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## Post Summit, Pompeo Briefing Asian Allies

SINGAPORE (AP) — A day after their historic summit, Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un returned to their respective strongholds today — but to far different receptions.

In Pyongyang, the North Korean autocrat woke up to state media's enthusiastic claims of a victorious meeting with the U.S. president; photos of him standing side-by-side with Trump on the world stage were splashed across newspapers. Trump, meanwhile, faced questions about whether he gave away too much in return for far too little

when he bestowed a new legitimacy on Kim's rule and agreed, at Pyongyang's request, to end war games with Seoul that the allies had long portrayed as crucial to Asian safety.

As the top U.S. diplomat jetted to South Korea for follow-up talks today, much of Asia was still trying to process the whirlwind events of the day before.

There was, at times, a surreal quality to the carefully staged, five-hour meeting of two men who'd been threatening each other with nuclear war and insulting each other's mental and physical at-

tributes just months before. Trump repeatedly praised Kim's negotiating skills and their new relationship and expressed hope for "a bright new future" for Kim's impoverished nation.

But there were worries, especially in Tokyo and Seoul, which both have huge U.S. military presences, about Trump agreeing to halt U.S. military exercises with South Korea, which the North has long claimed were invasion preparations. That concession to Kim appeared to catch the Pentagon and officials in Seoul off guard, and some South Kore-

ans were alarmed.

"The United States is our ally, so the joint military drills are still necessary to maintain our relationship with the U.S.," said Lee Jae Sung, from Incheon. "I think they will be continued for a while."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo arrived at Osan Air Base south of Seoul from Singapore today. He's expected to meet privately in the evening with Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

Pompeo will meet President Moon

Jae-in Thursday morning to discuss the summit. Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono is also heading to Seoul and is due to meet with Pompeo and his South Korean counterpart. Pompeo, the former CIA director, then plans to fly to Beijing to update the Chinese government on the talks.

On the issue the world has been most fixated on — North Korea's pursuit of a nuclear arsenal meant to target the entire U.S. mainland — Trump and Kim signed a joint statement that contained a (see BRIEFINGS, page 12)

## WCHS Grad Rate Among Students With Disabilities Up By 13 Points!

### New 'Find Your Path' Program, Infusion Of Additional Support Staff Catalysts For Improvement

A sharp rise — a *quantum leap* — in the Ware County High School graduation rate among students with disabilities is owed to a fresh strategy in a new program introduced within the Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) curriculum.

The rate of graduation for students with disabilities increased 13 percentage points from 58.5 in 2016 to 71.9 percent in 2017. A rate that far exceeds the state target of 54.5 percent reflects the largest gain in recent history, say Ware school officials.

The special education department of the Ware County schools revealed the improvement in its annual report to stakeholders at

the Children's Initiative meeting in April at Coastal Pines Technical College.

The increase in the graduation rate is due in large part to the support for students in the Find Your Path (FYP) within the CTAE program, officials said.

The Find Your Path program was developed by Kim Gibson, parent mentor for the Ware school system. Gibson, along with Stacie Sheys, Ware County High School special education coordinator, led the effort, which involves coordination between students, parents, tutors, vocational rehabilitation services and key personnel working at Coastal (see GRAD, page 10)



**Zackery James, a Ware High 11th grader, thanks special ed coordinator Stacie Sheys for her attentive instruction.**

## Sexual Misconduct Is Big Baptist Issue

DALLAS (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention opened its annual national meeting Tuesday with the denomination's all-male leadership grappling with the fallout of multiple sexual misconduct cases.

With virtually no opposition, delegates at the meeting adopted resolutions condemning any sexual misconduct by SBC ministers, urging more action to prevent "all forms of abuse," and encouraging abuse victims to contact civil authorities to seek protection and support.

In a late addition to the program, the SBC announced that Vice President Mike Pence would address the meeting today. In Tuesday's opening session, a delegate from Virginia, Garrett Kell, sought to cancel Pence's address and replace it with a time of prayer, but the motion was defeated.

"Many of our minority brothers and sisters will be especially hurt by this invitation," said Kell, who warned the SBC against associating with any particular administration holding power in Washington.

The agenda in Dallas did not include any reconsideration of the SBC's doctrine of "complementarianism," which espouses male leadership in the home and in the church and says a wife "is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband."

However, the pastor elected Tuesday as the SBC's new president — J.D. Greear — is among numerous SBC leaders saying the doctrine needs to be observed in a way that's respectful of women and encourages them to play an active role in church affairs.

In a recent video posted on Facebook, Greear said the church has hurt itself by excluding women from top leadership posts.

Complementarianism "is biblical and we need to honor that ... but at the same time recognize that God has gifted women with spiritual gifts," he said. "We need to be as committed to raising them up in leadership and ministries as we are to our sons."

(see BAPTISTS, page 13)

## New Wildfire Erupts Near Colorado Ski Resorts, Leading To Evacuations

DENVER (AP) — A wildfire erupted Tuesday in an area of Colorado known for its ski resorts, forcing the evacuation of more than 1,300 homes and marking the latest in a series of blazes that have ignited in the drought-stricken U.S. West.

The fire in central Colorado had burned only about 100 acres but was dangerously close to two densely populated housing developments near the town of Silverthorne, about 60 miles west of Denver.

"This area, there is a lot of homes that are pretty tightly packed together," U.S. Forest Service spokesman Adam Bianchi said. "Being a resort town, there's a need for a lot of housing and there's only so much available space for good land to build on."

Bianchi said the Buffalo Fire had come to within about 200 yards of a subdivision that includes condos, apartments and pricey homes. The closest ski resort to the fire, Keystone, is about 8 miles away and across a large reservoir.

About 50 firefighters were battling the blaze initially, but more were on the way, along with heavy air tankers and helicopters.

"I was absolutely shocked by how fast it spread," Silverthorne resident Jake Schulman told The Summit Daily after spotting the fire while hiking.

"There were big black rolling clouds coming off it and it had gotten to the edge of the forest, right next to the neighborhood," he added.

The fire had not destroyed any homes as of Tuesday night.

Colorado's largest blaze also kept burning in the San Juan National Forest, which has been

closed to the public to try to prevent additional fires. The 416 Fire north of Durango in southwest Colorado has burned about 36 square miles and is partially contained. No homes have been lost.

It's burning in the Four Corners region where Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah meet that is at the center of a large patch of exceptional drought. Much of the U.S. West is experiencing some level of drought.

More than 900 firefighters were dealing with rough and inaccessible terrain, and residents of more than 2,000 homes have been forced to evacuate since the flames ignited June 1.

Meanwhile, additional firefighters were headed to Wyoming to work on a wildfire that has exploded in size and prompted evacuations near the Colorado border.

The Badger Creek Fire grew rapidly Monday because of strong winds and dry conditions and had scorched about 3.6 square miles of mostly beetle-killed forest. Several small communities of permanent and seasonal residences were ordered evacuated, but no buildings were burned.

Large wildfires also forced evacuations farther west.

In central Utah, a wildfire fed by dry conditions and swift winds consumed more than 10 square miles and burned a cabin. The Trail Mountain Fire began as a prescribed burn but grew out of control last week.

A wildfire burning grass and brush in central Washington threatened several dozen homes and other infrastructure, while more than 250 firefighters raced to the hills overlooking Los Angeles to battle a blaze in thick brush surrounded by



**The Summit County Sheriff's Department officers and neighbors evacuate a boy (among others) as a wildfire approaches a neighborhood near Silverthorne, Colo.**

large homes.

The latest fires are stoking fears that a dry winter will lead to a dangerous fire season this summer in the West.

## House GOP To Offer Two Bills On Immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are considering next steps on two immigration bills after GOP leaders persuaded moderate Republicans to drop their renegade effort to force votes on legislation that would have protected young "Dreamer" immigrants with a path to citizenship.

Instead, leaders reached a deal with moderates and conservatives that will allow two votes on other bills, starting as soon as next week.

Moderates were promised a vote on a compromise immigration plan, which remains a work in progress but will likely include a citizenship pathway for the young immigrants who have been living in the country illegally since they were children. Conservatives were guaranteed a vote on their favored approach, which provides a path to legal status but not citizenship.

With a truce between the GOP's factions, House Republicans were set to meet behind closed doors Wednesday to assess the process forward on an issue that has divided the party for years — and that leaders worried would damage the GOP ahead of the election season.

A spokeswoman for Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., AshLee Strong, announced the decision late Tuesday after a bargaining session with the lawmakers from the GOP's conservative and moderate factions ended without agreement on a single package all sides could support.

(see IMMIGRATION, page 12)

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Officers simulate entering the “hot zone” in search of an active shooter while also rescuing a “victim” during an active shooter drill at Coastal Pines.

# Active Shooter Drill At CPTC

By EVA BYRD  
CPTC Project Manager

Classes were canceled Friday in the Allied Health Building on Coastal Pines Technical College’s (CPTC) campus but an active shooter drill showed what kind of chaos occurs when tragedy strikes.

Shortly after 11:30 a.m., faculty and staff, along with local law enforcement, emergency services providers and student volunteers, took part in a planned active shooter drill.

Personnel from the Waycross

Police Department, Waycross Fire Department, Ware County Emergency Medical Service and Ware County Emergency Management Agency participated in the drill.

Chief James Mock, CPTC campus police, coordinated the event.

Using a gun loaded with blanks, (see ACTIVE, page 13)

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## Area News

### Liberty Cemetery Clean-Up June 23

Liberty Church Cemetery in the Bickley-Beach Community is having a summer clean-up day Saturday, June 23, at 8 a.m.

Anyone with loved ones buried there is asked to participate.

### ‘Fishers Of Men’ Plan A Free Hot Dog Party

A group of like-minded Christian men in Waycross are prayerfully launching an advocacy ministry — Fishers of Men — that they hope will become regional (even national) in scope.

Under the leadership of founder James Moore, the group envisions an interdenominational outreach aimed at building up Jesus Christ’s church in each community — locally, regionally and nationally.

An introductory event, a free “hot dog in the park” party Satur-

day, 11 a.m. through 3 p.m. at Memorial Park, 1300 South Georgia Parkway, has been planned.

“Kids, treat your dad to a free hot dog for Fathers Day,” said a Fishers of Men spokesman.

### Four-Wheeler Is Swiped In County

A red Honda four-wheel TRX model 420M1G was reported stolen at a residence in the 1600

block of Astoria Road some time between 7 a.m. Sunday and Monday afternoon, said Ware County Sheriff’s Capt. Neil Skerratt.

Deputy Zabrae Williams took the report from the victim who said he last saw the machine about 7 o’clock Sunday morning, then Monday afternoon noticed it was missing.

Ware County detectives are investigating.



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# A Blessed Surprised Visit

In the early '70s I attended the Brunel Street Church of God in Waycross where the Rev. Gerald Lee was pastor. He and his wife were from South Carolina and he had been sent to Waycross as district overseer.

Brother Lee was country and Waycross received him and his family with open arms. I enjoyed his heaven-sweet, hell-hot attitude and his delivery message was right on.

Even though people receive the Holy Ghost at conversion, a person has to learn how to allow the Holy Ghost control in leading, guarding and protection. It is a daily process of sanctification. Having been raised in the another denominational church at atmosphere we knew the Word of God but little about the control of the Holy Ghost. After years of being mentoring I fully surrendered.

We will never arrive to the place of perfection but with God's guidance we all can grow daily. God used Brother Lee and his wife mightily in my life until they moved.

They left Waycross for other churches. In recent years, and after some 40 years had passed since Brunel Street, I learned he was pastoring the Turnerville Church of God so I visited. Right off, we took up our friendship like it was just yesterday. You never forget the people in your life who have added — and still do contribute — worth.

About two years ago Brother Lee passed away and I was honored to help with his eulogy.

I had a bad experience in the military although I had an experience with the Holy Ghost who encouraged and strengthened me. It was the teachings and wisdom God gave Brother and Sister Lee that opened my understanding as to how the Holy Ghost is a friend closer than a friend.

Their oldest son, Terrell, is preaching now, God anointing him to help others like his parents helped me. When your insides are torn out and nothing seems to work, thank God for people of faith who will stand strong for you. Faith is the glue that holds our lives together (Matthew 5:16).

Our blessed surprised visit came this week when Sister Lee came to visit. Her son and daughter-in-

## Faith Motivation

By 'Brother Jake' Guest Columnist



law Laura had taken the family to St. Simons for a business vacation and she came by. My wife Dottie insisted she spend the night and we grilled. The next day we took her to Waycross to visit Donald and Sister Edna Dukes who were attending Brunel at the time they were pastoring. Sister Dukes was preaching at the time I attended and I was blessed to attend some of her services. She was one of the first women preachers, if not the first, I heard. I was truly blessed by her sermons.

I was brought up thinking God could only use a man, but why do we limit God to think that He can't use whoever is available? He used a fish one time, a rooster one time and a donkey one time. Why not a woman? He's God. I think He can use who He wills.

Anyway, she delivered God's Word with boldness and the Spirit of God brought signs and wonders as people were blessed and souls were born into the family of God.

She insisted we eat and, what do you know? She had roast beef, which is my favorite dish. I believe God had her cook that just for me for making this visit happen.

It was good to see some of her children again, Denise and Donna, and a church friend, Deloris Yarbrough were there.

We are all in the family of God through Jesus Christ and fellowship is family. Thanks again all for I feel God did this for me.

*I am Brother Jake (David Jacobs) of Brantley County and together we can make a difference with God's help!*

# Made-For-TV Summit Puts Showman Trump In Spotlight

GUAM (AP) — From the staged handshake before a watching world, to the debut of an infomercial about an imagined North Korea, the summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un was a made-for-the-camera production.

While the Singapore sit-down at a luxury resort purported to be a serious conversation about a rising nuclear standoff, it was as much an opportunity for two decidedly unorthodox leaders to put on a show. From its start, the men embraced the power of the image over the substance, both keenly aware that the eyes of the world were fixated right where they'd intended: on them.

Each moment of the high-stakes summit at a luxury resort on a Singapore island appeared designed for the cameras. Just after its start, both men walked toward each other from opposite ends of a colonnade, pausing before a row of alternating U.S. and North Korean flags for a lengthy handshake as cameras flashed and video and photos were beamed around the world.

The image alone had deep, historic import, and surreal quality that even the leaders couldn't ignore. "I think the entire world is watching this moment," Kim said through an interpreter, comparing it to fantasy and a "science fiction movie."

Others thought of a different genre. "There's no question this was a television production," said Robert Thompson, director of the Bleier Center for Television and Popular Culture at Syracuse University. "Its major purpose was to be a television production."

For Trump, the reality television star turned surprise commander in chief, it was a chance to show off his deal-making skills on a global stage to a skeptic

tical world. To Kim, an autocratic leader reviled by most of the international community, it represented a play for international legitimacy though a public greeting with the leader of the free world.

