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New Year's baby arrives at last

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Ki'Lee Alise Jackson is Jackson County's first baby of 2018.

She made her debut at 8:09 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, at Jackson Hospital. Mom Shantana Hayes hopes to have her infant home by Sunday to join her big brother, Jordan, 5, and her 1-year-old big sister, Ri'Lee.

Jordan had been impatient for the new baby to arrive, his mother says, and has been by to see his new little sister. He approves. Ki'Lee's dad, Larry Jackson, had also been to see his

baby girl and maternal grandmother Alice Gammon has been there, too. Another loved one in the baby's support group is Hayes' cousin, Shacourte Gammon, who just had twins herself. Hayes said she expects she and her cousin will compare notes and have lots to talk about in the coming months as their infants grow.

Delivered by C-section, Ki'Lee weighted in at 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Her mother had to undergo blood transfusions

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Shantana Hayes holds her infant daughter, Ki'Lee Alise Jackson. The youngster, born Thursday, is the first baby delivered at Jackson Hospital in 2018. That distinction means the youngster goes home with a gift basket that includes the white hand-crocheted blanket she's swaddled in here.

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The solar system



PHOTO BY MARK SKINNER/FLORIDIAN

From the left, Bill Thomas with Melvin Engineering, Rick Harrell with the City of Marianna, Joseph Richey with the City of Marianna and David Melvin with Melvin Engineering discuss possible locations for the solar cell site.

Marianna to negotiate with designers for solar farms

BY DEBORAH BUCKHALTER
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Before the first half of 2018 is done, the City of Marianna hopes to have made its next big step in becoming more of a "green energy" town.

On Tuesday, Marianna City Commissioners voted to start negotiating with Melvin Engineering for the design of solar power systems to run its wastewater treatment plant and associated sprayfield. The job of constructing the paired solar farms is expected to be put out for bids this spring.

Melvin was the top-ranked of five design firms that responded to the city's request for proposals on the project.

The Department of Envi-

ronmental Protection has set aside up to \$370,000 in grant funds to help Marianna pay for the design phase, but the city will have to pay 20 percent, no matter what the cost turns out to be. City Manager Jim Dean has said the loan portion would also be handled by DEP and that it would be paid over 20 years at a one-percent interest rate. It's a manageable figure, Dean said, with the city's share of the cost an estimated \$74,000, if the project were to come in at \$370,000 in total. That would result in a loan payment of just over \$308 a month for the pay-back period. The DEP money comes from a state revolving fund.

With the city expecting to

save \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year in energy costs by going solar, Dean said, the loan dollars would be easily gathered by way of the savings.

But design is only the beginning. The construction phase must have a funding source, as well, and Dean expects to make a request for that portion once the designers do their work and figure the cost of panel installation and all the other expenses that go into it. In a rough estimate, Dean said, the build-out cost could come to around \$4 million or less and that the city would potentially be eligible for the same grant/loan arrangement for that phase, at the same percentages. He stressed that this was only a

preliminary estimate based on research done thus far.

Once designers do their work, the firm will also help manage the process of putting the construction job out for bids.

Dean said Thursday that initial discussions with Melvin have already begun. If a negotiated price can't be worked out between the two, the city would instead negotiate with Mott-MacDonald, the next-highest ranked firm that offered a proposal. Melvin outscored that firm by less than seven points in the city's ranking process.

Solar panels convert the sun's rays into electricity, which will be used by the

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Rain expected on post-holiday 1st day back to school

From staff reports

After their two-week holiday vacation that featured a stretch of sub-freezing weather, Jackson County youngsters returned to school on Friday with temperatures still lingering low.

They'll likely face rain on Monday, their second day back, with an 80 percent chance of it in the forecast but with less brutal temperatures.

Monday's high should be around 68, with a nighttime low hovering around 43. The sun returns on Tuesday and sticks around through most of the remaining school week.

Although next Friday will be partly cloudy, there's only a 20 percent chance of rain. Daytime highs should be in the 60s or dip slightly into the high 50s. Nighttime lows will be in the 40s all week, forecasters expect.

Next weekend should be partly cloudy, with a 10-20 percent chance of rain throughout. Sunday is expected to be mostly cloudy. The following week, look for evening showers on Monday, Jan. 15 and morning showers on Tuesday, Jan. 16. Partly cloudy skies are expected on Wednesday, with a 20 percent chance of rain on the day.

Deep freeze sparks buying sprees

From staff reports

Some retailers did see upticks in sales of certain items when sub-freezing temps settled in for a long stay in Jackson County these last several days.

At McCoy's in Marianna, for instance, bag oysters were a hot item in the icy period. Something about frigid weather brings out the oyster-lovers of the world who love to sit outside by the fire and shuck the bivalves for family and friends. The store was selling a brisk 100 bags a week at last count.

Propane gas sales also skyrocketed, with two supply deliveries to the store already this week and another on the way as of Thursday. Peo-

ple are commonly filling three to five tanks at a time these days.

Of course, there are two more big sellers right now, and they don't have anything to do with the weather: Two of Florida's lottery games have buyers in a fever with several weeks of rollover punching up the payout.

Florida's Megamillion jackpot, which was to be drawn Friday night, had hit \$418 million as of mid-day Thursday, and Saturday's Powerball jackpot had reached the \$550 million mark by that same time. With a payday Friday coming, retailers Thursday were bracing for lines of buyers.

5-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

Weather forecast for Saturday through Wednesday with temperature ranges and icons for sun, clouds, and rain.

Local weather forecast for various towns including Enterprise, Dothan, Donalsonville, Crestview, Marianna, Panama City, Tallahassee, and Pensacola.

THE SUN & MOON

Sunrise 6:39 a.m., Sunset 4:54 p.m., Moonrise 11:12 p.m., Moonset 11:16 a.m.

Phase of the moon: Last (Jan. 8), New (Jan. 17), First (Jan. 24), Full (Feb. 1).

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From the Archives: 1962



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A look back at local history as chronicled in the Jackson County Floridan.

Chattahoochee leap nets youth injured ankle

"You have to kill me first," the youth cried. And with that he leaped over the railing of the bridge spanning the Chattahoochee River between Columbus, Ga., and Phenix City, Ala.

Fished out of the water suffering from shock and an injured ankle, the unidentified youth shed little light on his action.

He was reported in good condition and under guard in Columbus Friday.

Police Lt. Robert Efurud said a car operated by the youth almost ran into a police car in Columbus Thursday night. The officer ran down the youth's vehicle on the bridge.

— JACKSON COUNTY FLORIDIAN, SATURDAY, JAN. 6, 1962

Hearing set on milk suit

Federal District Judge G. Harrold Carswell Friday set Jan. 9 for a hearing on a suit by a Pensacola creamery asking that the Florida Milk Commission Law be declared unconstitutional.

Carswell said the hearing will be held in Tallahassee or Marianna, depending on where he is holding court at the time.

The company said it holds contracts for milk and dairy products valued at \$1.5 million with Fort Benning, Ga., Tyndall Air Force Base, Eglin Air Force Auxiliary Field Number Nine and the U.S. Navy Mine Defense Laboratory at Panama City.

Polar Ice Cream and Creamery Co. asked a temporary injunction restraining the Milk Commission from enforcing order relative to military milk.

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150 attend annual Chamber meeting

Members of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce wrote "Well Done" on the year 1961 at the annual chamber banquet last night and set their sights on a new year, which retiring President C.C. Harrison Jr. said the group is beginning in "good shape to go out and get our share of industry."

Approximately 150 attended the banquet at the Chipola Hotel. Among them were officials of Chambers of Commerce of nearby towns and cities.

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Today in History

Thought for Today

"He threatens many that hath injured one."

— Ben Jonson

English dramatist and poet (1572-1637)

Today is Saturday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2018. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1968, a surgical team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, California, led by Dr. Norman Shumway performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient

- On this date: In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.) In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia. In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey. In 1912, Mexico became the 47th state. In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

- In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York. In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China. In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo. In 1987, the U.S. Senate voted 88-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair. In 1993, authorities rescued Jennifer Stolpa and her infant son, Clayton, after Jennifer's husband, James, succeeded in reaching help, ending the family's eight-day ordeal after becoming lost in the snow-covered Nevada desert. Jazz trumpeter Dizzy Gillespie, 75, died in Englewood, New Jersey; ballet

- dancer Rudolf Nureyev died in suburban Paris at age 54. In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding pleaded guilty to conspiracy to hinder prosecution, but denied any advance knowledge about the assault.) In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election. Ten years ago: In a video posted on the Internet, al-Qaida's American-born spokesman, Adam Gadahn (ah-DAHM' guh-DAHN'), urged fighters to meet President George W. Bush with

bombs during his upcoming Mideast visit. Mikhail Saakashvili (sah-kahsh-VIH'-leh) was declared winner of a second term as Georgia's president. Five years ago: President Barack Obama returned to Washington after a winter vacation in Hawaii that was interrupted by the "fiscal cliff" crisis. In his first public speech in six months, a defiant Syrian President Bashar Assad rallied a cheering crowd to fight the uprising against his authoritarian rule, dismissing any chance of dialogue with what he called "murderous criminals." The NHL and the players' association agreed on a tentative pact to end a 113-day lockout. One year ago: Congress certified Donald Trump's presidential victory over the objections of a handful of House Democrats, with Vice President Joe Biden pronouncing, "It is over." An arriving airline passenger pulled a gun from his luggage and opened fire in the baggage claim area at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport in Florida, killing five people and wounding eight.

Murph's Positive Reflections

Move forward with a fresh start

For some of us, last year was a very successful year, but others don't want a repeat performance of the past year in the New Year.

No matter how good or bad the past year was, it's time to move forward.

Just the idea of going into a New Year can make one feel that there is a fresh beginning. Anyone who had a tough past year should be trying to make the changes necessary to avoid a reoccurrence taking place. It may not be the easiest thing to do, but with a made-up mind and determination, the New Year can be a good one.

When we are feeling down and disappointed in the way we are living, remember that there are millions of other people in the world who are less fortunate than we are. One of the first steps toward moving forward in a positive manner is to get away from self-pity. When we are consistently complaining about the bad hand life has dealt us, it will be hard to make changes and progress. Why not try counting our blessings?

We might find that even though



Thomas Vincent Murphy
Murph's Positive Reflections

things may be tough in our lives, there is still much to be thankful for.

There are people in parts of the world who live in such terrible conditions that they would enjoy living in some of the worst situations some of the citizens in America live in. If we are able to read this column, we should thank God we still have life in our bodies.

Making changes in our lives can take place at any time, but the thought of beginning a New Year should give us the motivation we need to make new, helpful adjustments in our lives. There are always those in life who have no intentions of finding a job, or living a crime-free lifestyle.

Misery loves company and there are those who continuously live

stagnant lives, who would love having us right there complaining and having no ambition with them.

Consider finding new friends who are trying to move forward in life, and don't waste precious time going nowhere. Get away from negative people.

Sadly, there are times our own family members can lead us in the wrong direction, but we have to be strong in our decisions to make changes in our lives. In fact, we could be the positive influence other family members might need. There are many of us who have been blessed financially and have many assets. It would be great if, during this year, we would use some of the money we might waste on unnecessary things to give a helping hand to someone trying to make an honest living, but is having a tough time and needs some assistance. Help somebody.

Have a blessed and happy New Year!

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Wood stove ignites adjacent material

From staff reports

Firefighters were able to safely extinguish a Friday fire that began when a wood stove ignited some adjacent material Lamb's Welding Shop, according to a press release from Marianna city officials.

On Jan. 5 at approximately 2:38 p.m., a 911

call about the fire was received by Marianna Fire Rescue through the Jackson County Sheriff's office dispatch center. The call location was 4407 Jackson St. (Lambs' Welding Shop). Marianna Fire Rescue arrived on scene within minutes to discover that a haze of light smoke was showing from the rear of

the structure.

Marianna Fire Rescue crew members were able to gain entry by forcing the rear garage door open and the fire was extinguish with approximately 500 gallons of water. It was determined that the source of the fire was an unattended wood burning heater/stove that ignited some material in the

adjacent area.

Minimal damage was done to the contents and structure. Estimated damage was less than \$500, officials said. Marianna Fire Rescue thanked the Jackson Sheriff's Office, Marianna Police Department and Jackson County Fire Rescue for a joint effort in protecting and saving lives and property.

Teacher Workshop set at Chipola College

Special to the Floridan

The Chipola College Future Educators Club will host its eleventh Annual Teacher Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 17, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teachers and students interested in a career in education are invited to attend.

The Keynote Speaker will be Tammy Jerkins, the 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year.

Chipola Teacher Education students with the assistance of the education faculty, staff, and education graduates will present the free workshop. The day will include ses-



Tammy Jerkins, 2018 Florida Teacher of the Year.

sions for elementary, middle, and high school teachers in Math, Science, Reading, English,

ESOL and ESE. Students will present hands-on activities that can be used in the classroom along with samples for teachers to use in their own classrooms. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

The workshop will be held in the Literature/Language (Building Z). Registration begins at 8 a.m., with the first session at 8:30 a.m.

To ensure that sufficient materials are available, please RSVP to FEC Sponsor Casey Dowguc at dowguc@chipola.edu or phone 850-718-2449.

Celebrations

Miller, Williams



Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Miller of Graceville announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Lina Miller, to Patrick Aaron Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Williams of Opp, Alabama.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jack Miller of Graceville, the late Mr. Emory Thompson of Greenwood, and Mrs. Barbara Thompson Rodgers of Greenwood. She is a graduate of Graceville High School and the University of West Florida. Currently, she is

employed with the Walton County School District.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl White and the late Mr. and Mrs. Baskel Williams, all of Opp, Alabama. A graduate of Opp High School and Wallace Community College he is currently employed with ASRC at Eglin Air Force Base.

The wedding is planned for March 17, 2018 at the First United Methodist Church in Graceville, Florida.

Community Briefs

FDOT: Traffic alerts for area roads

The Florida Department of Transportation reminds drivers to practice caution while traveling in and around work zones in Jackson County:

» I-10 from east of County Road (C.R.) 69A to the Gadsden County line— Construction signage is installed and work is underway. Minimal traffic impacts can be expected at this time.

» S.R. 276 at C.R. 10A (Old Cottondale Highway) — Curb work is taking place near the intersection. Paving will follow curb work. Drivers are reminded that crews work 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All planned construction activities are weather dependent and may be rescheduled in the event of inclement weather. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to the reduced speed limit when traveling

through the construction area.

Chipola to hold auditions for 'Little Mermaid'

Chipola College Theatre will hold auditions for Disney's The Little Mermaid, Sunday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. The show will run March 1-4.

In the Disney tale, teenage mermaid Ariel is fascinated with life on land. On one of her visits to the surface, which are forbidden by her father, King Triton, she falls for a human prince. Determined to be with her new love, Ariel makes a dangerous deal with the sea witch Ursula to become human for three days. But when plans go awry for the star-crossed lovers, the king must make the ultimate sacrifice for his daughter.

For audition information, call 718-2227 or email sirmonc@chipola.edu.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Saturday, January 6, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Debbie Paramore
Gene Paramore
John E. Roberts
John Jackson
John O'Brien III
Joseph Michael Coe

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Martin Gage
Vanderwerf
Miranda Pumphrey
Norma M. Merritt

IN MEMORY

Elton Andreasen

Sunday, January 7, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

April Alday
Ginger Green
Jim Tyler Jr.
Kathy Milton
Kristin Coley
Kyle Tyre
Mikaelin Branch
Sidna Branch

Monday, January 8, 2018

BIRTHDAYS

Lisa Leff
Alvie Deese
Anita Callaway Scott
David H. Melvin
Janette Peyton
Megan Gardner Tyler
Van Kunde



Birthdays, anniversaries and memorials are shared by the Pilot Club of Marianna, from their annual Community Birthday Calendar. To add your listings to future editions of the Pilot Club's calendar, contact Claudia Smith at 482-7507. To add your listings to the newspaper, contact the Floridan at 526-3614.

The Pilot Club of Marianna is a group of executive, business and professional leaders working together to improve the quality of life in our community and throughout the world. For more information about Pilot or the Pilot Club community birthday calendar, call Claudia Smith at 482-7507.

School MENU

Week of Jan. 8-12

<p>Monday, Jan. 8</p> <p><i>Breakfast</i> Mini Pancakes Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p><i>Lunch</i> Choice of: Chicken Nuggets or Grilled Cheese Sandwich</p> <p><i>Sides:</i> Crispy French Fries Crunchy Celery Sticks Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p>Tuesday, Jan. 9</p> <p><i>Breakfast</i> Bacon Egg & Cheese Biscuit Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p><i>Lunch</i> Choice of: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce & Roll or Ham & Cheese Melt</p> <p><i>Sides:</i> Buttery Mixed Vegetables Mean Green Romaine Salad Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p>Wednesday, Jan. 10</p> <p><i>Breakfast</i> Cinnamon Roll Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i> Choice of:</p>	<p>Nachos Supreme or Chicken Quesadilla</p> <p><i>Sides:</i> Cheesy Refried Beans Italian Cucumber & Tomato Salad Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p>Thursday, Jan. 11</p> <p><i>Breakfast</i> Sausage Biscuit Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i> Choice of: Salisbury Steak & Gravy w/ WGR Roll or Breaded Chicken Sandwich</p> <p><i>Sides:</i> Garlic Mashed Potatoes Fresh Broccoli Tree Florets Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p>Friday, Jan. 12</p> <p><i>Breakfast</i> French Sticks Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i> Choice of: Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza or Breaded Fish Sandwich</p> <p><i>Sides:</i> Southern Green Beans Crunchy Carrot Sticks Fruit Choice Milk Choice</p>
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Make A Difference

Recycle!





