursday that Charlie should be transferred to a hospice and taken off life support after his parents and the hospital failed to agree on an end-of-life care plan.

Under British law, it is common for courts to intervene when parents and doctors disagree on the treatment of a child. In such cases, the rights of the child take primacy over the parents' right to decide what's best for their offspring. The principle applies even in cases where parents have an alternative point of view, such as when religious beliefs prohibit blood transfusions.

The case made it all the way to Britain's Supreme Court as Charlie's parents refused to accept earlier rulings.

Offers of help for Charlie came from Dr. Michio Hirano, a neurology expert at New York's Columbia Medical Center, and from the Vatican's Bambino Gesu pediatric hospital. Both said an experimental treatment known as nucleoside therapy had a chance of helping Charlie.

Great Ormond Street Hospital disagreed. It said the proposed treatment had never been tried on someone with Charlie's condition and no tests had even been done on mice to see whether it would work on a patient like Charlie.

The case caught the attention of Trump and the pope in late June after the European Court of Human Rights refused to intervene. Their intervention triggered a surge of grassroots action,

including a number of U.S. right-to-life activists who flew to London to support Charlie's parents.

Great Ormond Street soon reported that its doctors and nurses were receiving serious threats over the case. London police were called in to investigate.

On Friday night, the hospital offered its condolences to Charlie's family.

"Everyone at Great Ormond Street Hospital sends their heartfelt condolences to Charlie's parents and loved ones at this very sad time," the hospital said.

Medical ethicist Arthur Caplan said the Charlie Gard case shows how the medical profession is struggling to adjust to the age of social media, which puts the general public in the middle of decisions that in the past would have been private issues for doctors and the family.

"I do think that in an era of social media, it is possible to rally huge numbers of people to your cause," said Caplan, of New York University's Langone Medical Center. "The medical ethics have not caught up."

His parents gave up their legal battle on Monday after scans showed that Charlie's muscles had deteriorated so much that the damage was irreversible.

"Mummy and Daddy love you so much Charlie, we always have and we always will and we are so sorry that we couldn't save you," his parents wrote when they announced their decision. "We had the chance but we weren't allowed to give you that chance."

"Sweet dreams baby. Sleep tight, our beautiful little boy."

Alleged Russian hacker's arrest caps long cybercrime run

By RAPHAEL SATTER
and HOWARD AMOS
Associated Press

MOSCOW — From the early days of online stock scams to the increasingly sophisticated world of botnets, pseudonymous hacker Peter Sevora spent nearly two decades at the forefront of Russian cybercrime.

Now that a man alleged to be the pioneering spam lord, Pyotr Levashov, is in Spanish custody awaiting extradition to the U.S., friends and foes alike are describing the 36-year-old as an ambitious operator who helped make the internet underground what it is today.

"Levashov is a pioneer who started his career when cybercrime as we know it today did not even exist," Tillmann Werner, the head of technical

analysis at U.S. cybersecurity company CrowdStrike, said.

"He has significantly contributed to the professionalization of cybercrime," said Werner, who has tracked the alleged hacker for years. "There are only very few known criminals that had a similar level of influence and reputation."

Born in 1980, Levashov studied at High School No. 30, one of the first schools in the Soviet Union to specialize in computer programming. Even at a competitive institution whose alumni went on to universities and Silicon Valley firms, Levashov stood out.

"He did have an entrepreneurial streak for sure," former classmate Artem Gavrilov said. "He was a leader in school, tried to prove to everyone that he was the best."

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Mass protest fails in Venezuela



Anti-government demonstrators light a fire bomb Friday during clashes with National Guards in Caracas, Venezuela, two days before the vote to begin the rewriting of Venezuela's constitution.

struggle with the opposition-controlled National Assembly, which he blames for Venezuela's spiraling political, economic and social crisis. The opposition is boycotting the vote, saying the election rules have been rigged to favor the ruling socialist party and will only serve to tighten Maduro's grip on power.

International pressure to cancel the vote intensified Friday, with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence reiterating in a telephone call with opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez that the United States would respond with "strong and swift economic actions" if the election proceeds.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said he would not recognize the constituent assembly, given that it has "illegitimate

origins." His finance minister also told a local radio station the neighboring nation would sanction the same 13 former and current Venezuelan officials cited by the U.S. on Wednesday.

Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, one of Maduro's most vocal opponents, said in a meeting with two other U.S. legislators that he expects further sanctions if the assembly vote proceeds.

Maduro appeared unconcerned by the mounting international outcry, instead paying homage Friday to the late President Hugo Chavez on what would have been his predecessor's 63rd birthday, telling supporters that with the constitution rewrite, "Chavez is more alive than ever."

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Iran says US Navy fires warning shots near vessels

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard said today a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier fired a warning shot in an "unprofessional" confrontation with Iranian vessels, the official IRNA news agency reported.

IRNA quoted a statement from the Guard as saying that the USS Nimitz and an accompanying ship came near an Iranian oil offshore platform in the Persian Gulf and a helicopter from the ship hovered near vessels manned by Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard.

The report said the confrontation took place Friday afternoon and the U.S. navy ships left the area following the encounter.

The U.S. Navy's Bahrain-based 5th Fleet had no immediate comment.

The incident comes after a U.S. Navy patrol boat

fired warning shots Tuesday near an Iranian vessel that American sailors said came dangerously close to them during a tense encounter.

Iran and the U.S. frequently have run-ins in the Persian Gulf, nearly all involving the Revolutionary Guard, a separate force from Iran's military that answers only to the country's supreme leader. In January, near the end of then-President Barack Obama's term, the USS Mahan fired shots toward Iranian fast-attack boats as they neared the destroyer in the Strait of Hormuz.

Iranian forces view the American presence in the Gulf as a provocation. They have accused the U.S. Navy of unprofessional behavior, especially in the Strait of Hormuz, the mouth of the Persian Gulf through which a third of all oil trade passes by sea.

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Ex-priest in Boston sex abuse case released from prison

BOSTON (AP) — A defrocked priest at the center of Boston's Roman Catholic clergy sex abuse scandal was released from prison on Friday and settled into an apartment across the street from a children's dance studio.

Paul Shanley, who had been convicted of raping a boy in the 1980s, moved to the town of Ware, about 65 miles west of Boston, after being released from the Old Colony Correctional Center in Bridgewater, where he completed a 12-year sentence. Shanley, 86, used a cane and was helped by a man as he arrived in Ware, followed by a group of reporters and photo-

graphers.

His new home in a multiunit building is across from a recently opened dance studio that teaches children as young as 2. The studio's owner, Arielle Lask, said she plans to install "state-of-the-art" security systems and to make sure every child leaves the studio accompanied by an adult.

"It's awful that he's even on the streets of Ware," Lask told The Boston Globe. "Whether it's across the street or down the road, there are children everywhere."

As a condition of Shanley's 10-year probation, he has been ordered to have no contact with children under age 16.

Ware police Chief Shawn Crevier said Shanley has registered as a sex offender and posters will be displayed around town notifying the public that Shanley is living in the area, which is typical procedure for the police department.

"We're going to do what we need to do to make sure the citizens are protected and his rights are also protected," Crevier said.

Shanley will be at least the third sex offender living on his street, he said.

Prosecutors sought to hold

Shanley beyond his criminal sentence under a law that allows civil commitment of people deemed sexually dangerous. But two psychologists hired by the state found he did not meet the legal criteria to hold him.

A lawyer who represented Shanley in his criminal appeal said he's confident Shanley will not harm anyone. But attorney Robert

Shaw Jr. said he understands the reaction from those who opposed Shanley's release from prison.

"I'm sure that law enforce-

ment will ensure that the community feels safe, and I have every expectation that they are going to fulfill their obligation and be certain that Paul Shanley also remains safe," Shaw said.

The state's sex offender registry designates Shanley as a Level 3 offender, considered the most likely to reoffend. But the two psychologists cited Shanley's advanced age and his health issues and concluded his likelihood to reoffend is low.

Attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who represented dozens of men who say they were abused by Shanley, said the evaluations were incomplete because the psychologists didn't interview

Shanley. Instead, they reviewed police reports, prosecutors' files and Shanley's church personnel file containing numerous sexual abuse complaints against him.

"Paul Shanley should be in a hospital being treated and not in the outside world where he can easily gain access to innocent children," Garabedian said.

