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Plant clears additional hurdle

Proposed plant gets OK from planning commission

CHERI HARRIS
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Despite objections from a number of adjacent property owners, the Gadsden Planning Commission last Thursday voted to approve the conceptual site plan for Hoover Treated Wood Products outside Havana. The plant would apply fire retardant to

wood products. The approval came with conditions. Marion Lasley cast the dissenting vote.

Hoover has agreed to work with an outside engineering firm to provide input on the plant's stormwater design and management plan and

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allow that engineering firm on site to make sure the work is performed according to the plan at Hoover's 65-acre parcel on Potter Woodberry Road.

Additionally, the planning commission stipulated that if Hoover changes the chemicals

used or changes the processes performed at the plant, notice would be given. Hoover has already changed the site plan design to include low night-time lighting.

Tallahassee attorney Randall Denker came to the meeting representing some of the surrounding landowners. She presented a list of

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Engineer Tony Holley speaks on behalf of Hoover Treated Wood Product's proposed facility in Gadsden County during the March 15 Gadsden Planning Commission meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sheriff aims to save old police office

Sheriff Morris Young asks anyone who remembers the building and its history as well as those folks who would like to participate in saving the old Quincy Police Station to attend a special meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. today in the sheriff's office classroom downstairs at the W.A. Woodham Law Enforcement Center on East Jefferson Street in Quincy.

Groundbreaking set for historic building

Gadsden County Commissioners will host a groundbreaking ceremony at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 29, for Phase I of the Old Stevens High School Renovation Project, 1004 W. 4th St., Quincy.

Alzheimer's classes continue at library

The Alzheimer's Project Inc. is offering educational classes at the William McGill Library in Quincy.

The next class, "Memory Problems-What You Can Do - Part 1," will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 27. This class focuses on normal aging and mild cognitive impairment. There are many things that can be done to improve memories at all stages of life.

In this class, discussion about what can be done to keep minds active such as Memory Strategies, Memory Aids and Healthy Lifestyle Choices.

For information, visit www.alzheimersproject.org or call 850-662-3329.



HEALTHY TRACK



Members of Gadsden County Florida Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority stand together at a recent community health education event in Midway.

Stepping out at health, wellness event in Midway

SHADE' KELLY
FOR THE TIMES

Community members of Midway put their feet to the pavement on an early morning walk last Saturday at the Eugene Lamb Recreation Center.

The city of Midway, in partnership with the Gadsden County Florida Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., teamed up to host a Health and Fitness Day Kickoff.

The goal of the event was to raise awareness within the community about both physical and mental health. According to Betty James, this sorority is a service organization willing to assist and assure that the community is mobilized, moving and exercising.

The busy event dedicated to fun and fitness included a 22-minute walk, 22 healthy snacks such as sliced apples, soy chips or hummus, 22 reasons why one should exercise, and several tips dealing with physical and mental health as a whole. Free blood pressure screenings and health information was also provided.

The Midway Health and Fitness Day was the kickoff event. The GCFL-DST sorority intends



Betty James presents at Health and Fitness Day in Midway.

to travel to several cities within Gadsden County to improve what might be already happening within the communities. Their mission is to be a part and help empower each community to make healthier lifestyle choices.

According to Florida's County Health Rankings, Gadsden County ranked last in 2016, leading the pack in several health disparities such as diabetes and congestive heart failure.

In 2017, Gadsden County inched its way up a spot, moving to 66 out of 67 counties. This year, Gadsden has climbed to 64 out of 67 counties.

For information, visit www.countyhealthrankings.org.



Participants were introduced to a list of 22 healthy snacks

Quincy aims to clean up

City purchases street sweeper

CHERI HARRIS
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

Quincy City Commissioners aim to clean up the city streets.

Literally. During the March 13 meeting, it voted 4-1 to use an inter-fund loan to help pay for a \$250,000 street sweeper. This plan originated in a budget workshop and includes paying \$125,000 from the city's general fund and taking a loan from the city's electric fund to pay the \$123,297 remaining balance.

This loan would be repaid over two-and-a-half years at an interest rate of 3 percent.

Commissioner Keith Dowdell cast the dissenting vote.

The Commission voted unanimously to update the ordinance addressing commercial trucks passing through Quincy.

The new ordinance will increase the weight of

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PADGETT'S A LOCAL GEM



Gene and Joyce Padgett stand with their extensive jewelry collection in Padgett's Jewelers at 21 E. Jefferson St., in Quincy.

Locally owned store still shines

CARLY WATSON
FOR THE TIMES

"Every day I come in to work and think: What am I going to do today? Who am I going to see today?" said Joyce Padgett.

Joyce and her husband, Gene Padgett, own and operate Padgett's Jewelers on the square in downtown Quincy. The pair has been doing business for over half a century.

"After all this time, it is still a fun business," said Joyce.

Gene is the repairman for the jewelry and watches at the shop. He has been fixing items such as these since he was 12 years old. When his father found out he was secretly fixing his friends' watches for them, his father recruited him to work at his watch repair shop.

Gene worked with his father until he was 24. He decided to venture out on his own, opening the first Padgett's Jewelers in 1952 in Chattahoochee.

Gene and Joyce met not too long after and in 1956 they decided to get married.

Joyce spent her first year of

marriage unemployed. It wasn't long after that Gene told Joyce she needed to get a job and had her come work at the jewelry store.

"I didn't want to work here initially. I wanted to work at the hospital. However, after all these years I love working here," she said. "I never want to quit and go home."

In 1976, Padgett's Jewelers relocated to Quincy. In 1979, it moved into the location on 21 E. Jefferson Street and has remained there ever since.

Padgett's Jewelers sells everything from jewelry and china to giftware.

Celeste Lewis, of Quincy, agrees that the Padgett's atmosphere is second to none.

"I have shopped at Padgett's for over 30 years, and so appreciate being able to shop local as their selection is unbelievable, especially for a small-town business. Their customer service is, without a doubt, second to none.

Whether it is for a wedding, birthday or even a treat for myself, I know that I will find just the right gift at Padgett's," said

Lewis.

Gene and Joyce's two daughters, Beth and Kim Padgett, also help run the jewelry store, keeping Padgett's Jewelers a true family business.

"My mom makes every customer feel right at home. We often joke about all the customers she has adopted as family through out the years," Kim said.

Making their customers feel at home isn't the only thing Padgett's does. They also make sure their customers have a huge selection of appealing options when shopping in their store.

This past January they traveled to Savannah, Ga., for a trade show. At trade shows like these, the Padgetts are able to look at the newest styles of jewelry and buy merchandise from different jewelry lines to bring back and sell in their own store. According to Joyce, they try to attend these shows twice a year.

So if you're a bride looking to create a registry, a dotting husband who wants to make his wife feel special, or just someone who feels like treating themselves, stop in to Padgett's Jewelers and see for yourself what this "legacy business" is all about.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Beulah Hill Relay for Life event

The Health Care Ministry of Beulah Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Gretna, will present "Walking in Tune with our Community to Find a Cure," from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on the grounds of the church. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society.

Program to focus on monuments

The Historical Society will host a program at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum, 115 Duffie Ave., Greensboro, featuring the Florida Public Archaeology Network's presentation of "Falling Soldiers."

This presentation looks at the current debate surrounding the removal or retention of Confederate monuments. The goal is to encourage productive

discussion of the issue and to help communities make informed decisions regarding their monuments.

The intent of this event is to provide valuable information. This presentation is appropriate for all opinions on this matter.

For information, find West Gadsden Historical Society on Facebook, email gadsdenhistory.org@gmail.com or call 850-442-6667.

County Jail to host baptism event

The next inmate baptism service will be at noon Thursday, April 5, at Gadsden County Correctional Facility (Jail), 2135 Pat Thomas Parkway, Quincy. The public is invited.

For information, call Chaplain Jimmy Salters at 850-443-8020 or LaTrenda Gainous at 850-875-8858.

Sheriff honors employee



Special to the Times
Sheriff Morris Young congratulates GCSO employee Rendell Harris on his accomplishment for being awarded the 2017 Volunteer of the Year by the Quincy Main Street Committee.

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To Our Beloved Friends,

Greetings! We hope you're having a blessed day. We are reaching out to you because God has inspired this appointed time for Cornerstone Community Outreach C.O.G.I.C. to excel towards another plateau. This plateau consists of several entities that will launch our ministry for rapid growth. This was the vision of our late Pastor, Elder Raymond Wilson, Sr. We know that with God all things are possible, and our passion is to fulfill the vision. We are so proud to share in strengthening our community by offering weekly services of empowerment and spiritual fulfillment. We would like to reach out more to those in needs of a life changing experience. This has encouraged us to expand our facilities. We plan to add multipurpose areas to be utilized by visitors, future members and for church office space.

To date, God has blessed us with land and several building modules. The next phase of module installation will cost us near \$8,000. Our goal is to raise these funds over the next two months. To ignite and promote this endeavor, your support is desperately needed.

We need the support of our members, as well as the benevolence of community businesses and individuals, to help us reach our goal. We appeal to you for any amount of donation for the realization of this humble endeavor. We will appreciate whatever amount or help you may give for this expansion project. A generous gift of \$100 or more will help us quickly reach this goal. Your donation is tax deductible.

Your support of this expansion project is deeply appreciated. If you have any questions, concerns or just want more details about this important fundraising effort, please contact Missionary Julia Wilson at (850) 528-3800.

May God richly bless you indeed!

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We don't laugh enough anymore

What does it take to make you laugh? That's a good question if you think about.

For most of us, we have pushed laughter out of our lives and have a hard time letting it back in.

Think about it like this: When was the last time you had a rip-roaring, heartfelt belly laugh? Bet it has been a while hasn't it?

I was reminded of how laughter has started to slip away from us when I watched an episode of "The Red Skelton Show" recently.

You see, sitcoms today try to drive a point home in their attempt to be funny. They are not there just for the sake of getting a laugh; they want you to think at the same time.

It was watching Red Skelton

perform that made me realize I just want to laugh because something is funny, not because someone way off in comedy land wants me to change my opinion about some serious topic.

We need more laughter, and we need it sooner than later, I believe.

It is a scientific fact that one minute of anger takes about five hours for your body to correct itself. One minute of laughter can reap good results up to 24 hours.

So for a little laughter and for the fun of it, here is a true story: My Uncle Cratus Henderson was the clown of our family, always full of wit, and he loved to tell jokes.

Now Uncle Cratus loved dogs and always had several around the house.



Byron Spires

WINDING ROADS

He would buy dry dog food for them, and it had gotten to where those dogs would turn their noses up at it piled in their bowls and refuse to eat it. He tried wetting it, and they really turned their noses up. If you put table scraps with the dry food, they would eat the scraps and leave the dry food in the bowl.