Both were aware that the once-unthinkable meeting between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader was a media blockbuster, drawing journalists from around the world, international viewers and mobs of cellphone-waving onlookers in the Asian city-state chosen for their sit-down. The buildup was filled with cliffhangers, from the name-calling to Trump's first shocking announcement they would meet, to its sudden cancellation and resurrection.

Historians were quick to point out the joint statement the two leaders signed was actually far less detailed than those struck with North Korea in the past, the same ones that Trump has repeatedly derided for ending in failure and perpetuating the nuclear threat.

Trump immediately sold the deal — on television. He appeared before hundreds of journalists at a news conference, the sort of free-wheeling media session that he's determinedly avoided for most of his presidency. It wasn't a surprise that he took his message to unabashed supporter Sean Hannity for a Fox News Channel interview, but he also sat down with ABC News' George Stephanopoulos for his first interview with a broadcast network in more than a year.

Stressing that he had tried to pitch Kim on possible economic gains, Trump played for reporters a video depicting a utopian North Korea-of-the-future, where speedboats glide alongside opulent, modern skyscrapers. Then he disclosed that he'd screened the film, produced for the occasion, for Kim.

(see SHOWMAN, page 10)

## SE Georgia Weather

A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 3 p.m. Mostly cloudy. High 90. West wind around 6 mph.

Tonight a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 p.m. Cloudy. Low 74. Light southwest wind.

Thursday a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny. High 92. West wind 6 to 8 mph.

Thursday night a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy. Low 73. West wind 3 to 5 mph.

Friday a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8 a.m. Mostly cloudy. High 91. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday night a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy. Low 73.

Saturday a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 8 a.m. Mostly cloudy. High 89.

Saturday night mostly cloudy. Low 72.

Sunday a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly

sunny. High 91.

Sunday night partly cloud. Low 73.

Monday a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny. High 91.

Monday night partly cloudy. Low 73.

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## Norma Gillis Wheeler

Norma Gillis Wheeler, 87, died Tuesday morning (June 12, 2018) at the Baptist Village Retirement Communities.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Ware County and a member of Winona Park United Methodist Church. She attended South Georgia College and was a partner along with her husband at Best Rexall Drug Store and Riverside Pharmacy.

She was also partners with her brothers in Dounoco Land Company and was a former member of Lyman Hall DAR, Cherokee Garden Club, Pink Lady Auxiliary of Satilla Regional Medical Center and the Waycross Exchange Club.

She was a daughter of the late Tot Gillis and Rose Mae Courson Gillis. She was married to the late Aubrey Wheeler.

She is survived by her three children, Wanda Morton (Tandy), of Waycross, Nancy Slaughter (Tate), of Savannah, and Dr. George A. Wheeler (Trina), of Waycross; six grandchildren, Nena Morton Spearman (Edward), of Atlanta, Joe Morton, of Austin, Texas, Annie Slaughter, of Savannah, Aubrey Wheeler, of Waycross, Jay Slaughter, of Savannah, and Hannah Wheeler, of Waycross; three great-grandchildren, Addie Tomlinson, Edward Spearman and Ben Spearman, all of Atlanta; two brothers, Dougal Gillis (Olivia), of Waycross, and Conway Gillis (Ann), of Waycross; a sister-in-law, Connie Wheeler, of Alma; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held 3 p.m. Friday at Winona Park United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Friday afternoon at the church starting at 1:30.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made in her memory to Winona Park United Methodist Church, 900 N. Augusta Ave., Waycross, Ga. 31503.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.musicfuneralhome.com](http://www.musicfuneralhome.com)

Music Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## Myrtle Lee Thrift Sweat

Myrtle Lee Thrift Sweat, 92, died Tuesday morning (June 12, 2018) at Memorial Satilla Health in Waycross following a brief illness.



Sweat

She was a native of Brantley County but had lived most of her life in Ware County. She was the wife of the late Charlie Leroy Sweat and daughter of the late Willie Oscar Thrift and Nicey Dowling Thrift. She was also preceded in death by her seven siblings.

She was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Nancy Sweat Mock (husband, Danny), Shirley Sweat Taylor (husband, the late Byron) both of



Wheeler

# Obituaries

Waycross, and Debbie Sweat Smith (husband, William) of Orange Park, Fla.; three grandchildren, Sirena Howell Cady (husband, Trent), of Waycross, Alexis Taylor, of Blackshear, and Kristopher "K.C." Hancock, of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; a great-granddaughter, Tabitha Cady Barnard (husband, Rocky), of Waycross, a great-great-granddaughter, Peyton Barnard, of Waycross; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Memorial donations may be made to the Okefenokee Lions Club, P.O. Box 673 Waycross, Ga. 31502-0673 or to Mattie's Mission, P.O. Box 2211, Waycross, Ga. 31502-2211.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday at Music Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in the Waters Cemetery in Pierce County.

The family will receive friends from 12 noon until the funeral time.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.musicfuneralhome.com](http://www.musicfuneralhome.com)

Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

## Geraldine Weathersbee

Geraldine Weathersbee, 90, died Tuesday morning (June 12, 2018) at her residence in Jamestown after an extended illness.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Ware County. She retired from St. Regis Paper Company as a secretary and she was a longtime member of Jamestown Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James Alexander Buchanan and Willie Cornelius Anderson Buchanan, her husband, Paul Edsel Weathersbee Sr., her son, Paul Edsel Weathersbee Jr., one great-granddaughter, Mattie Elizabeth Goble, one great-grandson, Tyler McClure, two sisters, Margie Rouse and Maudina Mason, and one brother, James "Bill" Buchanan.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Goble (Bobby), of Waycross, and Judy Parsons (Joe), of Cleveland, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Desiree McClure (Allen), GiGi Goble, Rob Goble (Tina), Katlyn Weathersbee, Paul Weathersbee III (Marilyn), Katryna Chapman and Alison Stump; 9 great-grandchildren, Scott McClure (Danielle), Blake McClure (Celina), Noah McClure, Hayli Sellers (Tyler), Millie Goble, Tate Goble, Bryan Chapman, David Chapman and Victoria Stump; three great-great-grandchildren, Abigail McClure, Brianna McClure and Josie Sellers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held 11 a.m.

Friday at Jamestown Baptist Church.

Burial will follow in Kettle Creek Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Music Funeral Home.

Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at [www.musicfuneralhome.com](http://www.musicfuneralhome.com)

## Robert Lee Harris

Robert Lee Harris, 65, of Alma passed away Monday (June 11, 2018) at St. Joseph Hospital in Savannah.

He was born Jan. 20, 1953 to Ona Lee Rivers and Jerry Harris Sr.

The family is receiving friends at the residence of his daughter, Stacey Batton, 218 Foxhill Road, Douglas.

A complete list of survivors will be announced at a later time.

The memorial service is scheduled for Friday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Rainge.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.raingememorialchapelinc.com](http://www.raingememorialchapelinc.com)

Rainge Memorial Chapel Funeral Home of Blackshear is in charge of arrangements.

## Larry Calvin Moody

Larry Calvin Moody, 70, died suddenly Tuesday (June 12, 2018) at his residence in Waycross.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Music Funeral Home.

## Solomon Troutman Sr.

Solomon Troutman Sr., 92, died Tuesday morning (June 12, 2018) at Memorial Satilla Health, Waycross after an illness.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announce later by Fluker Funeral Home.

## Henry Grady Herndon

A graveside service for Henry Grady Herndon was held Tuesday morning at Oakland Cemetery with Brother Jarrod Everson officiating.

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Dear Abby



Couple's Plans Hit A Snag Over Detour To A Strip Club

by Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been dating for a year and a half. We are planning on moving to California together in a few months.

I flew to Monterey to job hunt, and he is supposed to be flying in soon. However, last night I found out he and his buddy went to a strip club. My boyfriend knows I'm uncomfortable with him going to strip clubs, and he assured me that they would not be going when we spoke on the phone earlier in the evening.

He says I'm controlling and childish for being angry at him. I told him it's either me or the strip clubs — mostly just to see how he would react. His response was that freedom of choice is very important to him. I even went as far as to say if he feels the need to go to strip clubs, then I would start stripping on the side to spite him.

I'm tempted to cancel his ticket to California. I don't want him flying here if we are just going to fight. Is this situation worth the cost of a relationship? How do I deal with someone so stubborn to the point he can't see when he's in the wrong? Abby, he is in the wrong, isn't he?

— CHOICE IS CLEAR

**DEAR CHOICE:** A wise woman chooses her battles carefully. If your boyfriend spent more than an occasional evening hanging out in strip clubs, I can see why it would be a deal breaker. But unless you left something important out of your letter — like the fact that he did more than look — it doesn't appear that he does.

You escalated the situation and you shouldn't have. However, if you feel so strongly about strip clubs, perhaps you should consider finding another man to spend your life with because it really isn't possible to control the actions of another adult.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My 33-year-old daughter recently moved back

home after failing to finish a graduate program. I discovered she was an alcoholic a few years ago and encouraged her to get treatment. She was in an outpatient recovery program and making progress, but recently relapsed.

Before her relapse, her dad and I helped her to buy a business, which is not doing well. Her employees quit, and she lost a lot of income. She started going to AA meetings, and hired some people she met who attend and live in a halfway house.

I regret helping her, and I now realize I must stop all interactions with her. She has a huge sense of entitlement and does not appreciate my help. I feel I have failed as a parent and hope I can move past this and work through my depression. Any advice you can offer is welcome.

— BEST MOM I CAN BE

**DEAR BEST MOM:** You have not "failed" as a parent. Your daughter has an addiction. Her addiction is not your fault. Substance abusers have been known to fall off the wagon on their road to sobriety, and this is what happened to your daughter.

It would be helpful for you to talk about your depression with a licensed mental health professional who is familiar with addictions, and to attend some Al-Anon meetings. Because you feel your relationship with your daughter has reached the point that she can no longer live with you, tell her she must make other living arrangements and set a date for her to move out. Do not do it in anger. In fact, it may be better for both of you.

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Family Fun And Insight In Sprightly 'Incredibles 2'

By LINDSEY BAHR  
AP Film Writer

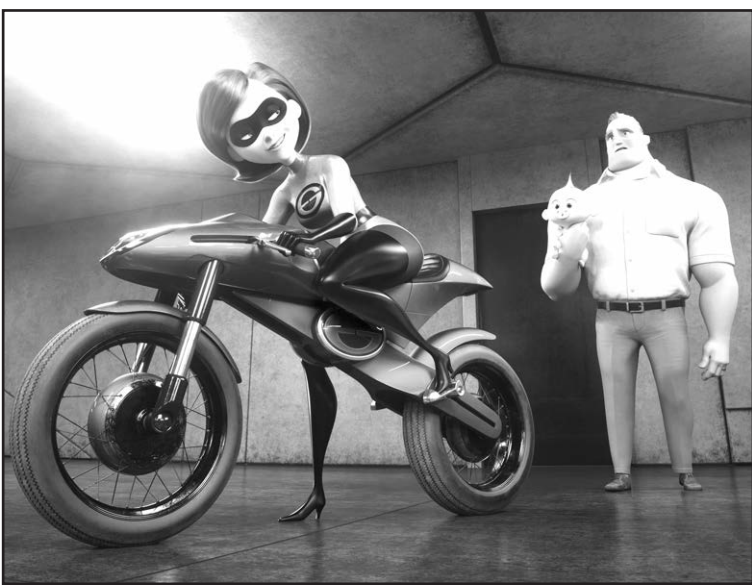
"The Incredibles" writer and director Brad Bird has said that his characters' powers are all born of stereotypes. Dad is strong, mom is stretched in a million directions, teenage girls put up shields, little boys are full of boundless energy and babies are unpredictable. It's why he decided that for the sequel, "Incredibles 2," a buoyant and quick-witted romp, he'd pick up right where we left off, in that parking lot after Dash's track meet where a new threat emerges from underground. No matter that in reality, 14 years had actually passed. Animation is not bound by time or aging actors.

For the rest of us, however, 14 years is still 14 years. And in the past 14 years, the business of Hollywood has become the business of superhero movies.

It's hard to remember a time when there weren't a dozen a year. But when "The Incredibles" came out in 2004, they were still a bit of an anomaly at the multiplex — its cheeky, mockumentary realism, its jokes about capes, secret identities, "monologue-ing" and the dangers of toxic, obsessive fandom was the perfect introduction (and indoctrination) to superheroes for those who couldn't care less. Pixar magic made superhero believers out of the skeptics. And by 2008, we all thought, sure, let's see about this Tony Stark fellow and someone called Iron Man.

In "Incredibles 2," it seems like Bird himself is wrestling with a culture he helped facilitate — not totally dissimilar to what Steven Spielberg did earlier this year in "Ready Player One." But instead of nostalgia on trial, it's superheroes and screens.

The villain here is called Screenslaver, who uses screens to hypnotize anyone watching. It's both the most retro plan of all (keeping with Bird's love of the 60s aesthetic) and still somehow utterly modern. Annoyed by how blindly and wholly consumerist everyone has become at the mercy of screens and simulated experi-



AP PHOTO

**Helen/Elastigirl, voiced by Holly Hunter (left), and Bob/Mr. Incredible, voiced by Craig T. Nelson, appear in Disney Pixar's "Incredibles 2."**

ences in lieu of real ones, from movies to video games, Screenslaver has set out to end that, and squash Municiberg's dependence on and obsession with superheroes. As with the first, there are a million ideas at play here (not a flaw, by the way), including evolving family dynamics.

Most of the original voice cast has returned, including Craig T. Nelson as Bob Parr/Mr. Incredible, Holly Hunter as Helen Parr/Elastigirl, Bird as Edna Mode, Sarah Vowell as Violet Parr and Samuel L. Jackson as Lucius Best/Frozone (the only slight change in the main players is that Dash Parr is now voiced by Huck Milner). And once again, superheroes are still on shaky ground in Municiberg and are put on ice after the Parr family accidentally damages some public property while trying to take down a criminal.

But a wealthy heir and superhero appreciator Winston Deavor (Bob Odenkirk) and his tech savvy sister Evelyn (Catherine Keener) have a plan to rehabilitate their image. Right now, the public only sees the destruction. The Deavors propose outfitting superheroes with body cams to get exciting footage of their feats.

"Incredibles 2" provides a bit of a corrective on a micro level to the first film's gender politics by sending mom off to work and making dad stay home (although wasn't that a little antiquated 35 years ago?). The animation is also a heck of a lot better. "The Incredibles" looks downright primitive and even a tad ugly in retrospect.

Although it gets off to a slow start, ultimately it's also quite a bit of fun, from the absurd (Jack Jack's burgeoning powers) to the grounded (Dad helping Dash with his math homework or trying to make up for getting in the way of Violet's date and embarrassing her even further in the process).

Like "Ready Player One," however, "Incredibles 2," kind of loses the thread by the end. A villain is a villain no matter how salient their point, and Mr. Incredible, Elastigirl and their offspring are our heroes and thus we must root for them even while thinking that Screenslaver might be on to something.

