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Chilly reception for polling-place plan

Proposal would reduce the number of places to cast a ballot in Lake City to one.

By HANNAH O. BROWN
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City council members unanimously opposed a proposal from the Supervisor of Elections that would make the Supervisor of Elections' office the sole polling location for Lake City in 2012.

Councilman George Ward called the proposal "ridiculous."

"I think we will have an extremely low voter turnout," he said.

Frank Singletary from the Supervisor of Elections office presented the plan to council on Monday night. Singletary said the plan was "not concrete."

"We ask now for anyone in the community, if they have any input or suggestions or questions, please put it in writing. Please submit it to the Supervisor of Elections office by Wednesday, May 9. We will take all suggestions in writing, we will then respond in writing," Singletary said.

Council members Melinda Moses, George Ward and George Jefferson questioned Singletary about the proposed precinct map, however Singletary was reluctant to discuss the specifics of the proposal.

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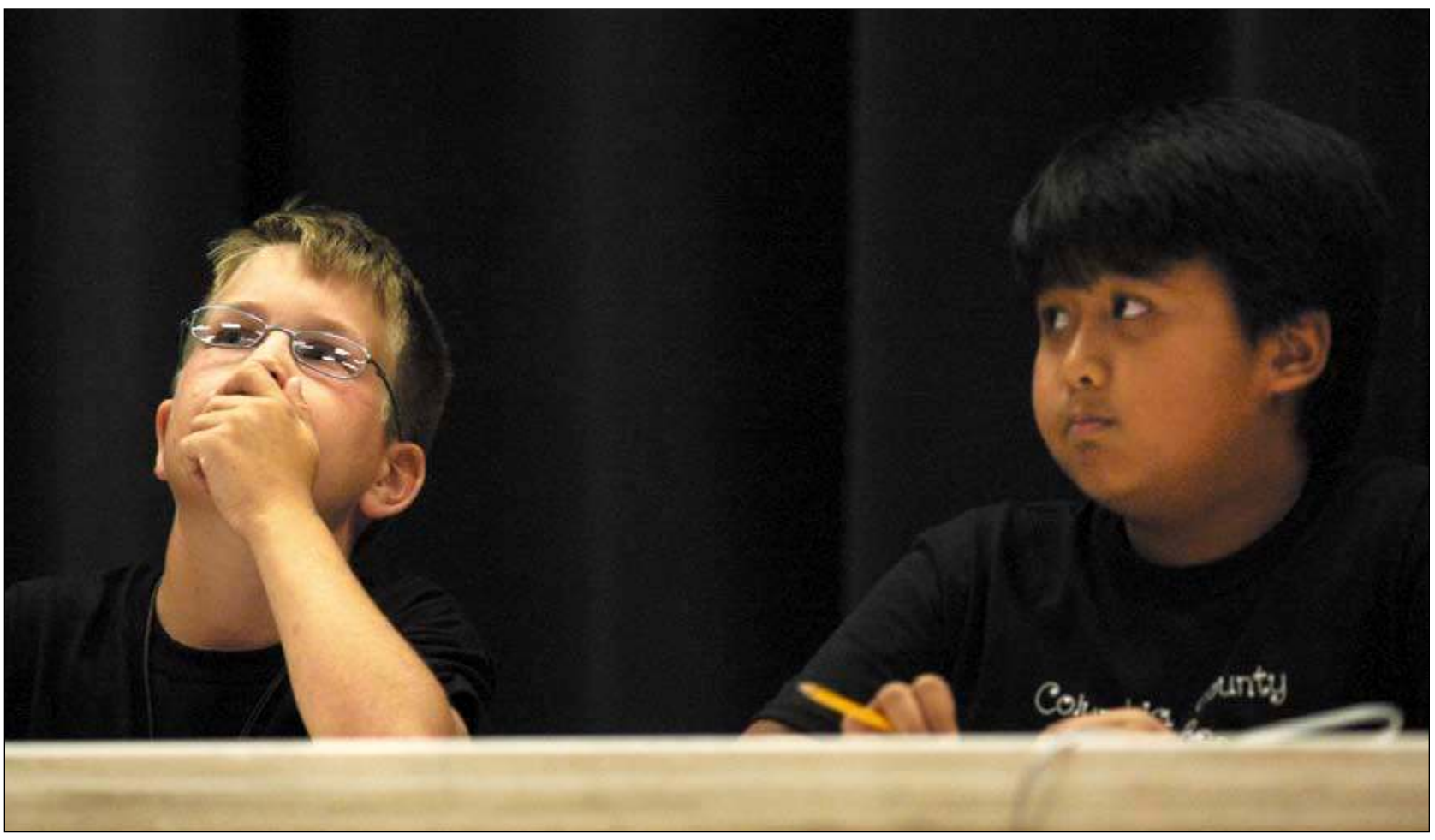

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Deep in thought

Summers Elementary School students Garrison Land (left) and Gyro Delos Trinos ponder a math problem during the 2012 Columbia County Math Bee Monday at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium. Eastside Elementary School won first place in the competition, beating out nine out schools. Forty fourth-graders participated in the event. Story, Page 3A.

LCPD officer loses license

Suspended for 3 months in wake of Sept. 6 crash.

By TONY BRITT
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Lake City Police Department officer David Broom had his driver's license suspended for three months Friday after he was convicted of failure to use due care (speed too fast for conditions) and a seat belt violation in connection with a traffic crash last year.

Broom and local businesswoman Ruby Earline Parker suffered serious injuries when their vehicles collided at the intersection of Sisters Welcome Road and U.S. Highway 90 on Sept. 6. The 87-year-old Parker remained hospitalized or in a rehabilitation center until her death five months later.

Broom was fined $114 for the seat belt violation charge and fined $164 for the failure to use due care charge.

The court also ruled the infraction resulted in serious bodily injury to another person and the additional civil penalty mandated by state statutes of $500 will be imposed for each violation. Broom has six months to pay the fees.

The case was heard

LCPD *continued on 3A*

Foresters busy with 2 area wildfires

From staff reports

Suwannee Forestry Center of the Florida Forestry Service is currently fighting two area wildfires, according to spokesman Kurt Wisner.

One fire is in Columbia County, east of Lake City and south of U.S. 90, between two correctional institutions.

"At present it does not appear to be too large, but precise location and terrain will determine how quickly we can put a line around it," Wisner said in a press release Monday. "Smoke is not currently an issue, but could become an issue. Caution is recommended with regard to potential smoke and fire response vehicles in the area."

In Hamilton County a larger fire is burning north of CR 6 near N.E. 36th, Wisner said. "FFS is responding with tractors from Lake City, Live Oak, and Madison," he said. "One FFS fixed-wing aircraft and one USFS helicopter are conducting reconnaissance."

Wisner added that "residents should be aware of fire response equipment and possible smoke issues on roads in the areas of these fires."

George Peavey/Special to the Reporter

Economic impact of Jam put at $3M-plus

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Last weekend's Suwannee River Jam attracted more than 25,000 concert-goers, who had at least a $3 million economic impact on the area, officials said.

The Jam's atmosphere, artist lineup and new features brought 30 percent more people than last year, said Teena Peavey, marketing and sponsorship director for the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak. The Jam, in its 21st year, ran May 2 to May 5 and attracted dozens of artists and bands, including country music stars Josh Turner, Randy Travis and Trace Adkins.

More college students attended this year as younger artists and advertisements were targeted toward regional universities, she said.

Between hotel stays, meals at restaurants, and trips to stores and gas stations, the local economic impact was between $3 to $4

JAM *continued on 3A*

LEFT: Jamie Davis performs Friday night at the Suwannee River Jam at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

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'Avengers' earns $200 million.

COMING WEDNESDAY
Local news roundup.

Florida Lotto with Xtra: Saturday: 2-13-20-26-45-53 x5

Cash 3: Monday: Afternoon: 1-4-6 Evening: N/A

Play 4: Monday: Afternoon: 7-8-3-4 Evening: N/A

Fantasy 5 with ezmatch: Sunday: 13-30-33-34-35

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Avengers' smashes record: $200.3M debut

LOS ANGELES

Hulk, smash. That's what Captain America tells the Incredible Hulk to do in "The Avengers," and that's what the Marvel Comics superhero mash-up did at the box office, smashing the domestic revenue record with a $200.3 million debut.

It's by far the biggest opening ever, shooting past the previous record of $169.2 million for the debut of last year's "Harry Potter" finale.

"The Avengers" added $151.5 million overseas over the weekend to bring its total to $441.5 million since it began opening internationally a week earlier.

That raised the film's worldwide haul to $641.8 million in barely a week and a half, more than its Marvel superhero forerunners "Iron Man," "Iron Man 2," "Thor" and "Captain America" took in during their entire runs.

If distributor Disney's domestic estimate Sunday holds when the final weekend count is released Monday, "The Avengers" would be the first movie ever to haul in $200 million in a single weekend.

While the number could dip below $200 million come Monday, Disney spent the weekend revising its forecasts upward as business kept growing.

"There aren't even words, to be honest. I'm running low on double takes. Every time we looked at a number, it just got bigger than what we could have hoped for in the best-case assumption," said Dave Hollis, Disney's head of distribution. "With this film, this weekend, anything is possible."

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Chris Hemsworth (left) portrays Thor and Chris Evans portrays Captain America in a scene from 'The Avengers,' which was released on May 4.

Madonna: Beastie Boys' Yauch was one of a kind

NEW YORK — Madonna said Adam Yauch, the Beastie Boys rapper who died Friday, was one of a kind and that the group was important to her musical history.

Yauch

The singer said the seminal hip-hop group was "integral to the musical revolution that was happening at the time."

Yauch's representatives confirmed that the rapper, also known as MCA, died Friday morning in New York after a nearly three-year battle with cancer.

Police found no evidence Lohan hit club manager

LOS ANGELES — Lindsay Lohan won't face prosecution over a nightclub manager's claims that the actress struck him with her sportscar due to lack of evidence and doubts about his credibility, prosecutors decided Friday.

Lohan

Police had asked the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to review whether Lohan should be charged with leaving the scene of an accident, but the office determined there was insufficient evidence to pursue a case. Police interviewed the manager, reviewed surveillance footage and looked at Lohan's Porsche and found no evidence that an accident had occurred.

ABC, Univision joins for English news network

NEW YORK — ABC News and Univision on Monday announced a joint venture to create an English-language news network aimed at Latinos that will offer online content this summer and be on television next year. The venture does not have a name yet.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Comedian Don Rickles is 86.
- Naturalist Sir David Attenborough is 86.
- Singer Toni Tennille is 72.
- Actor James Mitchum is 71.
- Country singer Jack Blanchard is 70.
- Jazz musician Keith Jarrett is 67.
- Rockabilly singer Billy Burnette is 59.
- Rock musician Alex Van Halen is 59.
- Actor David Keith is 58.
- Actor Stephen Furst is 58.
- Singer Enrique Iglesias is 37.
- Actor Matt Davis is 34.
- Actress Julia Whelan is 28.

Daily Scripture

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Thought for Today

"What you see is news, what you know is background, what you feel is opinion."

— Lester Markel,

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AROUND FLORIDA

Wildlife officers tranquilize bear

ORLANDO — Wildlife officers were called to tranquilize a young male bear in an Orlando neighborhood.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission biologist David Turner said it's usually best to wait for bears to leave backyards on their own. But with so many residents around Sunday in Orlando's Parramore neighborhood, wildlife officers thought it was best to tranquilize the bear and take it to the Ocala National Forest.

Biologists estimated that the American black bear was two to three years old and weighed about 250 pounds.

Courts:Homestead exemption heard

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Supreme Court is considering whether out-of-state residents can get homestead property tax exemptions if they have dependents permanently living in their Florida homes.

The justices heard argument Monday in a case involving a couple from Honduras who were in Florida on investment visas, but it could affect any out-of-state homeowner.

The Miami-Dade County Value Adjustment Board granted David and Ana Andonie a homestead exemption on their $1 million Key Biscayne home in 2006 because their U.S.-born children were permanent residents of Florida.

Country singer briefly handcuffed

VERO BEACH — Country singer Jake Owen was briefly handcuffed outside a central Florida restaurant.

Indian River County Sheriff's Office spokesman Jeff Luther said a deputy on patrol saw Owen dancing in a mask outside a Vero Beach restaurant Saturday night.

Luther said Owen was not arrested after people in the restaurant explained that Owen had been joking.

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Riding the waves on a jetski

A boater heads into Haulover Inlet on his personal watercraft, Sunday near Bal Harbour.

Woman hit by car, driver arrested

TAMPA — Authorities said one of two drivers accused of fatally hitting a pedestrian has turned himself in.

Javier Fernandez, 27, was arrested early Monday. He's charged with leaving the scene of a fatal accident and driving without a valid driver's license.

Cynthia Myhal was walking along a Tampa street Saturday night when she was hit by Fernandez. The force of the crash sent Myhal into the path of a black Nissan Maxima. Both vehicles left the scene.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Gainesville man dies after fight

GAINESVILLE — A 63-year-old Gainesville man has died after suffering a broken neck during what police describe as an altercation with a housemate.

Police said Pearlie Mack Alexander died Sunday after his family took him off life support.

Alexander and his roommate Jeffery Jerome Gore, 36, got into an altercation on May 1.

Gainesville police spokeswoman Tscharna Senn said Gore apparently knocked Alexander to the ground. He was unconscious when he was taken to the hospital.

University names interim president

DAYTONA BEACH — A retired New York college president will help Bethune-Cookman University transition to a new leader.

The board of trustees on Friday approved Edison Jackson as interim president. Jackson will start May 14, following the retirement of Trudie Kibbe Reed.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER

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CHANCE T-STORMS	CHANCE T-STORMS	ISOLATED SHOWERS	MOSTLY SUNNY	ISOLATED SHOWERS
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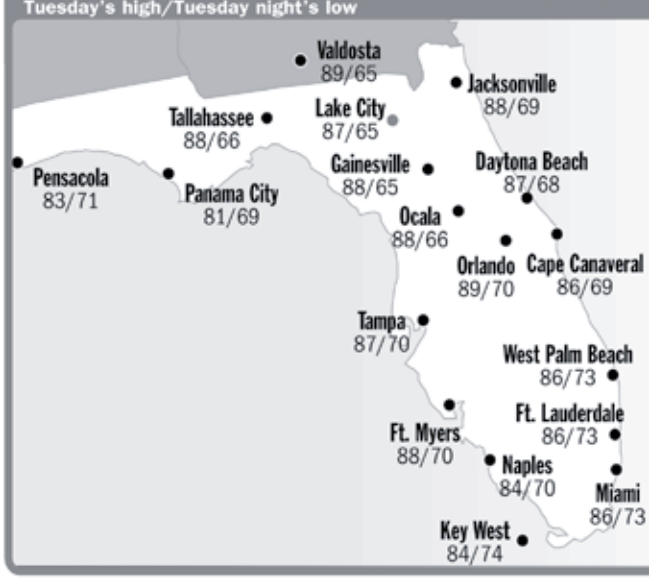
REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Tuesday, May 8
Tuesday's high/Tuesday night's low



City	Wednesday	Thursday
Cape Canaveral	84/68/t	84/68/t
Daytona Beach	87/68/t	87/68/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	86/71/t	87/74/t
Fort Myers	88/70/pc	88/68/pc
Gainesville	88/64/t	85/59/pc
Jacksonville	88/67/t	84/64/pc
Key West	85/74/pc	85/75/pc
Lake City	87/63/t	84/58/pc
Miami	87/73/pc	85/73/sh
Naples	85/70/pc	85/70/pc
Ocala	87/66/t	86/61/pc
Orlando	88/70/t	88/70/pc
Panama City	82/66/t	84/63/pc
Pensacola	79/65/t	81/63/s
Tallahassee	86/63/t	86/57/s
Tampa	87/71/pc	86/68/pc
Valdosta	89/63/t	87/58/s
W. Palm Beach	86/71/t	85/71/sh

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TEMPERATURES	
High Monday	90
Low Monday	62
Normal high	85
Normal low	60
Record high	96 in 1955
Record low	48 in 1992

PRECIPITATION	
Monday	0.00"
Month total	0.00"
Year total	6.18"
Normal month-to-date	0.43"
Normal year-to-date	13.94"

SUN	
Sunrise today	6:41 a.m.
Sunset today	8:13 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	6:41 a.m.
Sunset tom.	8:14 p.m.

