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Scott vows GOP will win big in 2014 election

GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Heading into a crucial election year, Florida Gov.

Rick Scott said Saturday that the state's Republicans will win big and keep their lock on state government and maintain their majori-

ty among Florida's members in Congress.

Scott's remarks at the annual gathering of the Republican Party of Florida were his first major

campaign speech during a year in which he will be the main target for the state's Democrats.

Scott and other top Republicans gearing

up for this year's elections sounded confident as they repeatedly cited the state's improving

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Angela Wilder poses for a photo in Umatilla on Thursday.

A problem in the shadows

Advocates: Domestic violence the most underreported crime

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There was no time to spare. Learning her ex-boyfriend had been released from jail after serving time for assault and battery, "Azalay," who asked that her real name not be used, feared he would kill her this time.

"He beat me all over," she said. "He held me hostage for four days. What he did, he should have gotten more than three years."

Remembering the incident vividly when he tried to choke her after she said she wanted to leave him, her voice began to crack.

"I still fear for my life," she said, lowering her eyes. "I am always looking over my shoulder."

Azalay entered the Haven domestic violence shelter, which provides emergency, long-term shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence.

Since then, she said she has found hope and support, and aspires to finish school and begin a career as a medical assistant.

"It has made me stronger," she said. "I should not let one person stop me from living."

Domestic violence has become a part of all societies: it is everywhere and does not discriminate by culture, age or class.

In the city of Mascotte, the

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY THE NUMBERS

- **125,631:** Hotline calls received
- **90,139:** Safety plans provided
- **36,389:** Outreach services
- **15,997:** People given shelter
- **3,471:** Shelter requests denied due to lack of space
- **192:** People killed in domestic violence cases, or 19.5 percent of all homicide cases

Stats are from the fiscal year 2011-12 in Florida.

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Ann Eggleston

Vice chairwoman of the board of directors of Haven

community learned of the chilling death of Kristi Lynne Delaney, 26, last November.

In what has become a familiar story around the country, Delaney's on-again, off-again boyfriend, Johnny Lashawn Shipman has been charged with

homicide.

Investigators would not say how she was killed, but family members who found the woman said it was apparent she was beaten to death with a baseball bat and the couple's 3-year-old daughter witnessed the attack.

Three women are killed by a current or former intimate partner each day in America, on average, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).

Statistics from the NCADV further highlight that a woman is battered every 15 seconds in the United States.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office responded to 414 domestic disturbance calls in 2013 and Sumter County Sheriff's Office reported 318 calls.

According to Walter Forgie, a supervisor with the State Attorney's Office in Lake County, there were 105.6 domestic violence cases per month in 2013 compared with 102 in 2012.

Advocates against domestic violence said it is the most underreported crime and is an issue people in many communities do not like to talk about. Research from the National Institute of Justice supports that assertion.

According to the justice report, which highlighted findings from

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Obama's grand plan for Mideast diminished

MATTHEW LEE
AP Diplomatic Writer

Former Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon dies. See Page A7.

WASHINGTON — Five years after pledging to remake the U.S. relationship with the broader Middle East and improve America's image in the Muslim world, the Obama administration's regional strategy appears to have come unhinged.

President Barack Obama has been confronted by fast-moving and ominous developments from Afghanistan to Tunisia, amid a bitter public power struggle between Iran and Saudi Arabia, and has adjusted his first term's grand plan to restore Washington's standing and influence.

Now, it's a smaller vision that seems to rely on ad hoc responses aimed at merely keeping the United States relevant in an increasingly volatile and hostile atmosphere.

His administration has been forced to deal with three years of civil war in Syria. A Western-backed opposition is struggling to topple an autocratic government and

repel Islamic fighters who also are destabilizing neighboring Lebanon and Iraq, where al-Qaida has resurged less than three years after Obama withdrew U.S. forces.

The U.S. is struggling to identify a coherent position in Egypt after the military ouster of the country's first democratically elected president. The administration tried its best to avoid calling the power transfer a coup.

It is losing patience with Afghan President Hamid Karzai, who is refusing to sign a security agreement with the U.S. The pact would allow the U.S. to leave some troops in the country to help train and assist Karzai's army in keeping the Taliban at bay after America's longest conflict ends Dec. 31.

Secretary of State John Kerry is trying to forge an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal against resistance

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AP FILE PHOTO

President Barack Obama looks on as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, left, and President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority shake hands prior to their 2009 meeting in New York.

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SCOTT

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economy and jobs picture as a key reason why they expect to win in November.

"We have every right to win every election because we are doing the right thing," Scott told roughly 200 party activists and party officials.

Republicans have controlled the Florida Legislature and governor's mansion for much of the last two decades. But Democrats consider Scott vulnerable, since he has had lackluster poll numbers during his entire three years in office. Several Republicans emphasized the importance of the 2014 election saying that it will help the GOP during the next presidential election. President Barack Obama won Florida in both 2008 and 2012, while President George W. Bush won the state four years earlier.

"The road to the White House in 2016 runs right through Tallahassee," said Peter Feaman, Florida's national committeeman.

Even though there are other Democrats in the race, Florida Republicans consider former Gov. Charlie Crist the likely candidate to challenge Scott in the fall. Crist for-



AP FILE PHOTO

Gov. Rick Scott smiles as he speaks in Fort Lauderdale.

mally jumped into the race last November and has raised more than \$4 million for his campaign effort in just two months.

Crist has wasted little time in criticizing Scott as a "terrible governor" and faulting him everything from pushing for budget cuts to education in first year to rejecting billions in federal aid for high speed rail.

Scott did not mention Crist directly during his remarks, but that didn't stop other Republicans from branding Crist as a political opportunist who changed his political philosophy and parties. Crist was elected while he was Republican, ran as an independent in the U.S. Senate race he lost to Marco Rubio, and became a Democrat in 2012.

"Charlie Crist will say

and do anything to get elected and we can't let our fellow citizens in Florida not remember that," said Sharon Day, co-chair of the Republican National Committee.

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Lenny Curry told party members that they have to continue to remind Floridians that that state's unemployment rate has dropped since Scott took office. Curry insisted that Scott deserves the credit for improvement in the state's economy and that the GOP should push back if the media or Democrats say otherwise.

"The Democratic establishment will go out of its way to poke holes in our triumphs," Curry said.

Florida's unemployment rate in December was 6.4 percent. That's

the lowest it has been since July 2008, but state economists say one of the big reasons for the decline is people are leaving the labor force or had delayed their job search. The state Office of Economic and Demographic Research said in a report last month that Florida's real unemployment rate would be 8.3 percent if the amount of people in the labor force had held steady since December 2011.

Republicans expect to have a significant cash advantage over Crist and the Democrats during the next 10 months that should allow them to spend millions on television advertising to tout Scott's handling of the economy.

But Curry and others made it clear that they also plan to use Crist's support of Obama and the president's health care overhaul in the campaign. Scott, who has been a harsh critic of the overhaul in the past and used it during his first campaign, lashed into it again on Saturday, and said "we don't need the federal government telling us what to do every day."

"We are going to absolutely point out where Charlie Crist failed and his connection and his tie to this atrocious act," Curry said.

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Angela Wilder

are convinced they have no choice. They think, if my husband starts hitting me, what am I going to do? They don't understand the Haven is here to help. There is shame and embarrassment."

According to statistics compiled by Haven, 331 clients in Lake and Sumter counties entered the shelter in fiscal year 2012-13. There were seven protective injunctions in both counties during that time.

For many senior women, they don't know what options they have, Eggleston said.

"I think by the time you are my age, you just don't know what to do," she said. "You are no longer wanted by the workforce."

But, there is a way out, Eggleston said, reminding women that they can apply for Social Security benefits and do have recourse.

Any contact they have with Haven is strictly confidential, Eggleston said.

Eggleston said she has seen women she suspected were abused around The Villages.

"They are quiet and meek," she said. "He does all the talking. I sometimes see finger bruises around the arms."

Like many communities, Eggleston said there is a stigma about calling for help.

"No one wants the police car in the driveway," she said. "There is a stigma with domestic violence. Why are the police at your house? This is a utopia for old people and nothing bad happens. I know it does."

Eggleston's husband, Glenn, a former homicide sergeant, chose to support Haven as the charity of choice for their group, the Tri-County Browns Backers.

Glenn said he loves liv-

ing in The Villages, but he believes domestic violence happens there.

He remembers going to domestic disturbances as a police officer and, in particular, how the circumstances affected children.

"When you got to a house with domestic violence and there are kids shivering because of it, it has a profound effect on you — period," he said. "It is not a manly thing: women getting beat up by men."

Smallridge said she received a call from a doctor's office in The Villages, asking her to come in and train his staff about domestic violence because of elderly women coming in with suspicious bruises.

HEALING ONE DAY AT A TIME

Severely beaten at the hands of her ex-boyfriend, Angela Wilder is slowly putting the pieces of her life back together.

"He was a very aggressive man and we were together for three years," she said in a phone interview in Umatilla, where she has sought help for addiction at the Ruth House, a transitional shelter for women and children in crisis.

What started out as a verbally abusive relationship turned physically violent at the end, Wilder said.

"We had gotten into an argument and I asked to talk," she said.

That is when things got physical, she said.

"When I did not leave, he grabbed me and dragged me through the house," she said. "He punched me in the ribs."

Then, when she tried to get the spare key to her car outside the home, her ex-boyfriend threw her across the yard, Wilder said.

Wilder said she left Osceola County and moved to Lake County to be near her daughters while she slowly gets her life back on track.

"Starting over is hard but it is worth it," she said. "I am learning my self value and how to be an independent woman: a single woman in recovery who has three daughters."

Rebecca Randall, executive director of the Ruth House, said "75 percent of women that have lived here all have domestic violence issues in their past. We provide a safe, structured environment and teach them about the love of God."

Smallridge said the biggest misconception about domestic violence is that "if somebody is not holding you down or hitting you, it is not domestic violence."

The violent crimes leave emotional scars, according to advocates.

"Domestic violence and rape are the only two violent crimes where the victim feels shame and guilt," Eggleston said. "Love does not hurt."

When clients enter the shelter, Smallridge said a safety plan is developed.

"All those things that happened equals possible death for you," she said of the urgency to keep victims safe.

Azalay said while she has moved on from the relationship many years ago, it is hard to forget.

She remembers her ex-boyfriend's haunting words: 'If I see you, I am going to kill you.'

"I have had two kids with him," she said. "My son looks like him. How am I supposed to forget what he did to me?"

Even during tough times, she said she refuses to go back to a life she described as filled with fear.

"It is not worth it," she said. "My mom and my sister were in abusive situations. They stuck with it. I got away from it."

VIOLENCE

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the National Violence Against Women Survey, "only 27 percent of women and 13.5 percent of men who were physically assaulted by an intimate partner reported their assault to law enforcement. Less than 20 percent of women victims reported intimate partner rapes to police."

LIVING IN SHAME

In the past five years in The Villages, 3,000 women have sought services from Haven of Lake and Sumter Counties, which serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, according to Kelly Smallridge, executive director. With the population growing in The Villages, Smallridge said the problem is expected to increase.

But Smallridge said many seniors don't tell anyone or report it.

"They live with it," she said. "That is the value system of that generation. With that particular generation, if you marry him, you stay married. They don't tell their families. They don't tell their best friend."

Smallridge remembers one of her first clients from The Villages, who showed up at the shelter 10 years ago.

"My very first client had a broken jaw and two black eyes," she said. "She had lived with domestic violence for 60 years of her life."

Many residents of The Villages do not go into shelter, Smallridge said.

"They are calling to alleviate their fears," she said. "They want us to tell them if they have legal recourse."

Ann Eggleston, vice chairwoman of the board of directors of Haven, lives in The Villages and said she knows domestic violence is occurring there.

"I am in the age group where women stayed home," she said. "They



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Area Briefs

ASTOR

Area man killed in late-night wreck

A 33-year-old Astor man died Friday night when he crashed his car in Volusia County, the Florida Highway Patrol reported. Cesar Nevarez was driving his 2002 Kia southbound on Grand Avenue when the accident occurred at about 10:30 p.m. For reasons unknown, he lost control of the car, left the road and hit a tree, the FHP reported. Nevarez died at the scene. An investigation continues.

TAVARES

Religious leaders sought for invocation at meetings

The Lake County Commission is seeking local pastors, preachers, fathers, rabbis and other heads of religious organizations to participate in County Commission meetings by opening with an invocation. Meetings are held at 9 a.m., on Tuesdays, twice each month in Commission Chambers at the Lake County Administration Building, 315 W. Main St. To participate in the invocation portion of a County Commission meeting, call Kathy Hartenstein at 352-323-5733 or email khartenstein@lakecountyfl.gov.

LEESBURG

RSVP program seeking older volunteers

Lake and Sumter County residents age 55-plus who have a lifetime of experience to share and the desire to make a real difference in the community are needed as volunteers for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) program. RSVP volunteers tutor elementary grade students, mentor low-income high school students who are college bound, participate in after-school educational and enrichment programs, deliver meals, make telephone reassurance calls to homebound seniors, provide transportation for cancer patients, sort and distribute food to the needy, and support veterans and military families. Interested parties can get information by calling 352-365-1995.

SUMTERVILLE

SECO announces 2014 scholarship program

The Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO) has announced the continuation of its scholarship program that will benefit up to 12 deserving high school seniors from the cooperative's service territory. Each recipient will receive a \$3,000 scholarship to assist them in going on to a college or technical school following graduation. Graduates must reside in a home being served by SECO and be enrolled in an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school by the end of 2014. Applications are available at area high school guidance offices and at any of SECO customer service center in Lake, Sumter, Marion and Citrus counties, and must be returned to SECO no later than April 4.

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Scott: Changes coming to Common Core

GARY FINEOUT
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Florida Gov. Rick Scott, acknowledging the backlash among some Republicans against new state school standards, said Saturday that steps will be taken to address the criticism that has built up over the last few months. Scott, who was speaking at the annual meeting of the Republican Party of Florida, said he understood there was a "little bit of passion"

surrounding the standards that are known officially as the Common Core State Standards. His remarks came a day after a state party caucus passed a resolution opposing them. The governor said Education Commissioner Pam Stewart will unveil a list next week of proposed changes to the standards. He also said that the Florida Legislature during its spring session would pass a "data security" bill to respond to concerns about what type of information will be collected from stu-

dents that could be passed on to others. "These are Florida standards, they are not some national standards," Scott said. "This is our state. We're not going to have the federal government telling us how to do our education system." Scott's response still falls short of an outright repeal of the standards that some opponents want. Florida also had no plans to give detailed student data to the federal

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Javan Latson, a 17-year-old Belleview High School student, greets visitors after speaking at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast in The Villages.

THE VILLAGES

Student schools audience on Dr. King

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To the sounds of laughter from the crowd of mostly adults and seniors, officials at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast in The Villages on Saturday pointed out that their keynote speaker was only 6 years old when the group first held the event 11 years ago. Javan Latson, a 17-year-old Belleview High School honor student and the event's youngest keynote speaker, admitted to the audience of about 650 people that although he was familiar with Dr. King, he had to consult with his 84-year-old grandfather and a well-known 73-year-old con-

"Even though the civil rights activists of the 1960s are now famous American heroes and icons in the present, Dr. King and his colleagues were then just ordinary folks hoping to do extraordinary things."

Javan Latson
Keynote speaker at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast

gressman and civil rights leader who were present at the March on Washington in 1963 to get a better idea of King's dream. Then he gave a lesson to the adults on King. He said he learned "a young person" should speak up and stand up

whenever they see someone getting mistreated, abused or bullied. "Stand up for righteousness. Sometimes that means you have to turn something upside down to make it right side up," said Latson, quoting words he was given by U.S. Representative John Lewis of Georgia. Held at the Savannah Center in The Villages by the MLK Commemorative Committee, the event also included a video tribute to King, a slide featuring various civil right leaders, revolutionaries and images such as "for whites only" signs. There were various speakers, as well as scholarship and community leader award

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WILDWOOD

Officials wrapping molestation case

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Prosecutors reported Friday they are almost finished closing a case against a former deputy fire chief who died in December amid charges of lascivious child molestation in Sumter County and similar accusations

in Hernando County. Cecil "Brad" Burris, 55, had been with Sumter County Fire Rescue since 2003 and also served as a fire marshall there, before he was terminated in 2012



BURRIS

after he was arrested on charges of molesting and touching a 16-year-old girl. He had been released from the Sumter County jail in lieu of \$75,000 bail and was awaiting a February pre-trial hearing on the lewd and lascivious charges.

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EUSTIS

City poised to annex 90 acres

Staff Report

An annexation incentive program in Eustis apparently is paying off because the city plans to expand its boundaries by about 90 additional acres. Five separate public hearings are scheduled Thursday for the first readings of ordinances to annex 28 parcels of land. This is still a far cry from another 422 tracts the city has identified as eligible for annexation. The city identified the 450 tracts last year and announced an annexation incentive program which will waive all application fees associated with voluntary annexation requests. This is saving property owners between \$1,225 and \$2,275 in application fees per annexation request. "This is an excellent opportunity for enclave property owners to become part of the city of Eustis and benefit from

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EUSTIS

SR 44 roadwork on agenda

Staff report

The Florida Department of Transportation is holding a public meeting on Jan. 21 regarding proposed improvements to the north-south portion of State Road 44 in the Eustis and Mount Dora areas. The project limits are from US 441 to the east-west section of SR 44 in Lake County, Florida. This project widens

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HOWEY-IN-THE-HILLS

1 dead, another hurt in crash

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A man was killed and his female passenger is in critical condition after their motorcycle was struck head-on by a car in Howey-in-the-Hills on Saturday. The crash occurred about 2:30 p.m.