It's still fun to watch smart storytellers like Bird working within the system and using his platform to self-evaluate or comment on what's going on, even if the conclusion is a little flimsy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, June 13, the 164th day of 2018. There are 201 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 13, 1978, the movie musical "Grease," starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, had its world premiere in New York.

On this date:

In 1525, German theologian Martin Luther married former nun Katharina von Bora.

In 1789, during the French Revolution, the National Assembly convened.

In 1842, Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to ride on a train, traveling from Slough Railway Station to Paddington in 25 minutes.

In 1911, the ballet "Petrushka," with music by Igor Stravinsky and

choreography by Michel Fokine, was first performed in Paris by the Ballets Russes, with Vaslav Nijinsky in the title role.

In 1927, aviation hero Charles Lindbergh was honored with a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

In 1935, James Braddock claimed the title of world heavyweight boxing champion from Max Baer in a 15-round fight in Queens, New York. "Becky Sharp," the first movie photographed in "three-strip" Technicolor, opened in New York.

In 1942, a four-man Nazi sabotage team arrived on Long Island, New York, three days before a second four-man team landed in Florida. (All eight men were arrested after two members of the first group defected.) President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Office of Strategic Services and the Office of War Information.

In 1957, the Mayflower II, a replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America in 1620, arrived at Plymouth, Massachusetts, after a nearly two-month journey from England.

In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that criminal suspects had to be informed of their constitutional right to consult with an attorney and to remain silent.

In 1977, James Earl Ray, the convicted assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was recaptured following his escape three days earlier from a Tennessee prison.

In 1983, the U.S. space probe Pioneer 10, launched in 1972, became the first spacecraft to leave the solar system as it crossed the orbit of Neptune.

In 1993, Canada's Progressive Conservative Party chose Defense Minister Kim Campbell to succeed Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) as prime minister; she was the first woman to hold the post. Astronaut Donald K. "Deke" Slayton died in League City, Texas, at age 69.

Ten years ago: Tim Russert, moderator of NBC's "Meet the

Press," died suddenly while preparing for his weekly broadcast; he was 58. Pope Benedict XVI took President George W. Bush on a rare stroll through the lush grounds of the Vatican Gardens during the leaders' third visit together. R. Kelly was acquitted of all charges in his child pornography trial in Chicago, ending a six-year ordeal for the R&B superstar.

Five years ago: The White House said it had conclusive evidence that Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime had used chemical weapons against opposition forces seeking to overthrow the government. The U.S. Supreme Court unanimously threw out attempts to patent human genes, siding with advocates who said the multibillion-dollar biotechnology industry should not have exclusive control over genetic information found in the human body.

One year ago: A comatose Otto Warmbier (WARM'-beer), released by North Korea after more than 17 months in captivity, arrived in Cincinnati aboard a medevac flight; the 22-year-old college

Billy Graham My Answer



**Q: One of my friends keeps talking about Jesus returning to earth someday. But how will we know if it's really Jesus? Maybe it will be someone just claiming to be Jesus. Or maybe He'll be born in a foreign country and we won't even hear about Him. — M.R.**

A: When Jesus came into the world over 2,000 years ago, He was born in an obscure corner of the Roman Empire — and almost no one heard about Him, until His followers began taking His message elsewhere.

But the second coming of Christ won't be this way! When Christ comes again — as He repeatedly promised to do — He will appear in the heavens with glory and power, accompanied by a host of angels. All the earth will see His coming, and even His enemies will realize they have been opposing the Son of God. The Bible says, "'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him' ... So shall it be!" (Revelation 1:7).

We can barely imagine this, of course — but that doesn't mean it won't happen! And when He comes, He will destroy all evil and rule the world in perfect righteousness and justice. This is why the Bible calls His return "the blessed hope — the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

The real issue, however, is this: If Christ were to return before you finished reading this column, would you be ready — or would He find you unprepared and lacking in faith? Don't ignore Christ or push Him off into a corner, but put your faith and trust in Him today. Then learn to walk with Him every day, so that you will be among those "who have longed for his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:8).

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

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OPINION

Summit Brings End To Military Drills

By FOSTER KLUG  
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SINGAPORE — President Donald Trump rocked the region with the stunning announcement Tuesday that he was halting annual U.S.-South Korean military drills — and wants to remove the 28,500 U.S. troops stationed in the South as a deterrent against North Korea.



Trump

Trump’s surprise, almost offhand comments, made during a news conference after his summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, seemingly upended decades of the U.S. defense posture on the Korean Peninsula. The remarks contradicted countless previous declarations by U.S. political and

military officials over the years that the drills are routine, defensive and absolutely critical.

Trump has now essentially adopted the standard North Korean line, calling the military exercises a “provocative” drain of money and announcing they would stop while he continues talks with Kim, whom he repeatedly praised as a solid negotiating partner.

His statement was quickly portrayed by critics as a major, unreciprocated concession to a country that only last year was threatening Seoul and Washington with nuclear war.

It also seemed to leave officials completely off guard in South Korea, where the presence of U.S. troops has long been described as necessary to maintaining peace on the peninsula.

Seoul’s presidential office told The Associated Press that it was trying to parse Trump’s comments. The South Korean

military seemed similarly surprised.

“At this current point, there is a need to discern the exact meaning and intent of President Trump’s comments,” Seoul’s Defense Ministry said, adding that there have been no discussions yet with Washington on modifying drills set for August.

U.S. forces in South Korea said it has “received no updated guidance on the execution or cessation of training exercises” and will continue to coordinate with South Korean partners and maintain the current posture until it receives an updated guidance from the Department of Defense or the Indo-Pacific Command.

Trump’s comments will be questioned by many in South Korea and beyond, with some seeing in them an effort by North Korea to drive a wedge between Seoul and Washington.

North Korea regularly calls the military exercises provocative preparations for a northward invasion, and many of the

scariest standoffs in recent years on the Korean Peninsula have happened when the drills were being staged. Outside analysts believe the North objects to the drills because it must spend precious resources on its own war games and troop movements. North Korea also insists that the U.S. troop presence in the South, as well as its nuclear “umbrella” over allies Seoul and Tokyo, are part of America’s “hostile” policy toward the North.

“I want to bring our soldiers back home,” Trump said, although he added that it’s “not part of the equation right now.” Then he said: “We will be stopping the war games, which will save us a tremendous amount of money unless and until we see the future negotiation is not going along like it should. But we’ll be saving a tremendous amount of money. Plus, I think it’s very provocative.”

The comments could fundamentally change the way the United States, whose

alliance with Seoul was forged after a 1950 surprise attack by the North started the Korean War, operates in South Korea.

Trump’s announcement that the U.S. would stop military exercises, his description of those drills as “provocative” and his suggestion that he wants to pull U.S. troops out at some point are “all things that Trump is putting on the table as concessions, all in exchange for some vague promises by the North Koreans,” said Paul Haenle, a former China director at the White House National Security Council in the Barack Obama and George W. Bush administrations.

Annual military drills between Washington and Seoul have been a major source of contention between the Koreas for years, and analysts have wondered whether their continuation would hurt the inter-Korean detente that, since an outreach by Kim in January, has replaced last year’s insults and threats of war.

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Thought for Today

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

Looney Left Wants Ruin

The Augusta Chronicle

The economy is humming and unemployment has all but disintegrated.

Consumer confidence is at the highest level since the last millennium.

The American president is talking peace and disarmament face-to-face with the leader of North Korea.

After the Obama administration couldn’t defeat ISIS over the course of years, the Islamic State has been altogether routed.

Yet leftist show host Bill Maher says he hopes the economy collapses so all this goes away and we can get rid of President Trump

— presumably via an election, but he didn’t specify that and we wouldn’t put it past Maher to wish for some other method of the president’s removal, peaceful or no. Apparently you have to kill American democracy, by deposing a duly elected president, in order to keep it.

“I feel like the bottom has to fall out at some point. And by the way, I’m hoping for it,” Maher said on his HBO show, Real Time. “Because I think one way you get rid of Trump is a crashing economy. So please, bring on the recession,” he said. “Sorry if that hurts people, but it’s either root for a recession or you lose your democracy.”

That’s just deranged.

Meanwhile, actor Robert De Niro channeled the mullahs of Iran Sunday night in basically chanting death to Trump during the live Tony Awards broadcast — only using the American colloquialism of the “F” bomb. Even sadder, he got a standing ovation from a crazed crowd that apparently, like De Niro and Maher and the rest of the left, would rather feel



Maher

good than do well.

That’s just deranged.

These folks — who either don’t know or don’t care that half the country supports this president and his agenda — are doing more damage to the nation than they imagine Mr. Trump is.

This newspaper endorsed Mr. Trump and supports his policies, particularly his America First agenda. We don’t support him unconditionally, having criticized him when warranted — and we certainly can’t approve today of something he says or does tomorrow.

But the blind, blanket, profane, unconditional, scorched-earth condemnation of him is simply, utterly, deranged.

The media aren’t helping the country by spreading this derangement syndrome over the airwaves — or by reflexively taking our trading partners’ side when Mr. Trump tries to upend decades of their unfair trade practices.

We don’t know if tariffs or the threat of them is the way to go, but no other U.S. president has done a thing to stem this tide. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made no bones last week about protecting Canadian industry and jobs.

What’s so evil about an American president seeking to do the same for his country, especially after decades of unbalanced trade and trade deals that have decimated working-class America which, not coincidentally, has been besieged by alcoholism, opioid addiction and suicide in the unfair trade era?

It isn’t the De Niros or Mahers of the world that are crushed by unfair trade; it’s the American worker, notably the blue-collar worker.

Yet the financially comfortable Maher would inflict more pain on those workers in order to get a more politically correct president so he feels better.

That’s just deranged.

Kim’s Weapons Must Go

The Washington Examiner

President Trump has never been tested on a deal this momentous. The potential benefits are huge and the potential costs nearly as big in the president’s dealings with North Korean leader King Jong Un.

Trump must avoid fooling himself, as he sometimes does, that complex matters are simple. He must also avoid the fatal flaw of former President Barack Obama of accepting a deal at any price.

Kim is a murderous tyrant who oppresses and starves his people with an evil efficacy that shocks the conscience. His country is a massive, sovereign prison camp. By right, Kim should be deposed and punished.

But in geopolitics, tyrants often avoid their just deserts because they have something big to sell that civilized nations need.

So it is with Kim. We must negotiate with him to defang his nuclear weapons program, but this, unfortunately, cannot but confer some legitimacy on him and strengthen his hold on power.

This high cost means that only a really good deal is acceptable. Trump must aim for a North Korea that is denuclearized and disarmed of its ballistic missiles.

Reaching these objectives will be difficult and fraught with risk. But a North Korea that can hit American cities with nuclear warheads is a North Korea that must not be allowed to exist. Any deal that fails to prevent this is useless.

To resolve American and allied security concerns — we note that Japan, South Korea, Australia, and other close allies are in range of North Korean short-range and intermediate-range ballistic missiles — Kim must agree to dismantle his nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Within weeks of this first summit, international weapons inspectors should have access to North Ko-

rean facilities. These inspections, with authority to make snap inspections at any time, will serve as a first step toward verifying that Kim is serious here. (Such inspections were not part of Obama’s Iran deal, which is one of the reasons it was such a bill of goods.) Being serious means only one thing: a willingness to dismantle North Korea’s ability to destroy American and allied population centers.

If Kim is willing to take these steps to build trust, he should find rewards waiting. In return for such a sweeping deal, Trump should offer his support for a multi-year South Korean-led financial aid package reaching into the tens of billions of dollars.

These investments would depend on Kim’s final and verified disarmament and would focus on infrastructure development, which allows him to boost exports and ensure his nation’s long-term economic growth.

These concessions to a despotic dictator may do little to help the people of North Korea. Their suffering will go on even as Trump and Kim become partners. But the nuclear threat demands Trump’s willingness to accept otherwise foul choices.

Still, that moral sacrifice for peace must also guard Trump’s resolve about how to act if Kim plays tricky games. Because as he offers Kim the diplomatic, economic, and security dividends of a new peace, Trump must educate Kim to the fact of American resolve.

Kim must be made aware that his failure to start an immediate and verifiable process toward nuclear and ballistic missile disarmament will mean the immediate unleashing of coercive American power. Antics, evasion, or equivocation must result in new sanctions to include a shutdown of Chinese and Russian financial entities that currently provide the tyrant with his foreign capital lifeline.



Flynn Case  
Grassley Demands FBI Report

By BYRON YORK  
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On Feb. 15, 2017 — that would be 16 months ago — Senate Judiciary Committee chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, and ranking Democrat Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., asked the Justice Department to turn over the transcript of fired national security adviser Michael Flynn’s infamous call with the Russian ambassador, plus other documents related to the Flynn case.

The department refused.

Some of Grassley’s and Feinstein’s questions were answered the next month, on March 15, 2017, when the FBI’s then-director, James Comey, briefed the committee on Flynn and other matters in the Trump-Russia investigation. It was at that briefing that Comey told lawmakers the FBI agents who interviewed Flynn did not believe he lied to them.

“Then-director Comey led us to believe during that briefing ... that the Justice Department was unlikely to prosecute [Flynn] for false statements made in that interview,” Grassley wrote later.

After the March 2017 briefing, Grassley and others made the reasonable assumption that Flynn would not be charged. They were surprised on Dec. 1, 2017, when — months after the Trump-Russia investigation passed from Comey and the Justice Department to special counsel Robert Mueller — Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

Last month, Grassley, this time without Feinstein, repeated his demand for the Flynn transcript, and also for the FBI’s so-called 302 report, in which the agents who interviewed Flynn made extensive notes on what was said. Grassley also asked for any other notes or documents relating to the interview. And Grassley asked that the FBI make available agent Joe Pientka, one of the two agents (along with Peter Strzok) who conducted the Flynn interview.

Again, the Justice Department refused, and this time with more than a hint of impatience. In a May 29, 2018, letter to Grassley, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd recounted details of the Flynn plea deal at length and delivered what boiled down to a simple message: Flynn pleaded guilty. You understand? He’s guilty. Now stop bugging us.

“Whatever Mr. Comey may have said and whatever Mr. Flynn’s demeanor,” wrote Boyd to Grassley, “the evidence in the public record proves beyond any reasonable doubt that Mr. Flynn knowingly made false statements about contacts with the Russian ambassador.” Referring to the Flynn case as a “pending criminal prosecution” — Flynn is currently awaiting sentencing — Boyd said turning over evidence to Congress could create “the reality or appearance of political interference.”



Grassley

If Boyd’s letter was an attempt to mollify Grassley, it didn’t work. And now, long after first requesting the documents, the chairman’s patience appears to be running thin.

“The department’s reply ... is insufficient,” Grassley wrote in a June 6 response, adding that Boyd “relies on improper excuses in refusing to provide the requested information.”