One day at the grocery store they had a new dog food displayed. It was called Gravy Train: All you had to do was mix in a little warm water, and the dry dog food would create its own thick gravy and dogs would love it.

It was worth a try, he thought, as he put a large bag in his buggy along with a few other groceries.

There was a long line at the cashier's checkout counter, and

he stood for several minutes waiting.

A nice, well-dressed lady came up behind him in the line as he stood there.

After a few minutes of waiting she looked over in his buggy and saw the big bag of Gravy Train dog food. And as some folks will do she asked a silly question.

"Is that for your dog," she asked Uncle Cratus as she pointed at the Gravy Train bag.

"No," he told her, "it's for me and my wife.

"Things are tight around our house and we are scraping by right now and can't afford regular food, he said as he rubbed the side of the bag."

"I can't believe you would eat such a thing," she said as she threw her nose up in the air in

disgust.

"Oh this Gravy Train is much better than the regular dry dog food we use to eat; it makes a nice thick gravy and is much easier to swallow and it even tastes good," he told her.

Uncle Cratus checked out and nodded at the lady as he pushed his grocery bag with train Gravy Train dog food on full display to his car.

The lady came out of the store about the time he was driving away, and Uncle Cratus gave her a big wave.

She just looked at him in disbelief and shook her head.

If there is a moral to the story it would be to not ask someone a silly question, especially if it happens to be some of my kin-folks.

Contact Byron Spires, playwright, novelist, Times columnist and retired newspaper editor at byronspires51@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Lyle Wright, 94

Lyle O. Wright, 94, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at home in Boiling Springs, Pa.



Lyle Wright

Born Feb. 24, 1923, in Fort Collins, Colorado, he was the second son of the late William Henry and Evalena Dorothy (Wolverton) Wright.

A World War II veteran, Lyle served with the 542nd Parachute Infantry Regiment and later joined the Navy Reserve. He majored in chemistry at Florida Southern College, and was a member of the Kappa Pi art honor society, graduating in 1949.

On Sept. 14, 1950, Lyle married Jackie C. Key in Panama City, and the couple moved to a "Vetsville" settlement while Lyle earned a chemical engineering degree at the University of Colorado at Boulder. They and their three daughters later lived in Pensacola, Quincy, and Port St. Joe, Fla., and Chalmette, La., and moved to Ohio in 1961.

Lyle held positions at DuPont, Freeport Sulphur, and Glidden, before he became an aerospace engineer at NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. While at NASA, Lyle was the first president of Lewis Engineers and Scientists Association.

During retirement, Lyle and Jackie volunteered at various United Methodist Church activities, and helped out at Habitat for Humanity, Jericho and Meals on Wheels. Well known for his love of saltwater fishing, Lyle was both an award-winning watercolorist of Florida seascapes and a spectacular photographer.

Throughout his life, he sought out antique cameras and books at auc-

tions, visited cemeteries and courthouses for genealogical information, read widely on early North American explorations and the Civil War, and enjoyed both classical and folk music. In addition, Lyle was a bicycling enthusiast, putting over 30,000 miles on his eBike.

Lyle is survived by Jackie, his beloved wife of 67 years; daughters, Sarah Wright, Cindy (Tom) Hooks, and Christina Wright; grandchildren, Carrie (David) Beddell, Laura Hooks, Matthew Hooks and Forrest Roth; great-granddaughters Daphne and Francine Beddell; brother, Paul (Kitty) Wright; sister, Lois Ann Cleary; and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his brothers, Bill, Dale, Dwane and Glenn Wright.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Centenary United Methodist Church, 206 N. Madison Street, Quincy.

Mary Esland, 54

Mary E. Esland, 54, passed away Friday, March 16, 2018, at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare in Tallahassee.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. (EST) Saturday, March 24, 2018, at St. John Church of God in Christ, 3490 Bainbridge Highway, Quincy, FL, with burial at Second Elizabeth Church Cemetery, Attagulugus Highway, Quincy.

Mary leaves to mourn and cherish her memories, five brothers: Glenn Esland Sr., Lorenzo Oliver, Charles Esland Sr., Jason Esland Sr. and Willie Esland Jr.; and three sisters, Danyell Harley, Sharine Harley Pride and Sabrina Bouie.

Services Entrusted to: Reed & Hall Mortuary, 116 West Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, 850-627-5700.

St. Patrick's Day Spirit



Special to the Times
ABOVE: Gadsden Senior Services threw a lively St. Patrick's Day Party last Friday. Pictured, from left, are: Otis Green, Dorothy Hicks and Evelyn Lee. BELOW: Verdell Nolomes is pictured here. LEFT: Alice Williams is in the holiday spirit.



CHURCH EVENTS

Palm Sunday program planned at New Bethel

New Bethel AME Church will host a special Palm Sunday program at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the church. "The Seven Last Words of Christ" will feature the following Making A Difference award winners: Angela Sapp, Mutaque Akbar, Derrick Elias, Father John Wesley, the Rev. Gerald W. McSwain Sr., Shereka Hutley-Williams and the Rev. Eddie Hadley III.

Group announces special events

Holy Alliance of Gadsden County will start at 7 p.m. Monday at Deliverance Temple.

Annie McMillan will be the guest pastor.

The remaining services will be at:

• 7 p.m. March 27 at Neal's Temple, Elder Allen Jones, pastor;

speaker pastor: Sarah Battles.

• 7 p.m. March 28 at Glory Tabernacle, Overseer Shirley Moore, pastor; speaker pastor: Julia Hammond.

• 7 p.m. March 29, Throne of Grace (to be held at Deliverance Temple), Pastor Annie McMillan. Speaker: Overseer Shirley Moore.

• 7 p.m. March 30, at New Life, Pastor Sarah Battles; speaker: Elder Allen Jones.

• 6 a.m. sunrise service April 1 at United Apostolic, Pastor Julia Gammons; speaker: Supt. JW Matthews.

For information, call Missionary Gussie Matthews at 860-674-3286.

Revival slated at Mt. Zion PBC

Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church will have its third annual Spring Revival at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Pas-

tor Davis from D'Alberillie, Miss., will be the guest speaker. Mount Zion church is at the corner of Crawford and 9th street in Quincy.

Church announces Easter egg hunt

First Baptist Church of Greensboro will host an Easter egg hunt from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at 101 Gadsden Ave, Greensboro. There will also be a variety of activity stations.

First Baptist plans food giveaway

First Baptist Quincy, in partnership with the Southeastern Food Bank, will provide food to those

in the community who are in need, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, on the campus of First Baptist Quincy. Organizers anticipate enough food for 100 people.

Fun ahead at Union Chapel

Union Chapel AME Church will have a Family & Friends Fun Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at Sawdust Park. Activities will include the annual kickball game, a bounce house, basketball, Easter egg coloring and board games.

For information, call 850-442-4267 or email unchapelame@gmail.com.

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The Seats up for Election is Seat 1 and 3

Anyone wishing to register to vote in this election may do so at the office of the Supervisor of Elections or any Town/City Hall prior to the closing of the books at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The place of voting will be at City Hall in Gretna; the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The election is nonpartisan and any qualified voter residing with the City of Gretna, Florida may vote.

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GUEST COLUMN

Project needs more scrutiny

MIKE DORIAN
 Special to the Times

Gadsden stands on the headwaters of one of the last clean aquifers in the world. Gadsden County residents and officials are the custodians and guardians of this vast underground pure water lake. Both state and federal protection is lacking. As the aquifer flows south, industrialization and urbanization pollute the water. We are incredibly lucky our water is so clean.

Is the new wood pressure treatment plant next to Havana a good, safe project? No independent scientific review has been done. And there's no straight answer about whether one will be done. DEP says no review will happen because the treatment plant is not in a wetland. County officials say DEP will do an analysis when the conceptual plans are delivered. This is after the county commissioners vote.

Many questions should be asked by third party, independent qualified professionals. Scientific review that we used to have is now reduced, if not completely gone. DEP and EPA need to step up and do their jobs before county commissioners vote on the project.

The Development Council and the treatment plant officials have already met individually with county commissioners. While this is legal and perhaps totally innocent, the appearance of these meetings produces suspicion. Re-

view by DEP and EPA would eliminate concern.

In the rush to obtain much-needed jobs, neighborhoods and the aquifer should be included in the math. Are 15 to 25 jobs really a good deal? When hundreds of jobs are needed is a small number of jobs really comparable to possibly endangering neighborhoods or harming our natural resources?

The solar farm project was a unique, out-of-the-box idea that would have supplied millions of dollars for jobs and services in Gadsden and surrounding counties. Low pollution, protection of the environment — good stuff.

I understand they went to another county because Gadsden wouldn't cut a good deal. We shouldn't tax solar at all. Solar is the future. To get a solar farm in the county would create many clean jobs. The county should have staff working full time on bringing a large solar farm to the county.

County officials should go slow on the new wood pressure treatment plant. In no way, shape or form is the industrialization of Gadsden County thinking out of the box.

Federal, state and county officials owe the citizens of Gadsden County a more intensive review.

Mike Dorian is a member of Gadsden United, an incorporated group dedicated to protecting Gadsden County citizens and the environment. Contact Gadsden United at Box 521, Quincy, FL 32353-0521.

OTHER VOICES

Opioids not best option for long-term pain

Opioid drugs have been the gold standard for pain treatment for years, from post-surgical pain to long-term pain for chronic conditions. It has long been known that opioids come with an additional risk of addiction, but this has been generally accepted as part of the risk/reward equation.

However, with opioid addiction a national health crisis and addiction-related deaths continuing to rise, there has been increasing pressure on prescribers to limit opioid prescriptions.

And now, a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association has raised serious questions about whether opioids are more effective than alternate therapies in the treatment of long-term pain.

The study done by the Minneapolis Veterans Administration concluded that opioids are

no more effective than safer alternatives in long-term treatment of patients with chronic pain in their backs, hips or knees.

As part of the study, 120 military veterans were assigned to take opioids for chronic joint pain for one year, and another 120 managed their pain with alternatives such as acetaminophen and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs. Participants were free to pursue physical therapy and other non-surgical options to address their pain.

According to results published in the Journal, veterans in both groups showed similar success managing pain and maintaining their daily activities for the first six months, but after nine months patients in the opioid group showed no further improvements, while patients in the non-opioid group showed continued improvement.

The study authors said they believe the reason is that people develop tolerance to opioids, but this is not the same with other pain killers.

While this study dealt only with treatment of long-term pain, and not with acute pain such as from surgery or other medical procedures, the implications are significant for how pain is treated.