Both psychologists found Shanley meets the psychiatric criteria for pedophilic disorder. But they said research suggests recidivism rates for people of his age are extremely low. They also cited Shanley's health issues, which were blacked out from the reports, and the fact his last reported offense was in 1990.



Steve Earley/The Virginian-Pilot via AP
Vacationers head north Friday on NC 12 on Hatteras Island. Nonresidents evacuated the island and neighboring Ocracoke Island due to a loss of electrical power.

10,000 tourists evacuate after NC power outage

By TOM FOREMAN Jr. and JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

A man-made power outage — not an approaching hurricane — forced 10,000 tourists to flee two North Carolina islands and turned summer vacation into a messy nightmare for many.

Cars lined up Friday to get on ferries, the only way off Ocracoke Island, after a mandatory evacuation order was announced. Gas stations ran perilously low on fuel and ice, and business owners complained about losing a chunk of their most lucrative time of year due to a construction crew accidentally severing a main transmission line. Without power, air conditioners went silent and ceiling fans stopped humming as extremely humid temperatures reached 80 degrees.

"We were really disappointed. You're used to things like this happening from Mother Nature on Ocracoke, but not from human error," said Kivi Leroux Miller, who awoke in a hot rental house Thursday morning.

The Lexington, North Carolina, resident had to cut short her

yearly vacation with her husband and two children, and they were among the last cars on a packed ferry Friday morning.

"There was definitely this sort of sadness with everyone having to leave," she said.

Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands went dark on Thursday when a construction company building a new bridge between islands drove a steel casing into an underground transmission line. The company, PCL Construction, was digging at the site Friday to determine the extent of the damage. Officials said it could be days or weeks before it's fixed. A better forecast wasn't expected for another day or so.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency as generators were sent to the islands for the residents who stayed behind. Officials urged people to use power only for fans and refrigerators.

"The situation is stabilizing today thanks to the use of additional portable generators," Cooper said. "Public safety services have power as do water and sewer. I ask residents and visitors to be patient as every-

one works towards restoring the power and getting conditions back to normal."

The islands, which have about 5,000 permanent residents, rely heavily on the summer tourist season for their local economies.

But emergency officials were forced to issue a mandatory evacuation of visitors to Ocracoke Island on Thursday afternoon, with exemptions for some including those who could prove residency. A similar order was forcing visitors to Hatteras Island, south of Oregon Inlet, to be out as of 6 a.m. today. In announcing the Hatteras evacuation, authorities cited safety issues and growing concern about how long repairs to the transmission line would take.

"In a seasonal community like Ocracoke, there's three to five months out of the year when most businesses are closed," said Jason Wells, owner of Jason's Restaurant on Ocracoke Island. "So when you take this hit in July and factor in that you're only open eight months out of the year, it's big. It's a lot more than people even realize."

GOP activists vow consequences in 2018 after Obamacare failure

By KATIE GLUECK
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(TNS)

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump tried to blame the implosion of Obamacare repeal on "3 Republicans and 48 Democrats" who "let the American people down."

But the conservative activist base isn't drawing any such distinctions.

"Senate Republicans and Republicans in Congress in general overwhelmingly support repeal of Obamacare, there's a handful of senators who are now on record not being for that, but they're all going to suffer the consequences of this failure," said Brendan Steinhauser, a Texas-based conservative operative with extensive grassroots experience. "Voters are going to hold all of Congress responsible, they're going to hold the Republican Party responsible, for not getting it done."

The Republican-controlled Senate's middle-of-the-night effort to advance Obamacare re-

peal failed thanks to GOP Sens. John McCain, Susan Collins and Lisa Murkowski. None of those senators faces re-election anytime soon, depriving angry conservatives of a path to direct political retribution, while plenty of Republicans would just as soon pivot to tax reform.

But interviews with a half-dozen operatives and officials who operate in the grassroots space across the country reveal serious concerns about 2018 enthusiasm across the board if the party can't find a way to deliver on key campaign promises, including making another run at Obamacare repeal.

"Republicans are absolutely in trouble in 2018, just because of their absolute dysfunction at the moment," said Andrew Roth, vice president for government affairs at the deeply conservative group Club for Growth, which was advocating full repeal of the health care law. "Now, they can repair that, but only if they get their act together and pass pro-growth tax reform and take another stab at ... Obamacare."

They have the time to do it, they just need to do it."

For the last seven years, the pledge to repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care law has been at the core of Republican campaign messaging, helping the party to win back the House, then the Senate and, in part, the White House. Despite a tweet to the contrary on Friday, Trump himself routinely promised to oversee repeal of the law "immediately."

The conservative base is still overwhelmingly supportive of the president, but many activists and conservative leaders have no problem taking issue with Congress over failing to deliver on Obamacare repeal so far.

"The fact that we're almost back to ground zero on repeal and replace is disheartening because we have a Republican president, a Republican House, a Republican Senate," said former Arizona GOP Chairman Robert Graham, a Trump ally who is considering challenging Sen. Jeff Flake. "It shouldn't be like this."

No bail reduction in California crash recorded on Instagram

LOS BANOS, Calif. (AP) — A teenage driver accused of causing a crash that killed her younger sister while livestreaming on Instagram will remain in jail after a California judge on Friday refused to lower bail.

Obdulia Sanchez, wearing yellow jail garb, sobbed as she entered the Merced County courtroom, and a bailiff handed her tissues.

Bail remains set at \$560,000. Merced County Superior Court Judge David Moranda said it was on probation officers' recommendations, and that Sanchez had a prior reckless driving case as a juvenile.

Defense attorney Ramnik Samrao asked the judge to either lower the bail or allow his client to go free pending the case. He said that she has lived in group homes and has no way of raising that large sum.

"That's just absurd to believe that she would be able to do that," Samrao said outside the courtroom. "I think this bail is excessive for her, and it should have been reduced."

Prosecutors say the video, which includes images of the 18-year-old bouncing to music while in the driver's seat and taking her hands from the steering wheel, will be a key piece of evidence in the case.

Sanchez has pleaded not guilty to six felony counts that include gross vehicular manslaughter and drunken driving resulting in injuries.

She could spend more than 13 years in state prison if convicted of all the charges.

Authorities say the Stockton woman was driving one week ago when the car veered onto the shoulder of a road about 75 miles (121 kilometers) northwest of Fresno.

She overcorrected, causing the vehicle to swerve and overturn into a field, ejecting and killing her 14-year-old sister, Jacqueline Sanchez, authorities say.

Obdulia Sanchez also spit and hurled racial slurs at first responders on the scene, kicking a paramedic in the face, so they strapped her to a gurney, say police reports in her court file.

An officer reported that she gave off a strong smell of alcohol and refused an alcohol screening, so officers obtained her medical records from the hospital where she was treated, showing she was legally drunk, the police reports say.

Before entering the courtroom, Nicandro Sanchez said that he feels he has lost two daughters. "Now I don't have my daughters — the young one, and the other one I lost too because (she is) in jail," the father said in English.

He spoke briefly on his daughter's behalf in court, saying through a Spanish interpreter that he had no hard feelings against her.

"We're asking that she be returned home or to the home where she was being taken care of," he said.

Samrao said that the video does not show his client calling for help immediately after the crash, refuting claims that she didn't try to assist her dying sister.



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Baseball Hall of Fame Inductions

Raines, Bagwell, Pudge on deck

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COOPERSTOWN — Tim Raines played in the major leagues for more than two decades, and yet one at-bat still sticks in his mind.

Nervous about making the Montreal Expos' roster after two brief call-ups that didn't work out so well (one hit in 20 at-bats), his performance on Opening Day 1981 in Pittsburgh erased any doubt. Raines led off the game with a walk, stole second on the first pitch to the next batter and scored after the errant throw to second eluded the outfields.

A star was born.

"I think that was the beginning of the type of player Tim Raines could be," Raines recalled. "It kind of got me going. I think if I would have struck out and not do anything offensively that game, I'm not sure what would have happened to my career. I hadn't really proven to anyone what type of player that I was. It kind of just took off from there."

His baseball journey ends Sunday in Cooperstown, when the 57-year-old Raines will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Joining him are Jeff Bagwell and Ivan Rodriguez, along with former Commissioner Bud Selig and retired Kansas City and Atlanta executive John Schuerholz, both elected by a veterans committee.

