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# Murder suspect jailed

**Second suspect, alleged gunman, remains at large**

*From staff reports*

A suspect in the April 27 shooting death of a local convenience store owner was arrested in Jacksonville Saturday, according to police.

James Leonard Johnson, 23, was taken into custody without incident by Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents in Jacksonville, according to Steve Shaw of the Lake



**Johnson**  
City Police Department.

A second suspect, Ernest Larry Grandison, has been identified but remains at



**Grandison**  
large.

According to Shaw, officers from LCPD, the state attorney's office and FDLE

went to Johnson's Lake City home after obtaining an arrest warrant but learned he was in the Jacksonville area. Johnson was later arrested by agents from the FDLE Jacksonville Regional Operations Center, Shaw said.

Shaw said he could not reveal how officers learned the identity of the suspects.

However, he said, "we made leaps and bounds today (Saturday)."

He said a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of Grandison remains in effect and "we

hope someone with knowledge of the case will come forward."

On April 27 at 1:36 p.m., officers were notified of a robbery at A&M Discount Beverage store at 394 SE Duval St. Officers arrived at 1:37 p.m. and found the suspects gone and store owner Rajni Patel, 55, fatally shot.

Patel's wife Daxa was shot at during the robbery, but was unhurt.

According to police, Johnson took money from behind the counter and Grandison shot Rajni Patel as he came through a side

door.

Both suspects fled on foot.

Shaw said Grandison is considered armed and dangerous.

Johnson faces charges of first-degree felony murder and robbery.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Grandison on the same charges, according to Shaw.

"Through the untiring efforts of the investigators who have been working

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## Ruby McCollum story retold in documentary

McCollum's grandson questions the accuracy of the film, however.

By **HANNAH O. BROWN**  
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**LIVE OAK**—The 1952 first-degree murder conviction of Ruby McCollum, a wealthy black woman in Live Oak, has been further explored by filmmaker Claudia Johnson's recently released documentary, "The Other Side of Silence."

McCollum was the wife of a Sam McCollum, the reported leader of a bolita ring, an illegal lottery game, in Suwannee County. She is said to have had an affair with the man she was accused of shooting to death in

his office the morning of Aug. 3, 1952, Dr. Clifford LeRoy Adams, a prominent white physician and state senator-elect. McCollum's story is clouded with rumors of morphine dependency, tampered evidence, prison psychosis and a mysteriously aborted pregnancy.

Her conviction and sentence were overturned and McCollum was given a second trial. She was deemed mentally incompetent and spent the next 20 years at the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee.

In 1992 McCollum died at the age of 82, never having lived in Suwannee County again.

Johnson, a professor of Motion Picture Arts at Florida State University, began pursuing the story in 1994.

McCollum's story has been investigated by noted writers such as Zora Neale Hurston and William Bradford Huie.

Huie, a well-known investigative journalist at the time, attempted to interview McCollum while she was incarcerated, but was barred

from seeing her by Judge Hal Adams. Johnson's film suggests that McCollum was silenced by the white-dominated power structure of Suwannee County.

Sam and Ruby McCollum are remembered as wealthy and well-known members of the community. They lived in a two-story Spanish-style home and drove a new Chrysler.

Mystery surrounds McCollum's relationship with Dr. Adams. The film suggests that McCollum and Adams may have been in an adulterous relationship. It goes further to suggest that the relationship may not have been consensual. McCollum is rumored to have given birth to one child of Adams and to have been pregnant with a second at the time of the shooting.

"She was actually silenced," said former Suwannee County

**'A lot of people don't want to talk out of respect for their families. It's not that they fear retaliation or fear that somebody is going to do something to them. Most of the time it's out of respect.'**

**Marlon Ivey**  
Grandson of Ruby McCollum

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### FAM Fest!

Runners rush from the starting line at the 5K race during Fam Fest on Saturday. The event featured the race, along with the Lake DeSoto Farmers Market, an art show, and a concert by "Patchwork," an all-female bluegrass band. See more FAM Fest photos, Page 6A.

## Top candidate for SRWMD executive director named

*From staff reports*

**LIVE OAK** — Following interviews Friday with four candidates for executive director of the Suwannee River Water Management District, a district selection committee chose Ann Shortelle, director of the Office of Water Policy for Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as its top candidate. Shortelle will go before the full governing board June 12.

The other candidates were Steve Minnis, director of Governmental Affairs for the water district; Chuck Walter, director of Science and Information for Applied Sciences Consulting Inc.; and Cliff Lewis, assistant branch chief of the Water



**Shortelle**

Protection Branch for the Georgia Department of Natural Resources: Environmental Protection Division.

The selection committee is made up of five SRWMD Governing Board members — Don Quincey Jr., Heath Davis, George Cole, Donald "Ray" Curtis III, and Carl Meece. Earlier this month, the committee had narrowed the list of 17 candidates to four.

## Niblack Elementary School shines on the FCAT

By **LAURA HAMPSON**  
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Columbia County schools were saved by the Florida Department of Education from an upsurge of failing writing scores this year, although scores are lower than last year, according to results released Friday.

Across the county, 85 percent of fourth-

graders passed by scoring a level 3 and above on the writing portion of the new, more rigorous Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0. Last year 97 percent of students in the county passed the test, although a different version.

FCAT scores are the primary factor in determining A-to-F grades for schools. Those that get high grades can earn mon-

etary rewards while schools deemed failing can face sanctions that include staff, faculty and student transfers and even closure.

Across the state 81 percent of fourth-graders passed, which is about the same as last year. The state also released scores for eighth and tenth-grade writing tests, and ninth and tenth-grade reading tests.

Initially, the State Board of Education had increased the cut-off for a passing score from 3.5 to 4 while also making the test tougher by increasing emphasis on such skills as spelling, punctuation and capitalization as well as the quality

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80, not 77.

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## AROUND FLORIDA

# Gov. Scott heading to Spain to tout Florida

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Despite ongoing economic upheaval in Spain, Florida Gov. Rick Scott is heading to the European country for a four-day trip where he will tout the Sunshine State as a good place to do business.

The governor is also expected to cement cultural ties in advance of next year's 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon's arrival on the state's east coast and he will meet with King Juan Carlos.

Scott leaves Sunday for Madrid with a group of more than 60 people that includes First Lady Ann Scott, Senate President Mike Haridopolos, Secretary of State Ken Detzner as well as executives from Florida Power & Light and Florida Crystals Corporation.

Spain right now ranks 33rd among Florida's global trading partners, which places it behind many countries in Latin America as well as Japan and China and several other countries in Europe.

But Scott and state economic officials say that Spain has been a source of growing foreign investment as well as the origin of many tourists. There are already more than 300 Spanish companies in the state.

"By developing and maintaining relationships with key economic partners, we can ensure that Florida's economy continues to grow," Scott said Friday in his weekly radio address



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Florida Gov. Rick Scott makes a speech at the annual Governor's Hurricane Conference in Fort Lauderdale, May 16. The governor leaves today for a four-day trip to Spain, where he will tout the state as a good place to do business.

where he discussed the trip.

The visit, however, comes at a time when Spain is grappling with serious economic problems including a recent slide back into recession.

Some of the recent bad news includes reports of a rise in the level of bad loans on the books of its banks and word from the government Friday that it may have to revise its 2011 budget deficit upwards for a second time.

Manny Mencia, senior vice president of international trade and development for Enterprise Florida,

said this is a good time to reach out to Spanish businesses that may be looking to move money somewhere else.

"Interest from prospects are not waning at all," Mencia said in an email. "It is precisely the economic stagnation of the European Union that attracts Spanish companies to the U.S. market and Florida is by far the preferred location for Spanish companies in the U.S."

This is the fifth trip that Scott has taken abroad since he became governor in January 2011. He has also visited Panama,

Canada, Brazil and Israel.

Enterprise Florida is paying for Scott and his wife's expenses with money from private donations.

### FHP: Toddler killed in crash

CLEWISTON — The Florida Highway Patrol is asking the public for information regarding a crash that killed a 2-year-old boy in Clewiston.

An FHP report says alcohol played a role in the early Saturday morning crash. Authorities say 22-year-old Hermelinda Ramirez drove onto the shoulder of the street, forcing the car to overturn into a canal. She and her passenger, 2-year-old Alex Perez-Ramirez, were submerged under water. The boy had been restrained inside the car and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The driver was taken to the hospital with serious injuries. An update on her condition was not immediately released.

FHP says alcohol may have been a factor in the crash. The agency is asking anyone with information regarding the crash to contact them or crime stoppers.

### Plane's wheel falls off

SANFORD — A plane that made an emergency landing in Iceland after a

wheel fell off during take-off arrived safely in central Florida.

WFTV TV is reporting the Icelandair flight arrived at Orlando-Sanford International Airport early Saturday morning.

The flight had to turn around and made an emergency landing late Friday after a wheel fell off during takeoff. The plane and its 200 passengers had to fly around for hours to burn off fuel before landing at the international airport in Reykjavik. The wheel that fell off was found on the runway.

One passenger told WFTV they were told there wasn't "a lot to be worried about" since the wheel was one of eight on the plane.

Passengers were placed on another flight to Sanford.

### Airport chemicals unconfirmed

FORT LAUDERDALE — Broward County authorities continue to investigate the unknown chemical that closed a terminal at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport.

Sheriff's Fire Rescue spokesman Mike Jachles told The Associated Press Saturday that the source has not yet been confirmed, calling it an ongoing investigation. Airport spokesman Greg Meyer said earlier that it appeared to have been an aerosol can that exploded in someone's luggage.

Terminal two, which includes the Delta Air Lines concourse, was evacuated for about two hours Friday as hazardous materials technicians investigated. Five people were sent to the hospital with respiratory complaints, including three Transportation Security Administration agents and two passengers.

### Symposium praises Truman

KEY WEST— Former Florida Gov. and U.S. Sen. Bob Graham has opened a weekend Truman Legacy Symposium, praising the late President Harry Truman for supporting foreign aid and opposing American isolationism.

The conference has attracted political figures and scholars to discuss aspects of Truman's 1945-1953 presidency, focusing on his foreign aid legacy. Events are centered at the Harry S. Truman Little White House, where Truman spent 11 working vacations. Events end Saturday.

Panelists include U.S. Rep. Russ Carnahan of Missouri; Martin Palous, former Czech Republic ambassador to the U.S. and United Nations, and Truman grandson Clifton Truman Daniel.

The house also has hosted former presidents Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton and current U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Loretta Lynn married at 15, not 13

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Country music legend Loretta Lynn is three years older than she has led people to believe, an age change that undermines the story she told of being married at 13 in "Coal Miner's Daughter," documents obtained by The Associated Press show.

Lynn's birth certificate on file at the state Office of Vital Statistics in Frankfort, Ky., shows that Loretta Webb was born on April 14, 1932, in Johnson County, Kentucky. That makes her 80 years old, not 77. Also on file is her marriage license and two affidavits from her mother, Clara Marie Ramey, and S.W. Ward Jr., who was not related to the family, listing the same birthdate.

The records weren't filed until 1965, which meant that Lynn needed multiple documents to prove her age at that time. Lynn's signature appears on the document as Loretta Webb Lynn.

Certainly Lynn isn't the first celebrity of a certain age to be less than forthcoming about a birthday, but the discrepancy is significant because age isn't just a number for the Country Music Hall of Fame member. It is woven into her compelling life story, made famous in her 1976 bestselling autobiography, "Coal Miner's Daughter," and the subsequent film starring Sissy Spacek. The movie made \$67 million nationwide and was nominated for seven Oscars; Spacek won for her portrayal of Lynn.

The Grammy-winning singer recently announced that it will become a Broadway musical, starring actress and singer Zoey Deschanel.

### Journalist tries to kiss Will Smith, gets slapped

MOSCOW — Hollywood star Will Smith slapped a male television reporter who he said tried to kiss him on the lips as he walked down the red carpet for the Moscow premiere of "Men in Black III."

The reporter from the Ukrainian television channel 1+1, Vitalii Sediuk, made headlines at the Venice Film Festival in September when he pre-



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Country music star Loretta Lynn, right, and actress Zoey Deschanel sing Lynn's hit "Coal Miner's Daughter" during a performance of the Grand Ole Opry on Thursday in Nashville, Tenn. During her appearance on the show, Lynn announced that a musical of "Coal Miner's Daughter" is in development and Deschanel will play her.

sented a bouquet of clearly unappreciated purple hydrangeas to Madonna and called her "my princess."

Smith was even less charmed by the reporter, who approached him on the carpet outside the movie theater on Friday night and tried to kiss him.

"C'mon man, what the hell is your problem buddy?" Smith said as he pushed Serdiuk away and slapped him lightly across the cheek with the back of his left hand.

"He's lucky I didn't sucker punch him," Smith said to the crowd of journalists and fans. "Oh, I said that on camera. It's all good."

### Hagar: Not surprised at Van Halen tour woes

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Right now, Sammy Hagar is awfully glad he's not in Van Halen anymore.

The legendary rock band he led

for more than a decade after replacing David Lee Roth in 1986 launched a tour in February with Roth back at the helm. But Van Halen on Thursday postponed dozens of shows this summer that had been scheduled for months, without giving a reason.

Hagar thinks he knows why. "They're hard people to get along with, those brothers," Hagar told The Associated Press on Friday. "Otherwise I'd still be in the band."

"I'm surprised it took this long" for the tour to experience major difficulties, he added. "I predicted this was going to happen a lot sooner. I lost money on that bet!"

Hagar actually had two go-rounds with Van Halen, but left each time after clashes with guitarist Eddie and drummer Alex Van Halen. Roth left the band in 1985 to launch a solo career after similar personality clashes with the Van Halens, but reunited with them in 2007.

### Celebrity Birthdays

- Politician Jimmy Hoffa Jr. is 71.
- Singer Joe Cocker is 68.
- Singer/actress Cher is 66.
- Actress Grace Jones is 64.
- Actor Bronson Pinchot is 53.
- Actress Polly Walker is 46.
- NASCAR champion Tony Stewart is 41.
- Rapper Busta Rhymes is 40.
- Basketball player Kevin Garnett is 36.

### Daily Scripture

**"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness."**

- James 3:17-18 NIV

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# Corrections officer faces child porn charges

By **TONY BRITT**  
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A corrections officer at Hamilton Correctional Institution was arrested Thursday by Florida Department of Law Enforcement agents and sheriff's deputies, and faces multiple counts of possession of child pornography, authorities said.

Stanley Romero Johnson, 44, Lake City, was charged with five counts of possession of child

pornography, according to information released by the FDLE Friday.

"FDLE, with assistance from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, executed a search warrant at his residence, 601 NW Emerald Lakes Drive," said Gretl Plessinger, Florida Department of Law Enforcement public information officer. "He was booked into the Columbia County jail and arrested without incident."

Plessinger said the arrest was

not part of a larger probe.

"This was an investigation by the FDLE Cyber Crime Squad," Plessinger said. "This was just one arrest."

Johnson is a correctional officer at the Hamilton County Correctional Institute and has been employed by the DOC for 16 years.

According to information from the Florida Department of Corrections, Johnson was hired by the Florida Department of

Corrections Sept. 8, 1995. He is a correctional officer on the day shift at the Hamilton County facility.

"The department is dismissing this employee immediately," said Jo Ellyn Rackleff, Department of Corrections' spokesperson. "We're dismissing him under an extraordinary procedure. Anytime a correctional officer breaks the law or participates in conduct unbecoming to an officer in our ranks, they are dismissed."



O'Donnell

## FCAT: Scores lower

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of details used to explain, clarify and define.

After an emergency meeting, the board approved this week to lower the writing test's passing score to 3.0. The board acted after preliminary results showed that otherwise only about a third of the students would have passed the tougher test. Only 28 percent of county fourth-graders would have passed had the state not dropped the bar for proficiency. This is the third time in as many years that the state has redefined what counted as a passing score on the test.

This year at Niblack, 95 percent of fourth-graders passed the writing test; 92 percent passed at Westside; 89 percent passed at Pinemount; 86 percent passed at Columbia City, Melrose Park and Eastside; 81 percent passed at Summers; 79 percent passed at Five Points; and 77 percent passed at Fort White.

Columbia County fourth-graders scored an average 3.3 out of a possible 6 on the narrative prompt that asked students to suppose someone had a chance to ride a camel and to write about what happens on that camel ride.

Last year at Eastside and Five Points 99 percent of fourth-graders passed the writing test; 98 percent at Niblack, Westside, Melrose Park and Pinemount passed; 97 percent at Fort White; 96 percent at

Summers; and 94 percent at Columbia City.

Niblack Elementary principal William Murphy said he was very proud the school's teachers and students for out-performing other county schools as well as the state. Teachers were nervous waiting for the results, especially when the state lowered the bar, he said.

"Sometimes people try to put my school down," he said. Students write every day from kindergarten and up. Sometimes the community undervalues what we do at Niblack, but we work just as hard, Murphy said.

Overall 72 percent of county eighth-graders passed the writing test, compared 96 percent last year and 78 percent statewide this year.

At Lake City Middle, 76 percent of eighth-graders passed; 71 percent passed at Fort White; 67 percent passed at Richardson; and 57 percent passed at Challenge Learning Center.

The countywide average at the middle school level was 3.2 out of a possible 6 on a persuasive prompt that directed students to convince the principal whether eighth-grade students should be graded on how they behave in school.

Last year 99 percent of eighth-graders at Lake City Middle passed last year; 95 percent at Richardson; 94 percent at Fort White; and 80 percent at Challenge

Seventy-eight percent of county 10th-graders passed the writing test, compared to 95 percent last year and 84 percent across the state this year. They scored a 3.2 out of 6 on persuasive prompt that directed students to convince business leaders whether students should have a part-time job sometime during high school.

At Fort White, 84 percent of 10th-graders passed, while 95 percent passed last year. At Columbia High, 79 percent passed, while 95 percent last year.

FCAT reading and math exams similarly are tougher this year. As a result, A-to-F grades for schools are expected to be lower. The grades are used to reward top schools and sanction those that get failing marks. The state board voted not to let any school drop more than one letter grade to soften the blow.

High school students must pass the 10th-grade reading exam to graduate. Statewide the nearly 89,260 students who failed the 10th grade FCAT 2.0 reading test can retake it up to four times or they can qualify for standard diplomas by getting equivalent scores on the SAT or ACT college entrance exams.

Half the ninth-graders at Fort White and 45 percent at Columbia High passed in reading, compared with 52 percent statewide. Last year 44 percent of county ninth-graders passed, compared to 45 percent this year.

Forty-five percent of 10th-graders at Columbia

High and 43 percent at Fort White passed the reading portion, compared with 50 percent statewide. Last year 32 percent of county 10th-graders passed, compared to 44 percent this year.

"Naturally we are pleased with the scores, particularly the percentage scoring proficiently," said Columbia County Superintendent Mike Millikin.

Millikin said he is concerned about the validity of the test as a whole.

The writing results completely caught the DOE off guard to the point the emergency meeting was called. "It bothers me when such a high stakes exam has questions brought up," Millikin said.

"Florida's higher standards help ensure students are learning what they are expected to know so that they are prepared for college, career and life," Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson said in a statement. "As Florida transitions to higher standards and higher expectations, we can expect our assessment results to reflect those changes."

That means lower test scores for students and lower grades for their schools. A routine outside audit of testing procedures is already under way and the DOE will have an internal investigation to focus on finding out what went wrong, Robinson said.

The state contracts with NCS Pearson to provide and score the FCAT. Florida fined the company

two years ago for delays in getting the tests graded.

Kitty McElhaney, district director of curriculum, assessment and accountability, said that while the district supports raising achievement levels, it has to be incremental. "We can't change too many variables at one time," she said.

Individual student reports for scores released Friday should go home with students during the last week of school, McElhaney said.

The state next will release other FCAT results, including reading for lower grades as well as math and science for all grades tested. No exact date for the release has been set. School grades will follow.

## MURDER

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this investigation, the suspects have been identified and one arrested," LCPD chief Argatha Gilmore said in a prepared statement. "All local law enforcement agencies were persistent in their efforts to apprehend the suspects who committed this horrific crime in our community."