MOON	
Moonrise today	11:17 p.m.
Moonset today	8:55 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	
Moonset tom.	9:59 a.m.

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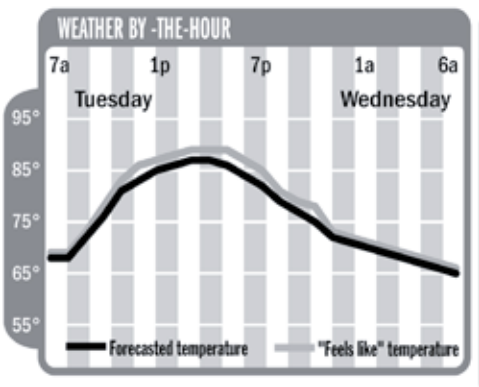

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Deadline passes for qualifying by petition

By LAURA HAMPSON
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Twenty-nine Columbia County candidates met Monday's deadline to file by petition for the 2012 general election.

Candidates seeking countywide seats were required to collect 400 certified signatures by Tuesday at noon, said Frank Singletary, Columbia County Supervisor of Elections candidate coordinator. District and commission candidates were required to collect 80 signatures, he said.

Candidates have until June 8 to instead qualify by paying a fee, which is 4 percent of the salary for the position the candidate is seeking, he said.

The candidates only have a small amount of paperwork left to do during qualifying week June 4 in order to appear on the ballot for the Aug. 14 primary, Singletary said.

Incumbent P. Dewitt Cason, clerk of court, is running unopposed as are J. Doyle Crews, property appraiser; Elizabeth "Liz" P. Horne, supervisor of elections; Ronnie Brannon, tax collector; and William Keith Hudson, district four school board member.

Sheriff Mark Hunter is running for reelection against Rudolph Davis Sr. and Carl Hodson.

Incumbent Ronald W. Williams, Oni T. Allen, Randal Thomas and Clarence Tucker Jr. are running for county commission district one.

William Dwayne Aldridge, Joseph Dupree Jr., Michael J. Gordon, Dennis Morse and Sylvester "Bucky" T. Nash are running for the district three county commission seat.

Incumbent Scarlet P. Frisina, Michael Preston Christie, Jason Paul Futch, Tim Murphy and Matthew A. Vann are running for county commission district 5.

Kenneth L. Burt Sr., Terry L. Huddleston, Glenn J. Hunter and Grady D. "Sam" Markham are running for superintendent of schools.

Dana Brady, Cedric L. Davis and Debra Robarts are running for school board district two.

Robbery suspect was incoherent, say authorities

From staff reports

A Georgia man, armed with a pocket knife, was arrested Sunday night and faces robbery charges after he allegedly stole items from a gas station after locking himself and others in the store.

Ashley Quillian Wilson, 40, 2986 Gum Springs Church Road, Jefferson, Ga., was charged with robbery and petit theft in connection with the incident. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention Facility on $51,000 bond.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, around 9:10 p.m. Sunday deputies were dispatched to Sunoco, 3816 W. U.S. Highway 90 to investigate a report of a robbery.

Authorities said Wilson entered the Sunoco and locked the front door of the store, then pulled a pocket knife and began to stab several food items and a cooler inside the store.

"The witnesses stated that the suspect appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs," Seifert said in a prepared statement. "The suspect was speaking incoherently."

Wilson reportedly retrieved two drinks from the store's cooler and exited the store.

The store's clerk called 9-1-1 to report the robbery and authorities issued a Be On the Look Out alert for the suspect.

Lake City Police Department officers found Wilson at a Shell station on U.S. Highway 90 west.

Wilson attempted to flee on foot from the police officer and the police officer used a Taser to subdue Wilson. Wilson was then taken into custody.

Math Bee brings out students' best

By LAURA HAMPSON
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With pencils flying across notebook paper, the county's top fourth grade math students raced to calculate miles per gallon, convert gallons into cups and figure cellphone overage fees.

Nine county elementary schools and Epiphany Catholic School competed Monday night during the annual Columbia County Math Bee. Teams of three students and one alternative worked feverishly to solve problems without a calculator as the questions were read aloud. Some teams hit their buzzer and had an answer before or seconds after the moderator finished reading the questions. Eastside Elementary School's team took first place and was one of the teams to quickly find the correct answer. The team of Emily Lamoreaux, Ryan Stubbs, Andrew Dicks and Marvin Farmer answered 30 questions correctly in two, eight-minute rounds.

The fourth graders said they have always been good math students, but the competition had them nervous. Emily said finding the mean of four large numbers was probably the hardest problem they were given, but she thought positively to stay focused. Andrew said multiplication is his favorite kind of math problem, while Marvin and Ryan said algebra problems were their favorite to solve.

The team has practiced twice a week since September for the Bee, said coach Andrea Cox. "We are so proud. They've worked so hard." The students even worked on problems at home, she said.

"They just made Eastside proud," said coach Brooke Bedenbaugh.

Organized by the Columbia County Math Council and sponsored by the Parks Johnson Agency, the Bee featured questions about converting units of measure, finding perimeter, multiplying with decimals, and finding the simplest form of a fractions.

Competing is a honor in itself because the teams are made up of each school's top four math students, said Dr. Daniel Westra, moderator and Columbia High School math teacher. Westra said many adults couldn't solve the same problems without a calculator.

"This was a very good competition," he said. "We had some terrific teams."

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Moses asked Singletary what the reasoning was behind the decision.

"I am only suggesting that you put it in writing and respond as an office and state the reasons and so forth," Singletary said.

Singletary said the elections office was still waiting for input on the proposal from the county commission.

"I just don't understand the rationale," Councilman Eugene Jefferson said.

Lake City resident Glenel Bowden spoke before the council to express concern about the elimination of polling locations in the city.

"I think that's an unfair burden being placed on voters within the city," Bowden said. "I drove it out today. It's 1.4 miles from where I live to Richardson (polling precinct) now to vote, if I drove the shortest the route. If I drove to the Supervisor of Elections Office, that's 3.2 miles from where I live."

Ward called for discussion of the proposal at the end of the meeting.

Ward made a motion for City Manager Wendell Johnson to draft a letter opposing the proposal on behalf of the council.

The motion passed unanimously.

The council also approved two resolutions to support the drilling of 400 feet of gas line on the west side of the city. The new gas line will provide a backup line to enable uninterrupted service to the western part of the city in case the original line is ruptured or damaged.

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JAM: Economic impact $3-4 million

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million, said Harvey Campbell, executive director of the Columbia County Tourist Development Council. "They had a great crowd, probably the biggest I've ever seen," he said.

The silent auction for band programs in Columbia, Suwannee and Hamilton counties raised more than the $10,000 goal, Peavey said. Local businesses donated most items, she said. A meet and greet session with Randy Travis and a guitar signed by him was auctioned for $2,000, she said.

People are already buying tickets for next year's Jam, which will be May 1-4, Peavey said. "People are making it an annual vacation."

"We want to thank all of our sponsors and partners for taking part in this year's Jam and we look forward to 2013," she said.

LCPD: Officer loses license for 3 mos.

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Friday with Third Circuit Judge David Fina presiding as acting county judge after County Judge Tom Coleman and Circuit Judge Julian Collins recused themselves.

Broom appeared with his attorney Jeff Seigmeister for the hearing, which was a non-jury trial. Broom entered a plea of not guilty to both citations but was adjudicated guilty.

Seigmeister asked that adjudication of guiltbe withheld, but the motion was denied by Fina.

With Fina denying the motion, the points will be assessed against Broom's driving record.

The two offenses Broom was charged with were civil infractions punishable by either a fine or loss of driving privileges.

According to a Florida Highway Patrol traffic crash report, Broom was cited for "speed too fast for conditions" and not wearing a seat belt.

FHP reports said Parker was traveling west on U.S. 90 in a 2006 Cadillac at an estimated speed of 16 mph when she turned left onto Sisters Welcome Road and into the path of Broom, approaching from the east in his LCPD cruiser. Reports said Broom was traveling at an estimated speed of 76 mph in a posted 45 mph speed zone when the crash occurred. Officials saidhe was not on a police call at the time.

Parker's vehicle struck Broom's 2008 Ford Crown Victoria nearly head-on. Both cars spun after the impact with Parker's vehicle coming to rest in the right lane of U.S. 90. Broom's cruiser traveled onto the south shoulder of U.S. 90 where its left side struck the traffic signal support pole and dislodged a fire hydrant.

Broom has been on workman's compensation leave from the Lake City Police Department while he recovered from injuries suffered in the crash. Police chief Argatha Gilmore said Monday that an internal affairs investigation has been opened in the case.

OPINION

ONE OPINION

More phony job figures

The White House crowed on Friday about the unemployment rate dropping a 10th of a percent. At the same time, the number of people out of the labor force reached a record high. The Obama administration can report all the funny numbers it wants, but the American people know in their guts that things are getting much worse.

A recovering economy is supposed to create jobs, not shed them. According to government math, 115,000 new jobs were added in April. But over the same period, 522,000 people dropped out of the labor force and were not counted as unemployed. This accounting trick improved the official unemployment rate but left America with a record 88.4 million in the uncounted jobless category. Currently, over 35 percent of Americans are out of the labor force, and the number is increasing.

The last time the employment figures looked this grim was more than 30 years ago when the nation was heading into a recession. Had the April dropouts been included in the official number, the unemployment rate would have risen instead of declined. If the official jobless figure were calculated based on the June 2009 employment participation rate, when the recovery officially began, unemployment would be more accurately pegged at 11 percent today.

The April figures reveal an accelerating and troubling trend. In March, there were about three people dropping out of the system for every new job created. Now the rate is four-and-a-half dropouts per new job. Luckily for the White House, the more people who shift from looking for a job to giving up, who transition from hope to despair, the lower the official number tracks.

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Move them out of poverty

Star Parker
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Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., chairman of the House Budget Committee, provoked some angry pushback when he claimed that not only is his proposed sweeping revamp of the U.S. budget fiscally sound but also morally sound.

In an interview with the Christian Broadcasting Network, Ryan said he drew inspiration from his Catholic faith.

He argued that Catholic priority for caring for the poor should focus on helping folks move out of poverty: "Don't make people dependent on government so they stay stuck in their station in life."

Catholics criticizing Ryan don't see it this way. They see him cutting back on welfare programs that focus on the needy.

But this is not a new debate, and it's not limited to Catholics. Those on the religious left have long been criticizing religious conservatives, claiming they're indifferent and care only about abortion and homosexuality.

It's a critical discussion for our nation today and Ryan deserves credit for casting his proposed reforms in moral as well as economic terms. It provides the opportunity to challenge today's conventional wisdom that morality and economy are separate universes having little to do with each other.

It's not true. When you tell a poor mother that, to qualify for her check, she must demonstrate she is single, not working and has no savings, what are the chances she'll get married, look for a job and put money in the bank? When this goes on for generations, what do you think this does to a community?

It's no accident that in 1960, according to the Pew Research Center, five years before President Lyndon Johnson signed into law his War on Poverty, 61 percent of black adults were married. By 2008, this was down to 32 percent. In 1960, 2 percent of black children had a parent that had never been married. By 2008, this was up to 41 percent.

Social Security's Board of Trustees just issued a devastating annual report. It projected the system going into the red in 2035, three years earlier than predicted last year. The system's long-term unfunded liabilities are $8.6 trillion, more than half the entire U.S. economy.

The Social Security payments that current retirees get are from the payroll taxes that current workers pay. What is driving the system into bankruptcy is the shrinking number of those working per retiree.

What happened?

One major factor is we're having fewer children. Fertility rates – the average number of births per woman – have fallen dramatically. According to the United Nations, the average U.S. fertility rate from 2005 to 2010 was 40 percent lower than during 1950 to 1955.

John Mueller of the Ethics and Public Policy Center argues convincingly of the major impact of legal abortion to this dramatic drop in the ratio of workers to retirees.

To solve our crisis, we need to sort out symptoms from causes. The bankruptcy of our entitlement programs is the symptom.

The cause is loss of individual freedom and breakdown of values, personal responsibility and marriage caused by entitlement culture materialism.

Paul Ryan is right to see this in moral terms. We must change, and all change begins with character and personal transformation.

■ Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education (*www.urbancure.org*) and author of three books.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What 'secret plans'?

This is in response to Glynell Presley's letter about the "secret plans" of the Republican Party to unseat President Barack Obama, What secret? They have made no bones about wanting to bring Obama down, and a lot of people hope and pray they succeed. In addition, it has absolutely nothing to do with race, although you would have people think it does. You, and others like you, try to make every opposing viewpoint or tragic incident about race if you possibly can. You somehow think it elevates your cause, but the only thing it elevates is the likelihood of a race war in the near future instigated by race baiting rabblerousers.

What has skin color got to do with incompetence? Obama has failed everyone, including you. If he ever had an original thought, I haven't seen it. He has not accomplished anything except a health care law, which is probably going to be ruled unconstitutional, and killing Usama Bin Laden by delegating our fearless Navy Seals to do the job for him. Commendable, but hardly courageous.

In 2010, the voters of this country elected a group of Congressmen to do exactly what you say the Republicans are now doing. They were elected for the sole purpose of stopping Obama from doing any more harm to our country. They have been fairly successful, but as a result, the functioning of our government has almost ground to a halt, as you so aptly pointed out. The "Hell, nos" have come from both sides and will continue so long as the present administration is in power, but race plays no part in the political climate of today except when folks like you try to make it so.

Quit whining, Mr. Presley. I've watched you do it for many years, and frankly, I'm sick of it. America is not being destroyed by the Republicans. It's being destroyed by those people of ALL RACES who have no intention of working for a living, but reproduce like deranged rabbits, while expecting those who do work for a living to support them and their progeny for the rest of their natural lives.

Marian Lewis
Lake City

No new commissioners

After reading your article concerning the three scheduled meetings for public opinion, I wanted to encourage as many people as possible to attend. The first of these meetings is on May 10 at 6 p.m.

Judging from what I have seen so far, most of these so called amendments range anywhere from ridiculous to absurd.

Why would anyone think that we should elect two more county commissioners than we already have on the payroll? We already have commissioners for each district. There is no logical way that two people can represent the same district and we certainly do not need two commissioners who think they hold the most power because they are elected county-wide. The object should be to decrease county spending, not increase it by adding needless new commissioners.