Raines received 86 percent of the vote by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to easily top the 75 percent threshold needed. That tally came on his final year on the ballot, an oversight that's difficult to fathom in retrospect.

The switch-hitting Raines batted .294 and had a .385 on-base percentage in his 23-year career, finishing with 2,605 hits, 1,571 runs and 808 stolen bases. The stolen bases is the fifth-highest total in major league history and includes 70 or more steals in each season from 1981-86, a streak that stands alone in baseball history. Take a closer look at his accomplishments on the baselines, and they are quite remarkable — his 84.7 percent success rate tops the list among players with at least 400 steal attempts.

Raines credits his fortune to the increasing popularity of sabermetrics, advanced statistics that give greater insight into a player's worth.

"I think they kind of looked at the numbers on the baseball cards," said Raines, who overcame a recreational drug addiction that hampered his production early in his career. "There's more to the game than just those numbers. Guys can be just as important to a team and an organization in a lot of different ways."

Rodriguez, who holds the major league re-



New York Yankees leadoff batter Tim Raines follows the flight of his first-inning home run April 30, 1997, at Yankee Stadium. Raines, 57, will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame on Sunday in Cooperstown.

cords for games caught (2,427) and putouts by a catcher (12,376), hit 311 homers and batted .296 in his career. No surprise that he's only the second catcher elected on the first ballot, following in the footsteps of his childhood idol, former Cincinnati Reds star Johnny Bench.

In 21 seasons spent mostly with the Texas Rangers, Rodriguez was a 14-time All-Star, won a record 13 Gold Gloves and took home seven Silver Slugger awards.

"I think I just prepared myself," said the 45-year-old Rodriguez, affectionately known as "Pudge." "I'm talking about blocking thousands of balls, making thousands of throws to second base, trying to throw the ball to the right side of the base."

"You can have ability, but if you don't have discipline, if you don't work on things you have to

do, it's going to be hard for you to do it in your career."

The 48-year-old Bagwell, who played his entire 15-year career with the Houston Astros, was elected in his seventh year on the ballot. He's the only first baseman in history with 400 career home runs and 200 stolen bases.

"This is all overwhelming to me," Bagwell said. "Parts of me wonder, 'Why am I in here?'"

Bagwell ended his career with 449 home runs, was 1991 NL Rookie of the Year and in the strike-shortened 1994 season hit .368 with 39 homers and 116 RBIs in just 110 games to unanimously capture MVP honors.

Just as impressive: From 1996-2001, Bagwell had at least 30 home runs, 100 runs scored and 100 RBIs per season, only the sixth player in ma-

jer league history to reach those marks in at least six straight years.

Schuerholz, who played second base at Towson University and became a junior high school teacher in the Baltimore suburbs in the mid-1960s, always wanted to be a major leaguer and couldn't get baseball off his mind. So he sent a letter to Jerry Hoffberger, owner of the hometown Orioles.

The team gave him a spot in its minor league system. In 1969, Schuerholz joined the expansion Kansas City Royals and became general manager 12 years later. After the Royals won the 1985 World Series, he moved on to even greater success with the Braves. With Schuerholz calling the front-office shots, Atlanta won a remarkable 14 straight division championships.

In 26 years as a GM, Schuerholz's teams won 16 division titles, six pennants and two World Series. He was the first general manager in history to win a World Series in each league.

"I feel awed," said Schuerholz, whose only regret is that the Braves turned those division titles into only one World Series championship (1995). "I feel as thankful and appreciative of all the people who have helped me in my career and in my life to get to this point where a group decided that this guy qualifies for the Hall of Fame, this guy ought to be in the Hall of Fame."

Selig never realized his childhood dream of replacing Joe DiMaggio in center field for the New York Yankees — he couldn't hit a curve ball — but he left a large imprint during more than 22 years as the leader of the game. He was instrumental in the approval of interleague play, the expansion of the playoffs, splitting each league into three divisions with wild cards, instituting video review and revenue-sharing in an era that saw the construction of 20 new ballparks.

Fans haven't forgotten that his tenure also included the Steroids Era and the cancellation of the 1994 World Series amid a players' strike.

Still, Selig left baseball in excellent shape economically — without labor strife and with a strict drug-testing policy that has helped clean up the game.

"In the end, I know what I set out to do and we pretty much accomplished it," said Selig, who led the group that purchased the Seattle Pilots in bankruptcy court in 1970 and moved the team to Milwaukee. "Yeah, there are things that happened that I think we reacted well to and got done what you had to get done."

"When I think of where we were in 1992 when I started and where we were when I left and where we are today, it's remarkable."

Mets bolster bullpen getting A.J. Ramos from Marlins

SEATTLE (AP) — The

New York Mets acquired reliever A.J. Ramos from the Miami Marlins for a pair of prospects: Class A pitcher Merandy Gonzalez and outfielder Ricardo Cepedes.

New York is seeking stability in a bullpen that's been a mess since the loss of Jeurys Familia, who served a domestic violence suspension at the start of the season and then got hurt. The Mets have blown 13 of 36 save opportunities entering Friday's game in Seattle and rank 26th in the major leagues in bullpen ERA at 4.81.

Mets reliever Addison Reed, closing in Familia's absence, is eligible for free agency and has been the subject of trade rumors. He has a \$6.55 million salary and is eligible for free agency after the 2018 season.

"Certainly I think the guys ought to be fired up knowing we've got some help coming," New York manager Terry Collins said. "A.J. is an outstanding pitcher. Gives us another end of the game guy which is tremendously helpful. The nights whether (Addison Reed) closes or not, we've got another closer down there. That



Ramos

means a lot to us."

Ramos, a 30-year-old right-hander, was an All-Star in 2016 and this year is 2-4 with 20 saves and a 3.63 ERA in 40 appearances for the Marlins. Ramos is a proven closer with 92 saves in the past three years and a 2.78 career ERA.

The Marlins' breakup of their bullpen began last week when they traded right-hander David Phelps to Seattle for four prospects, including highly regarded outfielder Brayan Hernandez.

Miami is likely to miss the playoffs for the 14th season in a row, the longest drought in the National League.

"On the heels of Phelps there were probably a half dozen clubs that were still in the reliever market, but ultimately you go where the best players are, and we really like the players we were able to get back for A.J.," Marlins' president of baseball operations Michael Hill said. "I think that's ultimately what took us down this path. We're trying to get better and add as much depth and talent to this system and we think we've been able to do that with the deals we've done thus far."

Kuchar rallies, but Flores leads Open

By The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Matt Kuchar rallied to make the cut in the RBC Canadian Open on Friday, a day after fighting dizzy spells.

Coming off a second-place finish Sunday in the British Open, Kuchar shot a 4-under 68 to reach 5 under — leaving him seven strokes behind second-round leader Martin Flores at Glen Abbey.

On Thursday, Kuchar had a couple of dizzy spells and sought medical attention during the round.

"I'm still tired," the RBC endorser said. "The last two weeks I've played some good golf. Certainly last week, being in contention, is draining and another busy week this week."

After making a double bogey on the No. 10 to drop to 1 over for the tournament, Kuchar made a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-5 13th and closed with three straight birdies.

"I really needed some good golf coming in to make the cut," Kuchar said. "I was really pleased to come through."

Flores shot his second straight 6-under 66 on the rain-softened course.

"The course is perfect," said Flores, winless on the PGA Tour. "But it is a little soft right now, especially coming into the greens as compared to previous years. So the birdies are going to be out there for sure. Unless the wind picks up, but I think it's very gettable."

He eagled the par-5 second for the second day in a row.

"I hit a great drive," Flores said. "I had about 185 yards. Hit a nice 7-iron to 15, 20 feet and made the putt. That was a bonus."

Gary Woodland (63), Matt Every (68) and Brandon Hagy (68) were a stroke back at 11 under. Woodland was a stroke off the course record of 62 set by Leonard Thompson in 1981.

"I just had everything clicking today," Woodland said. "I've been playing well for a



Nathan Denette, The Canadian Press/Associated Press
Matt Kuchar hits out of the bunker on the fourth hole during Friday's second round of the Canadian Open at Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, Ontario.

long time and just haven't put all the aspects together. Today I drove it well. Obviously, the ball-striking was good and I saw some putts go in, and that adds up to a pretty good number."