If alternatives are as effective for controlling long-term pain, it could lead to fewer opioid prescriptions for long term pain, which may in turn lead to less dependency and addiction.

Clearly, this study alone will not change opioid abuse, but if there is good scientific evidence that other measures can achieve similar results, it will give physicians and patients a valid reason to avoid the risk of long-term opioid use and seek alternatives for pain management.

— Citrus County Chronicle



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful for help with big celebration

On behalf of Pastor Nathaniel Trumpet Jr. and First Lady Loria Trumpet and family, along with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, we would like to thank each pastor and church for coming out and helping celebrate their fifth anniversary.

We love each of you and at any time you need us, feel free to contact us.

Once again we say thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Bernadine Jones,
 Antioch Missionary
 Baptist Church*

School board member won't seek re-election

Words cannot adequately express my sincere gratitude to the people of District 3 for the privilege of representing them on the Gadsden County School Board. As the senior member of the Gadsden County School Board, I have decided not to seek re-election. I am retiring after serving my fifth term, a total of 20 years, ending in November 2018.

There were many challenges, but they were challenges for the right reason. The safety, health, welfare and education of the students were my main focus as a school board member. It was a huge responsibility, and I did everything I could to make our district better. This opens the op-

portunity for those who are interested in running for the seat to bring new ideas and energy to the school board.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent and serve District 3 on the Gadsden County School Board. I have enjoyed my time on the Board and working with children locally to help them achieve their educational dreams and desires. I will find ways to continue contributing to the students and community after my service on the school board has ended.

Taking a break from the demands of my political career is something I look forward to; however, I still have political aspirations and will seek to further my political career in some capacity in the near future.

To my wife, Phyllis; daughters Talisa and Devondra; and my grandchildren: Thank you for all you sacrificed, missed or did alone so I could serve on the Gadsden County School Board.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to those who voted for and supported me in my efforts as a school board member. Let us continue to help make our school system great for all, especially the children of Gadsden County.

*Isaac Simmons Jr.,
 Gadsden County*

4GEN JOURNAL

Spring brings transitions

While some friends and family members are still experiencing a

harsh late winter, our optimism is high for a glorious spring, the season of transitions.

The blooming of beautiful flora inspires us to energize and achieve new successes. Those delicate green leaves and ground shoots are symbols of rebirth and renewal.

Tallahassee is where we've called home for 40 years. One of our town slogans is "Where Spring Begins."

My wife, Charlotte, and I have an organic raised-bed garden for vegetables, herbs and flowers, which attract our beloved bees from their nearby hive to perform their pollination services and produce delicious honey. Nature's life cycle amazes me!

Springtime also means March Madness for college basketball fans and "Hope Springs Eternal" for all of us baseball fans anticipating that first pitch in early April! I am devoted to my Orioles! Fly high, Birds of Baltimore!

The coming celebrations of Easter and Passover are symbolic of what we hold most dear: Easter gives us the spiritual message of the power to overcome suffering, dedicate

ourselves to faith and celebrate the fabulous rebirth of life's cycle. Passover focuses on freedom from oppression and the importance of faith and persistence in the face of adversity.

All religions strive to provide an emotional connection to life's realities and light a path for understanding our complex life voyage.

My friend who practices Buddhism reminds me how all of life's events, including death, are transformations into another stage of being. In Buddhism, Karma (from the Sanskrit for "action, work") is the force that drives Samsara — the cycle of natural suffering, rededication and rebirth for each being.

Transitions are life's crossroads. We are rooted in personal experiences and make important choices as we move forward.

Who among us would not wish for more power to make decisions for others, especially for our children, but know we have limited capacity to do so? We can hope for the best, but must be prepared to respond to whatever events come our way.

As a parent, now as a grandfather of dear Julianne, I know how critical it is to carefully balance guidance and freedom,

influence and acceptance.

The Power of Prevention

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month celebrated by Floridians with events led by Prevent Child Abuse Florida.

This is a time to focus on ways to protect family members from abusive environments and to prevent abuse from ever occurring in our community by giving our time and support to causes we believe in.

Among the actions I advocate to prevent violence and promote safety at home and in our community:

- Pay attention to recognize the signs of family violence, child and elder abuse, human trafficking and animal neglect — and report your suspicions to the proper authorities. Silence may prove deadly.

- Support organizations that educate families, children, neighbors and community members about how to prevent abuse and neglect and promote healthy parenting.

- Healthy Families is an excellent voluntary parent-focused program model.

- Volunteer for an organization that helps vulnerable children and their families. Guardian ad Litem is focused on representing children in the court system.

- Advocate for access to

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THE DIRT ROAD WONDER

Little courthouse had big place in couple's life



The Old Courthouse holds significant sentimental value for columnist Gwynn Peacock Kidd. Special to the Times

Did you know that we had a little replica of the courthouse on the south side of the square at one time? It was our police station and had been built with the same color brick as the courthouse. It was composed of offices on the left and the right, with the sidewalk to the courthouse running right through the middle of it. The roof was flat and went across both sides and the sidewalk. On the top of the roof was a replica of the courthouse dome.

Now, enough about the architecture. Let's get on with the love story that started there.

It was 1954, and I needed a bond for the scrapbook I had to complete for Mr. Fred Strange's Business Law class at Havana High School. Mama said come on and ride with her to Quincy and I could get one from Sheriff Robert Martin.

It happened that there were several young men in Sheriff

Martin's office just hanging out after work. After I got the bond and left, one of those young men wanted to know who I was and wanted to know if there were any way he could meet me.



Gwynn Peacock Kidd

Mama had said to just wait for her at the police station when I came out of the courthouse. I sat and talked with the secretary until Mama got there. The secretary had noticed there was a young man who kept walking by and wondered what he was up to. She called him Jack Peacock, and that was the first time I heard that name.

Several of Jack's friends knew me and introduced us. That was December 1955, and we were married the next summer. The Quincy Police Department and the sheriff's department had taken an interest in us because of our courthouse meeting and were at our wedding in full force. I always wondered what people must

have thought when all that law enforcement showed up and us without even a traffic ticket.

In later years, the little courthouse was moved to Douglas City, between Quincy and Gretna. A business was housed in it for years. Now that property has all been cleared and the only thing sitting there is the little courthouse without its dome. Sheriff Morris Young has taken an interest in it for years. Now that property has all been cleared and the only thing sitting there is the little courthouse without its dome. Sheriff Morris Young has taken an interest in it for years. Now that property has all been cleared and the only thing sitting there is the little courthouse without its dome. Sheriff Morris Young has taken an interest in it for years. Now that property has all been cleared and the only thing sitting there is the little courthouse without its dome.

Getting back to the love story that started there: It lasted 21 years, until Jack's death in 1976. We now have seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Just think: It all started at the little courthouse.

Email Gwynn Peacock Kidd at Gwynn0720@comcast.net.

FRONT PORCH VIEW

Mind your manners, please

There is a reason I don't work in customer/public service: I am simply not genetically made for it. When I was a teenager, my second real job was working in a grocery store. I had several responsibilities. The main one was being a cashier. I was young and fresh out of high school; my life was about to change forever. I was just about to realize my limitations as a human being, and that would change the landscape of my life.



Michelle Mims

Now I don't have to step out far and wide to tell many of you just how far that job is from my particular salty/sassy no-holds-barred personality. I'll just leave you with this funny example of how most of my days go now.

The store where I worked was on the main drive, Slappey Boulevard in Albany, Ga. Behind it, most of the neighborhoods housed people who had lived there most of their lives, now in their late 60s and 70s.

I cannot tell you the things I learned about people just by working in that store. It was quite possibly the best eye-opener for any person my age to experience. But that's not how I know I shouldn't work in customer service or maybe even with just people in general.

I was a purchasing manager for 20 years. I didn't work with customers; I worked with sales people. Which meant that basically I was in charge, and I didn't have to listen to foolishness. That job came to an end when the company closed down.

Thankfully, some wonderful folk were looking out for me, and I was able to roll right into another job with no time standing still to fret or worry. However, that job opening was for a human resource manager.

Typical day: I came to work one morning, locked the front door behind me because I needed to go to the restroom first. A minute or so later, I hear the door unlock and the bell jingle that's attached to the door; several supervisors also have keys.

The door to my office is still shut, and the light is out because I didn't make it that far. My boss's door is shut, and the bathroom door is shut with the loud fan going in there that sounds like it's about to explode and sling shrapnel. And all of this you can see (and hear) as you stand right inside the entrance of the front door.

One of the supervisors begins to shout my name. I almost lost my good graces when I came out of there. I was like, Dude, you can obviously see where I must be, and this isn't your house where you come inside hollering for your wife or kids — even though you also know they are in the restroom — so why would you do that either — because what can they do for you in there? He just stood there and looked at me like I had lost my mind. I was like "some courtesy please, would be appreciated."

Prayers are appreciated that I make it to retirement. Because it is highly questionable some days!

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healthy pregnancies and quality infant care through March of Dimes and by supporting Florida's Healthy Start Coalitions.

- Invite a speaker to your civic organization, workplace or place of worship to spread the word about the threat of family violence and how

to keep all of our family members safe.

- Mentor a child, visit a lonely elder or give the gift of time to your community Hospice — become a beacon of hope for someone who needs kindness and special attention.

- Give personal support to a mother or father in need, or to a caregiver of an elder or special child experiencing the stress of their round-the-clock duties.

- Support advocacy organizations and communicate with elected officials in support of parent education, abuse prevention, health care, victims' rights, justice for teenagers and access to quality services across the generations. Please continue to exert the power of your influence. Our success is rooted in what we do for others who need us, and the energy we invest in

making a difference.

Advocacy is giving voice to causes that we know need attention and effective action. As the Talmud poignantly asks, "If not me, who? If not now, when?"

Join me as an ardent advocate, entering every door with an optimistic spirit.

Because prevention is relevant to every stage of life.

If you wish to receive

my "Grandma Minnie's Life Lessons," email me at jack@4gen.org with the words "Minnie's Lessons" in the subject line. I guarantee her kitchen table wisdom will edify you!

I welcome invitations to share my advocacy messages in keynote addresses, strategy seminars and assisting organizations and with their strategic planning needs about how to be-

come more powerful advocates, connect with community opinion leaders for public policy impact, communicate effectively, and develop financial resources to achieve their program goals.

All my best for your good works — on to a sensational spring!

Jack Levine is founder of 4Generations Institute. Email him at Jack@4Gen.org.