Gilmore singled out the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the Suwannee County Sheriff's Office, FDLE and the Third Circuit State Attorney's Office as instrumental in the investigation.

It was not immediately clear where Johnson was being held.

## FILM: Ruby McCollum

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Commissioner Douglas Udell. "She never got a chance to show her side."

In the film, Johnson claims a veil of secrecy still lingers over McCollum's story in Suwannee County. Johnson said that law enforcement still show up when the Suwannee County Courthouse is being photographed. She also recounted difficulty in acquiring pertinent documents such as the transcript from McCollum's trial.

"Everywhere I turned, I ran into silence," Johnson said.

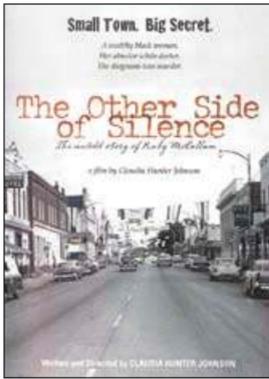
Johnson said her life was threatened while making the film. She took a hiatus from working on "The Other Side of Silence" and did not continue pursuing the story until 12 years later.

"This was not ever supposed to get out," Udell said. "This was a story that was intended by the power structure to be maintained."

Marlon Ivey of Live Oak, McCollum's grandson, questioned Johnson's claims of threats and silence.

"A lot of people don't want to talk out of respect for their families," Ivey said. "Everybody is not trying to sell a story. Everybody is not looking for their 15 minutes of fame. It's not that they fear retaliation or fear that somebody is going to do something to them. Most of the time it's out of respect."

Johnson's version of the story claims to have added a new dimension to an already complicated tale. Johnson believes McCollum did not actually



A recent documentary casts the story of Ruby McCollum in a new light.

shoot Adams.

"I always had the intuitive sense that the whole truth had never been told. It took me 19 years bulldozing this story, but I discovered I was right," she said.

Johnson presented two counter-theories to McCollum having shot and killed Adams. Interviews from Suwannee County residents suggest that another prominent physician shot Adams. A third theory that local law enforcement were responsible for Adams' death was also presented. The film presented little evidence to back either theory.

Ivey, who has seen clips of the film, doubts that there is any new information included within it. He said he had not seen the film in its entirety and did not plan on buying it.

"The only thing I saw was just some people stating their opinions. I don't know what connection they had to the situation,"

Ivey said.

Ivey said he believed there may be some inaccuracies in the film.

"They had a relative of Ruby McCollum, but I thought that was inaccurate," Ivey said. "Where she got that from I don't know."

Ivey said he was not contacted by Johnson for the film. He said he understood why people sometimes do not want to share information about their family members.

"What is there to gain?" he said. "Would you want somebody to talk about your grandmother or your mom?"

The film premiered on April 15 at the Langston Hughes African American Film Festival in Seattle.

Johnson called the premier "a resounding success." She said more than

80 people attended the opening.

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#### LAKE CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CITY OF LAKE CITY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 6:45 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEM:**

- Façade Grant Application

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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AUDREY E SIKES  
City Clerk

ONE  
OPINION

## Making the Bill of Rights optional

The framers of the U.S. Constitution were admirably clear, or so they and we thought, when they wrote in the Fifth Amendment that no person shall "be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law ..."

The framers thought that right important enough that in the 14th Amendment they reiterated that this protection also applied to the states, which also could not "deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law ..."

Clear enough? Perhaps not. The U.S. House on Friday affirmed the government's power to detain indefinitely in military custody suspected terrorists, even if they are U.S. citizens on U.S. soil, without charge or trial. All that is required is suspicion.

A coalition of Democrats and Tea Party-movement Republicans, skeptical about the ever-increasing power of a central government, failed to roll back that power, their amendment losing by the dismaying margin of 238 to 182.

Basically, the House reaffirmed a provision in a defense bill that President Obama signed on Dec. 31. In a signing statement accompanying the bill, Obama wrote, "My administration will not authorize indefinite military detention without trial of American citizens. Indeed, I believe that doing so would break with our most important traditions and values as a nation."

The Associated Press noted, "In a face-saving move, the House voted 243-173 Friday for an amendment that reaffirms Americans' constitutional rights."

It says something about our current crop of lawmakers that 173 of them would vote "no" on the Bill of Rights. Maybe for the past 220 or so years, the Constitution wasn't as clear as we thought it was.

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## Blacks and same-sex marriage

Perhaps history will show that the first black president's biggest contribution to black America was forcing this community to come to terms with its own identity and priorities.

By formalizing his support of same-sex marriage, President Barack Obama has pushed blacks to decide what is most important to them: The Biblical message they hear in church every Sunday, or the big government liberalism that they regularly vote for on Tuesday of Election Day.

I've often talked about what I call the "Sunday-Tuesday Gap" in black America.

The black church has always played a central role in black American life. Blacks attend church with greater frequency than any ethnic group in the nation.

In church, they hear from pastors who preach the Bible in a most literal fashion.

According to a 2010 Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life survey, 34 percent of the general public sees the Bible as the literal word of God. However, 57 percent of blacks and 61 percent of black Protestants say the Bible should be read as God's literal word.

This helps explain why in responding to surveys on so-called "social issues," — abortion, marriage, family, infidelity, homosexuality — blacks poll like white conservatives.

However, when blacks go to vote on Tuesday, they certainly don't vote like white conservatives. They vote like white liberals.

On Sunday, blacks hear preachers talk about traditional values, about family, about personal responsibility, about the



Star Parker

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sanctity of life.

On Tuesday they go to the polls and vote for candidates who support abortion, moral relativism, and government dependence.

According to a 2010 Gallup survey, 55 percent of blacks said they attend church frequently ("at least once a week" or "almost every week").

However, among Democrats, the party blacks overwhelmingly support, 39 percent say they attend church frequently. And among liberals, who are overwhelmingly Democrats, 27 percent attend church frequently.

The black vote wasn't always so predictable. Eisenhower got 39 percent of the black vote in 1956 and Nixon received 32 percent in 1960.

Now, 90 percent of blacks can be depended on to pull the lever for Democrats.

These are the blacks of Tuesday. But now that Obama has made his support for same sex marriage clear, what impact will this have on the blacks of Sunday?

In 2008 in California, the blacks of Tuesday voted for Barack Obama.

But in the same election, the blacks of Sunday switched over and voted for Proposition 8, which directed that marriage be formally defined in the California state constitution as traditional marriage of man and woman.

After Obama spoke out for same sex marriage, those commonly identified as black America's political leadership — Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, Julian Bond, Joseph Lowery — immediately took public positions supporting the president's stand.

But these leaders, who represent the political behavior of Tuesday blacks, are out of sync with grass-roots sentiment, which reflects the sentiments of Sunday blacks.

According to Pew, 47 percent of Americans support legalization of same sex marriage, but only 39 percent of blacks and 33 percent of black Protestants do.

If there is a consensus on anything today, it's that most Americans feel the country is on the wrong track.

Where we part company is on the diagnosis of what is wrong.

There are big questions we must decide that will determine the kind of country our kids and grandkids will be living in.

There is no place where the dilemma is clearer than among black Americans.

Will America move more in the direction of the values of the blacks of Sunday or those of the blacks of Tuesday?

It's time for black Americans to set and clarify their priorities and act in concert with them. The choices made today will impact not just their own future, but the future of our whole nation.

■ Star Parker is president of CURE, Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education ([www.urbancure.org](http://www.urbancure.org)) and author of three books.

ANOTHER  
VIEW

## Public-sector fat cats

At cats with big salaries are once again the enemy of the left. At the local, state, federal and even international level, liberal politicians are clamoring for new levies on the selfish few living it up on easy street. Left unsaid is that many of those well-heeled plutocrats are pulling down a public salary.

Lavish governmental payrolls and gold-plated retirement packages are straining finances from coast to coast. California's political leadership — Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson, Julian Bond, Joseph Lowery — immediately took public positions supporting the president's stand.

Earlier this year, the city of Long Beach, N.Y., had to borrow money so it could mint a new pair of "millionaires."

A police lieutenant who was about to retire pocketed a \$572,863 payment, and a departing sergeant welcomed an addition of \$521,461 to his bank account. That's big money for a small city, the equivalent of each and every household writing a \$75 check for the cops' retirement.

As bad as the municipal system can be, the federal gravy train runs far deeper. According to a database of federal salaries compiled by the Asbury Park Press, the Department of Veterans Affairs pays its top employee \$398,322. Another 800 employees earn a base salary of \$300,000 or more. A grand total of 3,797 department employees qualify for the "millionaire's" salary of \$250,000. The Department of Health and Human Services has 182 "millionaires."

Even salaries that don't quite reach the millionaire level remain quite generous. At the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., 135 make more than the \$223,500 paid to the speaker of the House, the top legislative-branch salary. A total of 798 Treasury Department staffers pulled in more than a congressman's salary of \$174,000.

Hundreds of bureaucrats who don't have the fancy base salaries can still find themselves invited to the taxpayer-funded country club through massive bonuses ranging from \$20,000 to \$63,000 added on top of salaries of at least \$160,000.

When the pay isn't so great, public-service employees still can live like millionaires by jetting to exotic locales on the taxpayer dime. Four bureaucrats paid between \$83,000 and \$146,000 are stationed in Burkina Faso. A pair of six-figure-salaried Peace Corps employees can be found in Fiji. Twenty-five paper pushers enjoy the skiing in Switzerland, courtesy of the U.S. public. Federal gigs are available on resort islands including Aruba, Bermuda, Bahamas, Barbados and Jamaica.

The same people taking advantage of these perks are calling for taxes on the rich. California's millionaire-tax initiative is almost entirely bankrolled by public-sector labor unions. Government unions also are among Mr. Obama's top supporters. They realize hardworking Americans need to pay more in taxes so bureaucrats can continue to live like millionaires.

■ The Washington Times

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Police officer got a slap on the wrist

To the Editor:

"Officer" David Broom got a politically correct, virtual "slap-on-the-wrist" \$280 fine and a three-month suspension on his driver's license for aggressive driving that resulted in a death and caused an estimated \$1,000,000 worth of damage. And now he thinks his slap-on-the-wrist decision is too severe and wants it reduced? That's ludicrous!

Personally, I think a manslaughter charge needs to be

filed against him.

Earline Parker, the lady Broom legally killed due to his gross negligence, was literally a one-in-ten-million person, a true "community angel." Earline volunteered thousands of hours of her time for the good of this community — each year — for the previous ten years or so. How many other people in this region can come remotely close to the good she did?

So how can the community win this negative situation? Police and law enforcement

officers are supposed to protect the public are they not? Then I propose that every law enforcement officer spend at least one hour out of every shift they work ticketing aggressive drivers. That would save hundreds of lives every year and millions of dollars in property damages and medical expenses. I think stopping aggressive driving and making the streets saner would make Earline proud.

Rick Paul  
Lake City

## How about pedal boats for Lake DeSoto?

To the Editor:

This may be a farfetched idea but couldn't Lake DeSoto become a recreation lake like some lakes in other places like Central Park in NYC and other towns.

Pedal boats are popular

and small rowboats. I feel like people would pay a price to get in them and pedal or row and it would benefit their health since it would burn calories and be good exercise.

Perhaps the Columbia County Recreation Department could do it or someone could invest

(a concessioner) and start it through them.

This is just an idea I had. Think about it.

Harold Murphy  
Lake City

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ Submit Community Calendar announcements by mail or drop off at the Reporter office located at 180 E. Duval St., via fax to (386) 752-9400 or e-mail [lhampson@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:lhampson@lakecityreporter.com).

## May 20

### Community Concerts

The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra performs 3 p.m. May 20 at the Levy Performing Arts Center. The full Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents a rousing "Patriotic Pops Spectacular" program featuring popular works by John Williams, Gershwin, Bernstein, Berlin, Sousa, and other season favorites. Ticket and membership information is available at [www.communityconcerts.info](http://www.communityconcerts.info).

### Senior celebration

New Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church will be celebrating with the Class of 2012 with Senior Day on Sunday, May 20 beginning at 10:30 a.m. You are cordially invited to come join us while we uplift this class in this glorious occasion. Dinner will be served.

### Summer concerts

The City of High Springs will present a free summer concert in the park series, featuring local musicians and talent at James Paul Park, 110 NW 1st Avenue in High Springs. Dubbed Summer Sundays, this a great opportunity to explore High Springs. Bring your own blankets, lawn chairs and Refreshments! Enjoy our beautiful downtown area with your family and friends on a Summer Sunday afternoon. Summer Sunday runs May 20, June 17, July 15 and August 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## May 21

### Scout fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 85 will

be hosting a fundraiser at Moe's on Highway 90 between 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 21. Please come out and support the Scouts. For information please call 965-4674.

## May 22

### Author program

Mark Mustian, author of *The Return* and *The Gendarme*, will speak at the Main Library Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. In addition to his writing, Mark Mustian is also an attorney and a Tallahassee City Commissioner. A native Floridian and a graduate of the University of Florida, Mark Mustian also serves as the chair of the Lutheran Readers Project, a national program that strives to serve as a bridge connecting Lutheran readers and writers. His critically acclaimed second novel, *The Gendarme*, is a Florida Book Award Gold Medal winner. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

### Financial literacy class

Jenny Jump of the Columbia County UF/IFAS Extension Office will present Money Matters, a free, informational program about financial literacy at the Main Library. This program is a 3-part series on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am, beginning on Tuesday, May 22 and ending on Tuesday June 5.

### Loss support group

Haven Hospice is hosting a grief and loss support group May 22 at the Suwannee Valley Hospice



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

## Trumpet man

Columbia High School student Marvin Anthony, 16, plays the trumpet outside of the school as he practices for a concert on Thursday.

Care Center Community Room, 6037 West US Highway 90. This group will meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. from May 22 through June 26. For more information, please contact the local Haven Hospice office at 352-378-2121.

### Free prostate cancer

The Community Cancer Center of North Florida is providing free prostate cancer screenings (clinical exam and PSA test included) next week. The center will host free prostate clinical exams and PSA testing on Tuesday, May 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 4520 W US Highway 90 in Lake City

and Wednesday, May 23 from 3 to 6 p.m. at 7000 NW 11th Place in Gainesville. Pre-registration is required, call 1.888.681.6388.

### Loss workshop

Sibling Healing, an educational workshop about working through your grief following the loss of a brother or sister, will be offered to the public on Tuesday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd (Lake City Plaza). The workshop, facilitated by Jerry Tyre, Wings Grief Services Manager will offer an overview discovering ways to cope with sibling loss. There is no cost. For information and to register,

contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962.

## May 23

### Quilters meeting

The Lady of the Lake Quilters Guild will meet on Wednesday, May 23 at 10 a.m. with social time at 9:30 a.m. at Teen Town, 533 NW Desoto St., Lake City. The program this month will be the Completed Resolutions Program. Bring one fat quarter for each resolution you did not complete. Those who completed their resolutions will be rewarded with your fat quarters.

## May 24

### '72 class meeting

Class of 1972 Reunion Meeting at Beef O'Bradys May 24 at 7 p.m. Contact George H. Hudson Jr. 386-623-2066 for information.

### Landlords meeting

There will be a workshop meeting for owners and rental agents May 24 at 6 p.m. at Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center conference room. This is the last meeting until September.

## June 1

### Blueberry festival

The 19th Annual Wellborn Blueberry Festival is June 1 and 2. Admission is free! Both Friday and Saturday feature arts & crafts, food vendors, the Country Store selling blueberry pies, cobbler, muffins and more, live entertainment by the Willow Creek Band, and fresh blueberries and blueberry plants available

for purchase. On Friday, the hours are from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the Blueberry Bake-off, Tasting Party and Children's Talent Contest are Friday's special events. The Lake City Reporter's Taste Buddies, Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth, will be judging the Bake-Off! Saturday, the festival opens at 7 a.m., and features the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, the "Think Green" Parade, and the Adults' Talent Contest. The winners of the Bake-Off, Parade and Talent Contests are awarded cash prizes. This event is hosted by the Wellborn Community Association, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. For more info call 386-963-1157.

## June 2

### Leadership class

Free Leadership Seminar June 2 at 3 p.m. at Richardson Community Center, 255 NE Coast Anders Lane. For more information call PearlNita Mitchell 386-752-0110.

### Charity golf tournament

North Florida Blaze 11U Youth Baseball Team will have the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Quail Heights Country Club on Saturday, June 2. Shotgun start at 8 a.m. 18 hole scramble, 4-person teams, lunch provided, mulligan sales, door prizes, prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams, entry fee \$200 per team, hole sponsorships available \$100. Contact Tim Williamson at 386-234-0423 for more. Proceeds will be utilized for the 2012 AAU National Championship Baseball Tournament.

## OBITUARIES

### Alice B. Daniels

Mrs. Alice B. Daniels, 92 years of age, passed away Friday, February 24, 2012 at her residence. She was born on November 23, 1919 in Stamford, Connecticut and was a daughter to the late Alexander and Stella Obuchowski. A homemaker, Mrs. Daniels had been a resident of Aurora, Ohio for the past five years and previously lived in Lake City. For many years she was an active volunteer at the Lake City Hospital where she also served as President of the hospital volunteer organization. She was a member of the O.E.S. chapter of Lake City. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry K. Daniels and her brother, Lee Obuchowski. She is survived by her sons, King (Teresa) Daniels of Aurora, Ohio and Robert Lee (Felicia) Daniels of Anaheim, California as well as six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Graveside memorial services will be conducted on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Memorial Cemetery with Rev. Ralph Rodriguez, pastor of Southside Baptist Church officiating. Alice's cremated remains will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Jerry K. Daniels. Local arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at [www.guerryfuneralhome.net](http://www.guerryfuneralhome.net)



fun spirit and was always planning and thinking about the next family occasion. She had a way of getting everyone to not only attend but to do what they were assigned, even the great-grandchildren! Laughter was always a big part of these events. She was the reason for so many wonderful memories of holidays, vacations and get-togethers for family and friends. She was a special lady who will be greatly missed by all. She was a long-time member of the Fort White Methodist Church and an integral part of the community. Sallie Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Sid Deese. Survivors include her five children; Betty Koon (Bill, deceased) of Ft. White, FL; JoAnn Deese, of Ft. White, FL; Linda Pope (Richard) of Lakeland, FL; Sid Deese (Martha) of Ft. White, FL; and Sally Walton (Jerry) of Monticello, FL, nine grandchildren, Kathy, Kerri, Bill, Michael, Joey, Jay, Ben, Deanna and Missy, twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held Saturday, May 19, 2012 11 AM at the Fort White Cemetery with lunch following at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. There was no visitation. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Dowling Park, P O Box 4305, Dowling Park, FL 32064. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 752-1234 Please share your thoughts and wishes for the family at our on-line family guestbook at [parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com)

### Sallie Mae Timmons Deese

Sallie Mae Timmons Deese passed away peacefully Thursday, May 17 at Dowling Park with her family by her side. Sallie Mae was born on October 19, 1920 in Eridu, Florida to the late Bud and Sallie Timmons. She was the youngest of five. Her siblings Mamie Capps, C. R. Timmons, J.W. Timmons and Albert Timmons all preceded her in death. She was raised in Lamont, Florida and attended Aucilla Public School where she met her husband, Joseph Sydney Deese. After graduating in 1938, she and Joe Sid married and moved to Fort White, Florida where they raised five children and started a business, Southland Timber Company. Sallie Mae was a homemaker who devoted her life to her family. Her passions were family, fishing (she once caught a 10 bass on a cane pole) and any sport in which the Gators were playing. She had a

Mr. Napoleon "Poley" B. Gibbs, Jr., 76 of Lake City passed away to be with his Heavenly Father at the Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City on Thursday, May 17, 2012. Poley was born March 19, 1936 in Claxton, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Millie, Mamie, Ella, Liz and also by his brothers, Lamar and Charles. Poley lived many places as a youth; Wellborn, FL, Lake Okeechobee, FL and Vidalia, GA before moving to Lake City around 1950. He worked for many years with Columbia Oil Co., Rountree-Moore Ford and Sunshine Hardware of Lake City. Poley's favorite activities were fishing and sharing time with his many friends. He dearly loved being on the water, especially the Suwannee River. The times he spent with his numerous friends and family on the water, were some of the best times of his life. His cheerfulness and quick to laugh personality endeared him to all. Poley is survived by his loving wife Dorothy of 47 years, in which only his passing could separate them from one another. He is also survived by his daughters, Linda Adleman, Alachua, FL, Sue King, Alachua, FL, Lois Kleinberg, Mt Dora, FL, Shari Secchi, Melbourne, FL, Polly Johnson, Palm Bay, FL, his sons, Napoleon (Cecilia) Gibbs, III, Middleburg, FL and Danny (Barbara) Witt, Lake City and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Poley was a kind and wonderful man, respected by all who knew him. He was genuine and sincere and a friend to many. He lived a gentlemanly life and respected other people and trusted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Poley's handshake and his word could be counted on, like his friendship. Our family

is so thankful for all the kindness and consideration by so many throughout the years of his life. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 11:00 am in the chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with his son, N.B. "Bo" Gibbs, III officiating. Interment will follow at Memorial Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service from 10-11:00 am at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to Haven Hospice at 6037 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32025. Arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at [www.guerryfuneralhome.net](http://www.guerryfuneralhome.net)

### Alice B. Williams

Alicia B. Williams, 88, Lake City, FL passed away on Monday, May 14, 2012 after a short illness. The Guayaquil, Ecuador native moved to Lake City in 1980 from Miami, FL. She retired from Coulter Electronics in Miami and her favorite scripture was Psalm 23. She also deeply loved her sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her friends and was a member of Branford United Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams is survived by her two

sons: Ted Williams, Lakeland, FL, Tom Williams, Lake City, FL; one sister: Lily Wheeler, Miami, FL; six grandchildren: Trisha, Kristi, Jennifer, Alison, Julie, Travis; twelve great-grandchildren; and her cousin: Angela; Brooksville, FL. A portion of Sunday's service at Branford United Methodist Church in Branford, FL will be dedicated in her honor. In lieu of flowers family ask donations be made to the Hospice of Nature Coast, 150 N Main Street, High Springs, FL 32643. **Daniels Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.**, of Live Oak and Branford, FL in charge of arrangements.