Pianist Jason Farnham will perform at Chipola College on Jan. 18.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chipola artist series welcomes one-of-a-kind pianist

Special to the Floridan

The Chipola Artist Series welcomes piano extraordinaire Jason Farnham, Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Center for the Arts.

In describing Farnham, one writer said, "Take Jerry Lee Lewis, add some Victor Borge, Beethoven on steroids, garnish with Schroeder from Peanuts, throw it all in a blender, and what comes out is an unmistakable Jason Farnham show."

Fans have dubbed him "Schroeder" because of his witty piano comedy antics and the clever way he interacts with the audi-

ence. The show includes contemporary piano, jazz, bossa nova, blues, stride piano, and classical with a modern twist. Jason is always looking for a way to take a classic and turn it on its ear, including playing upside down Amadeus-style. Learn more at www.jasonfarnham.com.

Tickets — \$20 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 and under, and \$5 for Chipola students and employees - are on sale at the Center Box Office. Call 718-2420 or visit www.chipola.edu/boxoffice. The remaining Artist Series event is The Young Irishers, March 13.

Chipola automotive instructor begins Season 4 of 'Tech Garage'

Special to the Floridan

Chipola Automotive instructor John Gardner has signed on for season 4 of the television show, "Tech Garage," presented by RockAuto.com and airing on Discovery's Velocity Channel.

"Tech Garage" is a how-to show focusing on theory, operation and diagnostics of vehicle

systems. The series has aired since January 2015. Season 4 will air at 7:30 a.m. CST on Sundays starting Jan. 7. The show also is available on the web. Episodes are filmed at Chipola College.

Chipola's Gardner is no stranger to the camera. Since 2013, he and fellow automotive instructor Chase Vlieg, have been making training videos

on the national level for industry and education. Gardner says, "As an instructor, it is my goal to make educational material available to instructors as a classroom resource. Masters Entertainment Group is producing the show from Jan 2015 through 2020 so that instructor and schools can access the 22 minute programs free

of charge.

Gardner says, "I want to thank the college, our advisory committee and industry representatives for supporting me in this project. I am lucky to have so many colleagues who have helped me." Gardner said industry support is critical to the success of Chipola's automotive program.

Follow the show on:



SUBMITTED PHOTO

John Gardner returns for another season of "Tech Garage" on Jan. 7.

<https://www.facebook.com/TechGarageTV/>, <https://twitter.com/>

[johngardnertv](http://www.johngardnertv.com) and <http://www.velocity.com/tech-garage/>.

TOP READERS AT SNEADS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Special to the Floridan



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Top readers for the second nine-weeks were recently announced at Sneads Elementary School. Not pictured: Cale Thompson, Caleb Mathis, and Jack Eaton.

The following students had the highest AR points for the second nine-weeks:

First Grade – Braydon Jones — 14.9, Kinlee Edwards — 14.8, Bear Baxley — 14.7, and Cooper Wester — 14.7.

Second Grade – Blakely Meeks — 16.3, Andres Quiva — 16.3, Ronderius Gainer — 15.6, and Faith Abel — 15.5.

Third Grade – Cale Thompson — 106.6, Caleb Mathis — 15.7, and A'Rhianna Garrett — 13.7.

Fourth Grade – Jack Eaton — 85.0, Tullio Zampiere - 27.2, and Noah Goodson — 25.7.

Fifth Grade – Tyler Armstrong — 154.7, Alyssa Newburn - 51.8, and Leela Helms — 12.5.

ROTARY WELCOMES WOODMEN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This week's program at the Marianna Rotary Club, hosted by Jim Watts, featured Mike Hutto with Woodmen of the World Insurance in Marianna. Hutto informed the Club of the Woodmen of the World not-for-profit organization and its donations and contributions to the community. From left, are Chris Dobbs, Mike Hutton, Theresa Williams with Woodmen of the World, Jim watts and Marianna Rotary Club President Joseph Alday.



LEFT TO RIGHT: SUSAN SMITH, DNP, VIRGINIA FLEENER, ARNP, HEATHER TATUM, ARNP, JOE GAY, MD, JULIE HARRIS, DNP, TYLER ELLERBY, ARNP

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Another thing to argue about: throw pillows



This September 2017 photo provided by Suzanne Lasky of S Interior Design, LLC, shows a living room in Scottsdale, Ariz., designed by Lasky showing throw pillows she incorporated into her design.



This May 2017 photo provided by Woodard shows a selection of colorful outdoor pillows displayed on the their new all-weather Lay N' Play lounge.

Throw pillows — an easy, inexpensive way to change a room's look — have their detractors

BY MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON

The Associated Press

It's a well-known decorating fact that throw pillows are an easy and inexpensive way to change the look of a room. They can add color, texture, interest or a dash of holiday cheer.

But that doesn't mean everybody appreciates them.

The internet is full of women (and their interior designers) complaining that husbands don't understand the decorative aspects of throw pillows. Pillow aversion among men is a real thing, says pillow designer Elaine Smith.

"It's become a joke, but it's only a joke because it's true. They don't understand why we need to have eight pillows on the bed," she says.

LOVE 'EM OR HATE 'EM

Bill Herren designs pillows as part of his job as creative director for Woodard, an outdoor furniture manufacturer in Coppell,

Texas.

"I get such grief from everybody about my throw pillows because I love my throw pillows," he says. "I know why men hate them: They don't want to put them back."

The anti-throw-pillow crowd also might not know what to do with the pillows once they remove them from a piece of furniture, says Herren, who introduces a new pillow shape each year for the company's collection. His solution: "Just throw them on the floor" especially those made with outdoor fabrics. They're so easy to clean.

DROP ZONE

If you don't want throw pillows to end up on the floor, provide a "drop space" for them, says Suzanne Lasky, an interior designer and owner of S Interior Design in Scottsdale, Arizona. A bench at the foot of the bed, a basket near the couch or

a side chair would all do, she said.

"You need that so you don't get annoyed that your \$100 silk pillow is on the floor," she says.

And if you're going to indulge in different looks for summer and winter, or holiday-inspired pillows embellished with reindeer or flags, Lasky suggests investing in space saver bags — storage bags that let you compress items by vacuuming out excess air.

She also recommends that "active households" (those with pets, children or messy husbands) consider using pillows made with durable, outdoor fabrics.

TRYING OUT TRENDS

Smith, who designs luxury outdoor pillows in weatherproof fabrics, estimates that about a third of them end up indoors. For some people, pillows are a way to indulge in trends without really making over a room, she said. She often incor-

porates the latest colors, fabrics and other inspirations from the fashion runway in her work.

Past collections have included a "gladiator pillow" and a "hula pillow" based on clothing Smith spotted on the catwalk.

PILLOW TALK

Also popular are pillows that say something, says Susan Hardin, owner of The Little Birdie pillow company in Calhoun City, Mississippi. Building on the popularity of small signs and plaques featuring inspirational sayings, she began adding words to her designs. Pillows emblazoned with the words "Be Still" and "Live Simply" are among her top-selling designs.

COMFORT COUNTS

Color, shape and size all matter when you're selecting a throw pillow, but nothing is more important than comfort, said Asad Syrkett, a senior editor at the architectural

design website Curbed.com. He regularly leans on his favorite accent pillow and uses it to prop up his laptop.

"You want it to look great and be comfortable," said Syrkett, who once penned a blog post entitled, "Throw Pillows: In Defense of a Divisive Home Accessory."

ODDS OR EVENS

Syrkett considers himself a throw-pillow minimalist, keeping only one on his couch. But he keeps an open mind: "Do what you want. Don't overthink it."

Smith says the size of your couch should be a consideration, but agrees there are no firm rules.

"I like an odd number; some people prefer pairs," she says.

Do you know your soil by name?

The Associated Press

"Soil don't get no respect," Rodney Dangerfield might have said (but didn't). Perhaps you know your state bird or flower, but do you know your state soil?

Well, in recent years soil has begun to get more respect. Since the celebration of the Soil Survey Centennial back in 1999, each state has been given its own official state soil. It was in 1899 that the U. S. Department of Agriculture started its survey of all the soils in the country.

SOILS COME IN MANY 'FLAVORS'

You might wonder what a "soil survey" really is. Isn't it all just dirt — some perhaps stickier, or redder or deeper — that lies beneath forest, meadow, farm, home and garden?

There you go again. Not enough respect.

In fact, soils are distinctive, as different from each other as robins are from blue jays. These differences are hard to appreciate, of course, because soil is mostly underground, hidden from view. But if you were to dig some holes a few feet deep and then look carefully at their inside surfaces, you would find that soils are made up of layers of varying thickness, called horizons. One soil might differ from the next not only in the thickness of its horizons, but also in their appearance and feel.

Horizons might be as white as chalk, as red as rust, or as dark brown as chocolate. A horizon

might be cement-hard, gritty with sand, or stuff for sculpture. And if you were to tease the dirt along one edge of the hole so it falls away naturally — wow! — each horizon would reveal its particles clumped together in arrangements like plates, blocks or prisms. Such information, and more, has allowed soils to be classified, much as birds, flowers and other living things are.

CLASSIFYING SOILS

Modern soil classification goes back only a few decades, when all the world's soils were grouped taxonomically into a dozen "orders." Differences among orders reflect the formative influence of a particular combination of climate, plants and animals, topography, time and original rock material.


Just as all vertebrate animals are huddled together by biologists into smaller groupings (mammals, say) and those groupings into still smaller ones, so each soil order is divided and subdivided to include more distinctly different soils. At the end of the dividing and subdividing, you end up with a "soil series" identified with a proper name — like the Haven series in my vegetable garden, for example.

YOUR STATE'S AND BACKYARD'S SOIL

A particular soil becomes an official state soil by being widespread within the state; being distinctive chemically or physically; having some degree of name recognition; and, of course, getting a legislative

stamp of approval. Examples include soils like West Virginia's Monongahela soil, Texas' Houston Black soil, California's San Joaquin soil and New York's Honeoye soil.

The job, now, of these "ambassadors" of the benevolent underworld is to rekindle awareness of soil's value as a natural resource that can only be renewed very slowly.



IT'S YOUR MONEY
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EMPLOYEE OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR? KNOW THE RULES

The IRS encourages all businesses and business owners to know the rules when it comes to classifying a worker as an employee or an independent contractor.

An employer must withhold income taxes and pay Social Security, Medicare taxes and unemployment tax on wages paid to an employee. Employers normally do not have to withhold or pay any taxes on payments to independent contractors.

Here are two key points for small business owners to keep in mind when it comes to classifying workers:

Control: The relationship between a worker and a business is important. If the business controls what work is accomplished and directs how it is done, it exerts behavioral control. If the business directs or controls financial and certain relevant aspects of a worker's job, it exercises financial control. This includes: the extent of the worker's investment in the facilities or tools used in performing services; the extent to which the worker makes his or her services available to the relevant market; how the business pays the worker, and the extent to which the worker can realize a profit or incur a loss.

Relationship: How the employer and worker perceive their relationship is also important for determining worker status. Key topics to think about include: written contracts describing the relationship the parties intended to create; whether the business provides the worker with employee-type benefits, such as insurance, a pension plan, vacation or sick pay; the permanency of the relationship; the extent to which the worker has unreimbursed business expenses; and the extent to which services performed by the worker are a key aspect of the regular business of the company.

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Our View

The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census

Perhaps no institution is more important to the functioning of American democracy than the census, the once-a-decade count of the U.S. population that determines congressional representation — and where billions in federal dollars will be spent. Yet both the GOP-led Congress and the Trump administration have hobbled the 2020 Census effort, which is entering its crucial final stages. Lawmakers have underfunded the Census Bureau, the White House has mismanaged the agency, and now the Justice Department is pushing for a change that could skew the count in Republicans' favor.

Investigative reporting organization ProPublica disclosed last week that a Justice Department official formally asked the Census Bureau to add a question to the 2020 Census. Adding any question at this stage would be dicey, given that the bureau often runs extensive field tests before fiddling with its forms, ensuring that last-minute changes do not throw off its counting efforts. Worse, the Justice Department requested that the bureau inquire about people's citizenship status. This threatens to sabotage the 2020 count.

Asking about citizenship status would drive down response rates. Since its inception, the census has not only counted voters; it has taken a precise snapshot of everyone in the country. This helps government agencies to direct scarce dollars, and businesses to guide investment decisions.

It is also crucial for doling out congressional representation. As the Supreme Court recently underscored, the Constitution requires that congressional seats be apportioned to states according to their total populations, not only their voting populations. Asking about citizenship status would deter undocumented people — or even legal immigrants who fear how far the Trump administration's crackdown on foreigners will extend — from returning census forms. Many states — particularly blue states — could end up shortchanged.

The Justice Department argues that it would be helpful in voting-rights cases to have reliable and accurate information on the voting-eligible population that extends far down into states and localities, collected simultaneously with other census statistics. Yet the department has relied on other, separately gathered census information about the voting-eligible population over the past decade.

More exact data collected along with the rest of the decennial census would no doubt be helpful to Justice Department lawyers, but that interest is not as substantial as the threat that asking about citizenship status poses to the integrity of the count.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross should refuse to add a citizenship status question to the 2020 Census. If he does not, Congress should reject the change.

The Washington Post

Another View

Death, taxes and the junk in your basement

This is a time to relax with family and friends, catch up on sleep and "Stranger Things" and, we suggest, contemplate your death.

Not in a macabre way, of course.

We're hoping that Americans warm to the idea of importing a Swedish tradition known as "dostadning" — or "death cleaning." Which means that before you die, you toss your junk, declutter the house, and leave pristine surfaces and only the most prized possessions for your heirs. As death and taxes are inevitable, so is the imperative for someone to deal with whatever you leave behind.

Margareta Magnusson, the Swedish author of a new book, "The Gentle Art of Death Cleaning," is blunt: If you can't pawn off your stuff on family members when you're alive, why would they want it when you're dead?

We love the idea of "death cleaning" — and so, eventually, will your kids. The author tells The New York Times that 65 is a good time to start the process, but hey, feel free to start anytime the urge strikes. Because, well, you never know.

Our first — and only — rule of "death cleaning": Be ruthless.

Instead of pack-ratting stuff in the basement, crawl space, attic and every available corner of every available room, steel yourself and toss. And toss and toss and toss.

Give to charity. Donate to friends. Put it on the curb and wave goodbye and pray that someone takes it before you change your mind.

If you can't bear to dump something, ask yourself: Have I used this in the past 10 to 20 years? Did I even recall it was in the storage room, the closet? If the answer to either of these questions is no, then chuck it. You can live without it. No one else wants it. Repeat that mantra.

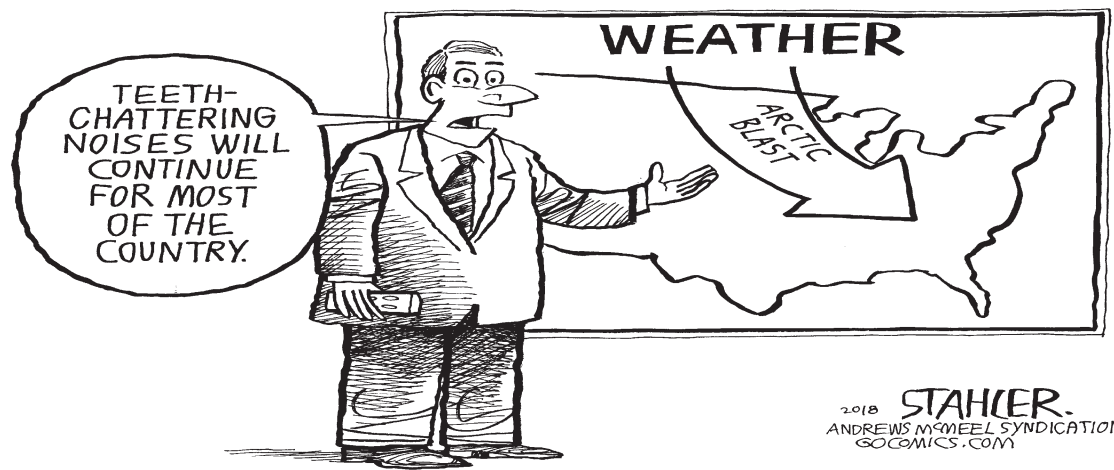
We know there are sentimental types who think that every letter, every birthday card, every note, everything that they touched in their lives is somehow to be stored and treasured. Magnusson's solution: Create a box or two of stuff that means something only to you — old love letters, birthday cards, etc. Label it: "To Be Discarded On My Death."

Death cleaning needn't be morbid or disturbing. Culling through your old photos, high school yearbooks and letters from friends can be delightful. Enjoy it but don't get bogged down. Then be merciless about what is essential. If your must-keep pile requires renting a separate storage locker, you're keeping too much.

Yes, Americans are addicted to their possessions. Hoarding is an addiction. That's why there are videos, books and gurus waiting to advise on what author Marie Kondo's book calls "the life-changing magic of tidying up." Her pitch: If a thing doesn't "spark joy," trash it.

That's excellent advice. We speak from experience. When the dumpsters fill, you'll be surprised how much lighter you feel. When surfaces clear, serenity settles in. Nothing to interrupt the eye or weigh down future generations. And you don't have to be dead to enjoy it.

Chicago Tribune



Letter to the Editor

County Commission about to make bad choice

In my opinion, our politically divided County Commission is on the verge of making a decision that is the most errant decision that body has made since they voted to tear down our beautiful, old Court House more than 50 years ago. After the public realized the impact of the decision made by those commissioners, they were all replaced at the next election opportunity.