According to Howey-in-the-Hills police, a woman driving a Toyota Avalon south on State Road 19 crossed the yellow line near Savage Circle in front of three motorcycles riding in tandem. The first rider was able to avoid the car, while the second bike was clipped



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Police sift through the wreckage after a fatal crash in Howey-in-the-Hills.

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IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Barbara E. Devendorf

Barbara E. Devendorf passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 at the age of 85. She was born on January 22, 1928 in East Syracuse, NY to the late Martin and Lucy Lawler. She was employed for many years as an office manager in the medical field in New York, but has made her home here in The Plantation since 1992. Barbara enjoyed golfing, but her true passion was playing bridge. She is survived by her loving husband of 62 years, Paul Devendorf, of Leesburg, one son; Douglas (Jean) Devendorf of Fulton, NY, two daughters-in-law Sandra and Vicki Devendorf, five grandchildren, Wayne, Neil and Ian Devendorf, Jimmy and Justin Keller and one great-



DEVENDORF

grand daughter, Katie Ann Devendorf. Barbara is also survived by a brother; Richard (Joy) Lawler of Zephyrhills, FL, and four sisters; Jeanne (Herbert) Bills of Port Orange, FL, Vivian (Glenn) Cooper of Pennellville, NY, Mary Lou (Edward) Brown of Phoenix, NY, and Jacqueline (Carl) Caltabiano of New Smyrna Beach, FL. a sister-in-law Jean Lawler, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sons; Wayne and Richard Devendorf, and a brother; Martin Lawler Jr. A memorial service for Barbara will be held in the Page-Theus Funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan 14th at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Tuesday from 12:30 until the time of services. Burial will take place at a later date in Mt. Adnah Cemetery in Fulton, NY. Memorials in Barbara's honor may be directed to the Cornerstone Hospice, Tavares, FL. Page-Theus Funer-

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Harold Richard Johnston, 71, of Lisbon died unexpectedly Wednesday, January 8, 2014. He was born January 18, 1942 in Dawson, GA to the late Grover R and Julia C Johnston. He was a member of the Lisbon Church of God and loved the Georgia Bulldogs and NASCAR. He leaves behind a grieving family of a daughter, Denise Johnston of Ellijay, GA; 2 granddaughters, Carly of Seattle, WA and Marsha Taylor of Ellijay, GA; grandson, Chase Radcliff of CA; 3 great-grandchildren; 3 stepchildren, Darrel, Debbie and Shirley; 2 sisters, Sarah Sullivan and Yvette Shuttlesworth both of Lisbon; 2 nephews, Trent and Vance (Jodie) Sullivan; niece, Michelle (Paul) White; 3 great-nieces and a great nephew along with his beloved dogs, Pepper and Heidi. He Will Be Missed! Visitation for Harold will be held 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Monday, January 13, 2014 in the funeral home. Funeral services will be 10:00am, Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Page-Theus Funeral Chapel with interment following the service in Lakeside Memory Gardens, Eustis. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting www.pagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert L. Williams

Robert L. Williams, 67, of Mascotte, died Saturday, January 11, 2014. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc.

Ruth Rucker Odor Saxon

Ruth Rucker Odor Saxon, 96, of Tavares, died Saturday, January 11, 2014. Steverson, Hamlin & Hilbish Funerals & Cremation.

CASE

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The Sumter County Sheriff's Office apparently started its investigation after the Department of Children and Families received a complaint against Burris. The arrest affidavit added the sheriff's office responded to South Sumter High in Bushnell, where the girl told detectives about the inappropriate touching.

Burris later admitted touching the girl's breast, genital area and but-

tocks, the arrest affidavit added.

Burris died of natural causes, according to the Assistant State Attorney Angelina Rodeo, who was prosecuting the case.

Rodeo said Burris could have faced 60 years in prison but turned down a plea offer for 30 years.

Rodeo said a woman contended as a 9 year old that Burris had molested her in Hernando County but the case was dropped. It reopened after Burris was arrested in the Sumter County case.

Hernando County officials couldn't be reached Friday.

CRASH

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but no one was injured. The car struck the third bike, a Harley-Davidson, head-on.

Cpl. Rich Roman, the crash investigator, said the male driver of the Harley-Davidson was taken to Florida Hospital Waterman where he was pronounced dead.

The female passenger was airlifted to Orlando Regional Medical Center with critical injuries. The driver of the car was taken to Leesburg Regional Medical Center with unknown injuries.

As of press time, police said they were still trying to reach family members and had not released the victim's names.

The crash occurred

about a mile from Mission Inn on County Road 48 and caused law enforcement to shut down the stretch of SR 19 between Howey-in-the-Hills and Tavares and reroute traffic to allow investigators to sift through the scene and workers to clean up clothing, personal items, a helmet and other debris left scattered across the highway.

ROADS

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the existing two lane configuration on the north-south portion of SR 44 into a divided, four-lane highway. It includes bicycle lanes and sidewalks along both sides, as well as curb and gutters.

The meeting will be

from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the City of Mount Dora Community Building. It begins with an open house and includes a brief presentation at 6 p.m. Project representatives are available to answer questions.

Other fast facts:

- Planned travel lanes are 11 feet wide
- Planned medians are 19.5 feet wide
- Bike lanes are four

feet wide—both sides of the roadway

■ Sidewalks are five feet wide—both sides of the roadway

■ Design is anticipated complete by spring 2015

■ Construction is anticipated to begin the fall 2015

■ Estimated construction duration is 12 months.

ANNEX

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city services," now-interim City Manager Dianne Kramer said at the time. "The program will also benefit the city by providing more cost effective services to a compact area."

An enclave is unincorporated Lake County land surrounded on several sides by city land. The city already provides water and sewer service to many of these sites.

It was during multiple budget workshops and strategic planning sessions that commissioners emphasized the need to expand the city's tax base with increased land valuation and to increase the resident population, Kramer said.

Homeowners with an assessed value of approximately \$30,000 would see no increase in their annual tax assessment, while water cus-

tomers would also get a 25 percent reduction in user fees with annexation, she previously told the board.

If all of the identified properties participated in the voluntary annexation program, the city's land valuation would increase by approximately \$28 million and the tax revenue would increase by approximately \$187,000, she reported.

To be considered for annexation on Thursday are 45.6 acres on the south side of County Road 44, west of East CR 44 and Gatch Road; 25.5 acres on the northeast corner of David Walker Drive and Mt. Homer Road; 11 acres on the north side of CR 44, west of Gatch Road and east of Hicks Ditch Road; and 25 smaller parcels ranging in size from .14 to .77 acres.

For more information, about annexing into the city, call the Development Services department at 352-483-5460.

EDUCATION

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government, but State Board of Education member John Colon said passing a bill will ensure that there's no "wobble room."

The changes that Stewart plans to the standards are relatively minor. She told state legislators earlier this week that one of them would be to include the teaching of cursive writing in schools.

Scott initially backed Common Core stan-

dards, which set uniform benchmarks for reading, writing and math. But in the last few months he refused to take a firm position on Florida's transition to the new standards, which have been adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia.

In September, Scott called for public hearings and set the groundwork for the state to pull out of a consortium developing a national test to see if school children are meeting the new standards. The hear-

ings generated harsh criticism of the standards from some parents who called them a plan by federal bureaucrats to assert more control over schools.

Common Core State Standards are a result of an initiative sponsored by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers.

Opponents see them as the nationalization of education policy and standards, something they say should be left to the states. The new standards are backed by former Gov. Jeb Bush, who helped create the state's current A-to-F grading system. Supporters contend that having a shared set of standards will allow for a more accurate state-by-state comparison of student performance.

Rep. Debbie Mayfield, R-Vero Beach, is sponsoring a bill that would halt the state's implementation of the standards for now. Mayfield praised the governor's actions, but said he hoped he would eventually agree to opt out of Common Core completely.

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OBAMA

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from both sides, in a quest dismissed by some as quixotic.

Yet apart from Kerry's efforts, Obama's national security team seems to have settled on a largely hands-off, do-no-harm approach to developments in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya and Egypt.

This has attracted criticism and concern, not least from tra-

ditional U.S. allies such as the Saudis, who like the Israelis and many members of Congress are wary, if not outright opposed to the administration's engagement with Iran over its nuclear program.

Administration officials, of course, are quick to deny suggestions of indecision, weakness or, worse, political expedience.

They say the president is adopting carefully crafted, pragmatic and diplomatic initiatives

for each hot spot - initiatives designed to reduce what current officials believe was President George W. Bush's reliance on military might and pressure tactics.

While the crises engulfing the Middle East cannot be blamed on Obama, there are growing fears that the U.S.'s Mideast policy has become rudderless and reactive, and may be contributing to worsening conditions and a rise of Islamic extremism, notably in Syria and Iraq.

KING

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presentations.

"It's a great way to get the community together, of all races, to honor King" said Lew Jones, committee president.

Barbara Jones, a committee member and Lew's wife, said they decided to ask Latson to be their first student keynote speaker after hearing him speak elsewhere. Standing at the podium in a white dress shirt and black bow tie, Latson said he admired the slain civil rights leader and others like him and added "nothing but death" could stop him from pursuing his dream of living in a colorblind society.

"Even though the civil rights activists of the 1960s are now famous American heroes and icons in the present, Dr. King and his colleagues were then just ordinary folks hoping to do extraordinary things," said Latson.

"Those valiant men and women recognized that the brutality they endured would lead to a greater good for all citizens — black

and white."

Latson's grandfather, Leonard Reynolds, a Vilager also at the breakfast, was a metropolitan policeman in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963 when he was assigned to the march. In a light moment during the breakfast, Latson joked that his grandfather didn't hear much of King's speech because at the march he was talking with Lena Horne, a popular actress, singer and civil rights activist.

Latson said his grandfather thought at the time it was just another good speech by a well-spoken preacher. But years later, he would realize the importance of the speech. Reynolds eventually would fight for equality in his own department, which in 1963 didn't allow black officers to drive patrol cars.

"Although he didn't march ... the dream of freedom and equality was deeply embedded in him and in others like him who stood up for their rights," Latson said.

Latson said adults needed to ensure they

played a positive role in the lives of young people and added the nation still had a way to go on the road to equality.

"Although great improvements have been made since the 1960s, we still have a long way to go. America still has not resolved the matter of racism because it is deeply embedded in

the fabric of society and in the hearts of many individuals," said Latson, again quoting Lewis.

A record number of eight high school students received scholarships at the event thanks to a \$25,000 donation, Barbara Jones said. Ron Lottes donated \$7,500 on behalf of himself and his late wife.



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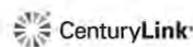
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High court to consider notion of abortion clinic protest-free zones

MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Eleanor McCullen clutches a baby's hat knit in pink and blue as she patrols a yellow semicircle painted on the sidewalk outside a Planned Parenthood health clinic on a frigid December morning with snow in the forecast.

The painted line marks 35 feet from the clinic's entrance and that's where the 77-year-old McCullen and all other abortion protesters and supporters must stay under a Massachusetts law that

is being challenged at the U.S. Supreme Court as an unconstitutional infringement on free speech. Arguments are set for Wednesday.

Outside the line, McCullen and others are free to approach anyone with any message they wish. They risk arrest if they get closer to the door.

With her pleasant demeanor and grandmotherly mien, McCullen has become the new face of a decades-old fight between abortion opponents asserting their right to try to

change the minds of women seeking abortions and abortion providers claiming that patients should be able to enter their facilities without being impeded or harassed.

In 2000, the Supreme Court upheld a different buffer zone in Colorado in a decision that some free speech advocates, who also support abortion rights, heavily criticized. Noted First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams recently called the decision in *Hill v. Colorado* "what may well be the most indefensible First Amendment ruling so far this century."

The three dissenters in that case — Justices Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — remain on the court. They have been joined by Chief Justice

John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, who may be willing to provide the two additional votes in support of the protesters.

McCullen and other abortion opponents sued over the limits on their activities at Planned Parenthood health centers in Boston, Springfield and Worcester. At the latter two sites, the protesters say they have little chance of reaching patients arriving by car because they must stay 35 feet from the entrance to those buildings' parking lots.

Planned Parenthood provides health exams for women, cancer screenings, tests for sexually transmitted diseases, birth control and abortions at the clinic, although clinic employees said no abortions were performed.



Muslim men organized in militias with machetes rough up a Christian man while checking him for weapons in the Miskine neighbourhood of Bangui, Central African Republic.

Africa sees violent, deadly start to 2014

JASON STRAZIUSO
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — The death tolls are huge and the individual incidents gruesome. One estimate says nearly 10,000 people have been killed in South Sudan in a month of warfare, while in neighboring Central African Republic combatants in Muslim-vs.-Christian battles have beheaded children.

Sub-Saharan Africa has seen a very violent start to 2014, with raging conflicts in South Sudan and Central African Republic, as well as continued violence in Congo, and attacks in Somalia and Kenya.

Compared to decades past, Africa and its people are suffering from fewer conflicts today, but several recent outbreaks of violence are cause for concern, said J. Peter Pham, director of the Washington-based think tank Africa Center at the Atlantic Council. The conflicts also lack strong international peacekeeping, he said.

"Peacekeeping in Africa, whether under the formal auspices of the United Nations or those of the African Union, suffers today from the same two limitations which they have been burdened with since the very first U.N. peacekeeping mission, the 1960-1964 operation in the Congo (ONUC), namely lack of political will resulting in a weak mandate and

lack of adequate forces," he wrote by email.

The conflict that broke out in South Sudan on Dec. 15 saw violence radiate across the country as ethnic groups targeted each other. Shortly afterward Uganda dispatched troops and military equipment to aid South Sudan's central government from breakaway units of that country's military.

Casie Copeland, South Sudan analyst for the International Crisis Group, said violence in Africa tends to involve other countries and noted a "long history of regional involvement in African conflicts."

The U.N. Security Council on Friday, however, "strongly discouraged external intervention that would exacerbate the military and political tensions." The U.N. has said more than 1,000 people have died in the South Sudan conflict. But Copeland, after speaking to U.N. workers, aid actors, government officials and combatants, estimates nearly 10,000 have died.

Civilians in the Central African Republic — a country where violence pits Muslims against Christians — have suffered terribly since armed rebels overthrew the president in March 2013. The mostly Muslim fighters were blamed for scores of atrocities after taking power.

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Sharon, Israel's bulldozer in politics, dies at 85

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — It was vintage Ariel Sharon: His hefty body bobbing behind a wall of security men, the ex-general led a march onto a Jerusalem holy site, staking a bold claim to a shrine that has been in contention from the dawn of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

What followed was a Palestinian uprising that put Mideast peace efforts into deep-freeze.

Five years later, Sharon, who died Saturday at 85, was again barreling headlong into controversy, bulldozing ahead with his plan to pull Israel out of the Gaza Strip and uproot all 8,500 Jewish settlers living there without regard to threats to his life from Jewish extremists.

The withdrawal and

the barrier he was building between Israel and the West Bank permanently changed the face of the conflict and marked the final legacy of a man who shaped Israel as much as any other leader. He was a farmer-turned-soldier, a soldier-turned-politician, a politician-turned-statesman — a hard-charging Israeli who built Jewish settlements on war-won land, but didn't shy away from destroying them when he deemed them no longer useful.

Sharon died eight years after a debilitating stroke put him into a coma. His body was to lie in state at the parliament on Sunday before he is laid to rest at his ranch in southern Israel on Monday, Israeli media reported. Vice President Joe Biden will lead



Ariel Sharon, then Israel's Prime Minister-elect, looks up as he touches Judaism holiest site, the Western Wall, in Jerusalem.

AP FILE PHOTO

the U.S. delegation.

Sharon suffered his stroke in January 2006 and fell into a coma. Over the past week and a half, doctors reported a sharp decline in

his condition as various bodily organs, including his kidneys, failed. On Saturday, Dr. Shlomo Noy of the Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv said "his heart weak-

ened and he peacefully departed" with relatives by his bedside.

His death was greeted with the same strong feelings he evoked in life. Israelis called him a war

hero. His enemies called him a war criminal.

President Barack Obama remembered Sharon as "a leader who dedicated his life to the state of Israel." Former President George W. Bush, who was in the White House during Sharon's tenure, called him a "warrior for the ages and a partner in seeking security for the Holy Land and a better, peaceful Middle East."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a rival and harsh critic of Sharon, said: "His memory will be enshrined forever in the heart of the nation." President Shimon Peres, a longtime friend and rival, said "he was an outstanding man and an exceptional commander who moved his people and loved them and the people loved him."

Poor Saudi slums highlight wider housing problems

AYA BATRAWY
Associated Press

JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia is quietly planning to raze slums in one of its largest cities to make way for newer, restored neighborhoods as part of a wider plan to keep up with soaring demand for affordable housing.

A gap between what is available on the market and what many Saudis can afford has left people frustrated and accusing the government of corruption. A shortage of low- and middle-income housing means millions of Saudis cannot afford to buy a home.

Young Saudis are especially affected since it takes years of saving before many can afford to buy a home, often a precursor to marriage.

To address the housing shortage and public grumbling, the Red Sea city of Jiddah is a testing ground for a plan that includes getting rid of most of its roughly 50 unplanned settlements, which comprise a third of its built-up area, according to municipality figures.

In their place, the city plans to build subsidized housing complexes for Saudis.

If this new model for



AP FILE PHOTO

Architect Usamah Shehatah points at a map in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia.

revamping the kingdom's second-largest city succeeds, it would be replicated throughout Saudi Arabia in areas where aging infrastructure needs overhaul.

The project is new, and even revolutionary, for a country where speaking openly about poverty is taboo and can lead to arrest. There are no official government figures on poverty levels in Saudi Arabia and several Saudi-based research analysts say there are no mechanisms in place to permit studies on it.