### Wilfredo "Willie" Gonzalez

Mr. Wilfredo "Willie" Gonzalez Sr., 54, of Lake City, died unexpectedly, Thursday, May 17, 2012. A native of Manhattan, New York, Mr. Gonzalez had been a resident of Lake City since 1992 having moved here with his family from Tampa, Florida. Mr. Gonzalez had been the head of maintenance at the Lake City Middle School for several years and was most recently the general manager of the G&S Plant Nursery. His spare time was spent with his beloved wife, Adriana and his "Little Princess"

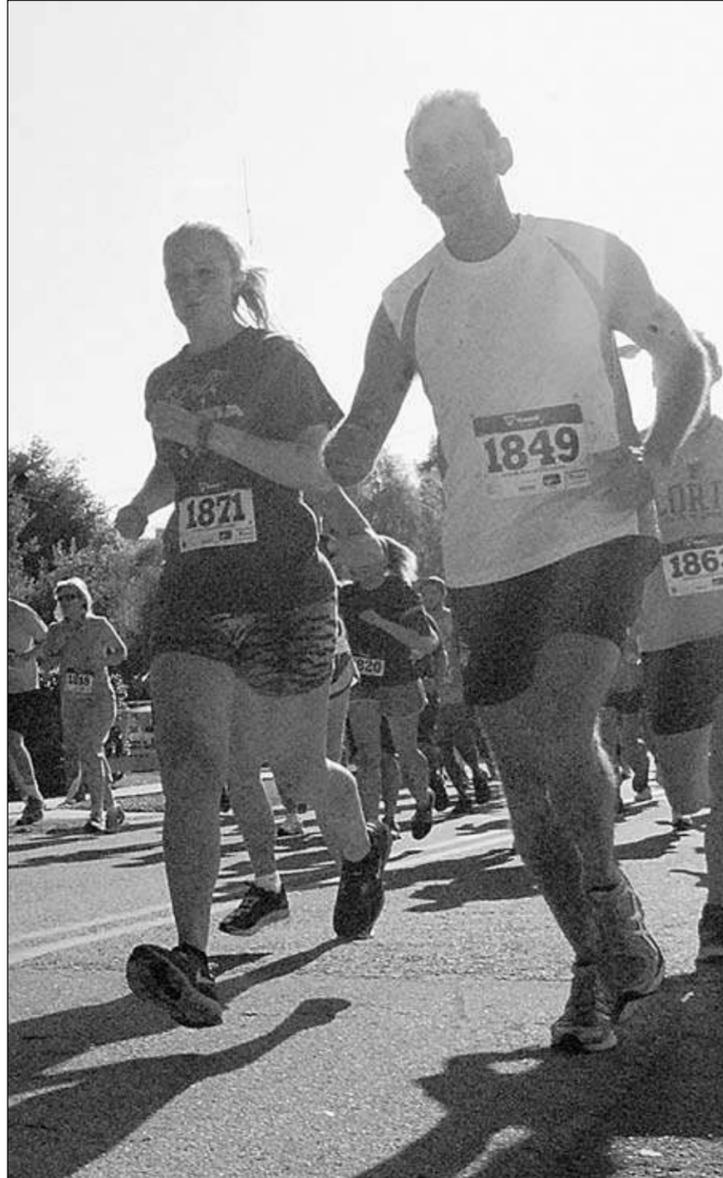
his baby girl, Ayla. Mr. Gonzalez was a Christian. Mr. Gonzalez is survived by his wife of 37 years, Adriana Gonzalez; his parents, Serafina and Zunilda Chirino Gonzalez; his children, Wilfredo Gonzalez Jr. (Yisel); Gabriel Gonzalez (Kimberly Johnson); Adriana Boston (Tommy, Jr.); Ayla Gonzalez; all of Lake City; his brothers, Armando Gonzalez of Lake City and Serafin Gonzalez of Miami, Florida and a sister, Zoly Gonzalez of South Carolina. Eight grandchildren also survive. Services for Mr. Gonzalez will be conducted at 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 in the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Bro. Keith Hatcher officiating. The family will receive friends for One Hour prior to the funeral service. Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 752-1234 Please share your thoughts and wishes for the family at our on-line family guestbook at [parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com)

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## For a good cause



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Hundreds turned out to the Lake DeSoto area Saturday for FAM Fest, an event benefitting Haven Hospice. FAM Fest included a 5K run, an art show, the Lake DeSoto Farmer's Market and a concert by renowned regional all-woman band "Patchwork." Clockwise, from top left: Patient Care Manager Angie McClellan spins cotton candy. Early sunlight casts long shadows as runners break from the starting line during the 5K run, and then continue around Lake DeSoto. Patchwork entertains the crowd with traditional, old-time music.

## First tropical storm no threat

RALEIGH, N.C. — The first tropical storm of the season formed Saturday off the coast of South Carolina with top winds of 45 mph (75 kph), but it wasn't threatening land.

Forecasters say tropical storm Alberto was centered about 140 miles (225 km) east of Charleston, S.C., in the afternoon.

No coastal watches or warnings were in effect, but forecasters say they may issue one later. The Miami-based National Hurricane Center says there were no hazards affecting land so far, and the tropical-strength winds weren't reaching shore. Some strengthening was possible.

It was moving about 3 mph (6 kph) to the southwest.

National Weather Service meteorologist Sandy LaCorte in Wilmington said the system will continue moving to the southwest before reversing course and heading northeast over the next several days. She said the center of the storm is not expected to get close to the Carolinas' coast.

LaCorte said Alberto will produce increased waves at North and South Carolina beaches. There is a high risk of rip currents along North Carolina's Outer Banks, and a moderate risk along the southeastern beaches and the entire South Carolina coast. Winds will gust to around 25 mph.

The weather service said there will be isolated and scattered rain showers along the coast of the Carolinas into early next week.

A forecast map by the hurricane center predicts that the storm will drift toward the open sea off the Midatlantic by midweek, but it's difficult to accurately predict a storm's path days in advance.

The official start to hurricane season is June 1, but tropical storms often occur before then.

The 2011 Atlantic hurricane season produced 20 tropical storms, seven hurricanes and four major hurricanes.

■ Associated Press

## 'Warning shot' defendant had no record

By MITCH STACY  
Associated Press

TAMPA — Marissa Alexander had never been arrested before she fired a bullet at a wall one day in 2010 to scare off her husband when she felt he was threatening her. Nobody got hurt, but this month a northeast Florida judge was bound by state law to sentence her to 20 years in prison.

Alexander, a 31-year-old mother of a toddler and 11-year-old twins, knew it was coming. She had claimed self-defense, tried to invoke Florida's "stand your ground" law and rejected plea deals that could have gotten her a much shorter sentence. A jury found her guilty as charged: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Because she fired a gun while committing a felony, Florida's mandatory-minimum gun law dictated the 20-year sentence.

Her case in Jacksonville has drawn a fresh round of criticism aimed at mandatory-minimum sentencing laws. The local NAACP chapter and the district's African-American congresswoman say blacks more often are incarcerated for long periods because of overzealous prosecutors and judges bound by the wrong-headed statute. Alexander is black.

It also has added fuel to the controversy over Florida's "stand your ground" law, which the judge would not allow Alexander to invoke. State Attorney Angela Corey, who also is overseeing the prosecution of shooter George Zimmerman in the Trayvon Martin case, stands by the handling of Alexander's case. Corey says she believes Alexander aimed the gun at the man and his two sons, and the bullet she fired could have ricocheted and hit any of them.

At the May 11 sentencing, Alexander's relatives begged Circuit Judge James Daniel for leniency but he said the decision was "out of my hands."

"The Legislature has not given me the discretion to do what the family and many others have asked me to do," he said.

The state's "10-20-life" law was implemented in 1999 and credited with helping to lower the violent crime rate. Anyone who shows a gun in the commission of certain felonies gets an automatic

**'We were trying to get at the thug who was robbing a liquor store who had a gun in his possession or pulled out the gun and threatened someone or shot someone during the commission of the crime.'**

**Victor Crist**  
Former state legislator  
who crafted '10-20-life' bill

10 years in prison. Fire the gun, and it's an automatic 20 years. Shoot and wound someone, and it's 25 years to life.

Critics say Alexander's case underscores the unfair sentences that can result when laws strip judges of discretion. About two-thirds of the states have mandatory-minimum sentencing laws, mostly for drug crimes, according to a website for the Families Against Mandatory Minimums advocacy group.

"We're not saying she's not guilty of a crime, we're not saying that she doesn't deserve some sort of sanction by the court," said Greg Newburn, Florida director for the group. Rather, he said, the judge should have the authority to decide an appropriate sanction after hearing all the unique circumstances of the case.

U.S. Rep. Corinne Brown, D-Jacksonville, has been an advocate for Alexander. Brown was present at the sentencing, where she and Corey had a brief, terse exchange afterward as sign-toting supporters rallied outside the courthouse.

"The Florida criminal justice system has sent two clear messages today," Brown said afterward. "One is that if women who are victims of domestic violence try to protect themselves, the 'Stand Your Ground Law' will not apply to them. ... The second message is that if you are black, the system will treat you differently."

Victor Crist was a Republican state legislator who crafted the "10-20-life" bill enacted in 1999

in Gov. Jeb Bush's first term. He said Alexander's sentence — if she truly did fire a warning shot and wasn't trying to kill her husband — is not what lawmakers wanted.

"We were trying to get at the thug who was robbing a liquor store who had a gun in his possession or pulled out the gun and threatened someone or shot someone during the commission of the crime," said Crist, who served in the state House and Senate for 18 years before being elected Hillsborough County commissioner.

On Aug. 1, 2010, Alexander was working for a payroll software company. She was estranged from her husband, Rico Gray, and had a restraining order against him, even though they'd had a baby together just nine days before. Thinking he was gone, she went to their former home to retrieve the rest of her clothes, family members said.

An argument ensued, and Alexander said she feared for her life when she went out to her vehicle and retrieved the gun she legally owned. She came back inside and ended up firing a shot into the wall, which ricocheted into the ceiling.

Gray testified that he saw Alexander point the gun at him and looked away before she fired the shot. He claims she was the aggressor, and he had begged her to put away the weapon.

A judge threw out Alexander's "stand your ground" self-defense claim, noting that she could have run out of the house to escape her husband but instead got the gun

and went back inside. Alexander rejected a plea deal that would have resulted in a three-year prison sentence and chose to go to trial. A jury deliberated 12 minutes before convicting her.

"The irony of the 10-20-life law is the people who actually think they're innocent of the crime, they roll the dice and take their chances, and they get the really harsh prison sentences," Newburn said. "Whereas the people who think they are actually guilty of the crime take the plea deal and get out (of prison) well before. So it certainly isn't working the way it is intended."

Alexander was also charged with domestic battery four months after the shooting in another assault on Gray. She pleaded no contest and was sentenced to time served.

Her family says that doesn't erase the fact that a relatively law-abiding person — a woman with a master's degree — who was making positive contributions to society will endure prison for two decades over a single violation in which no one was hurt.

"She had a restraining order against him. Now Marissa is incarcerated and he's not," said her father, Raoul Jenkins. "I'm wrestling with that in my mind and trying to determine how the system worked that detail out. It's really frustrating."

Newburn says Alexander's case is not an isolated incident, and that people ensnared by mandatory-minimum laws cross racial barriers.

In central Florida, a white man named Orville Lee Wollard is nearly two years into a 20-year sentence for firing his gun inside his house to scare his daughter's boyfriend. Prosecutors contended that Wollard was shooting at the young man and missed.

He rejected a plea deal that offered probation but no prison time. Like Alexander, he took his chances at trial and was convicted of aggravated assault with a firearm. Circuit Judge Donald Jacobsen said he was "duty bound" by the 10-20-life law to impose the harsh sentence.

"I would say that, if it wasn't for the minimum mandatory aspect of this, I would use my discretion and, impose some separate sentence, having taken into consideration the circumstances of this event," Jacobsen said.

# Obama sees consensus on fix

By **BEN FELLER** and  
**JIM KUHNHENN**  
Associated Press

CAMP DAVID, Md. — Confronting an economic crisis that threatens them all, President Barack Obama and leaders of other world powers on Saturday declared that their governments must both spark growth and cut the debt that has crippled the European continent and put investors worldwide on edge.

"There's now an emerging consensus that more must be done to promote growth and job creation right now," Obama proclaimed after hosting unprecedented economic talks at Camp David, his secluded and highly secure mountaintop retreat. Seeking a second term amid hard economic times, Obama hailed a debate heading in the direction he likes, with nations now talking of ways to spark their economies instead of just slashing spending.

Yet there were no bold prescriptions at hand. Instead, leaders seemed intent on trying to inspire confidence by agreeing on a broad strategy no matter their differences. With all of them facing their own difficult political realities, they built some sovereign wiggle room into their pledge to take all necessary steps, saying "the right measures are not the same for each of us."

Obama played international host as Europe's debt crisis threatens to drag down the U.S. recovery and his own political future, underscoring the stakes for him in getting allies abroad to rally around some answers.

Much of the new emphasis on



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World leaders attend the first working session of the G-8 Summit at Camp David, Md., Saturday. From left are French President Francois Hollande, U.S. President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister David Cameron and Russian Prime Minister Dmitri Medvedev.

government-led growth seemed aimed at German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who came to the summit as the European leader who had demanded austerity as the most important step toward easing the eurozone's debt crisis. But the election of Socialist Francois Hollande as president of France, and Greek elections that created political chaos in the country were clear rejections of the belt-tightening Merkel represented.

Hollande, a new voice at the table in just his first week on the

job, offered Obama a reminder of his own responsibilities to work to expand the economy, "even if he's in an electoral period and who has a Congress that's not necessarily easy to deal with."

Coping with shaky oil markets, the leaders set the stage for a united release of world oil reserves to balance any disruption in world markets when tough new sanctions are imposed on Iran's exports because of its disputed nuclear program. The leaders said they were ready to take "appropriate action" to meet any

shortages.

The mere preparation to release oil reserves could help calm markets and ensure that oil prices, which have been dropping, don't climb again and anger consumers as U.S. elections approach.

The Group of Eight summit includes leaders of the United States, Japan, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, and Russia.

Associated Press writers *David McHugh, Jamey Keaten, Nancy Benac and Anne Gearan contributed to this report.*

# SRWMD: Conserve water now

From staff reports

LIVE OAK—The Suwannee River Water Management continues to urge all water users to conserve in light of ongoing drought conditions.

"We're asking everyone to reduce water use, particularly lawn and landscape irrigation, which typically consumes half of the water used for residential supply," said District Acting Executive Director Charlie Houder.

The 12 months ending on April 30 had the lowest rainfall total (37.46 inches) of all May-April periods since 1932, and was the third driest of all 12-month periods. The District's average 12-month deficit rose to 17.1 inches, with some areas experiencing more than 25 inches of deficit.

River flows are extremely low, and gages on some rivers are setting new record low flows for this time of year. Part of the Santa Fe River near High Springs has nearly stopped flowing, according to district officials.

Levels at all monitored lakes are below average. Groundwater levels continue to decrease, with almost all district monitor wells setting new record lows for the time of year and many setting new historic lows.

Most of the springs on the Santa Fe are near or below record low levels. Treehouse Spring in Alachua County had no observable flow for the first time in its record. Manatee Springs continued to set new low average monthly flows, and Fanning Springs saw the intrusion of river water during high tides because of low spring flow.

The three-month precipitation outlook issued by the Climate Prediction Center is for equal chances of above-normal, normal, or below-normal precipitation through July. Above-normal temperatures are expected through July.

District staff continues to evaluate the need to declare a Phase III Water Shortage Order to require water use restrictions for all users. Under the water shortage order, restrictions, and some exemptions, would apply to residential, agriculture, commercial, and industrial users. For more information about limits on landscape irrigation, visit [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com).

## Jobless rate falls in county

From staff reports

The jobless rate in Columbia County dropped to 7.8 percent for April, according to figures released Friday by the state. The March 2012 rate was 8.2 percent.

State unemployment fell from 9 percent to 8.7 percent in April, the lowest figure since January 2009.

The U.S. jobless rate was 8.1 percent in April.

The April 2011 unemployment rate in Columbia County was 9.1 percent.

## Branford man arrested for assault

By **TONY BRITT**  
and **JESSIE R. BOX**

BRANFORD—A Branford man faces a charge of aggravated assault with a weapon after he allegedly threatened another man with a stick during a Wednesday altercation.

James Edward Lewis, 45, of 4334 SW 282nd Terrace, Branford, was charged with aggravated assault with a weapon and booked into the Columbia County jail. He was

later released on \$5,000 bond.

According to Lake City Police Department reports, a call was made reporting a disturbance involving two men at the Florida Highway Patrol station.

LCPD officer Joe Moody reported that when he arrived he found a suspect had been handcuffed by Florida



Lewis

Highway Patrol troopers in front of the station. FHP Cpl. Stalnaker told Moody he witnessed the suspect, Lewis, threaten the victim with a stick while the victim holding his small child.

Lewis told authorities it was the victim's fault and he was protecting himself. He was arrested and taken to jail.

# Florida to double-check names on voter purge list

By **GARY FINEOUT**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE — Florida officials, responding to skeptical comments this week from county election supervisors, said they are now going to double-check whether 182,000 registered voters are U.S. citizens.

State officials announced late Thursday that the Florida agency that handles driver's licenses plans to check a federal database to verify the citizenship status of those initially identified as being in Florida legally but ineligible to vote.

The state has sent a list to county election supervisors of more than 2,600 people who have been identified as non-U.S. citizens. But state officials have also said there may be as many as 182,000 registered voters who are not eligible to vote.

The move comes just months before the critical

2012 elections when Florida is expected to be one of the swing states that could determine the election.

Local election supervisors this week complained to state officials that the original list was based on old information taken from 2011 and that they had already found inaccuracies in it. State officials acknowledged that some people may have become naturalized citizens after they obtained their driver's license.