At an October meeting of the Commission, newly elected Republican Commissioner Jim Peacock brought forth a motion which was passed by a 3-2 vote, the three Republican commissioners against the two Democrat commissioners. This motion proposed the following:

To form a work committee to write the bylaws for a new, non-profit corporation that would assume the responsibility for economic development, under the control and direction of the County Commission.

To hire a Director of Economic Development to operate this new function.

To discontinue funding the \$175,000 per year budgeted for supporting the Jackson County Development Corporation, which is headed by Bill Stanton.

To budget needed funds for operation of the new corporation.

I feel this is a grievous error in logic that will result in increased cost and less effectiveness in our community's efforts to entice job-producing businesses into our area.

When Peacock made his presentation and motion at the October meeting, he stated that the existing system was not productive. He is wrong. The economic development effort in Jackson County, directed by Bill Stanton, has been recognized with state and national awards for its outstanding accomplishments. Bill Stanton is revered as one of the best in the field of economic development.

Peacock claimed that the county is not getting enough back for the \$175,000 per year it funds to the JCDC. In reality, existing busi-

ness entities that the JCDC and Bill Stanton were directly involved in recruiting or assisting in placement are now contributing over \$7 million every year in real estate and tangible property taxes for the county to spend. Additionally, millions are going into the cities' and the schools' budgets. The last 12 projects, in recent years, are contributing over \$2.1 million per year in tax revenues for the county. This is more than a 400 percent return on investment for the county's funding to JCDC. I wish everything they spent our money on had that result.

Another claim is lack of accountability. If I were funding an organization, as the county is funding JCDC, I would establish a contractual relationship that required regular reporting and communication of activities. Any lack of accountability is the fault of the county, not JCDC.

Bill Stanton has devoted his life to Jackson County. His work has resulted in many thousands of jobs for our citizens over the past 45 years. This would include all of our sewing plants, several prisons, as well as many existing businesses. Few families in Jackson County have not benefited from Stanton's presence. His recent accomplishments include Family Dollar, Green Circle, Arizona Chemical, Ice River Springs, Loves Truck Stop, and many others.

The most recent new industry, Catalyst Fabric Solutions, which is in the old Alliance Laundry (Uni-Mac) building at the airport, is already employing more than 100 Jackson County workers.

During this economic slump Stanton wisely led our county into preparing a "site-ready" industrial park, which most companies are demanding today for eligibility for consideration as a site for expansion. We are one of only two rural counties in the state that can meet this new requirement. It will be the cause of future successes.

In his presentation, Peacock made two statements that I agree with. He said that he felt a national era of business expansion is about to start, and we need

to prepare to compete in that growth. Secondly, he said that we should also seek growth in the retail and service businesses as well as in industrial jobs.

I believe the most prudent way of accomplishing those goals would be to expand the budget of the JCDC and hire an additional business developers to seek retail and industrial candidates. We should utilize the skills, contacts, and experience of Bill Stanton to the maximum during the years he has left. He can train his replacement during that time.

I do not feel Peacock's motives are bad, but his approach is flawed. It will leave us with two competing economic development organizations — one funded by the county and the other funded by the city. Instead of approaching a candidate business with a unified, coordinated effort to put them in the best location for their needs, we will have two groups seeking their presence, pulling in opposite directions.

Jim Peacock lived away from our county, working for the federal government, for over 25 years. Because of that, I believe his perspective of economic development in the county is incomplete. He has stated that several citizens have encouraged him to take this new approach. I suspect that they are powerful, local, land speculators who feel they can gain an "inside track" if the recruitment of industrial prospects is handled by a political entity instead of the JCDC.

This change may be finalized at the Jan. 9 meeting. I urge Commissioners Hill and Pate to consider carefully before they blindly vote for the measure presented by their fellow Republican. We need commissioners who will vote for what is best for all of Jackson County, not partisan followers.

Instead of trying to fire Bill Stanton, Peacock should be proposing to honor him by naming an industrial park after him.

SID RILEY

47 Years as local business owner/job producer
Mariana

Decline in graduation exams tests education system

In this new year, we are experiencing a drastic change in the way U.S. students are assessed. A national movement led by educators, parents and legislators has greatly cut back high-stakes standardized testing in public schools.

Five years ago, 25 states had standardized high school exit exams whose results affected graduation. Now, only 13 states are doing that. A report by the nonprofit FairTest: The National Center for Fair & Open Testing has revealed this shift and chronicled efforts to reduce many other kinds of testing.

It's a breathtaking turnabout, but without much celebrating. National dissatisfaction with our schools hasn't changed much. It is at 52 percent, according to the Gallup Poll, about where it was in 2012 when 25 states had exit tests. That may have something to do with another development even more important to our schools' futures.

In December, the Collaborative for Student Success, in partnership with Bellwether Education Partners, reported on state efforts to install creative programs to boost achievement, as encouraged by the new federal Every Student Succeeds Act.

Those efforts are failing miserably, according to 45 experts (including many teachers) who peered deeply into the state plans required by the new law. "States largely squandered the opportunity . . . to create stronger, more innovative education plans," the report said. "Most states did not



Jay Mathews

indicate specific steps to improve underperforming schools, nor did they describe concrete, rigorous interventions that underperforming schools should implement."

You may say: So what? Who needs the states or the feds to improve our schools? Educators, parents and students working together can get it done.

In some cases, that is true. In every chapter of our long national education story, innovative teachers, often with parental help, have instituted deeper, livelier, more demanding lessons. As the country has become more affluent and its families more ambitious, the better our schools have become.

But that has been a slow process, with frustrating ups and downs. The rash of standardized testing after the No Child Left Behind Act became law in the early 2000s did not raise achievement averages very much, but the Collaborative for Student Success study indicates that reducing exit tests is not likely to bring much improvement, either. Other high-stakes exams that affect grades, such as finals written by teachers, will continue to have a big impact on students' lives.

The 13 states that have high school exit exams are Florida,

Indiana, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington. Public high schools in other states must still give state tests, even if they don't affect diplomas.

The effort to raise school standards since I left high school in the 1960s has been a carnival ride. The growing use of the SAT to measure high schools in the 1970s brought a backlash, as did the landmark 1983 "A Nation at Risk" report, the 1990s standards movement, the federal No Child Left Behind law in the 2000s and the Common Core State Standards in the past decade or so.

We love making schools more accountable. Then, we hate the idea. This new decline of exit tests will almost certainly be followed by another burst of outrage and a renewed campaign to raise achievement. The Collaborative for Student Success study notes that many states "proposed graduation rate goals that far exceeded proficiency rates by 20 percentage points or more, creating the potential for states to graduate students that are not adequately prepared for their futures."

That's the way it goes, back and forth, learning advancing in some places, languishing in others. Fortunately, our schools are still attracting many energetic and creative teachers who want to make a difference. As always, that will be what saves us.

Jay Mathews is an education columnist and blogger for the Washington Post, his employer for 40 years.

Obituaries

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Robert J. "Bob" Grenfell

Robert J. "Bob" Grenfell, 71, of Marianna, formally of Ramsay, Michigan, died Sunday, December 31, 2017 at Big Bend Hospice in Tallahassee.

Robert was born September 11, 1946 in Wakefield, Michigan to the late Richard Jack and Grace Barron Grenfell. He served in the United States Army and worked most of his life in the oil and gas industry. He enjoyed golfing, traveling, and spending time with family.

He was predeceased by his parents; brothers, Tom and Earl; sisters, Cordelia, Jane, Ethel, Gloria and Betty Grace.

Robert was survived by his best friend and wife of 24 years, Toni; one son, Briton Grenfell; two step daughters, Gina Crutchfield of Pensacola and Dee Dee Goodson and husband, Stacey, of Marianna; two brothers, Jerry and Jack; sisters, Evelyn, Carol, Mary Lou, and Jan; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2018 at James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel with Rev. Donal Walsingham officiating. Interment followed in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens with James & Sikes Funeral Home directing. The family received friends one hour prior to funeral services at James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel.

Expressions of sympathy may be made online at www.jamesandsikesfuneralhomes.com.



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Rolando Calibot Jamilla, MD

Rolando Calibot Jamilla, MD, age 79, passed away peacefully at his home in Marianna, FL on Sunday, December 17, 2017. He was born on February 26, 1938 in Gloria, Province of Oriental Mindoro, Philippines to Nicolas and Josefa (Calibot) Jamilla.

He graduated from medical school at the University of Santo Thomas in the Philippines in 1961 and came to the United States

in 1965. He practiced medicine in Saginaw and Bay City, Michigan, St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands, North Fort Myers, Vero Beach, and Marianna, Florida, where he touched the lives of thousands, healing their hurts and lightening their hearts. Becoming a US Naturalized Citizen in 1984 was one of the proudest moments in his life.

He was married to Jeanette, who passed away three years ago and is survived by four sons, Nick, Rolando, Robert, and Conrad; a brother, Nicolas Jr; and sister, Josefina.

A memorial service will be held at Marianna Chapel on Saturday, January 6, 2018, between 5 and 7 pm, 3960 US-90, Marianna, FL 32446.

Marianna Chapel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Expressions of sympathy may be submitted online at www.mariannachapel.com.



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Cecil Wayne Richardson

July 24, 1941 - January 2, 2018. Cecil Wayne Richardson joined our Father in Heaven at home with family this past weekend.

He is survived by his loving and devoted daughters, Lisa Richardson (Lance Sheffield) and Thelma (late husband Lou) Devita; brothers, Paul (Juanita) Richardson, and Russel "Stevie" (late wife Laura) Richardson; sisters, Geraldine (late husband Bill) White, Juanita Ankeny (late husband Barry), and Debbie Richardson; grandchildren, Jessica Jones, Britney Devita, and Michael Devita; great grandson and Apple of his eye Mayson Robert Jones, many nieces and nephews, and Jeff Jones who he loved like a son.

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Nettie Ruth Richbourg

Nettie Ruth Richbourg, 93, of Marianna, passed away Friday, January 5, 2018 at Marianna Health and Rehabilitation Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Horace M. Richbourg; one daughter, Mat-

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Juanita, father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Ona Richardson, Brother Rondal (Jackie) Richardson, Sister Peggy Adams.

"Pappy" as he was affectionately known by everyone was born July 24, 1941 in Richmond, Kentucky. He was the owner and founder of Highway 77 Bingo in Graceville, Florida. Pappy was loved and adored by all who knew him, his passion for people and love for his family was evident in everything he did. Pappy was an avid golfer and fisherman and loved playing golf and fishing with his family and friends. He truly left this world better than he found it for everyone he ever met. A perfect Gentleman with a smile and a kind word always. The most generous, loving, man in our lives.

A memorial celebrating his life will be held this Saturday, January 6th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Obert Funeral Home, 1556 Brickyard Road in Chipley, Florida.

Pappy will be laid to rest in his hometown of Richmond, Kentucky.



tie (Mackie) R. Williams; five sister and three brothers.

Nettie is survived by one daughter, Carolyn R. Crumpler and husband, Kenneth; four grandchildren, Steve Crumpler, Wendy Causey, Teresa Croft, Karen Minnick and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be 2 p.m., Sunday, January 7, 2018 at Cypress Cemetery with James & Sikes Funeral Home Maddox Chapel Directing.



Baby

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because of low hemoglobin. That wasn't expected, but mother and daughter came through the trial together just fine.

They'll be going home with a car-load of gifts from Jackson Hospital, Chipola Healthy Start, and two members of the community, who hand-crocheted some soft blankets for the baby. The gifts include diapers, wipes, baby shampoo

and lotion along with a \$100 Walmart gift card and other goodies.

Hayes said she was excited to learn that her baby would bear the distinction of being the year's first, and that the items would come in handy.

Hospital representative Rosie Smith said this is the first time in her memory that Jackson Hospital has had to wait so long for its New Year's baby and that on arrival she was a little bundle of joy for the maternity ward staff.

Solar

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city as it is generated. Any daytime excess will be routed to the Florida Public Utilities power grid and measured by meter. FPU will store it for the city's use at night. There won't be any storage beyond that generated in the 24-hour cycle. The city will have to pay FPU for non-solar-generated energy consumed at the plant on cloudy days when the panels can't generate enough energy on their own to power the plant and sprayfield.

Dean said the system will be relatively small-scale, just enough to serve the city's needs. Generating more and selling vast amounts of unused power back to

FPU wouldn't be cost effective, he said. The city manager said the project is in line with the city's philosophy.

"It's a green energy; that's good for the environment, the community, and we're going to save money on top of that," Dean said. "We have 13 or 14 vehicles that run off natural gas and the city is very conscientious about going with green technology. We're also recognized as a tree city, and this is just another thing we're going to do for the good of the environment."

And the target date for solar design to be finished? "As soon as possible," Dean said. "If negotiations go well, I'd like to think it would be out for construction bids in spring or early summer."

Carrabelle woman killed in Gulf County crash

From staff reports

Carrabelle resident Rachael Elizabeth Harrell, 43, was killed in a Gulf County traffic crash Wednesday afternoon.

The Florida Highway Patrol reports that Harrell was driving a 2013 Kia Rio east on U.S. 98 around 4 p.m. when she crossed the center line and collided head-on with a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado truck that was pulling a gooseneck trailer with a piece of equipment on the trailer.

After impact, the Kia came to rest facing southwest in the westbound lane. The truck traveled across the eastbound lane and collided with the guardrail on the south shoulder of U.S. 98 before coming to rest.

The driver of the truck, Charles Allen Lanford, 39, of Port St. Joe, received minor injuries in the crash.

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Winds of worry: US fishermen fear forests of power turbines

BY PHILIP MARCELO
 The Associated Press

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — East Coast fishermen are turning a wary eye toward an emerging upstart: the offshore wind industry.

In New Bedford, Massachusetts, the onetime whaling capital made famous in Herman Melville's "Moby-Dick," fishermen dread the possibility of navigating a forest of turbines as they make their way to the fishing grounds that have made it the nation's most lucrative fishing port for 17 years running.

The state envisions hundreds of wind turbines spinning off the city's shores in about a decade, enough to power more than 1 million homes.

"You ever see a radar picture of a wind farm?

It's just one big blob, basically," said Eric Hansen, 56, a New Bedford scallop boat owner whose family has been in the business for generations. "Transit through it will be next to impossible, especially in heavy wind and fog."

Off New York's Long Island, an organization representing East Coast scallopers has sued the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to try to halt a proposal for a nearly 200-turbine wind farm. Commercial fishermen in Maryland's Ocean City and North Carolina's Outer Banks have also sounded the alarm about losing access to fishing grounds.

Supporters of offshore wind say they have learned from Europe's long experience with it. They also point to the more recent opening of America's lone

offshore wind farm, off Rhode Island, as evidence the actual impact to U.S. fishermen will be less than feared.

"We want to do this the right way, and I believe we have a path to do that," said Matthew Morrissey, a vice president at Deepwater Wind, the Rhode Island company that opened that five-turbine operation off Block Island last December and is proposing larger farms elsewhere along the East Coast.

In New Bedford, where the state has already built a \$113 million heavy-duty terminal to take on turbine construction and shipment, city officials envision commercial fishing and offshore wind working hand in hand to revive a region that has long lagged behind nearby Boston.

"There's a lot more in common between these industries than pulling them apart," said Edward Anthes-Washburn, executive director of New Bedford's port, citing the potential for wind farms to provide fishermen with extra work and to contribute to port investments, like a new shipyard.

For fishermen, the broader concern is that offshore wind farms will only lead to more stifling restrictions.

"Fishermen are losing ground one a nibble at a time," said Joseph Gilbert, a Stonington, Connecticut fisherman who owns boats that range from Virginia to Maine. "Eventually, it adds up to a very large piece of the pie."

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, which oversees wind farm developments in federal waters,

has taken steps to address fishermen's concerns, among them excluding specific habitats off Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New York from wind farm development, said spokesman Stephen Boutwell.

It has also invested in studies looking specifically at questions raised by fishermen, from the effects of pile-driving during wind farm construction to the effect of electromagnetic fields on fish behavior, he said.

Deepwater Wind, meanwhile, said preliminary findings from environmental studies of its Block Island wind farm suggest fish and lobster populations are "just as strong" as before construction.

The company says it has compensated over a dozen fishermen who temporarily lost access to their

fishing grounds during construction.

But while there haven't been reports of fishing boats striking the turbines, about a dozen boats have reported trawls getting damaged by concrete structures covering undersea power cables, costing tens of thousands of dollars in equipment and lost fishing time, said Richard Fuka, president of the Rhode Island Fishermen's Alliance.

U.S. fishermen also cast a worried glance at to Europe, where a range of restrictions have been imposed on fishing around the more than 3,500 turbines spinning off the shores of 10 different countries. U.S. officials and developers stress similar bans aren't being considered stateside, except during construction.

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

» **Fine Arts Series Concert** — 4 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Marianna, featuring violinist Alfonso Lopez and pianist Michelle Tabor. "Meet the Artists" reception follows the one-hour concert. Child care provided 3:30-5:30 p.m. Donations accepted for the series. For more, call 482-2431.

» **3rd Annual Southern Gospel Concert** — 6 p.m. each Sunday night in the month of January at El Bethel Church, 2503 El Bethel Church Road, Grand Ridge. Jan. 7: Freedom Hill Quartet; Jan. 14: Sheila Smith Trio; Jan. 21: Three Bridges; Jan. 27: The Shepards.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion** — 6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

» **Marianna Lions Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2005.