In 2011, Saudi blogger Feras Bugnah was de-

tained for several days with his crew for making a video on poverty that showed slum housing in Riyadh.



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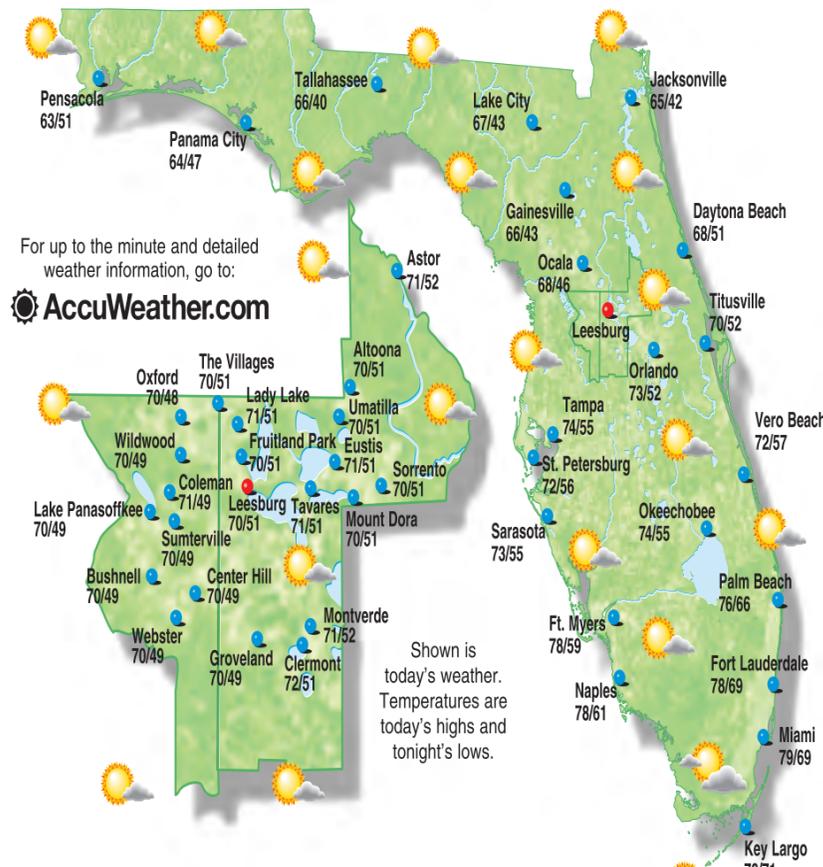
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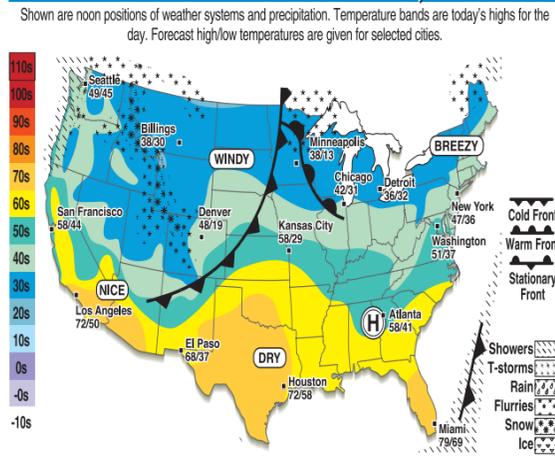
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Sunshine and patchy clouds	Partly sunny	A morning shower or two; some sun returning	Sunshine and breezy	A full day of sunshine
HIGH 70° LOW 51°	HIGH 78° LOW 56°	HIGH 71° LOW 47°	HIGH 63° LOW 38°	HIGH 59° LOW 40°



NATIONAL WEATHER FOR JANUARY 12, 2014



UV INDEX TODAY



SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today 8:36 a.m.	2:24 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	2:48 p.m.
Mon. 9:19 a.m.	3:07 a.m.	9:43 p.m.	3:31 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Monday	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	7:22 a.m.				
Sunset	5:50 p.m.	5:51 p.m.	Jan 15	Jan 23	Jan 30	Feb 6
Moonrise	3:15 p.m.	4:03 p.m.				
Moonsset	4:21 a.m.	5:11 a.m.				

TIDES

Homosassa		Day		High	Feet	Low	Feet
Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet
Today	1:20 am	1.1	10:28 am	0.1	Mon.	2:13 am	1.2
	3:29 pm	0.9	9:57 pm	0.3		4:10 pm	0.9
						10:48 pm	0.3

Daytona Beach		Day		High	Feet	Low	Feet
Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet
Today	5:06 am	4.1	11:24 am	0.3	Mon.	5:53 am	4.2
	5:23 pm	3.6	11:27 pm	0.1		6:09 pm	3.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W	City	Today Hi Lo W	Monday Hi Lo W
Albany	38 27 pc	43 33 pc	Cheyenne	40 19 c	43 29 pc	Great Falls	38 35 c	46 31 r
Albuquerque	56 28 pc	47 27 s	Chicago	42 31 pc	35 23 c	Greensboro, NC	54 36 s	58 38 s
Anchorage	20 17 sf	27 19 sf	Cincinnati	46 38 s	50 31 r	Hartford	44 25 pc	48 33 pc
Asheville	52 30 pc	55 32 pc	Cleveland	38 35 pc	45 27 r	Honolulu	83 65 s	83 66 s
Atlanta	58 41 s	59 38 r	Columbia, SC	60 35 s	66 45 s	Houston	72 58 s	70 42 r
Atlanta City	46 29 pc	53 40 pc	Concord, NH	42 20 pc	44 28 pc	Indianapolis	46 36 s	43 27 r
Baltimore	49 30 s	54 40 pc	Dallas	72 43 s	63 39 s	Jackson, MS	64 47 s	65 33 r
Billings	38 30 c	48 31 sn	Dayton	42 37 s	46 28 r	Kansas City	58 29 pc	47 32 s
Birmingham	58 44 s	62 35 r	Denver	48 19 c	53 29 pc	Las Vegas	61 42 s	61 44 s
Bismarck	38 3 pc	35 17 sn	Des Moines	47 26 pc	39 26 pc	Little Rock	66 44 s	58 35 r
Boise	41 27 sf	40 23 pc	Detroit	36 32 pc	40 25 c	Louisville	52 43 s	51 34 r
Boston	46 33 pc	51 37 pc	Duluth	34 9 sf	14 -5 c	Memphis	60 47 s	56 37 r
Buffalo	36 31 sf	45 25 r	El Paso	68 37 s	56 32 s	Milwaukee	36 29 pc	32 19 c
Burlington, VT	38 26 sf	41 32 pc	Fargo	38 3 pc	14 -1 sn	Minneapolis	38 13 c	20 8 c
Charleston, SC	65 40 s	68 50 s	Fairbanks	-26 -34 s	0 -15 c	Nashville	56 42 s	55 33 r
Charleston, WV	48 32 s	56 32 r	Flagstaff	46 20 pc	45 25 s	New Orleans	65 54 s	69 43 r
Charlotte, NC	58 37 s	59 39 s	Grand Rapids	38 34 pc	35 24 c	New York City	47 36 pc	51 41 pc
						Norfolk, VA	52 37 s	62 48 s
						Oklahoma City	70 35 s	58 35 s
						Omaha	49 24 c	43 29 pc
						Philadelphia	48 33 s	52 40 pc
						Phoenix	70 46 s	69 46 s
						Pittsburgh	41 32 sf	49 34 r
						Portland, ME	44 26 pc	43 33 pc
						Portland, OR	48 42 r	48 34 r
						Providence	46 30 pc	52 40 pc
						Raleigh	58 37 s	61 45 s
						Reno	44 24 s	50 25 pc
						Richmond	56 34 s	59 44 s
						Sacramento	60 34 s	63 32 s
						St. Louis	57 37 s	47 33 r
						Salt Lake City	38 29 sf	39 21 pc
						San Antonio	74 50 pc	68 36 s
						San Diego	67 51 pc	74 52 s
						San Francisco	58 44 s	63 45 s
						San Juan, PR	85 72 pc	84 72 s
						Santa Fe	47 19 pc	42 20 s
						St. Ste. Marie	32 28 c	31 9 c
						Seattle	49 45 r	52 41 r
						Shreveport	68 52 s	63 37 r
						Spokane	39 34 c	43 31 c
						Syracuse	39 27 sf	46 28 pc
						Topeka	56 29 pc	50 32 s
						Tucson	70 40 s	66 40 s
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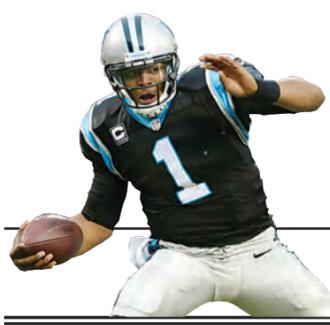
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NFL: Carolina gearing up for San Francisco / **B4**



DAVID QUINN / AP

Florida guard DeVon Walker (25) drives to the basket against Arkansas forwards Jacorey Williams (22) and Coty Clarke, right, during Saturday's game in Fayetteville, Ark. Florida, which entered the game as the 10th-ranked team in the nation, won 84-82 in overtime.

No. 10 Gators stop Hogs in OT

KURT VOIGT
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Dorian Finney-Smith scored a career-high 22 points as No. 10 Florida overcame the absence of leading scorer Casey Prather to snap Arkansas' 23-game home winning streak with an 84-82 overtime win on Saturday.

Finney-Smith, starting in place of Prather, also added a season-high 15 rebounds as the Gators (13-2, 2-0 Southeastern Conference) won their seventh in row.

Florida trailed 66-57 in the closing minutes of regulation, but Scotie Wilbekin sent it into overtime with a jumper with two seconds left that tied the game.

Wilbekin finished with 18 points, while Michael Frazier had 15 and Patric Young 10.

Ky Madden led the Razorbacks (11-4, 0-2) who had five players finish in double figures, with 23 points.

Arkansas had a chance to all but seal the win with 17.1 seconds remaining in regulation, but Alanidise Harris missed the front end of a 1-and-1 to give Florida the ball back while down 66-64.

Wilbekin answered with the game-tying jumper with two seconds left on the other end for the Gators, who then took control quickly in overtime.

Florida played without Prather because of a bone bruise on the

senior forward's right knee.

Finney-Smith started in the place of Prather, who is averaging 17 points per game this season, and had nine points at half-time. He continued to have the hot hand in the second half and overtime — where he scored five-straight points to put the Gators up 77-69.

Following a pair of baskets from Harris, who finished with 11 points, the Razorbacks closed the Florida lead to 82-79 with 21.9 seconds remaining in overtime. However, Harris missed an inside attempt and Wilbekin — who had nine points in overtime — sealed with win with free throws with 5.4 seconds remaining.



ELAINE THOMPSON / AP

Seattle running back Marshawn Lynch, top, scores on a 15-yard run while New Orleans cornerback Corey White (24) tries to make the stop in Saturday's NFC divisional playoff game in Seattle.

Seahawks rumble past Saints

TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Marshawn Lynch overpowered the New Orleans Saints in the postseason — again.

Lynch ran for 140 yards and two touchdowns, Steven Hauschka kicked three field goals in blustery conditions and Seattle's defense flustered Drew Brees and New Orleans in a 23-15 victory Saturday in the NFC divisional playoff game.

The top-seeded Seahawks advanced to the NFC championship game for the second time in franchise histo-

ry and will host San Francisco or Carolina next Sunday. Seattle last reached the conference title game in the 2005 playoffs.

Seattle shut out the Saints in the first half, got Lynch's first 100-yard game since Week 10 of the regular season and received a spark from the brief return of Percy Harvin before he left with a concussion. Lynch scored on a 15-yard run in the first half and capped the victory with a 31-yard scoring run with 2:40 left that coach Pete Carroll celebrated by jumping into offensive line coach Tom Ca-

ble's arms. Lynch stiff-armed Keenan Lewis on his way to the end zone for the clinching score that left CenturyLink Field swaying.

Lynch finished with 28 carries and made up for another shaky day passing by Russell Wilson. Seattle's offense was a concern heading into the postseason and, outside of Lynch, did little to quell those worries.

Wilson missed on five of his first six pass attempts to start the second half but came through with a vital 31-yard completion to Doug Baldwin with 2:57 remaining.

A-Rod banned for '14 season

RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was dealt the most severe punishment in the history of baseball's drug agreement when an arbitrator ruled the New York Yankees third baseman is suspended for the entire 2014 season as a result of a drug investigation by Major League Baseball.

The decision by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz, announced Saturday, cut the suspension issued Aug. 5 by baseball Commissioner Bud Selig from 211 games to this year's entire 162-game regular-season schedule plus any postseason games. The three-time American League Most Valuable Player will lose just over \$22 million of his \$25 million salary.

Rodriguez vowed to continue his fight in federal court.

"I don't think he has very much of a chance," said Stanford Law School professor emeritus William B. Gould IV, the former chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. "There are many cases that are appealed from arbitration awards, but the case law at the Supreme Court level makes success very much a long shot."

Rodriguez is the most high-profile player ensnared by baseball's drug rules, which were first agreed to in 2002 as management and union attempted to combat the use of

SEE A-ROD | B2



ELISE AMENDOLA / AP

New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez sits in the dugout during a game against Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	10	.730	—
Atlanta	20	17	.541	7
Washington	16	18	.471	9½
Charlotte	15	22	.405	12
Orlando	10	26	.278	16½

Central

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	29	7	.806	—
Chicago	16	18	.471	12
Detroit	15	22	.405	14½
Cleveland	13	23	.361	16
Milwaukee	7	28	.200	21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	8	.778	—
Houston	23	14	.622	5½
Dallas	21	16	.568	7½
Memphis	16	19	.457	11½
New Orleans	15	20	.429	12½

Northwest

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	27	9	.750	—
Portland	27	9	.750	—
Denver	18	17	.514	8½
Minnesota	18	18	.500	9
Utah	12	26	.316	16

Pacific

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	26	13	.667	—
Golden State	25	14	.641	1
Phoenix	21	14	.600	3
L.A. Lakers	14	23	.378	11
Sacramento	12	22	.353	11½

Friday's Games

Indiana 93, Washington 66
Detroit 114, Philadelphia 104
Atlanta 83, Houston 80
Minnesota 119, Charlotte 92
Memphis 104, Phoenix 99
Dallas 107, New Orleans 90
Brooklyn 104, Miami 95.20T
Chicago 81, Milwaukee 72
Cleveland 113, Utah 102
Sacramento 103, Orlando 83

Golden State 99, Boston 97
L.A. Clippers 123, L.A. Lakers 87

Saturday's Games

Houston at Washington, late
Brooklyn at Toronto, late
New York at Philadelphia, late
Phoenix at Detroit, late
Charlotte at Chicago, late
Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, late
New Orleans at Dallas, late
Orlando at Denver, late
Boston at Portland, late

Today's Games

Cleveland at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Monday's Games

Milwaukee at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.

College

Saturday's scores

Men

EAST

American U. 69, Colgate 62
Boston U. 89, Lafayette 78
Brown 91, Daniel Webster 50
Bucknell 61, Holy Cross 57
Buffalo 76, E. Michigan 66
Columbia 104, Cent. Pennsylvania 78
Cornell 77, Oberlin 55
Drexel 93, Northeastern 88, 20T
George Washington 69, Rhode Island 56
Harvard 61, Dartmouth 45
Indiana 79, Penn St. 76
Memphis 79, Temple 69
Mount St. Mary's 88, St. Francis (NY) 82
Pittsburgh 80, Wake Forest 65
Robert Morris 71, Bryant 67
Sacred Heart 71, Fairleigh Dickinson 67
St. Francis (Pa.) 75, CCSU 67
Syracuse 57, North Carolina 45
Townson 60, UNC Wilmington 53
UMBC 79, Maine 76
UMass 73, St. Bonaventure 68
Villanova 74, St. John's 67
Wagner 84, LIU Brooklyn 70
Yale 88, Baruch 49

SOUTH

Boston College 62, Virginia Tech 59
Clemson 72, Duke 59
Georgia Tech 74, Notre Dame 69
Incarnate Word 78, New Orleans 55
Jacksonville 76, Florida Gulf Coast 69

Kentucky 71, Vanderbilt 62
LSU 71, South Carolina 68
Liberty 85, VMI 80
Louisiana-Lafayette 90, Texas-Arlington 70
Missouri 70, Auburn 60
SC-Upstate 84, Lipscomb 78
SE Louisiana 85, Abilene Christian 77, 20T
UNC Asheville 84, Presbyterian 70
W. Carolina 68, Georgia Southern 67
Winthrop 85, Charleston Southern 68

MIDWEST

Indiana St. 62, Bradley 59
Kansas 86, Kansas St. 60
Marquette 67, Seton Hall 66
Michigan St. 87, Minnesota 75, 0T
N. Dakota St. 87, IUPUI 64
Saint Louis 67, Dayton 59
W. Michigan 78, Miami (Ohio) 77, 0T
Weber St. 72, North Dakota 60

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 88, TCU 62
Florida 84, Arkansas 82, 0T
Oklahoma 87, Iowa St. 82
Tulane 73, North Texas 62

No. 10 FLORIDA 84, ARKANSAS 82, 0T

FLORIDA (13-2)

Finney-Smith 7-15 5-8 22, Yegueté 1-3 5-8 7, Hill 3-7 0-0 6, Frazier II 4-7 3-4 15, D. Walker 0-4 2-2 2, Young 4-9 2-2 10, Wilbekin 4-12 8-10 18, Kurtz 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 25-59 25-34 84.