NOTICE OF INTENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners intends to hear the following at their regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commission Chambers located at 7 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL.:

Hoover Treated Wood Products, Inc. (Azalea Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan (Quasi-Judicial) (SP-2018-01) - Consideration of a conceptual/preliminary site plan for a plant to process flame retardant wood products to be located on sixty-five (65) acres (Tax Parcel I.D. #2-15-3N--0000-00441-0700) accessing Potter Woodberry Road.



Persons wishing to review the files on the above projects may do so on the County website at www.gadsdencountyfl.gov or at the Gadsden County Building & Planning Department located at 1-B East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing should contact the County by calling 850-875-8665 or 850-510-7842, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such public hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be used.

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MEETING NOTICE

The Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Community Meeting to discuss the Old Stevens School Site immediately following the Groundbreaking Ceremony

Thursday, March 29, 2018
(4:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

at the Campbell-Kelly Community Center
415 Cooper Street, Quincy, Florida 32351

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Persons needing assistance in obtaining any information from the County or attending the public hearing must contact the Gadsden County Facilities Management Office, 1B E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida, (850) 875-8665 or (850) 510-7842, at least 48 hours prior to the hearing if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTOR WANTED!

Tallahassee Community College is looking for a full-time Vocational Instructor to teach: **MASONRY** at the Liberty Correctional Institute. Competitive pay and benefits! Visit www.tcc.fl.edu to apply.

For more information contact Workforce Development at (850) 201-8760!

NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF QUINCY, FLORIDA

Please take notice that a Preliminary Election scheduled for the City of Quincy, Florida on the 24th day of April 2018, for the purpose of electing one (1) city commissioner for the term of three (3) years.

The District up for Election is District 3

Anyone wishing to register to vote in this election may do so at the office of the Supervisor of Elections or any Town/City Hall prior to the closing of the books at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

The place of voting will be at City Hall in Quincy; the polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. The election is nonpartisan and any qualified voter residing within the above City Districts of Quincy, Florida may vote.

Vote By Mail (Absentee) ballots will be available at the Supervisor of Elections office. Call 627-9910.

SPORTS & EDUCATION

GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

FWC to offer boater education

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

World-class fishing, crystal blue waters, endless sunshine — there's so much about Florida's waterways to enjoy. During the week of March 18 to March 24, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourage all boaters to take part in the national Spring Aboard — Take A Boating Edu-

ation Course campaign by taking a boating safety course today.

"An educated boater is proven to be safer on the water," said Major Rob Rowe, leader of FWC's Boating and Waterways section. "If boat operators have taken a boating safety education course, the likelihood of their time spent on the water being a safe and enjoyable experience is much greater for them as well as their passengers.

"There's no reason to head out on the water without knowing what you're doing, and spring is the perfect time to take a course before the summer boating season begins."

In 2018, all boaters, 30 years of age or younger, are required to have a Boating Safety Education ID Card to legally operate a boat of 10 horsepower or greater in Florida. Even if you were born before Jan. 1, 1988, getting educated is a great idea.

Many course providers will offer incentives or course discounts for students who enroll in or complete a course during the Spring Aboard campaign. For a summary of Florida's regulations and available courses, visit MyFWC.com/Boating.

"Everyone interested in boating should take a course — it's the smart thing to do," Rowe said. "Boaters have many ways to get educated, from classroom courses of-

fered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons to online offerings available anytime, day or night. There's no reason to head out on the water without this knowledge."

2016 Florida boating accident statistics indicate that, when the level of operator education was known, 70 percent of boating deaths occurred on boats where the boat operator had never received boating education instruction.

WGMS honors essay contest winner



Special to the Times

LEFT: West Gadsden Middle School congratulates fifth-grade student, Caleb Williams, for winning first place in the annual fifth-grade essay contest opportunity given by the Florida Retired Educators Association. WGMS Principal Sonya Jackson stands next to Williams, who also is the recipient of a \$150 cash prize for his winning essay entitled, "The Time of My Life," which is a very well written account of his experience with his beloved grandmother. Williams is an all "A" student who also received a basketball trophy to add to his list of accomplishments. **MIDDLE:** Jump for dollars with accelerated readers at West Gadsden. **RIGHT:** Fifth-grade student Nathaniel Gyesky makes a staggering leap for dollars after receiving the most points for the monthly reading challenge in the Accelerated Reader Program at West Gadsden Middle School. Uriel Carrillo also earned an opportunity to jump for dollars and stands proudly with his cash in hand.

HOME ON THE RANGE

Three women, three .380s

You'll find women on Wednesday mornings at the Wakulla County Sheriff's Office range in Sopchoppy. Some of them are new to shooting. Newbie shooters who don't own a handgun but are looking for one or who just want to try handguns usually ask for the same things.



Marj Law

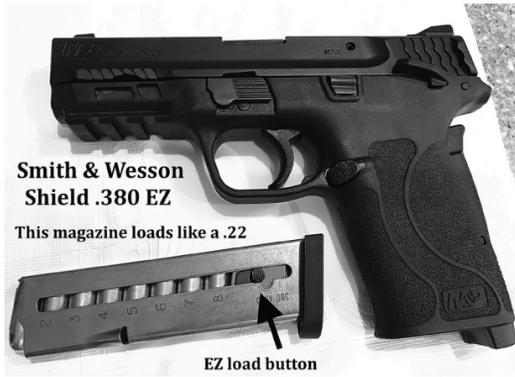
So, three, um, mature women decided to shoot .380-caliber handguns.

Lynn, Jere and Martha had all shot before, but just a few times. Armed with "eyes" and "ears," we trooped outdoors this past fine Saturday morning.

The three handguns we tried out were the Sig Sauer P238, the Browning Black Label .380, and the Smith & Wesson Shield .380 EZ.

We start with the Sig. This is the smallest gun: an all-metal micro compact weighing 15.2 ounces. It has an overall length of 5.5 inches.

All three women agreed that the length of the trigger pull was not very difficult. On a 1 to 5 scale, with 1 being the easiest and 5 the most difficult, all women gave



Smith & Wesson Shield .380 EZ

This magazine loads like a .22

EZ load button

Special to the Times

it a 2.

Strangely, all women assigned the difficulty of the trigger pull differently. It rated a 1, a 2, and a 3. None said it was a hard pull, but perception was certainly not the same. It is rated with a 7.5- to 8.5-pound trigger pull, which I personally think is overstating the difficulty, but we all don't have to agree, and perhaps this particular gun has an easier pull than its relatives.

Two of the women thought the kick was hard. They gave it a 4 while the third woman gave it a 3. Since this was the first gun we tried, some of this perception might have been due to the newness of

the situation. However, that's what they reported.

Also different were their experiences racking the slide. One said it was easy, and the other two said it was fairly easy. All three thought pushing the rounds into the magazine was very easy.

We shot the Browning .380 next. At an overall length of 7.45 inches, it is bigger than the Sig, but is still not a full-sized handgun. It weighs a couple ounces more than the Sig at 17.4 ounces. This one holds eight rounds in its magazine.

All three women thought the trigger pull

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RETHINKING EDUCATION

Critical thinking in the spotlight

It is time for schools to shine a spotlight on critical thinking skills — a large, stadium bright type of spotlight. Webster defines critical thinking as "exercising or involving careful judgment or judicious evaluation — thinking."



Bill Hoatson

As the modern world gets increasingly more complex and in a sense more ominous, it is imperative for the well-being of our society that its members are able to think clearly and critically when it comes to creating, inventing and problem-solving. Schools need to provide critical thinking skill training from pre-K on up, so upon graduation each child has the ability to face the challenges of the day. These skills

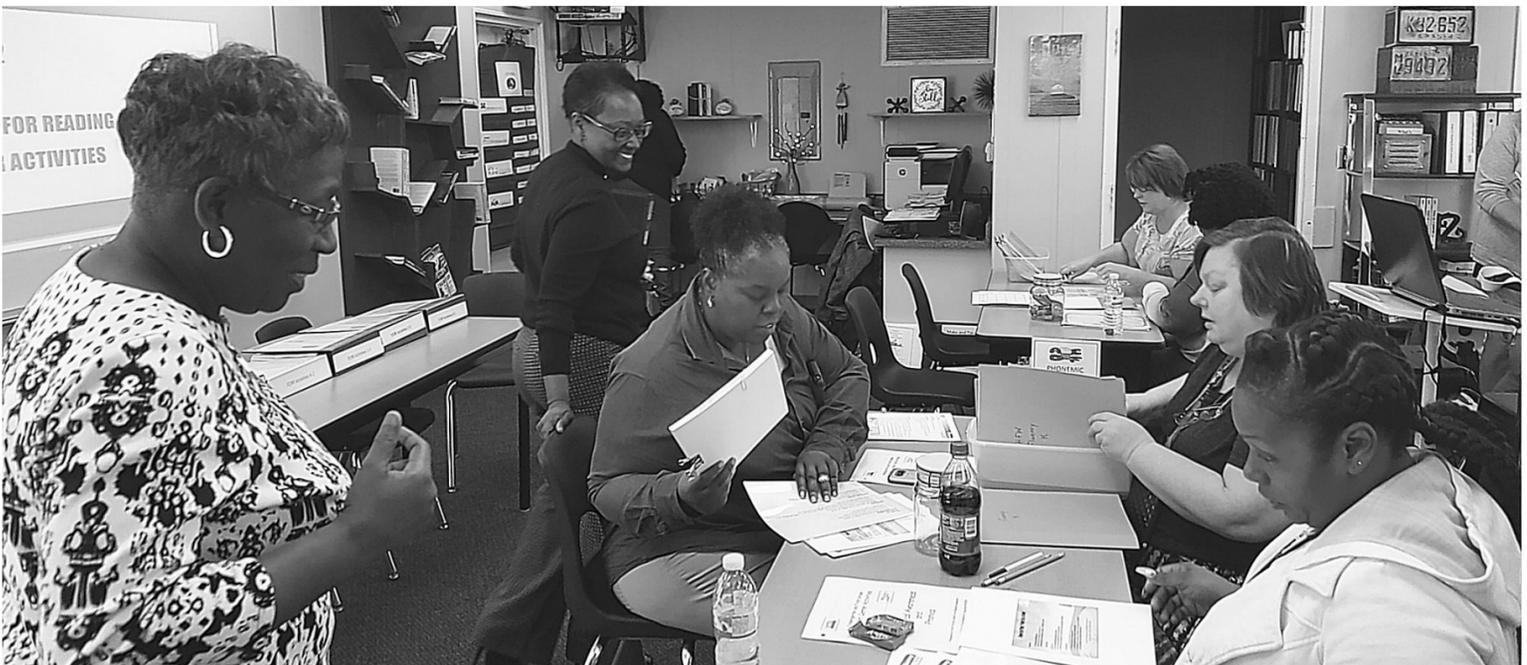
can be applied to all subject matter in school and brought to bear upon dealing constructively with life's difficulties in adulthood.