The names will now be checked with a database maintained by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"As a result, all of the potential non-citizen names we send to supervisors as part of this initiative will be based on much more current and reliable information," said Chris Cate, a spokesman for the Department of State.

Brian Corley, the Pasco County supervisor of elec-

tions, applauded what he called "the sudden tenacity" of the Department of State. During a statewide conference of election supervisors held this week Corley relayed how he had found two voters on the possible non-citizen list that had been born in Ohio and Massachusetts.

During that conference, state election officials and an official with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles fielded questions from county election supervisors who were concerned about the quality of the information that had been given to them regarding someone's citizenship status. They pointed out how supervisors get much more detailed information on other types of ineligible voters.

Gisela Salas, the director of the state Division of Elections, said at the meeting that the state was looking for ways to reassure

local officials.

The Department of State has been trying for months to access a federal database that tracks visitors who are in the country but have been turned down. But the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles — which can access the database — said they would soon double-check the citizenship status of those on the list. State election officials said they would absorb the cost of the effort which is expected to cost 50 cents to check each individual name.

"We want to make sure our records are accurate," said Boyd Walden, director of the Division of Motorist Services for the state. "Of course the Department of State is going to benefit from that."

State officials said it could take several weeks to complete this latest check.

There are currently more than 11 million active registered voters in the state, but a few thousand votes could make the difference in what is expected to be a tight race between President Barack Obama and GOP presumptive nominee Mitt Romney. The 2000 election between George W. Bush and Al Gore was decided by just 537 votes in the Sunshine State.

Florida law requires voters to be a U.S. citizen residing in the state. Florida also does not allow someone to vote if they are a convicted felon and have not had their civil rights restored.

The state has been responsible for helping screen voters since 2006

when it launched a statewide voter registration database. The state database is supposed to check the names of registered voters against other databases, including ones that contain the names of people who have died and people who have been sent to prison. But it turns out that until 2011 no one was actively checking to verify citizenship status.

Before the launch of the database, Florida had come under fire for previous efforts to remove felons from the voting rolls, including a purge that happened right before the 2000 presidential election. An effort to remove felons back in 2004 was halted after it was discovered that the list drawn up by the state had errors.

**Mitt Romney**, I am a Christian Floridian and I plan to vote Nov. 6, 2012.

Would you please answer the following questions, each of which has three possible answers of "YES", or "NO" or "PCSR" (Politically Correct Sidestep Response). It has been 15 days with 0 answers, Sir.

1. Is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit one God? (Please support your answer with at least one reference, Sir)
2. Are Florida public school students created in the image of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? (Cite references)
3. Are the 66 Books of the Holy Bible the only books written through the inspiration of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?
4. Did God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit destroy Sodom and Gomorrah with fire and brimstone? (Cite references)
5. Did Sodom and Gomorrah receive the wrath of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit due to their sin of fornication?

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**Jude 1:7** "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah... giving themselves over to fornication... an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, May 20

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	83/68/pc	83/70/t
Daytona Beach	85/66/s	85/67/t
Ft. Lauderdale	86/75/pc	85/74/t
Fort Myers	89/71/pc	91/71/t
Gainesville	90/63/pc	88/64/pc
Jacksonville	88/65/s	87/68/pc
Key West	86/78/sh	86/78/sh
Lake City	90/63/pc	92/64/pc
Miami	86/76/pc	84/76/t
Naples	84/73/pc	85/75/t
Ocala	90/63/pc	89/64/pc
Orlando	89/69/s	89/70/t
Panama City	85/70/s	82/70/pc
Pensacola	86/66/pc	81/70/pc
Tallahassee	90/65/s	88/65/pc
Tampa	88/70/s	90/70/pc
Valdosta	90/64/pc	89/65/pc
W. Palm Beach	84/75/pc	86/75/t

**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Showers and thunderstorms will accompany a cold front crossing the Plains and Midwest today, and a few severe thunderstorms will be possible. Expect showers and thunderstorms along the Mid-Atlantic coast and over parts of the Rockies, as well. Meanwhile, showers will gradually work their way into the Pacific Northwest.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES**  
High: 98°, Thermal, Calif. Low: 21°, Stanley, Idaho

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Normal low	63
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Saturday	0.00"
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Year total	7.91"
Normal month-to-date	1.24"
Normal year-to-date	14.75"

MOON	
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Moonset today	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise tom.	6:57 a.m.
Moonset tom.	9:09 p.m.

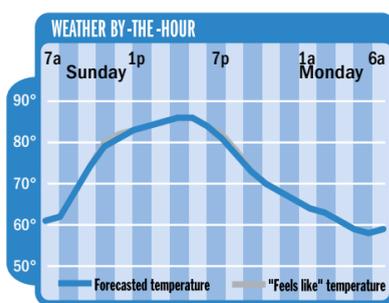
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Albuquerque	75/51/0	85/55/pc	Detroit	82/51/0	84/62/pc	Orlando	86/70/0	88/67/s
Anchorage	48/43/0	57/42/c	El Paso	86/72/0	93/73/pc	Philadelphia	80/53/0	81/59/pc
Atlanta	80/62/0	85/60/pc	Fairbanks	58/38/0	69/43/pc	Phoenix	94/70/0	104/73/s
Baltimore	81/49/0	80/60/pc	Greensboro	72/53/0	80/58/pc	Pittsburgh	81/49/0	86/56/s
Billings	60/39/0	77/51/pc	Hartford	80/45/0	82/58/s	Portland ME	73/43/0	72/50/s
Birmingham	83/66/0	88/63/pc	Honolulu	79/72/0	87/72/s	Portland OR	63/45/0	70/53/sh
Bismarck	61/51/44	71/49/pc	Houston	86/62/0	87/68/s	Raleigh	76/54/0	79/61/t
Boise	67/43/0	81/52/pc	Indianapolis	86/61/0	87/64/pc	Rapid City	59/50/20	69/53/pc
Boston	66/51/0	75/55/s	Jackson MS	86/65/0	87/61/pc	Reno	72/46/0	85/51/s
Buffalo	81/52/0	82/57/s	Jacksonville	80/64/0	83/63/s	Richmond	78/50/0	75/62/t
Charleston SC	73/61/0	80/63/pc	Kansas City	83/64/0	77/52/t	Sacramento	76/53/0	88/56/s
Charleston WV	83/55/0	87/53/pc	Las Vegas	82/68/0	97/74/s	St. Louis	89/66/0	89/62/t
Charlotte	72/54/0	82/59/pc	Little Rock	88/65/0	87/65/pc	Salt Lake City	66/45/0	80/62/s
Cheyenne	51/41/18	69/45/pc	Los Angeles	68/60/0	69/59/pc	San Antonio	85/70/0	88/65/pc
Chicago	90/59/0	89/61/t	Memphis	88/69/0	91/66/pc	San Diego	66/61/0	69/59/pc
Cincinnati	84/51/0	86/57/pc	Miami	84/74/0	84/74/t	San Francisco	61/49/0	68/51/pc
Cleveland	84/50/0	83/64/pc	Minneapolis	86/67/0	86/49/t	Seattle	61/45/0	63/51/sh
Columbia SC	79/61/0	81/60/pc	Mobile	85/66/0	86/66/s	Spokane	62/46/0	72/50/pc
Dallas	86/69/0	85/66/pc	New Orleans	87/68/0	88/70/s	Tampa	88/71/0	88/67/pc
Daytona Beach	82/65/0	82/64/s	New York	78/53/0	80/59/s	Tucson	88/63/0	100/69/s
Denver	57/46/19	77/49/t	Oklahoma City	84/68/0	81/62/t	Washington	81/56/0	80/60/pc



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On this date in 1985, brush fires burning near Fort Meyers, Florida, forced the evacuation of a hospital and several homes.

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Acapulco	88/77/0	91/79/s	La Paz	59/25/0	55/30/sh	Rio	79/64/0	76/60/pc
Amsterdam	64/52/0	74/48/t	Lima	70/66/0	74/64/pc	Rome	73/50/0	70/59/sh
Athens	71/57/0	79/62/pc	London	63/52/0	70/52/r	St. Thomas VI	85/79/02	84/78/t
Auckland	61/45/0	60/48/pc	Madrid	68/59/0	64/45/sh	San Juan PR	89/77/0	86/77/t
Beijing	86/68/0	88/65/pc	Mexico City	77/52/0	76/46/s	Santiago	68/39/0	61/50/s
Berlin	75/46/0	75/56/pc	Montreal	75/54/0	86/64/s	Seoul	77/52/0	78/66/pc
Buenos Aires	61/54/0	73/62/sh	Moscow	68/55/0	78/57/s	Singapore	90/81/0	88/80/t
Cairo	82/68/0	85/64/pc	Nairobi	77/59/0	75/58/t	Sydney	70/50/0	63/49/pc
Geneva	68/48/0	76/55/sh	Nassau	86/75/0	84/75/pc	Tel Aviv	79/64/0	76/62/s
Havana	82/72/0	82/71/t	New Delhi	106/84/0	111/86/pc	Tokyo	75/57/0	72/55/c
Helsinki	61/43/0	69/49/pc	Oslo	59/41/0	62/51/c	Toronto	77/50/0	81/58/s
Hong Kong	88/79/0	90/78/t	Panama	88/75/0	86/77/t	Vienna	72/46/0	78/57/s
Kingston	88/79/0	86/80/t	Paris	66/48/0	72/50/sh	Warsaw	68/43/0	79/58/pc

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Section B

FROM THE SIDELINE



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## Future looks fun

At times Columbia High's offense could have been called slow and methodical last year.

There's nothing wrong with that and the Tigers used that offense to propel Columbia back into the playoffs and the second round.

But judging by the spring game, Columbia's offense should be fun to watch under new offensive coordinator Mitch Shoup this fall.

Shoup comes in with an offensive-line pedigree, so an up-tempo offense wouldn't be something most would expect from the Tigers, but that's exactly what was unveiled during the 33-7 win against Dunnellon High in the spring game.

While the ground game was still very impressive, what was fun to watch was Columbia's attacking pace.

There were multiple instances when Columbia went to the hurry up. Columbia took chances down field. And the only thing that stopped the Tigers in most instances were penalties.

There's an entire summer left to iron out the wrinkles. Columbia probably had more holding penalties called in the spring game than its entire 2011 season. But it's always good to have a few negatives to point out after a spring game.

That helps the players realize that they're not where they need to be yet. It gives the staff something to keep the team's head level.

But there is potential for Columbia to have one of the most explosive offenses in the area this fall.

Jayce Barber was particularly impressive despite coughing up the ball twice on fumbles. He'll get that worked out for the fall.

What's impressive is Barber's passing numbers. He completed 13-of-16 passes for 215 yards and a touchdown. Not bad for a player who was participating in two sports during the spring.

Columbia had a trio of running backs that showed skill and freshman Lonnie Underwood finished with five carries for 70 yards. He could have finished with 150 had two long runs not been called back due to holding.

It's just spring, but if it's any indication, fall is looking bright.

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## Orange Park handles Fort White, 35-7

Raiders take rematch with Indians on Friday.

By TIM KIRBY

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ORANGE PARK — When you're playing up in class from 2B to 6A you expect to take some licks, but Fort White High let Orange Park High have too many easy opportunities.

The Raiders beat the Indians 35-7 in the spring game in Orange Park on Friday.

After losing in the game last year, Orange Park was focused and four turnovers by Fort White greased the skids. Following a scoreless first quarter, the Raiders put up 21 points in the second

quarter — each time starting drives on Fort White's side of the field.

"We made some plays here and there," Indians head coach Demetric Jackson said. "We didn't sustain the drives. Turnovers will kill you. We had three major drops and one was intercepted. You are not going to beat a mediocre team doing that, and you are definitely not going to beat a good team."

Orange Park added two more touchdowns in the third quarter before Fort White got on the board in lightning fashion.

On the Indians' final possession of the game, Tavaris Williams broke a 48-yard

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Fort White's Tavaris Williams runs the ball after escaping a number of tackles during practice Thursday.

# Spring repeat



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood breaks into the open field in the Tigers' 33-7 win against Dunnellon High in Dunnellon on Friday.

## Tigers pick up 33-7 win at Dunnellon

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High made it two-for-two in spring games against Dunnellon High, but this year it was in more convincing fashion as the Tigers won 33-7.

After a punt on Dunnellon's first drive, the Tigers put together an impressive 15-play drive resulting in a Brayden Thomas field goal to open the game with a 3-0 lead.

The defense then sank its teeth in for a three-and-out and Columbia's offense picked up where it left off.

Ronald Timmons began the drive with four impressive runs and after three Jayce Barber completions it was the running game that

would cap off the effort.

Lonnie Underwood had a 14-yard run to the one and Timmons did the rest for a 10-0 lead with 8:19 remaining in the second quarter.

Another three-and-out allowed the Columbia offense to really get rolling. The Tigers drove deep into Dunnellon territory again, but this time missed a field goal. Underwood had a 57-yard touchdown run called back on the drive due to holding.

Dunnellon's closest thing to a scoring drive came late in the first half after a Barber fumble gave the other Tigers the ball in scoring position. Ben Kuykendall came away with

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Columbia High offensive coordinator Mitch Shoup talks to the offense after a drive during the spring game.

# SCOREBOARD

## TELEVISION

### TV sports

**Today**  
**AUTO RACING**  
**Noon**  
 NBCSN — IRL, IndyCar, Indianapolis 500 Bump Day

**2 p.m.**  
 ESPN — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, Pioneer Hi-Bred 250, at Newton, Iowa

**5 p.m.**  
 SPEED — ARCA, Menards 200, at Toledo, Ohio (same-day tape)

**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Summernationals, at Topeka, Kan. (same-day tape)

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, regionals, game 6, teams TBD

**3:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — NCAA Division I playoffs, regionals, game 7 teams TBD (if necessary)

**CYCLING**  
**1 p.m.**  
 NBC — Tour of California, final stage, Beverly Hills, Calif. to Los Angeles

**6:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Tour of California, final stage, Beverly Hills, Calif. to Los Angeles

**GOLF**  
**6 a.m.**  
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Volvo World Match Play, semifinal and championship matches, at Malaga, Spain

**2 p.m.**  
 TGC — Nationwide Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am, final round, at Greer, S.C.

**3 p.m.**  
 CBS — PGA Tour, Byron Nelson Championship, final round, at Irving, Texas

**4 p.m.**  
 TGC — PGA, Sybase Match Play Championship, semifinal and championship matches, at Gladstone, N.J.

**HOCKEY**  
**9 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — IIHF World Championships, Gold Medal game, Russia-Finland winner vs. Slovakia-Czech Republic winner, at Helsinki (same-day tape)

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
 TBS — Boston at Philadelphia

**2:20 p.m.**  
 WGN — Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs

**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN — St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers

**MOTORSPORTS**  
**8 a.m.**  
 SPEED — MotoGP World Championship, French Grand Prix, at Le Mans, France

**5 p.m.**  
 SPEED — MotoGP Moto2, French Grand Prix, at Le Mans, France (same-day tape)

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
 ABC — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 4, Miami at Indiana

**10:30 p.m.**  
 TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 4, San Antonio at L.A. Clippers

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**3 p.m.**  
 NBC — Playoffs, conference finals, game 4, Phoenix at Los Angeles

**WNBA BASKETBALL**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
 ABC — Phoenix at Minnesota

**Monday**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Atlanta at Cincinnati

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**7 or 8 p.m.**  
 TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 5, Philadelphia at Boston

**9:30 p.m.**  
 TNT — Playoffs, conference semifinals, game 5, L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City (if necessary)

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**8 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Playoffs, conference finals, game 4, N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey

**BASKETBALL**

**NBA playoffs**

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
 (Best of 7)  
**Thursday**  
 Indiana 94, Miami 75, Indiana leads series 2-1

San Antonio 105, L.A. Clippers 88, San Antonio leads series 2-0

**Friday**  
 Philadelphia 92, Boston 83, series tied 2-2

L.A. Lakers 99, Oklahoma City 96, Oklahoma City leads series 2-1

**Saturday**  
 San Antonio 96, L.A. Clippers 86, San Antonio leads series 3-0

Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers (n)

**Today**  
 Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.

San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**Monday**  
 Philadelphia at Boston, 7 or 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
 Indiana at Miami, 7 or 8 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m. (if necessary)

**WNBA schedule**

**Friday's Game**  
 Los Angeles 72, Seattle 66

**Saturday's Games**  
 Connecticut 78, New York 73

Atlanta at Indiana (n)

Chicago at Washington (n)

San Antonio at Tulsa (n)

**Today's Games**  
 Phoenix at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m.

New York at Connecticut, 5 p.m.

## BASEBALL

### AL standings

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	26	14	.650	—

Tampa Bay	24	16	.600	2
Toronto	23	18	.561	3½
New York	21	18	.538	4½
Boston	18	21	.462	7½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	22	17	.564	—
Detroit	19	20	.487	3
Chicago	19	21	.475	3½
Kansas City	15	23	.395	6½
Minnesota	13	26	.333	9

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	25	15	.625	—
Oakland	20	20	.500	5
Los Angeles	18	22	.450	7
Seattle	17	24	.415	8½

**Thursday's Games**  
 Cleveland 6, Seattle 5, 11 innings  
 Minnesota 4, Detroit 3  
 Oakland 5, Texas 4, 10 innings  
 Baltimore 5, Kansas City 3  
 Chicago White Sox 6, L.A. Angels 1  
 Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 Boston 5, Tampa Bay 3

**Monday's Games**  
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.  
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.  
 Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

**NL standings**

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	25	15	.625	—
Washington	23	16	.590	1½
Miami	21	18	.538	3½
New York	21	19	.525	4
Philadelphia	21	19	.525	4

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	22	17	.564	—
Cincinnati	19	19	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	18	21	.462	4
Houston	17	22	.436	5
Milwaukee	16	23	.410	6
Chicago	15	24	.385	7

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	26	13	.667	—
San Francisco	20	19	.513	6
Arizona	18	22	.450	8½
Colorado	15	23	.395	10½
San Diego	14	26	.350	12½

**Thursday's Games**  
 N.Y. Mets 9, Cincinnati 4  
 Arizona 9, Colorado 7  
 San Francisco 7, St. Louis 5  
 Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3  
 Atlanta 7, Miami 0  
 Houston 4, Milwaukee 0  
 Philadelphia 8, Chicago Cubs 7  
 L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 1

**Friday's Game**  
 L.A. Dodgers 6, St. Louis 5

**Saturday's Game**  
 St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers (n)

**Today's Game**  
 St. Louis (Lohse 5-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
 N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Colorado at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at Houston, 8:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
 San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

**Interleague play**

**Friday's Games**  
 Chicago White Sox 3, Chicago Cubs 2

Baltimore 2, Washington 1, 11 innings  
 Philadelphia 6, Boston 4  
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Cincinnati 0  
 Miami 3, Cleveland 2

Detroit 6, Pittsburgh 0  
 Toronto 14, N.Y. Mets 5  
 Atlanta 5, Tampa Bay 3  
 Texas 4, Houston 1

Arizona 6, Kansas City 4  
 Minnesota 11, Milwaukee 3  
 Seattle 4, Colorado 0  
 L.A. Angels 7, San Diego 2  
 San Francisco 8, Oakland 6

**Saturday's Games**  
 Cincinnati 6, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Toronto 2, N.Y. Mets 0  
 Cleveland 2, Miami 0  
 San Francisco 4, Oakland 0  
 Pittsburgh at Detroit  
 Tampa Bay 5, Atlanta 2  
 Seattle 10, Colorado 3  
 Minnesota at Milwaukee (n)

Arizona at Kansas City (n)  
 Baltimore at Washington (n)  
 Boston at Philadelphia (n)  
 Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs (n)

Texas at Houston (n)  
 L.A. Angels at San Diego (n)

**Today's Games**  
 Cincinnati (Cuezo 4-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-1), 1:05 p.m.

Miami (JoJohnson 1-3) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 6-1), 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Correia 1-4) at Detroit (Scherzer 2-3), 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Gee 2-3) at Toronto (H.Alvarez 3-3), 1:07 p.m.