ARKANSAS (11-4)

Clarke 5-12 3-4 16, Portis 6-16 2-4 14, Madden 9-16 0-0 23, Guley III 0-2 1-4 1, Qualls 2-10 5-6 10, Harris 4-8 3-5 11, Scott Jr. 0-1 2-2 2, Bell 1-5 2-2 5, Hayward 0-1 0-0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Kingsley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-72 18-27 82.
Halftime-Arkansas 36-35. End Of Regulation-Tied 66. 3-Point Goals-Florida 9-25 (Frazier II 4-7, Finney-Smith 3-7, Wilbekin 2-5, Hill 0-1, Yegueté 0-1, D. Walker 0-4), Arkansas 10-24 (Madden 5-10, Clarke 3-5, Bell 1-3, Qualls 1-4, Hayward 0-1, Guley III 0-1). Fouled Out-Harris, Young. Rebounds-Florida 44 (Finney-Smith 15), Arkansas 45 (Clarke 14). Assists-Florida 13 (Hill 5), Arkansas 12 (Clarke, Madden, Qualls 3). Total Fouls-Florida 20, Arkansas 24. A-18,040.

No. 18 FLORIDA ST. 68, MIAMI 63

FLORIDA ST. (14-1)

Jones 6-21 1-2 17, Delgado 4-9 2-4 10, Brown 2-12 0-1 4, Slaughter 2-4 3-5 7, Howard 11-17 5-8 27, James 0-0 0-0 0, Bingley 0-3 1-2 1, Coleman 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 26-68 12-22 68.

MIAMI (9-6)

Saunders 5-12 2-2 16, Williams 6-12 0-1 12, Motley 4-12 0-1 8, McGuire 1-7 2-5 4, Brown 2-8 0-0 4, Dennis 5-13 4-6 15, Thomas 0-2 0-0 0, Sterling 0-0 2-2 2, Hayes 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-68 10-17 63.

Halftime-Miami 33-31. 3-Point Goals-Florida St. 4-13 (Jones 4-9, Coleman 0-1, Brown 0-3), Miami 5-21 (Saunders 4-10, Dennis 1-4, McGuire 0-1, Hayes 0-1, Brown 0-1, Motley 0-2, Thomas 0-2). Fouled Out-Hayes, Rebounds-Florida St. 49 (Howard 18), Miami 47 (Williams 11). Assists-Florida St. 14 (Delgado 10), Miami 12 (Motley 5). Total Fouls-Florida St. 17, Miami 22. A-1,227.

WEST

American U. 72, Colgate 55
Bucknell 83, Holy Cross 79, 0T
CCSU 80, Wagner 71
Creighton 97, Providence 65
Fordham 70, Richmond 59
Georgetown 85, Butler 79
Harvard 73, Dartmouth 63
La Salle 78, UMass 41
Lafayette 68, Boston U. 63
Loyola (Md.) 70, Lehigh 64
Maine 64, Binghamton 51
NJIT 48, Brown 43
Navy 74, Army 64
New Hampshire 71, Stony Brook 68, 0T
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Campbell 75, Coastal Carolina 68
Chattanooga 77, W. Carolina 57
Coppin St. 68, Savannah St. 53
Davidson 67, Elon 62
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Incarnate Word 67, New Orleans 38
Jacksonville 74, North Florida 42
Jacksonville St. 61, E. Illinois 46
Longwood 59, Gardner-Webb 57
Louisiana-Monroe 78, Texas St. 52
NC A&T 69, Bethune-Cookman 55
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SC State 80, Morgan St. 53
Stetson 91, ETSU 62
Tulane 92, Old Dominion 62
UAB 63, Marshall 57
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UT-Martin 82, Belmont 53

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IUPUI 71, N. Dakota St. 46
Marquette 73, Xavier 67
Milwaukee 75, Green Bay 64
Oakland 78, Detroit 63
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SOUTHWEST

Cincinnati 59, Houston 50
Sam Houston St. 51, Nicholls St. 50
UTEP 97, Tulsa 66

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	44	28	14	2	58	128	98
Tampa Bay	45	27	14	4	58	132	109
Montreal	45	25	15	5	55	115	106
Detroit	44	19	15	10	48	115	125
Toronto	46	21	20	5	47	125	141
Ottawa	45	19	18	8	46	129	145
Florida	44	17	21	6	40	104	137
Buffalo	43	12	26	5	29	75	120

Metropolitan

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	46	32	12	2	66	150	111
Washington	44	22	16	6	50	135	133
Philadelphia	45	23	18	4	50	120	125
N.Y. Rangers	46	23	20	3	49	114	123
Carolina	45	19	17	9	47	111	128
N.Y. Islanders	45	18	18	9	45	104	113
Columbus	44	20	20	4	44	120	126
N.Y. Yankees	46	17	22	7	41	126	150

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	44	31	8	5	67	161	99
Chicago	46	29	8	9	67	169	127
Colorado	44	27	12	5	59	128	113
Minnesota	46	24	17	5	53	112	115
Dallas	44	20	17	7	47	125	135
Nashville	45	19	20	6	44	108	135
Winnipeg	46	19	22	5	43	125	139

Pacific

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	46	33	8	5	71	155	116
San Jose	45	28	11	6	62	148	115
Los Angeles	45	27	13	5	59	118	93
Vancouver	46	24	13	9	57	123	114
Phoenix	43	21	13	9	51	130	131
Calgary	44	15	23	6	36	100	142
Edmonton	47	15	27	5	35	123	164

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Dallas 2
Washington 3, Toronto 2
Columbus 3, Carolina 0
N.Y. Islanders 2, Colorado 1, 0T
Edmonton 4, Pittsburgh 3, 0T
Vancouver 2, St. Louis 1

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Philadelphia 3

Chicago at Montreal, late
Florida at New Jersey, late
Ottawa at Nashville, late
Columbus at Winnipeg, late
Colorado at Minnesota, late
Anaheim at Phoenix, late
Pittsburgh at Calgary, late
Detroit at Los Angeles, late
Boston at San Jose, late

Today's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games

Calgary at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB ARBITRATION PANEL — Reduced the suspension of N.Y. Yankees 3B Alex Rodriguez from 211 games to 162.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Signed F. James Nunnally to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Named Bryan Cox defensive line coach.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Activated F Cody Hodgson from injured reserve. Recalled D Braden McNabb from Rochester (AHL). Sent D Rasmus Ristolainen and LW Johan Larsson to Rochester. Loaned C Mikhail Grigorenko to Quebec (QMJHL).
NEW YORK RANGERS — Assigned F J.T. Miller to Hartford (AHL). Reassigned G Scott Stajcer from Greenville (ECHL) to Hartford.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed F Ryan Reaves to a four-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned C Michael Latta to Hershey (AHL).

American Hockey League

HARTFORD WOLF PACK — Claimed F T.J. Hensick off waivers from Abbotsford.

ECHL

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Loaned D Ryan Grimschow to Rochester (AHL).

COLLEGE

PENN STATE — Named James Franklin football coach.

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steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs. In sustaining more than three-quarters of Selig's initial penalty, Horowitz's decision will be widely viewed as a victory for the 79-year-old Selig, who has ruled baseball since 1992 and says he intends to retire in January 2015.

A 14-time All-Star, Rodriguez has been baseball's highest-paid player under a \$275 million, 10-year contract. He has spent parts of the last six seasons on the disabled list and will be 39 years old when he is eligible to return to the field in 2015. He is signed with the Yankees through the 2017 season.

Rodriguez admitted five years ago he used performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas from 2001-03 but has denied using them since. He already sued MLB and Selig in October, claiming they are engaged in a "witch hunt" against him.

"The number of games sadly comes as no surprise, as the deck has been stacked against me from day one," Rodriguez said in a statement. "This is one man's decision, that was not put before a fair and impartial jury, does not involve me having failed a single drug test, is at odds with the facts and is inconsistent with the terms of the Joint Drug Agreement and the Basic Agreement, and relies on testimony and documents that would never have been allowed in any court in the United States because they are false and wholly unreliable."

The Major League Baseball Players Association has filed a grievance last summer saying the discipline was without "just cause."

The 65-year-old Horowitz, a California-based lawyer who became the sport's independent arbitrator in 2012, heard the case over 12 sessions from Sept. 30 until Nov. 21. Technically, he chaired a three-man arbitration panel that included MLB Chief Operating Officer Rob Manfred and union General Counsel Dave Prouty. The written opinion was not made public.

In Rodriguez's only partial victory, Horowitz ruled he is entitled to 21-183rds, or about 11.5 percent, of his salary this year, a person familiar with the decision said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the decision was not made public. That comes to \$2,868,852.46.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 2 Syracuse beats North Carolina 57-45

JOHN KEKIS
Associated Press



NICK LISI / AP

North Carolina's Marcus Paige, right, drives past Syracuse's Trevor Cooney, left, in the first half of Saturday's game in Syracuse, N.Y.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — C.J. Fair scored 20 points, Jerami Grant had 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds, and No. 2 Syracuse beat North Carolina 57-45 Saturday in an Atlantic Coast Conference marquee matchup.

Syracuse (16-0, 3-0) evened its all-time record against the North Carolina (10-6, 0-3) to 4-4. UNC started 0-2 in ACC play three times in the past five years and five times overall, and the loss to Syracuse equaled the worst conference start in school history in 1996-97, Dean Smith's final year as head coach.

The last time North Carolina scored fewer than 45 points was in a 56-44 loss to eventual national champion Villanova in the Southeast Regional final of the 1985 NCAA tournament. The Tar Heels also beat North Carolina State 45-44 in February 1997.

UNC coach Roy Williams dropped to 1-4 against Syracuse, the most notable setback an 81-78 loss to the Orange for the 2003 national championship in New Orleans when he was coach at Kansas. Syracuse also beat Kansas in the 1996 NCAA tournament by

three points (60-57) to reach the Final Four.

North Carolina was coming off a home 63-57 loss to Miami in which the Tar Heels shot just 31 percent (20 for 65) and finished with a season-low scoring output against Miami's zone.

This game, which featured teams with a combined 3,989 wins (UNC is third with 2,100 and Syracuse fifth with 1,890) was decided by a dominant first half and strong

defense by the Orange.

Tyler Ennis finished with 10 points and seven assists to go with a season-high four turnovers, and Trevor Cooney had 10 points despite a woe-ful shooting game. He was 4 of 17 and 2 of 12 from long range.

Marcus Paige led North Carolina with 17 points and James Michael McAdoo had 15 points and nine rebounds.

Center Joel James, who returned to the

North Carolina lineup Wednesday night against Miami after missing four straight games and most of a loss to Texas on Dec. 18 with a right-knee injury, played only 10 minutes and did not score. J.P. Tokoto finished with three points on 1-of-6 shooting.

UNC shot 2 of 12 from behind the arc and 20 of 51 (39.2 percent) overall and was outrebounded 41-35, 17-10 on the offensive glass, netting just two

second-chance points. Syracuse led by 12 at halftime and extended the lead to 42-24 on Fair's three-point play with 16:18 to go.

Paige answered with a 3, McAdoo converted a wide-open layup and Brice Johnson followed with an open slam dunk to keep the Tar Heels in the game.

Any chance at a comeback seemed to disappear when Ennis fed Cooney for a 3 from the left wing at the shot clock buzzer to boost the Syracuse lead to 47-31 midway through the half and the Orange cruised to the win.

The Tar Heels have been inconsistent, beating highly ranked Michigan State, Kentucky and Louisville but losing to five unranked opponents. They were 12th in the preseason poll but dropped out of the rankings in the fourth regular-season voting following losses to Belmont and UAB, returned after a one-week absence with a win over then-No. 1 Michigan State, then dropped out from No. 19 after opening ACC play with a loss at Wake Forest.

North Carolina was intent on knocking off another ranked team and attacked the middle of the Syracuse zone with great suc-

cess at the outset, with McAdoo hitting a pair of jumpers and Tokoto another from the foul line as the Tar Heels gained an 8-4 lead in the first 4 minutes.

The Orange regrouped after a timeout and went on a 17-5 run keyed by Fair and Grant, who did all the scoring. Fair hit a 3 from the wing and converted three free throws to give Syracuse a 19-15 lead and two free throws by Grant completed a 10-0 spurt and put the Orange on top 21-15 at 8:53.

The Tar Heels cooled off in a big way after the solid start, unable to penetrate inside. After Paige converted a three-point play with 13:04 left, UNC got only a fast-break slam dunk by McAdoo, a layup by Nate Britt and a jumper in the lane by Leslie McDonald in the ensuing 11 minutes and went into the locker room at halftime trailing 34-22.

North Carolina was 0 for 8 from beyond the arc in the opening half and pounded on the boards 34-22, failing to get any second-chance points, as Grant pulled down eight rebounds. The Orange weren't much better from long range, and Cooney missed all six of his attempts. But they outscored the Tar Heels 10-2 from the foul line.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Vandy's Franklin introduced as next coach at Penn State

WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Penn State has hired James Franklin as its next head coach.

Franklin, 41, who led Vanderbilt to bowls in all three of his seasons there, replaces Bill O'Brien, who left the Nittany Lions after two years to coach the NFL's Houston Texans. Penn State made the announcement Saturday, after the school's compensation committee met to finalize the



FRANKLIN

contract.

That committee approved the hiring by a 6-0 vote Saturday morning.

Franklin won 24 games with the Commodores and is a Pennsylvania native with strong ties in-state. Penn State officials met with him this week in Florida. He will be asked to build off a foundation that O'Brien set amid scandal. Despite a lack of scholarships, a bowl ban and player defec-

tions from the late Joe Paterno's roster, O'Brien led the Nittany Lions to two winning seasons (8-4, 7-5) while restoring some tempered enthusiasm in Happy Valley.

That torch has now been passed to Franklin, who played at Division III East Stroudsburg (Pa.). He set seven school records as a senior, and also has coached at Washington State, Idaho State, Kansas State and Maryland. With the Terrapins, he was offensive coordinator and assistant head coach.

Members of Penn

State's trustee committee on compensation met with Athletic Director Dave Joyner and others Saturday morning to discuss the contract, which the group called "excellent" for both Franklin and the Nittany Lions.

Much of Saturday's meeting, at which specific terms of the contract were laid out for trustees, was done privately. The actual vote was public, lasting roughly a minute, and Penn State made the formal announcement of the hiring moments later.

Kiffin joins Alabama as coordinator

JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

Alabama officially welcomed former Southern California coach Lane Kiffin as its offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Kiffin returns to the Southeastern Conference after head coaching stints with the NFL's Oakland Raiders, Alabama rival Tennessee and the Trojans. He replaces Doug Nussmeier, who left Alabama for Michigan.

"He is an outstanding and creative offensive coach who has great experience both

at the college and NFL level," coach Nick Saban said in a statement. "He has a very good understanding of the game and I have always been impressed with what I saw in the games he called. He coaches with a great deal of passion and enthusiasm, and also does an excellent job as a teacher."

Kiffin spent a week in Tuscaloosa, Ala., last month exchanging ideas with Saban and his staff and observing Alabama's offense. Now, he's the splashiest hire of Saban's tenure at Alabama, which has won three na-

tional titles in the past five seasons.

The 38-year-old Kiffin was 28-15 in three-plus seasons with USC. He was fired five games into last season from one of college football's marquee jobs.

Kiffin spent six seasons (2001-06) at USC under Pete Carroll as an assistant, including the final two as offensive coordinator. He also called plays during his time as a head coach. He spent the 2009 season at Tennessee, going 7-6 before leaving to replace Carroll.

"We want to thank the University of Alabama and Coach Saban for this tremendous oppor-

tunity, and we feel humbled and honored to be a part of the Crimson Tide family," Kiffin said in a statement. "I've always had the utmost respect for what Coach Saban has done with his programs. Having the unique opportunity to be here last month, I was able to meet some of the great players and the great people in the organization, and I'm very excited to start working with them."

Now, Kiffin is tasked with finding a replacement for quarterback AJ McCarron, the Heisman Trophy runner-up. One potential contender, Alec Morris, posted on his Twitter page "Love it" after the hiring.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Underdog Panthers look to upend 49ers again

STEVE REED
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It doesn't surprise safety Mike Mitchell that the Carolina Panthers are only the third home underdog in the NFL divisional playoffs in the past 20 years.

"We haven't gotten much respect all year," he said. "It looks like we still have people to prove wrong."

The Panthers (12-4) are playing the no-respect card after opening the week as a 1-point underdog against San Francisco (13-4), despite defeating the 49ers 10-9 at Candlestick Park on Nov. 10.

Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith said the 49ers are likely favored because of their playoff experience.

This is the third straight season San Francisco has been to the playoffs under coach Jim Harbaugh, and most of the players have returned from last year's NFC championship team. The Panthers will make their first playoff appearance since 2008 under third-year coach Ron Rivera.

That doesn't seem to bother Rivera.

"No, because two years ago (the 49ers) didn't have any play-



BOB LEVERONE / AP

Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) hurdles New Orleans' David Hawthorne (57) during a game earlier this season in Charlotte, N.C. Newton will lead the underdog Panthers into today's NFC playoff game against San Francisco.

off experience and they did pretty well," Rivera said.

Harbaugh, who was teammates with Rivera with the Chicago Bears, also downplayed the experience factor.

"I've always really felt

that where you're going is a heck of a lot more important than where you've come from," Harbaugh said.

Rivera said the Panthers got some play-off-type experience by winning a number of

big games during the season — they beat New England and New Orleans along with San Francisco — to battle back from a 1-3 start to win the NFC South and secure a first-round bye.

The Panthers sacked Colin Kaepernick six times and limited him to 91 yards passing and 16 yards rushing in the first meeting in a win that defensive end Greg Hardy said "proved we were a contender."

Kaepernick said he's eager to bounce back from perhaps the most disappointing game of his career against Carolina. When asked what the Panthers did that was so effective, he said "I think it was more of what we did to ourselves. I didn't play well."

Being the home underdogs might not be a bad thing for the Panthers.

