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DISASTER AREA

Declaration opens doors to federal dollars

How to apply for assistance

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Columbia County residents will soon receive federal disaster money and emergency resources to help recover from Tropical Storm Debby.

President Barack Obama declared Tuesday a major disaster area in Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Pasco and Wakulla counties.

Assistance includes grants for temporary housing and home repairs and low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses. Other programs will help individuals and business owners recover from the flooding.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said they are reviewing other areas affected by the storm and that more counties could receive disaster declarations.

FEMA does not provide assistance that is available through insurance, but the agency may be able to assist with losses not covered by insurance.

How to apply

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in Columbia County can begin applying for assistance today by registering online at www.disasterassistance.gov, by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

FEMA will soon be setting up a Disaster Recovery Center in Lake City where residents can apply for assistance, get information about FEMA or other disaster assistance programs or ask questions related to their case. The center's location and hours will be announced once finalized.

Homeowners should file a claim with their insurance company as soon as possible, as failure to do so may affect eligibility.

Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide basic information about themselves including name, permanent address, Social Security Number, phone number, insurance coverage, description of losses caused by the disaster and any other information to help substantiate losses.

Registering online is one of the best methods to complete an application and avoid busy signals on the telephone. If information is gathered prior to starting the application, the process should take approximately 20 minutes.

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Paddlin'

Columbia County resident Paula Koehler pilots a paddle boat while cruising around the flooded Santa Fe River Tuesday. 'It's God giving us a good washing out,' Koehler said of the flooding. 'Look at all of the debris cleaned out of the woods.'

JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Scams on rise after flood

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As flood victims work to clean up after Tropical Storm Debby, scam artists may be trying to re-victimize area residents.

Officials with the Columbia County Building and Zoning Department urge residents to take important steps to protect themselves from unprofessional and illegal operators.

Potential schemes involve con-artists phoning victims, going door-to-door to

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damaged homes and asking for personal information such as Social Security or bank account numbers.

Workers may show up at flood-damaged homes and recommend expensive or unnecessary repairs.

Residents are cautioned against signing contracts or making down payments without first receiving written estimates from contractors, and to avoid offers which seem too good to refuse.

In addition, the written contract may contain a clause allowing a lien to be placed on your home should the bill not be paid.

Residents with questions about the legitimacy of companies claiming to be specialists in home restoration and repairs can contact the department at 758-1008. Residents can also call the Florida Department of Professional Regulation in Tallahassee at 850-487-1395 or verify the license of a business online at www.myfloridalicense.com.

Other scammers may offer to expedite and process disaster applications for a fee.

Before residents are eligible for federal disaster assistance, the county must be deemed a disaster by county commissioners, Gov. Rick Scott and President Obama.

Now that Columbia and four other counties have been declared a federal disaster area, representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Small Business Administration will establish field offices here to take applications from residents who suffered from damages to



Wendy McKinley walks through water after hauling personal belongings from her home. McKinley said that her house is flooded 'eight inches high all around.'



A lawnmower sits on top of a shed in an effort to keep it dry from floodwaters after Tropical Storm Debby's downpour flooded the Santa Fe River.

apply for a variety of aid programs.

Local officials are hopeful that a disaster declaration will be approved within a week.

Federal and state disaster inspectors would never recommend specific repairs and would never charge a fee for any inspection. Federal officials do also carry photo identification, which you may request to see.

Florida Power & Light is warning customers about a bill payment scam that is spreading through social media and word-of-

mouth and is believed to be part of a nationwide phishing scam.

Scammers are telling customers that a third party, in most cases the Federal Government or President Obama, will pay their utility bill in exchange for their personal information, such as social security numbers and personal banking information.

While customers may have received information from friends or the internet instead of the scammers them-

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FWC keeping watch on rivers

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Using down the Santa Fe at idle speed, Officer Dwain Mobley with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is on duty, patrolling a nearly deserted river.

Mobley, who has worked in the tri-county area with FWC for the past 17 years, says he has never had a Fourth of July holiday off.

"This is by far the slowest it has been," he said.

With the flooded banks of the Santa Fe dozens of feet past normal levels, Mobley said there has been a 95 percent reduction in boat traffic.

Its swollen waters have engulfed gazebos, docks and large boats. The bow of a 22-foot vessel lies swamped, peeking just barely from the murky waters. Mobley said the boat was resting on the banks prior to the flood.

"The river system is very narrow usually," Mobley said.

Dislodged docks and trees drift down the river. A lone turtle rests in the warped pivot of a sun-baked dock.

Mobley said he saw a dock over 25 feet long broken loose and floating down the river.

The dock disappeared. He said he had not seen it since days before.

"It's just cruising down the river somewhere," he said.

The color of the water has also changed since the storm.

"It's usually ice blue, crystal clear."

Now it is a dark, tannic water.

Mobley said he has run into quite a few people who come to the river for vacation, somehow without knowledge of the flooded conditions.

He has spotted people swimming in the river or riding in kayaks. However, he said the conditions are not conducive for recreation at this point.

Though the water looks peaceful on the surface, underneath is a swirling system of currents dodging in and out of fallen trees and other submerged debris.

Mobley said he is quick to caution swimmers who have decided the river is ripe for recreation.

"You can't make people put their life jacket on, but I always advise them," he said.

Behind a barrier of tree trunks, a woman in a paddle boat drifts around what used to be her front yard.

Paula Koehler said she had seen the river at high-

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Evening: N/A



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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

New 'Spider-Man' snares \$7.5M in midnight shows

LOS ANGELES — The new Spider-Man has launched with the same midnight magic as the old one.

"The Amazing Spider-Man" pulled in \$7.5 million from its debut screenings Tuesday just after midnight. According to distributor Sony Pictures, that matches the amount that "Spider-Man 3" took in from its first midnight screenings in 2007 on the way to what was then a record \$151.1 million opening weekend.

Midnight screenings generally have become bigger business since then, hitting a peak as fans shelled out \$43.5 million for midnight shows of the "Harry Potter" finale last summer.

While "The Amazing Spider-Man" is well back in the pack by comparison, its midnight debut hints at strong box office through the Fourth of July weekend, with industry expectations as high as \$120 million in its first six days.

Couple visiting Disney every day

ANAHEIM, Calif. — A Southern California couple has passed the halfway mark in their quest to visit Disneyland every day this year.

Magic Kingdom mara-



US actress Emma Stone, British actor Rhys Ifans, director Marc Webb and British actor Andrew Garfield pose during a photo-call to promote the movie 'The Amazing Spider-Man' in Madrid.

thoners Tonya Mickesh and Jeff Reitz hold annual passes. Both were out of work when they decided that instead of moping at home, they would cheer themselves up with a challenge — going to Disneyland all 366 days in 2012, beginning on New

Year's Day.

The Orange County Register (<http://bit.ly/Of1uy>) says they hit the halfway mark on Sunday. Mickesh now has a full-time job, but Reitz says she still joins him at night.

They celebrated her birthday there last week-

end.

Essence Fest kicks off

NEW ORLEANS — One of the premier music festivals celebrating black culture and music is branching out, extending its footprint in its 18th year to embrace the next generation of artists while still trumpeting industry veterans such as Aretha Franklin.

The Essence Music Festival has added a fourth day to its concert series in New Orleans. On Thursday — its opening day — Essence will focus solely on youth, including rapper Diggy Simmons, the Disney Channel's Coco Jones, the OMG Girlz and New Orleans' own The Roots of Music.

Essence runs through Sunday with performances set for the Superdome.

"I've never been, but I know it's important," said 14-year-old Coco, who was discovered on the Disney Channel's "Next Big Thing" and starred in its TV musical movie "Let It Shine," which aired last month.

Coco will debut music from her yet-to-be-named album due out next year. She plans to deliver a high-energy show packed with tight choreography and some theatrical elements.

AROUND FLORIDA

Spanish-language ad targets Romney over purge

TALLAHASSEE — A new Spanish-language television ad is criticizing Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney over Florida's attempt to remove potentially ineligible voters from the rolls.

MoveOn.Org plans to run the ad in Tampa, Miami and Orlando starting Thursday. The group would not give a precise idea of how many times that ad would run, saying instead it would run multiple times over a three-day period.

The ad questions why Romney has not criticized the voter purge initiated by Gov. Rick Scott, saying it unfairly targets Hispanics.

The U.S. Department of Justice sought to block the effort, but a judge last week sided with the Scott administration.

The Scott administration has defended the push to identify non-U.S. citizens who registered to vote, saying the state voter rolls need to be accurate.

Woman bites off tip of man's finger

TAMPA — Hillsborough deputies say a 22-year-old man wielded a kitchen knife at his pregnant girlfriend and punched her in the face. But she fought back and allegedly bit off the tip of his finger in self-defense.