» **Jackson County Tourist Development Council meeting** — 3:30 p.m. at the Russ House in Marianna. For more, call 850-482-8061.

» **City of Cottondale** — 6 p.m. City Commissions meeting.

» **Auditions: 'On Golden Pond'** — 6 p.m. Jan. 8-9 at Spanish Trail Playhouse, 680 Second St., Chipley. Roles available for three men, two women and one teenage boy. Audition packets available Jan. 1 at the Playhouse or Washington County Public Library. No acting experience necessary. For more, email spanishtrailplayhouse@gmail.com.

» **Breaking Free** — 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. A closed SAA group is a 12-step fellowship of men and women recovering from addictive sexual behavior. For more info and location call Shawn at 693-1621 or email BreakingFreeSAA@yahoo.com.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

» **Replacement Heifer Development Workshop** — 8:30 a.m. at NFREC Marianna Pavilion. Lunch provided. For more, call Kalya Waters 547-1108.

» **St. Anne Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Call 482-3734.

» **Food Distribution** — 9 a.m. to noon at Heaven's Garden Food Pantry, 3115 Main St. in Cottondale. Jackson County residents only. Call 579-9963 or visit www.aids-pina.org.

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Phones for the hearing-impaired** — 9:30 a.m. at Jackson County Citizens Center, 2931 Optimist Drive, Marianna, distributed by Carol Davis.

» **Graceville Kiwanis Club Meeting** — Noon at Circle Grill Restaurant, 5325 Cotton St.

» **Republican Club of Northwest Florida Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 352-4984.

» **ASK 4-H Club and Autism Support Group Meeting** — 5:30-6:30 p.m. Jackson County Extension Office, 2741 Penn Ave., #3, Marianna. Family members, caregivers and service providers welcome to the Autism Support meeting. For more information call Ann Marie Shelton at 272-6099 or email caarcifo@gamil.com.

» **Taking Control of Your Financial Health** — Free, five-class series begins tonight, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Jackson Agricultural Complex on Penn Avenue in Marianna. Classes will address debt management, credit reports, creating a budget, financial goals and much more. Open to anyone age 14 and up and families are encouraged to attend together. Presented by Farm Credit of Northwest Florida and the University of Florida Extension Service. Reserve your seat and educational materials by calling 850-482-9620.

» **Auditions: 'On Golden Pond'** — 6 p.m. Jan. 8-9 at Spanish Trail Playhouse, 680 Second St., Chipley. Roles available for three men, two women and one teenage boy. Audition packets available Jan. 1 at the Playhouse or Washington County Public Library. No acting experience necessary. For more, email spanishtrailplayhouse@gmail.com.

» **American Legion Meeting** — At the Smith-Kelly Post 100 Legion Hall, southwest side of cul-de-sac near the National Guard Armory, 3627 Highway 90, west of Marianna. Speaker Capt. George Gay, of Marianna Fire-Rescue, will discuss the state of the department. Dinner: 6 p.m. Veterans invited.

» **Council Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. Town of Greenwood.

» **Beginner/players Pinochle** — 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and play. For more information and location call 272-6611.

» **Dare to Live Healed - Healing School Class** — 7 p.m. in the Bascom Town Hall at 4969 Basswood Road. Free classes taught by Jacquelyn McGriff. Call 276-6024.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meeting** — 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Closed discussion with 12 & 12 study. Everyone with a desire to stop drinking is welcome.



Store — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Yoga Class and Health Talk** — 10 a.m. at Jackson County Citizens Center, 2931 Optimist Drive, Marianna, with Sunshine Spears of Emerald Coast Hospice.

» **Food Pantry** — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc., 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Drug/Alcohol Recovery Group** — 9 a.m. at the Campbellton-Graceville Hospital. This is an open meeting. For more information call 263-4431.

» **St. Anne Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Call 482-3734.

» **Chipola Civic Club Meeting** — Noon at The Oaks Restaurant, U.S. 90 in Marianna. The CCC's focus is the local community, "Community, Children & Character." Call 526-3142.

» **Distributing Food to End Hunger** — 12:30 until all food is gone. 8012 Hwy., 90 W., Sneads. Restoration Network is partnering with Mount Moriah Church, Sneads. Distributing the 2nd and 3rd weeks of the month only on Wednesdays. First come first served basis. For more information call 850-718-1514.

» **Chess Club** — 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Marianna High School. Club is for MHS Students. For more information call 693-0473.



» **Free Caregiver Support Group** — 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Marianna in the social hall. All caregivers welcome. Support group empowers caregivers with knowledge and information through fellowship and sharing likeminded individuals who are caring for loved ones. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Project, Inc. Tallahassee.

» **Jackson County Branch of the NAACP monthly meeting** — 6 p.m. St. James A.M.E. Church.

» **New Day Mental Health Support Group Meeting** — 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Christian Center Church on Sheffield Dr., Marianna. Individuals, family members and veterans are welcome. Speakers from the mental health care community and discussion time. For more information check out our facebook page or call 850-693-2033.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous** — Closed discussion, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St., Marianna, in the AA room. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking; papers will not be signed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Hooks and Needles** — 10 a.m. at the Jackson County Public Library, Marianna Branch. New and experienced hand crafters welcome to create, share, learn or teach favorite projects. Call 482-9631.

» **Celebrate Recovery** — 7 p.m. at Evangel Worship Center, 2645 Pebble Hill Road in Marianna. Adult and teen meetings to "overcome hurts, habits and hang-ups." Dinner: 6 p.m. Child care available. Call 209-7856, 573-1131.

» **Youth Activity Night** — 6 p.m. at Marianna Church of God. Ages: 12-19. Call 482-6264.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — 8 a.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Donate Blood** — noon-5 p.m. at Walmart Super Center, 1621 Main St., Chipley. \$10 gift card for donors.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

» **Donate Blood** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Walmart Super Center, 2255 Highway 71 South, Marianna. \$10 gift card for donors.

» **Pre-Pastor Anniversary Celebration** — 2:30 p.m. at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church. Pastor George Williams and the Bethel Star MBC family will render the service. For more, call 850-592-2847.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Discussion** — 6:30 p.m. in AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna. Attendance limited to persons with a desire to stop drinking.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

» **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Prayer Breakfast** — 7 a.m. at Chipola College Cultural Center, 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, with speaker Toyka Holden. Hosts: Jackson County NAACP and Chipola College BSU. For more, call 850-696-0599.

» **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade** — 9:30 a.m. start time, with 8:45 a.m. line-up, on Madison Street. Parade travels along Lafayette Street, ending at Wynn Street. Enter by Jan. 8; fee is \$10. For more, call Yolanda Pittman at 850-447-3591 or Leon Kelly at 850-209-4310. Host: Jackson County NAACP. For more, call 850-696-0599.

» **Martin Luther King Jr. Day Worship Service** — 11:30 a.m. at Second West Baptist Association, 4110

Herring Ave., Marianna. Speaker: Pastor Lawrence Gantt, Henshaw Chapel AME Church. Host: Jackson County NAACP. For more, call 850-696-0599.

» **Donate Blood** — 12:30-6:30 p.m. at Walmart Super Center, 1621 Main St., Chipley. \$10 gift card for donors.



» **Chipola Beekeepers Meeting** — 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Jackson County Extension Office, 2741 Penn Ave., Marianna. Bring a dish for the potluck supper. Call 482-9620.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

» **St. Anne Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, 3009 Fifth St., Marianna. Call 482-3734.

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Beginner/players Pinochle** — 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and play. For more information and location call 272-6611.

» **Optimist Club of Jackson County Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. All visitors welcome.

» **Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System Board Meeting** — 4 p.m. at 2862 Madison St., Marianna.

» **Jackson County School Board Meeting** — 4 p.m. at 2903 Jefferson St., Marianna. Public welcome. Agenda posted at JCSB.org. Call 482-1200.

» **Disabled American Veterans Meeting** — 6 p.m. at the DAV Chapter 22 house, 3083 DAV Lane, Marianna (N. of Hwy 71 off Blue Spring Hwy.). Call Leon Kelly 209-4310.

» **Graceville Lions Club Meeting** — 6:30 p.m. Circle Grill. Contact Tom Heddle at 272-0101 for more information.

» **Dare to Live Healed - Healing School Class** — 7 p.m. in the Bascom Town Hall at 4969 Basswood Road. Free classes taught by Jacquelyn McGriff. Call 276-6024.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Malone Joy Club** — 10 a.m. Joy Club House, S.R. 2, Malone. Lunch served at noon. Games following lunch. Come and join the fun.

» **Food Pantry** — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc., 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **PPLCS Board Meeting** — 10 a.m. at PPLCS meeting room, 2862 Madison St., Marianna.

» **Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting** — Noon to 1 p.m. in the AA room of First United Methodist Church, 2901 Caledonia St. in Marianna.

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» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift Store** — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1994 Hwy. 71 S, Marianna. For more information call 573-5526.

» **Art Class** — 10:30 a.m. at Jackson County Citizens Center, 2931 Optimist Drive, Marianna, with Leah Armitage.

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» **Marianna Kiwanis Club Meeting** — Noon at Jim's Buffet & Grill, 4329 Lafayette St., Marianna. Call 482-2290.

» **VFW & Auxiliary Post #12046 Meeting** — 6 p.m. at 2830 Wynn St., Marianna. Covered-dish supper. Call 850-447-3659.

» **New Day Mental Health Support Group Meeting** — 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Christian Center Church on Sheffield Dr., Marianna. Individuals, family members and veterans are welcome. Speakers from the mental health care community and discussion time. For more information check out our facebook page or call 850-693-2033.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

» **Innovative Charities of NW Florida, Inc. Thrift**

Trump's tweeted choice for governor enters race

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — A congressman who recently won President Donald Trump's tweeted endorsement for the job of Florida governor entered the race Friday, saying he wants to "drain the swamp in Tallahassee."

Ron DeSantis joins a crowded field seeking to replace Republican Gov. Rick Scott, who leaves office in 2019 due to term limits. Trump tweeted last month that DeSantis is a "brilliant young leader" who "would make a GREAT governor. He loves our Country and is a true FIGHTER!" DeSantis made his announcement on Fox News and made sure to mention the Trump endorsement.

"With the support of the president, I'm in a position to exercise the leadership that can build on the great work that Gov. Rick Scott has done to advance economic opportunity, reform education and drain the swamp in Tallahassee, which needs to be drained just like Washington," DeSantis said.

While a popular line during the Trump campaign, there isn't the same frustration with Tallahassee as there is with Washington — at least among Republicans.

Republicans have controlled the Legislature and governor's office since 1999, when Jeb Bush was sworn into office. Since then there have been several laws passed on ethics and lobbying, including a lobbyist gift ban,



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

House Judiciary Committee member Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla. testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington. DeSantis announced Friday that he'll join a crowded field seeking to succeed Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who leaves office in early 2019 to term limits.

a ban on lawmakers lobbying state agencies for two years after leaving office, a law requiring lobbyists to provide more details on the money they receive from clients and greater transparency in campaign finance reporting.

DeSantis hasn't been shy about his support for Trump. He introduced the president at a rally in Pensacola last month and praised him.

"I see the results, I see him working hard, and this is a presi-

dent, mind you, who is facing unprecedented opposition from the Democrats, from the media ... from the bureaucracy in Washington, from the lobbyists, from the other swamp dwellers," DeSantis said.

DeSantis, 39, was a history major at Yale University, where he graduated with honors and was captain of the baseball team. He received his law degree from Harvard University. He served as a Navy lawyer in Iraq and

worked as a federal prosecutor before being elected to Congress in 2012.

He is a favorite of conservative political groups and was a 2016 candidate for Senate before dropping out of the race when Republican Sen. Marco Rubio decided to run for re-election.

DeSantis filed his paperwork Friday and will make a formal announcement later this month. He is speaking at the Republican Party of Florida annual meeting

on Saturday. It's an event where candidates woo party leaders and activists. His Republican primary opponent, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, is also speaking there.

A third Republican candidate, state Sen. Jack Latvala, hasn't actively campaigned since early November and is resigning his seat at midnight Friday after a Senate investigation found probable cause that he inappropriately touched a woman who worked in the Senate majority office. He hasn't said whether he will end his campaign.

DeSantis has about \$1.5 million in his federal campaign account and a political committee that supports him has about \$2.5 million. That \$4 million will eventually be put to into the governor's race. Putnam has a combined \$14.4 million in his political committee and campaign accounts.

DeSantis won his seat running as a Washington outsider in a conservative northeast Florida district, a message he also carried into his Senate campaign before dropping out.

Democrats seeking the seat include former U.S. Rep. Gwen Graham, former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum and Orlando-area businessman Chris King. Republican House Speaker Richard Corcoran is considering a run, but won't announce his political plans until after the legislative session ends March 9.



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Dr. Salomon Melgen arrives at the federal courthouse in West Palm Beach. The politically prominent Florida eye doctor could get 30 years in prison or more for stealing \$100 million in one of history's largest Medicare frauds.

Doctor seeks mercy for Medicare fraud, doesn't apologize

The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH — A politically prominent Florida eye doctor asked a judge for mercy Thursday as prosecutors pushed for a 30-year sentence on his conviction for Medicare fraud.

But Dr. Salomon Melgen never directly apologized or accepted responsibility during his one-minute statement to U.S. District Judge Kenneth A. Marra. The Harvard-trained doctor would only admit he "made mistakes" while saying he always tried to help his patients, even those other doctors had given up on.

The 63-year-old Dominican native conceded he "lost my way" in his personal life, possibly alluding to the mistresses he had taken. He also faces a possible retrial in New Jersey on separate charges that he bribed Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez.

Melgen was convicted in April on 67 counts of Medicare fraud that prosecutors say exceeded \$100 million. They want a 30-year sentence, although Marra could give Melgen a life term. Melgen's attorneys asked Marra for a short but unspecified sentence, saying he is in poor health. At his age, they say, a sentence of any significant length would likely be a life sentence, which they don't think he deserves. They have argued that prosecutors only proved he stole \$64,000.

Wearing blue jail overalls over a gray sweat shirt, his legs shackled, Melgen shuffled to the courtroom podium to make his first comments about the case. Reading his statement in a clear but halting voice, he said he hoped the judge would "see the full picture of who I am" and believe the dozens of patients who spoke in court or wrote on his behalf.

"I know I made mistakes but it was always my intent to help my patients," he told Marra. "I was trained to not give up and do everything I could to help." He then asked the judge for mercy. Marra will impose a sentence later.

During final arguments in the five-day hearing spread over five weeks, Assistant U.S. Attorney Roger Stefn told Marra a long sentence is justified because Melgen performed painful but unnecessary tests and treatments on frail and elderly

patients, in many cases for diseases they didn't have, including injections into the eye.

"He did this to rake in millions and millions of dollars from the Medicare program that he was not entitled to," Stefn said. He said Melgen did it to support a "rich and famous" lifestyle that included a 6,500-square-foot (605-square-meter) beachfront home in Palm Beach County, a vacation home in the Dominican Republic and a private jet.

"This was a truly horrendous and horrible crime and an abuse of his trust as a medical doctor," Stefn said.

But defense attorney Matthew Menchel painted a different picture, saying Melgen was an aggressive doctor who restored sight to patients other doctors had given up on, enabling them to drive, read and see their grandchildren. He said Melgen treated many needy patients for free, both in Florida and the Dominican Republic, and would even give them money.

"The government has tried to portray Dr. Melgen as some kind of monster driven only by greed. That is simply untrue," he said. He pointed to one patient who after testifying during the trial walked over to Melgen and hugged him.

Melgen has been in custody since his conviction. Separately, in November, a federal jury was hung after a 2 1/2-month trial where prosecutors tried to prove Melgen's gifts to Menendez were actually bribes. In return, they say, Menendez interceded with Medicare officials investigating his practice, obtained visas for Melgen's foreign mistresses and pressured the State Department to intervene in a business dispute he had with the Dominican government.

Menendez and Melgen have denied wrongdoing, saying the European and Dominican vacations and other gifts were tokens of their longtime friendship. Prosecutors haven't said whether they will retry the bribery case.

Prosecutors said Melgen was the nation's highest-paid Medicare provider for five straight years.

Melgen became politically active in 1997, after treating Florida Democratic Gov. Lawton Chiles, who appointed him to a state board.

Man alleges bobcat attack; condo owner says it was housecat

The Associated Press

TAMPA — A Florida contractor says he was attacked by a bobcat inside a woman's condo, but the animal's owner says her feline is no predator, just a 10-pound domestic long-hair kitty named Calli.

The contractor, Marcos Hernandez, filed a lawsuit in Tampa on Dec. 19, alleging condo owner Christine Lee illegally kept a bobcat inside her unit. He said a bobcat scratched him on May 16, causing serious injuries after he entered the condo to conduct a fire safety inspection.

Hernandez was in the condo alone, Lee said, something that shouldn't have happened. She said an employee from the building was supposed to accompany him inside.

"This has gotten so blown out of proportion, it's ridiculous," Lee said.

According to the lawsuit, Hernandez said he was attacked by an unleashed bobcat and suffered permanent injuries. He's seeking a jury trial and unspecified damages. Hernandez said Lee had a duty to provide a safe environment and failed to warn him about the bobcat.

Lee said that's nonsense. She only has a fluffy, tortoiseshell-colored housecat and a sleeker black cat named Max. She doesn't know



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christine Lee holds her long-haired house cat, Calli, in her condominium in downtown Tampa. In a lawsuit, a contractor alleges that he was attacked by a bobcat while working in the condo.

which cat may have scratched Hernandez, but Max's color would likely rule him out.