What is this business about removing someone's right to appeal? That's a sure-fire way to open the door to more lawsuits. Who ever heard of such a thing? Who came up with these ideas?

As I understand it, the county administrator already answers to and serves at the will of the board of county commissioners. It is already possible to remove him if necessary. We cannot have five commissioners trying to run the everyday affairs of the county. It won't work.

Who is going to appoint this so called citizens' redistricting committee and what power will they have?

These are all things that need to be addressed at this meeting, so please try to attend. Of course, the final say will be held at the ballot box should these ideas get that far.

David A Willis
Lake City

ANOTHER VIEW

Cabinet gone wild

We've had some unusual Cabinet secretaries in past administrations - Earl Butz and James G. Watt come to mind - but never anything quite like the present bunch.

Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner has overseen about $5 trillion in new debt. To help pay for it, he wants the rich - the top 1 percent already contributes more in income taxes than does the bottom 90 percent - to pay more for what he calls "the privilege of being an American." Mr. Geithner, whose department oversees the Internal Revenue Service, should have taken his own advice: As a rich American 1 percenter, he once failed to pay his own self-employment taxes and improperly claimed his children's camp costs as a dependent care deduction.

Secretary of the Interior Kenneth L. Salazar has pulled off the near impossible: At a time when the known gas and oil reserves of the United States on public lands have soared, he has cut back on federal leasing of them to just about 2 percent of available offshore lands and 6 percent of onshore. When he was a U.S. senator, Mr. Salazar claimed that even $10-a-gallon gas would not change his mind about not voting to increase offshore drilling.

There is the even stranger case of Energy Secretary Steven Chu, whose department helped oversee hundreds of millions in bad loans to green companies including Solyndra, First Solar and Solar Trust of America - the Teapot Dome scandals of our times. Mr. Chu once quipped before assuming office that he wanted U.S. gas prices to reach European levels.

Mr. Chu also once warned that California's Central Valley agriculture might disappear because of global warming. True, it could decline, but more likely because of the administration's decision to divert irrigation water in hopes of helping out the 3-inch San Francisco Delta smelt.

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. dropped charges against the New Black Panther Party for voter intimidation. That may explain why he said nothing when the same group put out a dead-or-alive bounty poster on George Zimmerman in the Trayvon Martin shooting case. The attorney general has referred to blacks as "my people," and he has characterized congressional oversight of his office's failure to rein in the Fast and Furious gun-running scandal as racially motivated attacks on himself.

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis just tried - and failed - to draft a proposal prohibiting children under 18 from working "in the storing, marketing and transporting of farm product raw materials," even on family farms. She also wanted to turn over some farm training programs run by the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H to the government. Most Americans raised on a farm think the times spent doing chores with their parents, siblings and neighbors were the most important and rewarding years of their lives.

The common theme with these Cabinet secretaries is loud, uninformed rhetoric; a lack of practical experience; and an expectation that there are rules for government grandees and quite different ones for the rest of us.

■ The Washington Times

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May 8

Loss memorial

Haven Hospice is hosting its 3rd annual Butterfly Memorial Service May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Suwannee Valley Haven Hospice Care Center, 6037 W. US Highway 90. This service is for families of patients who have passed away in the past year. Families are asked to bring mementos of their loved ones to put on display. A representative from each family will receive a butterfly to release as a symbol of letting go of their loss. For more information, please contact 752-9191.

Medicare seminar

There will be a Medicare Educational Seminar on May 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center for those entering Medicare soon. Not a sales seminar, the seminar will cover when to enroll, what's covered and what you need to know. Please RSVP to 755-3476, extension 107.

End of life teleconference

The Hospice Foundation of America's 19th Annual National Living with Grief teleconference titled: "End-of-Life Ethics", will be held Tuesday, May 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Hospice of the Nature Coast Wings Community Education Center in the Lake City Plaza on SW Main Street. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. The moderator of the teleconference will be Lynn Sherr, former ABC News 20/20 correspondent. The teleconference will examine ethical issues and dilemmas that emerge at the end-of-life and the effects of these decisions on healthcare staff and families, using a case study approach. Healthcare Professionals, Educators, Social Workers, Funeral Directors, Counselors, Clergy, Spiritual Care Volunteers should contact Vicki Myers at 386-755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962 (toll free) by May 3 for reservations. Seating is limited.

May 9

BBQ fundraiser

A BBQ pork brown bag

CALENDAR, continued on 7A

Not so fast

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fifth-graders from Eastside Elementary School pass a ball during the ball relay on Thursday held at Columbia High School.

OBITUARIES

Kathy Kay Bishop

Kathy K. Bishop, 64; of Lake City, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Bradford Care Center in Starke after an extended illness. She was born in Pasadena, Calf. Living most of her life in Lake Butler until moving to lake City in 2008. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her father Harry Kotsos. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, Lake Butler Ward. She is survived by her loving husband of 46 years.; Daniel Bishop. Her Mother; Eleanor Kotsos of Banning Calf. 3 Sons: James Harrell Bishop (Susan) of Alachua; William Bobie (Pam) of Raiford; and Abraham "Ham" Daniel (Cindy) of Tampa , 1 Sister; Nellie McLeroy of Banning, Calf. Brother; Casey Kotsos of Banning, Calf. 9 Grandchildren and 3 Great grandchildren Memorial Services will be held Wednesday morning in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home with Bishop Bobbie Cabral officiating. Family will receive friends at 10:30 A.M. before services. Burial will be at a later date, Under the care of **ARCHER FUNERAL HOME** of Lake Butler.

Thomas (Tommy) Kato

Thomas (Tommy) Kato, of Lake City, Florida, died on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center (Haven Hospice). He has been a resident of Lake City for a number of years. Mr. Kato was a boilermaker by trade and was a member of the Boilermakers Local #199 out of Jacksonville, Florida. He had acquired many friends in his many years as a boilermaker. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, history, working in the garden and had collected coins for many years. Survivors include his daughter, Tommie Kato of Lempster, New Hampshire; son, Bobby Kato of Lake City, FL; step daughters, Lesley King, Susan Sweet, Kathleen Morretto and Vicky Moode; step son, Samuel Reed; and 4 grandchildren also survive. Memorial services will be held today, Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the chapel of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 3596 South U.S. Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC**. is in charge of all arrangements. Please send words of love and comfort to the family at *www.gatewayforestlawn.com.*

Michael "Mike" Masters

Mr. Michael "Mike" Masters, 63, of Shorter, Alabama died suddenly on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at his residence. A native Lake City, Mike was the son of Leonard and Rosemary Gloria Brandeberry Masters. After attending school in Columbia County, he went to work with his father at Leonards Frame service as head mechanic, eventually becoming the owner until it closed in 2007, and then moved to Shorter, AL. He was an avid hunter and woodsman and loved hot rod cars. Mr. Masters is survived by his wife, Rhidonna "Jane" Masters; his parents, Leonard and Rosemary Gloria Masters of Lake City; daughter, Danyell Christine Sayler of Gallatin, TN; stepdaughters, Tamara Lynne Stafford of Shorter, AL, and Mandy Thrift (Lou) of Lake City, FL ; step-sons, Steven Brown (Mandy) and Richard Alan Stafford both of Lake City, FL; 8 grandchildren; brothers, Ronnie and Vernon Masters (Cindee) of Lake City, FL; numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services for Mr. Masters will be conducted at 12:00 (noon) on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (Highway 47 South) in Lake City with Pastor Bruce Alkire officiating. Visitation with the family will be held at the church from 11:00 A.M. until service time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5056 SW State Road 47, Lake City, FL 32024.

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's *classified department at 752-1293.*

Columbia County Charter Review Commission

PUBLIC HEARINGS
on
Proposed Recommendations

The Columbia County Charter was adopted by the county's voters in November of 2002. The Charter operates like a "constitution" for the people of Columbia County and establishes the structure, powers and duties of county government. The Charter also requires the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a Charter Review Commission ("CRC") to review the Charter every eight years. Only the voters of Columbia County may adopt amendments to the Charter. The 2011-12 CRC has adopted six (6) proposed amendments to the Charter and has scheduled three public hearings as listed below for the purpose of receiving comments and input from the public on the recommendations. After the third hearing, the CRC may transmit one or more of the proposals to the November 2012 ballot for a vote of the electorate.

All hearings will begin at 6:00 PM and will be held at the
COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX
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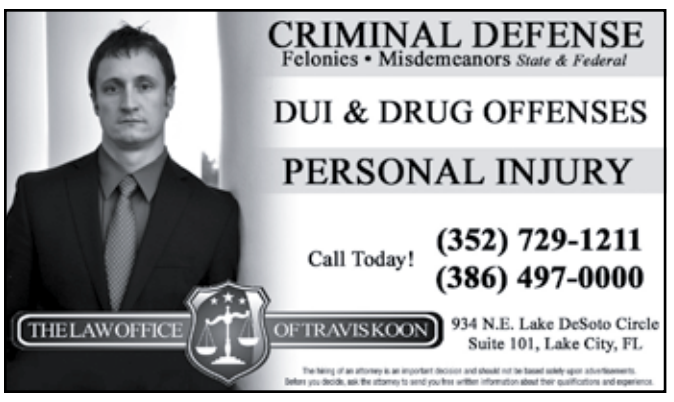
Hearing #1	**Thursday - May 10, 2012**
Hearing #2	**Thursday – May 24, 2012**
Hearing #3	**Tuesday – June 5, 2012**



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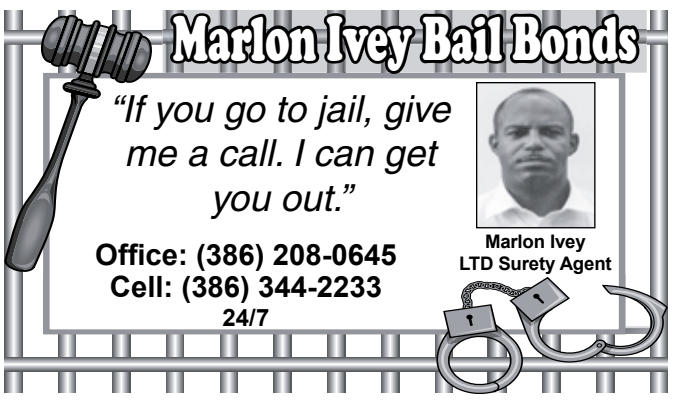

Bulletin Board

NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

COURTESY PHOTO

To Kill a Mockingbird Courtroom re-enactment

After reading half of "To Kill a Mockingbird" the 8th grade class at Epiphany Catholic School attended the 8th annual To Kill a Mockingbird Courtroom re-enactment at the Columbia County Courthouse April 30. It was an opportunity for students to interact with the current legal system as well as compare it to that of 1930's Alabama. The late Rod Bowdoin first coordinated this event for Epiphany students in 2005, and it is very exciting that the judges, lawyers and court staff continue to support and enhance our reading of To Kill a Mockingbird each year.

CALENDAR

May 8

National Teacher Day
Westside Elementary Chorus Concert at 7 p.m.

May 10

Senior Awards Night at 7 p.m. in the Columbia High School Auditorium

Summers Elementary patrols and chorus members go to the Aquatic Complex from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Summers 3rd graders' FCAT Celebration at Sam Vann Park from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Richardson Middle School Family Fun Night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Columbia City Elementary Chorus Spring Concert at 7 p.m.

Fort White High Sschool Chorus & Jazz Band "On Broadway" show at 7 p.m.

Eastside Elementary Family Reading Night from 2:15 to 8 p.m.

May 11

County elementary science fair at Lake City Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to noon

May 15

Cap and Gown delivery in CHS cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. Seniors may also pick up Baccalaureate tickets at this time.

Underclassmen Awards at 7 p.m. at CHS Auditorium

May 18

Last day for Columbia High School seniors

May 24 and 25

Mandatory graduation practice for seniors in Columbia High School gym at 8:45 a.m.

May 24

Columbia High School Baccalaureate at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Central Ministries. Seniors arrive at 5:30.

May 25

Columbia High School graduation at Tiger Stadium at 7 p.m. Seniors report at 5:00 p.m. to gym.

May 30

Fort White High School Baccalaureate

June 1

Fort White High School graduation at 7 p.m. at the school stadium.

COURTESY PHOTO

Students raise money for shelter animals

On April 27 the students at Lake City Christian Academy hosted a pet show to raise money for North Florida Animal Rescue, which provides sanctuary and homes for abandoned animals, thereby reducing euthanasia. Fifty-seven students participated. Pineapple Crab, owned by Garrett Nash, took first place. Pictured are students Shannon Rowe and Delaney Dunn with their pet rabbits.

COURTESY PHOTO

Students highlight tobacco dangers

The Students Working Against Tobacco Club at Richardson Middle School set up an art gallery in the school gym last month to show students the dangers of smokeless tobacco. Pictured are Haleigh Johnson (left) and Hanna Johnson hanging a poster. Students Shavontae Mitchell, Kedrique Knowles, Skyler Colley, Monika Doll and Brittany Packard were also involved in the project. SWAT is Florida's statewide youth organization that works to mobilize, educate and equip Florida youth to revolt against and de-glamorize Big Tobacco.

CLASS NOTES

■ To leave an anonymous message on a possible dangerous situation concerning Columbia County schools, call toll-free, (866) 295-7303.

■ To leave an anonymous call on a possible truancy problem in Columbia County schools, call 758-4947.

■ Items for the school page should be dropped off or mailed to: Laura Hampson, *Lake City Reporter*, 180 E. Duval St., Lake City, FL 32055; faxed to (386) 752-9400; or e-mailed to *lhampson@lakecityreporter.com* by 5 p.m. Thursdays.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Adams honored with magnolia

Sonya Judkins, Lake City Middle School principal; Olivia Adams; Sean Adams, assistant principal; and Jeanette Ryder, PTO president are pictured in front of the beautiful magnolia tree the PTO presented to the school in remembrance of Glen Adams, Sean Adams' father, who recently passed away and was a much loved teacher at LCMS for many years.

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lunch fundraiser to benefit Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC) will be held Wednesday, May 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cheek & Scott parking lot, US 129 south in Live Oak. All proceeds will go to Love INC to help people in need in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties. Lunch is $6 per person. For more information call the Love INC office at 386-364-4673.

Newcomers meeting

The regular meeting of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday May 9 at Guangdong Chinese Restaurant. Our guest speaker is Executive Director CC Economic Development, Jesse Quillen. Lunch is $11.00.

May 10

Pre-k registration

First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave., pre-kindergarten early registration and visitation for the 2012-13 school year is Thursday, May 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the education building. There are 2-day, 3-day and 5-day programs. After school care is also available.

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its meeting on Thursday, May 10 at 10:30 a. m., at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, 28 SE Allison Court. Guests are always welcome to attend.

May 12

Community festival

ties, health and fitness, field trips and college readiness programs. Registration will be held on May 12 at Annie Mattox Park from 9 a.m. - noon and Columbia County Public Library from 2 - 3 p.m.

Me and My Mentor Day

Esteem Man and Woman of the Year Vice Mayor, Demetric Jackson and Assistant Superintendant, Narragansett Smith will host an outdoor field activity day for young people May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and filled with fun, activities, and giveaways. The event will be held at Annie Mattox Park. Community youth and families should come out and spend some time having a lot of fun with the leaders in the community who care about your development and progress.