Vijay Singh, at 54 the oldest player in the field, had a 68 to join Kevin Chappell (69), Ryan Ruffels (67), Charley Hoffman (66) and Harold Varner III (65) at 10 under.

"If I turn up at a golf tournament and know that I can't win, I might as well go home," Singh said. "I just have to work hard and bring it to the golf course. Otherwise, might as well not show up. So that's what I'm doing."

Singh won the 2004 tournament at Glen Abbey, beating Canadian Mike Weir in a playoff.

"I've come here a lot of times," Singh said.

"I've played this golf course many a times. Pretty familiar with what the golf course gives you."

Defending champion Jhonattan Vegas was 9 under after a 69.

Top-ranked Dustin Johnson shot 69 to reach 8 under. Graham DeLaet (68) and Mackenzie Hughes (69) were the only two of the 17 Canadians to make the cut, also completing 36 holes at 8 under.

"I wish there were 17 Canadians 8 under or better," Hughes said. "It would have been really fun to get a bunch of guys in the mix, but yeah, it's nice to have Graham in there and not to be the Lone Ranger going out there on the weekend."

Bubba Watson matched playing partner Kuchar at 5 under, following an opening 66 with a 73.

Ivan's runs past KB Electric

Kyle Dahn was a perfect 4-for-4 as Ivan's Morse Masonry used a four-run sixth inning to seal its 13-7 victory over KB Electric in Cortland Men's Slowpitch Softball League A Division competition Friday.

In other A Division action, Fingerlakes South Enterprises humbled Red Jug Pub 14-2 and Bell Construction/Central City routed Brix 29-8.

In B Division play, Red dragon/Graph-Tex dumped Woody's/Ithaca Chiropractic 18-2.

A DIVISION

Ivan's/ Morse Masonry 13, KB Electric 7: Justin Stanton added his own 4-for-4 bat with one double to the winning offense. Matt Parsons and Matt Morgan each chipped in with 3-for-4 efforts.

Fingerlakes South 14, Red Jug Pub 2: Jesse Brady paced the 20-hit Fingerlakes attack by going 4-for-5 with a home run.

Cliff Quick was one of two Red Jug players who went 3-for-3.

Bell Construction/Central City 29, Brix 8: Brix would lead 5-3 after one inning, but Bell Construction/Central City had too much offense.

Morgan Dubois was hot with a 6-for-6 effort that included two doubles, two home runs, a triple and nine RBIs for Bell Construction. Dennis Hopkins rolled as well going 5-for-5 with four doubles, one triple and 6 ribbies. Brandon Watkins (double) added a 4-for-5 bat and Seth Montgomery was 3-for-4.



Joe McIntyre/staff photographer

Gators shortstop Matt Bell throws from second base in the second inning of Friday's game against Vape Kult.

Men's Slowpitch

with four runs scored. Bell/Central City scored 14 runs in the top of the sixth inning to end the game an inning early.

Lee Armstrong went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs for Brix.

B DIVISION

Red Dragon/Graph Tex 18, Woody's/Ithaca Chiropractic 2: Red Dragon scored 10 runs in the second inning to help shorten this game to five innings

Jose Feliciano and Steve Wright paced the Red Dragon/Graph Tex squad with 4-for-4 bats. Feliciano had two doubles and three RBIs while Wright had one double and three RBIs. Derek

Allen was 4-for-5 with a double and two RBIs and Mike Greco went 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

The standings:

A DIVISION
Standings: Fingerlakes South Enterprises 20-4, Bell Construction/Central City 15-7, Ivan's/Morse Masonry 12-12, KB Electric 12-12, Brix 3-13, Red Jug Pub 2-18.

B DIVISION
Standings: 747 Aviation/Gator's 17-1, Red Dragon/Graph-Tex 17-2, Vape Kult 6-3, Woody's/Ithaca Chiropractic 6-10, Rex's Pasta/Homer Elks 5-10, F&K Cleaning 4-11, NAPA/Tallmadge Tire 1-17.

Tanaka's gem gives Yankees East edge

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Now this was the dominant Masahiro Tanaka that the New York Yankees wanted to see.

Looking every bit like an ace, Tanaka took a perfect game into the sixth inning and struck out a career-high 14 as the Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 6-1 Friday night for their fifth straight win.

Boosted by three home runs, Tanaka and the Yankees had even more to show for their effort — they moved back into first place in the AL East for the first time in a month, edging ahead of the Boston Red Sox.

"Just to see him dealing like that is encouraging," manager Joe Girardi said. "You want to get him on a roll."

Tanaka (8-9) struck out the first five batters, all on swings, and also fanned the side the eighth to end his outing.

The Japanese star was winless in his past three starts, and has been plagued by inconsistency most of the year. That came after he went a combined 39-16 in his first three seasons in the majors.

"I don't think it's the right time to be comparing and looking back," Tanaka said through a translator. "My focus is on this year."

Brett Gardner hit a leadoff home run, Aaron Judge lined his AL-leading 33rd homer and Clint Frazier added a three-run shot. All three drives came from the starting outfielders.

On Thursday night, Gardner won the opener of this four-game set between playoff contenders with a homer in the 11th. Judge wound up losing half of his front left tooth in the celebration — he got a temporary fix earlier in the day.

Tanaka set down 17 in a row before Ademiny Hechavarria grounded a sharp, two-out single up the middle, past diving shortstop Didi Gregorius. Tanaka impassively watched the ball roll into center field and, after a brief ovation from the fans, went back to work.

"Right out of the gate, he went his split, his cutter, his slider. Kept us off-balance, racked up a ton of strikeouts," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "From the side there didn't appear to be many pitches that guys could handle."

Tanaka allowed two hits and walked none. He doffed his hat to the crowd as he walked off the mound, then tipped his cap once more before reaching the dugout.

"Hopefully, I was able to entertain every-



Julie Jacobson/Associated Press

Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka watches a pitch to the Tampa Bay Rays during the fourth inning Friday in New York. Tanaka went eight innings and struck out 14 batters during the 6-1 victory.

body," he said.

David Robertson closed with a perfect ninth to wrap up the game in 2 hours, 23 minutes.

Lucas Duda homered in the seventh, a day after Tampa Bay got him a trade with the New York Mets. A veteran of Subway Series matchups at Yankee Stadium in the past, he got booed rounding the bases. It was his 18th homer overall this year.

Austin Pruitt (5-2), called up from Triple-A to take the turn of injured Jake Odorizzi, gave up all three homers in five innings. The Rays have lost seven of nine and are 0-5 in the Bronx this year.

Gardner gave the Yankees a fast start with his career-high 19th homer, and fourth leadoff drive of the season. He leaped to bump forearms with Judge on his way back to the dugout.

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Judge homered in the fourth and Frazier made it 5-0 in the fifth.

ROSTER MOVES

Rays LHP Adam Kolarek hit Gardner in the shoulder with a pitch to begin the eighth, and later gave up Gregorius' RBI single. Kolarek was sent to Triple-A Durham after the game to make room for righty reliever Steve Cishek, acquired earlier in the day from Seattle.

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Tanaka topped the 13 strikeouts he had on May 26 vs. Oakland. ... Judge has a 17-game home hitting streak, breaking the Yankees rookie record set by Hideki Matsui in 2003, the Elias Sports Bureau said. ... Tampa Bay pitchers have given up a homer in 15 straight games, their worst run since 2006.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rays: 1B Logan Morrison was out of the lineup because of a bruised left heel.

Yankees: Closer Aroldis Chapman threw 19 pitches in two innings Thursday night, his longest outing since Game 5 of the World Series for the Cubs last year. Manager Joe Girardi wasn't sure whether Chapman would be available.

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Tanaka made a 3-pointer on two straight possessions to extend Los Angeles' lead to 66-54 early in the fourth quarter. San Antonio pulled to 75-70 with 4:05 to go but the Stars went scoreless for three-plus minutes and trailed 85-70.

Kayla McBride scored 18 of her 20 points in the second half for San Antonio (3-20).

The Stars closed the first half on a 12-0 run to pull to 39-35.

Lynx 90, Dream 80: Sylvia Fowles had 29 points and eight rebounds in Minnesota's victory over Atlanta.

Storm 109, Wings 93: Jewell Loyd tied a season high with 27 points, Bre-

Fowles was 11 of 15 from the floor

WNBA

and 7 of 10 at the line.