She has not yet retained an attorney.

"I'm not denying he got scratched, what he was doing to get scratched, I don't know," she said, adding that when she arrived home that day, Calli was "cowering and scared." Max was underneath her bed.

Calli, who is 3 1/2, is friendly, Lee said. But "just like any animal, she is guarded. If they feel threatened, they may attack, scratch or bite."

Soon after the incident, she was informed by building management that Hernandez had been scratched, but she hadn't heard of the lawsuit until this week, when the Tampa Bay Times first wrote

about the case and took a photo of Calli. Hernandez is also suing the condo building's owner.

Lee said she has never owned a bobcat.

"A bobcat does look much different than this. They're much bigger than this 10-pound little thing," she said. "It's a litigious society and here we are."

According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, wild bobcats in the state are about twice the size of a domestic cat, up to about 35 pounds. They are tan to yellowish brown, with dark spots. A wildlife official visited Lee's apartment on Thursday, the newspaper report.

Hernandez' attorney's office said they were not going to comment at this time.

State Briefs

Officials: Shooter's widow knew he would do 'something bad'

ORLANDO — Investigators say the widow of the man who killed dozens of people at a gay nightclub in Florida knew her husband "was going to do something bad" before the attack.

The Orlando Sentinel reports that a statement written by an FBI agent and signed by Noor Salman says that she was in denial that her husband, Omar Mateen, could hurt other people when he left their home with guns and ammunition.

Salman faces charges of aiding a terrorist organization and obstruction of justice. Mateen killed 49 people and wounded at least 68 others during the mass shooting at Pulse

nightclub on June 12, 2016.

Train hits, kills 11-year-old girl

HAINES CITY — An Amtrak train struck and killed an 11-year-old girl as she walked home from a restaurant near her home.

Polk County Sheriff's officials said in a news release that the train's conductor told investigators Yazmin White was looking down at her phone as she crossed the tracks on Wednesday afternoon and gave no indication she was aware the train was approaching.

Investigators say the conductor told them he repeatedly sounded the horn and applied the brakes but couldn't avoid the child.

The release said evidence indicated the girl

was wearing headphones when the train hit her.

Maria Chapa Lopez named Interim US Attorney in Florida

TAMPA — Maria Chapa Lopez has been named Interim U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of Florida.

Chapa Lopez has worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida since April 2000. She prosecuted drug trafficking and large-scale money laundering cases until April 2016, when she became the DOJ deputy attache in the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City. Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, she served in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps.

From wire reports

Medical marijuana seen at risk after move by Sessions

The Associated Press

SALEM, Oregon — When U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions green-lighted federal prosecutions of marijuana lawbreakers, the vast majority of U.S. states that allow some form of medical marijuana were unexpectedly placed at risk of a crackdown and are warily watching developments.

Forty-six states — including Sessions' home state of Alabama — have legalized some form of medical marijuana in recent years, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Eight of those states also allow recreational marijuana.

Among the guidance that Sessions rescinded was the so-called Ogden Memorandum of 2009 that instructed federal prosecutors not to pursue cases against medical marijuana patients and distributors who complied with state laws.

"Previous nationwide guidance specific to marijuana enforcement is unnecessary and is rescinded, effective immediately," Sessions told the U.S. attorneys based in all 50 states in a letter Thursday.

Georgia state Rep. Allen Peake, a Republican who sponsored a bill in his state's legislature that legalized possession of medical marijuana in 2015, denounced the move.

"I'm very disappointed in Jeff Session's actions," Peake said Friday in a telephone interview. "He will be hurting the grandfather with Alzheimer's, the soccer mom with breast cancer, the college student with Crohn's disease, the young child with seizures — these are the people that will be impacted by this action by the attorney general."

The only legal protection now for medical marijuana growers, processors, sellers and users is a temporary measure sponsored by Republican California Rep. Dana Rohrabacher and Democratic Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer prohibiting the U.S. Department of Justice from using government funds to



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Jars of medical marijuana are displayed on the counter of Western Caregivers Medical marijuana dispensary in Los Angeles.

target them. Rohrabacher, in a conference call with reporters and four other members of Congress, said Sessions' move should galvanize national support for marijuana legalization.

"This is a wake-up call for American people who believe in freedom," Rohrabacher said. "It will mobilize people throughout the country."

Many politicians, including Republicans, have cast Session's move as an infringement on states' rights.

Only Idaho, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas do not allow any access to marijuana, said Karmen Hanson, a cannabis policy analyst with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Twenty-nine states — plus Washington, D.C., and the U.S.

territories of Guam and Puerto Rico — allow for comprehensive public medical marijuana programs. An additional 17 states allow use of marijuana products for medical reasons in limited situations or as a legal defense, she said.

Many of the states that allow some form of medical marijuana with low THC — marijuana's psychoactive compound — did so in 2013 and 2014. About half of the initiatives that allowed medical marijuana were passed by voters in ballot measures and the rest by state legislatures, Hanson said.

Georgia's General Assembly passed that state's medical marijuana law in 2015. Called Haleigh's Hope Act, it was named for a girl who was suffering from hundreds of seizures a day.

"This means the world to us,"

Haleigh's mother, Janae Cox, told reporters when Georgia's governor signed the bill.

Peake said Sessions' move will have a chilling effect on a bill he introduced that would allow the growing, processing and distribution of cannabis oil in Georgia.

"This is as bipartisan an issue as you can get," he said. "Cancer doesn't ask if you're a Republican or a Democrat. There are people of all races and creeds who benefit from medical cannabis, so that's why it's so crucial that Congress get together and take action."

The Rohrabacher-Blumenauer Amendment that restricts U.S. attorneys from taking legal action against people who use medical marijuana or produce it was maintained in a last short-term funding bill passed by Congress.

But that funding bill expires on Jan. 19.

Blumenauer "is working to make sure it's maintained again in whatever next funding bill Congress passes," said his spokeswoman, Nicole L'Esperance.

Rohrabacher said a better, more permanent solution is a bill he submitted last year that amends the Controlled Substances Act so it doesn't apply to people who produce, possess or deliver marijuana in compliance with state marijuana laws.

If it passes, Rohrabacher said he and Blumenauer would not be forced to repeatedly seek passage of their amendment annually.

New Jersey Democratic Sen. Cory Booker has also introduced a bill to legalize marijuana at the federal level.



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In this 2016 photo, then-Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, and her husband former President Bill Clinton, greet supporters after voting in Chappaqua, N.Y.

FBI investigating Clinton Foundation corruption claims

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI is investigating whether the Clinton Foundation accepted donations in exchange for political favors while Hillary Clinton was secretary of state, two people familiar with the probe confirmed Friday. The revelation comes as President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans have been urging the Justice Department to look into corruption allegations involving the foundation.

It is unclear when or why the probe began, but the sources told The Associated Press it has been ongoing for several months, with prosecutors and FBI agents taking the lead from their offices in Little Rock, Arkansas, where the foundation has offices. The people were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The Hill newspaper first reported the probe.

Critics have accused the Clinton family of using the foundation to enrich themselves and give donors special access to the State Department when Hillary Clinton was secretary of state. But public corruption prosecutors in Washington expressed disinterest in working with the

FBI on a Clinton Foundation-related investigation in 2016, saying they had concerns about the strength of the FBI's evidence.

A spokesman for the foundation, Craig Minassian, said it had been "subjected to politically motivated allegations, and time after time these allegations have proven false."

Trump has repeatedly called for an investigation into Clinton, her aides and the foundation, harping on Attorney General Jeff Sessions for not taking action. Democrats say Trump is trying to steer attention away from investigations examining whether his campaign was involved with Russian attempts to influence the 2016 election.

Sessions in November directed senior federal prosecutors to evaluate a number of Republican grievances and determine whether a special counsel should be appointed to look into allegations that the Clinton Foundation benefited from an Obama-era uranium transaction involving a Russian state company. In a letter to the House Judiciary Committee, Sessions said the prosecutors would also make recommendations into "whether any matters currently under investigation need additional resources."

Immigrant cleared of San Francisco killing faces US federal charges

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A Mexican man acquitted of murder in the shooting death of a San Francisco woman that sparked a national immigration debate was sentenced Friday to time served for illegal gun possession.



Zarate

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Samuel Feng also denied a defense request to grant Jose Ines Garcia Zarate a new trial for his conviction of being a felon in possession of a firearm. Garcia Zarate will now be taken into U.S. custody to face two federal gun possession charges.

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department said it would hold Garcia Zarate in jail until U.S. marshals pick him up. His lawyer, Tony Serra, said he expects the transfer this weekend.

Serra also said he plans to inject politics as much as he can into his defense of Garcia Zarate in federal court. That would be a marked departure from the state case, in which the judge banned any mention of Garcia Zarate's immigration status and the nationwide debate around it.

Garcia Zarate had previously been convicted of illegally re-entering the United States and been deported five times before Kate Steinle was fatally shot on a popular pier in July 2015.

The San Francisco sheriff's department released him from jail several weeks before the shooting, ignoring a federal request to detain him for a sixth deportation. San Francisco's "sanctuary city" policy bars local officials from helping U.S. immigration authorities in deportation matters unless they have a warrant.

During the presidential campaign, Donald Trump pointed to Steinle's death as a reason to build a wall along the Mexican border and tighten immigration policies. The president also has threatened to withhold federal funding to cities with sanctuary



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

In this 2015 photo, flowers and a portrait of Kate Steinle remain at a memorial site on Pier 14 in San Francisco. Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, a homeless undocumented immigrant was acquitted of killing Steinle.

city policies.

"A vote for guilty in the federal case is a vote for Trump," Serra said outside court Friday.

Federal prosecutors charged Garcia Zarate with two gun possession counts after a San Francisco jury acquitted him of murder but found him guilty of a gun charge.

Garcia Zarate was sentenced Friday to three years in jail for the state conviction. He has been behind bars in San Francisco since July 1, 2015, and with credit for time served, he fulfilled the sentence, the judge ruled.

His lawyers said he has served a total of 17 years in federal prisons for three illegal re-

entry convictions.

San Francisco public defender Jeff Adachi on Friday criticized federal prosecutors for adding the charges, which he called "ridiculous" and politically motivated.

"This is rarely done" after a defendant is acquitted on charges in a state court, Adachi said.

Garcia Zarate said he was sitting on a city pier when he found and picked up a gun wrapped in rags. His lawyer said he didn't know it was a weapon until it accidentally fired, the bullet ricocheting of the pier's concrete walkway and striking Steinle in the back.

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This image released by Disney and Marvel Studios' shows Chadwick Boseman in a scene from "Black Panther," in theaters on Feb. 16.



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Black Panther movie causing excitement around US

The Associated Press

There's a Black Panther party going on all around the country.

Superhero fans, movie fans and especially connoisseurs of black culture — American and African — are all eagerly awaiting the debut of Marvel's "Black Panther" movie starring comic book's first black superhero with an enthusiasm not often seen in American cinema.

"Black Panther" viewing parties are already being scheduled around the country for its February release, smack dab in the middle of Black History Month. There are lines of clothing based on the movie's African style being prepared — the bright colors and Afrofuturism styles of Wakanda are in for the spring. And Grammy-winning rapper Kendrick Lamar was just named to produce the soundtrack.

And people are already calling the yet-to-be seen movie one of the most important of 2018, despite the fact that the character that has only appeared once on the silver screen and until now, has not oc-

cupied the same pantheon as comic book stalwarts like Superman, Batman and Spiderman.

But for some fans, none of that matters because the Black Panther holds a unique position in the superhero world and especially in the African and black diaspora.

"As the father of two little black boys I'm super excited to have a superhero that looks like them on screen," said Glen Greezy of New York City, who along with more than 900 of his friends on Facebook, plan to hit Times Square and see the movie together on opening weekend. "Other super heroes are great and I see their movies too, but something about having a black man as the main character in a superhero movie is extra appealing."

"Black Panther," starring Chadwick Boseman as the eponymous superhero, debuts on February 16, picking up the adventures of the newly crowned African king and superhero who debuted in 2016's "Captain America: Civil War." Existing in the same shared universe as Iron Man, the Hulk, Captain America

and Spiderman, the Panther, however, is African royalty and his adventures center around his futuristic hidden homeland of Wakanda, considered to be the most technologically advanced nation on Marvel's earth. In the new movie, T'Challa, the Black Panther's real name, must battle long-time adversaries with the aid of his all-female bodyguards and a CIA agent to maintain control of his country and prevent a world war.

Directed by Ryan Coogler, it also has an all-star cast including Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong'o, Michael B. Jordan, Forest Whitaker, Danai Gurira, Sterling K. Brown and more.

For many people, the Black Panther movie isn't just a movie; it's a symbol of change.

Groups like MALIK Fraternity Inc., the first collegiate fraternity founded on the concept of African fraternalism, in Charlotte, North Carolina and the Intentional Community Building Collective and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle in Baltimore, are assembling discussion panels on the movie's

themes.

"'Black Panther' is just going to be really special. ... I don't plug into film anticipation. But I can feel it. A lot of my friends have asked me to go to the premiere! Everyone in my network is excited about it, and you can feel it when they're not," said Daniel Kaluuya, the "Get Out" star who also is featured in "Black Panther," told The Associated Press recently.

The Internet explodes each time a new trailer, poster or piece of artwork debuts from the movie, sparking hashtags like #BlackPantherSoLit and #WelcomeToWakanda. Twitter declared that Black Panther was one of the most tweeted-about movies of 2017, and the only movie on the list that hadn't premiered yet.

"Do we really have to wait until February!" lamented Elwood L. Robinson, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on Twitter while sporting a Black Panther t-shirt.

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legiate fraternity founded on the concept of African fraternalism, in Charlotte, North Carolina and the Intentional Community Building Collective and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle in Baltimore, are assembling discussion panels on the movie's themes.

Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, the minds behind Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four and other Marvel comics, the Black Panther holds a unique position in comic book history. While not the first black comic book hero — the first black character to headline his own comic book was Dell Comics' Western hero and gunfighter Lobo in 1965 — the Black Panther is considered the first black superhero, introduced as a supporting character in Fantastic Four in 1966 and later featured in his own book.

There has been a renaissance with black superheroes on television as well. "Black Lightning" debuts on the CW on January 16 featuring an educator who gains electrical powers and becomes a superhero. "Luke Cage," a televi-

sion show about a former convict with superhuman strength and unbreakable skin, debuted on Netflix in 2016 and will begin a second season later in the year.

Cage debuted in a self-titled comic book "Luke Cage, Hero for Hire" in 1972 with an exaggerated Afro and a catchphrase "Sweet Christmas!" He was followed by Black Lightning in a DC comic book in 1977.

There have been other black superhero movies — Wesley Snipes starred as the vampire slayer Blade in one of the first Marvel movies, and Robert Townsend starred in a comedic parody of superheroes in "Meteor Man" — but their movies did not bring out the enthusiasm that Black Panther is seeing.

"What is significant now, however, is that this age of convergence of film franchises with social media, a black superhero movie with an almost all-black cast conveys power, that we have arrived. It's evolution," said Christopher Chambers, a Georgetown University media studies professor.

Keeping up on the Kardashians, 2.0: A primer on the next gen

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — They Dream. They Reign. One points North and another is a Saint.

We're talking about the Kardashians 2.0 and their numbers are rising on the regular as the reality TV and makeup mogul family of Ks and Jenners gets busy with a baby boom.

The only ones in the multimillion-dollar matriarchy not interested in procreating at the moment seem to be momager Kris Jenner, who is 62 and has plenty of kids, thank you, and supermodel Kendall Jenner, a 22-year-old whirlwind of runway, editorial and other work that has her traveling practically non-stop.

Kendall's little sister Kylie Jenner had yet to confirm whether she's pregnant with rapper Travis Scott amid rumors the two are yo-yoing, on again-off again style. But OG older sib Kim Kardashian West, who launched them all with a sex tape a decade ago, has been sharing for weeks about her third child with rapper Kanye West. Their No. 3 is expected soon via surrogate after potentially life-threatening complications with Kim's two pregnancies.

The most recent baby bombshell came from Khloe Kardashian, who just days before Christ-

mas posted a sweet black-and-white belly shot on Instagram with basketball boyfriend Tristan Thompson that served as their announcement, earning more than 8 million likes.

Oldest sister Kourtney was swept into the is-she-PG vortex early on and has mentioned on "Keeping Up with the Kardashians" more than once that she'd like to add at least one child to her existing three with ex but never married to baby daddy Scott Disick.

This time around, it appears Kourt — the pettiest Kardashian — might have merely eaten a large meal at some point or gone through photo editing heck on social media at the hands of creepy bump watchers.

So what about all those second-gen little ones already on this planet? Their numbers have grown, so while we're waiting for the next round here's a little primer of who belongs to whom:

Rob Kardashian's dream

Between all those photos promoting his sock line on Twitter, bro Rob has been a prolific dad machine of adorable snaps of his baby daughter Dream Renee, born Nov. 10, 2016, to Blac Chyna. Aside: Blac Chyna has an older son, King Cairo, with rapper Tyga, the former significant other of

Kylie. Further aside: Rob and Blac Chyna are no longer together and never married.

Kim Kardashian's two

There's North West, born June 15, 2013, and baby brother Saint, who came along Dec. 5, 2015. Both belong to hubby Kanye. Among Kim's pregnancy issues was a condition that had the placenta growing into her uterus. She also suffered from preeclampsia, a serious condition marked by high blood pressure. She struggled through placenta accreta again with Saint.