There are several components to critical thinking. One of them is the ability to separate fact

from fiction. What is a fact? Again, going to Webster, it is "actuality — hinges on evidence." The scientific method is based on theories becoming "facts" by presenting verifiable, duplicable evidence of existence. Over time these "facts" are tested and retested, sometimes changing as new evidence is produced. Children need to ask questions like "Where did this fact come from? Is it verifiable?"

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Teachers go to school on Saturday: from product to practice



Special to the Times

Teachers from across the district gave up one day of sleeping in and participated in a meaningful hands-on "Make and Take" professional learning session on Jan. 20. The event was designed to use live data to drive small group instruction. "If we are going to close the achievement gap, we must customize and differentiate instruction," said Dr. Ida Walker, director of professional learning. Walker orchestrated two concurrent reading sessions: one for kindergarten through third grade and the other for fourth through 10th grades. Dr. Sylvia Jackson, area director for secondary and vocational education; and Gadsden County Schools Superintendent Roger Milton showed their support as they dropped in on both sessions. Teamwork does indeed make the dream work.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fishing Report

This week, fishing has been OK, but it could have been better. The crappie are still bedding, and I would look for them in the lily pads. I would use minnows and you can cast small crappie gigs for them.

The bream are starting to bed. We fished a bass tournament this weekend and saw several beds. Look in Lakeview Point Cove and Hammock Creek. The bass are also bedding. Look for

them in the back of the creeks. Some were seen in the Harvey Mill Creek. Look for them also in the out-of-the-way places. You can also spot them in the back of the coves.

In two weeks, the T.B.A. Tournament will be on Lake Talquin. We have heard that this may be the last one here on the lake. It has been held here for 40 years. We are not going to let it end. Some in our fishing club said we will take it over and run it. Well anyway, make sure

you wear your life jackets and be safe on the water.

— Buddy Hosey

Library scholarship

The Friends of the Gadsden County Public Library is proud to sponsor its inaugural Julia Munroe Woodward Essay Contest. The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college/university, community college, technical school, or police academy of his/her choice.

Deadline is April 2.

HURDLE

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conditions at the meeting that her clients want Hoover to meet. That includes a permanent buffer that would prohibit the company from developing the property beyond the footprint of the current site plan for the plant. In response to an email inquiry from the Times, she said that item is the one most important to her clients and Hoover has not committed to a permanent buffer.

The proposed plant site occupies 8 acres of the parcel Hoover purchased from Coastal for the facility. The entire parcel is zoned for industrial use.

Dee Ann Miller of FDEP responded to a Times email inquiry on other permitting required. She said Hoover had submitted an application Feb. 13 for a stormwater permit exemption for a stormwater management system and culvert stream crossings.

It did not qualify for an exemption, so FDEP had asked for additional information and asked them to submit a stormwater permit application.

"When reviewing an application, the Department ensures the proposed project meets all requirements of the state's environmental laws and regulations. In the case of this specific permit, the stormwater rule contains the requirements and criteria for stormwater management and treatment, and is designed to minimize impacts to our natural systems," she wrote.

According to Miller, it should be noted that the proposed project may require other authorizations from FDEP, such as a wastewater permit and air permit and other local and/or federal authorizations may be required.

"All required authorizations must be secured before the project can move forward."

The proposed project will be presented April 3 to the Gadsden County Commission with the planning and zoning commission's recommendation.

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Is this source legitimate? How many sources agree with this? Can I cross-reference this? What can be said about the disagreements that may arise? Why aren't they right?" At the end of the day, when looked at critically, a student can have some solid "facts" on which to base opinions and actions.

Speaking of opinions, the second component is to be able to separate them from facts. Hopefully, one's opinions are based on facts, but that is obviously not necessarily so and children need to learn the difference between the two. Opinions are perfectly fine, are in fact what makes each one of us unique, but are often a blend of our own view of facts mixed in with our emotional responses to them. To take it even further, emotional responses are exactly what a lot of opinions are aimed at, and if a person

is responding emotionally to something, the opinion maker has just bypassed the need for "facts."

Beyond facts and opinions is propaganda. Children need to learn how to recognize it as a whole separate realm of "information." It goes beyond analyzing what is being said into the realm of why it is being said. It is important to be understood that there are many people out there who aren't as concerned about facts as they are about shaping your opinion about something. Shaping another's opinion goes way beyond just shoddy salesmen, but into the realm of economics, politics, science, religion — you name it — and behind it all is the fight over really big money and power.

People are bombarded daily by a myriad of media outlets as well as print. This is getting to be overwhelming, and in a very real way, dangerous. In pre-electronic times, information was more

easily verifiable when it was just print media. It was static and permanent and much easier to mull over, debate and come to a conclusion. With the advent of electronic media, everything changed. Whole media empires are built on shaping opinions through mass media, because audio and visual images are a lot harder to critically analyze, especially if they are pouring out in a continuous stream.

Children need to be taught how to verify facts, how to go to different sources for information, and how to analyze the legitimacy of those sources. They have got to be given the tools to think for themselves and form their own opinions based on facts. An intelligent and informed citizenry is the rock-bed of any democracy, and is exactly what Thomas Jefferson had in mind when promoting public schools.

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RANGE

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length was fairly easy. The difficulty of the pull itself seemed not quite so light, even though my reading showed a 4-pound trigger pull as opposed to the 7.5 of the Sig, so you'd think it would be easier.

One of the women rated this Browning with a hard kick. Out of a possible score of 5, she gave it a 5. The other women rated the kick as a 1 and a 3, so they thought it was easier.

None of them had much difficulty with racking the slide. However, they all agreed that they could perform this task better with a little practice.

The last .380 we tried out was the Shield .380 EZ. This Shield weighs in at 18.5 ounces — the heaviest of the three guns, but not much heavier than the Browning. It has an overall length of 6.7 inches. Like the Browning .380, it holds eight rounds. It is reported to have just under a 6-pound trigger pull.

EZ is supposed to stand for "easy." It is supposed to be easy to rack, easy to load, easy to pull the trigger and easy to take apart to clean.

Well, the ladies didn't agree to all of that.

They thought the trigger pull length was a 3 out of the longest 5. So, it was kind of middle of the road in their minds for how long the trigger traveled.

They also did not agree on the hardness of the trigger pull. Not thinking it was easy after all, one woman gave it a 3, another a 3.5 and the other a 2. Since giving it a 1 out of a scale of 5 would be the easiest pull, their thinking did not quite agree with the advertising.

One woman liked the grip a lot and gave it the best rating. Another gave it the worst rating, while the third woman placed it in the middle. The grip on this Shield is kind of wide and square. Smaller hands might not like it.

Everyone gave this gun the best score for easy racking of the slide, and everyone agreed that this gun is, by far,

the easiest to load. Instead of pushing rounds down against the magazine spring, you load this one like you would a .22 using the EZ load button. You pull the spring of the magazine down with one thumb, and with the other hand, you just drop in the rounds. Very nice. Very easy indeed.

So, which .380 is the best for you? It all depends on you, your abilities and your needs.

Lynn likes the Sig Sauer .380 best because it is the most comfortable in her small hand. She thinks it would fit easily into a "carry" purse. And she was able to hit the target, which is always exciting.

Martha likes the Browning .380. She finds the grip just right as it is longer than the Sig's. Getting a couple rounds in the target didn't hurt, either.

Martha also liked the Shield .380 up to a point. This particular gun had not been "sighted in" which is not a defect of the gun; it was new and this had not yet been accomplished. The gun was shooting to the left. Once I mentioned this, Martha compensated by sighting slightly to the right, and she hit the target right away. However, she was uncomfortable with the loudness of the gun's report, and anticipating the noise

made her nervous. Jere had not planned to shoot this day. However, we asked her, and she gamely agreed. She hasn't shot much, but she sure whacked the target and was delighted.

Again, which gun is best for you? Consider these experiences, and then find a way to shoot the handgun(s) you think you would prefer.

Personally, I like the Sig for a carry gun. My purse is heavy enough and I want a light, small and slim gun for carry. For a slightly larger gun, but with a thin and longer grip, I like that Browning. A longer grip generally means you get better control. And the Black Label .380 with the gold logo is very attractive.

For a slightly larger handgun, I sure do like that Shield EZ. Love the very easy loading and taking apart. Since this gun is supposed to have these easy features, I thought it might have been designed with newbies or women in mind. However, the grip is big, almost clunky, and fits a larger hand. This might throw off some women.

Anyway, if asked which .380 I'd like to own, I'd say: "Every one of them."

Too bad that's not in the budget.

Dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste
Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day
Saturday - March 24, 2018
9am - 12 noon

Gadsden County Public Works Department
1284 High Bridge Road ~ Quincy

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CHAPTER FOUR
 Written by Carolyn Mueller
 Illustrated by Christopher Grant

As Jim grew larger, he was determined to prove that he was more than an "ungainly pup." His first test was an official hunting trial. All of the dogs trained at Ira Irvine's kennels were given a trial. Their owners wanted to see if they'd be good enough to take into the field.

"If he doesn't show any promise," Sam told Ira, "I'll have to get rid of him."

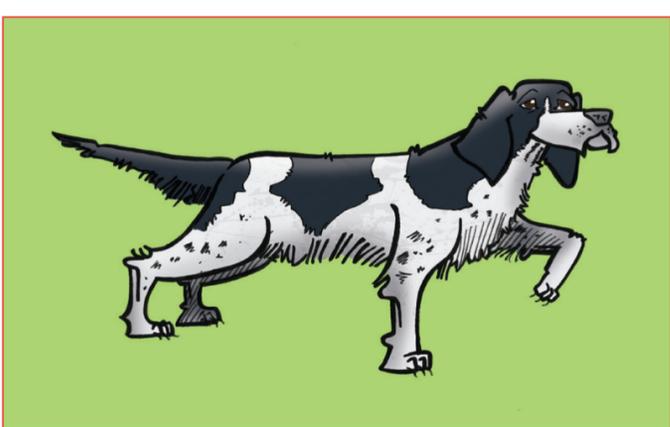
That was a lot of pressure on my father. He was still waiting to find his forever home, and he really didn't want Sam to send him away. The two men took Jim out into the field for his first test. Immediately, Jim smelled quail.

Llewellyn Setters, like me and my father, are bred to be natural hunters. We have a great sense of smell, and when we smell game we know how to pose in what's called a "point" position.

It's really quite easy. Give it a try! Nose forward, tail out, and front paw lifted and curled under. That's how we show our owners where birds and other game are hiding.