According to the Glantz-Culver Line, one of the two home divisional playoff underdogs since the 1994 season was the '96 Panthers, who upended the Dallas Cowboys in the very same stadium they'll face the 49ers in today.

Three things to watch between the 49ers and Panthers:

CRABTREE, DAVIS IMPACT

The 49ers lost tight end Vernon Davis to a concussion early in the last meeting with Carolina, while top 2012 wide receiver Michael Crabtree had yet to return from a torn right

Achilles tendon that required surgery in May.

In five regular-season games since his return, Crabtree had 19 receptions for 284 yards and a touchdown — and he caught eight passes for 125 yards in a 23-20 wild-card win at Green Bay last week.

SMITH'S LEFT KNEE

Panthers wide receiver Steve Smith said he will play despite a sprained left knee. Smith returned to practice this week, but isn't sure what to expect when he steps on the field Sunday.

"It's not about can I go, it's about how confident do I feel when I am going? I will play Sunday," Smith said. "But it's how much of that I don't worry about the knee. That's when the confidence increases."

NEWTON'S FIRST

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton has thrived in the national spotlight in college and on big stages like Monday night this season. But this will be the third-year quarterback's first foray into the NFL postseason, so it will be interesting to see how he responds to the pressure.

"It's simply about seizing the moment," Newton said.

No QB has Manning's experience, heartbreak

ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

DENVER — No quarterback has been to the playoffs more than Peyton Manning or experienced more heartache there, either.

Only once in his previous dozen trips to the postseason party has Manning put his fingerprints on the Lombardi Trophy.

His 9-11 postseason record stands in stark contrast to his 167-73 regular season mark and includes eight first-round exits, none more scarring than last year's AFC Divisional round-home loss to Baltimore as the AFC's top seed.

He also lost his first playoff game in Indianapolis as the No. 1 seed after the 2005 season, then bounced back to win it all the next year. Since then, he's won just two of seven playoff games and lost his last three.

The meticulous quarterback renowned for his unrivaled work ethic and painstaking preparation doesn't believe that's because he

grinds too much in January.

"I really don't believe so," Manning said as he prepared for today's showdown between his Denver Broncos (13-3) and the San Diego Chargers (10-7). "I know people — it's easy to summarize, to take a whole bunch of football seasons and lump them together. I personally don't believe in that theory."

Manning set a slew of records this season, including 55 TD passes and 5,447 yards through the air as the Broncos became the highest-scoring team of the Super Bowl era. Five players scored 10 or more touchdowns. No team in history had ever had more than three players accomplish that feat.

Yet for all his records and all his greatness, Manning's fault-finders point to his cold-weather record — it's 4-7 in sub-freezing temperatures at kickoff — and his playoff pratfalls — his 11 losses are tied with Brett Favre for



ED ANDRIESKI / AP

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning (18) throws during practice on Friday at the Broncos' training facility in Englewood, Colo. The Broncos host San Diego today in an AFC playoff game.

most in NFL history — to suggest he won't cap it all off with a championship in the first outdoor Super Bowl in a cold-weather city next month.

Here's the thing about the cold: In many of those games, Manning had the lesser team. That's why he was on the road. And some-

times, he only played a series or two because his team had already clinched its playoff slot, but the loss went next to his name nonetheless.

And in the playoffs, you could point the finger at his supporting cast as much as you could at him, if not more.

If Rahim Moore doesn't make one of the biggest blunders in playoff history last year, Manning would be hailed for his fourth-quarter touchdown toss to beat the Ravens and not lambasted for his interception in overtime. And maybe now he'd be trying to defend a Super

Bowl title instead of seeking atonement.

That scarring defeat has driven Manning for 365 days.

So doggedly determined to rectify that disappointment, Manning at times this season seemed in a hurry just to get back here. The regular season took on an air of being 20 preseason games with the real opener coming today.

Yet, all week, he was relaxed, embracing the pressure of this time of year.

Manning is coming off his best statistical season at age 37, just two years removed from the neck surgeries that weakened his throwing arm but strengthened his resolve.

Yet, no matter how many more years he has left, he knows he won't get many more chances. And so, he's embracing this latest trip to the playoffs and enjoying the journey, relishing his chance to chase redemption and another ring.

Tressel says he has not been contacted by Cleveland

TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jim Tressel has not been contacted by the Browns about their coaching vacancy.

On Thursday, he found a way to reach out to them.

Ohio State's former coach, who remains wildly popular in his home state, told

a Columbus radio station that while he has not had any discussions with the Browns "it doesn't mean that I don't have any interest in the NFL."

Appearing on 97.1 FM, Tressel didn't rule out the possibility that he could be a coaching candidate sometime soon.

The 61-year-old spent 10 seasons at Ohio

State, where he led the Buckeyes to a national title before he was fired for failing to report violations by some players. Tressel is currently a vice president at Akron, but sounded as if he's itching to return to coaching. He's been watching bowl games and the NFL playoffs with keen interest.

Tressel grew up in Berea, where the Browns

train and have their headquarters. A report last week that he would be interviewed by the Browns, who are looking to hire their fourth coach in six years, was quickly shot down.

But as long as the Browns' search continues, Tressel's name will be floated as some Cleveland fans fantasize about the sweater-vested coach taking over

their perennial loser.

Tressel spent one season as a consultant on Indianapolis' coaching staff under Jim Caldwell. He enjoyed and learned from the experience.

The Browns are nearing the end of the second week of their coaching search. They've interviewed at least four known candidates: New England offensive coordinator

Josh McDaniels, Seattle defensive coordinator Dan Quinn, Arizona defensive coordinator Todd Bowles and Green Bay quarterbacks coach Ben McAdoo.

McDaniels removed himself from consideration on Wednesday, and a person familiar with the decision told the AP he did so because he wasn't guaranteed he was the favorite.

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OUR VOICE

District should get serious about water conservation

The latest word on our water supply is hardly news but worth noting nonetheless. The St. Johns River Water Management District is projecting the 18 counties that make up the district — including Lake — will tap out their groundwater supply by 2035. When that happens, other means will have to be found to meet the shortfall that is forecast to be somewhere around 256 million gallons a day.

What is welcome in the district's latest water-supply report is that for the first time officials are talking seriously about the need for conservation measures. Many have long advocated strict conservation measures and widespread water reuse programs similar to those implemented in the Tampa Bay region, where daily per capita water use is about half what it is in the St. Johns district.

Conservation, however, will not be enough, according to the water managers. No, even the best conservation scenario will leave the district, which includes big water users Orlando and Jacksonville, about 40 million gallons short, and probably much more.

So the district is looking at greater use of underground storage facilities, aquifer recharge, brackish groundwater from coastal areas and, of course, surface water, notably the Ocklawaha and St. Johns rivers. Desalination is also mentioned, but it is not an option the district has ever been warm to because of its cost.

Yet, while the district will seek public input on the water supply plan in the coming weeks, we would encourage water managers to strive to implement a serious, long-term conservation program. Water storage and aquifer recharge are also methods that are environmentally and consumer friendly.

Tapping into our surface waters, though, should be a last resort. Because it is easy and relatively cheap, however, it tends to be the first resort. And make no mistake, with 1,000 lakes in Lake County and a first-magnitude spring, desperate coastal counties will look inland toward us to slake their thirst.

We are pleased the St. Johns district is addressing this problem. As we said at the outset, this is hardly a new reality — water experts and environmentalists, indeed everyday Floridians, have been warning about our growing population draining our water supply for more than a generation.

We urge St. Johns officials to keep their eye on the ball and start addressing the problem by implementing a conservation program that all citizens can contribute to. That is the place to start.

We also urge citizens to attend a meeting of the area's legislative delegation Jan. 30 in Tavares, where our lawmakers will begin to hatch plans for dealing with the state's looming water crisis.

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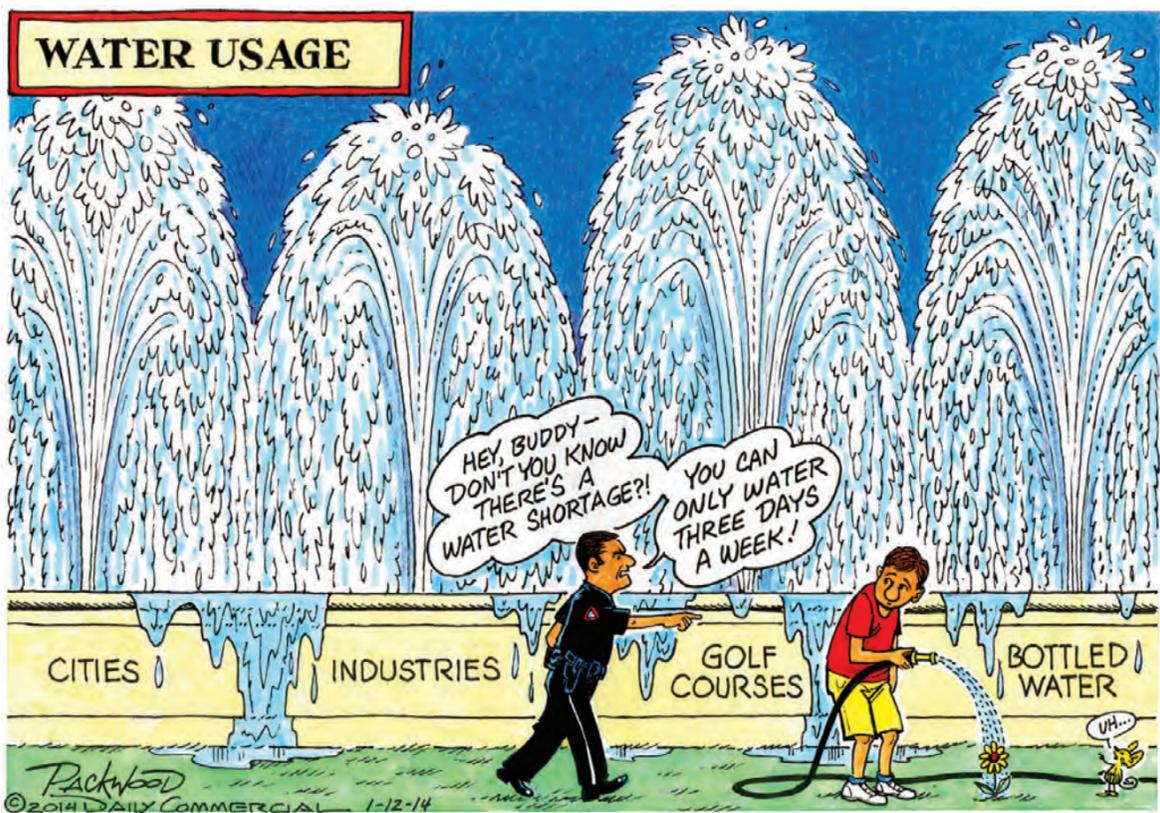
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Niagara Bottling contract doesn't make sense

You had an article about depletion of Florida's underground aquifers not too long ago and how we should try to have drought-resistant yards and plants.

Then I saw in the Dec. 18 paper that the governing board of the St. Johns River Water Management District wants to approve a 20-year contract for Niagara Bottling Co. to take even more water from our aquifer. This just does not make sense to me.

How can a few people make that decision that affects all Floridians? Are they getting paid off to approve a foolish request such as this? I say no decision that important should be decided by a few people. It should go to the people of Florida for a vote so we know that not one person is profiting by this request.

Bottled water should be banned. Tap water should be pure enough for every person in the U.S. to drink and tote with them.

CAROLE RIETZEL | Leesburg

YOUR VOICES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Democrats understand that we have choices

Democrats are free from the control of the minority tea party and the top one percent of the wealthy when working to help their fellow citizens. They don't blindly follow the directives of their most radical members. They understand that international diplomacy and sanctions can be successful in changing the behavior of our enemies instead of borrowing billions of dollars from the Chinese and sending our fellow citizens into a war of choice resulting in a huge cost of lives, limbs, mental health and treasury which will be a drain on our society for decades as we rightly spend to provide our veterans with the assistance they deserve over the decades ahead.

Democrats understand that we as a nation have choices regarding how well we compete against rising economic powers like China. We can choose to invest in education or not. We can choose to regulate business or to allow greed and unpatriotic behavior to turn our economy into shambles which thrust us into the last recession from which we are continually recovering.

Democrats understand that neither big government nor small government should be pursued as an end unto itself, but is the result of the programs the country needs and wants to provide for all its citizens so they can pursue

health, wealth and happiness.

So we have regulations on food imports, food production and controls on drugs. We have federal agencies that work to ensure safeguards for us. We have a department of defense that protects us. We provide minimum safety nets to our citizens in education, social security and medicare, yet we trail other countries on all of these measures.

Cutting taxes and decreasing regulations will not help us improve the quality of life and future security of our children and the Democrats understand this. Democrats work to improve citizens' lives not just to reduce taxes for the wealthy while allowing the neediest among us to suffer. Just look at how our Republican governor has refused federal medicare funds which has lost Floridians billions of dollars. Twenty percent of Floridians have no health insurance, while less than 5 percent of Massachusetts residents have no health insurance. Is this a fundamental of Republican conservatism of which we should be proud?

Another great reason to vote Democrat is to wake up the good Republicans and to rid our Republican party of the fanatic fringe element that has become so powerful.

Many of us Republicans are embarrassed by the behavior of our elected Republicans and want to return to Eisenhower Republicanism.

ELTON FOWLER | Tavares

Why do we have a Federal Reserve?

Why do we have a Federal Reserve? Answer: So those politicians who want to run this country as a dictatorship can do so.

If we the people stopped paying taxes and the currency was backed by gold and silver, we could bring the country to a standstill until the laws were changed to our satisfaction.

This would be a democracy of the people that pays this country's debts. Instead we have paper federal reserve. The politicians can print more to replace those the taxpaying citizens hoard in an attempt to control the independent and dictatorial government.

The only reason to collect taxes today is to keep the citizens weak, since wealth is power. Through taxes, the government has the power to audit your finances and make sure you are not spending money building an army of insurrection to deprive them of their dictatorial powers over you.

The Treasury Department has trillions of dollars printed and warehoused. These are held ready to turn loose instantly. Until we get currency backed by gold we are at the mercy of dictators. The feuding between parties is an act following a script. Why else do you think we don't have new parties starting up? The tea party is run by the Republicans following their script. The old good guy, bad guy game.

VERNON HALL | Umatilla

Voices

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OTHERVOICES

A possible new assignment for the NSA in 2014

In 2013, we learned for the first time about the massive accumulation of telephone data gathered by our National Security Agency (NSA) on U.S. citizens. Recently, Federal Judge Richard J. Leon ruled the NSA had overstepped its authority under our Constitution. I'm sure that this ruling will wind up before the Supreme Court. In the meantime, I have some suggestions for new NSA assignments that could save and protect billions of U.S. tax dollars.

ASSIGNMENT 1: Find out why the IRS sent 655 refund checks to one single address in Kaunas, Lithuania and 343 more checks to a single address in Shanghai, China. Thousands more po-



RUSS SLOAN

GUEST COLUMNIST

tentially fraudulent checks went to places in Bulgaria, Ireland and Canada.

ASSIGNMENT 2: The U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Taxation said there were probably 1.5 million fraudulent refund checks sent out worth \$3.2 million. Go get 'em NSA.

ASSIGNMENT 3: Medicare paid out \$23 million to dead people, and Social Security paid out \$31 million more to dead people. Gives a new meaning to the term "death benefits."

ASSIGNMENT 4: Over a recent five year period, federal worker benefits

were paid out to the tune of \$600 million to undeserving recipients. A son received his father's benefit checks for 37 years after his dad's death, totaling \$515,000. Yes, 37 years.

ASSIGNMENT 5: There were 89,000 stimulus checks sent to people who were either dead or in prison. Question for NSA: Who got them and what was done about it?

ASSIGNMENT 6: Food stamp fraud, which is a multi-million dollar problem, needs to be corrected. Just one small mom-and-pop convenience store in Palm Beach County ripped off the taxpayers \$2.8 million over four years.

The list could go on and on and on.

Between the IRS and the NSA, we have bil-

ions of dollars invested. Do you think that within the IRS there would be some basic screening program that might catch 655 refund checks going to one address in Lithuania and 343 more to China? With all the computer and monitoring power within the NSA, surely they could determine who is deserving, fraudulent, dead, alive or in prison and collecting unemployment checks.

I'm all for using our technical capabilities to ensure national security under our constitutional authority. But history has shown us that sometimes we cannot even recognize basic questionable behavior. Lee Harvey Oswald, President Kennedy's assassin, was known by our FBI to

be an avowed communist, who had gone to the Soviet Union, married a Russian girl and returned to the U.S., where he openly championed Castro in Cuba. Yet on November 22, 1963 Oswald was not under the watchful eye of the FBI — or anyone else — in Dallas and murdered the president.

The 9/11 terrorists who took flying lessons in the U.S. seemed only interested in flying the plane but not in landing. Yet no bells went off. More recently, Army Major Nidal Hasan murdered 30 fellow soldiers after clearly showing a history of his disdain for America and our military efforts. Not only was his behavior ignored, he was tolerated

and promoted.

We have created such a gigantic federal bureaucratic monster that we waste billions of tax dollars sending money to people who are dead, ineligible and/or undeserving. Yes, NSA may need to redirect some of its snooping efforts. Instead of tracking our citizens' phone calls, maybe they could use some of their billion-dollar technical capability to help prevent the fraud and abuse in the IRS, Social Security, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits and disability payments under Social Security.

Surely, if we can track the calls of 300 million phones, we can determine who is dead, alive or in prison.

OTHERVOICES

Flu is no joke — get a shot

Health officials say it appears similar to the one that ran rampant in 2009. In the 2009-10 flu season, 284,000 people died from swine flu worldwide.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that the flu is in full swing in many parts of the country. The latest CDC figures from the final week of 2013 show significant flu activity in 25 states, especially in the bigger ones such as New York, Texas and Illinois.