The incident happened Monday. Officials charged Reginald Gefferie with aggravated battery on a pregnant female and false imprisonment. He was taken to the hospital but doctors couldn't reattach the finger tip.

Gefferie is now in jail without bail. It's unclear whether he has retained an

attorney.

Bear nabbed at Fla. theme park

TAMPA — A wild black bear that was nabbed in a tree at the Busch Gardens theme park on Tuesday is the same bear that was captured recently on Sanibel Island, wildlife officials say.

This is the second time in two weeks that the young male bear has been tranquilized.

Gary Morse, a spokesman from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said the bear's journey began a little more than a year ago in Fort Myers, more than 130 miles south of Tampa.

The bear swam from Fort Myers over to Sanibel Island, Morse said. It lived there in a wildlife preserve for many months without a problem.

"Then as young male bears tend to do, it roamed, probably looking for a mate," said Morse.

The bear began to appear in the more populated parts of Sanibel, and on June 20 — after months of trying to capture the creature — state wildlife agents shot him with a tranquilizer gun. The agents drove the bear nearly 200 miles to the north, to a wildlife preserve in Hernando County.

"We thought we had taken him far enough north that he wouldn't want to come back south," said Morse.

But when a bear with an orange ear tag was spotted in Spring Hill — a city south of the wildlife preserve — last week, wildlife experts knew who it was.

"We'd better get pre-

pared," Morse said at the time.

Wildlife officers again tranquilized the bear with a dart gun and loaded him into a truck. He's headed to Apalachicola, which is 270 miles north of the park. The region contains about a million acres of bear habitat in a wildlife management area, said Morse.

"He's not likely to head back this way," Morse added. "This bear is simply trying to find himself a mate and a place to live."

SeaWorld raises ticket prices

ORLANDO — SeaWorld Orlando is raising ticket prices.

The new ticket prices went into effect Tuesday, bringing the cost of a one-day adult ticket to \$84.99. That's an increase of \$3.

The Orlando Sentinel reports that multi-day passes pairing admission to SeaWorld and Busch Gardens in Tampa will rise by \$10 to \$134.99. Passes combining visits to SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Aquatica will increase by \$10 to \$144.99. Orlando-based SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment owns all three parks.

This is the first increase for SeaWorld's Florida parks since September.

SeaWorld officials told the Sentinel numerous discounts and perks are available. Single tickets include a second day free, and Florida residents can get discounts when purchasing tickets online.

The increase comes about a month after Disney and Universal Orlando raised ticket prices.

THE WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Wednesday, July 4

City	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cape Canaveral	HI 95 LO 71	HI 94 LO 73	HI 94 LO 73
Daya Beach	93/73	93/73	93/73
Ft. Lauderdale	90/79/t	88/81/t	88/81/t
Fort Myers	92/75/t	92/75/t	92/75/t
Gainesville	93/72/t	90/71/t	90/71/t
Jacksonville	93/74/t	92/71/t	92/71/t
Key West	88/81/t	88/81/t	88/81/t
Lake City	94/73/t	91/71/t	91/71/t
Miami	90/78/t	90/80/t	90/80/t
Naples	91/74/t	91/75/t	91/75/t
Ocala	92/72/t	91/71/t	91/71/t
Orlando	93/74/t	91/74/t	91/74/t
Panama City	90/76/t	89/76/t	89/76/t
Pensacola	93/77/t	93/77/t	93/77/t
Tallahassee	94/73/t	92/72/t	92/72/t
Tampa	91/77/t	90/76/t	90/76/t
West Palm Beach	89/78	90/76/t	90/76/t
Ft. Lauderdale	89/79	89/79	89/79
Naples	91/76	91/76	91/76
Orlando	94/73	91/74	91/74
Pensacola	90/76/t	93/77/t	93/77/t
Tampa	91/77/t	90/76/t	90/76/t
Valdosta	93/72/t	93/72/t	93/72/t
W. Palm Beach	90/76/t	89/78/t	89/78/t

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TEMPERATURES		SUN	MON
High Tuesday	90	Sunrise today	6:34 a.m.
Low Tuesday	70	Sunset today	8:36 p.m.
Normal high	91	Sunrise tom.	6:35 a.m.
Normal low	71	Sunset tom.	8:36 p.m.
Record high	101 in 1902		
Record low	63 in 1975		

PRECIPITATION		SUN	MON
Tuesday	0.00"	Sunrise today	9:23 p.m.
Month total	trace	Moonset today	7:29 a.m.
Year total	29.42"	Moonrise tom.	10:05 p.m.
Normal month-to-date	0.64"	Moonset tom.	8:34 a.m.
Normal year-to-date	23.75"		

UV INDEX		SUN	MON
11	EXTREME	10 minutes to burn	
		Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.	

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Celebrity Birthdays

- Actor Neil Simon is 85.
- Politician Sam Farr is 71.
- Baseball player Hal Lanier is 70.
- Football player Floyd Little is 70.
- Newsman Geraldo Rivera is 69.
- Football player
- Emerson Boozer is 69.
- Baseball player Ed Armbrister is 64.
- Musician Jack Frost is 44.
- Actress Becki Newton is 34.
- First daughter Malia Obama is 14.

Daily Scripture

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people."

- Proverbs 14:34 NIV

They Said It

"Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem."

- President Ronald Reagan

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Residents asked to donate food at fireworks show

From staff reports

Lake City's Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration will explode tonight at the Columbia County Fairgrounds, providing one of the largest Independence Day celebrations in North Florida.

The event is organized by the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and title sponsored for the eighth consecutive year by the Lake City Reporter.

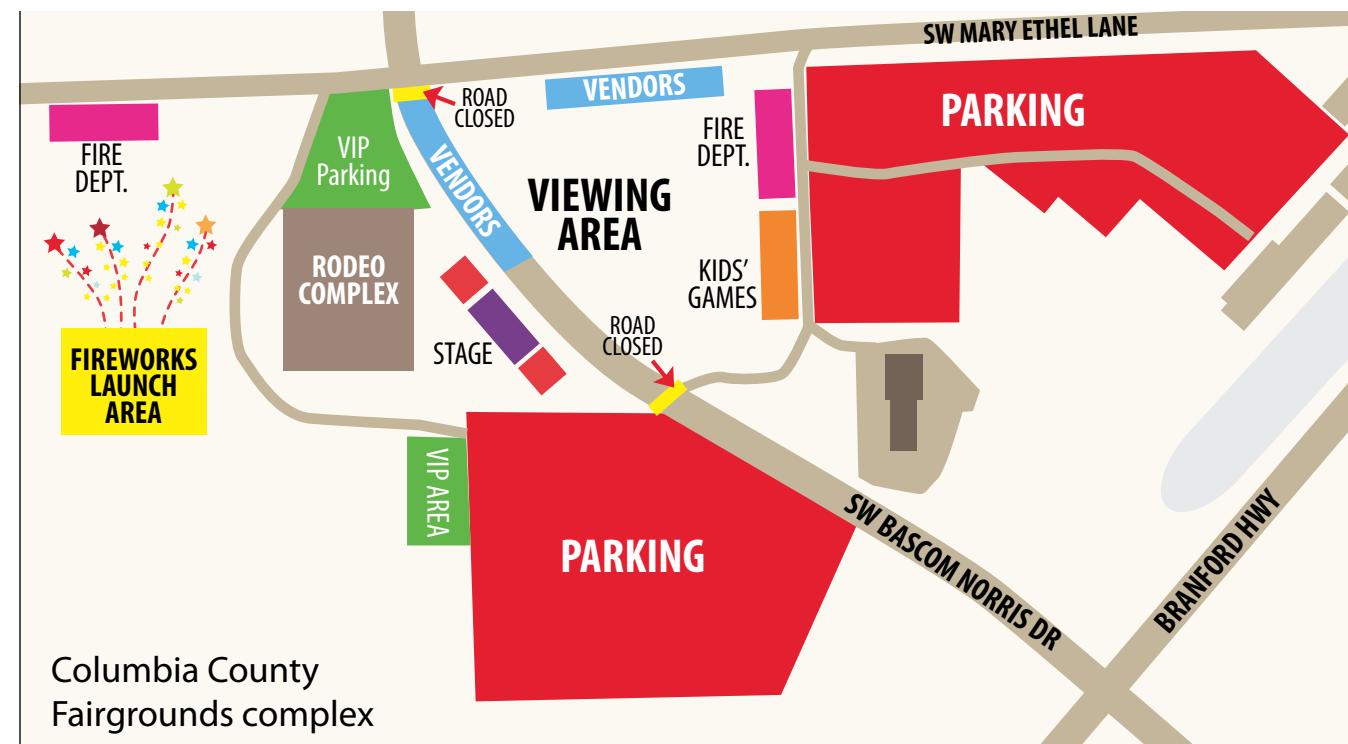
The event will feature live music beginning at 5 p.m., but numerous food and beverage vendors offering concessions for sale. A kids games area with bounce houses will also be available. Fireworks begin at 9:20 p.m.