Celebrate Mother's Day

Angel Ministries of Lake City will host its annual pre-Mothers Day appreciation and celebration gospel musical for all area mothers Saturday, May 12 at New Day Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 709 NW Long Street. The open door event will feature giveaways and more than 10 gospel performances. For information call 758-1886.

Ladies spring tea

The First United Methodist Church Second Annual Ladies Spring Tea is Saturday, May 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. The guest speaker is Gaye Martin, christian motivational speaker and humorist. Tickets are $15. If you are feeling creative, decorate a table with your best china and crystal and be eligible for "Favorite Table" and win a fabulous prize. If you do not want to decorate a table that is o.k. too, just come and enjoy the tea party and fellowship. There are also lots of door prizes from local merchants. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Arlene Leonard, 752-4488.

Food preservation class

Jenny Jump of the Columbia County UF/IFAS Extension Office will present an informational program about food preservation Saturday May 12 at 2 p.m. at the Main Library. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

May 13

Mother's Day service

The Falling Creek Missionary Baptist Church family will honor Mother's Day on May 13 at 11 a.m. The speaker will be evangelist Sandra Price of lake City. We are inviting you to come and fellowship with is on this great occasion.

May 15

SAT camp

The Florida Education Fund is offering a Free SAT and College Preparation Summer Camp. It is being offered through the North Florida Center of Excellence June 11 to 28 at Columbia High School. It will run Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Students may earn ? credit as an elective. Students will work with certified teachers to sharpen skills in mathematics, critical reading, writing, and learn test taking strategies that will enhance scores on the SAT test and other tests, such as the FCAT and ACT. Students will also attend workshops that will provide pre-college and career guidance. Applications are available at Columbia Highs School, Lake City Middle School, and Richardson Middle School. The camp is opened to upcoming advanced 8th graders and to all upcoming 9th-12th graders. The application deadline is May 15. For more information please contact Gloria McIntosh at Columbia High School at 755-8080 ext. 293 or mcintosh_g@firn.edu.

Square dance lessons

The Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club will be holding square dance lessons for new dancers starting May 15. The classes will start at 6:45 p.m. and will be held at the Teen Town Recreation Center, 533 NW Desoto Street. Anyone 12 years of age and older is welcome to attend. Come and join us and see how much fun it is square dance. For more information call 758-3654 or 754-1478.

May 16

Register for summer camp

Girls Club registration for our Summer Program starts Wednesday, May 16 at 8 a.m. at 494 NW DeSoto St. We will continue registration until camp is full. First come, first served. The cost for the camp is $225. It is open to girls ages 6 years old, who have completed first grade, through 13 years old. Call 719-5840 for information.

June 3

Leadership class

Free Leadership Seminar June 3 at 3 p.m. at Richardson Community Center, 255 NE Coast Anders Lane. For more information call Pearlnita Mitchell 386-752-0110.

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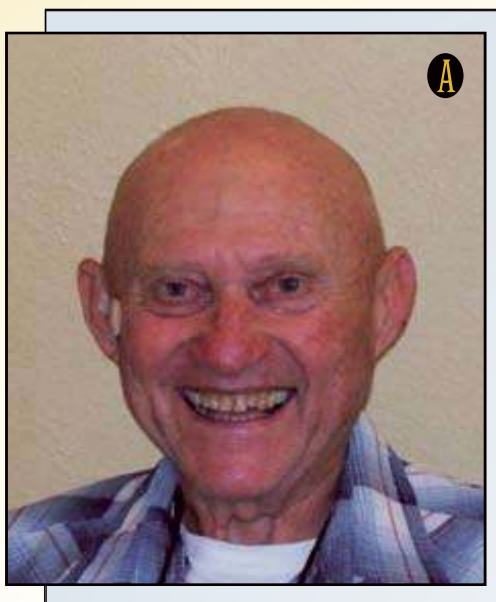

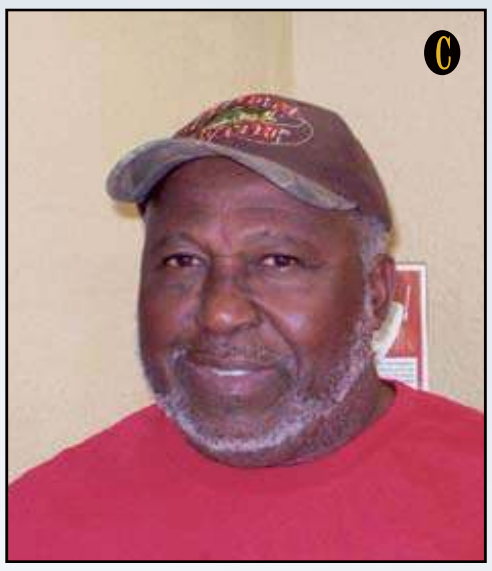

A **Col. Mayer Littman**. Being 83 years of age and having developed a tumor on the 8th nerve coming off the brain – which is the main nerve for hearing – I lost all hearing in my left ear.

Unfortunately, at my age, I've lost some of the highs and lows in my right ear and some of the tones necessary for conversation.

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I highly recommend Audibel to anyone who is having dif!culty hearing, as they are a state-of-the-art organization to attend to your hearing problems.

B **Ingrid S. Williams.** The service and information I received from this office were outstanding. After receiving my hearing aids, I heard sounds I didn't think existed. I highly recommend Audibel to anyone who thinks they have hearing problems. My hearing specialist advised me of the best hearing device for my problem. Thanks, Audibel !!

C **Ira Strickland.** It makes a big difference in my hearing. Thank you Audibel !!

D **Johanne Artman.** Audibel Hearing Center Starke has been so accomodating and professional. They make you feel very comfortable and are always willing to address your concerns with your hearing problems. I was very unsure about getting hearing aids, but the people here have been very supportive and always willing to address my concerns and problems. This is a very professional establishment.

E **Dessa Preuhs.** Had Audibel for a few years and have always been very pleased with their help, service and encouragement. I highly recommend them.

F **Mary G. Ruf!an.** I never thought I needed hearing aids until I came to Audibel Hearing Center and found that I had missed so much before I had them.

G **Paul Huggins.** Being able to hear is one of the best investments I've ever made. Hearing aids are well worth the cost to be able to join friends in conversation without the awkwardness of asking to repeat the words and phrases that I missed or didn't understand.

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I **Tamara Moss.** I'm so happy that I found Audibel. I lost my hearing in childhood, so I have missed a lot of sounds and conversations with people. My husband and my family are so happy for me!

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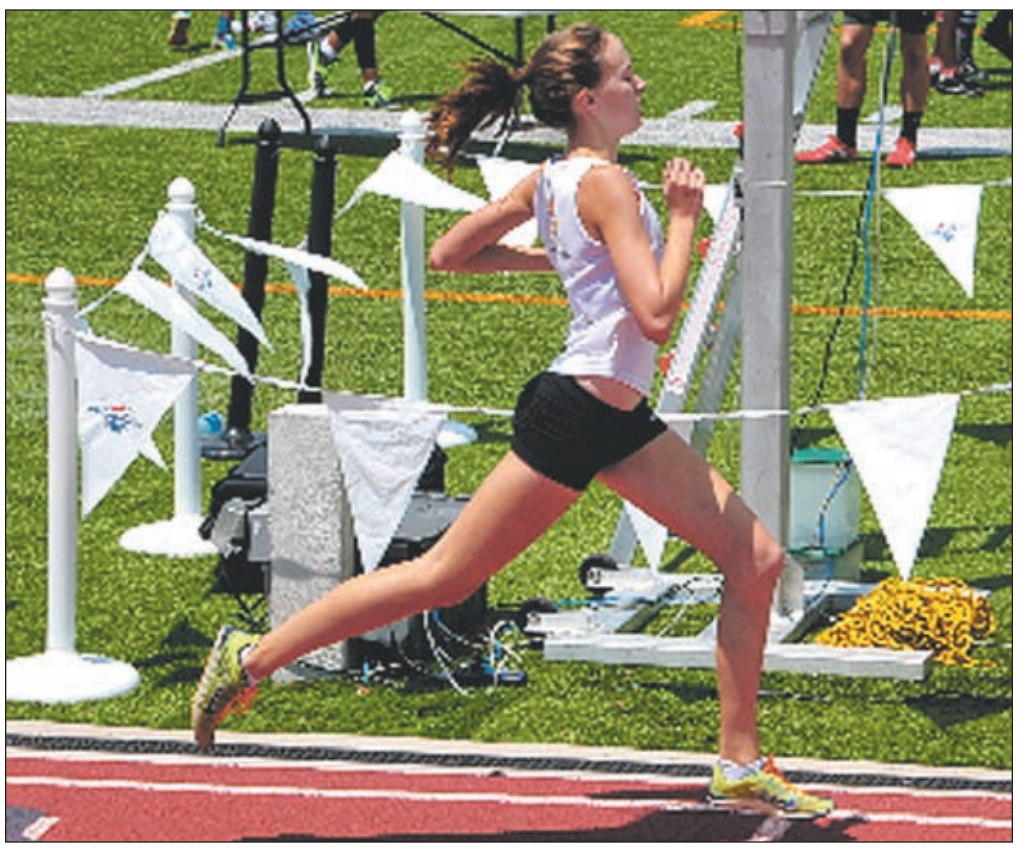


COURTESY PHOTO

Lake City's Emma Tucker is all alone in winning the 800 meters.

State champion

Tucker wins 800 at middle school championships.

From staff reports

Emma Tucker of Lake City Middle School won the 800 meters at the FLYRA Middle School State Championships in Clearwater on Saturday. Tucker ran a 2:21.11.

Lake City students were competing under the Sunny Runners banner, and its "A" 4x800 relay team was defending state champion.

Bernita Brown, Samantha Ziegaus, Nicole Morse and Tucker broke the state record with a 10:08, but placed second behind a team from Oak Hall School (team name MacRollers).

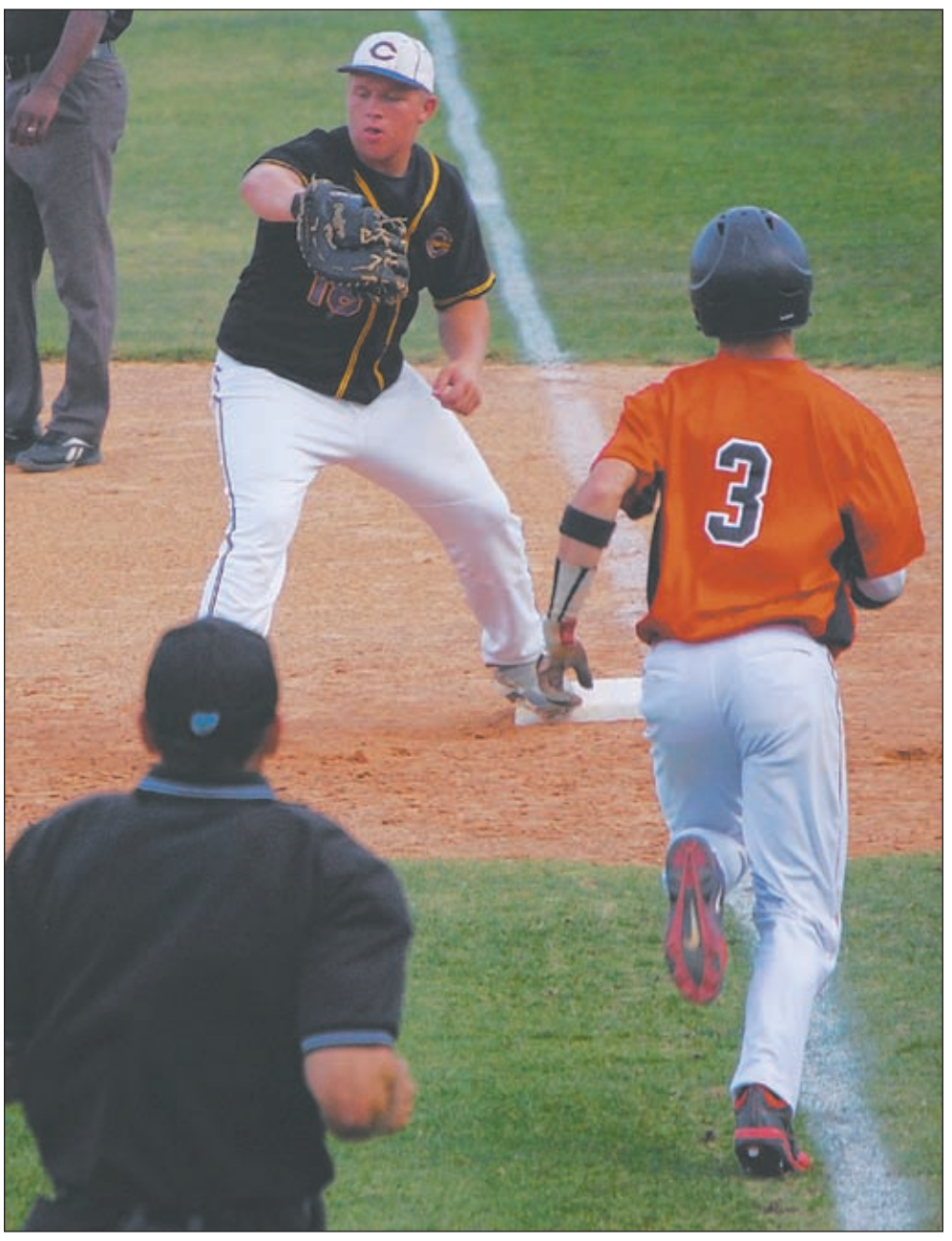
Nicole Morse placed third in the 1,500 meters. She ran a personal best 5:00.10.

Cassie Pierron placed 16th in the 1,500 and was on the "B" relay team that placed ninth, along with Jillian Morse, Bridget Morse and Grace Kolovitz.

Bridget Morse placed 13th in the 3,000 meters and Ashayla English was 17th in the 100. In the boys 3,000 meters, Timothy Pierce placed 11th and Shawn Ziegaus placed 17th.

COURTESY PHOTO

Lake City's Nicole Morse (right) passes two runners on the way to finishing third in the 1,500 meters.



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Tigers travel to Stanton Prep today

Columbia High's baseball team travels to Stanton Prep in Jacksonville for the second round of the state playoffs. The Tigers and Blue Devils were in District 4-6A and split two games during the season. With its victory, Stanton Prep won the district championship. Game time is 7 p.m. today. Above, Columbia's Levi Hollingsworth makes a put out at first base in Thursday's 1-0 win in the regional quarterfinal game at Middleburg High.