Maya Moore added 17 points for Minnesota (18-2), and Seimone Augustus had 14 points and 10 assists for her second career double-double. The Lynx had 30 assists on 37 field goals, and shot 56 percent.

Tiffany Hayes scored 25 points for Atlanta (10-12). Brittney Sykes added 13 points and Sancho Lytle became the leading rebounder in Dream history.

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CHS, Homer set sports physcials

Physicals for Cortland High athletes interested in participating in 2017 fall sports will be conducted the week of July 31-Aug. 4 in the nurses' office at the high school.

The examinations will take place from 8 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Student athletes can pick up a sports physical packet and all necessary forms in the high school main office all summer from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

All students getting physicals from their own physicians should have the Physical Exam Form filled out by that physician.

Boys' varsity and JV physicals will be administered on July 31, with girls' varsity and JV physicals slated for Aug. 1. Boys' makeups will be from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Aug. 2, followed by girls' makeups from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Boys' modified exams on Aug. 3 and girls' modified exams on Aug. 4, both from 8 to 11:30 a.m., will round out the week.

Nurses will be available to collect physicals forms, pre-physical medical evaluation forms, interval health histories and concussion management forms, as well as to stamp sports cards, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Aug. 3 and 4 (Mrs. Greenwood), 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Aug. 14 and 15 and 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 16 (Mrs. Myers) and from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 28 and 29 (Mrs. Greenwood). No physicals will be conducted on these days.

All students planning on playing a fall sport must have a stamped physical card before participating in practices or contests. The following items are required and must be submitted to a school nurse before white cards are stamped:

- Copy of current physical
- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form

■ Interval Health History Form (if 30 days since last physical)

■ Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form

■ Completed White (Sports) Card — Emergency Information

All sports forms must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Anyone needing further in-

formation is asked to call the Cortland High athletic office at 758-4115.

Homer Central

Physicals for Homer Central student-athletes interested in participating in fall sports will be conducted this Thursday, Aug. 1 and Aug. 3 in the high school nurse's office. Physical times for Thursday are from 1-4 p.m.; Aug. 1 from 8:30 a.m. until noon and Aug. 3 from 5-7 p.m.

Additional health forms may be required:

- Completed Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation for those students receiving a school sports physical.
- Completed Interval Health History for those students who have received a medical examination 30 days prior to the start of the season.

Blue Cards will be provided when all the required documents are received. High School Blue Cards will be issued for fall sports on August 10 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Jr. High Blue Cards will be issued at the Jr. High Nurse's office for fall sports on August 30 and August 31 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

New York state law requires that each student participating in sports has a current physical on file in the nurse's office each year to participate in sports.

One physical exam per school year is sufficient for all sports that school year.

A physical exam is considered current for twelve months from the date acquired. If the student has a current physical performed by their treating medical provider a school sports physical is not required to participate.

The school arranges for sports physical exams prior to the start of each season.

If a student does not receive a school sports physical, they must submit a current physical from their doctor to participate.

If you have any questions, contact the Homer Central School's athletic director's office at 607-749-1213.

Raiders may be without Penn for beginning of training camp

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders arrived in Napa on Friday for the start of training camp amid reports that left tackle Donald Penn plans to hold out.

Penn, 34, is entering the final year of an \$11.9 million, two-year contract he signed with the Raiders last offseason and is reportedly seeking to renegotiate the terms. Penn is scheduled to earn \$5.8 million in base salary this season with another \$1.3 million in incentives and bonuses.

The Raiders declined to comment.

The NFL Network first reported Penn's holdout.

The news came as the Raiders' veterans began checking into the hotel in Napa where they will spend the next three weeks. The team will hold its first practice of training camp on Saturday morning.

Center Rodney Hudson was among the arrivals and said he's hopeful Penn's situation won't drag on long.

"We've talked throughout the offseason," Hudson said. "I haven't quite spoken to him today but those things are going to work itself out at some point."

Penn has been a model of consistency since entering the NFL as an undrafted free agent in 2006 and is coming off his second Pro Bowl after being part of

an offensive line that allowed a league-low 18 sacks in 2017.

The 6-foot-4, 315-pound Penn has started 156 consecutive regular-season games, the second-longest active streak among offensive linemen although he suffered a knee injury in the season finale and did not play in Oakland's first-round playoff loss to Houston.

Penn allowed only one sack in 2016, during Week 16 against Indianapolis, but it was a pivotal one: quarterback Derek Carr suffered a season-ending broken right fibula on the play.

The Raiders recently signed right guard Gabe Jackson to a \$56 million, five-year extension. Left guard Kelechi Osemele inked a similar deal (\$58.5 million, five years) last season, while Hudson is in the middle of his own five-year contract that is paying him \$44.5 million.

Oakland general manager Reggie McKenzie also inked Carr to a \$125 million, five-year contract and has targeted defensive end Khalil Mack as the next player he wants to get a new deal done with.

Penn isn't likely to get a long-term contract like those, but Hudson said the veteran left tackle is important to the Raiders' plans.

Parker's triple-double carries Sparks past Stars

By The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Candace Parker had 11 points, 17 rebounds and 11 assists to become the sixth WNBA player with a triple-double, and the Los Angeles Sparks beat the San Antonio Stars 85-73 on Friday night.

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Foray, voice of Rocky the squirrel, dies at 99

By TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press

Actress June Foray, who gave voice to Rocky the Flying Squirrel and hundreds of other cartoon characters and was sometimes known as the "female Mel Blanc," has died in a Los Angeles hospital. She was 99.

Foray died Wednesday at West Hills Hospital in Los Angeles of cardiac arrest, but she had been in fragile health since a car accident two years ago, niece Robin Thaler said Thursday.

Foray was the best-known woman among the voice performers who contributed so much to the classic cartoons of Warner Bros., Disney, Hanna-Barbera and other studios. She had a galaxy of ways to create funny but believable characters, but could also be warm and wise in Disney's "Mulan" or, in a memorable "Twilight Zone" episode, chilling.

She had over 300 credits as a voice actress, most recently doing one last turn as Rocky in a 2014 short.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Foray was a teenager when she moved with her parents to Los Angeles. She had begun performing in radio as a child in Massachusetts and, once in Hollywood, became active in major radio programs such as "The Jimmy Durante Show." She later called old-time radio a great training ground, forcing her to learn to be versatile and quick-thinking.

Working with legends

Among the legends she worked with were Chuck Jones and the other famed Warner's animators; Jay Ward, creator of "Rocky and Bullwinkle"; Rod Serling, creator of "The Twilight Zone"; radio and recording satirist Stan Freberg; and such cartoon voice talents as Daws Butler (Huckleberry Hound) and Blanc (Bugs Bunny, Sylvester).

In his 1989 memoir, "Chuck Amuck," Jones noted "the highly talented and versatile Mel Blanc" did voices for Bugs, Daffy, Porky, Tweety, Yosemité Sam and others, "except female voices, which were done by the equally talented June Foray."

Perhaps inevitably, Rocky — with his trademark exclamation "Hokey Smoke!" — was Foray's favorite.

"Everybody asks me that," she said in a 2000 Associated Press interview. "I think the fans kind of answer that for me. Everybody loves Rocky. I get letters from Belgium, Germany, all over. People don't think of him as a squirrel. They think of him as a person. And he's a good little person."

The diminutive Foray wore a gold Rocky pendant around her neck that she delighted in pointing out to people.

She was also fond of Rocky's pal, voiced by Bill Scott, as well. "Bullwinkle was a very sweet creature," Foray said. "He was not a stupid person. He was extremely ingenious. He was very faithful."

The original "Rocky and Bullwinkle" aired in 326 short installments as part of a series featuring other cartoon creations by Ward. The Cold War conflict



Foray

pitted the moose and squirrel against the bumbling spies Boris Badenov and Natasha Fatale, to whom Foray also gave a voice.

"Rocky and His Friends" ran on ABC weekday afternoons from 1959 through 1961, and then "The Bullwinkle Show" was on NBC from 1961 to 1964, first in prime-time and later in daytime.

Besides Bullwinkle J. Moose and Rocket J. Squirrel, the show featured such sequences as "Fractured Fairy Tales"; "Peabody's Improbable History"; "Aesop and Son"; and "Adventures of Dudley Do-Right."