A crowd of more than 25,000 is expected to attend the event at the fairgrounds. The event is free, but those attending are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food or toiletry items that will be collected by the Florida Gateway Food Bank for distribution

solely to Columbia County flood victims. Catholic Charities, the administrator of the Food Bank, will have a large truck at the fairgrounds complex for visitors to leave their donations.

"This is a time to celebrate the Fourth of July and remember to help your friends and neighbors knocked down by all the flooding by donating a few canned goods," said Todd Wilson, publisher of the Lake City Reporter and president of the Chamber of Commerce. "We hope everyone will come out and relax for a little while and enjoy the music and the fireworks."

Beginning at noon today, a portion of Southwest Bascom Norris Drive through the fairgrounds complex, immediately in front of the rodeo arena, will be closed to traffic. Visitors may drive to the parking areas from Branford Highway via the open portion of Southwest Bascom Norris Drive that will end at the parking lot



DAVE KIMLER/Lake City Reporter

at the rodeo arena, or via Southwest Mary Ethel Lane that will provide access to the normal fairgrounds fenced-in area that will be used for parking. Lake City Police Department personnel will provide traffic control for the crowd moving

into and out of the fairgrounds complex following the fireworks.

LCPD urges everyone interested in the fireworks show to make the effort to park at the designated areas at the fairgrounds. No parking will be allowed

on the shoulders of nearby roads because of safety concerns and the need to keep main thoroughfares clear for emergency vehicles assisting residents.

"The fireworks event couldn't come at a better time for Lake City

and Columbia County," said Dennille Decker, the Chamber's executive director. "It will be a break from the reality we have all been facing with the flooding. It will be a time we can just relax and celebrate being Americans."

SCAM: Beware

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selves, FPL urges customers to never use banking information that is not their own. Unauthorized use of account information is illegal and any payment applied to utility bills will be reversed.

FPL has notified the State Attorney General's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the U.S. Secret Service Miami Electronic Crimes Task Force about the scam.

It is not FPL's practice to come to customers' homes without making arrangements ahead of time, to solicit personal information over the telephone unless customers initiated the contact, or to send emails threatening to close accounts if customers do not take the immediate action of providing personal information.

All FPL employees carry a photo identification badge and contractors have either a contractor badge or work order letter. Ask to see it if you are in doubt.

To avoid being scammed after the flood:

■ Use reliable, licensed contractors - Contact the Columbia County Building and Zoning Department for information on local contractors or the state's Attorney General's Consumer Protection to see if the contract-

ing firm has complaints against it.

■ Get a written estimate - Be sure to obtain a written estimate for the job and read the fine print. Compare the services and prices of several reputable contractors before making a final decision. Hire local contractors, if possible.

■ Check references - Contractors should be willing to provide the names of previous customers. Call some former customers who had similar work done to make sure they were satisfied with the job.

■ Ask for proof of insurance - Make sure the contractor carries general liability insurance and workers' compensation. If the contractor is not insured, the homeowner may be liable for accidents that occur on the property or to the house/building.

■ Insist on a written contract - A complete contract should clearly state all the tasks to be performed, all associated costs and the payment schedule. Never sign a blank contract or one with blank spaces. Make sure the contract clearly states who will apply for the necessary permits or licenses.

■ Get any guarantees in writing - Any guarantees made by the contractor should be written into the contract. The guarantee should clearly state what is guaranteed, who is responsible for the guarantee and how long the guarantee is valid.

■ Have work inspected - If excavation work is being performed (e.g., sewers

Fundraiser planned

Locals are organizing to help their neighbors in need. Three Rivers Rain Relief will host a fundraiser July 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds with music by Wayne Levy & Friends.

Admission is a \$10 donation. The group was established to raise money for fam-

ilies who have lost their homes due to flooding from Tropical Storm Debby.

The money will be distributed through the Catholic Charities Lake City Regional Office in the form of gift cards for gas, food, lodging, and home supplies.

For more information call 758-3222.

or basement walls) make sure a qualified inspector examines the work before it is hidden from view to avoid similar problems in the future.

■ Make final payments when the work is completed - Do not sign completion papers or make the final payment until the work is completed to your satisfaction. A reputable contractor will not threaten you or pressure you to sign if the job is not finished properly.

■ Pay by credit card - Avoid on-the-spot

cash payments. The safest route is to write a check to the contracting company. A reasonable down payment is 30 percent of the total cost of the project, to be paid upon initial delivery of materials.

■ Cancel the contract if necessary - Cancelling a contract should be done within three business days of signing. Be sure to follow the procedures for cancellation that are set out in the contract. Send the notification by registered mail with a return receipt to be signed by the contractor.

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er levels than it is now.

"The way I look at it, it's God giving us a good washing out," Koehler said. "We need the water."

Mobley said the water level is extremely high, but it is not a surprise to most riverside residents.

"Residents that stay here, they know it's going to flood," he said.

Mobley and five other FWC officers patrol the land and waterways of Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties. An additional 14 officers have been brought in to assist in the aftermath of the

flood.

FWC officers look to ensure the safety of residents as well as protect Florida wildlife.

In flooded conditions, issues such as looting become increasingly common. The officers' shifts have been longer than usu-

ally; Mobley said he has been working 12 hours a day.

When he does see people on the river, Mobley said they are grateful for the officers' active presence.

"They are happy to see us," he said.

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- Wed. Pickup moved to Thursday
- Thurs. Pickup moved to Friday
- Friday Pickup moved to Saturday

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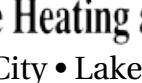
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OUR OPINION

Let freedom ring

Today is Independence Day in America, the day we pause and celebrate liberty and freedom and remember the group of men who on July 4, 1776, put quill and ink to paper and signed the Declaration of Independence.

It also leads us to be thankful for our military members through the generations, the ones who have fought to keep us liberated and free. Even in 1776, the Declaration meant nothing without defeating the British in the Revolutionary War.

In the past few weeks, we have noticed residents of this country squabbling at an increased pitch, feverishly discussing everything from the Supreme Court ruling affirming President Obama's national healthcare plan to the ongoing war in Afghanistan to the slowly improving economy. It's an election year, so the discussions and the volume will only increase.

None of these issues will topple this country. Any of these may open a door down a difficult path, but none of these will topple the great and strong America we live in. Good men and women will rise up and steady this country when it finds itself on uneven ground.

The halls of independence in 1776 were noisy with disagreements and wild ideas and opinions that ranged from the perspective of northern city dwellers to southern planters. They discussed the status quo and bold new frontiers. They moaned about taxes. They considered liberty and death.

They held together and pushed on for the good of the new America — a country founded as One Nation Under God. That's the foundation — then and now — that must be remembered as we press forward.

Spirited discussion never brought down a free society. It only strengthens it. The more people talk, the more they become awakened and the more they read and learn about the issues of the day, the more involved they become.

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It's still the economy, stupid

Does being a successful businessman in this anti-Wall Street atmosphere disqualify one from being president of the United States, even when one's experience includes the governorship of a major state?

And, if so, does a background of community organizing, two years in the U.S. Senate, and failure to fulfill a promise of massive change in four years deserve a second term in the Oval Office?

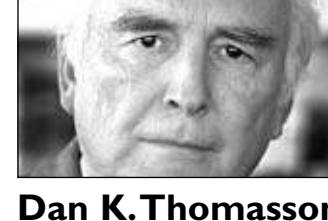
President Barack Obama's reelection campaign seems to be based at least at the moment on persuading voters that both do: That Republican Mitt Romney's claims of turning around the unemployment rate are hollow because of his management of Bain Capital, which was instrumental in outsourcing huge numbers of American jobs.

At the same time, Romney retorts that Bain didn't do the outsourcing but only represented companies that did.

It seems to me that Obama's charges overlook the fact that, for the last two decades, the downsizing by American business executives to produce

more efficient, streamlined companies has been a way of life enhanced by technology and often a necessity to survive. A key factor, obviously, is the need to find the lowest worker costs. That practice began in the 19th century when textile and shoe manufacturers fled the Northeast to the low wages of the South.

China's current business renaissance originally was based on cheap labor, but its economy has slipped some as workers — seeing the success they have helped bring about



Dan K. Thomasson

— have begun demanding a larger share of the pie. This is simple economics combined with human nature. Jobs are constantly on the move, as the Chinese are beginning to find out.

In answering the Romney allegations, Obama has fallen back on the time-tested campaign tactic of noting that most of the blame for his failures in the first term resides with his predecessor.

That has worked in the past but usually in better economic times. When voter pocketbooks ache, they don't have much sympathy for the excuse that "George did it" — at least that's what Romney is counting on as he campaigns on the old political axiom of whatever happens on your watch is your responsibility.