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Today
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees or Texas at Baltimore
8 p.m.
WGN — Atlanta at Chicago Cubs
10 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers or Detroit at Seattle
NBA BASKETBALL
7 p.m. or 8 p.m.
TNT — Playoffs, first round, doubleheader, possibilities include game 5s: Orlando at Indiana, Boston at Atlanta, Philadelphia at Chicago, or Denver at L.A. Lakers
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Playoffs, conference semifinals, New Jersey at Philadelphia

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Late Saturday
L.A. Clippers 87, Memphis 86, L.A. Clippers leads series 2-1
Oklahoma City 103, Dallas 97, Oklahoma City wins series 4-0
San Antonio 102, Utah 90, San Antonio leads series 3-0
Sunday
Philadelphia 89, Chicago 82, Philadelphia leads series 3-1
New York 89, Miami 87, Miami leads series 3-1
Boston 101, Atlanta 79, Boston leads series 3-1
L.A. Lakers 92, Denver 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-1.
Monday
San Antonio at Utah (n)
Memphis at L.A. Clippers (n)
Today
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Utah at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. (if necessary)
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	19	9	.679	—
Tampa Bay	19	10	.655	½
Toronto	16	13	.552	3½
New York	15	13	.536	4
Boston	11	16	.407	7½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	16	11	.593	—
Detroit	14	13	.519	2
Chicago	13	16	.448	4
Kansas City	9	18	.333	7
Minnesota	7	20	.259	9
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	18	10	.643	—
Oakland	15	14	.517	3½
Seattle	13	17	.433	6
Los Angeles	12	17	.414	6½
Colorado	12	15	.444	5½
San Diego	9	20	.310	9½

Late Saturday
N.Y. Mets 4, Arizona 3
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 2
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
Houston 8, St. Louis 2
Atlanta 13, Colorado 9
Miami 4, San Diego 1
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets 3, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 8, Houston 1
Chicago Cubs 4, L.A. Dodgers 3, 11 innings
Atlanta 7, Colorado 2
Miami 6, San Diego 3
San Francisco 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings
Philadelphia 9, Washington 3
Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia (n)
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs (n)
Miami at Houston (n)
Cincinnati at Milwaukee (n)
St. Louis at Arizona (n)
Colorado at San Diego (n)
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers (n)
Today's Games
N.Y. Mets (Batista 0-1) at Philadelphia (Blanton 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (E.Jackson 1-1) at Pittsburgh (A.J.Burnett 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Delgado 2-3) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
Miami (A.Sanchez 2-0) at Houston (A.Rodriguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 1-2) at Milwaukee (Estrada 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 3-2) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 3-1), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (Undecided) at San Diego (Suppan 1-0), 10:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Vogelsong 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 2-0), 10:10 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.
Miami at Houston, 2:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

College polls

BASEBALL AMERICA
DURHAM, N.C. — The top 25 teams in the *Baseball America* poll with records through May 6 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of *Baseball America*):

	Record	Pvs
1. Florida State	**39-7**	**1**
2. Baylor	38-8	2
3. Louisiana State	38-11	4
4. South Carolina	36-12	5
5. Rice	33-13	6
6. Florida	**35-13**	**7**
7. Kentucky	37-11	3
8. Cal State Fullerton	30-14	8
9. Oregon	34-14	10
10. Texas A&M	34-14	9
11. UCLA	31-13	14
12. North Carolina	34-13	16
13. N.C. State	33-12	17
14. Arizona	30-15	11
15. Purdue	35-9	13
16. UCF	**37-11**	**15**
17. Stanford	29-14	12
18. San Diego	36-11	19
19. Arizona State	29-17	20
20. Arkansas	34-15	18
21. Virginia	31-14	23
22. Louisville	33-15	22
23. Oregon State	30-15	NR
24. Texas Christian	29-16	NR
25. Mississippi State	29-18	NR

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL
TUCSON, Ariz. — The *Collegiate Baseball* poll with records through May 6, points and previous rank. Voting is done by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida St.	**39-7**	**500**	**2**
2. Baylor	38-8	499	1
3. South Carolina	36-12	497	4
4. Louisiana St.	38-11	496	5
5. Florida	**35-13**	**493**	**8**
6. Oregon	34-14	490	7
7. Kentucky	37-11	488	3
8. Rice	33-13	485	9
9. Cal St. Fullerton	30-14	482	14
10. Arizona	30-15	479	6
11. UCLA	31-13	476	11
12. Texas A&M	34-14	474	12
13. Arkansas	34-15	470	13
14. North Carolina	34-13	467	16
15. N.C. State	33-12	466	17
16. Stanford	29-14	463	10
17. UCF	**37-11**	**460**	**15**
18. San Diego	36-11	456	19
19. Arizona St.	29-17	453	28
20. St. John's	31-17	449	30
21. Purdue	35-9	448	18
22. Oregon St.	30-15	446	—
23. Virginia	31-14-1	442	23
24. Texas	27-18	440	20
25. Oklahoma St.	28-18	439	25
26. Louisville	33-15	437	22
27. Utah Valley	35-11	434	—
28. Texas Christian	29-16	433	27
29. Coastal Carolina	32-14	432	24
30. Mississippi St.	29-18	431	29

AUTO RACING

Aaron's 499

At Talladega Superspeedway
Talladega, Ala.
Sunday
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (13) Brad Keselowski, Dodge, 194 laps, 120.1 rating, 47 points, $305,745.
2. (21) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 194, 106.2, 43, $263,298.
3. (10) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 194, 128.5, 43, $225,701.
4. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 194, 88.4, 41, $155,090.
5. (6) Greg Biffle, Ford, 194, 118.4, 40, $143,540.
6. (24) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 194, 82.9, 38, $146,554.
7. (32) David Ragan, Ford, 194, 85.6, 37, $137,723.
8. (11) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 194, 87.8, 0, $110,565.
9. (18) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 194, 88.4, 36, $120,765.
10. (29) Jeff Burton, Chevrolet, 194, 83.3, 35, $143,640.
11. (23) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 194, 71.6, 33, $133,013.
12. (4) Aric Almirola, Ford, 194, 95.3, 32, $137,716.
13. (26) David Gilliland, Ford, 194, 73.8, 31, $115,688.
14. (3) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 194, 97.4, 30, $126,613.
15. (2) A J Allmendinger, Dodge, 194, 86.6, 29, $139,305.
16. (41) Travis Kvapil, Toyota, 194, 56.3, 29, $125,063.
17. (17) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 194, 67.9, 28, $103,330.
18. (25) Casey Mears, Ford, 194, 73.6, 27, $106,138.
19. (9) Michael Waltrip, Toyota, 194, 97.7, 26, $93,680.
20. (33) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 193, 96.6, 25, $111,602.
21. (42) Bobby Labonte, Toyota, 192, 56, 23, $100,105.
22. (34) David Reutimann, Chevrolet, 192, 52.7, 22, $91,380.
23. (22) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 192, 66.9, 22, $132,771.
24. (8) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 190, 88.6, 21, $140,180.
25. (20) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, accident, 184, 55.7, 20, $136,016.
26. (30) Joey Logano, Toyota, accident, 184, 62.3, 18, $96,955.
27. (39) Robert Richardson Jr., Toyota, accident, 182, 44.8, 0, $85,405.
28. (15) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, accident, 166, 53.1, 16, $114,569.
29. (28) Terry Labonte, Ford, accident, 143, 48.8, 15, $92,655.
30. (38) Dave Blaney, Chevrolet, accident, 142, 68.2, 14, $85,955.
31. (7) Carl Edwards, Ford, accident, 142, 66.1, 13, $130,546.
32. (12) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet, accident, 142, 67.4, 13, $114,146.
33. (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, accident, 142, 66.1, 11, $137,866.
34. (40) Landon Cassill, Toyota, accident, 141, 73.4, 10, $110,250.
35. (19) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, engine, 61, 76.2, 10, $130,691.
36. (14) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, engine, 42, 35.9, 8, $127,763.
37. (36) Bill Elliott, Toyota, electrical, 37, 31, 7, $83,430.
38. (43) Tony Raines, Chevrolet, engine, 32, 28.4, 6, $91,082.
39. (27) David Stremme, Toyota, transmission, 30, 32.5, 5, $79,550.
40. (31) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, engine, 15, 36, 4, $87,275.
41. (37) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, vibration, 7, 28.4, 0, $79,025.
42. (16) Josh Wise, Ford, rear gear, 5, 29.8, 2, $79,355.
43. (35) Michael McDowell, Ford, vibration, 2, 26.3, 1, $78,681.
Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 160.192 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 13 minutes, 17 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.304 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 24 laps.
Lead Changes: 34 among 17 drivers.
Top 12 in Points: 1. G.Biffle, 378; 2. M.Kenseth, 371; 3. D.Earnhardt Jr., 369; 4. D.Hamlin, 351; 5. K.Harvick, 333; 6. M.Truex Jr., 332; 7. T.Stewart, 328; 8. J.Johnson, 324; 9. Ky.Busch, 308; 10. C.Bowyer, 302; 11. C.Edwards, 300; 12. B.Keselowski, 299.

IndyCar schedule

March 25 — Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg (Helio Castroneves)
April 1 — Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (Will Power)
April 15 — Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach (Will Power)
April 29 — Itaipava Sao Paulo Indy 300 (Will Power)
May 27 — Indianapolis 500, Indianapolis
June 3 — Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix, Detroit
June 9 — Firestone 550, Fort Worth, Texas
June 16 — Milwaukee IndyFest, West Allis, Wis.
June 23 — Iowa Corn Indy 250, Newton, Iowa
July 8 — Honda Indy Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
July 22 — Edmonton Indy, Edmonton, Alberta
Aug. 5 — Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio, Lexington, Ohio
Aug. 19 — Qingdao Indy Grand Prix, Qingdao
Aug. 26 — Indy Grand Prix of Sonoma, Sonoma, Calif.
Sep. 2 — Baltimore Grand Prix, Baltimore
Sep. 15 — California Indy 400, Fontana, Calif.

HORSE RACING

Kentucky Derby finish

Saturday
1. I'll Have Another
2. Bodemeister
3. Dullahan
4. Went the Day Well
5. Creative Cause
6. Liaison
7. Union Rags
8. Rousing Sermon
9. Hansen
10. Daddy Nose Best
11. Optimizer
12. Alpha
13. El Padrino
14. Done Talking
15. Sabercat
16. Gemologist
17. Trinniberg
18. Prospective
19. Take Charge Indy
20. Daddy Long Legs

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Sunday
Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 1, Los Angeles wins series 4-0
New Jersey 4, Philadelphia 2, New Jersey leads series 3-1
Monday
Washington at N.Y. Rangers (n)
Nashville at Phoenix (n)
Today
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
NY Rangers at Washington, TBA
Phoenix at Nashville, TBA (if necessary)

	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	18	10	.643	—
Atlanta	18	11	.621	½
New York	15	13	.536	3
Miami	14	14	.500	4
Philadelphia	14	15	.483	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	17	11	.607	—
Cincinnati	14	13	.519	2½
Houston	13	15	.464	4
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	5
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	5
Chicago	11	17	.393	6
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	10	.643	—
San Francisco	14	14	.500	4
Arizona	14	15	.483	4½

BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL

BBQ chicken for Purple & Gold

The Columbia County Quarterback Club has a barbecue chicken dinner fundraiser in conjunction with the Purple & Gold game on Friday. Dinners are $7 for chicken, beans, potato salad, bread and drink, and will be available all day beginning at 11 a.m. and at the game. The club will deliver orders of 10 or more dinners.

For details, call club president Joe Martino at 984-0452.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Tigers travel team tryouts May 16

The Lake City Tigers 10-under baseball travel team has a tryout set for 5:30 p.m. May 16 at Southside Sports Complex.

For details, call Bobby Hingson at (386) 205-0398.

T-BALL

Christ Central registration open

Christ Central Sports is offering T-ball for girls and boys ages 3-5. Registration is under way through Monday. Cost is $40.

For details, call Ronny Busscher at 365-2128.

YOUTH SWIMMING

Columbia Swim Team under way

The Columbia Swim Team Dolphins is a summer recreational swim league designed to introduce competitive swimming to ages 5-18. Participants must be able to swim 25 yards unassisted. Swimmers can register throughout the summer.

For details, call Michele Greene at 755-4688 or go to *cstdolphins@yahoo.com*.

BOYS CLUB

Summer program registration open

The Boys Club of Columbia County has a summer program from June 4 through Aug. 10 for girls and boys ages 6-14. A variety of activities are offered including sports, game rooms, arts and crafts, and special events. Cost is $250.

For details, call the club at 752-4184.

ZUMBA

Classes offered at Teen Town

The Lake City Recreation Department offers Zumba classes from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Teen Town. Cost is $5 per class.

For details, call Sarah Sandlin at 758-0009.

SUMMER CAMP

City outdoor camp sign-up

The Lake City Recreation Department has a Summer Outdoor Camp for ages 6-13 from June 11 through Aug. 10. Registration is under way and is limited to the first 60 campers to sign up. Cost is $225. Trips to Wild Waters, Adventure Landing, Chuck E. Cheese's and Wild Adventure are planned, along with skating and movies.

For details, call Wayne Jernigan at 758-5448.

County sign-up under way

Columbia County Recreation Department has a Summer Camp from June 11 to Aug. 3. Registration is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Richardson Community Center. Cost of $225 per child includes weekday breakfast and lunch, plus mini camps and field trips. The camp is limited to the first 60 applicants. A $10 discount is offered through *www.lakecityreporter.com*.

For details, call Nicole Smith at 754-7095.

YOUTH SOCCER

CYSA registration for summer

Columbia Youth Soccer Association's summer recreational league registration for ages 3-16 is 6-7 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Fee of $65 includes uniform. All games and practices are weekday evenings. The season starts the week of June 18.

For details, call 288-2504 or 288-4481.

■ From staff reports

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rickie Fowler watches his approach shot on the 14th hole during the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., on Sunday.

Fowler cracks PGA Tour win column in playoff

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Rickie Fowler finally picked up his first PGA Tour win Sunday in what might be the start of a rivalry for years to come.

Fowler brought style and substance to a sudden-death playoff at Quail Hollow and delivered a clutch shot — a wedge into 4 feet to birdie the 18th hole and win the Wells Fargo Championship over U.S. Open champion Rory McIlroy and D.A. Points.

The 23-year-old Fowler has been talked about as the next American star since he turned pro with his flashy colors and all-orange outfit his trademark. Now he has a trophy to back up the hype, coming in his 67th start as a pro on the PGA Tour.

And he beat the 23-year-old McIlroy to do it.

"I'm looking forward to playing with Rory for a long time," said Fowler, who closed with a 3-under 69. "It's awesome. It's a long wait, but well worth it."

Along for the ride was Points, a 35-year-old who had the tournament in his grasp until ending 40 straight holes without a bogey by making one at the worst time. He had a one-shot lead going to the 18th in regulation, hit his approach in a bunker and never came close to a par.

McIlroy had a shot at winning in regulation, but missed a 15-foot birdie putt.

Insperity Championship

THE WOODLANDS, Texas — Fred Funk birdied the final hole for a 5-under 67 and a one-stroke victory over Tom Lehman in the Champions Tour's Insperity Championship.

Tied with one hole left, Funk hit his approach on No. 18 to 2 feet. Lehman missed his birdie putt, and Funk tapped in for his seventh victory on the 50-and-over tour first since 2010.

LPGA Brazil Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO — Thailand's Pornanong Phatlum won the LPGA Tour's Brazil Cup exhibition event, shooting a bogey-free 6-under 67 for a four-stroke victory over Taiwan's Amy Hung.

Phatlum finished at 13-under 133 in the two-day, 30-player tournament at Itanhanga Golf Club. She had five birdies on the front nine to pull away.

Hung shot an 8-under 65, the best round of the event.

Paula Creamer finished with a 69 to tie for third with Chella Choi at 8 under.

Stadion Classic

ATHENS, Ga. — Former University of Georgia player Hudson Swafford won the Stadion Classic on his old college course, closing with a 9-under 62 for a one-stroke victory.