Grassley noted that he and the rest of the committee waited for more than a year for the Flynn criminal inquiry to conclude. “It has been more than five months since his guilty plea,” Grassley wrote. “Thus, there is no longer any legitimate reason to withhold facts from the Senate about the circumstances of his conversations with the Russian ambassador and his FBI interview.”

The chairman specifically did not buy the department’s argument that Grassley might be interfering with a “pending criminal prosecution.” “There is no pending prosecution” with the guilty plea five months in the past, Grassley argued.

“Simply disclosing facts to the committee could not possibly ‘interfere’ with the case at this late date,” Grassley continued, “assuming those facts are consistent with the representations that prosecutors arranged for Lt. General Flynn to swear to in federal court.”

That was the little bomb in Grassley’s letter: The chairman raised the possibility that the facts of the case — the evidence in the phone conversation transcript and the FBI 302 — might somehow be at odds with the particulars of Flynn’s plea. And in case anyone missed the reference, in the next sentence, Grassley wrote: “If the facts are inconsistent with the plea agreement, that would be an entirely different kettle of fish.”

Grassley explained that his request was not done on Flynn’s behalf, nor on the FBI’s. “It might not be in the interests of either the defendant or the prosecutors to disclose facts inconsistent with the plea agreement,” he wrote. “However, it would absolutely be in the interest of Congress and the American people to be aware of any such inconsistencies that may exist.”

Grassley noted that the Flynn case has been talked and talked and talked about. There have been multiple leaks about it. Comey has talked about it during his book tour. A White House memo outlining the developments of January and February 2017 has been leaked. Given all that talk, Grassley wrote, “Presuming that the facts are consistent with the plea agreement, there is absolutely nothing for the department to hide and no reason to act like it has something to hide.”

“Congress has a right to know the full story and to know it now.”

It’s likely Grassley will eventually get what he wants. After all, in August 2016, in the middle of the presidential campaign, the FBI gave Congress the 302s from interviews with Hillary Clinton and others in the email investigation — an investigation that would be re-opened a few months later.



Briefly In Sports

**WCHS Lady Gator Volleyball Camp Set:** The second annual Lady Gators Volleyball Camp will be held June 25-28 at the high school. The four day camp, which will be instructed by the Ware County coaching staff and players, will focus on the core fundamentals of passing, serving, attacking, defense and ball control. The came will run from 9 a.m.-12 noon and is for girls of all ages. The cost is \$40 and will include a t-shirt and pizza party. Campers should bring athletic shoes, a good attitude, willingness to learn and knee pads (optional). For more information contact coach Alesia Gibson (912-550-1296) or email agibson@ware.k12.ga.us.

**Dodgers Place RHP Buehler On DL:** LOS ANGELES (AP) — Another Dodgers pitcher has landed on the disabled list. This time, it’s rookie Walker Buehler. The 23-year-old right-hander underwent an MRI that revealed a right rib microfracture, an injury he sustained when he was hit by a 108-mph line drive by Colorado’s Trevor Story on May 21. Buehler remained in that game and went on to make three more starts despite feeling slight discomfort. Last Friday, he was pulled after 5 1/3 innings when manager Dave Roberts spotted issues with Buehler’s mechanics. He has made nine starts this season, going 4-1 with a 2.63 ERA, 54 strikeouts and 11 walks.

**Nats Activate 2B Daniel Murphy:** NEW YORK (AP) — Second baseman Daniel Murphy was activated by the Washington Nationals before Tuesday’s series opener at the New York Yankees and is set to make his season debut, batting fifth as the designated hitter. The 33-year-old, an All-Star in three of the previous four seasons, missed the first 64 games while recovering from right knee surgery on Oct. 20. Murphy hit .322 with 43 doubles, 23 homers and 93 RBIs in 144 games last year. Washington optioned infielder Adrian Sanchez to Triple-A Syracuse.

**Tigers’ Cabrera Ruptures Left Biceps Tendon:** DETROIT (AP) — Detroit Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera left a game Tuesday night against Minnesota with what was originally believed to be a left biceps tendon strain. Ensuing tests revealed Cabrera ruptured his left biceps tendon, an injury that will sideline him for the rest of the season. Batting in the third inning, Cabrera swung awkwardly at Jake Odorizzi’s slider and immediately walked toward the Tigers dugout with his left arm hanging at his side. The two-time AL MVP will have surgery this week, the Tigers said.

**Jays’ SS Tulowitzki Hopes To Play This Year:** ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — It’s likely to be more than a year between Troy Tulowitzki’s appearances in a major league game, but the injured shortstop for the Toronto Blue Jays says he’s getting there. he 33-year-old Tulowitzki, a five-time All-Star, had surgery April 2 to remove bone spurs from both heels. He’s just getting back to the point of taking ground balls, hitting and starting to run in the outfield. He last appeared in a game on July 28, 2017, but did not elect to have the surgery until this year.

**Rays’ Archer Could Miss Until All-Star Break:** ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Rays right-hander Chris Archer has no timetable for throwing off a mound again and could be sidelined through the All-Star break. Archer has been on the 10-day disabled list since June 3 with a left abdominal strain. He felt discomfort after a 22-pitch mound session Saturday. Archer, the Rays’ opening-day starter, is 3-4 with 4.24 ERA in 13 starts. Rays manager Kevin Cash said the 29-year-old Archer will take a couple days off before playing catch.

**Raiders’ Mack Holds Out Of Minicamp:** ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Khalil Mack is holding out from the mandatory minicamp for the Oakland Raiders. Mack stayed away from the first day of the three-day minicamp on Tuesday. He is subject to a fine of about \$80,000 if he doesn’t show up at all this week. Mack is entering the final season of his rookie contract that is set to pay him \$13.8 million. Mack is seeking a long-term deal and hasn’t participated in the entire offseason program in the first year under new coach Jon Gruden.

**Rams’ Donald Skips Mandatory Minicamp:** THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald is not attending the Los Angeles Rams’ mandatory minicamp while he continues his lengthy quest for a lucrative new contract. Donald wasn’t on the field with his teammates for the Rams’ first minicamp workout Tuesday, and he wasn’t at their training complex for their off-field commitments Monday, either. The NFL Defensive Player of the Year also skipped the Rams’ voluntary workout program over the previous two months. Donald is due to make nearly \$6.9 million this season in the fifth year of his rookie contract.

**Luck Takes Private Throwing Program Public:** INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck’s big secret is finally out. He’s been throwing a football for weeks — and now he’s throwing in public, too. Nearly 17 months after undergoing surgery on his injured right shoulder, Luck jogged onto the practice field Tuesday wearing a red jersey, strapping on a helmet and picking up a special ball as he started throwing in front of reporters for the first time since October. It wasn’t a regulation NFL ball and the longest pass he attempted was only about a 20-yard lob, but it still was progress.



San Diego first baseman Eric Hosmer stretches for the throw to retire Jedd Gyorko of St. Louis on a bang-bang play at first base during the fifth inning of the Padres’ 4-2 win.

Six-Run Sixth Sparks Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — Ozzie Albies hit a grand slam and Freddie Freeman homered during a six-run sixth inning, and the Atlanta Braves beat the reeling New York Mets 8-2 on Tuesday night.

Braves starter Mike Foltynewicz pitched five scoreless innings, allowing two hits and striking out six, but left the game after batting in the fifth. The team said he has triceps tightness.

Ender Inciarte added a pair of RBI singles to help Atlanta shake a rough West Coast trip, when it lost four of six. The Braves moved ahead of Washington for first in the NL East by beating a Mets team that has lost nine of 10 and 16 of 20

New York went up 2-1 in the sixth on Jay Bruce’s two-run ground-rule double, but that was it for the Met.

Freeman’s 13th homer in the bottom half of the inning tied it, and Inciarte’s single put the Braves ahead for good. A walk to pinch-

hitter Preston Tucker loaded the bases and chased starter Zack Wheeler (2-5), and Albies cleared the bases with his 16th homer, coming off Paul Sewald, for a 7-2 lead.

Albies is the first player 21 or younger to hit multiple grand slams in a season since Adrian Beltre hit two for the Dodgers in 2000. He’s the second Braves second baseman with two grand slams in a season, joining Davey Johnson in 1973.

Wheeler allowed eight hits, six runs, four walks and struck out two in 5 2/3 innings.

**Milwaukee.....4**  
**Chicago.....0**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Chase Anderson pitched seven innings of one-hit ball to take advantage of some rare run support, and Milwaukee two-hit Chicago to take back first place in the NL Central.

Travis Shaw hit a pair of two-run doubles, and Anderson (5-5) locked it down from there to end

Milwaukee’s seven-game skid against the Cubs.

Chicago’s only hit against him was an infield chopper by Willson Contreras in the second. Anderson made effective use of his curveball and changeup and retired his final 17 hitters.

**San Diego.....4**  
**St. Louis.....2**

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Eric Hosmer homered, San Diego’s bullpen took a perfect game into the sixth inning and the Padres beat St. Louis for their 10th win in 14 games.

Hosmer drove the first pitch of the fourth inning to center field to give the Padres a 1-0 lead. It was his second home run in three games.

Marcell Ozuna’s RBI single snapped the Padres’ shutout bid in the seventh. Cardinals starter Miles Mikolas (7-2) struck out five in six innings and walked none.

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New York’s Didi Gregorius connects on the first of his two home runs, a solo shot in the second inning off Washington’s Tanner Roark.

Yanks’ Gregorius Homers Twice In Win

NEW YORK (AP) — Didi Gregorius ended a long power outage with a pair of home runs helping the New York Yankees beat the Nationals 3-0 Tuesday night for their 10th win in 12 games.

Gregorius hit .327 with 10 homers and 30 RBIs through the season’s first full month, slumped to a .151 average with one homer and five RBIs in May and began the night with no homers and one RBI in June.

He drove a hanging curveball from Tanner Roark (3-7) into the Yankees bullpen in right-center during a two-run second that also included Austin Romine’s sacrifice fly. It was just the second home run for Gregorius since April 27.

He sent a fastball into the right-field second deck leading off the sixth for his fourth multi-homer game, third this season.

CC Sabathia lowered his ERA

to 3.27, allowing four hits over 5 2/3 innings. Aroldis Chapman finished the five-hitter with a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 19 chances.

**Boston.....6**  
**Baltimore.....4**

BALTIMORE (AP) — Home runs by Rafael Devers and Andrew Benintendi helped Eduardo Rodriguez win his fifth straight start as Boston extended Baltimore’s losing streak to six games.

Rodriguez (8-1) gave up two runs and eight hits over 5 2/3 innings. The Red Sox are 12-1 in Rodriguez’s starts, including 5-0 on the road.

Devers hit a two-run drive in the second inning and Benintendi connected in the third for a 3-1 lead.

**Tampa Bay.....4**  
**Toronto.....1**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Wilson Ramos homered, six

Tampa Bay relievers combined for a five-hitter and the Rays beat Toronto Blue Jays 4-1 on Tuesday night.

With right-handers Chris Archer and Jake Faria on the disabled list, Tampa Bay is using relievers to start three times through the rotation.

Ramos put the Rays up 2-0 with his two-run drive off Jaime Garcia (2-5) in the third. Garcia gave up four runs, four hits, four walks and struck out four in five-plus innings. The left-hander is 1-4 in seven road starts, allowing 28 earned runs over 31 1/3 innings.

**Chicago.....5**  
**Cleveland.....1**

CHICAGO (AP) — James Shields won for the first time since opening day, Yoan Moncada and Yolmer Sanchez homered to lead off a three-run first, and Chicago

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Durant Will Get A ‘Whatever He Wants’ Contract

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Warriors general manager Bob Myers expects swift negotiations to re-sign two-time reigning NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant and coach Steve Kerr.

Durant could sign for as long as four years and about \$160 million, and Myers is prepared to give him “whatever he wants.” Durant has said all along he wants to stay put, especially after winning a pair of championships in his first two seasons with Golden State.

“Sometimes you don’t negotiate. I’d love to have him for 10 years. Kevin Durant, look what he did for us last year, he did us a great service,” Myers said. “He’s earned the right to sign whatever deal he wants. I just want him to sign a deal. But want him to be happy and want him to know that we want him as long as he wants to be here. He’s earned that, to kind of lay out the terms. He can do whatever he wants. That shouldn’t be a long negotiation. Our goal, to be honest, is to try to keep the whole thing together, so that’s the pieces of the puzzle we’ve got to try to figure out.”

Kerr has one year remaining on his original five-year contract, so he would receive a multiyear extension — and Kerr wants to coach Golden State for the long haul, perhaps for another decade if he can.

He doesn’t expect any difficulties in getting a deal worked out.

“We’ll get that done pretty quick, I don’t think it’ll be much to it,” Kerr said.

Myers wants to keep as much of the core of the two-time defending champions intact while also realizing the Warriors will be a younger team without the same veteran presence as the group that just swept LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers to finish the finals Friday. Working to try to extend the contracts of Draymond Green and Klay Thompson could be discussed as well.

“Sure, guys have proven they can win so you want to keep that group together,” Myers said. “I have no idea how that’ll play out. It’s a lot of different conversations that have to take place and if that’s something that we want to look into I’m sure we could

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Tiger Looking For The Final Piece Of Puzzle In His Return

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Tiger Woods returned to the U.S. Open for the first time in three years and hardly anyone noticed.

Then again, it was late Sunday afternoon. Shinnecock Hills was practically empty.

“A bizarre experience,” said Jordan Spieth, who played nine holes with him.

Such a quiet moment was rare for Woods in his celebrated return following four back surgeries. A year that began with intrigue soon gave way to hysteria over anticipation of his first victory in nearly five years.

That time has not arrived as Woods heads into the second major of the year.

“Golf is always frustrating,” Woods said after going nine holes with Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau, winners of the last two PGA Tour events. “There’s always something that isn’t quite right, and that’s where we, as players, have to make adjustments.”

It has been 10 years since Woods won his last U.S. Open, his 14th and last major. All it takes for him to temper any frustrations is to look back at last year, when he didn’t know if he would even play another U.S. Open.

In some instances, he looks like the same Woods. He had two chances to win in March, missing a long birdie putt on the last hole in Innisbrook and hitting a drive out-of-bounds on the 16th hole at Bay Hill the following week.

But no trophies. No fist pumps.

“There’s two ways of looking at that,” Woods said. “I’ve given myself chances to win, which I didn’t know if I was ever going to do again. And then again, not happy with the fact that I didn’t win because I loved how it felt being there. ... And so, yeah, I’ve had my opportunities. Also, I’m very thankful to have had those opportunities. I didn’t know if I was going to have them again.”

What kind of opportunities will Shinnecock Hills offer?

Woods played nine holes in the afternoon Sunday and Monday — a change from the days when he would sweep the dew off the grass first thing in the morning — and nine holes Tuesday morning.