Therefore, the current lack of new jobs and forecast of even more disruption in the job market are all Obama's problem to deal with. It seems to me, fueling the current attacks on business by discounting an opponent's experience is not a terribly responsible thing to do.

But then, neither was running around four years ago contending that the world would change dramatically because being a one-time community organizer who took a swipe at teaching constitutional law and a brief political career was just the kind of experience needed to put the nation right again. But the vot-

ers bought into it.

The fact is, the most qualified person four years ago was Hillary Clinton, as she has shown time and again by her masterful job as the nation's top foreign policy official. It is not unusual these days for the president's opponents to be heard openly opining that "We would have been far better off with Hillary," an astounding comment given their original animosity to her.

The president's ill-chosen remark a while back — that it is government employees who are hurting and not those in the public sector, where things were better — still is reverberating among the jobless. In the current atmosphere of increasing dismay, it is easier to believe that Romney's very wealth

stems from his lack of sensitivity about that class of individuals who have given up entirely on finding a job. Certainly that was the case when George H.W. Bush lost the presidency under similar circumstances but during times that were far less dire. The successful Clinton slogan "It's the economy, stupid" carries far more meaning now.

It is difficult to buy into the argument that Romney would do less to paint a better job landscape. When comparing experience for the White House, one must obviously come to the conclusion that, at this juncture, the experience of the leading contender for the job four years ago, Barack Obama, had far less promise, and that what has occurred since has shown what that can mean in tough economic times.

■ Dan K. Thomasson is former editor of Scripps Howard News Service.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Please stop your politically correct sidestep responses

On June 28, 2012 in the Jackie Taylor Building, the grandest party of them all, the Tea Party, had all four candidates for the Columbia County School Superintendent position speak at our meeting. After they spoke there was a question and answer period.

It was my honor to calmly ask all 4 of them the following Yes/No question: "Gentlemen, Am I correct when I proclaim to you that 100% of the students registered to attend Columbia High School this coming semester are created in the image of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit and that none evolved from a hominid?"

To my disappointment, all four of the candidates gave a

long-winded, more than 1/2 minute, more than 25 words response to a straightforward Yes/No question concerning Columbia High School students! How hard was it for the four candidates to say one word of "Yes" or one word of "No," then pass the microphone onto the next candidate?

It was impossible for them to say one word, then pass the microphone. Their answers fooled very few if any of us Tea Party members in the audience.

The Tea Party members I talked to after the meeting saw right through the candidates' politically correct sidestep responses (PCSR). It was as if the microphone was glued to their hands and they could not

let go until they had given a PCSR to a Yes/No question.

Just imagine me asking the following question: "Did Tropical Storm Debby dump more than one inch of rain on 100% of the grounds of Columbia High School?" They might give a PCSR to that question, like "School was out for the week, so I believe the rain gauge was left in the rain locker so, and, and, ah..." I invite the readers of the *Lake City Reporter*, the best newspaper this neck of the woods or swamp, to ask the 4 candidates the above Yes/No question then smile when they give you a PCSR.

Kenny Merriken
Lake City

ANOTHER VIEW

Keep an eye on Europe

Americans have been justifiably transfixed by the outcome of the historic health-care case at the Supreme Court. But when it comes to the near-term economic and political outlook for the country, the ruling was not necessarily the most important event of the last few days. That honor may belong instead to the summit meeting of European leaders in Brussels. With unemployment in the 17 nations that use the euro as a common currency now at 11.1 percent, and the risk of global spillover effects mounting, the whole world's prosperity depends on the ability of Europe's fractious governments to manage the crisis and forge a long-term solution.

Alas, the meeting ended Friday with what was, by now, a familiar blend of tantalizing promises and ominously unresolved questions. First, the hopeful part: At the urging of France and Italy, Germany agreed to assure investors who buy Spain's sovereign debt that they will get paid back on equal terms with the backers of European bailout funds — that is, Germany and its taxpayers. In addition, German Chancellor Angela Merkel allowed the \$633 billion bailout fund known as the European Stability Mechanism to capitalize Spain's troubled banks directly, rather than through the Spanish government. Finally, the Europeans agreed to set up a continent-wide bank supervision authority by the end of 2013, which also could help restore confidence in shaky financial institutions. Spain's debt crisis represents the most critical short-term threat to Europe's economic stability, and, taken together, these steps should help that country access the capital market at lower cost. Many expect the European Central Bank to cut interest rates later this week to help spur growth, as a reward of sorts for what was agreed.

Now, the ominous bit: In deference to anti-bailout opinion at home, Ms. Merkel continues to rule out one measure that could re-establish confidence on a more permanent basis: joint eurobonds. Pooled responsibility for debt would once again enable the likes of Spain and Italy to fund themselves on more favorable terms, since the debt would enjoy Germany's partial backing.

What's more, Ms. Merkel's government has not fully signed off on the modifications to the bailout fund, since that apparently requires a favorable ruling from Germany's constitutional court. Meanwhile, Britain is worried about what a European bank supervision authority would mean for its financial center in London; and there is still no plan for European deposit insurance to prevent bank runs.

In short, for all the talk of "more Europe" from Ms. Merkel and others, there is still not enough Europe, in the sense of an irrevocably united political body, with free cross-border movement of labor and capital, to support a stable single currency. As it happens, the creation of such a polity was one of the signal achievements of the Constitution that the U.S. Supreme Court interpreted in the health-care case last week. Europe is still a long way from achieving that. And time is running out to prevent its inability to do so from impoverishing both that continent and its partners around the world.

■ The Washington Post

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 4

Cannon Clan family reunion

The annual Cannon Reunion will be Wednesday, July 4 at the Hart Springs pavilion. All ancestors and descendants of the William (Bill) Jackson and Henrietta (Aunt Hett) Clementine Townsend Cannon are invited. Bring a covered dish, drinks, and goodies. All paper products, silverware, cups and ice will be provided. Meeting starts at noon, lunch at 12:30 p.m. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. For more information call 352-463-7320 or 904-708-3399.

July 5

Democratic office open

The local Democratic Headquarters, 200 N. Marion Ave., will have an open house July 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. with refreshments for residents to visit the office.

July 6

Great CEU Roundup

The University of Florida IFAS Columbia County Extension will host the Great CEU Roundup on Wednesday, July 11 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Attendees will receive CEUs in areas CORE CEU, Ag. Row Crop Pest Control, Aquatic Pest Control, Demo & Research, Forest Pest Control, Commercial L&O and more. Lunch and handouts will be provided. Pre-register by July 6. To register or for more information please contact Derek Barber at the Columbia County Extension Office at (386)752-5384. For more information visit the FTGA Website at [https://www.ftga.org/events/great-ceu-round-0](http://www.ftga.org/events/great-ceu-round-0).

Author event at the library

Join the Friends of the Library Friday, July 6 at 6 p.m. at the Main Library for a tropical evening with New York Times best-selling author, Tim Dorsey. His

Serge Storms novels include "Pineapple Grenade," "Gator-a-Go-Go," "Nuclear Jellyfish," "Florida Roadkill" and many more. Tickets are required due to limited seating. Please request your free tickets at any library location. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Tropical appetizers will be served. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind opportunity!

Self defense class

The Columbia County Public Library will host the Academy of Martial Arts: Stranger Danger Self Defense on Friday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at the Fort White Community Center and at 3 p.m. at the Main Library.

Alz workshop

The Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Columbia County Senior Services will be presenting a workshop July 6

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Flood light

The water line of the Santa Fe River is seen close to a home built on high ground.

OBITUARIES

Jacqueline Marguerite Bell

Mrs. Jacqueline Marguerite Bell, 79, of Lake City passed away Monday, July 2, 2012 following an extended illness. Mrs. Bell was born in Paris France, but had lived in the Lake City area since 1972 after moving here from New Jersey. Mrs. Bell attended New Life Fellowship Church. Mrs. Bell was a devoted mother and a best friend. Mrs. Bell was preceded in death by her sister Jeannene Billion. Mrs. Bell is survived by her son Bruno Bell (Tammy) of Lake City, her daughter Kimra Bailey (Greg) of Lake City, and a brother Jack Billion of Paris France. Six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and other family members, also survive. Funeral services for Mrs. Bell will be held 11:00 AM Friday, July 6, 2012 in the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Wellborn Cemetery. The Family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday evening



from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. In keeping with Mrs. Bell's request, the family asks that you dress in casual clothing to attend the funeral service. Arrangements are under the direction of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234. Please sign the online family guestbook at parishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Nelson Evans, Sr.