Classic flu symptoms include aching body, fever, headache, sore throat, nasal congestion, runny nose and extreme sneezing. But anyone who has been afflicted with this particular strain of flu knows that each of those symptoms, which may sound like a common cold, manifest in exceptionally aggressive and uncomfortable ways. And did we mention they can kill?

During the 2009 outbreak, many people did not get a flu shot because of a shortage of vaccine. But vaccine is plentiful this year, and it's available not only at hospitals and clinics but at many pharmacies and even grocery stores. There is no good reason not to get a shot.

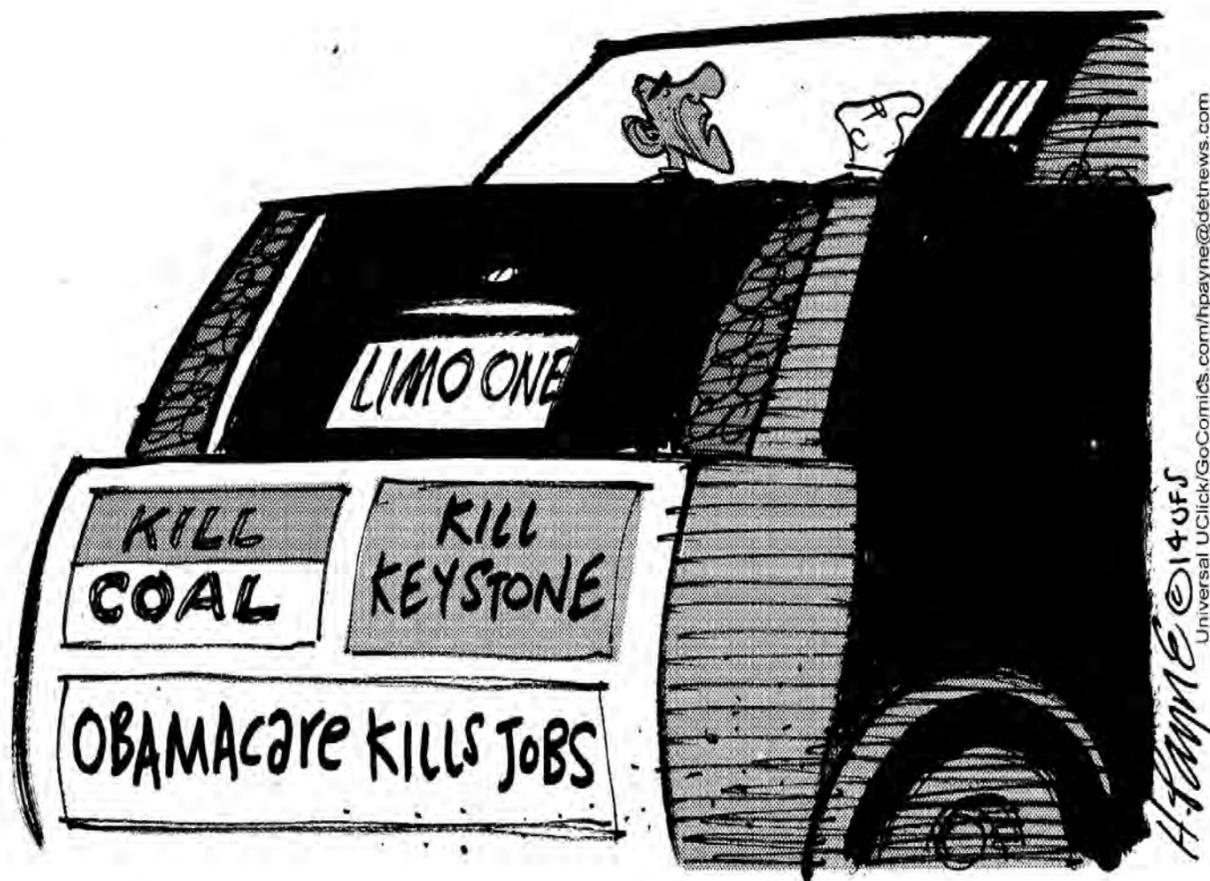
At particular risk are older adults, children under 5 and anyone who has heart or lung disease, diabetes, asthma or who may be pregnant.

The CDC advises everyone to get a flu shot each year and take additional preventive action by washing hands and avoiding contact with sick people. But it's important to know the signs of the flu and treat them immediately. See a doctor and take all the medication prescribed.

And don't even think about treating this flu as something to "power through." It is neither heroic nor admirable to show up at work or school with it. It is stupid for you and inconsiderate of others.

This is all common sense, but it's amazing how widely it's ignored from year to year. So we're trying again. Get a shot.

At particular risk are older adults, children under 5 and anyone who has heart or lung disease, diabetes, asthma or who may be pregnant.



"How can I kill jobs if the GOP kills unemployment insurance?"

OTHERVOICES

Quit the obstructionism in Congress

My wish for the American people is that we take back our government, not from our centrist president who has accomplished much — expanding health care for millions; 7.8 million private sector jobs (in 44 months); real GDP growth and a deficit that is growing at half (4.1 percent) what it was when he took office in 2009. Instead, we need to take our government back from the obstructionism of the Republican-controlled House and the filibustering Senate.

This country needs Congress to get to work. Stop trying to run our government based on austerity measures that have never worked. Start working to raise people out of poverty. We need job growth which cuts unemployment and its costs, food stamps (SNAP) and financial assistance (TANF). Raise

the minimum wage. This puts more money into the economy (employers paying a fair wage, means less government assistance). Improve and update our infrastructure and transportation (high speed Internet and rail) this will bring economic growth to small and large businesses. Expand grants and energy credits for renewable energy, which stops the damage to our environment (climate change is a fact and humans are almost entirely the cause). Stop draining billions of dollars from our economy for foreign oil.

Stop welfare for the richest corporations and close loopholes in the tax code that allow them to avoid taxes with offshore accounts. Cut unnecessary and excessive defense spending. Expand, don't cut, Social Security and Medicare retirement programs paid for by workers that keep mil-

lions of seniors out of poverty. Work to improve the Affordable Healthcare Act. Stop voting to repeal; it's a waste of time.

Respect women's rights to abortion and birth control. These are personal decisions not to be made by politicians.

Stop trying to turn our country into a theocracy, we are a democracy that respects all beliefs or none and does not advocate for any religion.

Improve our public education system by using the input of teachers, paying them a living wage and showing them the respect they deserve. Stop draining dollars from public education for unnecessary expensive testing, vouchers and private, for-profit charter schools. These programs have proven to be ineffective. They do not benefit students of lower income or improve test scores.

Protect consumers

from Wall Street's abuses. Strengthen and fund the EPA and FDA. We need clean air, water, safe food and drugs. Strengthen the voters' rights laws. We should not be making it more difficult for people to vote. We have no measurable voter fraud, so why would we make people furnish a government ID, often at great expense? It makes us look like a communist country. We need comprehensive immigration reform and common sense gun control laws.

This is just a partial list of work that the House Republicans should be doing instead of shutting down the government at the cost of \$24 billion to our economy. So, instead of taking another vacation on the taxpayers' dollar, let's see Congress get to work. If not, let's send them home for good in 2014.

Kathy Weaver lives in Clermont.

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| ACROSS | 45 Early Coleco hand-held game | 112 Classic gaming inits. | 12 Tony the Twin |
| 1 The "who" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant | 53 The Palins, e.g. | 113 Middle of the accusation | 13 More anomalous |
| 8 "Most _____" ("For sure") | 55 Musical notation | 118 Expressing | 14 Its seal has an anchor and a moose |
| 11 The "where" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant | 56 _____ bleu | 121 Feature of a baseball shutout | 15 Prehistoric menace |
| 15 Not skilled in | 57 Tad | 122 Sainted archbishop of Canterbury who founded Scholasticism | 16 Noughts-and-crosses loser |
| 21 What you can bring up, in a phrase | 58 Motor coach | 123 Phone abbr. | 17 Have a thought |
| 22 Photo lab abbr. | 62 To boot | 126 Friend of Franco | 18 "Cool it!" |
| 23 "M*A*S*H" star | 64 Lay off | 127 What Lou Gehrig played | 19 Cub Scouts leader |
| 24 Midwest capital | 65 MGM symbol | 132 1939 Garland co-star | 20 Cries of pride |
| 25 George's mother on "Seinfeld" | 66 Orbit competitor | 133 Home-body? | 30 It may contain aspartame |
| 26 Luau dish | 67 Bloody Mary stirrer | 135 End of the accusation | 32 Starting point? |
| 27 Part of Caesar's boast | 68 Others, to Ovid | 137 Author Kingsley or Martin | 34 Genial |
| 28 Thrown out of the country | 69 Make a boner | 138 Actor Richard | 35 Not so smooth, maybe |
| 29 Got logged off, in a way | 70 Colorful bird | 139 "So that's _____?" | 36 An ace is a good one |
| 31 Textile tool | 71 "Bam!" man | 140 1990s-2000s Volkswagen vehicle | 39 Completely, after "in" |
| 33 "The Lion King" queen | 72 Advance | 141 2010 film "_____ Men" | 41 Major part of a tooth |
| 34 Blows one's mind | 73 The "what" of a Clue accusation, whose identity is hinted at by the three shaded answers in this quadrant | 142 Greeted the villain | 44 Bush who wrote "Spoken From the Heart" |
| 37 Ain't right? | 79 Saturnalia | 143 Want | 45 _____ to the finish |
| 38 Southern terminus of I-35 | 83 Thing in doubt? | 144 Director Mack of early slapstick | 46 "I don't care what they do" |
| 40 Pyrexia | 90 Conned | | 47 Basket fiber |
| 41 Unfrost | 93 Wrestling star Lou | | 48 It's a knockout |
| 42 Old Tokyo | 94 Opening for a dermatologist? | | 49 Ordeal |
| 43 Go pfft | 95 Running wild | | 50 Confound |
| 44 Varsity award | 96 Jungian complex | | 51 Farrell or Firth |
| | 97 Bordeaux wine | DOWN | 52 Work, as clay |
| | 98 Some Ivy Leaguers | 1 Chateau _____ Michelle _____ | 53 Actor William |
| | 99 Start of the accusation | 2 Hesitant sounds | 54 Entreat |
| | 101 Untouched? | 3 Fixed | 59 Entreat |
| | 102 _____ girl | 4 Ballpark fare | 60 French article |
| | 104 Firm group: Abbr. | 5 More elusive | 61 Bering _____: Abbr. |
| | 105 Tennis's Petrova | 6 Appeases | 63 Mr. Onassis |
| | 106 Like some football teams | 7 Coat rack | 73 W.W. II group |
| | 108 Fringe | 8 A.T.M. offering | 74 "_____ Enchanted" |
| | 109 _____-Cat | 9 Formally declare | 75 Captain's last order |
| | 111 Makeshift ballot box | 10 Move like a butterfly | 76 "Gay" city |
| | | 11 Become entwined | 77 Pepsi brand |
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| 79 Some German cars | 89 Antony's player in "Julius Caesar," 1953 | 109 Having no direction, in math | 120 Slangy denials |
| 80 Cartoon clubs | 90 Repressed | 110 Generic | 124 Coastal raptor |
| 81 React to a loss | 91 Inevitability of life | 113 Sort of | 125 Scanned |
| 82 "Uh-huh, definitely" | 92 Result of 91-Down, maybe | 114 In _____ Patris (prayer words) | 127 Bit of office greenery |
| 83 "Brave New World" drug | 100 Sauce brand | 115 King in "The Little Mermaid" | 128 Unyielding |
| 84 Part of U.S.: Abbr. | 103 Years abroad | 116 Grant for filmmaking? | 129 Go all over |
| 85 Endure | 107 Coke, for one | 117 Cybermemos | 130 Tiff |
| 86 E-commerce site | 108 High rails | 119 Recto's flip side | 131 Backpack item |
| 87 Crime buster Eliot | | | 134 Dr.'s order |
| 88 Tic _____ (candy) | | | 136 Cry's partner |

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003 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

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Clermont, FL 34711
Date: January 24, 2014
Time: 11:30 AM

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Elaine Richards #116

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

Case No.:2008-CA-000849

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATE SERIES 2005-HE8 Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MATHIS A/K/A WILLIAM MATHIS, DECEASED; PALISADES COLLECTION LLC, ASSIGNEE OF BANK ONE; ANNA CHRISTINE MATHIS; KEITH E. STRICKLAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM E. MATHIS A/K/A WILLIAM MATHIS, DECEASED; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Foreclosure dated the 11 day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. 2008-CA-000849, of the Circuit Court of the 5TH Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATE SERIES 2005-HE8 is the Plaintiff and UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MATHIS A/K/A WILLIAM MATHIS, DECEASED; PALISADES COLLECTION LLC, ASSIGNEE OF BANK ONE; ANNA CHRISTINE MATHIS; KEITH E. STRICKLAN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF WILLIAM E. MATHIS A/K/A WILLIAM MATHIS, DECEASED; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE AS UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 550 W. MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FL 32778 11:00 AM on the 12 day of February, 2014 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

THE SOUTH 14.5 FEET TO THE LOT 9, ALL OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 18, EAST UMATILLA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGES 87 THROUGH 98, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY FLORIDA

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Dated this 13 day of DECEMBER, 2013



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NEIL KELLY
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
By:/s/HOLEWINSKI
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Clermont, FL 34711
Date: January 24, 2014
Time: 10:00 AM

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Unit# 1212
Tracy McConnell

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

Case No.:2011 CA 3190

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

MARSHA L. SMITH; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARSHA L. SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Foreclosure dated the 10 day of December, 2013, and entered in Case No. .2011 CA 3190, of the Circuit Court of the 5TH Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SYSTEM FLORIDA, INC. is the Plaintiff and MARSHA L. SMITH; WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARSHA L. SMITH; UNKNOWN TENANT(S); IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, are defendants. The Clerk of this Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, THE LOBBY ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 550 W. MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FL 32778 11:00 AM on the 12 day of February, 2014 the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 11, CRICKET LAKE VILLAGE, SECOND ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 30, PAGE 66, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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

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Dated this 13 day of DECEMBER, 2013

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

CASE NO.:2013 CA 000786

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

JACQUES A. PHAETON, et al. Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated DECEMBER 17, 2013, entered in Civil Case No.: 2013 CA 000786 of the 5th Judicial Circuit in Tavares, Lake County, Florida, Neil Kelly Clerk of Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main St., FIRST FLOOR LOBBY NEAR INFORMATION DESK, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 A.M. EST on the 12 day of FEBRUARY, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

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

Dated this 23 day of DECEMBER 2013.

Neil Kelly
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Ad No.:00423129
January 12 & 19, 2014

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

CASE NO. 2013CA002511

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff,

v.

HARRY G. SEAKULES A/K/A HARRY SEAKULES, ET AL. Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: HARRY G. SEAKULES A/K/A HARRY SEAKULES; JOAN C. SEAKULES AKA JOAN SEAKULES; and all unknown parties claiming by, through, under or against the above named Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, whether said unknown parties claim as heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, spouses, or other claimants

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LOT 55, VENETIAN VILLAGE FOURTH ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGES 21, 22 AND 23, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on DOUGLAS C. ZAHM, P.A., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 12425 28th Street North, Suite 200, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, on or before or within thirty (30) days after the first publication of this Notice of Action, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 550 West Main Street, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778, either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint petition.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Court on this 4 day of DECEMBER, 2013.

Neil Kelly
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: /s/R.SLAGLE
Deputy Clerk

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Ad No.:00423077
January 12 & 19, 2014

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

CASE NO.:2012-CA-000966

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA Plaintiff,

VS.

STEVE MADAN; et al., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: Melody Martinez
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Dated on DECEMBER 4, 2013.

NEIL KELLY
As Clerk of the Court
By:/S/D.LATOURELLE
As Deputy Clerk

Ad No.00423079
January 12 & 19, 2014

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

CASE NO.: 2010 CA 003207

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES P. PENDERGRASS , et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Rescheduling Foreclosure Sale dated January 7, 2014, 2014 and entered in Case NO. 2010 CA 003207 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE County, Florida wherein BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P. F/K/A COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., is the Plaintiff and CHARLES P. PENDERGRASS; MELISSA R. PENDERGRASS; EAGLE DUNES HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 550 WEST MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FLORIDA 32778 at 11:00AM, on the 12 day of February, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 33, BLOCK A, SORRENTO HILLS PHASES 1 & 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 48, PAGE(S) 4 THROUGH 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A 34139 FORTUNADO ST, MOUNT PLYMOUTH, FL 32776

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

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 9, 2014.

Neil Kelly
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By:/s/D.NEAL
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Ad No.00423174
January 12 & 19, 2014

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

CASE NO.: 11-CA-000034

DIVISION:
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-5AR, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANDREW M. DIXON A/K/A ANDREW DIXON , et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated January 07, 2014 and entered in Case No. 11-CA-000034 of the Circuit Court of the FIFTH Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE OF MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-5AR is the Plaintiff and ANDREW M. DIXON A/K/A ANDREW DIXON; KIM M DIXON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; are the Defendants. The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 550 WEST MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FLORIDA 32778 at 11:00AM, on the 13 day of March, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

TRACT 3C:

THAT PART OF THE EAST 3/4 OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 18 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF AFORESAID SECTION 2, RUN NORTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST-WEST MID-SECTION LINE 1246.58 FEET TO THE EXISTING CENTERLINE OF KEENE ROAD (DIST. 5-8165); THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST 2028.93 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH THE EXISTING CENTERLINE OF COUNTY LINE ROAD (DIST. 5-8161); THENCE ALONG SAID CENTERLINE OF COUNTY LINE ROAD RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 1197.68 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A CURVE CONCAVE NORTHEASTERLY AND HAVING A RADIUS OF 387.22 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTHWESTERLY 222.18 FEET ALONG THE ARC THEREOF THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 32 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS TO THE END OF SAID CURVE; THENCE RUN NORTH 57 DEGREES 24 MINUTES 14 SECONDS WEST 604.99 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID CENTERLINE RUN SOUTH 01 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 354.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN SOUTH 88 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 1730.95 FEET TO A POINT THAT IS 250.00 FEET (BY PERPENDICULAR MEASUREMENT) NORTH OF THE EAST-WEST MID SECTION LINE; THENCE PARALLEL WITH SAID MID-SECTION LINE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 29 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 200.07 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 1736.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on January 8, 2014.