Woods last played in the U.S. Open in 2015 at Chambers Bay. He was coming off the highest score of his career, an 85 in the third round at the Memorial, and never stood a chance on the course built over a former gravel pit. He shot rounds of 80-76 and was gone by the weekend, and before long, he was gone

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# Scoreboard

## National League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	38	28	.576	—
Washington	36	28	.563	1
Philadelphia	34	30	.531	3
New York	28	35	.444	8½
Miami	25	42	.373	13½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	40	27	.597	—
Chicago	38	26	.594	½
St. Louis	36	29	.554	3
Pittsburgh	32	34	.485	7½
Cincinnati	23	43	.348	16½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	36	29	.554	—
Los Angeles	33	32	.508	3
San Francisco	33	34	.493	4
Colorado	32	34	.485	4½
San Diego	32	37	.464	6

**Tuesday's Games**  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Washington 0  
Philadelphia 5, Colorado 4  
Miami 3, San Francisco 1  
Atlanta 8, N.Y. Mets 2  
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 0  
San Diego 4, St. Louis 2  
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 1, 10 innings  
Pittsburgh at Arizona, late  
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Wednesday's Games**  
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-1) at Atlanta (Soroka 1-1), 12:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 2-1) at Milwaukee (Chacin 5-1), 2:10 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Taillon 3-5) at Arizona (Greinke 5-4), 3:40 p.m.  
Colorado (Anderson 3-1) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-5), 7:05 p.m.  
Washington (Feldte 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 7:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (Suarez 2-4) at Miami (Smith 5-6), 7:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammell 2-6), 8:15 p.m.  
San Diego (Lauer 2-4) at St. Louis (Weaver 3-5), 8:15 p.m.  
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
San Francisco at Miami, 12:10 p.m.  
Colorado at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Tuesday's Linescores				
San Francisco	000	000	100—4	11 3 0
<b>Miami</b>	<b>003</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>003—3</b>	<b>6 0</b>
Stratton, Gearnin (8), W.Smith (8) and Posey, Richards, Conley (7), Ziegler (8), Barracough (9) and Realmuto, W. Richards -1-3. L-Stratton 7-4. Sv-Barracough (4).				

Colorado				
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<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>015—5</b>	<b>4 1</b>
Gray, Rusin (7), Shaw (8) and T.Murphy, Nola, E.Ramos (7), Hunter (8), Garcia (9), Dominguez (9) and Alfaro, W-Nola 8-2. L-Gray 6-7. Sv-Dominguez (3). HRs-Philadelphia, Kingery (3).				

New York				
000	002	000—2	3 0	
<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>103—8</b>	<b>10 1</b>
Wheeler, Sewald (6), Biddle (8) and Mesoraco, Foltyniewicz, Rhamde (6), Carle (6), Minter (7), S.Freeman (8), Jackson (9) and Flowers, W-Carle 4-1. L-Wheeler 2-5. HRs-Atlanta, Albies (16), Freeman (13).				

San Diego				
000	300	100—4	7 0	
<b>St. Louis</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>200—2</b>	<b>5 0</b>
Strahm, Cimber (4), Stammen (7), Yates (8), Hand (9) and Ellis; Mikolas, Mayers (7), Jor.Hicks (8) and Molina, W-Cimber 3-2. L-Mikolas 7-2. Sv-Hand (20). HRs-San Diego, Hosmer (9).				

Chicago				
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<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>003—4</b>	<b>7 0</b>
Chatwood, Farrell (6), Bass (8) and Contreras, C.Anderson, T.Williams (8), Barnes (9) and Pina, W-C.Anderson 5-5. L-Chatwood 3-5.				

Top Ten				
	G	AB	R	H Avg.
FFreeman Atl	66	252	43	86 .341
Gennett Cin	64	241	33	82 .340
Kemp LAD	63	204	29	69 .338
Markakis Atl	66	264	41	88 .333
BCrawford SF	65	228	28	75 .329
Martinez STL	62	230	31	74 .322
Almora CHC	59	190	36	60 .316
Dickerson Pit	60	233	31	73 .313
BCAnderson Mia	67	251	37	78 .311
Votto Cin	65	232	33	72 .310

Home Runs				
Harper, Washington, 19; Albies, Atlanta, 16; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Story, Colorado, 14; TShaw, Milwaukee, 14; JBaez, Chicago, 14; MAdams, Washington, 13; FFreeman, Atlanta, 13; Blackmon, Colorado, 13; 6 tied at 12.				
Runs Batted In				
Suarez, Cincinnati, 48; Story, Colorado, 47; Gennett, Cincinnati, 47; FFreeman, Atlanta, 46; Rizzo, Chicago, 46; JBaez, Chicago, 46; Markakis, Atlanta, 44; Harper, Washington, 43; TShaw, Milwaukee, 43; Martinez, St. Louis, 42.				
Pitching				
cherzer, Washington, 10-2; Wacha, St. Louis, 8-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 8-2; Lester, Chicago, 7-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 7-2; Newcomb, Atlanta, 7-2; Stratton, San Francisco, 7-4; Corbin, Arizona, 6-2; Gonzalez, Washington, 6-2; 2 tied at 6-4.				

All-Star Fan Voting				
Voting Released June 11				
At Nationals Park, Washington				
Tuesday, July 17				
FIRST BASEMEN				
1. Freddie Freeman, Braves.....633,342				
2. Anthony Rizzo, Cubs.....248,275				
3. Brandon Belt, Giants.....162,750				
4. Cody Bellinger, Dodgers.....113,392				
5. Joey Votto, Reds.....83,272				

SECOND BASEMEN				
1. Ozzie Albies, Braves.....398,816				
2. Javier Baez, Cubs.....360,307				
3. Scooter Gennett, Reds.....309,512				
4. Asdrubal Cabrera, Mets.....97,243				
5. Joe Panik, Giants.....62,325				

THIRD BASEMEN				
1. Nolan Arenado, Rockies.....527,683				
2. Kris Bryant, Cubs.....305,062				
3. Johan Camargo, Braves.....152,260				
4. Eugenio Suarez, Reds.....87,659				
5. Justin Turner, Dodgers.....87,387				

SHORTSTOPS				
1. Brandon Crawford, Giants.....466,021				
2. Dansby Swanson, Braves.....225,182				
3. Addison Russell, Cubs.....210,764				
4. Trea Turner, Nationals.....158,252				
5. Trevor Story, Rockies.....143,603				

CATCHERS				
1. Buster Posey, Giants.....281,331				
2. Wilson Contreras, Cubs.....259,427				
3. Kurt Suzuki, Braves.....223,108				
4. Francisco Cervelli, Pirates.....168,832				
5. Yadier Molina, Cardinals.....152,336				

10. Jason Heyward, Cubs.....175,583				
11. Christian Yelich, Brewers.....163,575				
12. Corey Dickerson, Pirates.....150,239				
13. A.J. Pollock, D'backs.....110,055				
14. Matt Adams, Nationals.....106,317				
15. Lorenzo Cain, Brewers.....104,948				

## American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	19	.694	—
Boston	46	22	.676	—
Tampa Bay	31	35	.470	14
Toronto	30	37	.448	15½
Baltimore	19	47	.288	26
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	35	30	.538	—
Minnesota	29	34	.460	5
Detroit	31	37	.456	5½
Chicago	23	42	.354	12
Kansas City	22	45	.328	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	42	24	.636	—
Houston	42	25	.627	½
Los Angeles	37	30	.552	5½
Oakland	34	32	.515	8
Texas	27	41	.397	16

**Tuesday's Games**  
Boston 6, Baltimore 4  
N.Y. Yankees 3, Washington 0  
Minnesota 6, Detroit 4  
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1  
Chicago White Sox 5, Cleveland 1  
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 1, 10 innings  
Houston at Oakland, late  
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late  
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Wednesday's Games**  
Toronto (Happ 8-3) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.  
Boston (Sale 5-4) at Baltimore (Cashner 2-8), 3:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Richards 4-4) at Seattle (Gonzales 7-3), 4:10 p.m.  
Washington (Feldte 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 4-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Bernos 7-5) at Detroit (Boyd 4-4), 7:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (Bauer 5-4) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 2-1), 8:10 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6) at Kansas City (Hammell 2-6), 8:15 p.m.  
Houston (Cole 7-1) at Oakland (Blackburn 1-0), 10:05 p.m.  
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4), 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Linescores				
Toronto	000	010	000—1	5 1
<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>002</b>	<b>002</b>	<b>003—4</b>	<b>7 0</b>
Garcia, Biagini (6), Clippard (7), Loup (8) and Maile; Stanek, Pruitt (3), Venters (5), Roe (6), Alvarado (7), Romo (9) and Ramos, W-Pruitt 2-3. L-Garcia 2-5. Sv-Romo (2). HRs-Tampa Bay, Ramos (8).				

Minnesota				
001	000	410—6	7 2	
<b>Detroit</b>	<b>000</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200—4</b>	<b>7 0</b>
Odorizzi, Pressly (6), Duke (7), Hildenberger (7), Rodney (9) and Garver, B.Wilson; Hardy, Coleman (7), Saupold (7), A.Wilson (8) and Joh.Hicks, W-Pressly 1-1. L-Coleman 3-1. Sv-Rodney (14). HRs-Minnesota, Adrianza (3).				

Boston				
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Top Ten				
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Betts Bos	49	189	52	67 .354
Segura Sea	63	265	50	91 .343
Altuve Hou	67	272	40	93 .342
Simmons LAA	59	215	32	71 .330
Brantley Cle	54	221	34	70 .317
Castellanos Det	65	266	32	84 .316
M Duffy Tib	51	204	16	64 .314
Rosario Min	63	250	42	78 .312
MMachado Bal	64	247	32	77 .312
JMartinez Bos	63	241	42	75 .311

Home Runs				
Trout, Los Angeles, 21; J.Martinez, Boston, 21; JoRamirez, Cleveland, 19; Judge, New York, 18; MMachado, Baltimore, 18; Gallo, Texas, 17; KDavis, Oakland, 17; Betts, Boston, 17; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 16; 4 tied at 15.				
Runs Batted In				
JMartinez, Boston, 54; MMachado, Baltimore, 50; Haniger, Seattle, 47; KDavis, Oakland, 46; Judge, New York, 45; Benintendi, Boston, 44; Rosario, Minnesota, 43; JoRamirez, Cleveland, 43; 3 tied at 42.				
Pitching				
Kluber, Cleveland, 10-2; Severino, New York, 9-2; Verlander, Houston, 8-2; Porello, Boston, 8-3; Carrasco, Cleveland, 8-4; Rodriguez, Boston, 7-1; Morton, Houston, 7-1; G.Cole, Houston, 7-1.				

All-Star Fan Voting				
Voting Released June 12				
At Nationals Park, Washington				
Tuesday, July 17				
FIRST BASEMEN				
1. Jose Abreu, White Sox.....267,812				
2. Miguel Moleland, Red Sox.....241,889				
3. Miguel Cabrera, Tigers.....173,174				
4. Albert Pujols, Angels.....155,219				
5. Yuli Gurriel, Astros.....154,363				

SECOND BASEMEN				
1. Jose Altuve, Astros.....701,236				
2. Gleyber Torres, Yankees.....279,812				
3. Dee Gordon, Mariners.....87,647				
4. Jed Lowrie, A's.....70,454				
5. Jason Kipnis, Indians.....68,151				

THIRD BASEMEN				
1. Jose Ramirez, Indians.....443,234				
2. Miguel Andujar, Yankees.....219,691				
3. Alex Bregman, Astros.....180,911				
4. Adrian Beltré, Rangers.....121,403				
5. Mike Moustakas, Royals.....112,150				

## SHORTSTOPS

1. Manny Machado, Orioles.....321,887				
2. Francisco Lindor, Indians.....211,756				
3. Didi Gregorius, Yankees.....208,583				
4. Carlos Correa, Astros.....206,727				
5. Andrelton Simmons, Angel.....135,562				

CATCHERS				
1. Gary Sanchez, Yankees.....336,280				
2. Wilson Ramos, Rays.....320,969				
3. Brian McCann, Astros.....174,661				
4. Salvador Perez, Royals.....144,457				
5. Martin Maldonado, Angels.....94,928				

OUTFIELDERS				
1. Mookie Betts, Red Sox.....748,872				
2. Mike Trout, Angels.....639,822				
3. Aaron Judge, Yankees.....541,983				
4. Michael Brantley, Indians.....238,659				
5. George Springer, Astros.....225,316				
6. Andrew Benintendi, BoSox.....208,837				
7. Brett Gardner, Yankees.....160,123				
8. Marwin Gonzalez, Astros.....132,961				
9. Nicholas Castellanos, Tigers.....124,340				
10. Josh Reddick, Astros.....124,340				
11. Aaron Hicks, Yankees.....119,660				
12. Jackie Bradley Jr., BoSox.....105,821				
13. Mitch Haniger, Mariners.....100,149				
14. Eddie Rosario, Twins.....92,271				
15. Tyler Naquin, Indians.....63,725				

## DESIGNATED HITTER

1. J.D. Martinez, Red Sox.....513,415				
2. Giancarlo Stanton, Yanks.....231,885				
3. Shohei Ohtani, Angels.....218,981				
4. Evan Gattis, Astros.....155,091				
5. Edwin Encarnacion, Indians.....119,526				



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LIKE I SAID, THESE THINGS HAPPEN

YOU'RE CHARGING ME TRIPLE OVERTIME?!

LIKE I SAID, THESE THINGS HAPPEN

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CHIEF, ARE YOU GOING TO PERMIT ME TO GO HOME DUE TO MY POSSIBLE CONCUSSION?

VERY WELL, BUT I HOPE YOU REALIZE THIS WILL SET A PRECEDENT!

FROM NOW ON, I'LL HAVE TO GIVE EVERYONE THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE A CONCUSSION!

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OBVIOUSLY

STUPID BUREAUCRACY

DON'T GET ME STARTED ON FRENCH TOAST!

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THE BRIBE OF FRANKENSTEIN

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MAY I?

NAB!

AHHHHHHH

NOW I HAVE TO STERILIZE THIS IN HOT WATER, WHICH PRETTY MUCH DEFEATS THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE THING.

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WELCOME HOME FROM SCHOOL, SIR.

I CLEARED OUT MY CUBBY TODAY...

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY PINCH POTS FROM ARTS AND CRAFTS?

THOSE ARE QUITE... UM... QUITE MASTERFUL, SIR

PARDON ME, SIR BUT WHAT ARE THESE DECORATIONS ON THIS ONE?

A BLACK FIGURE RENDERINGS OF ACHILLES SLAYING PENTHESILEA.

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NEA PUZZLES

ACROSS

1 Like the Vikings

6 Arrange into categories

11 More open

12 Shack (hyph.)

13 Farm machine

14 Like many classics

15 Oscar nominee

16 Lightweight toy

17 "Where's the —?"

18 Oui, in New York

19 Weather systems

23 Phobia

25 Tentlike dwelling

26 Brief craze

29 Bauxite giant

32 Estuary

33 Before, in verse

34 Fixed-up building

35 Animal shelter

36 Undiluted

38 In that case (2 wds.)

40 Surrealist painter

41 Thing, in law

42 "Forget it!" (hyph.)