"The shows were on two plateaus," Foray once said. "The children enjoyed it because of the humorous look of the characters and the sounds of the voices. The adults find it so inventive because of the puns, the satire. ... It was a show that was different from everything that came before it or after it."

Key role in 'Grinch'

In 1966, Foray was the voice of Cindy Lou Who in the much-revived TV holiday special "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," based on the Dr. Seuss book, directed by Jones and narrated by Boris Karloff. She worked with Jones on another classic children's story in 1973, voicing the mother in "The Cricket in Times Square."

Earlier, she worked with Freberg on his 1953 hit record, "St. George and the Dragonet," a parody of the "Dragnet" series,

and teamed with Freberg again for his acclaimed historical comedy records "Stan Freberg Presents The United States of America, Vol. 1" in 1961 and "Vol. 2" in 1996, portraying a host of historical characters. She also contributed her voice talents to one of the best-known "Twilight Zone" episodes, a 1963 chiller about a talking doll that turns murderous.

"I'm Talky Tina ... and I'm going to kill you," the doll says to the hapless victim (played by Telly Savalas, later famous as "Kojak.")

For Walt Disney, her contributions included the voice of Lucifer the cat on his 1950 "Cinderella." At Warner Bros., she was the voice of Witch Hazel in several Jones films and Granny, the owner of Tweety Bird and Sylvester, in many cartoons, though Bea Benadare (the voice of Betty Rubble on "The Flintstones") also voiced Granny in some early cartoons. For Walter Lantz she was Woody Woodpecker's nephew and niece, Knothead and Splinter.

Later generations might know her voice best as Grandmother Fa in Disney's "Mulan" from 1998.

As cartoon characters were recycled by Hollywood, Foray remained active into her 80s. She did Granny on "Tiny Toon Adventures" and reprised her Rocky role in the 2000 big-screen adaptation, "The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle," a mixture of cartoon and live action starring Rene Russo and Jason Alexander. The film was poorly received, but she thought it had a good story line and "all the charm of Rocky and Bullwinkle."

Silverman's show asks US to give love a chance

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Sarah Silverman is out to show that Americans can bridge even their deepest differences and enjoy a laugh as well.

Speaking to TV critics' meeting Thursday, Silverman said that's the goal for her fall Hulu series, "I Love You, America."

Silverman said the show is intended to be the opposite of an echo chamber, instead allowing Silverman to connect with "un-like-minded people" across America. That's regular people, not politicians, and no mockery will be involved, she said.

"I Love You, America," which Silverman is producing with, among others, Oscar-winning screenwriter Adam McKay ("The Big Short"), is scheduled to debut Oct. 12.

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Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

The Emoji Movie (2D) PG
7:00 Nightly • Sat., Sun. 12:45, 3:00
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

The Emoji Movie in 3D PG
9:00 Nightly

Dunkirk PG-13
7:00, 9:15 Nightly • Sat., Sun. 12:45, 3:00
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets PG-13
6:45, 9:30 Nightly • Sat., Sun. 3:00
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

War for the Planet of the Apes PG-13
6:45, 9:30 Nightly • Sat., Sun. 12:20, 3:00
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

Spider-Man: Homecoming PG-13
6:45, 9:30 Nightly • Sat., Sun. 12:20, 3:00
Fri., Mon.-Thurs. 1:30

Ask Amy

By Amy Dickinson

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Contract Bridge

Super-sound detective work

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.NORTH
♦ Q 6 3
♦ K 9 7
♦ A Q 8 4
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South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
6 ♦

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Here is a typical example of the lengths to which a careful declarer will go to give himself the maximum chance for the contract.

West

leads the jack of diamonds against six spades. Declarer sees that the slam is cold if the missing diamonds are divided 3-2. So, from the start, he focuses all his attention on guarding against a 4-1 diamond division.

His first step in this direction is to take the opening trick with dummy's

ace. This leaves him in a position to finesse against the 10-x in either opponent's hand if the suit is divided 4-1.

After East follows low, South has no way of knowing which defend, if either, has the remaining three diamonds. Declarer then draws trumps, ending in dummy, and plays a low club. He hopes East has the ace, because if he does, the contract is

After East plays low, South wins with the king, marking East with the ace. Declarer then cashes the K-A of hearts and his last two trumps, bringing about this position:

North
♦ Q 8 4
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West
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♦ 10 7 5
♦ A
South
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South now cashes the king of diamonds to guard against West having started with four diamonds. If East shows out, South has a proven finesse against West.

But when West shows out, declarer still has things under control. He leads a club, forcing East to win with the ace and return a diamond, and again the slam is home.

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Daughter wants to engage with long-lost father

DEAR AMY: I recently found my biological father through Facebook after more than 20 years (I am 28) of not knowing if he was alive.

Although I am really happy that I found him, I am scared to let my family (my mom, stepdad, and sisters) know that I have reconciled with him and reconnected.

I have asked about my dad before (I even had a picture of him), and my stepdad felt betrayed that I was even curious about him.

I ripped up his picture because I felt so guilty that my stepdad was hurt.

I KNOW my stepfather will manipulate the situation (that's just how he is) and con my sisters and my mom into not speaking to me.

On the other hand, I do wish to create a relationship with my father and start where we left off (I have two beautiful daughters I know he will love to meet), but I am so scared to do this because I know that it will divide my family.

What should I do? — Worried Daughter

DEAR DAUGHTER: First, a word of caution. You seem to have invested a lot of positive hope in the idea of having a relationship with your father. You say you want to "pick up where you left off." But, where has he been? Has he been searching for you? You should start by taking this very slowly, and in careful stages.

You were eight years old when you last saw your father. You don't say what transpired before he disappeared from your life, but it was wrong of your parents to deny your right to have a relationship with him — even if they thought they were protecting you.

I agree that you should pursue this relationship privately. If you develop a friendship with your father, you should notify your mother — again, privately (she should help you to handle your stepdad).

Please understand that she will likely feel very threatened by this, especially if your daughters are involved. Grandparents get that way, sometimes.

You are an adult. You have the right to contact your father. But because the stakes seem to be so high in your family, you must keep your eyes wide open to the consequences. Be circumspect about sharing this with others.

DEAR AMY: I have been married for more than 30 years. Last

year, I learned that my husband was texting his old college girlfriend. He may have even visited her while visiting our son at college, over 10 hours away.

Seven years ago, I found out accidentally that he was texting this same old girlfriend, and I told him that if it happened again, it was a deal breaker.

At that time, our children were still living at home, so I decided to remain in the marriage. Now, we are empty nesters.

How do I decide whether to stay or go? There is no trust left — only heartbreak.

Counseling is out of the question — we live in a small town and our pastor knows both sides of our family.

I am stuck and sad. I am only 55 and I have a lot of living to do, but maybe not with this man by my side ...?

Where do I go from here? How do I restart my life? — Betwixt

DEAR BETWIXT: First of all, if you want to pursue counseling through your clergy, understand that, of course, your pastor knows both sides of your family! That is one advantage that clergy can bring to counseling. You should be assured of their awareness of family members, and also their discretion.

Many couples come back from the brink, but you can't yank your marriage back without a mutual commitment to work on it. Does your husband want to stay, or part?

If you decide to leave the marriage, you should start by privately researching your legal standing and reviewing your finances. Focusing on these practical matters can help to clarify your intentions.

Starting over requires a number of brave leaps. Supportive friends, family members, and having a larger sense of purpose will help you to rebuild your life.

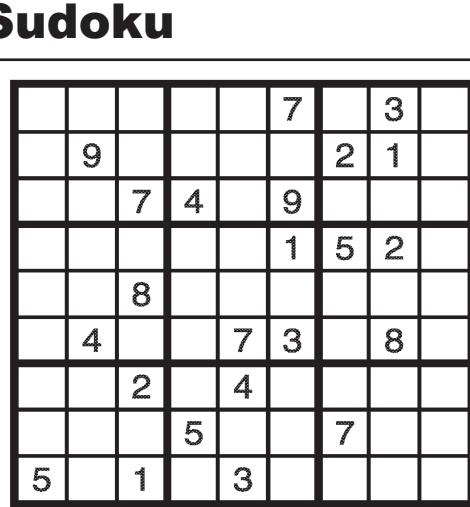
DEAR AMY: "Impossible to Escape" was concerned by an in-law who habitually butted into conversations and then dominated them. This family needs a Designated Distractor.