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# SPRING SCENES



Columbia High's Javere Smith comes away with a sack during the Tigers' 33-7 win against Dunnellon High in the spring game on Friday.



Photos by **JEN CHASTEEN**  
Special to the Reporter

**LEFT:** Columbia High's Ronald Timmons breaks into open ground against Ronald Timmons.

**RIGHT:** Braxton Stockton cuts outside against Dunnellon High in the spring game.

**BELOW:** The offensive line huddles up before a play during the spring game.

**BOTTOM LEFT:** Columbia High's Jeremy Bradley lays a big hit during the spring game.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Columbia High quarterback Jayce Barber looks for an open receiver during the Tigers' 33-7 win in the spring game against Dunnellon High.



## SPRING SCENES



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Quarterback Andrew Baker scans the field for an open receiver.

## INDIANS: Newman scores touchdown

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run from the Fort White 30 to the Orange Park 22. On the next play, Andrew Baker threw a perfect pass to Shayne Newman on a deep route for a touchdown. Nathan Escalante kicked the extra point for a 35-7 score.

"Shayne ran a good route on the touchdown," Jackson said. "I noticed they were walking the safety down and that they were doubling Trey (Phillips)."

Baker and Phillips hooked up on five catches for 47 yards. The Indians dropped three passes and one potential long-gainer was just off the fingertips of the receiver.

Williams finished with 67 yards on 13 carries. He had another 32-yard run that was chopped down to 14 yards after a holding penalty. He had a couple of big losses on a fumbled pitch and a busted play.

"The offensive line pass protected a lot better than I expected," Jackson said. "They didn't run block as well."

Fort White's defense stopped the Raiders' opening drive on fourth down from the Indians 24. The next drive also ended on a fourth-down try, but Orange Park was ahead in field position.

On the next drive, the Raiders went 40 yards on seven plays with Eddie Fuller scoring from the 2.

Orange Park then recovered a fumble at the Indians 27 and scored in four plays. Austin Logue drove in from one yard out.

After an interception, Orange Park began its next drive at the Indians 45. Fort White's Drew Gaylard squelched the drive with a fumble recovery at the Indians 17.

Baker scrambled for 13 yards to get some breathing room, but Fort White turned the ball over on the next two possessions.

Orange Park quarterback Jacob Mezera completed four straight passes for 35 yards to score just before the half. Kaleb Hetherington caught the touchdown pass from eight yards out.

In the third quarter, Orange Park put together an 8-play, 50-yard scoring drive on its first possession. Ahmad Ross caught a 32-yard pass for the touchdown.

Logue scored the Raiders final touchdown on a 28-yard run.

"Cowboy (Kellen Snider) and Cameron (White) played real hard on defense," Jackson said.

In fourth quarter junior varsity play, Fort White began pinned at its 10 and never really got any room to maneuver during the entire quarter. The Raiders kept the ball out of the end zone, but did record a safety.

Fort White	0	0	7	x	—	7
Orange Park	0	21	14	x	—	35

**Second Quarter**

OP—Fuller 2 run (Z. Williams kick), 10:17

OP—Logue 1 run (Z. Williams kick), 7:50

OP—Hetherington 8 pass from Mezera (Z. Williams kick), :07

**Third Quarter**

OP—Ross 32 pass from Mezera (Padgett kick), 6:36

OP—Logue 28 run (A. Williams kick), 3:59

FW—Newman 22 pass from Baker (Escalante kick), 3:12

	Orange Park	Fort White
First downs	11	5
Rushes-yards	38-232	21-69
Passing yards	120	69
Comp-Att-Int	10-15-0	6-13-2
Punts-Avg.	2-32	3-28
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	4-30	3-24

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**—Fort White, Williams 13-67, Baker 5-3, Chapman 1-0, Phillips 2-(-1). Orange Park, R. Fuller 13-80, Logue 6-64, E. Fuller 7-26, Phillips 3-25, Bullard 3-24, Davis 1-6, Brister 1-5, Mezera 3-1, Abdel 1-1.

**PASSING**—Fort White, Baker 6-13-69-2. Orange Park, Mezera 10-15-120-0.

**RECEIVING**—Fort White, Phillips 5-47, Newman 1-22. Orange Park, E. Fuller 3-39, Logue 2-16, Ross 1-32, Nerris 1-14, Hetherington 1-8, Kintyht 1-7, R. Fuller 1-4.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White's Trey Phillips moves around a defender during a scrimmage while at practice Thursday.

## CHARITY GOLF



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Brad Womble (from left), Bill Powell and Greg Dyal watches as Herman Dyal (second from right) makes a putt on No. 9 during the Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament on Friday. More than 100 golfers teed off in the event held at The Country Club at Lake City. Proceeds benefit the children of Columbia County. The team of Bucky Nash, Chris Hewitt, Kevin Morton and Max Smith won the scramble with a 54, in a scorecard tiebreaker over the team of Wiley Hunter, Jody DuPree and Keith Blackie. In individual awards, Smith had longest putt, Mike Streicher had longest drive, Jordan Wade was closest to the pin and Blair Voitle was closest to the line.



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

Brenda Douglass (from right), Kim Nicholson and April Huntzberry register Mark Boris (left) and Jonathan Ullsh at the Relay for Life Golf Tournament sponsored by Save-A-Lot at Quail Heights Country Club on Saturday. The team of Ullsh, Keith Eddy, Jeff Norris and Greg Speakman won the tournament. Ricky Crawford Sr., Todd Carter, Keith Hudson and Ricky Crawford Jr. finished in second. Jason Raymond won a trip to Jekyll Island; Josh Boris won closest to the pin; longest drive went to Speakman; Boris and Eddy had the longest putts; Norris was closest to the hole; and, Chuck Nicholson was the 50/50 winner.

## SOFTBALL AWARDS



COURTESY PHOTOS

**ABOVE:** Columbia High had its softball awards banquet on Tuesday. Winners were: Stephanie Pilkinston, Co-MVP Award (from left); Kayli Kvistad, Co-MVP Award; Holly Boris, Most Outstanding Offensive Award; Payton Sund, Comeback Award; Erin Anderson, Rookie of the Year Award; Taylor Douglass, Academic Award 4.0 GPA.

**BELOW:** The junior varsity also had its softball awards banquet to cap off an undefeated season. Winners (from left) were Leslie Ann Ronsonet, Most Outstanding Defensive Player and Infield Award and Academic Award 4.0 GPA (from left); Ashley Shoup, MVP for the JV Season, DOC Ocala Tournament MVP and Academic Award 4.0 GPA; Jessica Shimmel, Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award; Lacey King, Rookie of the Year; Kaitlyn Hill, Most Outstanding Outfielder Award; Breland Phelps, "Pinkerton" Award (Pilkington Award) and Academic Award 4.0 GPA; Caleigh McCauley, Most Outstanding Offensive Player Award; Jessie Thomas, Academic Award 4.0 GPA.







TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

## Coach Farnell retires after 42 years

Mason Farnell's 42-year career as a P.E. teacher at Eastside Elementary was celebrated by family and friends during a luncheon at Berea Baptist Church on Saturday. Farnell also has coached school soccer and track and taught swimming in Columbia County. He is credited as the 'Father of Field Day' for the annual fifth-grade event and helped start soccer in Lake City. One of the soccer fields at the CYSA Complex is named in his honor. There were tributes to Farnell and a square dancing performance by the Dixie Dancers. 'The journey has been so wonderful,' Farnell told the gathering. 'My desire through all of it is to let everybody know how God has blessed me.' Joining Farnell are brother Bert Farnell and wife Mary (from left), Amanda Farnell holding Mason, son Jonathan Farnell holding Marshall, Mason, wife Phyllis, grandson Joseph Stephens, daughter Rebecca MacLaren and husband Don MacLaren.

# Spurs rally to beat Clippers, take 3-0 edge in series

By **BETH HARRIS**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tim Duncan scored 19 points, helping engineer a 24-0 run in the third quarter after the Spurs trailed by 24 points, and San Antonio defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 96-86 on Saturday to take a commanding 3-0 lead in their second-round playoff series.

Tony Parker added 23 points, rookie Kawhi Leonard 14 and Manu Ginobili 13 to help the top-seeded Spurs win their 17th in a row and improve to 7-0 in the playoffs.

Blake Griffin had 28 points and 16 rebounds, and reserve Mo Williams added 19 points for the Clippers, who face some daunting NBA history heading into Game 4 on Sunday at Staples Center. No team has ever rallied from a 3-0 deficit to win a series.

Playing with a left hip injury and a sprained right knee, Griffin missed just three shots in the first half, when he scored 20 points and the Clippers led by 24. Slowed by a strained right hip, Chris Paul finished with 12 points and 11 assists after two previous sub-par efforts in the series.

After a quiet first half in which he scored eight points, Duncan helped the Spurs control the third quarter when they outscored Los Angeles 26-8.

The Spurs took their first lead during a 23-0 run on a fadeaway jumper by Duncan, who scored nine points in the outburst that put them ahead for good. Danny Green added seven and Leonard five. The Clippers' defense completely faltered and they piled up miss after miss on the offensive end.

The Clippers scored the final four points of the

period, which ended with a turnover by Mo Williams, to trail 69-61 heading into the fourth.

San Antonio led by 11 points early in the fourth before the Clippers got within seven on consecutive baskets by Williams. Gary Neal hit a 3-pointer to launch a 13-9 spurt, capped by Parker's 3-pointer, that extended the Spurs' lead to 89-78. Paul, so dominant in the final period during the regular season, was limited to four points.

Reggie Evans, a defensive spark for the Clippers off the bench, missed 6 of 8 free throws in the final 3:42.

The Spurs were 9 of 22 from 3-point range, with Leonard hitting three.

Los Angeles came in 2-1 at home in the playoffs and 24-9 during the regular season. With their red-clad sellout crowd on its feet, the Clippers were still shooting

63 percent midway through the second quarter, when Griffin's one-handed dunk kept them ahead by 20 points.

The Spurs closed the half on a 15-5 spurt, with Parker and Ginobili scoring five each, to trail 53-43 at the break. Griffin missed just three of his 13 shots in the first half, when the Clippers controlled the boards and the paint.



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High coach Brian Allen is fired up on the sideline after the Tigers make a big defensive play against Dunnellon High.

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a pick, however, and the Tigers shut out Dunnellon in the first half.

Columbia struck again on its second drive of the second half. This time it was Braxton Stockton kicking the offense into high gear with a 33-yard run. Underwood followed with a 21-yard run with a couple of passing plays mixed in for good yardage. Underwood capped off the drive with a six-yard run to put Columbia up 17-0 with 6:38 remaining in the third quarter.

The defense then got into the action as Felix Woods picked off an option play and ran it back 60 yards for a defensive score and a 23-0 lead with 5:30 to play in the third quarter.

A three-and-out on Dunnellon's next possession gave Columbia the ball back and its offense wouldn't need long as Barber hit Shaq Johnson on the first play for a 65-yard touchdown strike.

Dunnellon closed out the third quarter with a touchdown of its own to make the varsity final 35-7 before the sec-

ond-team units entered the game in the fourth quarter.

"It's never as good as it sounds or as bad as it looks," Allen told the team after the game. "We are making too many mistakes to win state. If you want to be satisfied with making the second round of the playoffs, then we can do those things, but we have to have more focus to win state. State champions do things differently."

Allen will speak to the community about the state of the program at 7 p.m. on Monday when the Columbia Quarterback Club presents Columbia High School Sports — an hour-long program with topics including Honoring the History, Understanding the Future and Preparing for the Future.

"We want him to speak to the people of the community so they can know what he's all about," Ron Williams, vice president of the quarterback club said. "We want to give the football program back to the people of Columbia County."

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CHAMBER BUSINESS



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## It's been a busy month for Chamber

May has been another busy month for the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce! We have welcomed four new members to the Chamber this month. They are Art League of North Florida, Prevatt Law Firm, Tiffany & Company Catering and Grace Pediatrics. We have hosted a ground breaking for the new Westside Community Center and a ribbon cutting for the re-grand opening of Papa John's. Our monthly mixer, hosted by Remax Realty, was a success by all accounts! Our Ambassador Committee also started a new program called "Surprise Patrol". We kicked this off May 1st and the first business selected was Vann Carpet One. A group of 15 Ambassadors gathered at the Chamber Office and walked over to Vann Carpet One with music playing, pom poms, whistles, noise makers and cupcakes to give the customers and employees a surprise visit and thank them for their continuous support of the community as well as the Chamber of Commerce. The best part is we videoed the entire thing for all to see! Check out the Ambassadors in action as well as the employees at Vann Carpet One's reaction by visiting [www.lakecitychamber.com](http://www.lakecitychamber.com). Be on the lookout next month, we could be visiting you!

There is still a very important event to be held in May and I would personally like to invite the entire community to come and hear firsthand from Jesse Quillen, Executive Director of Economic Development for Columbia County and Allison Megrath, AICP, Real Estate Manager for Plum Creek as they discuss; Location, Partnership and Opportunities: Bringing Industry to Columbia County. The event will be held on Wednesday, May 23rd at 11:30am at The Lifestyle Enrichment Center. Members are \$20.00 and guests are \$25.00. Our goal through this luncheon is to provide the community with a better understanding of terms that are often used when describing growth opportunities in Columbia County such as the RACEC site, Catalyst Site, Rural Enterprise Zone, Foreign Trade Zone and Inland Port. Additionally, we would like for you to hear the progress that Plum Creek, the land owner of the 2,600 +/- acre property, has made in positioning the site for industry to want to locate in Columbia County. There has been a close working partnership between Plum Creek and over 30 stakeholders to ensure appropriate due diligence has been

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Lake City Campground has 40 RV and 12 tent sites, along with cabins, cottages and many other facilities sitting on 26 acres of land near the Osceola National Forest.

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# Summertime Fun

Lake City Campground offers a natural atmosphere along with the creature comforts.



The office at the Lake City Campground.

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By HANNAH O. BROWN  
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With summer fast approaching and the school season coming to a close, it's time to start planning for some summertime fun.

Lake City Campground, a 26-acre facility that sits next to the Osceola National Forest in Lake City, offers a natural atmosphere along with the creature comforts that keep a camping trip from getting too stressful.

Previously a KOA campground, Lori Zuccola and her sister took over the grounds in 2004 in the middle of hurricane season.

"We work every single day," Zuccola said. "It's 24/7. It's a lot of hard work."

Zuccola said the sisters cut down trees, paved roads, cleared out ponds and fountains, added a recreation room and upgraded the camping sites.

The campground has 40 pull-through RV sites with water, sewer, electric and cable. Tent sites, cabins and other accommodations are also available.

Campers have access to bathrooms and laundry facilities during their stay.

Two ponds sit on the campgrounds. One is stocked with bass, brim and a variety of other fish for campers to catch and release

during their stay.

A recreation room, pool, playground and winding nature trail are also open for use by campers. Pets are also invited to stay as long as they are kept on a leash.

Zuccola said campers have seen deer, rabbits, snakes and tons of birds on the trails of the campgrounds.

"It's a beautiful area," she said.

Prices vary based on what facilities are requested. Lake City Campground does not require that a reservation is made in advance for RV or tent sites.

Zuccola said that many campers come back every year to stay on their grounds. "Campers are pretty good people," Zuccola said. "They are always helpful and always good."



A cottage at the Lake City Campground.

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**Two ponds sit on the campgrounds. One is stocked with bass, brim and a variety of other fish for campers to catch and release during their stay.**

## Ask the Fool

## Buying Stock Directly

You recently explained buying stocks through a brokerage account, but you didn't mention that folks may also be able to buy shares directly from the companies themselves. Right?

— D.L., via email

Right. Brokerages are not the only option. You can hold a lot of stock through mutual funds in your 401(k), for example. And as you noted, with many companies you can buy stock directly from them, through direct stock purchase plans, dividend reinvestment plans (sometimes referred to as "Drips"), and the like. These plans often let you buy small chunks of stock, for small sums, and charge low or no fees. Learn more at [fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm](http://fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm), [dripinvesting.org](http://dripinvesting.org), and [dripinvestor.com](http://dripinvestor.com).

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What is a stock's "multiple"? — H.W., Tallahassee, Fla.

"Multiple" usually just refers to a stock's price-to-earnings ratio (or P/E). You get a multiple by dividing a stock's price by something, such as earnings (via the P/E ratio) or revenues (via a price-to-sales ratio).

Imagine Home Surgery Kits (ticker: OUCH), a company trading at \$30 per share. It earned \$2 per share over the past year, so its P/E is 15 (30 divided by 2 equals 15). You might refer to it as trading at an earnings multiple of 15.

If you read analyses of various companies, you'll see references to price-to-sales multiples, book-value multiples, cash-flow multiples and more. It's instructive to compare a company's various multiples with those of its peers, to see whether its stock appears to be undervalued or overvalued.

FedEx, for example (a Motley Fool Stock Advisor recommendation), recently sported a P/E of 14, while United Parcel Service's was 20. That suggests that FedEx is the better bargain, though ideally you'd want to assess other numbers as well.

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## Fool's School

## Investors: Which Kind Are You?

What kind of investor are you? Here are some possibilities:

- **Value investors** focus on fundamentals of companies, such as cash flow, profit margins and dividends. Aiming to buy stocks for significantly less than their estimated worth, they're bargain hunters, seeking a sizable margin of safety. They want to buy a dollar for 50 cents.

- **Growth investors** seek rapidly growing companies. They'll often pay top dollar for such firms, forgoing a margin of safety and expecting stock values to keep rising as the companies grow. These stocks can pull back sharply, or even implode, though.

- **High-yield investors** are primarily seeking cash-generating holdings that offer modest risk. They tend to focus on bonds and stocks with high dividend yields, such as real estate investment trusts (REITs) and preferred stocks.

- **Large-cap and blue-chip investors** prefer large, established companies with proven track records of profitability. (Examples:

General Electric, Verizon, Merck, ConocoPhillips, United Parcel Service.) These firms are often good dividend payers, too.

- **Small-cap investors** are drawn to smaller, younger firms, which can be risky, but offer the chance of greater reward, as they can grow quickly. Small-cap companies can be more obscure and harder to find information on, but they're sometimes easier to understand than many large-caps, since they tend to be rather focused.

- **Mutual fund investors** favor mutual funds, where their money either keeps pace with a particular stock or bond index, or is invested in holdings selected by professional money managers. Many funds feature outlandish fees and subpar performance, but others can serve you well. Learn to make smart choices at [fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm](http://fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm).

These styles are not mutually exclusive. You may focus on large-cap companies that are good values, for example, or high-yielding mutual funds. Learn about different styles of investing in our newsletters at [fool.com/shop/newsletters](http://fool.com/shop/newsletters), and at websites such as [Morningstar.com](http://Morningstar.com) and [Investopedia.com](http://Investopedia.com).

## My Dumbest Investment

## Over Under Armour

I do believe that Under Armour's stock was — and is, to date — my dumbest investment! — Dwayne, online

**The Fool Responds:** Under Armour has given its long-term investors quite a ride, topping \$60 in 2007, plunging below \$20 in 2009 and then touching \$100 this year. Depending on when shareholders got in and out, they may be quite happy or despondent. The sports apparel company has a market cap near \$5 billion and a recent price-to-earnings (P/E) near 53, well above its five-year average P/E of 36. That suggests that the stock may have gotten ahead of itself again.

On the plus side, its revenue and earnings have been growing at double-digit rates and accelerating, and it's adding outlet stores aggressively. It doesn't have the fastest profit margins in its industry, though, and its stock price doesn't seem to be a screaming bargain right now. It might be worth keeping an eye on.

Remember to always focus on both quality and price — you want a great company at a good or great price. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Under Armour and its newsletters have recommended it.)