46 Vanishing sound

48 Shorthand pro

49 Shoe sizes

52 Veld grazers

53 Common phrases

54 Kind of ring

55 Chess and checkers

56 Dirty streak

DOWN

1 Sister's girl

2 Hold forth

3 Swindle (hyph.)

4 Crystal gazer

5 Make a mistake

6 Cultured fellow

7 Seldom

8 1300 hours

9 Ms. Hagen of films

10 Herd of whales

11 Speedy steed

12 San — Obispo

16 Bandanna

18 Type of lock

20 Not just mine

21 Court order

22 Remain

24 Hoop site

26 Ward (off)

27 Linoleum measurement

28 Merger or buyout

30 Louts

31 Pecs' partners

37 Go softly

39 Power failure

41 Antarctic sea

43 Hair rinse

44 Dog lead-in

45 Throw a party

47 Units of resistance

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50 Ms. Lupino

51 Shadowy

52 Superman's emblem

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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BEGGING YOUR FORGIVENESS, SIR...

(GASP!) MENTIS!

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...OF THAT ONE LAST REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMAN WHO'S STILL RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION, AND A VILLAGER HAS A GRAINY VIDEO.

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LOOK WHAT I BOUGHT!

NEW CANDLES!

FOR THE BEDROOM!

WE USED TO KEEP A DRAWER FULL OF THEM!

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Look, there's Grandma waiting for us. Petey, you'll have to sit all the way in back now.

Oh and look. Grandma made a big tray of deviled eggs for the reception!

Petey, you'll have to hold them in your lap.

I'll bet Mozart didn't have to carry a tray of deviled eggs to his first oboe recital.

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Merrymakers members celebrating May birthdays were Jeanne Godwin (left to right), Ronny Strickland, Mary Helen Dorminey, Doris Gagnon and Evelyn Walker (not pictured).

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Couples celebrating wedding anniversaries at the Merrymakers meeting in May were John and Yvonne Knox (left, 43 years) and J.W. and Betty Overstreet (three years).

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# Merrymakers Remember Veterans Who Gave Their Lives For Freedom

By DENA McCLUNEY  
Merrymakers Reporter

A large group attended the Central Baptist Church Merrymakers gathering as the group remembered Memorial Day during its May meeting.

Sidney Walker, vice president, opened the meeting and welcomed all members and guests.

Recognized guests were Austin Haynes, Michael Walker, Susan Strickland and Ross Chaney. Walker acknowledged members needing prayer.

An inspiring devotional was given by Patsy Davis from The Helper by Catherine Marshall titled "How Much Do We Know About the Holy Spirit Working in Our Lives?"

She explained that "... freedom of choice is a precious gift of the Holy Spirit and He waits to see how we welcome Him in our lives. We can be used to help others through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit

will fill us only to the degree that we allow Him to in our hearts and lives."

Davis ended her devotional quoting Acts 1:18 and saying a prayer.

Walker recognized those members present who were celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the month of May. All attending veterans were also recognized.

Anticipation mounted as Yvonne Knox was asked to introduce the Memorial Day guest speaker, her husband, Waycross Mayor John Knox. He focused his remarks on what it meant to be a veteran and his time in Vietnam.

He based his beginning remarks on the motto used by the organization "Wreaths Across America — Remember, Honor, and Teach."

Mayor Knox reminded members not to "remember those whose sacrifice was the worst possible thing we could do" referring to those American soldiers who had

given their lives in war. He went on to say there would be a lot of empty chairs in many homes this Memorial Day because of the loss of service men protecting the freedoms of this country.

The second point from the motto was to honor the nation's service men.

He restated words from the former Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld who said, "'We should never pass a service person without thanking them for their service.' They deserve to be honored for their service."

He mentioned the newly finished memorial in Plant Park dedicated to honor all the fallen soldiers of America's wars from Ware County. The words on the monument read "All gave some and some gave all."

The third point Mayor Knox referenced was that "... we should teach our children the value of our freedom. Most young people don't understand today that our

freedoms have to be earned."

Knox ended his program with a few words reflecting on his time in Vietnam. He noted that 58,000 soldiers were lost during that engagement.

Post Traumatic Syndrome was never a problem for him, but he did express survivor's guilt: questioning why he came home when so many men didn't return.

Mayor Knox said he gives thanks to God every day for his safe return.

During his concluding remarks, Knox quoted words from Lee Greenwood's famous song, "God Bless the USA" and quoted President Ronald Reagan who said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the blood stream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same."

Marcel Wildes encouraged members to sign up for a fun three-day trip to Hiwassee on Sept. 8 and a day trip to the

Alhambra in Jacksonville, Fla., on Nov. 10 to enjoy a patriotic musical.

The door prize was a lovely red gerbera daisy won by J.R. Griffin.

The tables were decorated with arrangements of seasonal white crepe myrtle and an American flag.

Most impressive was "The Missing Man" table setting. Items displayed included a white table cloth representing the purity of a soldier's motives, the single red rose as a reminder of the life of the missing, the lemon slice on the bread plate representing the bitter fate of those missing, a Bible to show the strength gained by faith in God, an inverted glass symbolizing the inability to share in a toast, a lit candle to reflect the hope for a safe return and the empty chair to remind everyone that the soldier is missing.

The delicious meal was a covered dish lunch provided by the Merrymaker members. It was enjoyed by all!



Honored veterans recognized include Jerry Fox (back row, left to right), Pearlle Dorminey, Michael Walker, George Gruver, Mayor John Knox (front row, left to right), Royce Blalock, J.W. Overstreet, Mike Waters, Bo Altman, Ronny Strickland, J.R. Griffin and Redding Davis.

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The guest speaker for the program was Mayor John Knox, who was introduced by his wife, Yvonne Knox.

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The "Missing Man" table was set up for the meeting and everyone was called to honor those who served the nation and gave their lives for freedom.

## Reunions

### Griner Family Reunion June 23

The Griner family reunion will be held Saturday, June 23, at the home of Bob and Gracie (Griner) Lee, 811 Taylor Circle, Blackshear.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Gracie Lee at 449-3924.

### 70th Allen Family Reunion June 24

The 70th annual Allen family reunion will be held Sunday, June 24, at Building 2 at Laura Walker State Park.

Everyone is asked to bring a basket lunch to share at 12:30. All family and friends are invited to attend.

### Justice Family Reunion July 1

Descendants of William Henry and Sarah Kathleen Justice will gather at the Hoboken Community Center Sunday, July 1, for the annual family reunion.

Gathering will begin at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish, meat, dessert and drinks. Paper goods will be provided.

Anyone who has pictures is asked to provide them for the memory table and to bring an item for the auction.

For more information, call Sherry at 458-2729 or Blanch at 288-6338.

### Business Workshop Wednesday, June 20

The Waycross-Ware County Development Authority and the Downtown Waycross Development Authority are hosting a "Start Your Own Business" workshop Wednesday, June 20, from noon until 2 p.m. at the Community Room, 317 Plant Ave.

Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend and listen to the steps one needs to take to successfully start a business in the local community.

Lunch will be provided for all that RSVP to info@wwda.us or call 283-2112.

### Harborview Hosting 'Happy Hour' Weekly

Harborview Health System will host "Happy Hour" each Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Harborview Satilla, 1600 Riverside Ave., beginning this week.

Headliners will include Cole Tomlinson on Friday, Leon Thrift on June 22, and Scott Nickell on June 29.

For information or to volunteer to provide entertainment, call 283-1182 for Pam Cox (extension 132) or Heather Arnold (extension 126).

Everyone is invited to attend.

### Gutsy Grannies Welcome Visitors

Gutsy Grannies, a low impact exercise class for seniors (grandpas as well as grannies), is held in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall Mondays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m.

The class is free to all and non-denominational. The aim is to enhance mobility using weights and stretch bands. No floor exercises are

involved.

"We'd love to have you join us," said a spokesman. "Our workouts are easy and fun and good for your health! Everyone goes at their own pace."

For information, call 283-4277.

### OHC Hosting Bridal Expo On Saturday

The Okefenokee Heritage Center is hosting a bridal expo Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Vendors may sign up by calling 285-4260 or emailing okeheritage@gmail.com

Photographers, caterers, florists, musicians and more will be on hand

## Social Notes

for brides and event planners to ask questions and see their work.

General admission is \$2.

For more information, call the OHC at 285-4260.

### Bailey Heights Sets Reunion July 28

The fourth annual Bailey Heights reunion has been set for July 28.

The banquet planned for July 27 has been canceled.

A family and friends day will be held at E.E. Moore Park located off Dorothy Street in Waycross.

For information, or to order a T-shirt, contact chairperson Linda Causer at 550-5376, Priscilla Brown

at 816-7018 or Luther Jones at 337-6570.

### 'Code Red' Is Way Of Notifying Citizens

Ware County citizens are invited to sign up for "Code Red," a program that notifies citizens by telephone in the event of a problem or traffic situation like the recent closing of the Bickley Highway Bridge.

To access "Code Red," visit the Ware County website at www.ware-county.com and follow the prompts. Citizens without internet access should call 287-4394 (the EMA office) and personnel there will register them into the system.

Anyone who has not already signed up may do so now or in the future, said Ware County manager Scott Moye.

### VFW Offers Service To All War Veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars located in Waycross is looking to serve you.

If you have served in any out-of-country conflict from World War II up to ongoing operations in Afghanistan or Iraq, you are eligible and invited to join our organization (DD-214 required).

For more information, call 285-2692.

## Emily Aguirre Gets Ready For Reunion



Photo By NICKIE CARTER

median and a great reunion meal, besides reminiscing and great fellowship. Mrs. Aguirre, a graduate of Emory University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing, spends her retirement enjoying the company of her two sons and their families. She also volunteers at Bethesda Recovery in Waycross. She worships at Bethesda Our Beloved Church. Many remember her well-known parents, the late Dr. E.D. Hendry, Waycross dentist, and Christine Gallaway Hendry, of Waycross. She also has relatives in Blackshear and Waycross. She is joined by Beth Herrin McClelland and other reunion committee members in "looking forward to a great 60th reunion."

Blackshear retired registered nurse and Christian leader Emily Hendry Aguirre says she is "happy to be making plans for the 1958 Waycross High School class's 60th reunion set for Sept. 22." Classmates are encouraged to make their reservations by July 1 to Martha Clifton Frier. The reunion will be held at the newly renovated Waycross City Auditorium, where 125 graduated, receiving their diplomas. In this auditorium also, classmates played basketball growing up, participated in beauty pageants and other events of their lifetimes. Of the 125 classmates, 51 are deceased. "Fun events are planned for the reunion," Mrs. Aguirre says. Included will be a talk centering on Okefenokee Swamp Park, a woman co-



# Area News

## Ware BOE To Meet Monday And Tuesday

The Ware County Board of Education will hold its monthly work session in the board room at 1301 Bailey St. Monday, 6 p.m.

The monthly board meeting of the Board of Education will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the board room at 1301 Bailey St. The board will conduct business as usual as well as vote on the adoption of the final budget for FY19.

The public is invited to attend.

The meeting agenda is posted prior to the meeting and the minutes are posted as well on the system web page at [www.ware.k12.ga.us](http://www.ware.k12.ga.us) under the District and e-Board links.

## Thursday Ware GOP Meeting Is Scrubbed

The Thursday meeting of the Ware County Republican Party has been canceled.

A meeting will be scheduled for July.

For additional information, contact Jimmy at 590-2165.

## Early Runoff Voting To Begin On July 2

Early voting for the July 24 runoff election will begin Monday, July 2, and continue through Friday, July 20, in Ware County.

The are County Board of Elections and Registration, 408 Tebeau St., will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day, said Betty Gillis, Ware County elections superintendent.

The runoff election is Tuesday, July 22, when all polls in Ware County will open at 7 a.m. that day and remain open until 7 p.m.

## Recovery Program At New Life Church

BLACKSHEAR — New Life Church, 2191 Golf Course Road, is offering help to hurting people, using “12 Gates, Simply Recovery” by Cathy Sweat, of Bethesda House, in classes Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The recovery sessions are for folks who are suffering and battling addictions.

For more information, call Marilyn Conley at (912) 387-9871 or the church office at 284-9500.

## Eagle Scout Project Boosts Food Banks

A local Eagle Scout project, a community food drive by Boy Scout Hinkley Hood, Troop 390, Waycross, will support Mary Street Mission, the Trinity Methodist House of Hope and St. Joseph’s Church.

Non-perishable food items may be taken to Allstate Insurance, 707 Knight Ave., Coastal Forklift, 2402 Albany Ave., or Dr. Kim Bradley Hood’s Office, 643 Main St., Blackshear.

“Your contribution to feeding the community is greatly appreciated,” said Hood.

After Friday, donations may be delivered to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2095 Central Ave., Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

## Folks Lodge Meets First, Third Tuesdays

The serving of light refreshments at 6:30 p.m. will precede Tuesday’s meeting of the Frank C. Folks Lodge No. 192 F&AM at the lodge hall on Waring Street.

The business meeting will take place at 7:30 p.m.

“All members are urged to attend and visiting brothers are welcome,” said a spokesman.

## LSWSP Kids Fishing Rodeo Is Saturday

The Friends of Laura S. Walker State Park Kids Fishing Rodeo is Saturday, June 16, 8-11 a.m.

Children between the ages of 2 and 12 are welcome to participate. Prizes in various categories will be awarded. A hot dog lunch will be provided. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

A \$5 state parks parking fee will apply. Call 287-4900 for more information.

## Retired Health Care Workers Meet Friday

Retired health care workers will meet at Cavnarno’s for fellowship and a meal Friday at noon.

The luncheon is for anyone from any area of health care and is dutch treat.

“Don’t forget to call someone and remind them about the meeting,” said a spokesman.

Call Virginia Highsmith at 283-3141 for more information.

## Vietnam Veterans Meet Once A Month

The Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 1070) meet on the second Thursday of each month at Captain Joe’s.

The meeting begins between 6 and 6:30 p.m. (Arrive at 5 or so if you wish to join in for supper and fellowship, dutch treat.) An invitation is extended to all Vietnam era veterans (and spouses) to attend.

Contact Ralph Miller 449-4640 for more information.

## Men Gather Thursday For Prayer Breakfast

Men are invited to attend weekly prayer and devotional breakfast meetings on Thursday mornings at Jerry J’s on U.S. 82 (across from South Georgia State College).

The meetings run from 7:30 to 8:45.

The main outreach is to provide Christian fellowship to men of all backgrounds and ages, said a spokesman. Prayer is made for the community, area churches, schools and businesses, as well as for the nation and revival in the land.

## Classic Car Show Saturday, Zaxby’s

A Slum’s Automotive classic car “cruise-in” will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. at Zaxby’s.

A 50-50 drawing winner will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the event on the third Saturday of each month.

## Calvary’s Clothing Center Operating

Calvary Baptist Church is now distributing and receiving donated clothes twice a month, on the first and third Tuesdays.