The tour rookie holed out from a greenside bunker for birdie on the par-4 18th to post 17-under 267.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen and Luke List, coming off a victory last week in the South Georgia Classic, each shot 65 to tie for second. Janzen birdied the final five holes and seven of the last eight.

Spanish Open

SEVILLE, Spain — Italy's Francesco Molinari won the 100th Spanish Open for his third career European Tour title, finishing with a 7-under 65 for a three-stroke victory.

Knicks win one

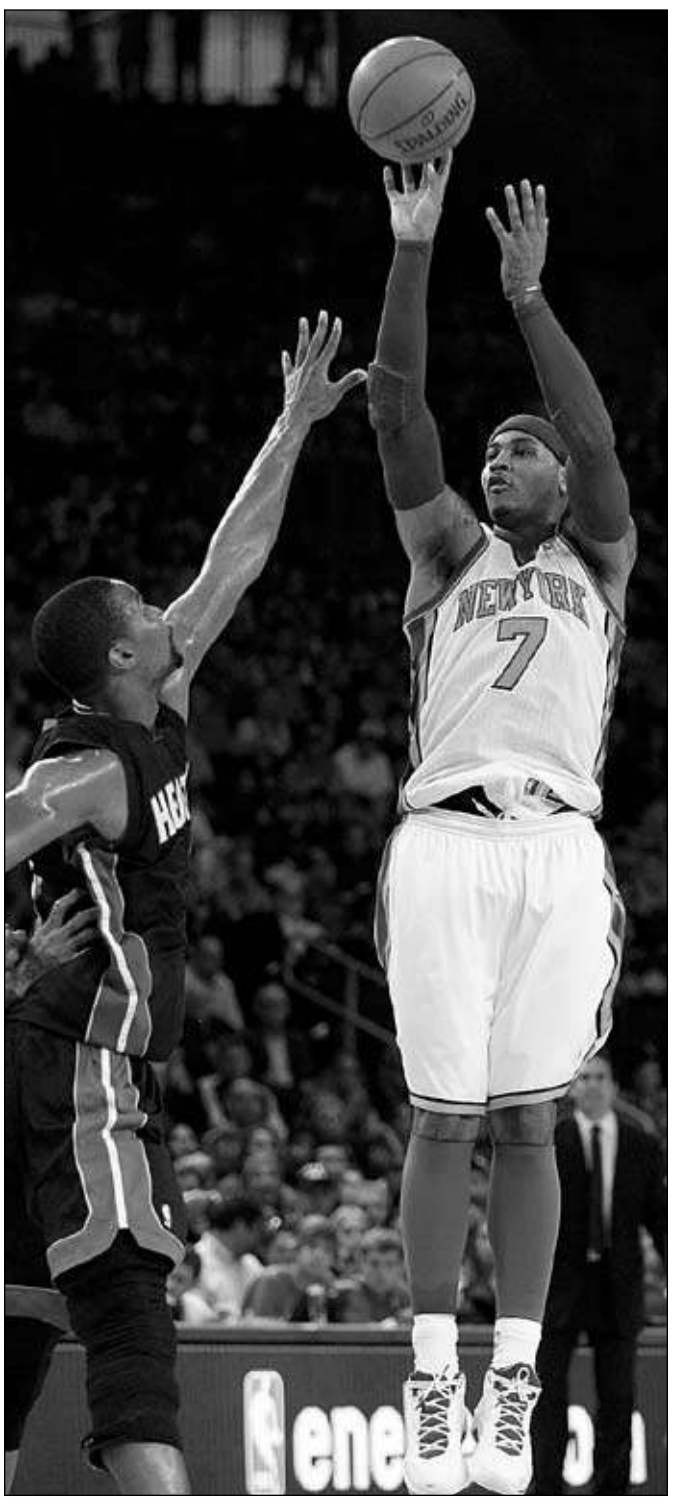
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carmelo Anthony scored 41 points, Amare Stoudemire had 20 points and 10 rebounds in his return from a cut hand, and the New York Knicks snapped an NBA-record, 13-game playoff losing streak, beating the Miami Heat 89-87 Sunday in Game 4 of their first-round series.

Anthony made a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 54.5 seconds left as the Knicks overcame another serious injury to win a playoff game for the first time since April 29, 2001. Baron Davis dislocated his right kneecap in the third quarter.

LeBron James scored 27 for the Heat, who will try to close it out in Game 5 at home on Wednesday. Dwyane Wade had 22 points but missed a 3-point attempt with 1.6 seconds left.

Wade's errant shot set off a loud celebration from Knicks fans who hadn't seen their team win in the post-season since beating the Toronto Raptors in Game 3 of a best-of-five series.



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New York Knicks' Carmelo Anthony (7) shoots over Miami Heat's Chris Bosh during Game 4 of their NBA basketball first-round playoff series at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday.

Lakers 92, Nuggets 88

DENVER — Kobe Bryant scored 22 points, Andrew Bynum added 19 and the Lakers' stars got plenty of help from their supporting cast while taking a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

The Lakers can wrap it up today when the series shifts back to Staples Center for Game 5.

Reserve Jordan Hill was big for L.A., posting a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Steve Blake scored 10 points, including a key 3-pointer in the final minute as the Lakers overcame a six-point halftime deficit.

Ramon Sessions scored 12 points and also had a 3 in the final minute for the Lakers.

Celtics 101, Hawks 79

BOSTON — Paul Pierce scored 24 points in 18 minutes and the Celtics opened a 37-point third-quarter lead before coasting to the victory and a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Celtics can finish off the Hawks in Atlanta today.

Two nights after his triple-double helped turn back the Hawks in overtime in Game 3, Rajon Rondo had 20 points and 16 assists as the Celtics got some much-needed rest for their aging and injured roster.

Josh Smith returned after missing Friday's game and had 15 points and 13 rebounds for Atlanta. Al Horford, who played for the first time in almost four months, scored 12 points.

Rondo, whose triple-double Friday was the seventh of his career, may have been even better in Game 4, shooting 8 for 11 from the floor.

76ers 89, Bulls 82

PHILADELPHIA — Spencer Hawes scored 22 points and Jrue Holiday had 20 to help Philadelphia beat top-seeded Chicago for a 3-1 lead in the first-round series.

Andre Iguodala had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Sixers, who have won the last three games after dropping Game 1 in Chicago.

Holiday stretched the lead with consecutive 3-pointers late in the game to put the Sixers one win away from becoming only the fifth No. 8 seed to win an opening-round series. Memphis pulled it off last season against San Antonio, and Golden State (2007), New York (1999) and Denver (1994) also accomplished the rare feat

Carlos Boozer had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Taj Gibson added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls, who played without Derrick Rose (torn ACL) and Joakim Noah (sprained ankle). Rose is out for the season and Noah is day to day for the rest of the series.

IN THE PITS

Smoke scorches Talladega

By JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. By Tony Stewart's standards, his tongue-in-cheek assessment of NASCAR's latest wreckfest at Talladega was tame stuff. But his four-minute Q&A following Sunday's race was vintage Smoke, and boy did he deliver.

The three-time NASCAR champion deadpanned his way through a flurry of questions about his afternoon, which essentially ended when he was caught in a nine-car accident four laps from the finish. Before the accident, Stewart said he had twice run out of gas and spent the entire race keeping one eye on his gauges to make sure his engine didn't overheat because of NASCAR's rules at restrictor-plate tracks.

"I call it a successful day," a smirking Stewart said.

He never broke character, answering each of the 13 questions with dripping sarcasm.

Among the gems:

■ "I'm upset that we didn't crash more cars. I feel bad if I don't spend at least $150,000 in torn-up race cars going back to the shop. We definitely have to do a better job with that."

■ "I had a blast. It would have been a lot more fun if I could have gotten caught up in one more wreck. If I could have done that, it would have been perfect."

■ "The racing was awesome. It's fun to be able to race and have to watch the gauges at the same time. It makes us as drivers have to do so much more."

■ "I think if we haven't crashed at least 50 percent of the field by the end of the race, we need to extend the race until we at least crash 50 percent of the cars."

Stewart saved his best material for his parting shot, which came as an answer to which style of racing — pack racing or the two-car tandem — he preferred for Talladega and Daytona. His suggestion was redesigning the 2.66-mile Talladega Superspeedway into a figure 8.

"That is going to be my vote next week, we make it a figure 8," he said. "And/or we can stop at halfway, make a break, and turn around and go backwards the rest of the way. Then with 10 to go, we split the field in half and half go the regular direction and half of them go backwards."

Well, that would at least be exciting to watch.

And that's in large part what has Stewart so upset. He's heard the grumbling the last six weeks about the current state of NASCAR racing, which has been marked by uncharacteristically clean races and long green-flag runs.

Before Sunday, the last multicar accident was at Martinsville, five races ago. There have been very few yellow flags of late, and many of the caution periods have been for nothing more than debris.

The very notion that fans want to see more accidents is offensive to drivers, and Stewart has made his position clear the last two races. He rebuked a reporter at Richmond for asking if Stewart was "amazed" there had been no accidents in three consecutive races.

So he was ready again on Sunday, derisively insinuating several times that the fans were let down by not enough accidents to "fill the quota for Talladega and NASCAR."

"It's not fair to these fans for them to not see more wrecks than that and more torn-up cars," he said. "We still had over half the cars running at the end, and it shouldn't be that way."

It's not necessarily accurate to claim race fans want wrecks.

Yet wrecks are featured heavily in the marketing strategies of most track promoters, as are confrontations.

Purists — and particularly drivers — prefer clean racing, and Stewart is annoyed that some find this recent stretch of incident-free racing boring. It's part of an ongoing disconnect between the competitors in NASCAR and the people who drive attendance and TV ratings.

The balance is in providing excitement, and if it doesn't come from wrecks, then it's got to come from story lines. The drivers must find a way to get people talking, either through controversy and drama, or personalities and rivalries.

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Brad Keselowski celebrates winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway on Sunday.

TUESDAY EVENING — MAY 8, 2012

	Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3-ABC	3	-	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Last Man Standing	(:31) Cougar Town	Dancing With the Stars (N) (Live)		(:01) Private Practice "Drifting Back"		News at 11	(:35) Nightline (N)
4-IND	4	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N)		The Players	(:35) The Insider
5-PBS	5	-	-	World News	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		Clinton: American Experience The presidency of Bill Clinton. (DVS)				Frontline "Murdoch's Scandal"		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy	Two and Half Men	NCIS A terrorist targeting the Navy. (N)		NCIS: Los Angeles (N) (DVS)		Unforgettable "The Man in the Woods"		Action News Jax	Letterman
9-CW	9	17	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	90210 Navid and Liam fight over Silver.		The L.A. Complex "Who You Know"		The Office "Broke"	The Office	TMZ (N)	Access Hollywood
10-FOX	10	30	30	How I Met/Mother	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Glee Students prepare for prom. (N)		New Girl "See Ya"	(:31) New Girl	News	Action News Jax	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother
12-NBC	12	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Fashion Star "Buyer's Choice" (N)		The Voice "Live Finale" (Season Finale) The winner is revealed. (N) (Live)				News	Jay Leno
CSPAN	14	210	350	(5:00) U.S. House of Representatives				Capitol Hill Hearings							
WGN-A	16	239	307	30 Rock	30 Rock	America's Funniest Home Videos		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N)						WGN News at Nine	Scrubs
TVLAND	17	106	304	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Happily Divorced	Hot in Cleveland
OWN	18	189	279	Prison Wives "Georgia Benson"		Unusual Suspects "Betrayal of Trust"		Unusual Suspects		Unusual Suspects		Unusual Suspects		Unusual Suspects	
A&E	19	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	(:01) Storage Wars	(:31) Storage Wars
HALL	20	185	312	Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier
FX	22	136	248	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	★★ "Dear John" (2010, Romance) Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried.				★★ "Dear John" (2010, Romance) Channing Tatum, Amanda Seyfried.			
CNN	24	200	202	John King, USA (N)		Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Piers Morgan Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360		Erin Burnett OutFront	
TNT	25	138	245	Bones "The Family in the Feud"		NBA Basketball Playoffs, First Round: Teams TBA. (N)					NBA Basketball Playoffs, First Round: Teams TBA. (N)				
NIK	26	170	299	Big Time Rush	Big Time Rush	Big Time Rush "Big Time Concert"		That '70s Show	That '70s Show	George Lopez	George Lopez	Friends	Friends	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear
SPIKE	28	168	241	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	1,000 Ways to Die	Repo Games	Repo Games (N)
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Cold Case "Lonely Hearts"		Cold Case "Forever Blue"		Seinfeld	Frasier	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason
DISN	31	172	290	Shake It Up!	Good Luck Charlie	Wizards-Place	Jessie	Phineas and Ferb	★★½ "Hannah Montana: The Movie" (2009) Miley Cyrus, Billy Ray Cyrus.				Jessie	Jessie	Shake It Up!
LIFE	32	108	252	Wife Swap		Wife Swap		Dance Moms: Miami		Dance Moms: Miami		Dance Moms: Miami (N)		The Client List Riley considers dating.	
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	
BET	34	124	329	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown" (N)				Stay Together	Stay Together	The Game	The Game	The Game (N)	Stay Together	The Game	Stay Together
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			E:60 (N)	SportsNation (N)	NFL Live		Baseball Tonight (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)	
ESPN2	36	144	209	NFL32 (N) (Live)		Around the Horn	Interruption	30 for 30				NFL Live (N)		E:60	
SUNSP	37	-	-	Magic Overtime	Rays Live! (Live)	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (N Subject to Blackout)						Rays Live! (Live)	Inside the Rays	Inside the Rays	
DISCV	38	182	278	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "Weak Links"		Deadliest Catch "The Hook"		Deadliest Catch "Alien Abduction" (N)		The Devil's Ride "The Brotherhood"		Deadliest Catch "Alien Abduction"	
TBS	39	139	247	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	
HLN	40	202	204	Prime News with Vinnie Politan		Jane Velez-Mitchell		Nancy Grace (N)		Dr. Drew		Nancy Grace		Showbiz Tonight	
FNC	41	205	360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)		The FOX Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
E!	45	114	236	(5:00) The Voice		E! News (N)		Mrs. Eastwood	Khloe and Lamar	Kids of Killers		Death in Paradise		Chelsea Lately (N)	E! News
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations		Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum (N)		Off Limits (N)		Off Limits Don battles fire in Florida.	
HGTV	47	112	229	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Celeb-Home	Million Dollar	The White Room Challenge (N)		House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Celeb-Home	Million Dollar
TLC	48	183	280	Say Yes, Dress	Say Yes, Dress	Island Medium	Island Medium	My Collection Obsession		World's Strongest Toddler		The Little Couple	The Little Couple	My Collection Obsession	
HIST	49	120	269	Ancient Aliens "Closer Encounters" Alien encounters throughout history.				Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Swamp People "Secret Weapons"		United Stats of America "Stayin' Alive"		(:01) Brad Meltzer's Decoded	
ANPL	50	184	282	Rattlesnake Republic "Mutiny"		Wild Russia		Frozen Planet		Frozen Planet "On Thin Ice"		Frozen Planet "Life in the Freezer"		Frozen Planet	
FOOD	51	110	231	Chopped "Time & Space"		Cupcake Wars "AFI Young Hollywood"		Cupcake Wars "Renaissance Faire"		Chopped		Chopped "Reversal of Fortune" (N)		Chopped "Crunch Time"	
TBN	52	260	372	(5:00) Revolutionary		The Cross	The Potter's Touch	Behind the Scenes	Joyce Meyer	John Hagee Today	Rod Parsley	Praise the Lord (Live).			
FSN-FL	56	-	-	Baseball's Golden	The Game 365	Inside the Marlins	Marlins Live! (Live)	MLB Baseball Miami Marlins at Houston Astros. From Minute Maid Park in Houston. (N Subject to Blackout)						Marlins Live! (Live)	Marlins Golf
SYFY	58	122	244	Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files		Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files		Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files		Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files (N)		Dream Machines (N)		Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files	
AMC	60	130	254	CSI: Miami "Throwing Heat"		CSI: Miami "No Man's Land"		★★★½ "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis. A New York policeman outwits foreign thugs in an L.A. high-rise.						★★★ "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis.	
COM	62	107	249	Daily Show	The Colbert Report	30 Rock	30 Rock	Workaholics	South Park	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily Show	The Colbert Report
CMT	63	166	327	Extreme Makeover	(:17) Extreme Makeover: Home Edition		(:22) Extreme Makeover: Home Edition	(:27) ★★½ "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo.						(10:51) "National Lampoon's Vacation"	
NGWILD	108	190	283	Dog Whisperer		Swamp Men "Deadly Blow"		Swamp Men "Predator Patrol"		Swamp Men "Alligator Attack"		The World's Deadliest Animals		Swamp Men "Predator Patrol"	
NGC	109	186	276	Amish: Out of Order		Wild Justice "Gold Fever"		Inside Polygamy: Life in Bountiful		Amish: Out of Order "Culture Clash"		Amish: Out of Order "9-to-5 Amish" (N)		Inside Polygamy: Life in Bountiful	
SCIENCE	110	193	284	Factory Made	Factory Made	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities	Oddities
ID	111	192	285	Dateline on ID A mother disappears.		Killer Trials: Judg	Killer Trials: Judg	20/20 on ID (N)		Alaska: Ice Cold Killers		Alaska: Ice Cold Killers		20/20 on ID	
HBO	302	300	501	(5:45) ★★½ "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" (2010) Michael Douglas.				★★½ "One Day" (2011, Romance) Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess. 'PG-13'				24/7 Mayweather	Veep "Catherine"	Game of Thrones	
MAX	320	310	515	(5:45) ★★½ "The A-Team" (2010, Action) Liam Neeson, Jessica Biel. 'NR'				★★ "Sucker Punch" (2011, Action) Emily Browning, Abbie Cornish. 'PG-13'				★★★½ "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) Arnold Schwarzenegger. 'R'			
SHOW	340	318	545	★★ "The Waiting City" (2009, Drama) Radha Mitchell, Joel Edgerton. 'R'				The Borgias "The Choice"		The Big C	Nurse Jackie	The Borgias "The Choice"		The Big C	Nurse Jackie