Nelson Evan, Sr. (Tata), 72, of Fort White passed away after his fight with cancer on June 28th 2012. He peacefully left this world at home surrounded by his Family. He was born in Miami, FL on April 12, 1940 and has lived in Lake City/Fort White since 1973. He served in the U.S. Navy. He retired from Kobilco in 1998 and enjoyed deep sea fishing, cooking, & spending time with his family. Nelson is survived by his son, Nelson E. Evans (Martha) of Lake City, Kimberly Evans Tomlinson of Fort White, Mark (Lingerly)



Tomlinson, U.S. Navy Bahrain. Grandchildren, Nelson E. Evans III of Lake City, Mandie S. Evans of Lake City, Donny Dohrn Jr of Fort White, T.J. Evans, Shana Evans of Michigan. Great Grandchild, Kaylyn Evans and Ka'Leiya Jonas. He also left behind his best friends Jimmy Jones, Chris Boyl, and his companion "Bear" who was always by his side. He was preceded in death by his mother: Ruth Ledbetter, father: Teddy Bute Evans, wife of 48 years Margie M. Evans & son Teddy James Evans. Cremation was arranged by **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**. There will be no service for Mr. Evans however; there will be a Family/Friend gathering at a later date per his request. Invitations will be forthcoming. In lieu of Flowers please send donations to Metamorphosis, 4201 SW 21st Place, Gainesville, FL 32607.

Robert Everett Sears

Robert Everett Sears 76 of Ft. White passed away June 27, 2012 at his residence. He was born in Danvers, Mass. He was in the Air Force for 16 years

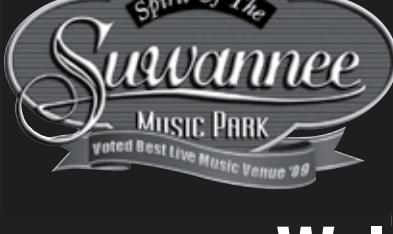
before he retired. He then worked for the Bureau of Land Management. He was the son of the late Everett Sears and Elizabeth King Sears. He was a life member of the VFW, and a patron member of the NRA. He served 3 terms in Vietnam. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years; Betty Smith Sears, Daughters: Maria Jean Price (Ken) of Phenix, Ala; Tracy Layne of Worthington Springs (Greg); Lisa Marie Parrish (Blake) of Worthington Springs, 8 Grandchildren and 2 Great-grandchildren, Sisters; Ann Moore (Vern) of Oregon; Janet Karlner of Mass; and Nancy Lennon of Conn. Memorial services were held Monday at 3:00 P.M. in the Chapel of Archer Funeral Home in Lake Butler with Visitation beginning at 2:00 P.M. Burial will be at a later date.

William Wesley Works

Mr. William Wesley Works, age 80, of Lake City, Fla. died Monday, July 2, in the V.A. Medical Center, Lake City, Fla. following a long illness. He was a native of Kenton, Kentucky and had resided in Jacksonville, Fla. before moving to Lake City in 1979. He served for 25 years in the U.S. Navy and retired as a Lt. Commander. He then worked as a test pilot for Aero Corp., Lake City, Fla. for over 20 years before his retirement. He was a member of the Parkview Baptist Church, a Navy veteran of the Korean Conflict, a member of the America Legion, the V.F.W., Lake City Moose Lodge and a graduate of the University of Miami at Ohio. He loved flying and watching the Florida Gator football team. He was preceded in death by his parents Wesley and Myrtle Mann Works a stepdaughter Yvette E. Sloan. He is survived by his wife Jean B. Works of Lake City,

Fla.: His daughter Jennifer Lynn (Gene) Disher of Sumter, S.C.; His son, Joel Aaron Works of Atlanta, Ga.; Two step-daughters, Menetta M. Sloan of Lake City, Fla., and Catherine M. Sloan of Toronto, Canada; Three grandchildren Brittany Y. Sloan of Lake City, Fla., Wesley Disher of Sumter, S.C. and Matthew Sloan Weatherall of Toronto, Ca. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 P.M. Friday, July 6, in the Chapel of Guerry Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Tatum, Pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Lake City, Fla. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 P.M. Thursday, July 5, at **GUERRY FUNERAL HOME**, 2659 S.W. Main Blvd., Lake City, Fla. Please make memorials to the Hospice Unit, V.A. Medical Center, 801 South Marion St., Lake City, Fla. 32025. www.guerrysfuneralhome.net

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RELIEF

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How it works

After submitting an application, an inspector will call within 10 days to schedule an appointment to visit the property and assess disaster-related damage to real and personal property. There is no fee for inspection. Inspectors are contractors, not FEMA employees. The inspector will file a report on the damage, but not determine eligibility.

About 10 days after the inspection, FEMA will send a letter stating if the homeowner is eligible for help.

If eligible, the homeowner will receive a check or direct deposit and specific directions on how the money can be used. If found not eligible for help, homeowners will be given a reason and can appeal the decision.

What's covered

Money to repair homes is limited to making the home safe, functional and sanitary. The federal money will not pay to return the home to its condition before the disaster or make improvements above its pre-disaster condition, unless required by building code.

FEMA money may be used to repair foundations, walls, roofs, windows, doors, floors, ceilings, cabinetry, septic or sewage systems, wells, air conditioning systems, utilities, and entrance and exit ways from the home. Mobile home repairs include blocking, leveling anchoring and reconnecting to utilities.

Money to repair damaged personal property is limited to items or services that help prevent or overcome hardship or injury. FEMA may cover disaster-related medical and dental costs, clothing, household items, tools required for employment, necessary educational materials, a vehicle damaged by the disaster, moving and storage expenses related to the disaster and disaster-specified clean up items.

Assistance for individuals and families can also include:

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- Grants to replace personal property and help meet medical, dental, funeral, transportation and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and charitable aid programs.

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- Loans up to \$500,000 for farmers, ranchers and aquaculture operators to cover production and property losses, excluding primary residence.

- Other relief programs: Crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster; advisory assistance for legal, veterans benefits and social security matters.

- For more information visit www.fema.gov

CALENDAR

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from 10:30 a.m. to noon entitled "Memory Loss, Dementia, and Alzheimer's disease: The Basics". This program is free of charge and anyone who wishes to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias is welcome. Topics covered will include: the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, risk factors and warning signs for Alzheimer's disease, available treatments, and community resources. To register for this workshop or for more information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

July 7

Flood fundraiser

Three Rivers Rain Relief Fundraiser with Wayne Levy & Friends on July 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. \$10 Donation. For information call 758-3222.

July 9

Small farms conference

Interested in becoming part of Florida's small farm community? University of Florida/IFAS Columbia County Extension is partnering to host the Florida Small Farms and Alternative Enterprises Conference, July 27-29 in Kissimmee. The conference will feature Florida farmers, a trade show with suppliers and resources, farm tours and networking opportunities, live animal exhibits and a Saturday evening social. Early registration ends July 9. To register or for more information go to www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/small-farms or contact Derek Barber at the Columbia County Extension Office at (360) 752-5384.

Class of '80 meeting

The Columbia High School class of 1980 will have a planning meeting for the class 50th birthday party July 9 at 6 p.m. at Ed Higg's place. Anyone can come to this meeting. For more information call 229-3222.



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July 10

Historical society

The Columbia County Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 10 at the downtown library. James Montgomery will be the guest speaker. The meeting is free and open to the public. Contact Sean McMahon at 754-4293 for further information.

July 11

Alz workshop

The Alzheimer's Association in partnership with Columbia County Senior Services will be presenting a workshop July 11 from 10:30 a.m. to noon entitled "Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters". This program is free of charge and anyone who wishes to learn more about Alzheimer's disease is welcome. Topics covered will include: the ten most common warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, the importance of an early and accurate diagnosis,

and working with a medical team. To register for this workshop or for more information, please contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900.

July 17

Pet loss workshop

Coping with the Loss of your Pet will be offered to the public on Tuesday, July 17 at 2 p.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd (Lake City Plaza). The workshop, facilitated by Dr. Joy Dias, director of Client Counseling and Support Services at the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine will offer an overview of grief and understanding with a loss of a pet. There is no cost. For information or to register, contact Vicki Myers at 755-7714 Ext. 2411 or 866-642-0962. The Wings Education Center is a program of Hospice of Citrus County, Inc./Hospice of the Nature Coast.

July 19

'72 class meeting

The CHS Class Of 1972 will have reunion meeting 7 p.m. July 19 at Beef O'Brady's. For information contact George H. Hudson Jr. 386-623-2066.

July 20

Juggler event

The Columbia County Public Library will host Ron Anglin, Juggler Friday, July 20 at 10 a.m. at the Fort White Branch Library and 3 p.m. at the Main Library.

July 22

Bible school

Elim Baptist Church, 3435 SW Elim Church Road in Fort White, will hold Amazing Wonders Aviation, a Vacation Bible School, from Sunday, July 22 to Thursday, July 26 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for children of all ages. Please come join us for food, fun, games, crafts, music and fellowship.