At large family gatherings, one person is designated to engage the in-law with undivided attention, keeping him from ruining the main conversation. Family members would decide this in advance and take turns. — It Works!

DEAR IT WORKS!: This is a great idea. Thank you!

You can contact Amy Dickinson via email: askamy@amydickinson.com. You can also follow her on Twitter @askingamy or "like" her on Facebook.

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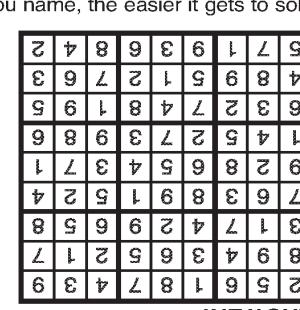


Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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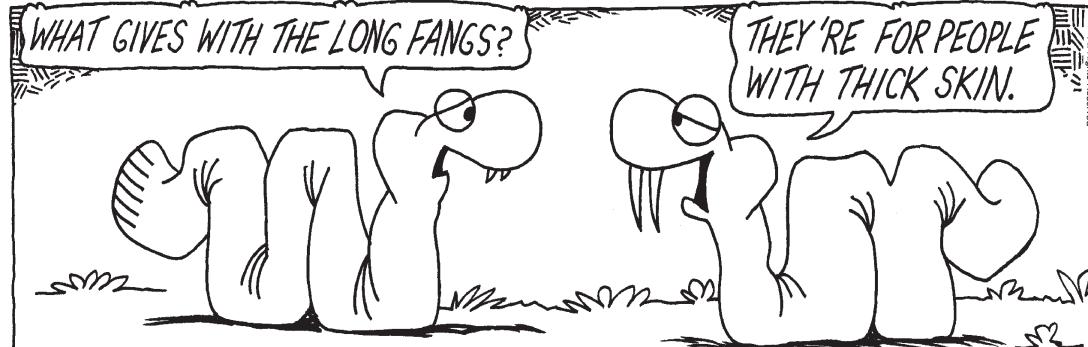
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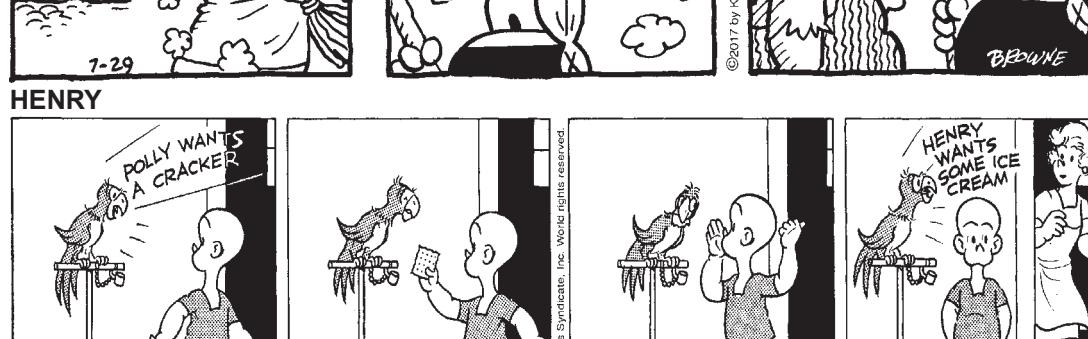
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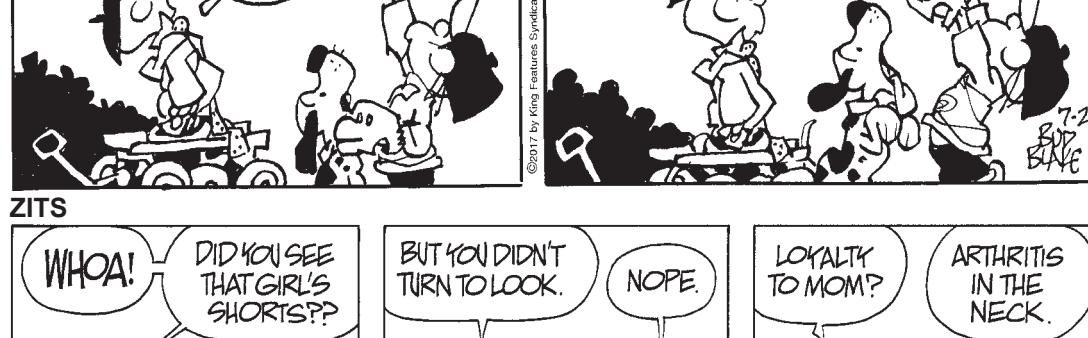
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'The Emoji Movie' may be meh, but it's not evil

By LINDSEY BAHR

AP Film Writer

There are five stages of grief in preparing to watch "The Emoji Movie." The first is denial that this actually exists. The second is anger that now even storytelling has been reduced to those reductive blobs. The third is bargaining that, hey, they made "The Lego Movie" work against all odds so maybe some

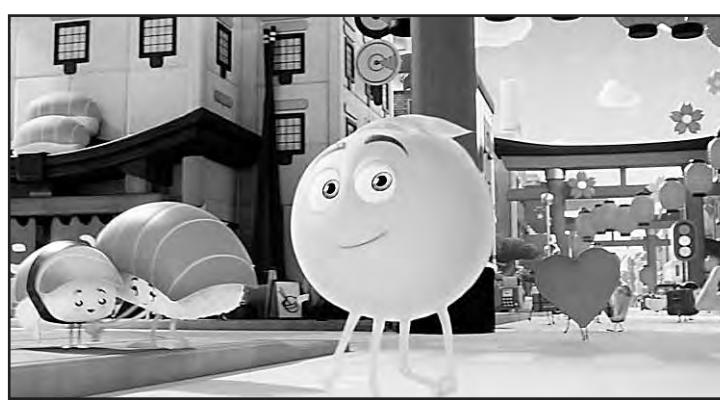
smart folks actually pulled this off. The fourth is depression that all movie ideas are just doomed to confuse "brands" for "ideas." And the fifth is acceptance that, yes, of course that's where we're headed so let's pull up a seat and make the most of it.

The good news is "The Emoji Movie," co-written and directed by Tony Leondis, is not evil. The bad news is it's just mediocre, or in emoji parlance, simply "meh."

It does not come close to achieving the joy and wonder of, say, "Toy Story," "Inside Out" or "The Lego Movie" although it appears to borrow heavily from all in its central conceit that anthropomorphized emojis have families and ambitions but also exist solely to serve a particular smart phone owner. "The Emoji Movie" takes us into the world

of Alex's phone — he's an awkward high school freshman who is stressed out about what to text the girl he has a crush on. His friend advises him that "words are stupid" so he goes for a good old emoji.

Little does he know in the emoji app it's Gene's first day of work. Gene (T.J. Miller) is supposed to be the "meh" symbol, but the excitable yellow blob alternates between all emotions and can't stick to the one he's supposed to have, like his parents Mary Meh (Jennifer Coolidge) and Mel Meh (Steven Wright), who deadpan lines like "I'm so mad at you right now." Also, should we be thinking about the implications of procre-



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Gene, voiced by T.J. Miller, is shown in a scene from "The Emoji Movie."

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Experimental cancer drugs' strange side effect:

People's gray hair turns dark

CHICAGO (AP) — Cancer patients' gray hair unexpectedly turned youthfully dark while taking novel drugs, and it has doctors scratching their heads.

Chemotherapy is notorious for making hair fall out, but the 14 patients involved were all being treated with new immunotherapy drugs that work differently and have different side effects.

A Spanish study suggests that may include restoring hair pigment, at least in patients with lung cancer.

With the first patient, "we thought it could be an isolated case," said Dr. Noelia Rivera, a dermatologist at Autonomous University of Barcelona.

But she said the research team found the same thing when they asked other patients for photos from before treatment.

The 14 cases were among 52 lung cancer patients being followed to see whether they developed bad side effects from the drugs — Keytruda, Opdivo and Tecentriq.

While most patients did not have a color change, the 14 cases suggest it's not an isolated finding. In 13 patients,



JAMA via Associated Press

A cancer patient saw his gray hair turn dark while taking new immunotherapy drugs. Fourteen such cases were among 52 lung cancer patients being studied.

hair turned darkish brown or black. In one patient, it turned black in patches.