Kourtney's brood

Mason Dash Disick, 8, Penelope Scotland Disick, 5, Reign Aston Disick, 3. Kourt and Scott "The Lord" Disick — he actually had himself lord-ed — never married. Disick, a next-level party guy, has expressed a desire over many of their 11 years to reunite with Kourt. Fat chance, Kourt has declared. More than once. Scott remains in the family. Current sitch: both are with significantly younger people — he with K-family friend Sofia Richie and she with model Younes Bendjima, who used to be friends with Sofia until the two stopped following each other on social media a while back. Try to keep up ...



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Britain's Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle arrive to attend the traditional Christmas Day service, at St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, England on Dec. 25, 2017.

Windsor official backs homeless crackdown for royal wedding

The Associated Press

LONDON — A political storm is brewing ahead of Prince Harry's and Meghan Markle's May 19 wedding over whether to crack down on homeless people and beggars in the well-to-do English town of Windsor.

The wedding will be held at Windsor Castle, the town's most famous landmark and a favored residence of Queen Elizabeth II. It is expected to draw thousands of extra visitors to the picturesque riverside town 20 miles (32 kilometers) west of London that is already popular with international tourists.

Borough council leader Simon Dudley kicked off the controversy by tweeting over the Christmas holidays about the need to clean up Windsor's streets. He then wrote to police and Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May suggesting that action be taken to reduce the presence of beggars and the homeless.

Dudley referred to an "epidemic" of homelessness and vagrancy in Windsor and suggested many of those begging in the town are not really homeless. He said the situation presents a beautiful town in an unfavorable light.

The prime minister said Thursday she does not agree with Dudley's calls for police action, emphasizing that councils

like the one Dudley heads must act to help the homeless.

"I think it is important that councils work hard to ensure that they are providing accommodation for those people who are homeless," said May.

Homeless charities reacted angrily Thursday to his suggestion that homelessness should be treated as a police matter so Windsor can make a positive impression on visitors during the royal nuptials. They also rejected the assertion that Windsor's homeless were living on the streets by choice.

Greg Beales, a spokesman for Shelter, said people sleeping on the streets are in desperate need of help, particularly in winter when the weather can be dangerously cold.

"Stigmatizing or punishing them is totally counter-productive," he said.

Murphy James of the Windsor Homeless Project called Dudley's views offensive.

"It's absolutely abhorrent that anybody has got these views in this day and age, especially a lead councilor of the borough," he said.

Harry and Markle will be wed on the closed-off castle grounds but have said they want the public to be involved to some degree. Harry has supported a number of charity events to help the homeless.

Police Roundup

JACKSON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

The following people were booked into the county jail during the latest reporting periods:

- » **Jason Harris**, 38, 5 Cedar Ridge Road, Tifton, Georgia, violation of county probation.
- » **Eric Pender**, 46, 4264 South St., Marianna, out-of-county warrant.
- » **John Harrison**, 43, 6899 But-

ler Road, Grand Ridge, violation of state probation.

- » **Elizabeth Cooper**, 54, 3108 Zion St., Cottondale, violation of state probation.
- » **Lakenndria Webb**, 33, 3036 Lovewood Road, Cottondale, fugitive from justice.
- » **Stephen Holland**, 48, 2966 Jefferson St., Marianna, driving while license suspended or revoked.
- » **Cameron Hamm**, 25, 1550

Hudson Road, Alford, violation of state probation.

- » **Shantel Lawrence**, 31, 1943 Park Ave., Sneads, attempted burglary of an ATM, criminal mischief.
- » **Aaron Hayes**, 35, 480 W 35th St., Riviera Beach, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana-less than 20 grams, possession of a weapon or ammo by a convicted felon.
- » **Marvin Howerin**, 68, 2759

Fleetwood Lane, Marianna, out-of-county warrant, failure to appear-four counts, worthless checks-two counts, grand theft.

- » **Lonnie Lee**, 35, 1118 E Sanders Road (Lot 29), Dothan, AL, driving while license suspended or revoked.
- » **Alissa Barnes**, 20, 726 Colmen St., Chattahoochee, resist-arrest without violence.
- » **Brian Hall**, 57, 4945 Highway 2, Malone, violation of state

probation.

- » **Amanda Waddell**, 34, 1036 Payne St., Graceville, failure to appear (driving while license suspended or revoked).

JAIL POPULATION: 249

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To report a wildlife violation, call 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

Mom accused of sending inmate son drug strips on postage stamps

From staff reports

The mother of a state inmate housed in Jackson County is accused of introducing contraband into a state correctional facility by attaching Suboxone strips to the postage stamps on a piece of mail she sent her inmate-son.

Penny McDonald and son Joseph Harris were both charged with introducing contraband into a correctional facility, according to the Florida Department of Corrections

complaint associated with the case.

In it, officials say a correctional officer sorting mail notified superiors when she noticed there was a slight lift between the stamps and the manila envelope to which they were attached. Addressed to Harris, the package was reportedly sent to him by McDonald in November 2017. When the stamps were examined, officials say, authorities discovered that there were Suboxone strips under the stamps.

Suboxone is a prescription pain killer which is also sometimes used in the treatment of people who have come under the influence of more addictive substances.

Officials say recorded jailhouse phone calls between Harris and his mother indicate that both parties were aware of and actively involved in attempting to introduce the substance into the Graceville Work Camp, where Harris was housed at the time.

Teen suspect picked up after attempt to return from Israel

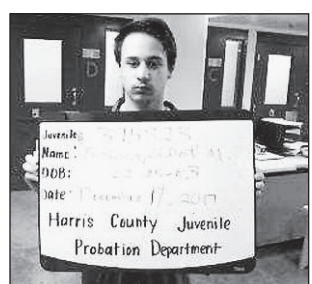
From staff reports

A juvenile wanted on more than a dozen felony charges is back in Walton County after he was picked up by the Transportation Safety Administration at an airport in Texas.

Officials say he was trying to fly back into the country.

The Walton County Sheriff's office reports that Elden Boskila, 14, left the United States and headed to Israel earlier this year after he was identified one of seven suspects in a rash of Walton County vehicle burglaries, disappearing before he could be reached for questioning in the case.

Authorities say seven suspects were thought re-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Elden Boskila, a suspect in several Walton County burglaries, was taken into custody at an airport in Texas.

sponsible for more than 50 car burglaries in Walton County in September, which included five stolen handguns from unlocked vehicles; three of the guns were later recovered.

Six arrests were made regarding 49 vehicle burglaries that occurred between August and Sep-

tember 2017. Boskila was also identified as a suspect but he left the country for Israel before investigators could reach him for questioning. More than 20 warrants were issued for his arrest, officials say.

On Dec. 17, 2017, Boskila was identified by TSA Agents at George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, Texas trying to get back into the country. Houston Police Department took him into custody and he was booked into the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department.

Boskila was subsequently extradited to Walton County on Dec. 22, 2017, on 44 charges, including multiple counts of armed burglary, burglary, and grand theft of a firearm.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

These items were retrieved from the purse that Billie Jo Halley allegedly tossed from her vehicle during a traffic stop early Thursday.

Traffic stop yields purse with drugs

From staff reports

A woman pulled over Thursday for driving on the shoulder of the road with her headlights off found herself in deeper trouble after she ditched her purse as the traffic stop began.

On Jan. 4, reports the Florida Highway Patrol, a trooper saw the vehicle and initiated the stop. When the officer got out of his cruiser and began to approach it, he saw the driver throwing a small purse out of the passenger-side window. When he asked driver Billie Jo Halley why she'd tossed it, she reportedly told him it had marijuana inside.

The purse was retrieved and its con-

tents were examined. The officer reportedly found 10 grams of suspected methamphetamine, 31 grams of meth oil, three pills that were identified as "ecstasy," some syringes, and one gram of marijuana.



Halley

Halley, 36, of Panama City, was arrested and taken to the Bay County jail. She is charged with felony trafficking methamphetamine, felony possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor possession of marijuana, and misdemeanor driving on a suspended license.

Woman accused of trying to burglarize bank's ATM

From staff reports

A local woman has been charged with attempted burglary of an ATM and criminal mischief causing damage greater than \$1,000.

The Sneads Police Department reports that Shantel Tameka Lawrence, 31, was arrested just a few hours after she allegedly used a large flathead screwdriver in an attempt to burglarize an AMT at Peoples South Bank in Sneads.

The bank's surveillance system helped lead SPD Chief Burt McAlpin to the suspect, but McAlpin also credited a local citizen who discovered and reported the damage about an hour after it occurred.

The citizen went to the SPD around 12:44 a.m. Wednesday to report the incident just after she found the machine in disarray. It had not been successfully entered and no currency was taken, McAlpin said, but there was extensive damage.

On reviewing the surveillance footage, McAlpin recognized the Ford Explorer SUV that the would-be burglar

had used, and contacted the owner. The older-model vehicle had a distinctive dent in the hood and larger-size after-market chrome wheels. McAlpin had seen it several times a week in town over a long period of time and knew the owner. The man, an acquaintance of McAlpin, was contacted and said Lawrence, his girlfriend, was using it at the time. When McAlpin interviewed Lawrence, she reportedly confessed to the crime.

In a press release about the incident, McAlpin reported that Lawrence said she'd been drinking, was mad at some family members, and that her account was overdrawn. McAlpin said she'd first come to bank and tried to use the ATM about 15 minutes before she returned and worked for about 30 minutes in an attempt to get the ATM machine open with the screwdriver. Her second visit had occurred around 11:48 p.m. on Tuesday night.

McAlpin said the citizen's timely reporting of the incident helped authorities make a quick arrest in the case.

Crime Briefs

Police: Man caught after running from officers

Washington County deputies found themselves in a foot chase Thursday with a man wanted on drug charges.

The officers say he ran when they arrived to serve the drug warrant but was soon captured.

In addition to the existing felony drug warrant, Timothy Taylor, 53, now faces a new charge of resisting an officer.



Taylor

Teens accused of stealing car, nearly hitting officers

SARASOTA — Two Florida teenagers are accused of stealing a car and almost hitting law enforcement officers.

Sarasota police spokeswoman Genevieve Judge said in a news release that officers were assisting the nearby North Port Police Department in tracking a stolen vehicle on Wednesday morning. The Sarasota officers spotted the car and attempted to stop it. But it sped away.

The release says officers set up stop sticks on the northbound side of the road before realizing the car was coming directly at them from the south. Officers threw the sticks at the car's hood and leaned against their patrol car as the vehicle sped past within 3 feet (1 meter).

The car was stopped a short time later. Police arrested the 16-year-old driver and a 13-year-old passenger.

They're charged with felonies.

Fake teen doctor pleads guilty, gets 3½ years in prison

WEST PALM BEACH — A Florida man accused of impersonating a doctor and stealing from a patient when he was a teenager has been sentenced to 3½

years in prison.

News outlets report that a Palm Beach County judge sentenced 20-year-old Malachi Love-Robinson Thursday after he pleaded guilty to grand theft, practicing medicine without a license and other charges. His trial was scheduled to begin later this month.

Love-Robinson was arrested in February 2016 after law enforcement officials said he was practicing medicine without a license. Authorities say Love-Robinson was illegally operating a medical practice, complete with an office, a lab coat and stethoscope. He also allegedly stole \$35,000 from an elderly patient.

Love-Robinson previously pleaded guilty to charges in Virginia related to trying to buy a Lexus using a fake earnings statement.

Woman gets another 65 years for ordering murders from jail

TAMPA — A woman who tried to order murders from a Florida jail now faces more than a century in federal prison.

The Tampa Bay Times reports 51-year-old Priscilla Ellis was sentenced Thursday to 65 years, to start after she completes 40 years for a 2016 fraud conviction.

Ellis was convicted for her role in an \$11 million fraud scheme. Prosecutors say she then began soliciting fellow inmates at the local jail to arrange the murders of one trial witness and the mother of another. A jailhouse informer worked with the FBI to secretly record conversations.

An FBI agent posing as a would-be hit man met with Ellis in jail. Authorities say she tried paying for the murders with \$1,600 in counterfeit checks.

Ellis claimed entrapment and said she never intended to have anyone killed.

From staff and wire reports

Official: Florida anti-trafficking efforts model for rest of nation

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A human trafficking task force operating in Florida could be a national model because it focuses on more than just investigation and prosecution, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein told the group recently.

Rosenstein said in remarks to the South Florida Human Trafficking Task Force that it's equally important to focus on victims to help them recover and encourage them to testify if necessary. The 300-plus member group includes at least 10 nongovernmental organizations

that provide such things as temporary housing, therapy and legal assistance.

"What we've found is in too many cases, when a victim was identified, there was no support and structure. And the victim wasn't available to testify," Rosenstein said. "Prosecution is an important thing to do, but it's not the only thing. We're hoping to replicate this model all around the country."

Dr. Austin Jelani, a psychologist at Miami's Camillus House, said on a given night the homeless center has about 1,000 people spending the night. Many are victims of human trafficking and

need all types of therapy, services and support to recover.

"We're helping these individuals rebuild their lives. We've helped them move on to jobs and permanent housing," Jelani said.

In South Florida, U.S. Attorney Benjamin Greenberg said since 2010 there have been 92 offenders prosecuted in 58 human trafficking cases. These cases collectively involved the victimization of more than 75 survivors, he said.

"They don't know any geographic boundaries and the depravity of the conduct knows no limits," Greenberg said.



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Dr. Albert Maguire (right) checks the eyes of Misa Kaabali, 8, at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia on Oct. 4, 2017. Misa was 4-years-old when he received his gene therapy treatment. The first-of-its kind genetic treatment for blindness will cost \$850,000, less than the \$1 million price tag that had been expected, but it's still among the most expensive genetic therapies in the world.

Price tag on gene therapy for rare form of blindness: \$850K

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A first-of-its kind genetic treatment for blindness will cost \$850,000, less than the \$1 million price tag that had been expected, but still among the most expensive medicines in the world.

Spark Therapeutics said Wednesday it decided on the lower price for Luxturna (Luxturna) after hearing concerns from health insurers about their ability to cover the injectable treatment.

Consternation over skyrocketing drug prices, especially in the U.S., has led to intense scrutiny from patients, Congress, insurers and hospitals.

"We wanted to balance the value and the affordability concerns with a responsible price that would ensure access to patients," said CEO Jeffrey Marzocco, in an interview with The Associated Press.

Luxturna is still significantly more expensive than nearly every other medicine on the global market, including two other gene therapies approved earlier last year in the U.S. Approved last month, Luxturna, is the na-

tion's first gene therapy for an inherited disease. It can improve the vision of those with a rare form of blindness that is estimated to affect just a few thousand people in the U.S.

Luxturna is an injection — one for each eye — that replaces a defective gene in the retina, tissue at the back of the eye that converts light into electric signals that produce vision. The therapy will cost \$425,000 per injection.

The treatment is part of an emerging field of medicine that could produce dozens of new gene-targeting medications in the next few years.

These therapies are generally intended to be taken once, a fact which drug developers argue sets them apart from traditional drugs taken for months or years.

But even compared to other one-time gene therapies Luxturna is still an outlier. Two customized gene therapies for blood cancer approved last year are priced at \$373,000 and \$475,000, respectively.

Many older drugs for ultra-rare diseases also cost hundreds of thousands of dollars per year, and can quickly exceed a million

dollars. For instance, a drug from Biogen called Spinraza, which treats a rare neuromuscular disorder, costs \$750,000 for the first year's supply and \$375,000 for subsequent years. The drug intended to be taken for life.

Drug prices are not regulated in the U.S., as they are in many other countries, so drugmakers can price their goods like any other manufacturer. Drugmakers have historically offered little explanation for the prices they charge, other than to cite the high cost of developing a drug and the fact that so many drugs fail during trials and must be abandoned. However, some companies have begun to offer more detailed reasoning as the backlash against drug prices has grown more heated.

Spark Therapeutics, based in Philadelphia, has said that the cost for a lifetime of blindness — including lost earnings and caregiver wages — can easily exceed \$1 million.

Not everyone agrees with that argument. A preliminary analysis by one group found the drug would have to be priced significantly lower "to be a cost-effec-

tive intervention."

The estimate by the non-profit Institute for Clinical and Economic Review assumes the drug would maintain patients' vision for 10 years. However, Spark expects the drug's effect to be long-lasting, if not lifelong, though it has only tracked patients for about four years.

At least one gene therapy sold overseas has already crossed the \$1-million price threshold, a treatment for a rare protein disorder launched in Europe. Manufacturer uniQure stopped selling the therapy last year after seeing a lack of demand. It was never approved in the U.S.

Like most prescription medicines in the U.S., most of the immediate costs of Luxturna will be borne by insurers — not patients — including private plans and government programs. For patients, Spark said it would cover all out-of-pocket expenses needed to obtain the medication, including transportation to hospitals trained to administer the injections.

Given Luxturna's federal approval and strong study results, experts say U.S. insurers will likely cover the drug.

"If they decided not to cover it they would immediately have to face negative publicity," said Meredith Rosenthal, a professor of health economics at Harvard University. She added that while insurers excel at negotiating price cuts on conventional drugs with multiple competitors, they have little leverage on the prices of breakthrough drugs.

Spark will try to deflect some pricing concerns by offering unconventional payment plans to insurers. Under one arrangement with the non-profit insurer Harvard Pilgrim, Spark will repay some of Luxturna's costs if patients don't experience the expected improvements in vision. The company did not disclose how much money would be returned to the insurer, which covers more than a million people in New England.

Spark said it is also discussing a proposal in which insurers would pay for the drug in installments over several years. That idea would apply to government programs like Medicare and Medicaid, which provide health coverage to the poor and elderly.