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Wednesday, July 4, 2012www.lakecityreporter.com**Section B****BRIEFS****YOUTH BALL****Summer camps at Impact Zone**

The Impact Zone is offering summer camps in baseball and softball for ages 6-8, 9-10, 11-14 and 14-and-older from its indoor training facility on Burk Avenue. Camps are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 9-13 and July 23-27. Cost is \$120 for members or \$145 for non-members. Camps are limited to 25 participants and a \$50 deposit is required. A \$20 lunch card is available and after care is \$50.

For details, call 243-8238.

YOUTH FOOTBALL**Free Exposure camp under way**

The second annual Exposure Foundation Camp for ages 5-13 is 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July at Richardson Community Center. There is no charge, but a parent permission form is required. Area players and coaches are participating.

For details, call Adee Farmer at (386) 344-2280.

YOUTH SOCCER**Soccer Academy offers teaching**

Columbia Youth Soccer Association is accepting players for its Soccer Academy. Led by Columbia High coach Trevor Tyler and other certified coaches, the academy teaches player skills and agility to enhance all levels. The monthly fee is \$70 for four weeks (two sessions per week). There is a nonrefundable registration fee of \$55 which covers academy uniform and registration with Florida Youth Soccer Association.

For details, call Scott at 288-2504.

GOLF**Elks Lodge tourney July 14**

Lake City Elks Lodge No. 893 has its annual charity golf tournament planned for July 14 at The Country Club at Lake City. Entry fee is \$50 per golfer for the four-person scramble event. Hole sponsors are \$100 and include one golf entry. Register by Friday.

For details, call the Elks Lodge at 752-2284 or Carl Ste-Marie at 752-2266.

ZUMBA**Super Soaker Zumbathon**

A Super Soaker Zumbathon luau style to raise money for storm victims is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Lake City Skate Palace. Donation is \$10, and feel free to wear your grass skirt.

For details, call instructor Sarah Sandlin at 758-0009.

History made**Fort White wins Small League Championship.**

By BRANDON FINLEY
bfinley@lakecityreporter.com

FORT WHITE — History was made at the Babe Ruth Small League Championship as Fort White's 15-under all-star team brought home the championship.

In its 12-year history, Fort White had never won the event it plays host to. That all came to an end on Tuesday as Fort White picked up two victories to claim the championship.

Fort White defeated Jefferson, 11-7, in a semifinal contest while Marietta Bullsbay picked up a win over Middleburg in order to face Fort White in the final.

Fort White jumped on Jefferson early with a 9-1 lead, but had to hang on late in order to reach the final.

"We have to realize that the game is not over and all it takes is a couple of bad bounces," Fort White head coach Donnie Wilkinson said. "We got through the first few innings and thought it was over, but we still have our main goal in front of us."

The main goal was winning the tournament and Fort White was focused from the beginning in a 9-4 win against Marietta Bullsbay.

"We are ecstatic," Fort White assistant coach Mike Price said. "This is the first time we've done this in history and it's always tough, but we were on a mission.

BASEBALL continued on 2B



Photos by BRANDON FINLEY
Lake City Reporter

ABOVE: Coaches and players from the Fort White 15-under all-star team celebrate after winning the Babe Ruth Small League Championship in Fort White on Tuesday.

LEFT: Fort White's Austin Dupree closes out Jefferson during the seventh inning of an 11-7 semifinal win. Fort White went on to win the Babe Ruth Small League Championship later that day with a 9-4 win over Marietta Bullsbay.

Serena tops defending champ Kvitova at Wimbledon**Williams reaches semifinals for eighth time.**

By MATTIAS KAREN
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — The sounds were new to Serena Williams, and the feeling on Centre Court was different. The result, though, was quite familiar.

Playing under the retractable roof for the first time on the court where she's had some of her biggest triumphs, Williams defeated defending champion Petra Kvitova 6-3, 7-5 to reach her eighth Wimbledon semifinal on Tuesday.

"I loved it. I loved the sound," Williams said. "The sound of the balls. It's kind of like a whoosh and a pop. It's really cool. It's almost like a video game, but you're playing. It kind of flies through and you hear it when it lands. ... I really like playing indoor."

Her game seems well-suited for it.

While rain disrupted play elsewhere at the All England Club, Williams used another command-



Serena Williams of the United States (right) is congratulated by Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic after a quarterfinals match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on Tuesday.

beat her."

Williams, who hit a Wimbledon-record 23 aces in a fourth-round win over Zheng Jie of China, is trying to become the first woman 30 or over to win a Grand Slam title since Martina Navratilova won Wimbledon in 1990.

The 30-year-old Williams will face either second-ranked Victoria Azarenka or Tamira Paszek of Austria.

Angelique Kerber advanced to her first Wimbledon semifinal by beating fellow German Sabine Lisicki 6-3, 6-7 (7), 7-5 in a match under the roof.

Lisicki, who knocked out

Maria Sharapova, saved three match points in the second set and served for the match at 5-3 in the third. But Kerber rallied to win the last four games, finally converting her fifth match point when Lisicki sent a backhand wide.

Outside Centre Court, it was a start-and-stop day at Wimbledon, as the persistent rain continued to cause headaches for organizers.

Play was delayed for about 30 minutes on the outside courts in the morning, and two more rain delays interrupted play for a total of about three hours after that.

Andy Murray and Florian

Mayer still found enough time between the showers to wrap up suspended matches and reach the quarterfinals. In another fourth-round match that was suspended on Monday, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga overcame an ailing back and a one-set deficit to beat American Mardy Fish 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

David Ferrer also advanced in the first match on Centre Court, where organizers again came under scrutiny for their use of the retractable roof. Their decision to open and then close it caused the start

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8 a.m.
NBCSN — Tour de France, stage 4, Abbeville to Rouen, France

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

11 a.m.

MLB — San Francisco at Washington

3 p.m.

MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay or Boston at Oakland (4 p.m. start)

7 p.m.

ESPN — Texas at Chicago White Sox

WGN — Chicago Cubs at Atlanta

TENNIS

7 a.m.

ESPN2 — The Championships, men's quarterfinals, at Wimbledon, England

8 a.m.

ESPN — The Championships, men's quarterfinals, at Wimbledon, England

BASKETBALL

WNBA schedule

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at San Antonio (n)

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	48	31	.608	—
Baltimore	42	37	.532	6
Boston	42	38	.525	6
Tampa Bay	42	38	.525	6
Toronto	40	40	.500	8

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	37	.532	—
Cleveland	40	39	.506	2
Detroit	39	41	.488	3
Kansas City	36	42	.462	5
Minnesota	34	45	.430	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	50	30	.625	—
Los Angeles	45	35	.563	5
Oakland	39	42	.481	11
Seattle	35	47	.427	16

Monday's Games

L.A. Angels 3, Cleveland 0

Minnesota 6, Detroit 4

Kansas City 11, Toronto 3

Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3

Oakland 6, Boston 1

Seattle 6, Baltimore 3

Tuesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 1-3) at Tampa Bay

(Price 11-4), 3:10 p.m.

Boston (F.Morales 1-1) at Oakland

(Griffin 0-0), 4:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels (E.Santana 4-8) at Cleveland

(D.Lowe 7-6), 4:05 p.m.

Baltimore (Tillman 0-0) at Seattle

(Noesi 2-10), 4:10 p.m.

Minnesota (Duensing 1-4) at Detroit

(Verlander 8-5), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Mendoza 3-4) at Toronto

(Villanueva 2-0), 7:07 p.m.

Texas (Feldman 2-6) at Chicago White

Sox (Axelrod 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.

Texas at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.

Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

NL standings

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	45	32	.584	—
New York	43	37	.563	3
Atlanta	41	38	.519	5
Miami	38	41	.481	8
Philadelphia	36	45	.444	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	44	35	.557	—
Pittsburgh	43	36	.544	1
St. Louis	42	38	.525	2
Milwaukee	37	42	.468	7
Houston	32	48	.400	12
Chicago	30	49	.380	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	45	35	.563	—
Los Angeles	44	37	.543	1
Arizona	39	40	.494	5
San Diego	31	50	.383	14
Colorado	30	49	.380	14

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh 11, Houston 2

Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 1

Milwaukee 6, Miami 5

St. Louis 9, Colorado 3

San Diego 6, Arizona 2

Cincinnati 8, L.A. Dodgers 2

Tuesday's Games

Miami at Milwaukee (n)

San Francisco at Washington (n)

Houston at Pittsburgh (n)

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta (n)

Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets (n)

Colorado at St. Louis (n)

San Diego at Arizona (n)

Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers (n)

Today's Games

San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-4) at Washington (E.Jackson 4-4), 11:05 a.m.

Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 2-8) at N.Y. Mets (C.Young 2-1), 1:10 p.m.

Houston (Keuchel 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Correa 4-6), 1:35 p.m.