The church, 1622 Gibbs St., in Gilchrist Park, has its clothing ministry distribution center at the back of Calvary Baptist (near the corner of Young and Lewis streets).

**The ministry is open twice monthly from 8 to 11 a.m. at the bus barn at the back of the church building to distribute and to receive donated clothes.**

Members of Calvary are glad to be sharing the love of Christ with others through the clothing ministry.

## Firearm Safety Class For Women Planned

Another firearm safety course just for women has been scheduled in Waycross.

Waycross Police Chief Tony Tanner has announced that the women’s self defense firearm safety training will be conducted by the WPD July 9-11, 6 to 9 p.m., at police headquarters on Oak Street.

Women will learn how to handle guns safely said tanner, who invites women to visit the police department headquarters no later than July 2 and fill out an application so the department can run background criminal checks.

He said women may bring their own guns to the training, but he asks that they be of 32 or 380 caliber or higher for the sake of safety.

“We don’t want any .22-caliber guns,” said Tanner.

# ... Grad Rate

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Pines and South Georgia State colleges in Waycross.

In addition to Find Your Path, CTAE provides another way to expand choices for students with disabilities.

At the April meeting, Dr. Lynn Barber, CTAE director, presented information about the CTAE program, describing the various pathways to choose from including welding, healthcare, agriculture, marketing, culinary arts, engineering-technology, early childhood education and business education.

Barber explained that overall 98.3 percent of students enrolled in the CTAE program graduate with a high school diploma.

In the CTAE program, students in all pathways are required to complete an EOPA (End-of-Pathway Assessment). In Ware County, 67 percent of students who take the assessments pass, and 41 percent of students with disabilities pass.

Both departments, CTAE and special education, are grateful for the addition of several para-professionals back in August of 2017, which has improved instructional support and success for students with disabilities. Barber and Dr. Donna McClain, special education director, expressed appreciation to the Ware County Board of Education for approving the new supporting positions at the high school and they said they look forward to improved EOPA pass rates and graduation rates for students with disabilities as a result of these vital supports.

Barbara Sonnier, assistive technology (AT) coordinator and teacher for the visually impaired, shared at the meeting information about AT and how use of technology is improving outcomes for students with disabilities.

The Ware County School District has an assistive technology team, which has been in place for more than 20 years. The team’s efforts won state awards in 2010 and 2014. Assistive technology in use in the district ranges from customized pencil grips to AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication) devices, which provide an avenue for students who are nonverbal to communicate.

During this past year, the district invested in 70 scanning pens, which are pen-like instruments that scan text and reads the text aloud to the student. Earbuds may be attached for classroom use. Recent statistics indicate that students

using AT have a 99.8 percent graduation rate and that 80.9 percent attend post-secondary institutions. Without AT, students have a graduation rate of 79.6 percent, and only 40.1 percent attend post-secondary institutions, so the importance of incorporating AT into instruction cannot be overly emphasized.

Tom Cribb, Project Search coordinator, shared information about Project Search, which is a program located at Satilla Memorial Health in Waycross. Students with significant disabilities who have finished high school credits and who meet additional criteria are recommended for the program, which involves rotations through various departments at the hospital, including maintenance, house-keeping and food services.

Students report to a classroom at the hospital each morning to study basic financial management and employment skills. They spend time under the direction of hospital staff in various departments throughout the year and in many cases are offered employment at the end of their tenure.

The program has a 100 percent employment rate, and the district has won two national awards for the work accomplished in Project Search.

Four students and the parent of a student with special needs shared information about their experiences in special education programs. Chase Sauls with Project Search was videotaped at the hospital while working in the food services division. He described his daily tasks as he worked, and shared that students should “give Project Search a try because they would be glad they did.” Sauls shared its positive aspect on his life and indicated that without the program, he would likely be sitting at home unemployed.

Fred Williams, a Find Your Path student, shared his excitement about being enrolled in college with the audience.

Williams expressed special gratitude to Mollie Spurlock, his special education case manager, and to Kim Gibson, parent mentor. He stated that without these two individuals continuously pushing and encouraging him, he would not be where he is now- enrolled in college and attending classes.

“It’s so exciting to walk into a classroom, put my books on the desk, and think ‘I’m a college student’,” Williams said.

Albin “Alec” Beyer, a student in the dual enrollment program, was



**Fred Williams III with Kim Gibson (left), parent mentor, and Mollie Spurlock, special ed teacher.**



**Caina Peck, special ed para-pro, with her son, Albin ‘Alec’ Beyer.**

introduced by his mother, Caina Peck. Mrs. Peck, who also serves as a special education para-professional in the CTAE program, expressed her gratitude to individuals in the district who helped support her son’s achievements. She also shared that in his political science class at the college, her son obtained the highest test scores compared to classmates on recent assessments.

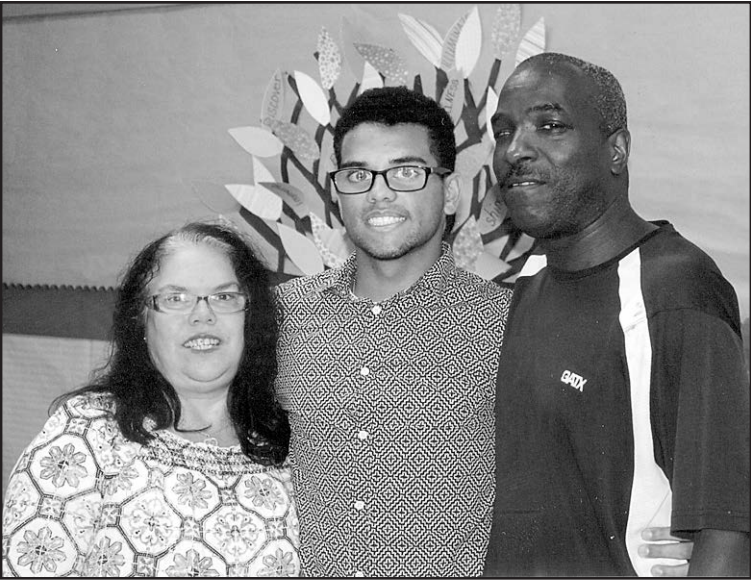
The audience at the Coastal Pines meeting applauded in response to this good news.

Zackary James, another student enrolled in Find Your Path, shared his experiences with the program and expressed gratitude to WCHS staff, including Stacie Sheys, special education coordinator, who worked in preschool when James first entered the special education program.

As a result of the Find Your Path program, WCHS has 12 students who have been accepted by colleges. They plan to attend, starting

in the fall. The school has seven students who are currently participating in dual enrollment. Prior to the FYP program, no special education students were participating in dual enrollment.

The special education program continues to explore other opportunities for students in ongoing efforts to improve the graduation rate for students with disabilities and to expand opportunities for post-secondary placements.



**Virgil and Betty Bell, parents of Zzackery James, are proud of their son.**

# ... Showman Trump

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“That was a tape that we gave to Chairman Kim and his people, his representatives. And it captures a lot. It captures what could be done,” Trump said Tuesday.

Proving he was a worthy foil, Kim stole the show from Trump on Monday night. The autocrat left his hotel and took a tour of some popular night spots, surrounded by a horde of security officials and breathlessly carried on live television, with people watching a leader who rarely leaves his home,

much less goes out in public.

Before leaving Singapore, Trump suggested a sequel as he talked about hosting Kim at the White House.

He told ABC in an interview, “I would love to have him at the White House, whatever it takes. And I would love to have him at the White House and I think he’d love to be there. And at a certain point, when it’s all complete, I’d love to” go to North Korea, he said.

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## Summer Reading Program At Library

Readers of all ages have the chance to explore all things musical this summer as the Waycross-Ware County Public Library presents "Libraries Rock" during its summer program.

"Libraries Rock" reading club activities include puppet shows, professional performers, a maker camp, group games, music, crafts and more. The program is open to young people, pre-school through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, a reading club and more.

For more information, call the library at 287-4978, see the rules online at [okrls.org/srp/](http://okrls.org/srp/) and check out the program calendar at [okrls.org/ware](http://okrls.org/ware)

## Home Is Lost To Fire; Donations Requested

Alice H. Orange, 90, has been a resident of Waycross since the 1940s. On Saturday, May 5, her house caught fire and was severely damaged.

The tragedy caused her to have to leave her home of many years and now she is asking the community to help her rebuild. Any donations or financial help will be greatly appreciated, she said.

For information, call Mrs. Orange (Doyle Orange's mother) at 285-9413 or Jimmy Orange at (404) 484-8159.

## Veterans Monument Bricks Are For Sale

The names of local men who died in America's wars are engraved on the Waycross Veterans Monument in Plant Park.

Now the public's invited to honor all military veterans (or active duty) — living or dead — by purchasing brick pavers at the monument's base. Bricks engraved with the name, branch of service and years of service of each honoree (and personal message) are \$25 each, said Danny Barnes.

Order forms available in the lobby of the Journal-Herald and at Batten's Pharmacy, Browning's Pharmacy and Yarbrough's Printing.

Wright's Landscaping installed the bricks. Affordable Monument will engrave each one.

For more information, contact Danny Barnes, (912) 548-8996 or [dlbarnes1356@gmail.com](mailto:dlbarnes1356@gmail.com)

## Methodist Men's Prayer Breakfast

The First United Methodist Church men's community breakfast group meets at Jerry J's on Plant Avenue on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7 a.m.

All men are invited for food, fellowship and faith.

## Waycross 'Y' Site For Free Meals

The Waycross YMCA is participating in the Summer Food Service Program.

Meals are provided at two sites: the Waycross YMCA, 1634 Plant Ave. (breakfast is 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and the Waycross YMCA Preschool, 105 Darling Ave. (breakfast 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m. to noon).

The program continues through Friday, July 27 (the YMCA will be closed July 4).

Meals are provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service.

## 'WoodmenLife' Meet On June 21 At 6 p.m.

The Woodmen of the World "WoodmenLife" monthly meeting will be held Thursday, June 21, at 6 p.m. at the Donald P. Outlaw Chapter Hall No. 477, 2069 Oke-

fenokee Golf Course Road.

Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish and dessert to share, meat will be provided.

For more information, call Alex Bennett, president, at 283-8885.

## Nar-Anon Meetings Held Every Tuesday

Addiction is a family disease. If someone's addiction is affecting you, first you must help yourself.

Nar-Anon is a 12-step support group for families and friends of addicts. Meetings are every Tuesday from 7 until 8 p.m. at Gilchrist Park United Methodist, 601 Washington Ave. There are no dues or signup fees ... just come to a meeting.

Those attending will share with others who are going through similar problems as they learn to cope and find recovery.

For information, call Rebecca at 281-7326 or send an email to [wayxnaranon@yahoo.com](mailto:wayxnaranon@yahoo.com)

## First Christian Food Pantry Helps Citizens

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 412 McDonald St., has operated a food pantry since 2008, supplied by donations of food and money.

Food is distributed from the pantry every Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. Families may receive food once each month. The only requirement is that they show a valid ID.

Food is furnished to an average of 100 families (approximately 300 people) that otherwise might miss meals.

To donate time, food or money, call the church at 283-5818 and leave a message.

## Lions Club Meets Two Times Monthly

The Lions Club meets on the first and the third Mondays of each month at 711 Columbus St.

The club meets the first Monday at noon and on the third Monday at 7 p.m.

The club continues to sell mops, brooms and flag sponsorships. Call Laurie at 283-5892 for more information.

## Help To Maintain Cemetery Sought

MANOR — The Camp Branch Providence Cemetery here is in need of donations for its continued maintenance.

Manor Community Baptist Church, adjacent to the cemetery, is responsible for mowing, repairs and upkeep of graves that date back in Manor history as far as 1863.

Contributions to help with maintenance costs may be mailed to Manor Community Baptist Church, 7628 Jim Mixon Road, Manor, Ga. 31550.

For more information, call (912) 550-7263.

## Family Life Center Classes Offered

Some changes have been made to the ministry outreach of Bishop James Swinson and Dr. Johnnie Swinson at the Family Life Center, 415 N. Crawford St.

Dr. Swinson has added a new "Life Management Skills for Busy Women" class Mondays from 11 a.m. until noon. Classes cross all racial, denominational, age and socio-economic barriers — and are free.

Discipleship classes are offered Mondays, 7-8 p.m.

The aim is to help restore families and to mentor pastors. The center invites anyone to register for sessions on Life Skills Wisdom and Ministry Development. Pastoral ministry classes are offered. Classes are scheduled based on registrations.

For information, call Johnnie Swinson's cell phone, (904) 891-0947.

# Southern Eagle Distributing Breaks Ground Tuesday For A New Facility In Blackshear

BLACKSHEAR — Southern Eagle Distributing (SED) and Ryan Companies U.S., Inc. broke ground Tuesday on a new 58,540 square foot warehouse and distribution building.

In a ceremony Tuesday morning, SED ownership and management as well as Blackshear city and county officials commemorated the start of construction.

Operations are expected to begin in the new building Jan. 1.

Southern Eagle Distributing, an Anheuser-Busch distributor, has been a fixture in the community for nearly two decades employing

up to 40 people.

The old Southern Eagle Distributing building located on Sundance Road was destroyed by fire in January. The new building will include efficient upgrades such as solar power, updated dock equipment and additional propane provisions to reduce the carbon emissions in the SED fleet.

Adding to the energy conscience efforts at the new facility SED continues to add alternative fuel vehicles to their fleet. Also the project will include a hospitality room for retailers' use, a break

room and locker rooms for employees and the addition of skylights to provide more natural light into the building.

The new property was acquired by SED in a land swap with the Pierce County Economic Development and Building authority. SED will exchange their former smaller parcel with the County for the new parcel located at 6200 Bowen Road in Blackshear.

Ware Malcomb is the architect on the project and Ryan Companies is handling preconstruction and construction.

# Charitable Giving In United States Breaks \$400 Billion For First Time

NEW YORK (AP) — Fueled by a surging stock market and huge gifts from billionaires, charitable giving in the United States in 2017 topped the \$400 billion mark for the first time, according to the latest comprehensive report on Americans' giving patterns.

The Giving USA report, released Tuesday, said giving from individuals, estates, foundations and corporations reached an estimated \$410 billion in 2017 — more than the gross domestic product of countries such as Israel and Ireland. The total was up 5.2 percent in current dollars (3 percent adjusted for inflation) from the estimate of \$389.64 billion for 2016.

"Americans' record-breaking charitable giving in 2017 demonstrates that even in divisive times our commitment to philanthropy is solid," said Aggie Sweeney, chair of Giving USA Foundation, which publishes the annual report. It is researched and written by the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.

Giving increased to eight of the nine charitable sectors identified by Giving USA. The only decline was for areas related to international affairs.

The biggest increase was in giving to foundations — up 15.5 percent. That surge was driven by large gifts from major philanthropists to their own foundations — including \$1 billion from Dell Technologies CEO Michael Dell and his wife, Susan, and \$2 billion from Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan.