Neil Kelly
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By:/s/S.HOLEWINSKI
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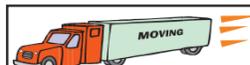
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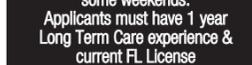
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Macy's cutting 2,500 jobs in reorganization

ANNE D'INNOENZIO
AP Retail writer

NEW YORK — Macy's Inc. is cutting 2,500 jobs as part of a reorganization to sustain its profitability.

Shares rose 5.5 percent in after-hours trading Wednesday.

The announcement comes on the heels of a strong holiday shopping season for the department store chain, which also runs the higher-end Bloomingdale's chain.

Macy's said the moves will save it \$100 million per year

and forecast a 2014 profit above Wall Street's forecasts.

Macy's has been a standout among its peers throughout the economic recovery and has reaped the benefits of its strategy of tailoring merchandise to local markets. But like other merchants, Macy's is grappling with a still cautious shopper. It's also trying to respond to shoppers' shift toward buying and research on their PCs and mobile devices like smart phones.

While Macy's will cut jobs, it

is also planning to reassign or transfer some workers. It's also adding positions related to online shopping, a growing area for the company, and warehouses. That will leave its workforce level at about 175,000.

The Cincinnati-based company plans to close five stores and open eight others, leaving it with 844 stores nationwide once the changes are complete.

It's also shifting merchandising responsibilities for "soft home categories" like sheets

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AP PHOTO

Fitbug Orb activity trackers are worn by an exhibit representative during the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

Few 'wearables' balance fashion and function

PETER SVENSSON
AP Technology Writer

LAS VEGAS — Gadget lovers are slipping on fitness bands that track movement and buckling on smartwatches that let them check phone messages.

Some brave souls are even donning Google's geeky-looking Glass eyewear.

For the technology industry, this is exciting time, but also a

risky one. No one really knows whether the average consumer can be enticed to make gadgets part of their everyday attire.

The question is: Can tech companies create wearables with the right mix of function and fashion?

Wearable computing devices are igniting an explosion of hope and creativity

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How to get ahead with a short resume

TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hey twentysomethings, dreaming of trading in the safety of a regular paycheck to start your own business? There's no secret sauce. Instead, founders of three companies have obvious tips: Work hard, network and ask for help.

Chicago venture

capitalist Bruce Barron, who has invested in companies including food ordering service GrubHub and pet products website dogyloot seconds that. He counsels young entrepreneurs to be open to advice. Some young company owners "wanted us to write a check and just get out of the way. Those

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AP PHOTO

In this undated photo provided by Homejoy, Adora Cheung and Aaron Cheung, siblings and founders of cleaning service Homejoy pose for a photo.



BRETT LE BLANC / DAILY COMMERCIAL

David Willis makes a cup of coffee at his business Mount Dora Coffee House and Bistro in Mount Dora on Thursday.

MOUNT DORA

Former 'Idol' contestant enjoys running local bistro

RICK REED
Special to The Daily Commercial

What will David Willis do for an encore after this season's run on TV's "American Idol?"

Last year, he and his wife Olivia opened the Mount Dora Coffee House & Bistro after buying and renovating a downtown coffee shop at 342 Dora Drawdy Way.

This year, while the talented performer still pursues a music career he now has a successful, growing business.

Mount Dora Coffee House & Bistro is a popular place to hang out, drink some good coffee or other beverage, eat a

"We provide a cool, groovy place that provides a sense that's warm and cozy. If customers walk out of here with that feeling, it's worth every day, every dollar, every minute of sleep lost."

David Willis

meal or sweet and often listen to live entertainment.

"Thing is, this is going better than I had hoped, but harder than I had planned," said Willis. "We provide a cool, groovy place that provides a sense that's warm and cozy. If customers walk out of here with that feeling, it's worth every

day, every dollar, every minute of sleep lost."

After last year's remarkable run on the singing competition series, where Willis made it to the lightning round, David and Olivia were trying to decide their next step. They were considering moving to California to follow a music career.

But they happened upon the closed coffee shop while looking for an apartment in downtown Mount Dora.

Apparently music isn't the only thing they have coursing through their veins. Both had worked as baristas in local coffee shops during high school.

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Skimping on name can land small businesses in trouble

VIRGINIA BRIDGES
The News & Observer

In the beginning, the partners of Chubby's Tacos made long lists of potential business names.

They thought about a casual Mexican restaurant mixed with something tropical, like Tiki Tacos. Then they did a Web search, only to find the domain name already in use.

"We weren't getting anywhere with it," said owner Jody Lytton, who went on to open Chubby's with then-partner Tony Sustaita.

Then one night, the two went out drinking and

played a game that generated potential adult film star names by combining the name of their first pet with the name of the street where they grew up.

In the game, Sustaita's name was Chubby Herrera. So he said they should name their Mexican eatery Chubby Herrera's Taqueria. But Lytton said he could barely get that out of his mouth.

"I was, like, 'What about Chubby's Tacos?'" Lytton said.

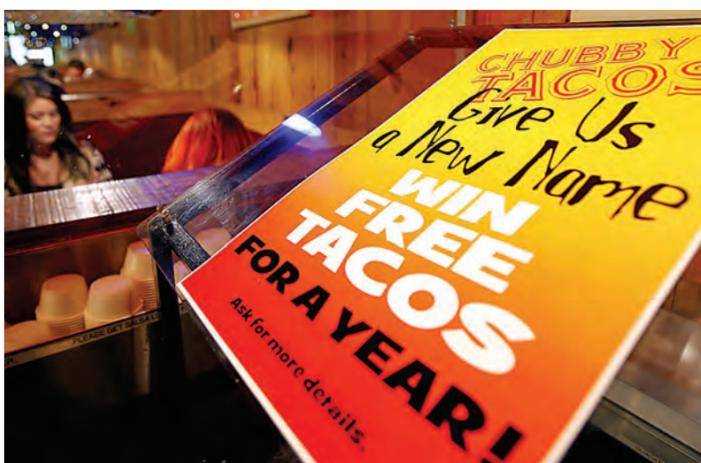
With that name, a restaurant chain was born in Durham, N.C., on Cinco de Mayo 2008. But unfortunately for Lytton, now

the sole owner, the company was built on a borrowed brand.

Six years later, Lytton is paying the price for using a name legally claimed by another business. His out-of-state expansion aspirations are now limited, and he's at risk of a lawsuit. So Lytton's 2014 plans include renaming and rebranding the business, which has four locations in North Carolina and a fifth in the works.

Todd Coats, chief creative officer for Capstrat, a marketing and public relations agency in Raleigh, N.C., said small-business owners

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COREY LOWENSTEIN / RALEIGH NEWS & OBSERVER

A sign on the salsa bar promotes the new naming contest for the Chubby's Tacos Mexican restaurants at one of the locations in Raleigh, N.C. The restaurant's owner wants to franchise his business but must look at changing the name as a different business has the name licensed in another state.

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And opening a coffee shop has also been a dream.

"We purchased it on May 1 and opened on June 1," said Willis. "We did 75 percent of the renovation. Literally, we began working the night we bought it and, for the next 30 days, we've been here ever since."

Mount Dora Coffee House & Bistro is open from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day but Sunday, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with their coffee house drinks and sweets.

"We really enjoy what we do here," said Willis. "We have a sense of community and share it with everyone — not just our cuisine and drinks, but we share in the community."

Entertainment is a big part of their success.

"We have live music most nights," Willis said. "The best way to put it, on any given night you can find live entertainment at the Bistro, either open mike, poetry, or acoustic musicians. We keep a strong emphasis on entertainment."

Of course the community also loves the

edible items on the menu.

"Barrett's Carrot Cake flies out of here," said Willis.

The carrot cake is named after his father-in-law, Barrett Hand, and it comes from a tried-and-true family recipe. In fact, the carrot cake is baked by Priscilla Hand, his mother-in-law, and her sister, Maggie Hayes.

David also lends a hand in the kitchen, along with Olivia, doing whatever is necessary.

"But our morning crew is really good and we usually don't have to come in before noon," he said.

His favorite item on the menu is Pappa Willis's Southern Breakfast Bowl, which is home-style grits, Vermont cheddar cheese, scrambled eggs and crumbled hickory smoked bacon.

"It's a warm comforting breakfast meal," Willis said. "When I was growing up, we had a 10-bedroom inn for single mothers, foster kids, you name it. So from a very early age I was cooking. And I never knew how many people were in each room, at least 15 a night for dinner. And I was trying to please everyone's tastes."

Their coffee beans



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ABOVE: The interior of the Mount Dora Coffee House and Bistro is shown. **RIGHT:** A cup of coffee sits on a table at the shop.

are ordered fresh every week from Groveland's Golden Hills Coffee Roasters.

Other breakfast hits include pancakes with berries, hash-brown-crust quiche Lorraine and an old favorite, cinnamon French toast.

Lunch includes homemade soup, sandwiches, paninis and salads. And there is a dinner menu as well.

"We have a number of sandwiches we



rotate and some set items," Willis said. "We consider ourselves foodies. And we like to share with friends and family."

One of the things he can't share is what's happening with this season's show. American Idol has been popu-

lar and topping viewership consistently since its inception in 2002.

"I'll be working and they come by and ask about the previous season and to get clues about this season," Willis said. "I'm limited about what I can share, what I'm legally

allowed to say."

The new season begins airing Jan. 15-16. Willis auditioned in Detroit because he wasn't able to get to Atlanta and his audition will air the following week.

"The only thing I can say is tune in Jan. 15 and 16," he said. "I say that with a smile."

There are plenty of smiles to go around, before or after you sample the menu.

Mount Dora Coffee House & Bistro is at 342 Dora Drawdy Way and is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For information, call 352-385-1781 or visit them on Facebook.

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should not short-change the process of coming up with an effective and appropriate moniker.

There are billions

of business names already in existence, Coats said, so owners should start by listing hundreds of options.

"This is a quantity game, more than anything else in the beginning," Coats said. Coats will generate names by

mashing up words, trying different variations, prefixes and suffixes.

Owners should consider their intended audience, Coats said, and what they will tolerate.

"Knowing the tolerance of how descriptive it needs to be, and

how much leeway you have in the presentation of that will help to determine the vastness of the long list that you are creating," he said.

A younger audience may be more willing to accept irreverent names, Coats said. But with some products or services, such as hotels, descriptive titles or established brands might be more effective.

Marketing budget is also a consideration, as obscure or made-up names might require a campaign to give it meaning, Coats said.

Small-business owners can narrow their list by asking themselves which names are the most memorable and tell the story of their brand.

"If you sing them out, do they roll off of your tongue, or do they clang around in your mouth?" Coats said.

Owners should search the Internet for similar names and negative connotations, and explore registered names on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office website.

Once small-business owners identify a viable name, they should consider filing an application for a trademark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, said Justin Nifong, a patent and in-

tellectual property attorney and managing partner with NK Patent Law in Durham, N.C.

A trademark includes names or symbols used to distinguish the source of goods and services. Typically, a trademark is the name of a business, but logos and slogans also qualify. For example, Nike registered its swoosh, and Chick-fil-A registered "Eat mor chikin."

Federal registration isn't mandatory and requires a current or future intention for interstate commerce, but has several advantages over common law trademark registration or registration with the state, Nifong said. Benefits of federal registration include an owner's claim to a mark in a national database, which could deter other businesses from using it, and a legal presumption of ownership in all U.S. states and territories.

Common law trademark rights can be attached to an in-use business name, but the protection is limited to geographic areas in which the company is operating, Nifong said.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office will allow companies to register similar marks if their services are clearly different, Nifong said. Delta, for example, is a

brand associated with both an airline and bath and kitchen faucets. But the federal application process seeks to prevent similar products or services from having brands with similar names that could confuse the consumer.

Early on, Lytton did some Internet research on the name Chubby's. He found restaurants with the name El Chubby's and The Original Chubby's in Colorado.

Lytton told himself that no one would confuse those with Chubby's Tacos in North Carolina.

Now, Lytton is planning to open another restaurant in Cary, N.C., while establishing consistent systems for franchising. Last year, Lytton reached out to Nifong to see whether he could move forward under Chubby's.

He couldn't, however, because El Chubby's had claimed the federal trademark registration.

In this case, Nifong said, Chubby's is the dominant word and consideration. Words such as "original" and "tacos" are descriptive and generally have less weight in the trademark consideration process.

If Lytton wants to move forward with any out-of-state expansion, he has to change his name and his brand.

"We are probably OK as long as we stay in North Carolina, but if we start expanding, the (Colorado restaurant) with the rights to Chubby's would probably come smack us around," Lytton said.

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The Panasonic HX-A100 wearable wi-fi camera sits on display at the International Consumer Electronics Show.

GADGETS

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that's engaged both startups and big companies including Samsung, Sony, LG and others. At the International Consumer Electronics Show this week, companies are showing off hundreds of new watches, wristbands and eyeglasses with built-in video screens or cameras.

The industry is encouraged by the attention Google's Glass is getting. The device is worn like a pair of glasses and projects a small video screen into the wearer's field of vision. Companies are also encouraged by the success — albeit on a small scale — of the Pebble and Samsung Galaxy Gear smartwatches.

Intel Corp., the world's largest maker of computer processors, is on the wearable computing bandwagon, too. Its CEO, Brian Krzanich, demonstrated a onesie that can measure a baby's temperature, pulse and breathing rate. It sends a wireless signal to a parent's "smart" coffee cup, which shows a smiley face in lights if the baby is sleeping well and a worried face if the child is too hot or close to waking up. The outfit can also send a signal to a smart bottle warmer, so it can be ready with warm formula when the baby wakes.

"We want to make everything smart," Krzanich said, showing off the brains of the onesie — a computer the size of a stamp.

The smart onesie is one example of the many gadgets at the show that are designed to demonstrate what technology can do. What's less clear is whether they tackle real problems, and improve life so much that people will care to buy them.

The wearables industry is haunted by an earlier false start: Bluetooth headsets, which were commonplace a few years ago, fell out of favor. The shift away from phone calls and towards texting was one factor, but many say it simply became uncool to walk around in public with a listening device protruding from one's ear.

It's easier to convince consumers to wear gadgets on their wrists, and that's where most of the industry's energy is focused.

"The wrist is one of the few places where it's socially acceptable and technologically feasible to wear a gadget," says David Rosales, the chief technology officer of Meta Watch Ltd., a spin-off of watchmaker Fossil. Rosales has been making smartwatches for years, but only now does he believe they can break into the

mainstream. It's not so much a matter of technology — smartwatches worked fine in 2006, as one of social acceptance, he says.

Smartwatches are still a small market: the Consumer Electronics Association estimates that just under a million of them will be sold in the U.S. this year, up from 600,000 in 2013.

"I don't think consumers get the idea of smartwatches," says Russ Crupnick, senior vice president of industry analysis at research firm NPD Group. In a survey, the group found that the feature U.S. consumers most desire in a smartwatch is the ability to make and receive calls — something the watches generally don't do. He thinks the image a smartwatch projects of the owner is a more important driver.

"I think this is about jewelry ... I think at least in the near term, it's about what having one of these things says about me and my personal brand," Crupnick says. "It's human nature to brand ourselves."

Fitness bands are also an effective way to brand oneself, and they've seen a big surge in interest recently. The CEA says that last year, 13 percent of U.S. consumers said they intend to buy a wearable fitness product in the next 12 months, up from 3 percent the year before. But the staying power of these products is questionable — much of their motion tracking can be done by smartphones, which already contain the motion sensors that let the fitness bands act as advanced pedometers. At CES, some bands are being revealed that do more than phones can; Epson's Pulsense, for instance, measures a wearer's heart rate by shining a light through the skin.

Glucovation, a startup from Carlsbad, Calif., is among the companies that want to take wearables one step further: into the skin. It's developing a patch with a tiny needle that measures the wearer's blood glucose level and relays it wirelessly to a smartphone. That could be useful not just for diabetics, but for anyone trying to control their eating habits.

The patch, which is at least two years away from being sold, would be worn discretely under clothing. Google Glass is the opposite: it's blatant and in your face, literally. Many people balk at the image of the man-machine integration it conveys, and since it contains a forward-facing camera, the gadget has given rise to privacy concerns. In theory, Glass wearers could be recording or taking pictures of anything they see, unbeknownst to others.

New regulator delays Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac mortgage fee increases

JIM PUZZANGHERA
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The new regulator for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac said Wednesday he was delaying planned fee increases by the seized mortgage finance giants because he wanted to assess the impact on the housing market.

Melvin L. Watt, who was sworn in as director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency on Monday, quickly showed there would be a change in the direction of government oversight of Fannie and Freddie.

He said he intend-

ed "to conduct a thorough evaluation" of an increase in fees the firms charge lenders to guarantee mortgages. Those increases, which would make mortgages more expensive, were set to take effect in March and April.

The FHFA, under former acting director Edward J. DeMarco, announced in December that it had directed Fannie and Freddie to increase their base guarantee fee, or g-fee, by 0.1 percentage points and make changes to other fees.