Badly strained UK hospitals to delay certain operations

The Associated Press

LONDON — Officials say extreme seasonal pressure on Britain's hospital system means many non-urgent procedures must be put off for weeks.

National Health Service England officials are telling hospitals to delay some procedures to free up staff and beds to deal with emergency patients.

The restrictions are set to last until at least the end of January and are predicted to affect around 55,000 operations.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt on Wednesday apologized for the problems.

"It is absolutely not what I want," he told Sky News. He said there is no question the hospitals are facing real pressures at the moment.

NHS England director Bruce Keogh says the pressures may increase because of "early signs" of spreading flu.

Many hospitals are operating at or near full capacity, with reports of long waits for treatment in emergency rooms.



Britain's Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt in London gets in a vehicle on Wednesday after he apologized to patients who have had operations delayed as a result of winter pressures in the National Health Service.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

High School Basketball

Cottondale boys edge out Paxton



Cottondale's Cameron Brooks attempts a shot against Paxton on Thursday.

From staff reports

In a close, but eerily quiet game Thursday night, Cottondale edged out Paxton, 55-47.

Paxton took the lead, 15-13, in the first quarter, but Cottondale was able to battle back in the second and make it 28-26 Hornets at the half.

Quidarius Henderson got nine for the Hornets in the first quarter with Tykece Bryant shooting a three and Dashon Hudson getting a free throw. In the second quarter, Amari Banks put up 11 with Cameron Brooks and Hudson both getting twos.

While the Hornets were able to

keep their lead 41-36 in the third, the game was still very much in contention. Bryant shot six with Brooks getting a three. Dayron Garrett and Xavier Brown each had two.

While Paxton was able to get close in the fourth, they could never close the gap and Cottondale pulled ahead for a solid win. Brooks sank another four while Dalvin Barnes got on the board with three. Banks also shot for three and Dominique Pittman had two.

Banks was the Hornets high scorer with 14 and Henderson got 11.

Cottondale is 3-1 in district play and 6-5 overall.

MARK SKINNER/FLORIDAN

Box Scores

January 5

High School Basketball
Cottondale boys beat Chipley, 56-45.
Graceville boys beat Sneads, 60-57.
Graceville girls lost to Sneads, 61-60.
Malone girls lost to Central.
Malone boys beat Central, 73-43.
Marianna boys beat Florida High, 67-45.

High School Soccer
Marianna girls beat East Gadsden, 7-0.
Marianna boys tied East Gadsden, 2-2.

January 4

High School Basketball
Cottondale boys beat Paxton, 55-47.
Graceville boys lost to Rehobeth, 79-70.
Graceville girls lost Rehobeth, 41-38.
Malone girls lost to Ponce de Leon, 65-6.
Malone boys beat Ponce de Leon, 77-44.
Sneads girls beat Wewa, 42-28.

College Basketball
Chipola beat the Daytona Red Devils, 136-81.

Sports Briefs

January 8

High School Soccer
Marianna JV boys host Bozeman, 4 p.m.

January 9

High School Basketball
Cottondale boys host Vernon, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Cottondale girls at Holmes County, 5:30 p.m.
Graceville boys host Holmes County, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Malone boys at Laurel Hill, 6:30 p.m.
Malone girls at Laurel Hill, 5 p.m.
Marianna girls at Florida High, 5 and 6:30 p.m.
Sneads boys host Blountstown, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Sneads girls host Blountstown, 4 p.m.

High School Soccer
Marianna boys host Rickards, 6 p.m.
Marianna girls host Rickards, 4 p.m.

College Basketball
Chipola women at Tallahassee, 4:30 p.m.
Chipola men at Tallahassee, 6:30 p.m.

January 11

High School Basketball
Cottondale girls host Graceville, 5:30 p.m.
Malone host Holmes County for Homecoming, 5 and 7 p.m.
Marianna girls host Sneads, 5:30 and 7 p.m.

High School Soccer
Marianna boys at Community Christian, 5 p.m.
Marianna girls host Taylor County, 4 p.m.

January 12

High School Basketball
Cottondale boys host Graceville, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Graceville girls at Bonifay, 6 p.m.
Marianna boys host Malone, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Marianna girls at Taylor County, 5:30 p.m.
Sneads boys at Vernon, 5:30 and 7 p.m.
Sneads girls at Vernon, 4 p.m.

High School Soccer
Marianna boys host Rickards, 6 p.m.

January 13

High School Soccer
Marianna girls host Arnold, 11 a.m.

College Basketball
Chipola men host Northwest Florida State College, 7:30 p.m.
Chipola women host Northwest Florida State College, 5:30 p.m.

(Game times subject to change.)

BULLDOGS ROLL PAST FLORIDA HIGH



MARK SKINNER/FLORIDAN

Ahmad Johnson looks to make a basket during Marianna's game against Florida High on Friday night. Marianna won 67-45.

High School Basketball

Malone dominates Ponce de Leon

From staff reports

Malone made a quick meal of the Ponce de Leon Pirates Thursday night.

The Tigers staked their claim in the first when they seized a 19-6 lead. Joshua Rivers shot seven with Taylor Brown hitting five, Ocasio Murff getting four and Odarius Murff sinking a three.

The mauling continued in the second and by the time the buzzer sounded for halftime, Malone was up 45-21. Elijah Larry entered the scorer's book with nine, while Brown kept the baskets coming for eight points. Jarrod Southwell sunk a trio of free throws, while Demontrae Decree got a three and Curtis Miley got a free throw.

The third brought more of the same as Malone set their lead in stone, 64-31, before finally finishing them off 77-44 in the fourth.



MARK SKINNER/FLORIDAN

Malone's Taylor Brown goes for two against Ponce de Leon on Thursday night.

Sneads girls slam Wewa on the road

From staff reports

The Lady Pirates poached the Wewa Gators 42-28 on Thursday night in a road game.

Sneads grabbed a 13-2 lead in the first and while Wewa was able to start scoring in the second, the game proved to be an upriver battle for them.

At the half, Sneads was up 26-12.

In the third, Wewa was able to outscore the Lady Pirates, but not by enough to overcome the big lead that Sneads had built up in the first half.

In the fourth, the Lady Pirates got the scoring lead back 10-8 and finished off Wewa.

Sneads high-scorers were Kaizia Gainer with 17 and Destinee Pollock got 15.

The Lady Pirates are 3-2 in the district and 6-6 overall.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

ALABAMA 12-1 CRIMSON TIDE vs. GEORGIA 13-1 BULLDOGS

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SEASON STATS



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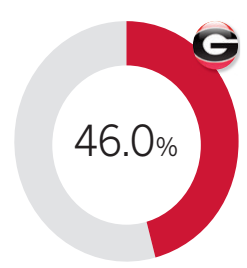
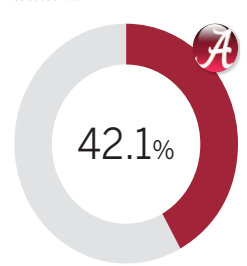
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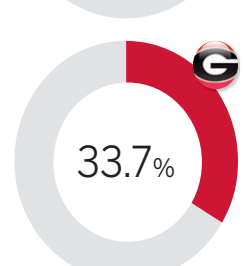
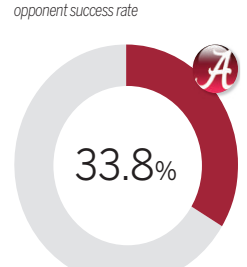
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THIRD-DOWN CONVERSION RATES

OFFENSE success rate

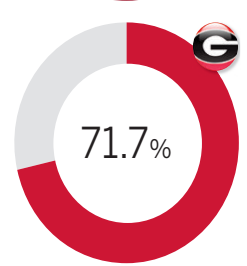
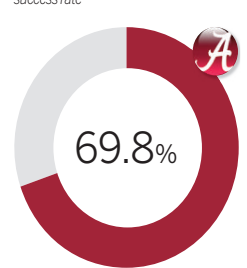


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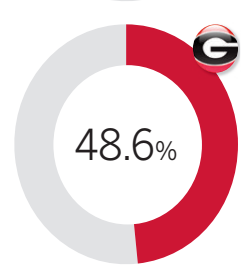
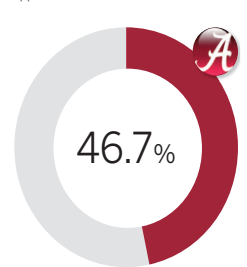


RED ZONE TD PERCENTAGE

OFFENSE success rate



DEFENSE opponent success rate



PREDICTION



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Philosophically, it's going to be like looking in the mirror. Run the ball, stop the run and take advantage of the other team's mistakes. That's Alabama and it's Georgia, too. Georgia may have a slight edge physically simply due to the Crimson Tide's suspect health. The Bulldogs are also more explosive. Alabama gets the nod with its experience. Jake Fromm throws it better than Jalen Hurts, but when the great players surrounding those quarterbacks cancel each other out, look for Hurts to make more big plays with his feet.

PREDICTION BY KEN ROGERS, DOTHAN (ALA.) EAGLE

NATIONAL TITLES



THREE STATS

326 Combined rushing yards by Georgia RBs Nick Chubb and Sony Michel in the Bulldogs' 54-48 Rose Bowl win over Oklahoma, a FBS record.

16

Career interceptions by Georgia safety Dominick Sanders, breaking the school record with a pick of Baker Mayfield in the Rose Bowl.

11-0

Alabama coach Nick Saban's record when playing against a former assistant ... Georgia's Kirby Smart was a Saban assistant from 2007-2015.

ALL-TIME SERIES



Alabama and Georgia should know a lot about each other when they meet in the College Football Playoff national championship game Monday night, even though the teams have not played in a few years.

With Nick Saban on one side and his former defensive coordinator, Kirby Smart, leading the Bulldogs,



Saban



Smart

the teams competing in the national championship game have a lot in common, especially the way they play defense, using a 3-4 scheme that often looks like a 4-3 with outside linebackers providing pass rush like defensive ends. Tight coverage on outside receivers and a mix of well-disguised blitzes can be hard to decipher for a quarterback.

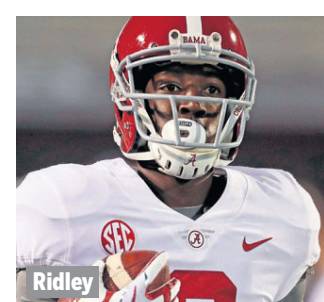
THE KEY MATCHUPS

By Ralph D. Russo / The Associated Press

WHEN ALABAMA HAS THE BALL

Alabama QB Jalen Hurts vs. Georgia LB Roquan Smith

A case can be made that Smith has been the best defensive player in the country this season. He is an instinctive linebacker and Georgia will move him around in the tackle box to free him to run to the ball. Even in a wild Rose Bowl with more than 1,000 yards of offense, the All-American Smith was a force against Oklahoma, making several pivotal third-down stops. "He doesn't miss many tackles," said Appalachian State coach Scott Satterfield, whose team lost to the Bulldogs to open the 2017 season. Satterfield said Georgia's length on the edges with outside linebackers Davin Bellamy (6-foot-5) and Lorenzo Carter (6-6) makes it difficult to attack the edges against the Bulldogs. Hurts gives Alabama a dual-threat and especially powerful runner. He was second on the team with 945 yards rushing and eight rushing touchdowns. If Georgia needs someone to spy Hurts, it could be Smith. "Don't be in a hurry to get a sack, more than making sure you're maintaining rush lanes and force him to be a pocket guy with the pocket collapsing around him," Florida coach Dan Mullen said. Mullen coached Mississippi State last season before joining the Gators and his Bulldogs were one of three to face both Alabama and Georgia this season. Mississippi State lost to both teams.



Alabama receiver Calvin Ridley vs. Georgia CB Deandre Baker

Alabama leans heavily on Ridley in the passing game. The junior has 59 catches for 935 yards to lead the Tide. No other receiver has more than 16 receptions of 244 yards. There is talent elsewhere in the Crimson Tide passing game. The second- and third-leading receivers by yardage are freshmen Jerry Jeudy and Henry Ruggs III. Robert Foster is a senior whose career has been stunted by injuries. But Ridley is the man. "We rolled the coverage to Ridley a couple of times and he was still able to win," Mullen said. Baker is Georgia's best coverage player. "If they do have a weakness, relatively, it's in the secondary," Appalachian State's Satterfield said of Georgia's defense. Expect Baker to spend a lot of time shadowing Ridley and for safeties Dominick Sanders and J.R. Reed to provide support.

WHEN GEORGIA HAS THE BALL

Georgia QB Jake Fromm vs. Alabama S Minkah Fitzpatrick



Georgia QB Jake Fromm vs. Alabama S Minkah Fitzpatrick

This is a different kind of matchup than Hurts-Smith, because Fromm is not a running threat. The challenge for the freshman quarterback will be identifying where Fitzpatrick is lined up from play to play because Alabama uses the All-American everywhere: safety, cornerback and linebacker. He is even used as an edge rusher. Defensive coordinator Jeremy Pruitt does not call a lot of blitzes, but when he does Fitzpatrick is often the guy Alabama brings. Or he can show blitz with Fitzpatrick and have him back out and seamlessly drop into coverage. Fromm has shown the poise of a veteran all season, but Saban's defenses have been known to fluster even experienced quarterbacks and Fitzpatrick is an extension of Saban on the field.

Georgia C Lamont Gaillard vs. Alabama NG Da'Ron Payne

When Payne is not catching touchdown passes he is one of the best interior linemen in college football. At 308-pounds, he is hard to move and can overpower blockers. He is a big part of the No. 1 run defense in the country. Alabama allows only 2.7 yards per carry. Georgia averages 5.99 yards per rush, sixth best in the country, behind tailbacks Nick Chubb and Sony Michel. "That's their offense. It is stopping those guys and then you just got to be sound," Mullen said. "If you make mistakes and let other people score on you, let other people make big plays against you, that's where it gets really hard to beat them." Gaillard is a 301-pound fourth-year junior who gives Georgia a chance to move Payne one-on-one, but he will probably need some help from guards Kendall Baker and Ben Cleveland. Auburn and Mississippi State had some success running against the Tide, but that was with the threat of a running quarterback and offenses that use motions and run-pass option plays to get linebackers and safeties out of position. Georgia uses lots of formations and some motion, but with no quarterback running threat, the Bulldogs are going to need to move big bodies like Payne and Raekwon Davis (307 pounds) out of the way to get Chubb and Michel going. "If Georgia can be able to stick with the run, get patient with the 2- and 3-yard gains and find a way to convert on third down, Michel and Chubb will hit some big ones," Mullen said.

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L5571 Jackson County Indian Springs Phase I Sewer & Water System Extensions
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed Bids for the construction of the **Indian Springs Phase I Sewer & Water System Extensions** will be received by **Jackson County Board of County Commissioners** at the office of the **Judy Austin, Purchasing Agent located at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, FL**, until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **Tuesday, 2/6/2018**, at which time the Bids received will be **"publicly"** opened and read. The project consists of approximately 31,053 LF of PVC/HDPE low pressure sewer force main ranging from 2" to 6", 33,804 LF of associated 1 1/2" HDPE services, 72 valves, 13 air/vac valves and roadway/driveway directional bores. There are estimated to be 125 residential service connections which include abandonment of the existing septic tank, a simplex grinder station, control panel and all necessary valves, fittings, septic tank disconnections, and site restoration. Additionally, the project will include the construction of approximately 20,150 LF of 3" to 10" potable water main with roadway/driveway directional bores, 48 fire hydrants, 125 water services with connection to existing residential homes, and all necessary valves, fittings, private well disconnections, and site restoration. Bidders will be **required** to attend a **MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference** on Tuesday, **January 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** local time, at the **Jackson County Commissioners Board Room**, 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, FL 32448 to give the opportunity to ask questions of the Owner and Engineer. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of **8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office as described below. Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office during the hours indicated above. Bidding Documents are available as portable document format (PDF) files e-mailed free of charge. Alternatively, printed Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office either via in-person pick-up or via mail, upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment for the Bidding Documents. The non-refundable cost of printed Bidding Documents is **\$250.00** per set, payable to **"Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc."**, plus a non-refundable shipping charge. Upon Issuing Office's receipt of payment, printed Bidding Documents will be sent via the prospective Bidder's delivery method of choice; the shipping charge will depend on the shipping method chosen. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the prospective Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is:

Alday-Howell Engineering, Inc.
3017 Highway 71 North
Marianna, FL
Ph. 850-526-2040
Contact: Eric Worrell, PE,
(eric@aldayhowell.com)

Any questions in regards to the Bid Documents shall be emailed to Judy Austin at jaustin@jacksoncountyfl.com and Pam Pichard at ppichard@jacksoncountyfl.com. A Performance Bond in the amount of 100% and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the amount of 100% will be required of the successful Bidder. A Bid Bond payable to Jackson County for an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid shall be filed with the proposal. The Bid Bond prepared on the forms specified and signed by a Bonding company authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Bidders shall be contractors who are normally engaged in construction and shall be licensed as may be required under existing Federal, State, and County laws. Where licensing by examination by the City of Marianna is required, such licenses shall be obtained prior to bidding. Only bids from qualified Contractors will be considered. No Bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after scheduled time for the receipt of bids. The Owner reserves the right to waive any or all irregularities and informalities and to reject any or all bids. Owner: Jackson County Board of County Commissioners
By: Ernie Padgett
Title: County Administrator
Date: January 6, 2018

L5582 Notice of Final Agency Action Taken by the Northwest Florida Water Management District
Notice is given that Environmental Resource permit number GEN-063-18269-1 was issued on December 14, 2017 to Larry Alvarez Jackson County for the construction of a new surface water management system General Permit for minor activities within county maintained dirt road right of way to pave the existing dirt road and replace the existing culverts to accommodate the paving. The project is located at County Road 162, Jackson County. The file containing the application for this permit is available for inspection Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Northwest Florida Water Management District's ERP Office, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 32333. A person whose substantial interests are affected by the District permitting decision may petition for an administrative hearing in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57 F.S., or may choose to pursue mediation as an alternative remedy under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, and Rules 28106.111 and 28-106.401-404, Florida Administrative Code. Petitions must comply with the requirements of Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 28-106 and be filed with (received by) the District Clerk located at District Headquarters, 81 Water Management Drive, Havana, FL 323334712. Petitions for administrative hearing on the above application must be filed within twenty-one (21) days of publication of this notice or within twenty-six (26) days of the District depositing notice of this intent in the mail for those persons to

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whom the District mails actual notice. Failure to file a petition within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right(s) such person(s) may have to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., concerning the subject permit. Petitions which are not filed in accordance with the above provisions are subject to dismissal. Because the administrative hearing process is designed to formulate final agency action, the filing of a petition means that the District's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this notice. Persons whose substantial interests will be affected by any such final decision of the District on the application have the right to petition to become a party to the proceedings, in accordance with the requirements set forth above.