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to [TheMotleyFool@fool.com](mailto:TheMotleyFool@fool.com) or My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1888 and the American Journal of Railway Appliances. Today, based in New York City, I'm a global financial information and education giant, with 280-plus offices in 40 countries, more than 20,000 employees and roughly \$6 billion in annual sales. My brands include Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, S&P Capital IQ, S&P Indices, Platts energy information services, Aviation Week, Architectural Record and J.D. Power and Associates. In 2009 I sold BusinessWeek to Bloomberg. I'm planning to split into two companies, one focused on key global markets and the other on education. Who am I? (Answer: McGraw-Hill)

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## Name That Company

Born in 1906, I'm the world's top cereal company, and a major snack and frozen-food maker as well. My brands include Cheez-It, Nutri-Grain, Morningstar Farms, Coco Pops, Eggo, Frosted Flakes, Kashi, Keebler, Mini-Wheats, Rice Krispies, Famous Amos, Ready Crust and Special K. Pringles will soon join the lineup, too. I fed the Apollo 11 crew in space and made K-rations during World War II. In the 1990s, Pop-Tarts became my top-selling product. I make my products in 18 countries and sell them in more than 180. I rake in more than \$13 billion annually. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!



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## The Motley Fool Take

## Corning Set to Pop

Glass and ceramics giant Corning (NYSE: GLW) is poised to profit.

In Corning's first-quarter earnings report, its display technologies division (its largest segment by sales) saw revenue fall 11 percent year over year amid rapidly declining pricing. But sales of fiber-optic cables to the telecom industry jumped 7 percent, while sales of the more advanced specialty glass segment that includes Gorilla Glass soared 13 percent. All in all, the company reported a 2 percent year-over-year revenue boost, better than what many analysts expected.

The premium Gorilla Glass product will drive growth throughout 2012, with its strong but thin and light panels covering the screens of several Apple products, from the iPhone to the iPad, as well as high-end Androids from Samsung and Motorola Mobility. Sales for high-end smart devices are absolutely exploding and look like they should continue to climb for years to come — with Corning poised to ride their coattails.

Fiber optics give Corning yet another angle for the mobile computing boom. With smartphones and tablets relying on rich data feeds to keep us entertained, informed and productive, high-speed networking is essential — and uses fiber.

Corning is one of the best ways to play the mobile computing revolution today, serving both end-users and network infrastructure. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Corning and Apple and its newsletters have recommended them.)

## Facebook stock fails to sizzle

By BARBARA ORTUTAY  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was barely a "like" and definitely not a "love" from Facebook investors as the online social network's stock failed to live up to the hype in its trading debut Friday.

One of the most highly anticipated IPOs in Wall Street history ended on a bland note, with Facebook's stock closing at \$38.23, up 23 cents from Thursday night's pricing.

That meant the company founded in 2004 in a Harvard dorm room is worth about \$105 billion, more than Amazon.com, McDonald's and Silicon Valley icons Hewlett-Packard and Cisco.

It also gave 28-year-old CEO Mark Zuckerberg a stake worth \$19,252,698,725.50.

"Going public is an important milestone in our history," Zuckerberg said before he symbolically rang Nasdaq's opening bell from company headquarters at 1 Hacker Way in Menlo Park, Calif. "But here's the thing: Our mission isn't to be a public company. Our mission is to make the world more open and connected."

But for many seeking a big first-day pop in Facebook's share price, the single-digit increase was somewhat of a letdown.

"This is like kissing your sister," said John Fitzgibbon, founder of IPO Scoop, a research firm. "With all the drumbeats and hype, I don't think there'll be barroom bragging tonight."

Added Nick Einhorn, an analyst with IPO advisory firm Renaissance Capital:

"It wasn't quite as exciting as it could have been," he said. "But I don't think we should view it as a failure."

Indeed, the small jump in price could be seen as an indication that Facebook and the investment banks that arranged the IPO priced the stock in an appropriate range.

And it was good for ordinary investors, who are often shut out from IPOs or buy the stock at a high price on day one.

Facebook offered 15 percent of its available stock in the IPO, so there was enough to meet demand. In comparison, Google offered just 7.2 percent of its stock when it went public in 2004 — and rose 18 percent on day one.

Here was Facebook's "timeline" Friday, trading under the symbol "FB" on the Nasdaq Stock Market:

The stock opened at 11:30 a.m. at \$42.05, but soon dipped to \$38.01. It briefly traded at one point as high as \$45 and by noon was at \$40.40. It fluttered through-

out the afternoon and hugged the \$38 mark for much of the final hour, before closing at \$38.23.

By the end of the day, about 570 million shares had changed hands, a huge trading volume for any company.

TD Ameritrade reported that in the first 45 minutes of trading, Facebook accounted for a record 24 percent of trades executed by its customers.

By comparison, on its first day back on the stock market, in November 2010, General Motors represented 7 percent of overall trades on the online brokerage.

Steve Quirk, who oversees trading strategy at TD Ameritrade, said that about 60,000 orders were lined up before Facebook opened.

Other social-media companies, most of whom have gone public in the last year, saw their shares plummet when it became clear what kind of reception Facebook was getting in the public market. Shares of game-maker Zynga Inc. and reviews site Yelp Inc. both hit all-time lows.

The stock market will now begin assigning a dollar value to Facebook that will rise and fall with investor whims. It will be subject to broad economic forces and held accountable for profit it earns — or loses — from one quarter to the next.



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A man stops to photograph Nasdaq in Times Square as Facebook has its IPO, Friday in New York. The social media company priced its IPO on Thursday at \$38 per share, and beginning Friday regular investors will have a chance to buy shares.

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## Can You Turn "Be a Millionaire Day" into Reality?

If you look hard enough, you can find many obscure holidays, but few of them can instantly capture people's interest as much as Be a Millionaire Day, which is "celebrated" on May 20. While amassing a million dollars may not be as significant a milestone as it used to be, most of us would still feel pleased if we could someday attain "millionaire" status. While there are no perfect formulas or guarantees, here are some steps to consider when working toward any investment goal:

- **Put time on your side.** The earlier you begin saving and investing, the better your chances of reaching your financial goal. You can't expect to "strike it rich" immediately with any single investment, but by investing year in and year out, and by choosing quality investment vehicles, you have the opportunity to achieve growth over time.

- **Pay yourself first.** If you wait until you "have a little extra money lying around" before you invest, you may well never invest. Instead, try to "pay yourself first." Each month, move some money automatically from a checking or savings account into an investment. When you're first starting out in the working world, you might not be able to afford much, but as you advance in your career, you can increase your contributions.

- **Control your debts.** It's easier said than done, but if you can keep a lid on your debt payments, you'll have more money with which to invest.

- **Take advantage of tax deferral.** When you invest in tax-deferred vehicles, such as a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, your money has the opportunity to grow faster than it would if placed in an investment on which you paid taxes each year. Of course, when you start

taking withdrawals, presumably at retirement, you'll have to pay taxes, but by then, you may be in a lower tax bracket. And since you'll have some control over your withdrawals, you can help control taxes, too.

- **Build share ownership.** As an investor, one of the best things you can do to build your wealth is to increase the number of shares you own in your investments. So, look for buying opportunities, such as when prices are low. Also, consider reinvesting any dividends or distributions you may receive from your investments.

- **Don't be overly cautious.** For your money to grow, you need to put a portion of your investment dollars in growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks. It is certainly true that stock prices will always fluctuate, sometimes quite sharply, and you may receive more or less than your original investment when sold. But if you avoid stocks entirely in favor of more stable vehicles, you run the risk of earning returns that may not keep you ahead of inflation. As you approach retirement, and even during retirement, your portfolio will probably still need some growth potential. Work with your financial advisor to determine the appropriate approach for you.

- **Think long term.** By creating a long-term investment strategy and sticking to it, you'll be less likely to take a "timeout" from investing in response to perceived negative news, such as market downturns and political crises.

Following these suggestions may someday allow you to reach the point when your financial goals become a reality for you.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

## CHAMBER: May has been a busy month

Continued From Page 1C performed. Through this extensive work effort, not only will the site be ready with all necessary master development permits in place but our local workforce will be ready to provide solid employees to the industries that choose to move to Columbia County.

Mark your calendar for the annual 4th of July Celebration that will be held again in downtown

Lake City around Lake Desoto. Our fireworks will actually be held on the 4th of July with festivities beginning at 5:00pm. The fireworks show should go off at approximately 9:20pm or when it is dark enough for optimal viewing. More details will be provided over the next month. We are accepting vendor applications for the 4th of July Celebration.

Please contact us for more information.

We are always looking to grow membership. If you would like more information on the benefits of membership to the Lake City - Columbia County of Commerce please give us a call at 752-3690 or visit us at 162 S Marion Ave.

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# 9/11 families upset over ground zero museum delays

By SAMANTHA GROSS  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — They were promised a place to mourn their loved ones, display their photographs and educate their children and the children of strangers about exactly what was lost on 9/11. But today, family members of those killed have no completion date for the museum that is to be built alongside the Sept. 11 memorial at ground zero — and many are upset.

“The memorial is open, but that’s only half the tribute to those who were killed,” said Patricia Reilly, who lost her sister in the attacks. “The museum is the place where they’re going to tell the story about the people — who they were, where they were, what they were doing and what happened to them that day.”

Construction of the museum — originally scheduled to open on the 11th anniversary of the attacks — has largely ground to a halt amid a financial dispute between the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the site, and the foundation that controls the memorial and museum. After months of little obvious progress, some family members are increasingly worried that the powers that share control of the area are backsliding into the kind of politically driven dysfunction that once paralyzed the site.

“They shouldn’t allow disagreement to get in the way,” said Reilly, who especially wants the museum to be completed so she can go there to visit the thousands of fragments of human remains too damaged to identify with DNA testing. No trace of her sister, Lorraine Lee, who worked on the 101st floor of the World Trade Center’s south tower, has been identified.



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Workers prepare a roof on the National September 11 Museum for a concrete pour, at the World Trade Center construction site in New York in this July 2010 file photo. Although they were promised a place to mourn their loved ones, see their faces, educate their children and the children of strangers about exactly what was lost on 9/11, the family members of those killed have no completion date for the museum that is to be built alongside the Sept. 11 memorial at ground zero and some fear the powers that share control of the site are again becoming paralyzed by politically driven disagreements over who should pay for what.

“We were supposed to get a contemplative area nearby where we could sit and pray, visit,” she said. “I’m waiting for the remains to find their final resting place.”

Work has been slowed since late last year, when the subcontractors at the site stopped getting paid. The Port Authority claimed the Sept. 11 memorial foundation owed it \$300 million for infrastructure and revised project costs, while the foundation argued the port instead owed it money because of project delays. Three powerful political figures have been entangled in the dispute: The governors of New York and New Jersey control the port, while New York City Mayor

Michael Bloomberg is the foundation’s chairman.

Last month, Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye said there had been “significant progress” toward a resolution, but any deal has yet to materialize. On Thursday, a spokesman for the port would say only that discussions were continuing. A spokesman for the foundation declined to comment about the families’ concerns.

Officials have said publicly there is no way to complete the museum by this year’s anniversary of the attacks, but no formal communication has gone out to the families to inform them of the delays and keep them apprised, some family mem-

bers said.

In the meantime, personal items and mementos that families have donated to the museum are in a sort of limbo, with many wrapped and packed away in storage spaces that hold everything from damaged fire engines to children’s drawings.

“There are people out there... who hold these items as very, very precious,” said Debra Burlingame, a foundation board member whose own family’s donation has been put on hold until the dispute is resolved. They will donate a prayer card that her brother was carrying when his plane flew into the Pentagon. Somehow, the small card survived the fire, inscribed

with the words “Blessed are those who mourn.”

Burlingame wants to make sure her brother’s story survives.

“You have children who were very young on 9/11 or maybe not even born yet who have no idea what actually happened that day,” she said. “That story needs to be told, and it needs to be preserved for future generations.”

The subcontractors at the site were recently paid \$15 million that had been owed to them, but they won’t return to the job until there’s an agreement on future payment and a new schedule is adopted, said Ron Berger, the executive director of the Subcontractors Trade

# Developer: Pols can’t keep approving new casinos

By WAYNE PARRY  
Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Casinos are not like Starbucks stores: You really can’t have one on every corner.

That’s the word from David Cordish, whose company is opening a huge new casino next month in Maryland.

Yet Cordish warns that the expansion of casino gambling can’t go on unchecked forever. A big problem is the attitude of politicians nationwide who view casinos as free money.

“I don’t know how we can control the politicians; they certainly don’t understand the word ‘oversaturation,’” Cordish said Thursday. “They think you can have casinos like Starbucks.”

If that attitude continues, Cordish said, “it’s going to implode on them.”

That sentiment was voiced

repeatedly at The East Coast Gaming Congress, a major annual casino industry conference, held this year in the newly opened Revel casino resort in Atlantic City. The \$2.4 billion Revel is being counted on to help turn around Atlantic City’s five-year slump. But several experts at the forum said the solution to Atlantic City’s woes is the closure of one or more of its 12 casinos.

“Here in Atlantic City, we have assets for sale that literally nobody wants to buy,” said Gary Loveman, president of Caesars Entertainment, which counts four Atlantic City gambling halls among its 56 casinos. “There is simply too much supply in Atlantic City. The supply doesn’t go away. That’s a very bad thing. The problem here? Nobody ever closes.”

During a panel of Wall Street experts, Andrew Zarnett, managing director

of Deutsche Bank Securities, said Revel might hurt, rather than help, Atlantic City’s overall casino market.

“Everybody’s a loser; when you add supply to a market that’s not growing very much, everybody gets cannibalized,” he said. “We need some of this capacity to close and go away. I would have thought that would have happened two years ago, but the properties are still here.”

Zarnett said he doubts any Atlantic City casino will close until they see whether New Jersey will approve Internet gambling and throw the struggling properties a lifeline. He also predicted that New York will approve a casino in Manhattan within five years.

Not all the news from Atlantic City was bad, though:

Figures released Thursday by state regulators showed the casinos saw a 17 percent increase in gross operating profit for the first quarter of this year, following a 26 per-

cent increase in the fourth quarter of last year. The expansion of casino gambling has continued rapidly over the last several years, nowhere more fiercely than in the Northeast. There is serious disagreement within the industry as to whether the market is oversaturated or whether

there is room for further growth. But most agree it is tougher to do business in the Northeast casino market than it ever has been before.

The Cordish Co.’s Maryland Live!, opening on June 6, will have 4,750 slot machines and cost \$500 million.

“T h a n k s , David, for bringing 4,700 new slots to this market,” joked Don Marrandino, eastern division president of Caesars Entertainment.

“That’s great news for us.” Cordish said the casino market needs the stability of knowing how many operators there are going to be, particularly with the 67 percent tax Maryland imposes on its casinos.

He said the state will have

four casinos with more slot machines “than anything in Las Vegas. It’s an experiment that nobody knows how it’s going to turn out. A contest I don’t want to win is Maryland will probably be the king of the oversaturated market with the highest tax rate. It’s a real problem.”

“What happens when you put mega-casinos close together is they generally not only oversaturate the market, they don’t work,” Cordish said. In the Washington, D.C., region soon, he added, “you’ll have four of the largest casinos in the country operating within a short drive of one another.”

But new casinos keep coming. Timothy Wilmott, president of Penn National Gaming, which has 26 casinos nationwide, said the company is interested in new markets in Massachusetts and Texas and is opening new casinos in Ohio soon.

## Natural gas prices drop on rising supplies

Associated Press

Natural gas is no longer at decade lows, but the price remains sensitive to reports of any significant increase in supply.

The price dropped Thursday as the government said supplies continue to build, at a time when mild weather is dimming demand in parts of the country.

Natural gas fell 2.4 cents to end the day at \$2.594 per 1,000 cubic feet in New York. That’s still nearly 70 cents, or 37 percent, above the 10-year low of \$1.907 hit on April 19.

The Energy Department reported Thursday that natural gas stockpiles rose 61 billion cubic feet to 2.667 trillion cubic feet for the week

that ended May 11. That’s nearly 41 percent above year-earlier levels and the five-year average. Analysts expected a smaller increase of 52 billion to 56 billion cubic feet.

Natural gas plummeted earlier this year as a production boom helped fill storage facilities while a mild winter allowed consumers and businesses to use less gas for heat. It has bounced back as some energy companies reduced production. Some utilities also switched to using more cheap natural gas to generate power instead of coal. Others used it as a substitute for nuclear power that was offline for maintenance, PFGBest analyst Phil Flynn said.

## House passes small business contracting bills

Associated Press

Eight bills aimed at making it easier for small businesses to win federal contracts won approval Friday in the House of Representatives. But the legislation’s fate is uncertain because the measures are attached to a defense spending bill that President Barack Obama has threatened to veto.

The \$642 billion defense bill passed the House by a vote of 229-120. It goes next to the Senate, which is expected to make changes in the defense spending proposals. Obama has threatened to veto the bill, which departs significantly from his proposed Pentagon budget.

The eight contracting bills were attached to the defense bill because doing so guaran-

teed that they’d make it to the House floor, said D.J. Jordan, spokesman for the House Small Business Committee, which sponsored the bills. He said it also made sense for them to be attached to the bill because 70 percent of federal contracts are made by the Pentagon. Thousands of bills introduced in Congress each year never make it to a full House or Senate vote.

The contracting bills include:

—The Government Efficiency Through Small Business Contracting Act, which would raise to 25 percent the amount of federal contracting dollars that should go to small businesses. Under current law, the figure is 23 percent.

—The Small Business

Advocate Act, which would make it easier for the Offices of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in federal agencies to advocate for small business contracts.

—The Subcontracting Transparency and Reliability Act, which intends to make it easier for the government to stop large businesses from winning contracts by using small companies to front for them and would allow more small businesses to team up to win contracts.

—The Small Business Opportunity Act, which would make small business advocates part of the federal contracting process.

—The Building Better Business Partnerships Act, which would Allow the Small Business Administration to

oversee 13 current mentorship programs for small businesses.

—The Small Business Protection Act, which would revamp the SBA’s size standards, or the measure it uses to determine what a small business is.

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TASTE BUDDIES



Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth  
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Singing praises of The Dixie Grill

You know Spring is in full swing when one of our favorite things to do on a Sunday afternoon is to head over to Live Oak to check out the newest offerings at Nobles Greenhouse. Nobles extends their hours to include Sunday afternoons from Mid-March thru Mother's Day so we make the Sunday traditional trip whenever we can. On a recent trip, Tim and Mary Kay decided to have a leisurely lunch at The Dixie Grill before perusing the fabulous plant selections at Nobles.

Established in 1959, The Dixie Grill serves up old southern favorites, including a hearty country breakfast and they are open seven days a week. They also cater any occasion, any size and any time.

The day we went, we got there just before throngs of churchgoers piled in. And boy do they! Guess the locals know good southern cooking doesn't always have to be prepared in their own kitchens.

We started out with an order of Fried Green Tomatoes, you get six, that were battered and fried like no other we've found around here. A creamy "sabi sauce," sort of like a mix between a Remoulade and horseradish sauce, comes along side for dipping, if you feel the urge. One of our tests for a truly great fried green tomato is when they are just as crispy at the end of our meal! These are definitely worth the extra calories.

Their regular lunch menu is loaded with good old fashioned southern favorites, including fried chicken, fried livers or gizzards, pork chops, steak and even a nice selection of seafood. On this day, one of their specials was tender roast beef and gravy, so Tim decided he'd go with that. A heaping scoop of mashed potatoes and green beans rounded out his meal.

Mary Kay couldn't pass up the Dixie Fried Chicken and opted for two special sides of the day that included eggplant casserole and fresh cooked rutabagas. The fried chicken is absolutely phenomenal! Just about salivating as this review is being written. The secret to this "juicy on the inside and crunchy on the outside" chicken is the special brine The Dixie Grill uses as part of their recipe. The eggplant casserole was rich and creamy with a hint of pimento for a unique but delicious taste. The rutabagas tasted just like Mary Kay remembered her grandma cooking in her tiny little kitchen that turned out some of the best meals and memories.

Included with all entrees is a trip to the salad bar.

TASTE BUDDIES  
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State of Retirement

Health Department administrator Hugh Giebeig to retire with 35 years of service.



LAURA HAMPSON/Lake City Reporter

Hugh Giebeig, Columbia County Health Department administrator, will retire May 31 after 35 years working for the state.

**'It's been good to help the people in your own community.'**

Hugh Giebeig, a 1971 Columbia High School graduate.