When Jim smelled his first quail in the field he assumed a perfect point. When a bird flushed into flight, Sam shot it.

"Dead bird!" he shouted.



Jim trotted over, retrieved the bird and brought it straight back to Sam. Jim didn't chew the bird or damage it at all. Jim was perfect!

"I didn't think he'd do it!" Sam told Ira.

For the rest of the afternoon the two men hunted quail, and my father was their flawless companion. He broke the birds out of their coverts and retrieved them when necessary.

"Well, this is one dog I don't think I'll ever give away," Sam told Ira at the end of the day.

And just like that my father had earned the trust and loyalty of his new owner. Jim had found his home.

Jim was a great hunting companion, but lots of dogs are, especially in my family. So what

set him apart from just any old everyday setter? Well, remember the day that Sam and Jim were hunting when Jim identified a number of different trees? Jim was more than just a great hunter. It seemed to Sam that when Jim hunted with him, he was not just following instinct or trained commands. No, it seemed that Jim understood in plain English what was being asked of him!

After that day in the forest, Sam was convinced that my father could understand language. Even though Sam's wife doubted the story and told him to keep it to himself, Sam wanted to show his friends what his new hunting dog could do!

The day after Jim identified the trees, Sam took him to town. It was time for people to meet this Wonder Dog.

KOKO THE GORILLA

Another famous animal who appeared to understand human language was Koko, a female gorilla. Koko was born at the San Francisco Zoo, and she has been cared for her entire life by a researcher named Penny Patterson. Penny began teaching Koko sign language when she was just a baby and reportedly uses more than 1,000 signs and understands more than 2,000 English words. She once told Penny that she hoped to get a kitten for Christmas! Koko's wish came true and she named her kitten "All Ball."

Koko sometimes shares memories through sign language and even complimented another gorilla who was learning with Penny by signing the message "Good Sign." But can Koko really understand human language or is she just really well trained, since she sometimes is given special treats for completing her signs?

People question if perhaps Koko is being influenced by the Clever Hans Effect. Maybe Penny is actually encouraging Koko to give certain signs through her body language. It's hard to understand exactly what Koko does or does not know, but she's definitely another interesting example of an animal communicating and appearing to understand human language.

PAPER TRAINING

Jim was skilled at communicating. Newspapers have many examples of communication that are intended to persuade, inform and entertain. Can you find an example of each?

Learning Standards: I can read historical fiction and make text-to-text and text-to-world connections.

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Puzzles4Kids WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT IS THE EASTER BUNNY'S FAVORITE SPORT?

BARNEY	___	YEARN	BLADES	___	DEALS
ADOLFO	___	FLOOD	SEATER	___	TREES
LESTER	___	RELET	LINERS	___	SIREN
SHAKER	___	SHARE	STOLEN	___	NOTES
TUREEN	___	TUNER			
ASTROS	___	SOARS			

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

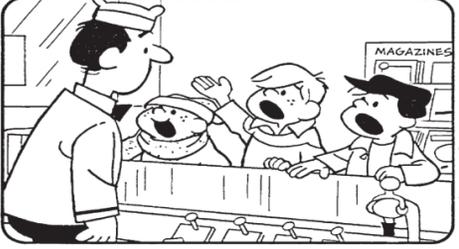
1. Day at the movies	___ _ _ I _ _	College digs	___ _ _ M _ _
2. Dogsled driver	___ _ _ H _ _	Gather courage	___ _ _ T _ _
3. Southpaw	___ E _ _ _	Tall	___ O _ _ _
4. "Feed me" sound	___ _ _ _ L	Mature	___ _ _ _ N
5. Hypnotic state	T _ _ _ _ _	Frolic	P _ _ _ _ _
6. Park employee	___ A _ _ _ _	Horseshoes score	___ I _ _ _ _
7. After dark	N _ _ _ _ _	Come to blows	F _ _ _ _ _
8. Art gear	___ A _ _ _	Ford's failure	___ D _ _ _
9. Work of fiction	___ _ V _ _	Peace prize giver	___ _ B _ _
10. Paper border	___ _ G _ _	Hemingway's fish	___ _ L _ _

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Answers: 1. Cap is different; 2. Scoop is missing; 3. Light is missing; 4. Headset is missing; 5. Straw holder is missing; 6. Back is lower.



A MOMENTOUS MOMENT IN HISTORY! Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the letter "D" in the lower lefthand corner. Don't make a mountain out of a molehill.

SEE IF YOU CAN make this math expression correct by adding five minus signs and one plus sign between certain numbers on the left side.

$$1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 = 100$$

Answer: 123 - 45 - 67 + 8 - 9 = 100

FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE! In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "PATENT." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

Answers: (Across): Map, ale, its, not. (Down): Main, alto, pest.

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend



HE'S IN THE MONEY! In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed HAVE to LEND in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. FIRE to SOOT
2. BAKE to ROLL
3. LIMP to RACE
4. DRUM to BEAT
5. BULL to COWS

P	M	A	
A		L	
T	E	N	S
T		O	

Answers: 1. FIRE, SAKE, SORE, SORT, SOOT. 2. BAKE, BALE, BALL, BOLL, ROLL. 3. LIMP, LAMP, LAME, LACE, RACE. 4. DRUM, DRAM, DRAT (with oar). 5. BULL, BOLL, BOWL, BOWS, COWS.

Answers

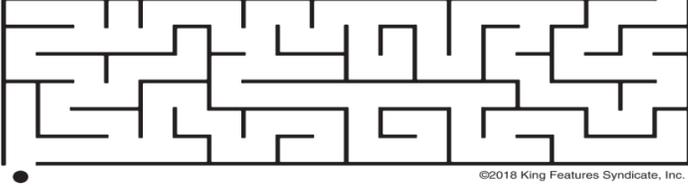
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ADOLFO	A	FLOOD	A
LESTER	L	RELET	L
SHAKER	K	SHARE	K
TUREEN	T	TUNER	T
ASTROS	A	SOARS	A
BLADES	B	DEALS	B
SEATER	S	TREES	S
LINERS	L	SIREN	L
STOLEN	S	NOTES	S

Kids' Maze Solution

Even Exchange

1. Dors, Dorms	6. Ranger, Ringer
2. Musher, Muster	7. Night, Fight
3. Lefty, Lofly	8. Easel, Edsel
4. Growl, Grown	9. Novel, Nobel
5. Trance, France	10. Margin, Marlin

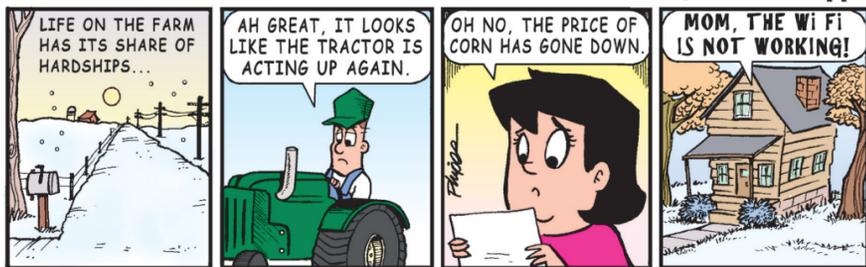
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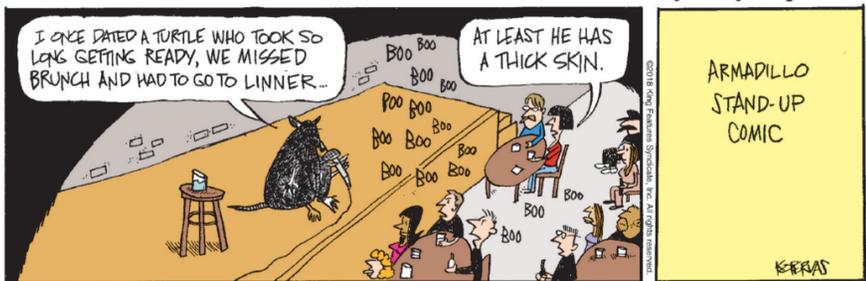
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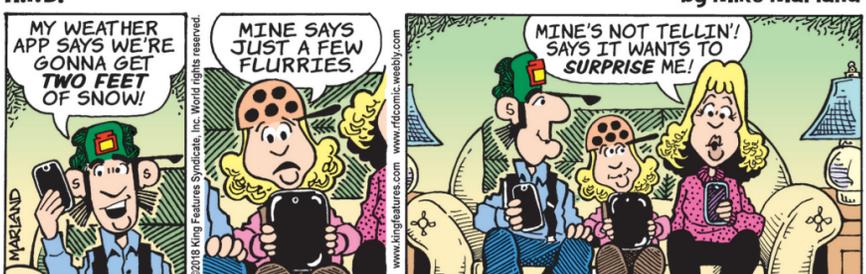
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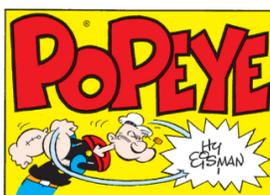
R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Just **GIRTH**

Form **SINGED**

Odd **BRAZIER**

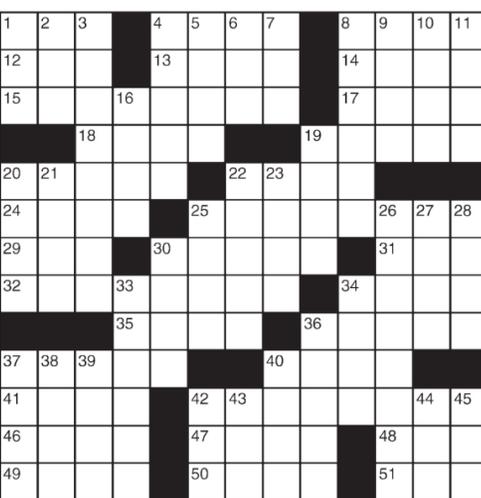
Bright **LACER**

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Grey's Anatomy" network
- 4 Facebook contribution
- 8 Undergoes recession
- 12 Carnival city
- 13 Arthur of tennis
- 14 Portrayal
- 15 Place to find a rake
- 17 Cheer
- 18 Bart's sis
- 19 Keep tabs on
- 20 Tureen accessory
- 22 Authoritative order
- 24 Oodles
- 25 Diamond-back, e.g.
- 29 Present
- 30 Stinky
- 31 Praise in verse
- 32 False teeth
- 34 Unaccompanied
- 35 Make one's way
- 36 "Annie Hall" director
- 37 Yuletide rendition
- 40 "Buenos —"
- 41 On
- 42 Annoy for one's own



- amusement
- 46 Young horse
- 47 Initial chip
- 48 Conk out
- 49 TV trophy
- 50 Require
- 51 Kreskin's claim
- 8 Mistakes in print
- 9 Galosh
- 10 United nations
- 11 Eve's third son
- 16 Bouncy melody
- 19 Hospital section
- 20 Come to earth
- 21 Lotion additive
- 22 Celebrated with a bash
- 23 Eye part
- 25 Gull's cousin
- 26 Cabana's location
- 27 Not working
- 28 Noble gas
- 30 Coal or gas
- 33 Doubly thick salad
- 36 Wasn't well
- 37 Eatery
- 38 Teeny bit
- 39 Wander
- 40 Be overly fond of
- 42 Enthusiast
- 43 Individual
- 44 "— the season ..."
- 45 With it, once

DOWN

- 1 Illustrations
- 2 Story of a lifetime?
- 3 Lose warmth
- 4 Old hat
- 5 Job safety org.
- 6 Yon maiden
- 7 A Kennedy brother

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate
- ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ASTRONOMY: How large is Jupiter's giant "red spot"?
- U.S. STATES: Which is the only U.S. state that begins with the letter "p"?
- HISTORY: Who was the last man to walk on the moon?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The average person speaks how many words in a day?
- MOVIES: In the movie "The Wizard of Oz," what did the Tin Man want from the wizard?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a guanaco?
- BIBLE: In the Old Testament, who was Abraham's first wife?
- GEOGRAPHY: What two states border Lake Tahoe?
- WEATHER: What was the fastest wind speed ever recorded?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first U.S. president to declare war?