The agency estimated that the fees

for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage would increase by 0.14 percentage points as part of an effort to reduce Fannie's and Freddie's over-sized presence in the housing market.

The new fees better reflect the risk of guaranteeing mortgages and would allow private firms to better compete to guarantee mortgages, DeMarco said.

Fannie and Freddie guarantee or purchase more than six in 10 new mortgages.

The fees usually are passed on by lenders to borrowers, increasing the cost of mortgages.

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Obsolete gadgetry can pile up, contributing to pollution

DAVID FERRELL
The Orange County Register

Christmas gifts of yesteryear meet an inglorious end at Absolute Green Electronics Recycling in Lake Forest, Calif. Computers are dismantled, the parts sorted into cardboard bins. One holds nothing but hard drives, another AC adapters. Bins stretch in rows across a mammoth warehouse — a bin for graphic cards, a bin for cooling fans, also cellphones, VHS camcorders, digital cameras, cables, network switches.

Stacked-up printers form a miniature mountain. Old-fashioned picture tubes sit face-down on pallets. Flat-screen monitors cluster along a wall like tombstones.

"There are different grades of boards," said owner and President Victor Kianipay, stepping past hulking, dust-covered projection TVs to poke

into apple boxes filled with circuit boards. Some are etched mainly in copper; others are heavily embedded with silicon chips. "Everything gets separated," Kianipay said. "There are so many layers and layers of product."

This is electronic waste, or e-waste — a revenue stream for Kianipay, who moved 25,000 pounds of discarded items in last January's post-Christmas frenzy. E-waste also, despite the work of Kianipay and other entrepreneurial recyclers, is an environmental problem of global proportion. The ever-rising tide of electronic junk now totals nearly 50 million tons a year worldwide, according to the Solving the E-Waste Problem Initiative, a coalition of governments, scientists and industry groups based in Bonn, Germany.

Within five years, the annual figure may reach 65 million



MINDY SCHAUER / ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

Old computer keyboards fill a box and EXPC employee Diego Cuellar walks through the business' warehouse in Santa Ana, Calif. In California e-waste is recycled with funds paid by consumers as a fee when they purchase electronics.

tons — enough to fill trucks parked bumper to bumper encircling three-quarters of the Earth, the coalition estimates. The waste is a particular concern in part because much of

it contains lead, mercury and other hazardous substances, which are released when the waste is melted down to recover gold, silver and copper.

The widespread practice, by some recyclers and waste dealers, of exporting electronic waste to developing countries has created bustling scrap economies in poor parts of China and Africa while exposing large numbers of people to toxins and carcinogens.

"You see all these thousands — literally thousands — of women and young kids whose job is to cook circuit boards," said Jim Puckett, founder and executive director of the Seattle-based Basel Action Network. The group is named after the Swiss city where international agreements were drafted in the late 1980s and early 1990s to stop the "digital dumping."

Although 35 nations have adopted the tenets of the Basel Convention, Puckett said,

the United States — by far the largest producer of e-waste — has not.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in a report posted on its website, said "most discarded consumer electronics end up in our landfills" — a wholly separate environmental problem. No one is sure how much e-waste ends up being exported from the U.S., the EPA says, but "the United States government is concerned that these exports are being mismanaged abroad, causing serious public health and environmental hazards."

Puckett, who has spent years investigating the issue, estimates that "about 50 to 80 percent of what is handed over to recyclers is exported."

Spurred by environmental activists, Congress and state governments are trying to ensure that e-waste gets properly recycled here. The federal Responsible Electronics Recycling Act, in-

roduced in July and co-sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson, D-Calif., would prohibit the export of toxics-containing electronic junk to nations that cannot process them safely.

The bill has gained bipartisan support and now sits in the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, said Austin Vevurka, Thompson's press aide. "It addresses a growing environmental and health problem and it helps create good-paying recycling jobs in the U.S.," Vevurka said. "It's a win-win."

In addition, President Barack Obama established the Interagency Task Force on Electronics Stewardship in 2010 to encourage development of "greener" electronic devices and to boost domestic recycling.

California became a national pioneer by enacting the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, which created a system of incentives to prevent the disposal of most video-display devices and certain other types of electronic equipment in landfills. The law applies to laptops and televisions that use liquid-crystal display or plasma screens and especially targets outmoded TVs and computer monitors that have cathode-ray tubes.

The old TVs are particularly bad because they contain both lead and mercury, said Mark Oldfield, a spokesman for the state's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

Since 2005, when the state began keeping track of e-waste recycling statistics, more than 1.5 billion pounds of video-display equipment has been collected directly because of the law, Oldfield said.

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MACY'S

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and towels from the district level to the regional and national level. Macy's says that such goods change less often than clothing and accessories and are less subject to local tastes.

The moves come after a solid holiday shopping season for the chain. Revenue at stores opened at least a year, a key indicator of a retailer's health, rose 4.3 percent in November and December.

The company is optimistic about this year. It expects earnings per share of \$4.40 to \$4.50 in 2014, best-

ing analysts' prediction of \$4.36 per share, according to FactSet.

"Our company has significantly increased sales and profitability over the past four years, and we have created a culture of growth at Macy's Inc.," said Terry J. Lundgren, Macy's chairman, president and CEO in a statement. "As the success of these strategies has unfolded, we have identified some specific areas where we can improve our efficiency without compromising our effectiveness in serving the evolving needs of our customers."

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High-tech rental cars should come with instruction manuals

DEAR ABBY: We rented a car while we were on vacation. Most of the newer cars have all kinds of high-tech equipment and devices — different kinds for different models of vehicles. The problem is the instruction booklets that describe how the equipment operates are never provided with the cars.

It's dangerous to try and figure out how the equipment operates by trial and error while starting to drive an unfamiliar vehicle. Why don't the rental agencies provide the instruction manuals, or at least a pamphlet summarizing the procedures? Surely not many people would steal them, since they're just using the cars for a short time.

Also, it would be helpful if the rental agencies would include an inexpensive ice scraper with every car in appropriate areas of the country, so custom-

ers could clean their windshields and avoid the hazard of obstructed vision. — **CAR RENTER IN CHARLOTTEVILLE, VA.**

DEAR CAR RENTER: What you're describing is also true with loaner cars that are offered when a vehicle is being serviced. I am pretty sure the reason those items are not provided is fear that they would be stolen.

However, I agree that knowing how to operate the radio, heating, air-conditioning and street map functions on the newer cars can be confusing — which is why you should ask to have the pertinent pages of the manual photocopied so you can refer to them as needed. (The technologically inclined can Google the make of car and ask "How to turn on the radio," etc. because the information is available online.)

DEAR ABBY: My best friend died from the flu in November. She was only 63 and had been

my friend for 23 years. She died because she was stubborn and insisted to all her friends — myself included — that she was "fine" and didn't need to see a doctor or go to the emergency room.

We had all threatened to come and drag her to the doctor or the ER or call 911, but because she insisted she was getting better, we took her word for it. Now we're kicking ourselves for not getting her the help she obviously needed.

Abby, please tell your readers that when a friend or family member is sick enough to cause this kind of concern, to ignore the person and get her (or him) to a doctor! I will miss my friend every day for the rest of my life because I can no longer call to say good morning. Her name was Abby, too, and she was the best friend I've ever had. — **DEVASTATED IN TARZANA, CALIF.**

DEAR DEVASTATED: I'm sorry for the loss of your

friend. But none of you should blame yourselves for what happened to her. She made an unwise choice.

It is not unusual for people who experience serious symptoms to go into a state of denial ("Let's wait," "It will pass," etc.). But unless your friend was experiencing extreme respiratory distress or an unusually high fever, she might have recovered from that virus without intervention.

P.S. I can't help but wonder if your friend got her flu vaccination last fall when they started being offered. While it's not 100 percent effective for everyone, it is effective in many people. I get one every year, and it's worth discussing with your doctor.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

BRIDGE

Bizarre Is the Word for It

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K 10 9 2
♥ 7 5
♦ A 9 3
♣ 10 8 4 2

EAST
♠ A 7
♥ J 9 2
♦ Q 10 6 5
♣ Q J 9 7

SOUTH
♠ Q J 6 4 3
♥ A K 8
♦ 7
♣ A K 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 2♠ Pass
4♣

Opening lead — three of clubs.
Declarer is sometimes called upon to make a play that might at first appear bizarre, but which, upon subsequent analysis, proves to be absolutely essential. For a striking example, consider this deal where West led his singleton club against four spades, dummy playing the deuce, East the seven and South the ace.

Declarer led a spade to the king, losing to the ace, and East returned

the queen of clubs. It was at this point that South showed his mettle by playing the five instead of the king.

As a result, he made the contract. When East continued with the nine of clubs, South followed low and West ruffed, but that was essentially the end of the hand. Declarer's only losers proved to be a spade, a club and a club ruff.

Now let's go back to trick three and see what would have happened had South played the king of clubs on East's queen, which seems the normal thing to do. In that event, South would have gone down one, losing a spade, a club ruff and two more club tricks to East's J-9.

It is not difficult to demonstrate that ducking the queen of clubs is the right play. South cannot go down if he ducks the queen, regardless of how the opposing clubs are divided, but he can go down if he covers the queen with the king and the opening lead turns out to be a singleton.

Since making the contract is always declarer's No. 1 priority, it must be right to duck the queen at trick three. The ducking play, unusual as it might appear, has everything to gain and nothing to lose.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2014. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1959, Berry Gordy Jr. founded Motown Records (originally Tamla Records) in Detroit.

On this date:
In **1519**, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

In **1773**, the first public museum in America was organized in Charleston, S.C.

In **1828**, the United States and Mexico signed a Treaty of Limits defining the boundary between the two countries to be the same as the one established by an 1819 treaty between the U.S. and Spain.

In **1912**, textile workers at the Everett Mill in Lawrence, Mass., most of them immigrant women, walked off the job to protest wage cuts.

In **1915**, the House of Representatives rejected, 204-174, a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

In **1932**, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected to the U.S. Sen-

ate after initially being appointed to serve out the remainder of the term of her late husband, Thaddeus.

In **1948**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sipuel v. Board of Regents of University of Oklahoma, ruled that state law schools could not discriminate against applicants on the basis of race.

In **1964**, leftist rebels in Zanzibar began their successful revolt against the government.

In **1969**, the New York Jets of the American Football League upset the Baltimore Colts of the National Football League 16-7 in Super Bowl III, played at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

In **1971**, the groundbreaking situation comedy "All in the Family" premiered on CBS television.

In **1986**, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

In **2010**, Haiti was struck by a magnitude-7 earthquake, killing as many as 300,000 residents and leaving over 1.5 million people homeless.

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014:

This year you open up to a lot of new ideas and hobbies. Though others might not understand your excitement, you'll feel as if your mind is expanding. A new job or career path becomes a possibility. If you are single, you might not be settled enough to pursue an important relationship. If you are attached, the two of you will develop a new pastime that you both enjoy. It could be taking a massage class together or pursuing a new hobby. GEMINI can be very superficial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You tend to express yourself in a highly charged manner. You could draw quite a response from a partner who has been nothing less than grumpy as of late. Expressing your feelings will just retrigger the situation. Say less if you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Check out a recent purchase with greater care, as the quality of the item could make a big difference in how you enjoy it. A partner might seem stiff or remote.



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Know that recent events have propelled his or her thinking in a new direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You can't help but keep smiling and enjoying yourself. Even if someone is being difficult, it makes little difference to you, as you accept this person for all of his or her different moods. A loved one will be full of surprises.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Continue the low-key theme of the past few days. You have pushed yourself very hard to accomplish certain tasks. Indulge in some "you time," which could involve a friend or loved one. Try not to make plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Accept an invitation involving friends and a fun event. Your lively spirit is always considered an asset at parties. Still, you could

be thinking through an important decision. You need some time to think before heading out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might want to stop a conversation before it becomes too public. You have every reason to want to pursue this matter. Note that someone is liable to spill the beans. You might want to be more discerning as to whom you share news with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Hopefully you have managed to get away from your routine. The relaxation of being in a different setting might have opened your mind to a new realm of possibilities. When you get settled back into your routine, you will see the difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might need to be more direct with a partner than you have been in a while. You could be uncomfortable changing the way you treat this person, but be open and allow the free exchange of ideas and opinions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your popularity is high, and you have a plethora of options in various seg-

ments of your life. At this moment in time, you don't need to make any life decisions. Wait until the beginning of February to set goals for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might not have the most exciting day, but you will enjoy getting some extra R and R. A dear friend will want to discuss a financial matter, but he or she might not be sure how to approach this topic with you. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can't seem to be serious, unless it is a discussion about a new love. Your grace combined with your innate mischievousness attracts many people, especially friends who rarely see you like this. One of them could be magnetized by this side of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You might feel as if you should stay at home in order to accomplish a particular goal. How reasonable you are could play into the outcome. Someone who cares about you a lot and understands where you are coming from will have your back.

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1st DOWN: R₂ G₃ N₂ D₃ E₁ A₂ E₁ (+50 PTS)

2nd DOWN: S₂ N₂ I₂ K₁₂ I₂ G₃ V₇ (+40 PTS)

3rd DOWN: C₆ A₂ A₂ N₂ E₁ P₆ K₁₂ (+7 PTS)

4th DOWN: G₃ L₂ E₁ L₂ F₇ J₈ Y₇ (+30 PTS)

BONUS DOWN: S₂ Y₇ A₂ C₆ T₂ H₇ R₂

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2nd DOWN = 57: J₈ I₂ L₂ T₂ E₁ R₂

3rd DOWN = 24: F₇ U₃ N₂ D₃ E₁ R₂

4th DOWN = 41: F₇ E₁ T₂ I₂ S₂ H₇

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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9	2	6	1	5	4	8	7	3
2	9	1	8	6	5	3	4	7
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4	8	7	9	2	3	1	6	5

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qualities don't bode well for us. We want to see people who are collaborative," he says.

Three entrepreneurs who successfully raised money for their companies underscore the importance of hard work, of course — and making friends and playing nice.

HOMEJOY

FOUNDERS: Adora Cheung, 30, and her brother Aaron Cheung, 25

STARTED IN: Mountain View, Calif., July 2012

THE BUSINESS: Now based in San Francis-

co, Homejoy's website connects more than 100,000 house cleaners with customers in about 30 cities in the U.S. and Canada

MONEY RAISED: \$40 million

BIG BACKER: Max Levchin, co-founder of PayPal

Coming out of the University of Rochester, which had no entrepreneurial community that she was aware of, Adora Cheung wanted to learn how startups work. She joined a Bay Area company, Slide, which was started by PayPal co-founder Max Levchin.

IMPRESS THEM: Slide didn't have many employees when Cheung

came on board. "I got to work closely with Max, and he came to know a lot of how I work. He and I work on a very similar sleep schedule," she says. They would find themselves talking shop at 4 a.m.

FOLLOWING FRIENDS: After Cheung left Slide, she and her brother spent three-and-a-half years trying to come up with a business. They participated in the Y Combinator accelerator program, which helps startups launch. Friends who had been through the program recommended it.

KEEP IN TOUCH: The Cheungs were in debt and needed money for Homejoy. Levchin was



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This photo provided by Blue Apron shows Blue Apron founder Matt Salzberg and Bob Goodman of Bessemer, a former boss of Salzberg's in New York.

the first investor. "It was very helpful that Max knows me and I think he trusts me. He saw numbers that were going up and to the right. He gave us a bit of money," Cheung says. After that, other investors wanted in.

SWEETGREEN

FOUNDERS: Former Georgetown University schoolmates Nicolas Jammet, 28; Jonathan Neman, 29; and Nathaniel Ru, 28

STARTED IN: Washington, D.C., August 2007

THE BUSINESS: Twenty-two shops and 600 employees selling salads, wraps, soups and juices, in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland and Virginia

MONEY RAISED: \$40 million

BIG BACKER: Steve Case, co-founder of AOL

The trio launched Sweetgreen the summer after their senior year of college. Over the years, they raised

\$17 million from about 100 people before landing their first investment from a financial institution in December: \$22 million from AOL co-founder Steve Case's Revolution fund.

OLD FRIENDS: When the three had nothing but a business plan and a possible location, they raised their first chunk of money — \$375,000 — from 25 friends, friends of family, former bosses and classmates.

BLUE APRON

FOUNDERS: Matt Salzberg, 30; Ilija Papas, 32; and Matthew Wadiak, 35.

STARTED IN: New York, August 2012

THE BUSINESS: Delivers about 300,000 boxes of ingredients and recipes for home cooks every month. Blue Apron has 130 employees.

MONEY RAISED: \$8 million

BIG BACKERS: Jason Finger, co-founder of restaurant delivery website Seamless, then

known as SeamlessWeb and Bob Goodman, partner at venture capital firm Bessemer Venture Partners.

Matt Salzberg knew in college that he wanted to run his own business. So he deliberately went to work first for a venture capital firm, Bessemer Venture Partners. He met key advisers there.

PERSONAL CONNECTION: Salzberg had conversations with Jason Finger, then an entrepreneur-in-residence at Bessemer, that went beyond the investment opportunities they worked on together in the office. Finger was the first person who said he would invest in Salzberg's venture. With Finger's encouragement, Salzberg left Bessemer before he came up with Blue Apron. A former boss of his from Bessemer, Bob Goodman, was also one of the first investors in Blue Apron.

KNOW YOUR WEAKNESSES: Salzberg had worked in finance, and needed people with technology and food expertise. He brought on Papas, who had e-commerce experience, and Wadiak, a chef.

IN PERSON: "It's really important when you're raising capital to have people who believe in you," Salzberg says. And it's easier to sway them with your passion face-to-face. "It's hard to convey that through PowerPoint or on the phone. Often it's through body language."

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