In another odd twist, the same drugs have been linked previously with hair losing color in patients with another cancer, melanoma.

All but one of the 14 patients in the Spanish study had at least stable dis-

ease and responded better to treatment than other patients, suggesting that hair darkening might be an indication that the drugs are working, the researchers said.

Rivera said they are continuing the study to search for an explanation and to see if the cases are just a fluke

"It's a fascinating report — one of those things that comes out of the blue," said Dr. June Robinson, a Northwestern University research professor in dermatology.

Robinson is also editor of the medical journal *JAMA Dermatology*, which published the study online this month.

She said the results deserve a deeper look but cautioned that it's way too soon to suggest that they might lead to new treatments for gray hair.

Rivera noted that the study drugs have serious side effects that make them unsafe for healthy people. But if it's confirmed that they do change hair color, a different drug could be developed to treat gray hair, she said.

The pharmaceutical industry has previously capitalized on unexpected drug side effects; examples include the male pattern baldness drug Propecia, the eyelash growing drug Latisse, and Botox anti-wrinkle injections.

Active ingredients in these drugs were initially approved to treat enlarged prostates, eye pressure problems, and eye muscle spasms.

Scientists edit genes of human embryos

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For the first time in the United States, scientists have edited the genes of human embryos, a controversial step toward someday helping babies avoid inherited diseases.

The experiment was just an exercise in science — the embryos were not allowed to develop for more than a few days and were never intended to be implanted into a womb, according to *MIT Technology Review*, which first reported the news.

Officials at Oregon Health & Science University confirmed Thursday that the work took place there and said results would be published in a journal soon. It is thought to be the first such work in the U.S.; previous experiments like this have been reported from China. How many embryos were created and edited in the experiments has not been revealed.

The Oregon scientists reportedly used a technique called CRISPR, which allows specific sections of DNA to be altered or replaced. It's like using a molecular scissors to cut and paste DNA, and is much more precise than some types of gene therapy that cannot ensure that desired changes will take place exactly where and as intended. With gene editing, these so-called "germline" changes are permanent and would be passed down to any offspring.

The approach holds great potential to avoid many genetic diseases, but has raised fears of "designer babies" if done for less lofty reasons, such as producing desirable traits.

Last year, Britain said some of its scientists could edit embryo genes to better understand human development.

And earlier this year in the U.S., the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Medicine said in a report that altering the genes of embryos might be OK if done under strict criteria and aimed at preventing serious disease.

"This is the kind of research that the report discussed," University of Wisconsin-Madison bioethicist R. Alta Charo said of the news of Oregon's work. She co-led the National Academies panel but was not commenting on its behalf Thursday.

"This was purely laboratory-based work that is incredibly valuable for helping us understand how one might make these germline changes in a way that is precise and safe. But it's only a first step," she said.

"We still have regulatory barriers in the United States to ever trying this to achieve a pregnancy. The public has plenty of time" to weigh in on whether that should occur, she said.

E-cigarettes might help smokers quit

By MARIA CHENG
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People who used e-cigarettes were more likely to kick the habit than those who didn't, a new study found.

Nicotine patches, gums and medications are known to aid smoking cessation, but there's no consensus on whether vaping devices can help anti-smoking efforts.

The U.S. research is the largest look yet at electronic cigarette users and it found e-cigarettes played a role in helping people quit.

"It's absolutely clear that e-cigarettes help smokers replace cigarettes," said Peter Hajek, director of the health and lifestyle research unit at Queen Mary University in London, who wasn't part of the study.

Smoking rates have been generally declining for decades. Health experts have credited taxes on tobacco products and anti-smoking ads for the drop.

E-cigarettes have been sold in the U.S. since 2007. Most devices heat a liquid nicotine solution into vapor and were promoted to smokers as a less dangerous alternative since they don't contain all the chemicals, tar or odor of regular cigarettes.

Researchers analyzed and compared data collected by the U.S. Census from 2001 to 2015, including the number of adult e-cigarette users from the most recent survey.



E-cigarettes appear on display at a Vape store in Chicago. Smokers who used e-cigarettes were more likely to kick the habit than those who didn't, according to a new study.

About two-thirds of e-cigarette users tried to quit smoking compared to 40 percent of non-users, the study found. E-cigarette users were more likely to succeed in quitting for at least three months than non-users — 8 percent versus 5 percent.

The research was published online Wednesday in the journal *BMJ*. It was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The rate of people quitting smok-

ing in the U.S. has remained steady at about 4.5 percent for years. It jumped to 5.6 percent in 2014-2015, representing about 350,000 fewer smokers. It was the first recorded rise in the smoking cessation rate in 15 years.

While national anti-smoking campaigns likely helped, the results show e-cigarette use also played an important role, said lead author Shu-Hong Zhu of the University of California, San Diego.

The latest results strongly suggest that more lenient control of e-cigarettes could improve population health, said Bullen, a professor of public health at the University of Auckland.

"If every smoker was to change over to e-cigarettes completely, there would be a dramatic and almost immediate public health benefit," he said in an email.

Hajek, who wasn't part of the research, said vaping devices shouldn't be strictly regulated, but instead be allowed to compete directly with cigarettes. "That way, smokers can get what they want without killing themselves," he said.

Earlier this month, a House panel renewed its efforts to prevent the Food and Drug Administration from requiring retroactive safety reviews of e-cigarettes already on the market.

Others warned that the long-term side effects of e-cigarettes are unknown.

"We just don't know if moving to e-cigarettes is good enough to reduce the harm," said Aruni Bhatnagar, director of the American Heart Association's Tobacco Research and Addiction Center.

Chris Bullen, who authored an accompanying editorial, said although the long-term safety of e-cigarettes is unclear, any ill effects are "likely to be rare compared with the harms of continuing to smoke."

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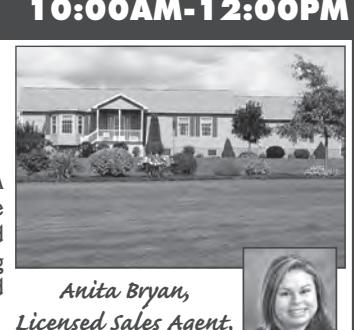
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Life changes might thwart dementia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seek a good education. Control blood pressure and diabetes. Get off the couch. There are some hints, but no proof yet, that these and other lifestyle changes just might help stave off dementia.

A provocative report July 20 in the British journal *Lancet* raised the prospect that a third of dementia cases around the world could be delayed or even prevented by avoiding key risks starting in childhood that can make the brain more vulnerable to memory loss in old age.

A recent U.S. report was much more cautious, saying there are encouraging clues that a few lifestyle changes can bolster brain health and that more research is critical.

Still, it's never too early to try, said Lancet lead author Gill Livingston, a psychiatry professor at University College London.

"Although dementia is diagnosed in later life, the brain changes usually begin to develop years before," she noted.

Early next year, a \$20 million U.S. study will begin rigorously testing if some simple day-to-day activities truly help older adults stay sharp.

"We are in a frustrating position science-wise in terms of what are our options?" said cognitive neuroscientist Laura Baker of Wake Forest School of Medicine in North Carolina, who will lead the new study to find out.

In the meantime, Alzheimer's specialists say there's little downside to following some common-sense recommendations.

Consider physical activity,

crucial for heart health. "If in fact it should also improve the prospects for cognitive function and dementia, all the better," said Dr. Richard Hodes, director of the U.S. National Institute on Aging and an avid exerciser.

"Increased health of the body supports increased health of the brain," Baker added.

Here's the latest from this week's Alzheimer's Association International Conference on possible ways to guard your brain:

KEY RISKS

A Lancet-appointed panel created a model of dementia risks throughout life that estimates about 35 percent of all dementia cases are attributable to nine risk factors — risks that people potentially could change.

Their resulting recommendations: Ensure good childhood education; avoid high blood pressure, obesity and smoking; manage diabetes, depression and age-related hearing loss; be physically active; stay socially engaged in old age.

The theory: These factors together play a role in whether your brain is resilient enough to withstand years of silent damage that eventually leads to Alzheimer's.

Last month, the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine reported there's little rigorous proof. That report found some evidence that controlling blood pressure, exercise and some forms of brain training — keeping intellectually stimulated — might work and couldn't hurt.

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