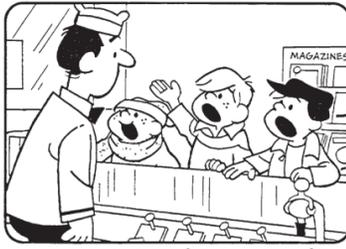
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 DZJUSIMXUDGE KDMK'U NMTTSL
 "NJSMKGPS JGLGXA."

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HAZARDS

Today's Word
 3. Bizarre; 4. Clear
 1. Right; 2. Design;
 solution

King Crossword

Answers

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

My university is offering students a class in horsemanship that's called "creative riding."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): With your practical side dominant this week, it's a good time to reassess your finances to see what expenses you can cut. Aspects also favor mending fraying relationships.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Your Bovine-inspired determination to follow matters through from beginning to end pays off in a big way. Enjoy a well-earned weekend of fun with a special someone.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): Aspects favor re-establishing business relationships you might

have neglected. A family member's request needs to be given more thought before you make a decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): While you might appreciate the avalanche of advice coming from others, keep in mind that the intuitive Moon Child is best served by listening to her or his own inner voice.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): The Lion's social life whirls at centrifugal speed this week as you go from function to function. Things slow by week's end, giving you a chance to catch up on your chores.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Don't let your stand on an issue cause a rift with a colleague. Insist on both of you taking time to reassess your positions while there's still room for compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): An opportunity you'd been hoping for finally opens up. But read the fine print before you make a commitment, especially where a time factor might be involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Your need to know what's going on behind the scenes leads you to make some bold moves. Be prepared with a full explanation

of your actions if necessary.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): A lot of details need tending to during the early part of the week. The pressure eases midweek, allowing you to get back to your major undertaking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): A friend asks you to act on their behalf in a dispute. Be careful. You might not have all the facts you need in order to make a fair assessment of the situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): A new development might require you to cancel some of your

plans. But you adapt easily, and by week's end, you could receive welcome "cheering up" news.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): Your recent workplace accomplishments boost your self-confidence just as you're about to consider a potentially rewarding, although possibly risky, career move.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of the arts is equaled only by your strong sense of justice. People can depend on you to always try to do what's right.

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Extinction threatens rare tree in Gadsden, Liberty counties

JAMILLIA COLSON
FOR THE TIMES

One of the world's rarest and oldest known trees can be found in Gadsden and Liberty counties, and it's on the brink of extinction.

The Florida Torreya is the most endangered tree in North America. National scientists and local conservationists gathered recently in Liberty County for the Torreya Tree of Life event in hopes to find a solution to what's ailing this native tree, which is a critical part of the Florida ecosystem.

Scientists estimated that in the 1930s there were half a million Torreya trees in the wild, but in 2008, University of Florida's Jason Smith began studying the tree, and found there were fewer than 1,000 remaining. Smith's research showed that dying

trees were infected with a fungus that stops seed production and ultimately kills the plant.

The Torreya Tree of Life took place March 1 and March 2 at the UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center in Quincy, and at the Gregory House at the Torreya State Park in Bristol.

"A main goal of the event is to gather the best minds in one place and hammer out a plan of action that can bring the Torreya back from the brink," said Smith, an associate professor of forest resources and conservation in the UF Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

The two-day event included representatives from UF/IFAS, the UF Biodiversity Institute, the Atlanta Botanical Garden, The Morton Arboretum, The American Chestnut

Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service, as well as Edward O. Wilson, one of the world's leading evolutionary biologists. Wilson, who was the event's keynote speaker, first noted the Torreya's decline in the 1950s.

Local legend has claimed the Torreya tree has a Biblical origin and was the key component to building Noah's Ark and only grows in this area.

Torreya was the Biblical "gopher wood" from which Noah built the ark, according to Patsy Saint, a Liberty County resident and nature enthusiast.

The Florida Torreya is a part of a disjunct population of trees that migrated to Florida and now only grows in this area, said Leigh Brooks with Friends of Torreya State Park.

"This is the only place that



JAMILLIA COLSON/For the Times
Leigh Brooks with the Friends of Torreya State Park in Liberty County is dedicated to reviving the Florida Torreya. In this photo, she is standing next to trees at Torreya State Park.

the (Torreya) can survive in the wild, and a fungal blight has come to wipe out the tree," Brooks said. "The trees are not able to survive this

blight. The rate of decline in the tree is increasing so there's this meeting of scientist to figure out what can we do to save this species."

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Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

Gerald L. Overton, Respondent.

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TO: Gerald L. Overton (Last Known Address): 2010 Pasco St., Tallahassee, FL 32310

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Felicia Overton, whose address is 344 Holt Lane, Quincy, FL 32351, on or before April 23, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 10 East Jefferson St., Quincy, FL 32351 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

** WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 6, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(COURT SEAL)

By: Charlotte Willeby, Deputy Clerk

Published March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2018.

Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

4034-0329 GCT

Robinson, Margie R. 17000209CAA Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 17000209CAA

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 26, 2018, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

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Dated this 27 day of February, 2018.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court

(Court Seal)

By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

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Tribue III, John Ermitf 18000047CAA Notice of Action

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 18000047CAA

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff,

vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN EMMITTRIBUE III AKA JOHN TRIBUE, DECEASED, et. al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

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whose residence is unknown if he/she/they are living; and if he/she/they are dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

COMMENTE AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT (FOUND) WHICH IS AN OFF-SET LOCATED 35.00 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 1 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN; THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 483.40 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (FOUND) ON THE NORTHEASTLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 65-C, THENCE SOUTH 61 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID NORTHEASTLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 1167.14 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (FOUND); THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 100.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (FOUND) ON THE SOUTHWESTLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF SAID COUNTY ROAD NO. 65-C, ALSO SAID POINT BEING A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 1864.90 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 47 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 440.37 FEET (THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING SOUTH 55 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 37 SECONDS EAST 439.35 FEET) TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET) ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY OF A PROPOSED 60 FOOT ROADWAY FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY AND SAID CURVE WITH A RADIUS OF 1864.90 FEET THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 11 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 47 SECONDS FOR AN ARC DISTANCE OF 381.79 FEET (THE CHORD OF SAID ARC BEING SOUTH 42 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 381.12 FEET) TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET); THENCE SOUTH 20 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST 146.95 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET); THENCE SOUTH 02 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 107.70 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET); THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST 298.65 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET) ON SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY; THENCE NORTH 02 DEGREES 53 MINUTES 44 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (SET); THENCE CONTINUE ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY BOUNDARY NORTH 17 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 32 SECONDS EAST 280.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before April 23, 2018 (30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice) and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Gadsden County, Florida, this 13 day of March, 2018.

Nicholas Thomas, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(COURT SEAL)

By: Pam K. Carter, DEPUTY CLERK

Published March 22 & 29, 2018. 17-116212

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

4035-0329 GCT

Robinson, Margie R. 17000209CAA Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO. 17000209CAA

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on February 26, 2018, in this cause, in the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, Florida, the clerk shall sell the property situated in Gadsden County, Florida, described as:

THE WEST TEN (10) FEET OF LOT TEN (10) AND THE EAST NINETY (90) FEET OF LOT ELEVEN (11), BLOCK "D", BUENA VISTA HEIGHTS, A PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION SEVEN (7), TOWNSHIP TWO (2) NORTH, RANGE THREE (3) WEST, SITUATE AND BEING IN THE CITY OF QUINCY, COUNTY OF GADSDEN AND STATE OF FLORIDA.

at public sale to the highest and best bidder, for cash, in the courthouse square, on the South side, facing US HWY 90, at the Gadsden County Courthouse located at 10 East Jefferson Street, Quincy, FL 32351, on April 19, 2018 beginning at 11:00 A.M.

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

Dated this 27 day of February, 2018.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of the Circuit Court

(Court Seal)

By: Pam K. Carter, Deputy Clerk

Published March 22 & 29, 2018. 888170321

Foreclosure Sale/Action Notices

4036-0329 GCT

Morris, Betty Anne 202016CA00222XXXXX Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 202016CA00222XXXXX

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CHASE FUNDING MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-2, Plaintiff,

vs. BETTY ANNE MORRIS; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants. I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, 11:00 a.m., on April 19, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit:

BEGIN AT A POINT 49.03 FEET NORTH AND 1478.56 FEET WEST OF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THENCE RUN NORTH 88 DEGREES 20 MINUTES WEST 330.14 FEET; THENCE RUN SOUTH 1391.0 FEET TO A FENCE; THENCE RUN SOUTH 89 DEGREES 51 MINUTES EAST 300 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 1382.23 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 10.5 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

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

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, persons needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Clerk of the Court no later than five business days prior to the proceeding at the Gadsden County Courthouse. Telephone 850-875-8601 or 1-800-955-8770 via Florida Relay Service.

DATED at Quincy, Florida, on March 8, 2018.