By LAURA HAMPSON  
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After 21 years leading the Columbia County Health Department, administrator Hugh Giebeig will retire this month.

Giebeig, of Lake City, has worked for the state for 35 years, including 12 years as a regional director for child support enforcement. He was hired as a business manager for the health department in 1989, under director Melvin T. Kight. After Kight suffered a heart attack while on vacation, Giebeig was appointed to the administrator position in 1991.

"It's been good to help the people in your own community," said Giebeig, a 1971 Columbia High School graduate.

Giebeig said he learned

a lot from Kight in a short amount of time. The health department building was later dedicated in Kight's name.

In 1994, Giebeig also became the administrator for the Hamilton County Health Department.

Not working every day will be a strange feeling, he said. Growing up he worked at his father Earl Giebeig's filling station on S. Marion Avenue. "As long as I can remember I've worked," he said.

Looking ahead, obesity and financial concerns among patients are going to be the biggest issues facing the health department, he said.

"A lot of people depend on the health department for primary care," he said.

When people lose their jobs, they lose their insurance coverage. Going to the health department, which uses a sliding scale



LAURA HAMPSON/Lake City Reporter

Hugh Giebeig, (standing) Columbia County Health Department administrator, talks to Mark Lander, business manager, at the department's offices in downtown Lake City. Giebeig started as a business manager in 1989 and became the department's administrator in 1991.

for fees, may be all they can afford.

Although demand has gone up even in the last year, budgets have gotten smaller, he said.

Giebeig said he's most proud of not having to lay off employees because of budget constraints. The health department has about 47 employees. When money wasn't available the department has left positions unfilled, but never laid off employees, he said.

Giebeig said he runs

the health department like a business, relying on client fees, Medicaid reimbursements and county, state and federal money. However, the state has put more controls on the department, he said.

The health department has 35 programs ranging from septic tank systems and monitoring tanning salons to family planning and immunizations.

Giebeig said the dental bus is the best program the department has started.

Money from a grant and hospital authorities funds the program, which treats dental problems in elementary schoolers on free and reduced lunch and teaches them how to care for their teeth, he said.

Many children have never seen a dentist, especially because Columbia County does not have a dentist who accepts Medicaid, he said.

"It's really one of the best programs I think GIEBEIG continued on 2D

Summer woes for St. Augustine grass

The most commonly used lawn grass throughout the state of Florida

is St. Augustinegrass, or *Stenotaphrum secundatum*. This grass produces a dense, blue-green turf that grows well in most of our soil types. Some of the dwarf cultivars are more shade tolerant than other grass species grown in Florida. For those living on the coast, the salt tolerance makes St. Augustinegrass a good choice for lawns.

If you have a St. Augustinegrass lawn, you're already aware that this grass needs supplemental irrigation during dry spells. But there are other things to watch for that can quickly destroy

GARDEN TALK



Nichelle Demorest  
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heat and humidity of summer arrives. Insects and diseases can move in, damaging and stressing the grass to the point where weeds make a strong appearance. The first defense is using cultural methods to keep plants healthy. Read about these at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep070> 'Floritam' is the culti-

var that is most widely produced by growers and sold in Florida. When first introduced in 1973, 'Floritam' had good resistance to chinch bugs, the number one pest of St. Augustinegrass. Chinch bugs are now a serious threat, however, since the resistance has diminished over the years. These insects suck juices from the plant near the soil line, causing yellow to brownish patches in the turf. Damage is first noticeable along sidewalks and driveways as the temperatures rise.

Leaf spot diseases most often occur in late spring to early fall, especially during periods of heat and frequent rainfall. Both *Cercospora* leaf spot and gray leaf spot

diseases have similar symptoms and can easily be confused. Both diseases produce small brown spots on leaf blades that will enlarge and turn gray or tan with time. The turf suffers by thinning from scattered yellowing and dying leaf blades.

Determining which leaf spot has infected your grass is extremely important because treatment is very different for each of them. Go to [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_book\\_disease\\_problems](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_book_disease_problems) to determine which disease is causing symptoms and treat accordingly. Root rots also occur during the rainy summer season, but the fungus attacks the roots and is usually not visible above ground

until the grass begins its decline.

Keep your St. Augustinegrass and other warm-season grasses healthy to minimize insect, disease and weed problems. Reduce the need to treat for pests by following the researched-based cultural practices found at [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_lawn\\_care](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_lawn_care) and set aside the extra time and money for a vacation. Lawn and garden help is available by calling or visiting the Columbia County Master Gardeners. 752-5384

■ D. Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

# Beyond floral prints: Dresses in ND exhibit alive

By **DAVE KOLPACK**  
Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. — Stevie Famulari has brought a bit of Central Park to North Dakota.

The 40-year-old Famulari, a native New Yorker who moved to Fargo five years ago, has created five park-inspired dresses out of living plants that grow, flower and reseed themselves. One of the pieces, an opera gown, has already died once and grown back. Each dress contains more than 5,000 living blossoms.

The creations are more art than attire, though Famulari lined each one with a waterproof material that allows them to be worn and, after trying them on, declared the wearable bearable.

"It is not like I got super comfortable, but I have worn less-comfortable dresses," she said.

Famulari's work is entitled "The Green Line Project: Garden Parties." She created an opera gown, an asymmetrical gown, a lawn coat, a wedding gown and a lace gown. The collection is on display through the end of the month at Fargo's Plains Arts Museum.

"I'm the first living piece in that museum," said Famulari, whose other titles include pastry chef, doctoral student and landscape architecture professor.

But this isn't her first project to challenge the senses. She fashioned a dress out of chocolate that was a regular at several New York chocolate conventions and earned her appearances on the



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Above: Fargo artist Stevie Famulari works on the project at a greenhouse in Fargo, ND recently. Famulari, a New York City native who teaches landscape architecture at North Dakota State University, has created five wearable garments made from plants that grow, flower, and reseed themselves.

At left: This drawing provided by Famulari shows an opera gown, one of five garments the Fargo, ND, artist created. Each of the garments is lined with a waterproof material to allow them to be worn. Each dress contains over 5,000 living blossoms.

talk-show circuit, including Oprah.

Famulari also frequently appears on the "Food Network Challenge" show, where one of her cakes had to be hosed down with a fire extinguisher. She laughed when asked if there was any trial and error before she decided to move forward with the Green Line Project.

"Those Food Network Challenges are indicative of my personality. I don't do test runs. I don't pre-practice,"

she said. "I'm intelligent, I'm versatile, I'm flexible, and, frankly, it would ruin the spontaneity of this."

Famulari formulated the park-turned-dress idea about three years ago, as she began pondering how renowned landscapes, such as Central Park or Versailles, would look on dresses.

Her plan to combine science, art and fashion was advanced, oddly enough, by a group of three dozen landscape engineers — or "flan-

nel-wearing guys who spray roads," she said. They were researching how to make seeds to grow on a vertical surface without falling off.

She first bounced the idea off Dan Larsen, a geotextile and erosion control expert for Brock White, a St. Paul, Minn.-based construction supply company and one of the Green Line project sponsors. He had given guest lectures to Famulari's landscape architecture students at North Dakota

State University.

"It's the most unique thing that I have seen in forever," Larsen said. "Nobody was quite sure where it would go, but we knew we didn't want to be on the sidelines."

Their brainstorming session resulted in a felt-like fabric that creates its own ecosystem — it holds the seed and stays moist, but it's not so wet that it kills the root. The fabric requires plants with a shallow-root system that will bloom with the same set

of nutrients, some of which "make steroids look tame," Famulari said.

And it had to look good on the human body.

The opera gown was the first to be planted, and blooms with poppies, daisies, violets, zinnias and baby sprouts.

Although Famulari makes regular visits to a hothouse to nurture her sartorial plants, she said the complicated project is indebted to the staff of Shotwell Floral, a longtime Fargo flower shop.

J.D. Shotwell, a company vice president and fifth-generation florist, said the biggest challenge is finding the proper nutrients for plants that have no soil. They are watered two to three times a day, he said.

"To tell you the truth, it has been a learning process for us, too," Shotwell said.

Kimberly Schultz is one of Famulari's first and best friends in Fargo. A Boston native, Schultz is a stylist who works on wigs and makeup for opera performers. She dolled up the models—ranging from a 25-year-old Miss North Dakota runner-up to a 73-year-old retired college professor — for the project's photo shoot.

Schultz is partial to the floral opera gown, but said the lawn coat has promise.

"You see fashion coats that have the fur that look just like the lawn coat. Plus, it smells good," Schultz said.

Schultz said Famulari likes to push artistic boundaries and make people think.

"People keep asking what it's for," Schultz said. "It isn't for anything. It's for art."

## Stefani squeezes in fashion, music around her sons

By **SAMANTHA CRITCHELL**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gwen Stefani is no stranger to multitasking, juggling her music career — she's wrapping up a new album with No Doubt — and her fashion projects, which include the debut of the newest Harajuku Mini collection at Target next week.

But, Stefani says, it's her sons that mostly keep her on her toes. Some days, running Kingston, 6, and Zuma, 4, back and forth to school, doing homework and tucking them into bed seems to take up the biggest part of

her day.

"I like to be with them whenever I can, of course," the 42-year-old singer-designer says.

Her mother was very hands-on, and Stefani says that's what she's striving to do. Some of her favorite memories include wearing Holly Hobbie bonnets and velvet dresses with lace collars that her mother made for her.

"Growing up, I had a really amazing mom who was really creative. She made stuff for every holiday, and I learned how to sew. ... She has really good style

— and I feel like my parents let me be creative — but they'd always check my skirt length," Stefani says. "They were strict."

Stefani has been designing her LAMB line for women for nine years, so, she says, this collaboration on a children's line came pretty easily because she knows the design and manufacturing process, has more ideas than she knows what to do with, and has learned to edit herself for a clear, consumer-friendly message.

Plus, how much fun is it to dress up grade-school

girls?

"When I first started this line, I thought it was going to be for under 5, but Target wanted me to do the bigger girls, which is a really strange age," she says. "They're so inspired by things they see, trying to find themselves, expressing themselves, they're influenced by friends, what they see on TV and the Internet. I thought it sounded like a big job but I've gotten into it."

The clothes, available in stores Monday, are a mix of the girlie frills and masculine silhouettes that Stefani says are staples of her own wardrobe.

And she's conscious of being age-appropriate.

"That part is challenging," she says, "but I think we've done a good job."



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Gwen Stefani is joined by her son Kingston on the runway after her L.A.M.B. fashion show held during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York in 2010. Stefani is no stranger to multitasking, juggling her music career — she's wrapping up a new album with No Doubt — and her fashion projects, which include the debut of the newest Harajuku Mini collection at Target next week.

### Engagement announcement

#### Upchurch-Davis

Charles Upchurch of Macon, Ga. and Landra Upchurch of Conway, S.C. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Mary Upchurch of Jacksonville, to Darrin Dewayne Davis of Jacksonville, son of Claude and Carline Kennedy of Lake City, Fla. and Wayne and Kari Davis of Jacksonville. The groom is also the grandson of the late Pauline Peeler Murray. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Saturday,

June 2 at Olustee Park, Lake City. A reception will follow at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. All friends and family are invited. The bride-elect graduated from Carolina Forest high in 2004 and North Greenville University in 2008. She is currently working as a lease specialist for Horizon Realty Management at Alantica Apartments in Jacksonville. The groom graduated from Fort White High in 2004 and will graduate from ITT-Technical Institute in 2013. He is currently working at Carr Tech Ind. of Jacksonville.

## TASTE BUDDIES: Dixie Grill praises

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Stocked with standard items, we recommend you load your bowl lightly as the fresh sides and entrée are enough for even the heartiest eaters.

Even though we were totally full and completely satisfied, we'd heard the homemade desserts were to die for. At first we thought about sharing a piece of chocolate meringue pie but the

bread pudding with a delicious rum sauce called our names too. Both were absolutely divine and finished off our meal perfectly.

We thoroughly enjoyed this Sunday afternoon meal before our trek to Nobles. We hope you'll try out The Dixie Grill soon and like it as much as we did.

The Dixie Grill is located in downtown Live Oak,

just off US Highway 90 in Live Oak at the corner of Dowling Avenue. Phone Number is 386-364-2810.

■ Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth are Columbia County residents who love good food and fun, at home and out. Their column on area restaurants appears twice monthly. You can contact them at TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com.

## GIEBEIG: Health Dept. admin. to retire

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we've started," he said. Giebeig said he doesn't have any big plans for retirement, but will spend time fishing and watching Florida State University games.

Giebeig said he and

his wife Donna will take their camper on the road, but not too far as she is still working for the Department of Children and Families.

While friends and co-workers have retirement

parties planned in his honor, Giebeig said he's not a big fan of the spotlight.

"I would just like to fade off into the sunset," he said.

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# Woodlands can yield lesser-known crops



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**Above:** The flowering plant Bloodroot used now primarily for its ornamental is seen near New Market, Va. recently. **At right:** A Fiddlehead curled up frond is seen in early spring in New Market, Va. recently.



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By **DEAN FOSDICK**  
Associated Press

**F**orest farming can be an attractive option for property owners who want to earn more from their land without cutting timber.

It generally involves thinning existing woodlots to leave the best canopy trees for wood production while opening the forest floor to understory crops — things like mushrooms, blackberries and ginseng.

The combination of those products with timber “is a real winner,” said Kenneth Mudge, an associate professor of ornamental horticulture at Cornell University. “It’s a good way to get some early returns while waiting for your trees to grow large enough to be processed into lumber.”

The potential is huge, said James Chamberlain, a non-timber forest products technologist with the USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, at Blacksburg, Va.

There are about 53 million acres of family-owned forest in Appalachia alone, Chamberlain said. “Much of that area has habitat for growing herbaceous plants that can be harvested.”

Almost any shade-tolerant plant or fungus will grow in a wooded setting.

“I recommend native plants, though, that are attuned to the area you’re interested in,” Chamberlain said.

The costs of producing non-timber products in forest farm setups can vary dramatically, the U.S. Department of Agriculture says.

“Maple syrup or woods cultivated for ginseng production may need an investment of several hundred dollars or more to purchase the necessary equipment to get started,” the agency said in a fact sheet. “On the other hand, craft materials, leeks, native fruits and nuts that are already growing on a site may not require any out-of-pocket costs other than containers to gather the products while harvesting.”

There’s a difference between forest farming and “wildcrafting,” which is gathering and processing naturally occurring forest products on private or public lands.

“Advantages forest farmers have over wild harvesters is they can produce large volumes of the product that is in demand, their product will be more uniform and they can provide quality control,” said Jeanine Davis, an associate professor at North Carolina State University’s Mountain Horticultural Crops Research and Extension Center, at Mills River.

Some typical woodland crops:

- Edibles: Berries, pawpaw, ramps.
- Medicinals: American ginseng, goldenseal, bloodroot.
- Ornamentals: Hostas,

ferns, heucheras, hellebores, daylilies.

— Nuts: Walnuts, hickories, pecans.

— Mushrooms: Shiitake, lion’s mane, oyster.

— Others: Pine straw for mulch, deadfalls for firewood, maple syrup, honey.

Is forest farming worth it? Consider these net profit figures Davis compiled for several high value specialty harvests:

— Wild simulated ginseng will generate an estimated \$20,460 per half-acre after nine years.

— Organic, forest-grown goldenseal will pay out some \$2,490 per one-tenth acre after four years.

— Woods-grown ramps will be worth \$770 per one-tenth acre after three years.

“Know and develop your market before you plant,” Davis said. “Selling (non-timber) forest products is not a get-rich scheme.”

Consider value-added products if you want to make still more money from your woodlot. Creating wreaths and garlands from forest greenery and vines and selling them directly to consumers can boost the value of that greenery 20 times or more, Davis said.

“White oak baskets, herb extracts, herbal teas, beeswax candles and other products you can make and sell,” she said. “You can also run a native plant nursery and sell seeds and planting stock.”

## Reality TV gives birth to top baby names

By **STEPHEN OHLEMACHER**  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Reality TV is giving birth to some of the most popular baby names. No, not Snooki. But Mason, as in Kourtney Kardashian’s son, jumped 10 spots to become the second most popular name for newborn boys in 2011.

The more traditional Sophia is the new top name for girls, while Jacob is No. 1 for boys for the 13th straight year, according to the list released Monday by the Social Security Administration.

Kardashian, the reality TV star, gave birth to Mason in December 2009 following a heavily publicized pregnancy. In 2010, Mason jumped from No. 34 to No. 12. Last year, 19,396 baby boys were named Mason, an increase of nearly 4,600, by far the biggest jump for any name.

“It shows what we’re paying attention to, what we’re thinking about,” said Laura Wattenberg, creator of the website babynamewizard.com. “Today, you can’t walk through a supermar-

ket without learning more than you hoped to know about the Kardashian family. That’s just reality.”

Rounding out the top five for boys: William, Jayden and Noah. Michael came in sixth, the lowest ranking since 1948.

Isabella, which had been the top girl’s name for two years, dropped to second place in 2011. Emma, Olivia and Ava rounded out the top five.

The Social Security Administration provides lists of baby names dating to 1880 on its website. The top two names that year were John and Mary. John is now No. 27 and Mary has fallen to No. 112 — the lowest for both names.

The list, which also includes top baby names by state, draws millions of viewers. The agency hopes that people go to the website to see the baby names and stay to learn about other services, said Social Security Commissioner Michael J. Astrue.

Top girl names tend to be more volatile — changing from year to year —

while the top boy names are more stable, Astrue said. William, for example, has been a popular boy’s name for more than 100 years, never falling out of the top 20. Mason is the exception, entering the top 100 for the first time in 1997.

On the girls’ side, Sophia first cracked the top 100 in 1997. Isabella dropped off the list altogether from 1949 to 1990.

Social Security also tracks which names increase in popularity and which ones drop.

The fastest rising name for girls: Briella, which jumped 394 spots, to No. 497. Briella Calafiore stars in “Jerseylicious,” a reality TV

show about battling stylists at a beauty salon in Green Brook, N.J. She’s also in a spinoff called “Glam Fairy.”

Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi is the star of another reality TV show about New Jersey called “Jersey Shore.” Snooki has never cracked the list of top 1,000 names, but she is in the midst of a well-publicized pregnancy, so stay tuned.

Barack and Mitt have never made the list, either. But Willard, which is Mitt Romney’s first name, was on the list as recently as 1989.

Brantley was the fastest rising name for boys, jumping 416 spots to No. 320. Brantley Gilbert is a singer

who had a No. 1 country hit called “Country Must Be Country Wide.”

Americans get baby names from a lot of places — religion, relatives and, yes, popular culture, Wattenberg said. She likened baby naming trends to “a fossil record of our culture.”

Parents tend to shy away from names that conjure up negative emotions — Adolf fell off the list for good in 1929. But, Wattenberg said, parents aren’t necessarily paying homage to celebrities when they give their children the same name. In many cases, they are simply using a name they might not have heard otherwise.



**JOHN J. KOWALCZYK**  
Receives Medical Degree

John and Judy Kowalczyk, formerly of Lake City, FL, proudly announce the graduation of their son, John J. Kowalczyk, M.D., from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY, on Friday, May 18, 2012.

Dr. John J. Kowalczyk will begin his residency in Anesthesiology at the University Hospital at Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio this June.

The Kowalczyk family currently reside in Loveland, Colorado.

## 70-year-old woman graduates from USM

Associated Press

**BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss.** — More than 50 years after getting her high school diploma, a Bay St. Louis woman has graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Carol Strohmets, 70, had a college diploma but not the bachelor’s degree she really wanted.

“Many years ago I had gotten an associate’s degree in business, and then I worked in business my whole life. But I was never really crazy about business,” Strohmets told WLOX-TV (<http://bit.ly/J6hQKz>).

About three years ago, she started taking courses at USM’s Gulf Park campus, taking a couple of courses. As she got more comfortable, she added more so she could finish up faster.

“When we walked into the coliseum and walked into the auditorium where we were graduating from, I filled up. I choked up and

thought, ‘Oh my goodness, I’m going to cry;’ it just was very emotional,” Strohmets said.

She graduated Saturday with a 3.95 grade point average and numerous honors. Her degree is in American studies, with a minor in women’s studies.