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No Bidder may withdraw his/her bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.
A FAIR HOUSING/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER/HANDICAP ACCESS JURISDICTION

05532487
May 8, 15, 2012

COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2012R-15A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA SETTING THE REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MAY 17, 2012 COMMENCING AT 5:00 P.M. AND PROVIDING NOTICE
THEREOF WHEREAS, the Columbia County, Florida Charter effective January 1, 2003, provides the Board of County Commissioners shall provide by resolution for the location, time, and place for holding all regular meetings. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:
1. The second regular meeting scheduled for the month of May of the Board of County Commissioners shall be held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 commencing at 5:00 p.m. at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida.
2. Notice of the date, time and place of this meeting shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Columbia County at least one (1) week prior to such meeting.
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED at its regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, on this 5th day of April, 2012.
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Scarlet Frisina, Chairperson
ATTEST: DeWitt Cason,
Clerk of Court

05532187
May 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL COURT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NUMBER: 12-86-CR
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
STELLA BROWN DEJOIE
Decease.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Stella Brown Dejoie, deceased, whose date of death was February 8, 2012, File Number 12-84-CR, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 140 SW Nathan Court, Lake City, Florida 32024. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmatured, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is May 8, 2012.
Personal Representative
Louadrian Reed
140 SW Nathan Court
Lake City, Florida 32024
386-752-5228
Attorney for Petitioner:
Chester A. Aikens, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 0568910
305 East Union Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

05532485
May 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO: 11-217-CA
DOUGLAS OWENS
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES AULTMAN, KATHY AULTMAN and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure, and for Attorneys Fees and Costs dated April 10, 2012, entered in Civil Action No. 11-217-CA, of the Circuit Court, in and for Columbia County, Florida, wherein DOUGLAS OWENS is the Plaintiff, and JAMES AULTMAN, KATHY AULTMAN and UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE are Defendants, the undersigned Clerk of Circuit Court will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the front door of the Columbia County Courthouse, in Lake City, Florida at 11:00 am on May 16, 2012, the following described property:
Lot 3, Block A of Columbia Estates, a subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 112, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida.
Together with 1988 JEFR single wide mobile home with ID number 12610261X and title number 47168079, located thereon.
Dated this 25 day of April, 2012.
P. DEWITT CASON
Clerk of the Courts
By: B. Scippio
As Deputy Clerk

02500091
May 1, 8, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.
122009CA000411CAXXXX
SAXON MORTGAGE SERVICES,INC.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOPE MARIE PETERSON KEVIN PETERSON HOPE PETERSON, et al.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed May 3, 2012 entered in Civil Case No. 122009CA000411CAXXXX of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Lake City, Florida, the Clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Columbia County Courthouse, 173 Northeast Hernando Ave. 3rd Floor, Lake City, FL. 32055 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statues on the 30th day of MAY, 2012 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:
Lot 7, DAVIS SUBDIVISION, as per plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 11-A, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida.
Subject to a Right-of-Way Easement recorded in Official Records Book 901, Page 2160.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of this lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated this 30 day of April, 2012
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
As Clerk of the Court
BY: B Scippio
Deputy Clerk
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation to participate should call ADA Coordinator, Jacquetta Bradley, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, FL 32056, 386-719-7428, within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if you are voice impaired call (800) 955-8770.

02500097
May 8, 15, 2012

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO. 11-469-CA
DON R. RATHBURN and his wife, PHYLLIS C. RATHBURN,
Plaintiffs,
v,
WESLEY R. DOUGLAS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert W. Parker, deceased; DARLENA LEE PARKER; SHERRY PARKER; and the unknown spouse, heirs , devisees, grantees, successors and assigns, creditors and other interested persons claiming by, through, under or against ROBERT W. PARKER, deceased,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that , pursuant to Order Reopening File and Setting Sale Date dated May 3rd, 2012, entered in the above styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the front door of the Columbia County Courthouse in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, the following described property:
Lot 109, Unit 21, THREE RIVERS ESTATES, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 15 of the public records of Columbia County, Florida.
TOGETHER WITH a 1979 Trip Mobile home, ID #GDWTGA36794236, situate on the subject property and taxed as real property.
Tax Parcel No.: 00-00-00-01365-109
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Notice and affixed the seal of this Court this 4th day of May, 2012.
P. DEWITT CASON
Clerk of Court
By: B. Scippio
Deputy Clerk

02500109
May 8, 15 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: JIM'S AUTO SERVICE gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/30/2012, 08:30 am at 2550 SW MAIN BLVD. LAKE CITY, FL 32025, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes.
JIM'S AUTO SERVICE reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
1G1JC54T5R7121696
1994 CHEVROLET

1GKCS13W4R2511844
1994 GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

WVWMA63B1XE042415
1999 VOLKSWAG

05532521
May 8, 2012

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Columbia County Manager's office until 2:00 P.M. on May 11, 2012, for Columbia County Project No. 2012-2. This office is located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex at 135 Hernando Avenue, Room 203 Lake City FL 32055.
This project consists of asphalt leveling and asphalt resurfacing approximately 9000 LF of asphalt roadway located in the Lake City County Club. Roads included are:
NW Club View Circle – 3785 LF
NW Egret Lane – 611 LF
NW Harris Lake Drive – 2650 LF
NW Harris Loop – 1545 LF
Scope of work includes asphaltic concrete spot leveling and surface, erosion control, and incidental items.
The Bid Forms and Construction specifications may be obtained from the County's web site at http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp.

To place your classified ad call
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Lake City Reporter

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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EDDAD

SNGRIT

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: ○○○○○ ○○ ○○○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MARRY ITCHY STUDIO SOCKET
Answer: When adding up how much rope he'd need for the climb, he would do this — SUM IT

ACROSS

1 Sprout
4 Writer — Sheehy
8 Gatehouse cry
12 Mrs. Lennon
13 Lamb pen name
14 Jai —
15 Bermuda Triangle ocean
17 Spa garb
18 Cheap heat
19 Grinch creator
20 Start of a bray
22 German physicist
23 Annoy
26 Part of TLC
28 Lisper's problem
31 — be surprised!
32 Kept secret
33 Narrow inlet
34 List abbr.
35 Vein contents
36 Newton fruit
37 Speak
38 Oater backdrop
39 Spyglass part
40 Turf strip
41 Myrna of old movies
43 London chap
46 Lap dogs, for short
50 Strauss of jeans
51 Beige and gray
54 H — — hat
55 Not often seen
56 Camel's hair color
57 Flower plantings
58 — lang syne
59 Jr. naval officer

DOWN

1 Pythons
2 A law — itself
3 Cutie pie
4 Art category
5 Mi. above sea level
6 IX opposite
7 Resin
8 Sheik's bevy
9 Felipe or Matty
10 Chemists' lairs
11 Secures
16 Oohed and —
19 Seashell seller?
21 Reverberated
22 Trying experience
23 Hearty loaves
24 Pinch
25 "Peanuts" kid
27 Puts on the radio
28 Toledo's lake
29 Indication
30 Talk back
36 Pilot
38 Stooge with bangs
40 Fruit peels
42 Decided
43 Spill the beans
44 — majeste
45 Livy contemporary
47 Petruchio's bride
48 Flair
49 Tax-form IDs
51 Hunter's org.
52 Perfume label word
53 Web addr.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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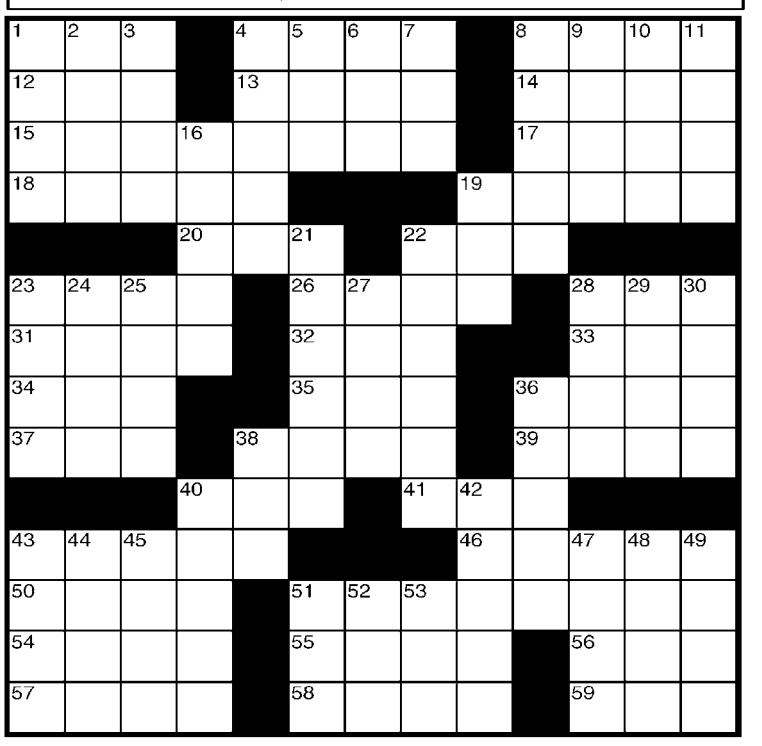

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Legal

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the County Manager with a performance bond and liability insurance prior to commencing work.
The Columbia County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to add to the contract or delete from the contract to stay within their funding capabilities.
Columbia County Board of County Commissioners
Scarlet Frisina, Chair

05532309
May 1, 8, 2012

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Columbia County Manager's office until 11:00 A.M. on May 24, 2012, for Columbia County Project No. 2012-3. This office is located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex at 135 Hernando Avenue, Room 203 Lake City FL 32055.
The project area is NE Washington Street from N Marion Ave (US441) to NE Bascom Norris Drive (100A).
Project Scope will consist of maintenance of traffic, milling 1.25" to 2.5" depth of asphalt pavement, placing new asphalt pavement consisting of 1.5" SP 12.5 and 1" SP 9.5 (Virgin Mix), and pavement striping.
The Bid Forms and Construction specifications may be obtained from the County's web site at http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp.
The successful bidder will be required to furnish the County Manager with a performance bond and liability insurance prior to commencing work.
The Columbia County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to add to the contract or delete from the contract to stay within their funding capabilities.
Scarlet Frisina, Chair

05532505
May 8, 15, 2012

We will sell the following tenants units at Community Self Storage 814 SW State Road 247/Branford Hwy., on May 21, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.
WE SELL FOR CASH ONLY
386-961-9926
DONNA ZIDIK
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LAKESHA SANDERS
Furniture/Boxes/TVs
JENNIFER GIAMBARBEREE
Household Goods
HEATHER THARPE
Furniture & Household Goods
WHITNEY AVERY
Household Items
PETER BISCHKE
Personal Property
KATRINA LANCASTER (2 units)
Household Goods
EVERLENA BECKLES
Household Goods
RODNEY D LEWIS SR.
1983 Chevy C-10 pickup truck VIN# 1GCDC14D6DF341093
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ALL BIDS.
Cash only, 10% Buyers premium, Jerry Duncan #AU527.