LEGAL NOTICES
L5531 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No.: 17-DR-315
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF Susan A. Lane, Petitioner/Wife, and Robert Martin Lane, Sr., Respondent/Husband.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
To: Robert Martin Lane, Sr. 1105 Co. Road 163 Cullman, AL 35057
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Kristi Miller Novonglosky, P.A., Wife's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 1129, Chipley, Florida, 32428, on or before January 31, 2018, and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Wife's attorney 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: marital home and real property, marital furnishings, Wife's vehicle. 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 Designation 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 address 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: December 20, 2017
Clayton O. Rooks
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: L. Harris, Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES
L5562 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District: Application Number 2E-063-18310-1 filed December 21, 2017. Mike Williams, 5644 Highway 71, Malone, FL 32445 Requesting an average withdrawal of 77,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer (Undiff) for Agricultural use by proposed facilities. General withdrawal location(s) in Jackson County: Section 25, Township 7N, Range 10W; Section 30, Township 7N, Range 9W. Interested persons may submit written comments /objection or submit a written request for the notice of proposed agency action (NOPAA) regarding the application by writing to: Division of Regulatory Services, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Attn: Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333. A NOPAA will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. A NOPAA must be requested in order to be advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Written comments/objection or NOPAA requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET, within 14 days of publication of this notice of application. No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of the permit application to all substantially affected persons.

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L5561 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WATER USE PERMIT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for water use permit(s) has (have) been received by the Northwest Florida Water Management District: Application Number 2E-063-5500-3 filed December 27, 2017. Town of Sneads, P.O. Box 159, Sneads, FL 32460-0159 Requesting an average withdrawal of 370,000 gallons per day from the Floridan Aquifer (Undiff) for Public Supply use by existing facilities. General withdrawal location(s) in Jackson County: Section 28, Township 4N, Range 7W. Interested persons may submit written comments /objection or submit a written request for the notice of proposed agency action (NOPAA) regarding the application by writing to: Division of Regulatory Services, Northwest Florida Water Management District, Attn: Terri Peterson, 152 Water Management Drive, Havana, Florida 32333. A NOPAA will be mailed only to persons who have filed such requests. A NOPAA must be requested in order to be advised of further proceedings and any public hearing date. Written comments/objection or NOPAA requests must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET, within 14 days of publication of this notice of application. No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. Publication of this notice constitutes constructive notice of the permit application to all substantially affected persons.

LEGAL NOTICES
L5583 NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP THE PUBLIC IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, FLORIDA, INTENDS TO HOLD A PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING:
Comprehensive Plan Update : A meeting to discuss considerations for updates and amendments to the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan. Additional meetings will be held prior to update recommendations being submitted to the State for final review. The public workshop will be held in the Jackson County Commission meeting room at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, Florida, on January 9, 2018 at 1:15 PM Central Time. The public is invited to voice comments in regard to the Comprehensive Plan update. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JACKSON COUNTY, FL**
By: w/ Eric Hill
Hon. Eric Hill, Chairman
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Assistant to the Administrator no later than 3 days prior to the meeting. The Assistant to the Administrator may be contacted at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, FL, 32446, (850) 482-9633, or (800) 955-8771 (TDD).
L5559 Request for Qualifications for Architectural Services
The Jackson County School District announces the need for professional architectural services for the design, contract administration, and oversight for a K-5 addition to Graceville High School located in Graceville, Florida. The design will also include remodel of the existing High School and the addition of a chiller plant and auditorium. For a packet containing specific information regarding the application process contact: Stuart Wiggins, Director of Facilities, P.O. Box 5958, 2903 Jefferson Street, Marianna, Florida 32447. Qualification Packages are due on or before 2:00 p.m. (CDT), Friday, February 9, 2018. The original and four copies of the qualification packet shall be submitted in a sealed package clearly labeled "Architectural Services for Graceville K-5 Addition." The Jackson County School District accepts no responsibility for any expenses incurred by firms offering their services to the county in the preparation of a response to the Request for Qualifications. The Jackson County School District will rank the firms and then conduct competitive negotiations consistent with 287.005 F.S.
L5586 Notice of Meeting
On Tuesday, January 9, 2017 at 2:00 PM, CST the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Special Meeting in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, Florida for the following:
•Indian Springs Water Sewer Phase I
•Other matters may be addressed as presented in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Administrator's assistant prior to the meeting. The Administrator's assistant may be contacted at 2864 Madison Street, Marianna, FL, 32448, (850) 482-9633, or (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

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Your Weekly Guide to TV Entertainment for January 6 - 9, 2018

Connie Britton, Angela Bassett and Peter Krause star in "9-1-1"



Under pressure

First responders struggle to save the day and themselves in Fox's '9-1-1'

By **Kyla Brewer**
 TV Media

When the heat is on, it helps to keep a cool head. In an emergency situation, first responders must keep it together and rely on their training to help those in need. However, that doesn't mean first responders don't need help themselves.

Creators Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk explore the pressures faced by today's first responders in "9-1-1," airing Wednesday, Jan. 10, on Fox. Set in Los Angeles, the procedural drama follows cops, paramedics and other professionals as they are thrust into frightening and shocking situations.

Casting for the series caused a buzz in the television industry because of the caliber of its stars. Academy Award nominee Angela Bassett ("What's Love Got to Do With It," 1993) headlines the series as police officer Athena Grant, and Emmy nominee Peter Krause ("Six Feet Under") has also nabbed a prominent role as paramedic Bobby Nash. Emmy nominee and former "Nashville" star Connie Britton co-stars as a 9-1-1 operator, while supporting cast members include Aisha Hinds ("Underground") and Rockmond Dunbar ("Prison Break").

Even with the talented ensemble cast, Murphy and Falchuk have their

work cut out for them if they want to do justice to the subject matter. While such professions are unquestionably some of the most high-pressure jobs in the world, many first responders contend that they're also the most rewarding, and this new series sheds light on the highs and lows these brave men and women experience every day.

"In those moments when you actually save someone, there's no better feeling in the world," Nash says in "9-1-1." Bringing those moments to the small screen may be

a big challenge, but if there's currently a team in network television that can pull it off it's this one. Murphy and Falchuk's combined credits include Fox's smash-hit musical series "Glee" and FX's horror anthology series "American Horror Story." "9-1-1" marks the pair's third straight-to-season order for Fox network, and their combined successes in prime time have earned them a lucrative development deal with 20th Century Fox Studios. Executive producer Tim Minear has written for various television series, including "The X-Files," "Angel" and "Firefly," and also served as an executive producer for "American Horror Story."

In fact, "9-1-1" features both behind-the-scenes and on-screen talent from "American Horror Story." Bassett earned an Emmy nomination for her role as voodoo queen Marie Laveau in "American Horror Story: Coven," the show's third season. Her portrayal of Desiree Dupree in season 4, entitled "American Horror Story: Freak Show," nabbed her another Emmy nod. She also appeared as Romona Royale in season 5 ("AHS: Hotel") and Monet Tumusiime in season 6 ("AHS: Roanoke"). Aside from her top-notch television work,

Bassett is best known for her appearances in feature films. She secured her spot as a Hollywood icon with her portrayal of Tina Turner in the biopic "What's Love Got to Do With It," for which she won a Golden Globe and earned an Oscar nomination. She's also famous for her starring turn in the romantic comedy "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" (1998).

Like Bassett, fellow "AHS" alum Britton has been prominently featured in the horror anthology series. She was a part of the show's inaugural season as Vivien Harmon, a role that earned her an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series. She later appeared in Murphy's "American Crime Story: The People vs. O.J. Simpson" as Faye Resnick in 2016. In addition to her work with Murphy and Falchuk, the actress has been a part of some of the most popular prime-time series of the modern television era, dating all the way back to 1996 when she was cast in the ABC comedy "Spin City" opposite Michael J. Fox ("Back to the Future," 1985). Her star continued to rise as she took on roles in "The West Wing" and "24,"

but the show that made her a household name was NBC's "Friday Night Lights." She was similarly praised for her work on the ABC country music drama "Nashville," in which she played fading star Rayna Jaymes.

Krause may not be part of the "AHS" club, but he's no slouch. Early in his acting career, he appeared in such series as "Seinfeld," "Cybill" and "Sports Night" before his starring role as Nate Fisher in the HBO drama "Six Feet Under" won him critical acclaim. The gig earned him nominations for three Emmys, two Golden Globes and seven Screen Actors Guild Awards, of which he won two SAG Awards for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series. He's also well known for his role as Adam Braverman in NBC's now-defunct comedy-drama "Parenthood."

As police officers, paramedics and more, these performers bring the triumphs and heartaches of emergency workers to light. Tune in as the first responders struggle with their own demons and strive to help those in need in a new episode of "9-1-1," airing Wednesday, Jan. 10, on Fox.



Aisha Hinds as seen in "9-1-1"

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From 'Worst' to best: Chef Tyler Florence returns to culinary boot camp



Anne Burrell and Tyler Florence host "Worst Cooks in America"

By Andrew Warren
TV Media

There's an old jokey saying, which I'm sure everyone has heard, about how someone is so bad at cooking that they couldn't boil water. Well, for 16 Americans in particular, that cliché isn't so much a joke as it is an everyday reality. In what's become a tradition to kick off the new year, "Worst Cooks in America" returns with a new batch of recruits on Sunday, Jan. 7, on Food Network. Just like in past seasons, chef Anne Burrell and another celebrity chef welcome 16 cooking dunces into the kitchen and put them through an intense culinary boot camp.

This season, chef Tyler Florence returns to take on Burrell for a third time. See, this isn't just about turning some kitchen disasters into culinary masters: it's also a competition between the two chefs. In this week's premiere, the chefs task the fresh-eyed recruits with making their own signature dishes — and the results are less than appetizing, to say the least. The last two times Florence and Burrell faced off in boot camp, Burrell went home with the bragging rights, and he's determined to not let that happen again. After seeing what the recruits can do on their own, the mentors decide to get a feel for how well they can listen and follow simple instructions. They

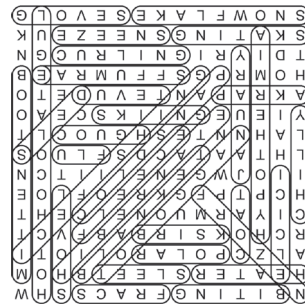
demonstrate how to prepare a straightforward breakfast dish, and then they observe as the recruits try — with varying degrees of success — to make their own versions of the day's most important meal. After tasting the dishes, the chefs divide the 16 recruits into teams of seven, sending home the two who prepared the worst breakfasts. It's always sad to see any of the eager-to-learn recruits go, but "Worst Cooks in America" is a cutthroat kind of game. With Burrell and Florence each mentoring their own teams, the stakes are high. Every week, they each send their worst-performing or worst-improved recruit home, until they each have only a single recruit left for the finale. The finalists, under the guidance of their mentors, will then have to plan, prepare and execute a three-course, restaurant-quality meal for a panel of culinary experts. Whoever cooks the winning meal gets \$25,000 and earns bragging rights for his or her mentor. Can chef Tyler Florence finally knock chef Anne Burrell off her culinary throne? "Worst Cooks in America" returns on Sunday, Jan. 7, on Food Network.

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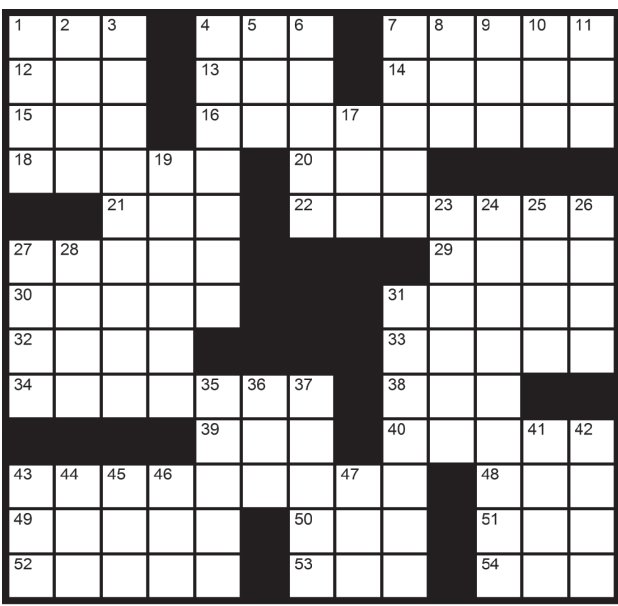
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 - 4 Charlie Chaplin's brother
 - 7 Cat's cries
 - 12 Peruvian coin
 - 13 Archer's wood
 - 14 Like "The X-Files"
 - 15 Half of an African fly
 - 16 "The Larry Sanders Show" star Garry
 - 18 Put on the books
 - 20 "V for Vendetta" (2005) star
 - 21 Menagerie
 - 22 Actress Day, star of "Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Return"
 - 27 "The DUFF" (2015) and "The Tomorrow People" star Robbie
 - 29 Fishing poles
 - 30 "Gone with the Wind" (1939) star Clark
 - 31 What's being hunted in "House Hunters"

- 32 Part of a court game name
- 33 Part of "the works"
- 34 Superhero series "___ of Tomorrow"
- 38 ___ cit. (footnote abbr.)
- 39 A foot wide?
- 40 Out of favor
- 43 Supernatural series about teenage mutants
- 48 Mil. command
- 49 Gordon Ramsay's "___ Hell"
- 50 Female gametes
- 51 ___ roll (winning)
- 52 Car bomb?
- 53 Marshal under Napoleon
- 54 Lock opener
- 11 Line part: Abbr.
- 17 Maiden name preceder
- 19 Lassie's breed
- 23 Like some clothing patches
- 24 Type of store frequented in "The Big Bang Theory"
- 25 Prefix with graphic
- 26 PGA part
- 27 "___ in Calico" (1946 jazz classic)
- 28 One of the sexes
- 31 Time off work
- 35 "The Tudors" star Sam
- 36 Dict. entry
- 37 Determined about
- 41 "Rule, Britannia!" composer
- 42 Historical event in "Saving Private Ryan" (1998)
- 43 It's definite
- 44 Mason's burden
- 45 UFO crew
- 46 "Gosh!"
- 47 New Year's ___
- 1 Bone: Prefix
- 2 Cap'n's mate
- 3 Disreputable person, slangily
- 4 Part of a heartbeat
- 5 "Uh-huh"
- 6 "The Lord of the Rings" figure
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- 8 Sushi selection
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Monday Best Bets

The Bachelor

18.1 WMBB 18 WDHN 27.1 WTXL 7:00 p.m.

Former "The Bachelorette" runner-up Arie Luyendyk Jr. continues his search for love in this new episode...



Arie Luyendyk Jr. in "The Bachelor"

Better Late Than Never

7.1 WJHG 40 WWC 8:00 p.m.

In search of Henry Winkler's roots, the guys head to Berlin, Germany where they visit the Berlin Wall, meet a bear, spend the night in a communist hotel...

Superior Donuts

18.1 WECP 6.1 WCTV 8:30 p.m.

After Arthur (Judd Hirsch) encourages his employee Franco (Jermaine Fowler) to follow his dreams and pursue his art, he's caught off guard by the mural that Franco paints on the side of his donut shop...

MONDAY EVENING

C1: Comcast D1: Dish D2: DirecTV

JANUARY 8

Table of broadcast stations for Monday Evening, January 8. Columns include channel, time slot, station name, and program title. Includes sub-tables for Broadcast Stations and Cable Stations.

Table of cable stations for Monday Evening, January 8. Columns include channel, program title, and time slot.

Tuesday Best Bets

Lethal Weapon

28 WPGX 34 WDFX 49.1 WTLH 7:00 p.m.

Riggs (Clayne Crawford) takes a walk down memory lane while visiting his father-in-law in prison, and learns a long-buried secret about his deceased wife...



Kim Matula stars in "LA to Vegas"

LA to Vegas

Each week, passengers from Los Angeles take a flight to Las Vegas in the hopes of coming back a winner in this new episode...

Tesla's Death Ray: A Murder Declassified

disc 9:00 p.m.

Did his ground-breaking research into a "Death Ray" lead to legendary inventor Nicola Tesla's murder? Join a team of investigators as they piece together the clues left behind by this icon of the early 20th century.

TUESDAY EVENING

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