The classroom was quiet different than she remembered. “Technology has advanced so much since I was in school, and the students are plugged into everything, iPads and all kinds of Kindles and computers,” Strohmets said.

She gave her classmates partial credit for her success. “The young students are so energetic and so much fun, and it is just so stimulating to be around them. And they just spurred me on; it was great,” Strohmets said.

She said she has always been a big fan of the Golden Eagles. She’s on her second USM school flag — the first was so worn she had to replace it.

**AMY MARIE ANDERSON**



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DEAR ABBY

Fueling car as engine runs is taking a dangerous risk

DEAR ABBY: My father absolutely refuses to turn off the ignition when fueling his car, despite the warning signs at the pump. How can I convince him to stop endangering himself and my mother? - WORRIED DOWN SOUTH



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR WORRIED: Motorists are instructed to "Stop Motor" while refueling for good reason. Gasoline is highly flammable. However, it is not actually the liquid that burns. Even at temperatures as low as 45 degrees, gasoline gives off vapor.

It is the VAPORS that ignite. Gasoline vapor is heavier than air, so when it ignites, it does so at ground level. All it takes to create a violent explosion is fuel vapors, enough oxygen and a source of ignition. A spark from a cigarette, a hot exhaust pipe, faulty wiring, static electricity or the vapor reaching an open flame - all can cause gasoline vapors to explode.

Please show this item to your father. Perhaps it will convince him to be more safety conscious.

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves to cook and he's very good at it. Every

night when I get home from work, he greets me with a huge meal. Problem is, I feel obligated to eat it even when I'm not the least bit hungry. Every morning, he asks me what I want for dinner. I prefer my main meal at noon and a very light meal - or none at all - at the end of the day.

How can I get him to stop cooking for me without hurting his feelings? I know he does it because he loves me, but I feel I am being forced to eat food I really don't want. - STUFFED IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR STUFFED: I presume you're a new bride, because otherwise you would have already learned how to communicate openly with your husband while still being tactful. Try this:

"Honey, you're killing me with kindness. If I keep eating like this, I'll have to invest in an entire new wardrobe. My metabolism

works better if I have my main meal at noon and very little - if anything - in the evening, so please help me by not making these large dinners because they're too tempting to resist."

DEAR ABBY: My daughter recently became engaged to a wonderful young man. I have looked forward to planning her wedding for years. She always said she wanted to be married in our hometown, but now she says they want to get married near where he lives, which is four hours from where I live.

I feel she has been persuaded to do this. I'm paying for the wedding and work full-time, and I'm really stressing about planning the dream wedding she wants from far away. What do I do? - JUST THE BRIDE'S MOM

DEAR JUST: Have a frank talk with your daughter and ask why she changed her mind. Tell her that you have dreamed of planning her wedding for years, but the change of venue is causing stress for you.

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THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

majority, even if it means not being able to protect someone who made a mistake. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Laugh at your mistakes. Being humble and gracious will spare you a lot of grief in the end. You may want to step back and take a day to reassess a situation you face. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to any complaints being made. Your insights and solutions will put you in a good position regarding your own personal interests. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emphasize discipline and hard work and you will win approval. Someone may try to force you into making a change that isn't in your best interest. Taking a broader look at the possibilities will help you decide what you should do. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have a choice.

Don't limit what you can do. Venture down a path that allows you to use your imagination and talent. The outcome will impress someone who has doubted your ability in the past. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Honesty is the best policy. Leading someone on will backfire. Show gratitude toward those who have helped you. A realistic view of your situation will be necessary if you want to avoid opposition. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can listen to what everyone else has to say and the demands being made, but that doesn't mean you have to accommodate what's being asked of you. Size up your situation and you'll soon realize the action you must take. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sit tight. Watch what everyone around you is doing before you make a move. Excess will be a problem, whether it's you being overindulgent or someone else. Don't lose sight of what you know you should be doing. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Discipline, hard work and attention to detail will pay off in the end. A money-making opportunity is apparent if you partner with someone who is enthusiastic about reaching the same goal. Don't let a personal situation hold you back. ★★★★★

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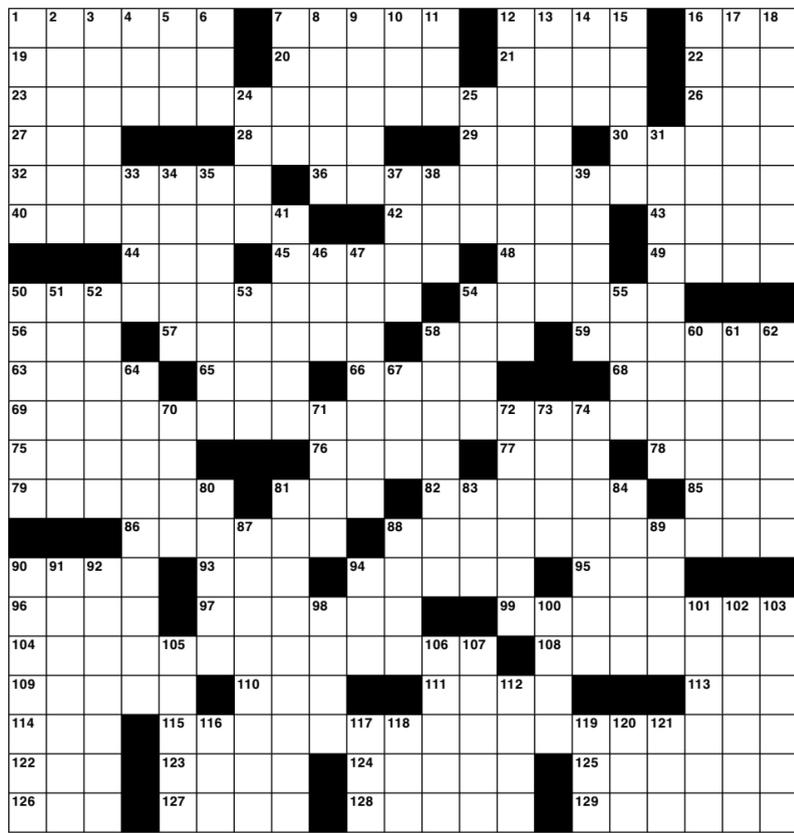
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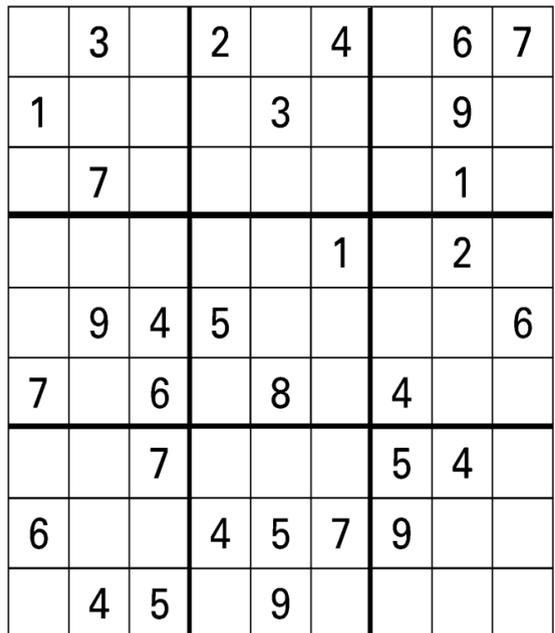
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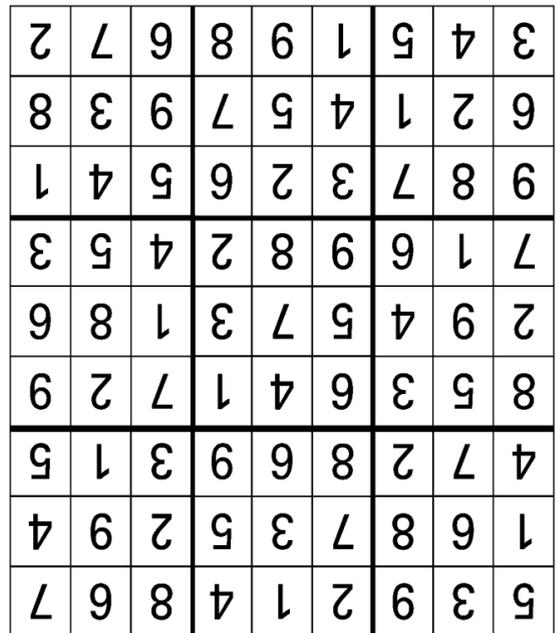


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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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# Men redefining 'manly' — and not just for laughs

By **LEANNE ITALIE**  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — May, it turns out, is a manly month, and a funny one at that.

The Mother's Day flowers are barely wilted and already there's a heavy male energy in the air — of the wry, ironical, comedy variety — in new books and movies ahead of dad's day June 17.

We've got "Mansome" from the "Super Size Me" dude, Morgan Spurlock. And "Man Made: A Stupid Quest for Masculinity" from Time magazine's Joel Stein. And "Dan Gets a Minivan: Life at the Intersection of Dude and Dad," from humorist-at-large Dan Zevin.

Why, when it comes to the discourse on masculinity, is the conversation routinely rolled around laughs? Where, exactly, does all the funny lead? Does it help redefine a new masculinity, make it easier for men to talk about this stuff?

We went straight to the source, the funny guys themselves and some of their foils, the unintentionally funny, to see if they could get serious about the burning issues facing MANKind today.

**MORGAN SPURLOCK**  
In his latest com-doc, Spurlock takes on male grooming, enlisting the mother lode of funny guys: Judd Apatow, Paul Rudd, Zach Galifianakis and "Arrested Development" brothers Jason Bateman and Will Arnett, both of whom are executive producers.

And Morgan Spurlock thinks the point is?

"Men are in a position now where we're being marketed to and targeted in the same way that women have for decades, where suddenly men aren't good enough. Suddenly you're too fat. Suddenly your skin's too ugly, you don't have enough hair. All those same types of things that were told to women to let you know you were inadequate unless you tried X, Y or Z are now the same types of tactics that are being used on men, all in this effort to try and push this commodification of manhood."

So is that a good thing? For men, that is.

"I'm sure it's good for somebody, but for men in general? Shouldn't men want to take care of themselves? Sure. Should they spend a gazillion dollars? Probably not."

**JASON BATEMAN**

In Spurlock's movie, he and Arnett — spa robes on — compare shaving technique, get side-by-side pedicures and facials, take



**Above:** Chris Rock, left, and Tom Lennon with children in a scene from the movie "What to Expect When You're Expecting" in this photo released by Lionsgate. At right: Shawn Daivari shaves his arms in a scene from "Mansome" in this picture released by Warrior Poets.



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a soak together and try to keep the manly talk light.

What does Jason Bateman think is funny about manhood?

"The men who are speaking about it or presenting it are trying to avoid embarrassment and taking the subject, or themselves, too seriously."

Asked to get serious for just a sec, Bateman admits he doesn't have an answer for what it means to be a man.

"I try to be the best man I know how to be, which is just to kind of listen to myself and make the decisions that I'm instinctually drawn to make as opposed to having any sort of premeditated agenda, or any sort of strategy. I'm just trying to be honest and human, if that means being confident in one moment, then I'm that. If that means letting vulnerability show because I'm feeling vulnerable, then doing that. It's nice to be able to show it and feel it all."

**JOEL STEIN**

Never an outdoorsman, always anxious, Stein did something he never thought he would when his wife got pregnant: He freaked out

because the baby was a boy.

There would be camping trips and footballs to throw! So he decided to make a book out of a manly bucket list to overcome his fears and generally effete way of doings things. He did a 24-hour shift with Los Angeles firefighters. He knocked back Scotch, went hunting and survived three days of Army boot camp.

So what'd he learn? What does being a man mean to Joel Stein?

"I think being a man today means less than it used to. Don Draper (of '60s 'Mad Men' fame) seems like such a man. He says no to things, but if you remember those segments in the first season or two where they show his dad, and his dad was like coming home and just beating the heck out of his wife and his kids. It was like, 'Oh, men were even scarier

before Don Draper.' They're always going to be scarier the further you go back. Being a man these days? It's still some version of being able to stick up for yourself and people around you, and it's still about being self-sufficient in every way."

**DAN ZEVIN**

Zevin lived in Brooklyn as

**The Mother's Day flowers are barely wilted and already there's a heavy male energy in the air — of the wry, ironical, comedy variety — in new books and movies ahead of dad's day June 17.**

a stay-at-home dad of two. And wrote a book about it.

He eventually left Aloof Hipster Dad in his Brooklyn playground and moved to suburban Larchmont, where he worships at Costco and posts to YouTube interviews he does from his minivan. A balloon-twisting party clown

was a recent subject.

What surprised Dan Zevin about staying home with his kids?

"I thought it was going to be easy. I really thought it was going to be like I will continue to have this cool Brooklyn lifestyle and be a freelance writer and see my friends and go to cafes and do my work, my creative work, but the only difference is I'll just have a couple of kids in tow, you know, and I found out that it's hard. It's not so easy. There are great parts of it but it's not so easy and I think that moms have probably had that one figured out for generations and generations. We're just learning as we go along. Our dads weren't the role models. This is all new to us, this more involved fatherhood. If you can't laugh about this stuff you're going to go absolutely bonkers."

**SHAWN DAIVARI**

He's an Iranian-American pro wrestler living in Las Vegas. In "Mansome," he acknowledges he's one hairy guy. He began body shaving when he started wrestling at 15 and realized some of his new profession's biggest stars did the same thing.

Daivari demonstrates his head-to-toe shaving routine on camera, with help from a buddy for the scariest hair of all: The Back Hair.

"I remember the first time. I showed up at school for gym class on a Monday after shaving my body and legs for a match that Saturday. I was changing into my shorts and all the guys were making fun of me, like 'Oh my god, look at the sissy, he shaves his legs. He's like one of the girls.' It was kind of an embarrassing thing at the time, but now I just think I was ahead of the game."

Daivari is built. There are women at his gym when he goes there to work out, but it's usually other men who swoon when they get a look at him.

"I get more compliments from other men about my physique than women. Ever. Guys will come up to me and go,

'Oh man, how do I get arms like yours or how much do you bench press? I wish I could have a chest as cool as yours, or a 19-inch neck.' I think women are a little deeper than guys are. If that's masculinity, what I have right now, I really don't want it because I really don't want a bunch of guys

slobbering all over me. I'd much rather be more feminine, if being more feminine is what draws attention from women. That's what I'd rather do."

**RICKY MANCHANDA**

The New York City clothing buyer is the ultimate metrosexual. Clothes matter. His eyebrows matter. His hair matters. He gets regular treatments and keeps his body toned.

"My personality, my confidence, is derived from my looks," he said in "Mansome."

The Sikh wore a turban until the age of 16, gradually turning away from the traditional look to make it easier on his parents. Now, on a scale of 10, he said he's a six.

"Everyone has a hobby. My looks have become my hobby," he said.

On camera, Apatow declares the notion of men trying to look good for themselves "(Expletive) up." Off camera, Manchanda strongly disagrees.

"First and foremost you should be doing it for yourself," he said. "You ladies know after getting a facial or getting your nails done or getting your hair done, you feel great, and feeling great makes you feel better about yourself. It's very masculine, owning your look."

**JACK PASSION**

The competitive beardsman totally owns his full red one that hangs to his waist. Now 28, he started growing it at 19 and began competitive "beard building" at 21.

"Man-aged human males are stuck in kind of boyhood," Passion said in the Spurlock movie. "This is just how a human male looks."

Passion wrote "The Facial Hair Handbook" in 2009 and is working on a diet book for men.

What does his beard say about his masculinity?

"For me, growing a beard is probably the most politically correct, most nonviolent, easiest and most passive but also most authentic way to visually, externally demonstrate to the world, and more importantly to myself, that I have come of age as a man," he said in an interview.

"And so, since I have expressed that I am a man with my beard, I don't have to or even feel the desire to rely on socially constructed forms of masculinity, such as the macho guy, the tough guy, violence, rowdy sports, any of these sort of things. I don't even have to go there because I'm already calm and OK with the idea. I've already proved what I need to prove. That I am a man."

## YouTube launching food channel with TV veterans

By **J.M. HIRSCH**  
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Bruce Seidel is confident the future of food television won't be seen on television.

Which is why the Food Network and Cooking Channel veteran has checked out of network TV to oversee the launch of YouTube's latest original content channel, HUNGRY. The channel, which goes live on July 2, is expected to feature a freewheeling blend of how-to and celebrity-driven food videos.

The venture is part of the Google Inc.-owned video site's plan to launch roughly 100 channels of niche-oriented programming. Earlier this month, YouTube pledged to spend some \$200 million to help market those channels across Google and its advertising network.

Seidel was drawn to the project in part for YouTube's ability to create a more direct community with viewers than generally is possible with network

television. It also offered more flexibility not just for viewers, but also for producers, who can more easily experiment with format and content.

YouTube also offers an enviably large and young demographic, truly the icing on advertisers' cake.

"The wonderful thing about YouTube is it has 800 million users worldwide and they all need to eat," Seidel said in a telephone interview. "I'd like to get just 1 percent of them."

YouTube content historically has been dominated by low- and no-budget user generated videos. But Seidel, a former top executive at Food Network who oversaw the launch of its sister network, Cooking Channel, said HUNGRY will feature professionally produced videos worthy of any network.

At launch, videos will stick mostly with YouTube convention, running one to three minutes, with new episodes posted weekly. Seidel said they also are eager to explore longer format videos. By the end of the summer, the channel hopes to

have close to a dozen series, all produced in partnership with multimedia studio Electus-IAC, which is responsible for the channel's content.

One of the series will feature fellow Food Network alumnus Duff Goldman, the cake master behind that channel's reality show "Ace of Cakes." Goldman's YouTube program, "Duff's Food World," will be a sometimes irreverent variety show focused on food pop culture, including visits to unusual restaurants and spotlights of humorous food clips from the web and TV.

Goldman also will serve as a talent and programming consultant for HUNGRY. In that role, he said he is eager to push food television both forward and backward.

"Basically, the cooking show on television is almost dead," he said. "When you look at the programming on any kind of cable food channel, you kind of find that everything is being replaced by travelogues, competition, reality. There is not a lot of instruction."

## A little heat adds a lot of flavor to a milkshake

By **J.m. Hirsch**  
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A hot skillet might seem out of place in a recipe for an icy, creamy milkshake. But stay with me on this one, because it turns out to be an amazing way to add tons of flavor.

It's pretty simple. There's nothing all that unusual about adding fruit to a milkshake, especially bananas. But what makes this recipe different is that we brown the bananas in a skillet before adding them. This quick and easy step caramelizes the natural sugars in the bananas and gives them a serious flavor kick.

To help the caramelizing along, I added butter and a bit of brown sugar to the pan. The result is a rich, caramel banana sauce in the skillet, as well as deliciously browned fruit.

And this technique can be applied to other fruit, as well. Pineapple rings, apple wedges, halved strawberries, strips of mango, even pitted cherries. If you use apples, just be sure to brown them slowly over low heat until they are quite soft.

**CARAMELIZED BROWN SUGAR-BANANA MILKSHAKE**  
Start to finish: 25 minutes (10 minutes active)  
Servings: 2  
1 tablespoon butter  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 bananas, peeled and halved lengthwise  
2 cups milk  
1 cup vanilla ice cream  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
Pinch of salt  
In a medium skillet over medium heat, melt the butter. Sprinkle in the brown sugar and stir

until bubbling. Add the bananas, then reduce heat to low and cook for 2 to 3 minutes, or until evenly browned. Use a spatula to carefully turn the bananas and brown on the other side for another 2 to 3 minutes.

Remove the skillet from the heat and let cool for 15 minutes.

Once the bananas have cooled, use a silicone spatula to scrape them and any liquid and caramelized bits in the skillet into a blender. Add the milk, ice cream, cinnamon and salt. Puree until very smooth.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 490 calories; 190 calories from fat (39 percent of total calories); 21 g fat (13 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 70 mg cholesterol; 68 g carbohydrate; 12 g protein; 4 g fiber; 280 mg sodium.