05532107
May 1, 8, 2012

100 Job Opportunities

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for more information or apply online at https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm
Req # 50000033
Closing Date is 5/14/2012
EEO/AAE

05532499
Another Way Inc. seeks Shelter Coordinator (FT w/benefits) for Lake City shelter. Supervisory exp req'd. Coordinates & assist in providing svcs to survivors of domestic & sexual violence in a shelter setting. Minorities & formerly battered women encouraged to apply. EOE: www.anotherwayinc.net. Send resume w/cover letter and salary requirements to: P. O. Box 1028, Lake City, FL 32056 or Fax 386-719-2758.
No phone calls

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Lake City Reporter

Graphic Design
The Lake City Reporter, a daily newspaper seeks a skilled and creative graphic designer to join our production team. This person must posses extensive knowledge of Adobe PhotoShop, InDesign, Illustrator and Acrobat as well as being able to bring dynamic creativity through design and color to advertisements placed in the newspaper and a variety of other niche publications. This is a fast-paced, deadline driven position. Interested candidates should email resumes and sample portfolio to
Josh Blackmon,
Advertising Director at:
jblackmon@lakecityreporter.com

TITLE SEARCH Company seeking abstractor for the Lake City area. Min. 5 yrs. exp. Accuracy, speed and proficiency with metes and bounds legal descriptions a must. Can work mostly from home if a fast internet connection. Some travel. Good pay, benefits, bonuses.
Resumes@researchexpresstitle.com

100 Job Opportunities

5 TEMP Farmworkers needed 6/11/12-12/20/12. Workers will plant, seed, set, cut, house, & strip tobacco. Wrkrs will remove weeds and grass from wheat, corn and soybeans by hand or using a hoe. Wrkrs will lift, Load/unload and stack/restack baled hay and straw. Must have 3 months verifiable experience working in tobacco. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. Work tools, supplies, equip. provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract or earlier, if appropriate. Worksite location in Daviess Co, KY. Random drug testing at employer's expense. $9.38/hr. Report or send resume to the nearest FL Agency of Workforce Innovation office or call 386-755-9026 & ref. job order # KY0451352. Bittel, Bittel, & Bittel – Owensboro, KY

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6 TEMP Farmworkers needed 5/28/12-1/13/13. Workers will seed, set, cut, house, & strip tobacco; plant, cultivate & harvest soybeans, corn & vegetables; load, stack & harvest wheat & straw. Must have 3 month verifiable experience working in tobacco. Random drug testing at employer's expense. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. Work tools, supplies & equipment provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract, or earlier, if appropriate. $9.38/hr. Worksites in Logan & Todd Co KY. Report or send a resume to nearest local FL Agency of Workforce Innovation office or call 386-755-9026 & reference job # KY0452218. Coots Farms-Allensville, KY

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LEAD TEACHER
(Head Start Lake City)
10 month – Minimum associate degree in early childhood education or related field AND three years of classroom experience working with preschool-age children required; 40 hour introductory child care training; 5 Hour Literacy Course, Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred, Must pass physical and DCF background screening requirements. Apply in person at 236 SW Columbia Ave or email resume to
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TEACHER (FLOATER)
(Head Start)
FT White/Branford/Mayo) 10 month – HS Diploma/GED, Age appropriate child development associate (CDA) or equivalent credential required; three years of classroom experience working with preschool age of children preferred. 5 Hour Literacy Course as required by DCF, Bilingual (Spanish/English) preferred, Must pass physical and DCF background screening requirements, Current First Aid/CPR preferred. Apply in person at 236 SW Columbia Ave or email resume to
employment@sv4cs.org
(386-754-2222).

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BANK REPO**,** 2007 Fleetwood 16 x80 just released for bids and 96 2 bedrooms. Bids start at $7,700. **First Coast Homes 386-752-1452.**

Beautiful 1 acre lot in great location with a 14x70 2/2 Fleetwood, only $1,500 down & $249 mo. **Paula Ammons 386-292-6290** e-mail: ammonspaula@yahoo.com

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710 Unfurnished Apt. For Rent

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3 BR/2 BA White Springs,
16652 Spring Street,
$840 dep. $840 mo.
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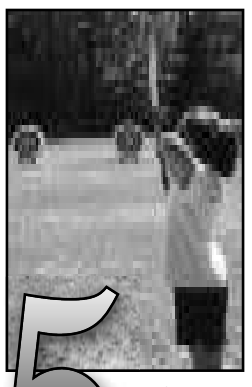

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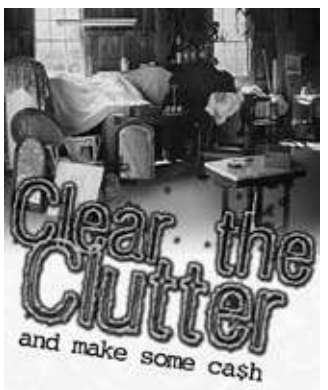

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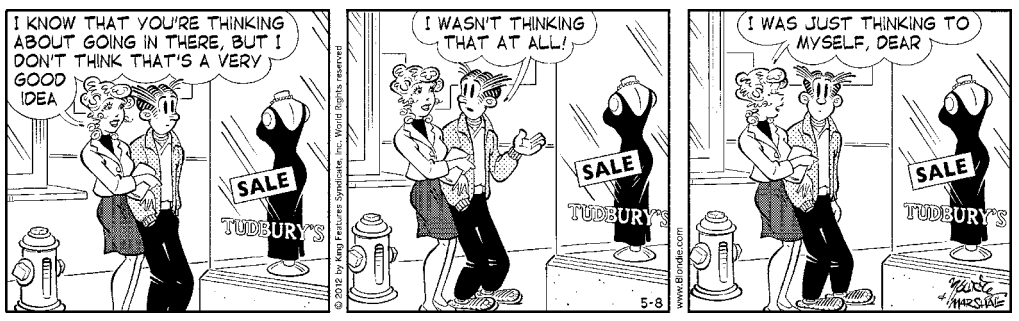

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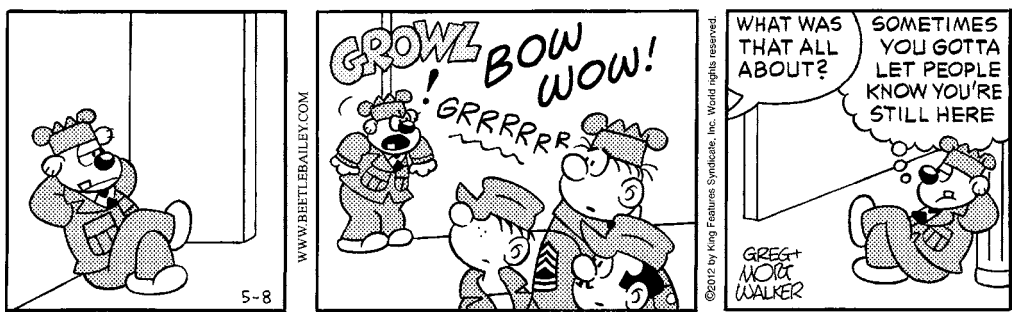

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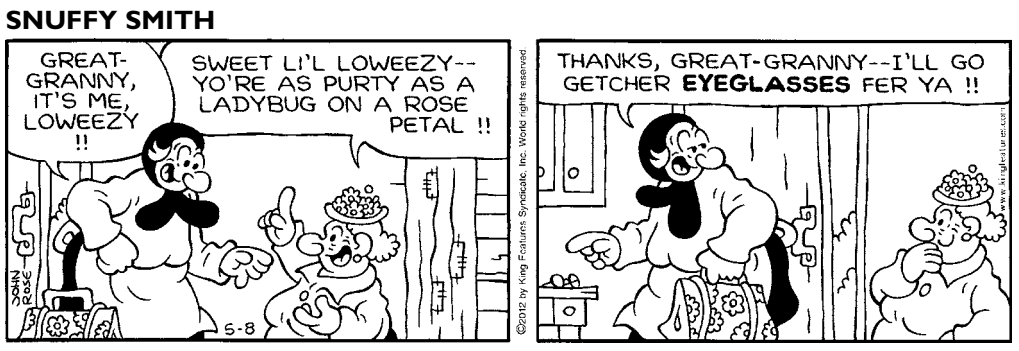

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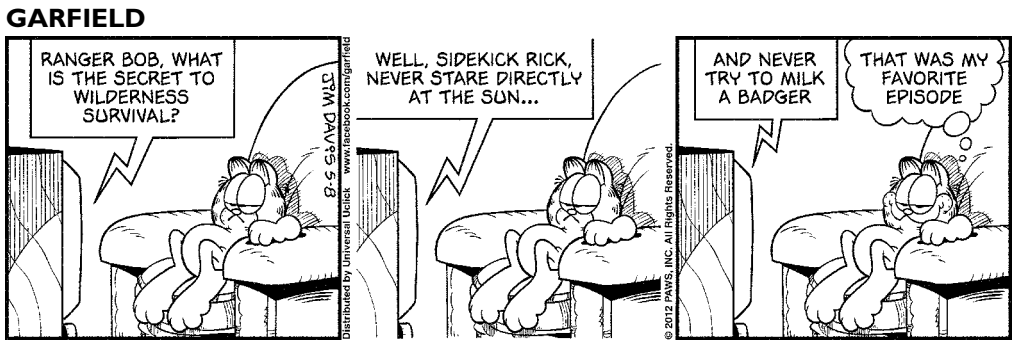

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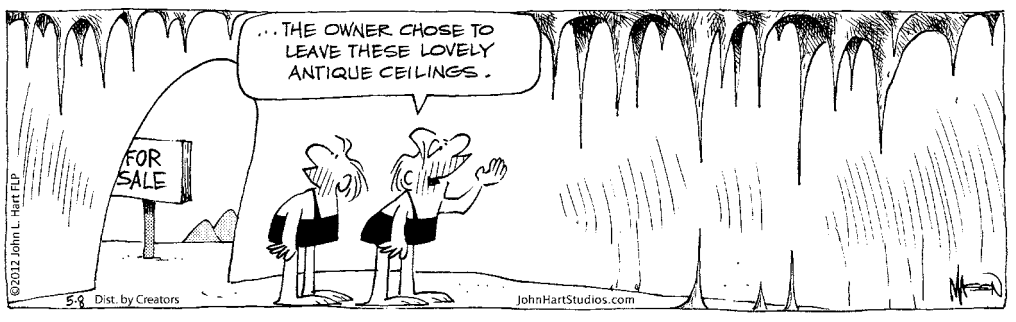

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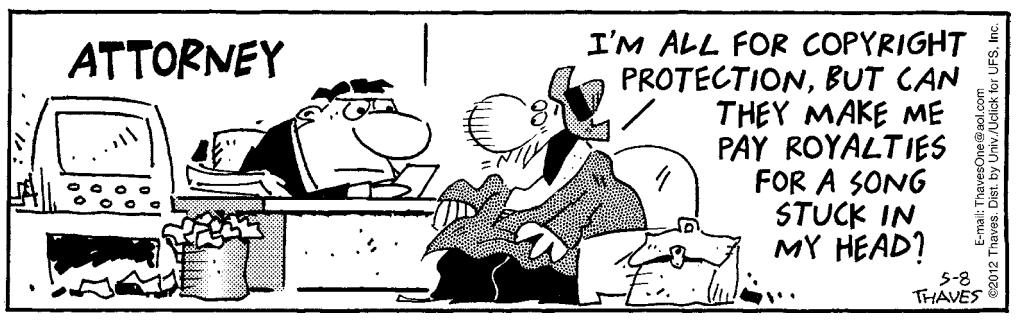

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

DEAR ABBY

Boyfriend's cheating heart leaves an electronic trail

Abigail Van Buren
www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend "Paul" for four years. We have a child together, and we each have a child of our own. We have lived together for three years, and our family life is great. However, when I was pregnant with our son, Paul contacted an ex on a social network. One day he left his computer open, and I saw that their conversations were less than innocent. I was upset and I said something immediately.

We have stayed together, but ever since then I'm having a hard time trusting Paul. Yesterday I found a text of his to a former boss's daughter. Paul was telling her how "hot" she is.

Abby, am I overreacting when I think Paul is going to cheat? – ALARMED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ALARMED: You're not overreacting. Paul is cheating on you emotionally, and doesn't appear to be entirely committed to your relationship. In fact, it appears he is looking for some outside adventures. You should not only be concerned, you should also be furious about what he's doing. This won't stop until YOU draw the line.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents divorced during my junior year of high school. I am now a sophomore in college. I have done my best to maintain a good relationship with Dad, although I chose to live with my mother during the custody battle.

Since the divorce, Dad has verbally, emotionally and financially abused me to the point that I no longer want him in my life.

I miss having a father figure, even though no amount of counseling could ever mend our broken relationship. We went through two years of counseling, and the only thing I learned was that Dad believes he has done nothing wrong and my feelings about him are because of Mom.

How can I get over the pain and hurt my dad has caused me? -- HEARTBROKEN IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: It will probably take one-on-one counseling for you to establish enough emotional independence to toughen up. Your father's unwillingness (or inability) to take responsibility for his mistakes is an indication that, as much as you may need and want a father, he will never be the parent you would like him to be. It will take time and work on your part to get beyond this loss – and it IS a loss – so the ideal place to begin your journey would be by talking to a psychologist at the student health center.

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DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old cousin wanted to make a lemonade stand, so my sister and I helped her, but she got discouraged because nobody would buy any. She was so angry she started yelling, then she dropped the F-word. My sister and I were shocked that a 6-year-old would know that word. She said her classmate told it to her. We told our parents, but we're not sure if we should tell her mother because she might think my sister and I taught it to her. Should we tell her mother or let it slide hoping she will forget the word and move on? – NOT SURE IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR NOT SURE: Your parents should tell your aunt, just in case your cousin doesn't "forget" the word. That way her mother can explain to her that there are certain words polite people don't use because they are unacceptable.

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HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD
Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication will help define what you want and what you will receive. It's important to be precise to avoid misunderstanding. Love is highlighted, along with improvements that will boost your ego, enabling you to present a perfect picture. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learning something new will help you find ways to use your skills more diversely. Spreading out and manipulating your services to fit a wider variety of needs in your community will ensure a stable financial position. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't raise suspicion or create a situation that will cause problems for you at home or within a partnership. You are best to keep what you think, feel and plan to do out in the open if you don't want to harm your reputation. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your ability to adapt to whatever situation or challenge you face will determine how far you get. An opportunity to partner with someone you have worked with in the past will enable you to focus on obtaining greater status. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pick up a new interest or sign up to learn something that will help further your goals. Don't sit idly waiting for others to pass you by. Take the initiative and do whatever it takes to stand out and take control. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself. You don't want to start something you cannot finish. Concentrate on meeting new people and visiting places you've never been before. You need to stimulate your senses and rejuvenate. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something nice for a loved one. Participating in activities that will help you improve mentally, physically or emotionally will leave you better prepared to take care of pressing personal matters that are holding you back. Love is in the stars. ★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be receptive to what others offer, but be wary of what's expected in return. You can test the waters, but only if you ask questions and stay abreast of what everyone else is contributing. Keeping things fair will be necessary. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions hidden until you know where you stand. Too much talk may mislead someone who is undecided about something that is important to you. Don't argue when you should be compromising. Make love, not war. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more time and effort into your home, surroundings and personal relationships. You will be criticized if you are emotionally neglectful. An unexpected change will hit you hard, adding to your responsibilities if you take someone for granted. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what you have to offer and find an outlet for a service that can bring in a little extra cash. A change will do you good and spark some interesting ideas that can be turned into a worthwhile venture. Love is highlighted. ★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen carefully to what's being said. An emotional matter left unattended will lead to responsibilities that will be restrictive. Don't try to replace what doesn't need to be fixed. Focus on updating what you already have in place. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Previous Solution: "Fame always brings loneliness. Success is as ice-cold and lonely as the North Pole." — Vicki Baum

TODAY'S CLUE: T equals L

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BY DAVID FEHER
STAFF WRITER

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This week, the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery (yes, I said refinery) will host an event allowing the public to sell directly to them. This is the place all gold and silver ends up—at a refinery. The precious metals are then melted and the impurities are removed. Gold and silver bars are formed and then sold to industrial businesses, jewelry manufacturers, investment houses, countries and the like. During this event, the general public will be allowed to sell their gold and silver directly to the refinery. This means more money in your pocket. The spokesperson for the refinery said that they will be purchasing all types of gold jewelry—both white and yellow. They will also be buying dental gold, gold bullion, gold coins and all other items made of gold. 10k, 12k, 14k, 18k and 22k jewelry is wanted in any condition. Silver jewelry, silver coins and silver bars, silver rounds and silver bullion will also be purchased during this event. Other items they are interested in are things marked *Sterling* and *.925*.

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