Miami (J.Johnson 5-5) at Milwaukee (Wolf 2-6), 4:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Maholm 5-6) at Atlanta (Delgado 4-8), 7:10 p.m.

Colorado (Friedrich 4-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-8), 7:15 p.m.

Cincinnati (Leake 3-5) at L.A. Dodgers

(Harang 5-5), 9:10 p.m.

San Diego (Marquis 1-4) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 6-7), 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Miami at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.

Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.

Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.

Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

TENNIS

Wimbledon singles

Monday

At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club

Wimbledon, England

Purse: \$25.03 million (Grand Slam)

Surface: Grass/Outdoor

Singles

Men

Sagan wins 3rd stage of Tour de France

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

B O U L O G N E - S U R - M E R, France — Pumping his arms in victory, Peter Sagan of Slovakia won the crash-marred third stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday as cycling's showcase race returned to its home country.

Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland remained the overall leader for a fourth straight day. The cyclists, who opened in Belgium, completed a 122-mile ride from Orchies that featured five small climbs to an uphill finish in the fishing port of Boulogne-sur-Mer.

Sagan, at 22 one of cycling's brightest stars, won his second stage in his debut Tour by bolting from the splintered pack with less than 300 meters left. He crossed the line several lengths — and one second — ahead of runner-up Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway and third-place finisher Peter Velits of Slovakia.

Sagan enjoys putting on a show for fans. He churned his arms, as a runner might, in a nod to the title character in the movie "Forrest Gump."

"It's a thing I'd discussed with my teammates about what kind of gesture I'd do on the line," said Sagan, who rides for Liquigas-Cannondale. "Everybody said, 'Do a Forrest Gump' because when he was told to run, he ran. And when I'm told to win, I win."

Sagan also showed a humbler side, saying he felt honored to ride alongside the likes of Vincenzo Nibali and two-time Giro d'Italia winner Ivan Basso on the Italian squad.



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Stage winner Peter Sagan of Slovakia, wearing the best sprinter's green jersey, celebrates on the podium of the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 122.4 miles with start in Orchies and finish in Boulogne-sur-Mer, northern France, on Tuesday.

"With Basso, I feel like I'm on the level of someone who would shine his shoes," Sagan said.

With Sagan's Stage 1 victory Sunday he became the youngest rider to win a Tour stage since Lance Armstrong in 1993 at 21.

"You've got to give Sagan credit for the way he's riding at the minute. When you see something like that you just have to stand back and admire it, and smile and say well done," Team Sky manager Dave Brailsford said.

"It's a bit like watching Messi playing football or something isn't it?" he said, referring to Barcelona's

Lionel Messi. "He's winning with such apparent ease at the moment that it's pretty phenomenal."

After a time-trial prologue won by Cancellara, and generally flat first few stages, the race is as open as ever. Cancellara has 43 riders within a minute of his overall time — and that's likely to change when the pack heads to the Alps in the second week and the Pyrenees in the third, if not sooner.

Tuesday's ride marked the first crash-related withdrawals from this 99th Tour, which ends July 22 on Paris' Champs-Elysees.

Overall, Cancellara leads runner-up Bradley Wiggins, who is hoping to become Britain's first Tour winner, and third-place Sylvain Chavanel — both seven seconds back. Defending champ Cadel Evans climbed one spot to seventh place, 17 seconds behind. Sagan was 15th, another six seconds slower.

The Swiss leader and the expected Tour title hopefuls trailed Sagan in a 45-rider pack that crossed one second behind the Slovak star — leaving the top standings little changed.

But Belgium's Philippe Gilbert, who last year had

18 victories in all competitions and was the top-ranked rider in the standings, went tumbling after getting hit from behind. He clambered back onto his bike with scrapes on his left leg and arm and kept going, but lost more time to change a shoe damaged in the crash, said his BMC team manager, John Lelangue.

Gilbert straggled across the finish line 7:46 after Sagan, plunging to 104th place overall. The Belgian began the day in seventh place, 13 seconds behind Cancellara. Gilbert's slide meant Evans rose a notch.

It was one of at least four crashes that marred the stage as riders jostled to get up front for climbs near the finish, including one within the last mile. Some riders also had mechanical troubles and flat tires.

"The group was nervous. Everyone wanted to be up front," Sagan told France-2 TV. "There were a lot of crashes. ... It was a very dangerous stage."

Five breakaway riders got out early through northern France's wheat fields and former steel industry hubs, and through medieval villages like Isbergues — named for a sister of Charlemagne who, legend has it, could cure skin and eye illnesses.

With about 30 miles to go, several riders crashed in a flat portion of road through a wheat field in a slight turn.

Sky's Kanstantsin Sivtsov of Belarus became the first competitor to drop out this year. A Tour medical report said he broke his left shin and was facing surgery.

Some 18 miles later, another crash sent riders flying off the shoulder of the road on both sides. One flew into a wire fence. Spain's Jose Joaquin Rojas of Movistar got into an ambulance and dropped out. He was hospitalized with a broken collarbone, the medical report said.

That second big spill split the pack into mini bunches, and the front group overtook the breakaway riders.

U.S. sprint specialist Tyler Farrar went down in the first crash and was delayed in the second. He and several of his Garmin-Sharp teammates rallied together to rejoin the main pack.

Arbitrator rules for Brees in franchise tag matter

By BRETT MARTEL

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — An arbitrator in Philadelphia has ruled in Drew Brees' favor in a dispute over how much the Saints would have to pay him if they applied the franchise tag to the star quarterback again in 2013.

The ruling adds leverage to Brees, who has so far skipped the Saints' offseason practices while holding out for a new long-term contract with New Orleans.

The Saints have already used the tag on Brees for 2012, meaning he can't

negotiate with another team and could be forced to settle for a one-year, \$16.3 million deal if he cannot reach a new long-term deal by a July 16 deadline specified in the league's collective bargaining agreement.

Arbitrator Stephen Burbank's ruling Tuesday said if New Orleans tries to tag Brees a second year in a row, he would be entitled to a 44 percent raise to more than \$23 million because it would be his third-career franchise tag. The NFL had

argued Brees would be due a 20 percent raise because it would have been only his

second franchise tag with one team.

Burbank, however, ruled that while the NFL's CBA has some ambiguity on the matter, it is clear that the overarching purpose of the language regarding multiple franchise tags is meant to protect players from being denied their rights to free agency for an undue length of their careers.

New Orleans designated Brees, 33, its franchise player in March after the club was unable to reach a new long-term extension with the record-setting quarterback before his previous

six-year, \$60 million contract expired.

During the past six seasons, Brees has not only led the Saints to their only Super Bowl title, but has completed more passes (2,488) for more yards (28,394) and more touchdowns (201) than any other quarterback in the NFL.

His 67.8 percent completion rate spanning the past six seasons also tops the league.

In 2011, Brees set NFL single-season records with 468 completions, 5,476 yards passing and a completion percentage of 71.2.

His prolific passing numbers helped the Saints set a new NFL high for total offensive yards in a season with 7,474.

He led the Saints to a 13-3 regular season record and second NFC South Division title in three seasons. New Orleans defeated Detroit in the first round of the playoffs before falling in the final seconds of their second-round game at San Francisco.

This offseason marks the first time Brees has had the opportunity to negotiate a major, long-term deal with the leverage provided by a

string of injury-free seasons highlighted by a slew of individual and team statistical records, in addition to a championship.

He commanded only second-round money when he was drafted by San Diego, and the Chargers placed the one-year franchise tag on him when that deal ran out in 2005.

The right-handed Brees then had an injury the following season that required major surgery to his throwing shoulder, and which left him with few major offers during the 2006 off-season.