NICHOLAS THOMAS As Clerk, Circuit Court

(COURT SEAL)

By: Pam K. Carter, As Deputy Clerk

Published March 22 & 29, 2018. 1162-155289

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Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners Animal Control Officer

Position #0317 Neighborhood Services

Salary \$11.19 to \$16.79 Hourly

Position Closes: April 2, 2018

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

Bell, Durward E. 2018 CP 75 Notice to Creditors-(Summ.Admin)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018 CP 75 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF DURWARD E. BELL Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Summary Administration)

TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that an Order of Summary Administration has been entered in the estate of Durward E. Bell, deceased, File Number 2018 CP 75, by the Circuit Court for Gadsden County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1649, Quincy, Florida 32351; that the decedent's date of death was January 9, 2018; that the total value of the estate is \$1000.00; and that the names and addresses of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:

Name Address
Carol E. Bell 208 Concord-Bainbridge Road Havana, Florida 32333
Calvin E. Bell 222 Concord-Bainbridge Road Havana, Florida 32333

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this Notice is March 15, 2018.

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Published March 15 & 22, 2018.

Dissolution Of Marriage Notice

4031-0412 GCT

Jackson and Dickey 18000197 DRA Notice of Action for Divorce

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 2ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 18000197 DRA Division: Divorce

Tanya Jackson, Petitioner, and Desmond Dickey, Respondent.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DIVORCE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Divorce has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Tanya Jackson, whose address is 259 Fulton Shaw Road, Quincy, FL 32352 on or before April 19, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at 10 E. Jefferson St., Quincy, FL 32351 before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: NONE

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Mailing and E-Mail Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed or e-mailed to the addresses on record at the clerk's office.

** WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: March 7, 2018

NICHOLAS THOMAS, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

(COURT SEAL)

By: Cynthia R. Daniels, Deputy Clerk

Published March 22, 29, April 5 & 12, 2018.

Notices to Creditors/Administration

4030-0322 GCT

Bell, Durward E. 2018 CP 75 Notice to Creditors-(Summ.Admin)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 2018 CP 75 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF DURWARD E. BELL Deceased.

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Notices to Creditors/Administration

4029-0322 GCT

Williams, Patrika 17000743CAA Notice of Sale

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO. 17000743CAA

U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES 1 TRUST 2006-PCI, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-PCI, Plaintiff,

vs. PATRIKA WILLIAMS; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 1; UNKNOWN TENANT NO. 2; AND ALL UNKNOWN PARTIES CLAIMING INTERESTS BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST A NAMED DEFENDANT TO THIS ACTION, OR HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED, are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the South Front Door of the Gadsden County Courthouse, 10 E. Jefferson Street, Quincy, Florida 32351, 11:00 a.m., on April 19, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Order or Final Judgment, to-wit



Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth with Papaya Pica Sauce

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Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 3 hours
Servings: 10

Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 pounds smoked ham hocks
- 2 cups sliced yellow onions
- 1 cup diagonally sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup diagonally sliced celery
- 8 1/4 cups water, divided
- 1 container (32 ounces) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1 whole chile pepper, such as Scotch bonnet or habanero
- 2 McCormick Bay Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cans (13.66 ounces each) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Papaya Pica Sauce:

- 3 cups cubed fresh papaya
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped, seeded Scotch bonnet (chile pepper)
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cloves
- 1 pound uncooked bay scallops
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- cooked rice
- toasted shredded coconut (optional)
- fresh red or green bell pepper slices (optional)

To make broth: Place ham hocks, onion, carrots and celery in 6-quart stockpot. Cook on medium heat 5-6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 8 cups water, chicken stock, chile pepper, bay leaves, thyme leaves, turmeric, allspice and pepper. Add salt, to taste. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour, skimming fat occasionally.

Remove cover and simmer 30 minutes, skimming fat occasionally. Remove ham hocks and skim fat. In small bowl, whisk cornstarch and remaining water. Add to pot with coconut milk. Cook on medium heat 30 minutes. Skim fat. Stir lime juice into broth.

To make Papaya Pica Sauce: In food processor on high speed, process papaya, vinegar, chile pepper, onion, mustard, salt, allspice, garlic powder, ginger and cloves until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 10-15 minutes. Pour into medium bowl.

To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook shrimp and scallops in broth about 5 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Place some rice in bowl then ladle broth and seafood over top. Stir in Papaya Pica Sauce and top with shredded coconut and pepper slices, if desired.

Throw a **Hot-Pot** Dinner Party

FAMILY FEATURES

Heat up your next get-together by inviting family and friends over to try a DIY trend, the hot-pot party. It can be easy to prep and your guests can enjoy cooking and customizing their own meals.

First, prepare a rich, flavored broth and serve steaming-hot in a slow cooker or multi-cooker. Next, offer a selection of meat, seafood and veggies for dunking. Cook for a few minutes then garnish with sauces and various toppings to match individual tastes.

A traditional East Asian hot-pot broth is flavored with beef stock, soy sauce, chilies, ginger and garlic. Try a Mexican-inspired version by serving a spiced chicken broth with ancho chile pepper, cumin and oregano, or offer a taste of the Caribbean with a coconut milk broth and fresh papaya pica sauce.

Learn more about this hot-pot trend and all the latest flavor trends in McCormick's 2018 Flavor Forecast at FlavorForecast.com.

Asian Hot-Pot Broth with Tangy Chili Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 10

Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 2 containers (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Original Beef Stock
- 1/4 cup Thai Kitchen Red Curry Paste
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Tangy Chili Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Thai Kitchen Sweet Red Chili Sauce
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

- 1 pound flank steak, thinly sliced
- Simply Asia Lo Mein Noodles, cooked
- assorted mushrooms, sliced (optional)
- baby bok choy, coarsely chopped (optional)
- crunchy Chinese noodles (optional)

To make broth: In 6-quart stockpot over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in beef stock, curry paste, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic powder and ginger. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir lime juice into broth before serving.

To make Tangy Chili Sauce: In small bowl, mix red chili sauce and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook steak in broth about 2-3 minutes, or until it reaches desired doneness.

Place lo mein noodles in bowls then ladle broth and steak over top. Stir in Tangy Chili Sauce and top with mushrooms, baby bok choy and Chinese noodles, if desired.



Puebla Hot-Pot Broth with Avocado Crema

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Prep time: 45 minutes
Cook time: 45 minutes
Servings: 10

Puebla Hot-Pot Broth:

- 3 tablespoons McCormick Gourmet Ancho Chile Pepper
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons oregano leaves
- 2 teaspoons McCormick Smoked Paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup finely chopped white onion
- 6 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 containers (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 2 ears fresh corn, shucked and cut into 1-inch rounds
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Avocado Crema:

- 1/2 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and coarsely chopped
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon lime juice

- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder

- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
- 1 chayote, peeled and cut into matchsticks
- avocado, chopped (optional)
- fresh cilantro, chopped (optional)
- crunchy tortilla strips (optional)

To make broth: In small bowl, mix chile pepper, ground cumin, oregano, paprika and salt. Set aside. In 6-quart stockpot on medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir until softened. Stir in chicken stock, crushed tomatoes and 1/2 of seasoning mixture. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer 20 minutes, adding corn during last 10 minutes of cooking. Remove corn to plate. Stir lime juice into broth.

To make Avocado Crema: In food processor on high speed, process avocado, sour cream, lime juice, salt and garlic powder until smooth. Transfer to medium bowl; cover. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Coat chicken strips with remaining seasoning mixture. To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook chicken and chayote in broth 4-5 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Ladle broth with cooked chicken and vegetables into individual bowls. Top with Avocado Crema and avocado, fresh cilantro and tortilla strips, if desired.



Asian Hot-Pot Broth with Tangy Chili Sauce

Quincy CRA seeks funding solutions

Board wants to complete renovation project for QPD building

CHERI HARRIS
GADSDEN COUNTY TIMES

With no state funding available this year to continue renovation of the R.D. Edwards building, when Quincy's Community Redevelopment Agency board met March 13, the discussion turned toward other possible solutions to completing the project.

Once renovation is complete, plans call for the former Quincy Police

Department building to house QPD again.

Quincy Commissioner Derrick Elias asked what the contingency plan would be to complete the project, if state funding is not forthcoming.

Mayor Daniel McMillan said his plan would be the sale of the vacant building that used to house the city's customer service department.

Commissioner Andy Gay agreed with McMillan's suggestion, because they could

not rely on state grant funding and that getting the building ready for QPD needs to be a big part of budget discussion for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Keith Dowdell said the project should be on the city's list of capital projects and he wondered if there would be enough space in the building to house the department.

Commissioner Angela Sapp said from discussions she has had with Glenn Sapp, Quincy's police chief, there should be ample room for the police department.

With roof leaks repaired and mold remediation complete, now the building's interior is ready to be gutted and renovated.

During time for public comment, Freida Bass-Prieto said a number of citizens have concerns about the CRA board actually completing projects, whether it be planting trees, offering facade grants to busi-

nesses or clearing a lot on South Adams street so the board could point to what it had accomplished. She suggested possibly meeting more often.

"Can we point to something we've done in the past two years?" she asked.

McMillan said the city has some abandoned properties in need of demolition and using CRA funds would be an easy way for the city to accomplish a great deal and make use of the money in question.

"We need to clean some of those areas out," he said.

Quincy Commission issues proclamations



Photos by CHERI HARRIS/Gadsden County Times

LEFT: Commissioner Derrick Elias, left, and Pastor Kenneth Frame stand March 13 during the Quincy Commission meeting. **MIDDLE:** Commissioner Angela Sapp, left, stands with Chastine Newsome and Quincy Police Chief Glenn Sapp with Newsome's proclamation for her long-term service as a school crossing guard. **RIGHT:** Angela Sapp, left, presents a proclamation to David Nelson, the self-proclaimed 'Mayor of Stewart Street.'

QUINCY

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these vehicles from 5,000 to 10,000 pounds and apply uniformly to all city streets, not just the areas that historically prohibited through traffic, such as King Street.

The Commission also moved forward on selling the former customer service/NetQuincy building, voting 5-0 to allow City Manager Mike Wade to hire an appraiser. Estimates for that service have ranged from roughly \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Commissioner Derrick Elias asked Wade for an update on the citywide inventory of all

city-owned assets.

Wade said he had issued lists to all departments and they were in the process of taking inventory. He said the list of items ranges from chairs and tables to vehicles.

"Practically, all of the items that the city owns we have ID numbers on those items to match up with the list," he

said.

Elias asked Wade to direct department heads to track down missing items so the city would have a complete list, with explanations of items lost or discarded.

In other business, the Commission:

Issued four proclamations, one each for Pastor Kenneth

Frame, who was honored for his poetry about Quincy; recently retired school crossing guards, Chastine Newsome and Doris Bryant, who were honored for their years of service; and David Nelson, the self-proclaimed "Mayor of Stewart Street," was honored for his efforts to keep Stewart Street clean.



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