Other sectors with increases of more than 6 percent included education, health, arts and culture, environment and animal welfare, and public-society benefit organizations — groups which work on such issues as voter education, civil rights, civil liberties and consumer rights.

Despite the record-setting total, Americans' level of generosity is no higher than it was decades ago. For 2017, giving by individuals represented 2 percent of total disposable income — down from 2.4 percent in 2000 and the same as the rate in 1978. Similarly, total charitable donations have hovered around 2 percent of the gross domestic product for many years; for 2017, that figure was 2.1 percent.

Una Osili, a dean and economics professor at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, says the

school's research shows that the percentage of U.S. households making charitable donations has declined steadily in recent years, from about 67 percent in 2000 to 56.6 percent in 2015 — the latest year for which data is available.

She said giving rates for lower- and middle-class families had dropped significantly since the 2008 recession, while the giving rate for the wealthiest 20 percent of households was relatively steady.

Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy, said many fundraisers in the U.S. — while pleased with the recent increase in gifts — are unsure what lies ahead.

If trade wars break out, she said, that could weaken the economy to the point at which it deters some donors. She said fundraisers also worry that some middle-class donors may cut back on giving if changes in the new tax law no longer give them a deduction for their charitable donations.

Alluding to the surge of megagifts by the wealthy, Palmer added, "Some people feel they don't need to give any more."

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# Conservatives Meet June 21

The Okefenokee Conservative Coalition will host its next meeting on Thursday, June 21, at Hog 'N Bones on Memorial Drive in Waycross.

A dutch-treat meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the program will be at 7 p.m. Matt Hurtt, a senior trainer with the Grassroots Leadership Academy, will be the featured speaker.

The program, "The Vision of a Free and Open Society," will ask participants if certain laws should exist in a free and open society. An overview of American founding principles will be shared and discussed.

The Grassroots Leadership Academy is a training institute for concerned citizens who want to make a difference at the federal, state and local levels. The course is free, but seating is limited and pre-registration is encouraged.

To register, contact Rhachel Toombs of the Grassroots Leadership Academy at [rtoombs@afphq.org](mailto:rtoombs@afphq.org) or (904) 832-0231, or the Okefenokee Conservative Coalition at [occfvictory@gmail.com](mailto:occfvictory@gmail.com)

The Okefenokee Conservative Coalition was formed in 2016 with the goals of preserving, protecting and promoting the U.S. Constitution and conservative ideology, educating Americans about the Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights, advocating for conservative ideology and common sense in the government, informing locals about legislative policies and projects, and vetting and endorsing conservative candidates.

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# Anne Frank House Museum Unveils Virtual Reality Tour On 89th Anniversary Of Birth

AMSTERDAM (AP) — The Amsterdam museum dedicated to Anne Frank's life launched a virtual reality tour of the cramped quarters where the Jewish diarist and her family hid from Nazis during World War II, marking what would have been her 89th birthday Tuesday.

The Anne Frank House said the 25-minute tour means people won't have to visit the museum to see the annex where the Franks and four other Jews hid from July 1942 until they were discovered in August 1944 and deported to concentration camps.

Anne Frank House Executive Director Ronald Leopold said the tour "offers an immersive experience" of the rooms hidden behind an Amsterdam canal-side house where Anne wrote her diary.

Only Anne's father, Otto Frank, survived the war. Anne and her sister died in Bergen-Belsen camp. Anne was 15.

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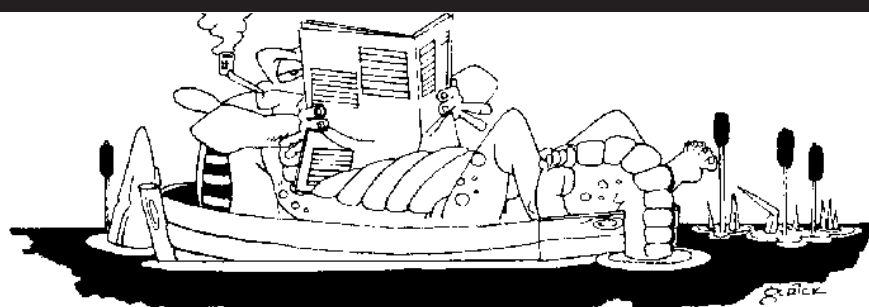
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## ... Briefings For Allies

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repeat of past vows to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. The details of how and when the North would denuclearize appear yet to be determined, as are the nature of the unspecified "protections" Trump is pledging to Kim and his government.

Despite the confusion and disappointment among some, the summit managed to, for a time at least, reset a relationship that has long been characterized by bloodshed and threats. In agreeing to the summit, Trump risked granting Kim his long-sought recognition on the world stage in hopes of ending the North's nuclear program.

North Korea is believed to possess more than 50 nuclear warheads, with its atomic program spread across more than 100 sites constructed over decades to evade international inspections. Trump insisted that strong verification of denuclearization would be included in a final agreement, saying it was a detail his team would begin sorting out with the North Koreans next week.

Moon has championed engagement with the North, and the agreement's language on North Korea's nuclear program was similar to what the leaders of North and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. Trump and Kim referred back to the so-called Panmunjom Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization but no specifics on how to achieve it.

As Trump acknowledged that denuclearization would not be accomplished overnight, the North suggested Wednesday that Trump had moved away from his demand for complete denuclearization before U.S. sanctions on the long-isolated country are removed.

The state-run Korean Central News Agency said the two leaders "shared recognition to the effect that it is important to abide by the principle of step-by-step and simultaneous action in achieving peace, stability and denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." KCNA also reported that Trump had expressed his intention to lift sanctions "over a period of goodwill dialogue" between the two countries.

The White House declined to comment on the North Korean characterization of the deal. Instead, officials merely pointed to the text of the joint Trump-Kim statement, and left it at that.

The Singapore agreement does not detail plans for North Korea to demolish a missile engine testing site, a concession Trump said he'd

won, or Trump's promise to end military exercises in the South while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue.

While progress on the nuclear question was murky, the leaders spent the public portions of their five hours together expressing optimism and making a show of their new relationship. Trump declared he and Kim had developed "a very special bond," and seemed to delight in giving Kim a glimpse of the presidential limousine. Kim, for his part, said the leaders had "decided to leave the past behind" and promised, "The world will see a major change."

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the end of the Korean War in the 1950s and has used them in a variety of drills. The next scheduled major exercise, involving tens of thousands of troops, normally is held in August.

The Pentagon said Tuesday it was consulting with the White House and others, but was silent on whether the August exercise would proceed. Mattis' chief spokeswoman, Dana W. White, told reporters he was "in full alignment" with Trump.

In Japan, the prospect of canceled U.S.-South Korean drills was met with concern.

"The U.S.-South Korea joint exercises and U.S. forces in South Korea play significant roles for the security in East Asia," Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters Wednesday. He said he planned to continue sharing the view with Washington and Seoul.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Japan wants to get further explanations from the U.S. and South Korea on the issue. He declined to comment further.

In South Korea, the liberal Kyunghyang Shinmun newspaper said Trump and Kim have started a "march of peace" to end nearly seven decades of hostility and pave the way for permanent peace and prosperity on the peninsula.

The conservative Chosun Ilbo, the country's biggest paper, was decidedly more critical, denouncing Trump for offering the end of military drills while failing to convince the North to commit to verifiably giving up its nukes for good. It called the summit "dumbfounding and nonsensical," and said it will allow North Korea to permanently maintain its nuclear weapons program.

## ... Immigration

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Moderates had been collecting signatures on a petition drive to would force a vote. Strong said the decision to consider two bills would avert the petition drive "and resolve the border security and immigration issues."

Leaders feared if the moderates had been able to collect the 218 votes needed, mostly from Democrats, it would embarrass Republicans by passing a bill that conservatives decried as amnesty for the young immigrants.

Rep. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., a leader of the moderates' petition drive, credited his group for forcing the issue to the fore.

"Our goal has always been to force the House to debate and consider meaningful immigration reform, and today we're one step closer," Curbelo said.

Conservatives were also pleased, certain that neither bill would necessarily win enough votes to pass, but confident the outcome would show the political strength of their preferred

approach, a bill from Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., a leader of the conservative Freedom Caucus, said even if the bill fails, voting would show "we can just amend the Goodlatte bill" and try again.

Strong said votes on the two bills would happen next week. But Meadows said a vote on the compromise plan may slip to the end of the month as talks continue crafting the legislation.

For weeks, the party's two wings have hunted for ways to provide a compromise that would provide the citizenship pathway and also bolster border security, but have failed to find middle ground.

The House ended Tuesday's session as moderates fell short of their stated goal of having 218 signatures — a majority of the chamber — on a petition that would force votes on other immigration bills that GOP leaders oppose.

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SPECIAL PHOTO

Coastal Pines Technical College Campus Police Chief James Mock (left to right) joins Waycross Police Capt. Tommy Cox, Canine Officer Dwayne Howell, Patrol Officer Donna Waters, Patrol Officer Ashley Boatright, Patrol Officer Kishaan Stephenson and CPTC President Dr. Glenn Deibert in planning for the recent active shooter drill.

## ... Active Shooter

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a simulated shooter opened fire in the library and proceeded through the building firing at anyone he saw. Law enforcement responded, dealt with the shooter and secured the scene before allowing EMS crews to enter and treat the "wounded."

During the drill, the Waycross Police Department and other emergency responders were called to a real emergency in the community, which added to the realism of the drill.

Prior to the actual drill, CPTC faculty and staff met to review what steps to take during an emer-

gency. The review included an active shooter presentation and training presented by Capt. Tommy Cox of the Waycross Police Department, who coordinated the local emergency response.

While Friday's scene was scripted out for training purposes, it provided the college and local agencies the opportunity to practice and prepare in the event the unthinkable were to happen.

"It is vital that emergency plans are communicated, executed, evaluated and updated as needed," said Chief Mock. "Drills like this one are essential to help us do that."

Following the drill, Mock and

CPTC President Dr. Glenn Deibert led an after-action discussion with law enforcement, emergency responders and the CPTC leadership team to evaluate the activity.

"Drills like this are essential, not only for the college, but for local law enforcement agencies and other emergency responders who need to be familiar with our facilities and emergency plans," Deibert told the group. "Thank you for participating and for the work you do to keep our college and community safe and secure. Our community is fortunate to have such an outstanding group of dedicated public safety officers."

The event was videoed by the college and will be used for future training at all CPTC campuses.

## ... Baptists

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Greear, 45, a megachurch pastor from North Carolina who sometimes preaches in jeans and shirts with no sport coat, won about 69 percent of the votes in his election victory over former seminary president Ken Hemphill, 70.

Greear narrowly lost the election for president in 2016 and has been viewed by many Southern Baptists as the inevitable winner this time. Hemphill was nominated by some veteran SBC leaders who view him as less likely to propose potentially divisive changes.

As the two-day meeting began, about two dozen protesters gathered across the street from the convention center, drawing attention to abuse against women.

The protesters called for the creation of a database identifying pastors accused of sexual abuse and misconduct. They also want pastors and seminarians to receive training on how to respond to sexual abuse and domestic violence.

"We are not against the Southern Baptist Convention, but we believe it can be better," said Ashley Easter, a writer and speaker from Raleigh, North Carolina, who is an advocate for victims of abuse and an organizer of the protest.

Paige Patterson, the central figure in the most prominent of the SBC's #MeToo cases, had been scheduled to deliver the featured sermon at the national meeting. However, he withdrew from that role Friday, heeding a request from other SBC leaders.

Patterson was recently dismissed as president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Texas because of his response to two rape allegations made years apart by students. He also was accused of making improper remarks about a teenage girl's body and contending that women who are in abusive relationships should almost always stay with their husbands.

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# Memorial Drive Crash Disrupts All Operations For Hours

A portion of Memorial Drive at the Calhoun Street intersection was closed for approximately six hours Tuesday after a van drove off the road and clipped a power pole striking several parked vehicles as well, said Waycross Police Capt. Tommy Cox. Cox said the driver was injured in the mishap.

The accident disrupted the daily operation of businesses, causing a power outage and a traffic "slow-down."

Gene Justice, 55, of Waycross, was transported by Ware County EMTs to Memorial Satilla Health for treatment of injuries that resulted from the 9:56 a.m. accident, Cox said.

The 1995 Chevrolet Astro van was being driven by Justice south on Memorial Drive when it left the roadway to the right in the general vicinity of Wendy's fast food restaurant, clipping a power pole and bringing down power lines, said Cox.

The van continued into the Car Mart parking lot where it struck four vehicles, Cox said. The vehicles the van hit included a 2004 Ford F-150, 2004 Hyundai Sonata, 2003 Saturn LS and 2008 Hyundai Tiburon, Cox said.

Cox said the street was closed for approximately six hours, largely to facilitate Georgia Power crews, enabling them to replace the power pole and to restore electrical power. Businesses along the busy thoroughfare were hamstrung by the lack of electricity.

Motorists were hampered with the slow-down caused by the situation and the partial road closure.

Justice was charged with failure to maintain a lane, Cox said.

Officer Michael Tanner investigated the accident.

## Sports Hall Of Fame Nominations Open

The Waycross-Ware County Sports Hall of Fame officers and directors annually elect five new inductees into the hall.

Public nominations are solicited. To nominate someone for induction, mail a brief list of his or her accomplishments to:

Sports Hall of Fame  
315 Plant Ave., Suite F  
Waycross, Ga. 31501

The induction banquets are held each March.

The hall of fame museum is open to the public during business hours Monday-Friday in the lobby of the Waycross Rail Depot, Plant Avenue, downtown.

## Helen, Dillard And Hiawassee Trip Stops

The Merry-makers of Central Baptist will visit north Georgia in September and they are inviting the public to tag along.

The Sept. 6-8 coach excursion includes a stop in Helen where the Daily and Vincent Landfest will offer live music and comedy, highlighted by guest star Ricky Skaggs. More music at Hiawassee's Anderson Music Hall at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds and meals at the famous Dillard House in Dillard, Ga. on the North Carolina border and at the Blue Willow Inn in Social Circle will also be enjoyed.

Contact Marceil Wildes, 283-3896 or emgw744@gmail.com

## AARP Driver Safety Instructors Needed

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communities of safe drivers," said a spokesman.

To volunteer as an instructor or to locate a driver safety course nearby, go online and log onto [www.aarp.org/drive](http://www.aarp.org/drive)

## Triangle Al-Anon Has Meetings Saturdays

Al-Anon family groups are designed to help those who are troubled by family members with addictions to alcohol or drugs.

The Triangle Al-Anon meets on Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at 309 Howe St. for anyone who wants to attend.

For more information, call Joy R., 281-2169, or Gloria L., 286-7588.

## Summer STEM Camp Offered To Area Youth

Weekly summer STEM camp sessions for grades kindergarten through 8 is hosted at the St. John Missionary Baptist Association

Center, 701 Morton Ave., through July 20.

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