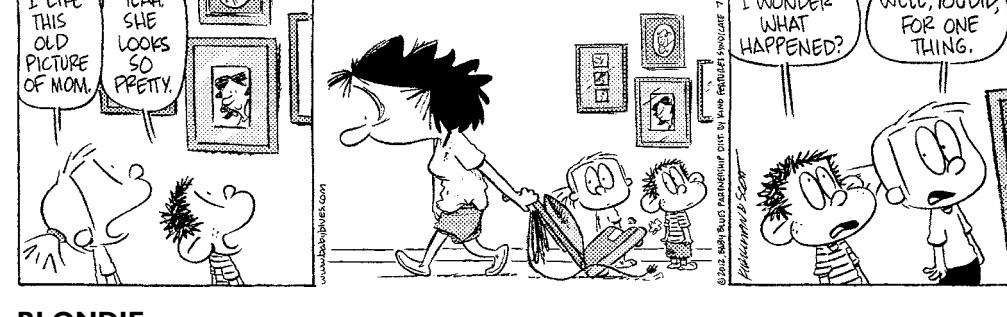
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4-IND	4	4	4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Jacksonville Fireworks Spectacular				The 10 O'Clock News (N) ☺	(:35) Nightline (N)
5-PBS	5	-	-	Journal ☺	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) ☺	A Capitol Fourth Concert celebrates America. (N) ☺	Criminal Minds "It Takes a Village"	A Capitol Fourth Concert celebrates America. ☺	Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular	Action News Jax	Chann 4 News	
7-CBS	7	47	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy ☺	Two and Half Men	Dogs in the City A special-needs dog.	America's Next Top Model "Game"	America's Next Top Model ☺	The Office ☺	Tavis Smiley ☺	
9-CW	9	17	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	New Girl ☺	New Girl ☺	The Office ☺	TMZ (N) ☺	BBC World News	
10-FOX	10	30	30	How I Met/Mother	Family Guy ☺	The Simpsons	New Girl ☺	New Girl ☺	New Girl "Normal"	News	Action News Jax	Access Hollywood	
12-NBC	12	12	12	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Off Their Rockers	Up All Night	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks	Macy's 4th of July Fireworks	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother	
CSPAN	14	210	350	(5:00) U.S. House of Representatives			Capitol Hill Hearings					News	Jay Leno
WGN-A	16	239	307	30 Rock ☺	30 Rock ☺	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (N) ☺							
TVLAND	17	106	304	M*A*S*H ☺	M*A*S*H ☺	M*A*S*H ☺	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	The Soul Man (N)	King of Queens	
OWN	18	189	279	Disappeared "Danger at Dusk" ☺	Disappeared "Danger at Dusk" ☺	Disappeared "Gone at 17" ☺	48 Hours: Hard Evidence ☺	48 Hours: Hard Evidence ☺	48 Hours: Hard Evidence ☺	48 Hours: Hard Evidence ☺	The Exes (N) ☺	King of Queens	
A&E	19	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Barter Kings (N)	Barter Kings ☺	
HALL	20	185	312	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Little House on the Prairie ☺	Frasier "Oops!"	Frasier ☺	Frasier ☺	
FX	22	136	248	Anger	Anger	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	★★★ "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007, Action) Bruce Willis, Justin Long, America's computers fall under attack.				★★★ "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007)	
CNN	24	200	202	(4:00) The Situation Room (N)	Big Hits, Broken Dreams		Cruise to Disaster	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)	Cruise to Disaster			Big Hits, Broken Dreams	
TNT	25	138	245	Dallas A plot begins to unravel. ☺	Dallas "The Price You Pay" ☺	Dallas "The Last Hurrah" ☺	Dallas "Truth and Consequences" (N)	The Mentalist A jockey is murdered.	The Mentalist "Out of the Fire" ☺	Seinfeld ☺	Fraser ☺	The Twilight Zone	
NIK	26	170	299	Victorious ☺	Victorious ☺	Figure It Out ☺	Figure It Out ☺	All That ☺	Kenan & Kel ☺	Hollywood Heights ☺	Yes, Dear ☺	Perry Mason ☺	
SPIKE	28	168	241	**** "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Young Luke Skywalker battles evil Darth Vader.	**** "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Young Luke Skywalker battles evil Darth Vader.							Friends ☺	
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H ☺	Burn Notice "Dead or Alive" ☺	Burn Notice "Out of the Fire" ☺	Seinfeld ☺	Fraser ☺	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason ☺	
DISN	31	172	290	Good Luck Charlie	Good Luck Charlie	Shake It Up! ☺	A.N.T. Farm ☺	Austin & Ally ☺	Jessie ☺	Gravity Falls ☺	Gravity Falls ☺	Good Luck Charlie "Special Delivery"	
LIFE	32	108	252	Wife Swap ☺	Wife Swap ☺		Wife Swap ☺	Wife Swap ☺	Wife Swap ☺	My Babysitter	Coming Home "Daddy's Little Dancer"	Coming Home ☺	
USA	33	105	242	NCIS Gibbs works with Kort. ☺	NCIS "Legend" (Part 1 of 2) ☺	NCIS "Legend" ☺ (DVS)	NCIS The death of an ICE agent. ☺	NCIS NCIS "Aliyah" Tense reunion. ☺	NCIS "Aliyah" Tense reunion. ☺	The Soup (N)	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	
BET	34	124	329	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	El Entertainment	The Game ☺	The Game ☺	
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☺	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox. From U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago. (N Subject to Blackout) ☺	SportsCenter Special (N)	SportsCenter ☺	SportsNation	SportsNation	Baseball Tonight (N) (Live) ☺	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☺		
ESPN2	36	144	209	NFL32 (N) (Live) ☺						2012 Hot Dog Eating Contest	NFL Live ☺		
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TBS	39	139	247	King of Queens	King of Queens	Seinfeld ☺	Seinfeld ☺</						

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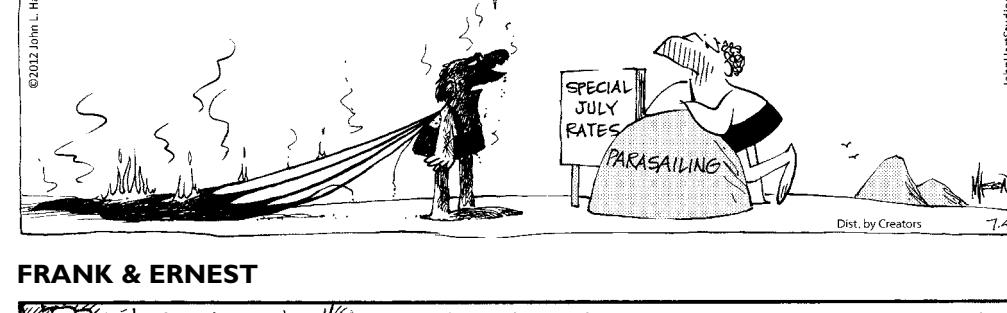
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by Luis Campos

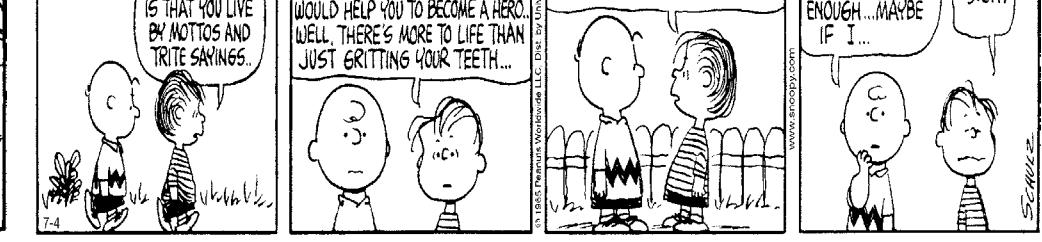
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Friday Thurs, 10:00 a.m. Thurs, 9:00 a.m.
Saturday Fri, 10:00 a.m. Fri, 9:00 a.m.
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Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA CASE NO. 10-741-CA Plaintiff.

v. ISAAC HOLDINGS, INC., a Florida Corporation, ISAAC P. BRATKOVICH, and EMILY L. BRATKOVICH, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that P. DEWITT CASON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, will on the 25th of July, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse in Lake City, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:

Parcel 1:

A part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1 and part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 16 East, Columbia County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of said Section 1 and run N 00°10'43" West along the West line thereof 373.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence S 89°24'45" West, 48.21 feet; thence N 00°58'46" West, 436.66 feet, thence N 89°28'42" East, 54.31 feet to the West line of said Section 1; thence continue N 89°28'42" East, 537.79 feet, thence S 00°10'43" East, 435.98 feet; thence S 89°24'55", West 537.79 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel 2:

Lot 6, Cover at Rose Creek, a subdivision according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Books 8, Page 107-109, public records Columbia County, Florida.

pursuant to the Amended Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 10-741-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 19th day of June, 2012.

P. DEWITT CASON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Columbia County, Florida
By: B. Scipio
Deputy Clerk

05533383
June 27, 2012
July 4, 2012

Public Auction
Will be held by Gainey Automotive, Inc., in Columbia County at 3468 S.W. CR 138, Fort White, Fl. 32038 Date 07/17/2012 Time: 8:00 A.M. 2000 Chevrolet Vin# 2GCEC19VXY1311033

05533582
July 4, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that City Council Ordinance No. 2012-2024, which title hereinafter appears, will be considered for enactment on second and final reading by the City Council of the City of Lake City, Florida, at public hearing on Monday, July 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard in the City Council Meeting Room, City Hall located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida, 32055. Copy of said ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055, during regular business hours. On the date, time and place first above mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the ordinance.

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2012-2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 2-354, ARTICLE VIII OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY FINANCE DIRECTOR TO BE AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED DURING ANY FISCAL YEAR TO TRANSFER AND REALLOCATE FUNDS WITHIN ANY DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS AUTHORIZED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE AND FLORIDA STATUTES, OTHER THAN FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND SALARY ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR A FISCAL YEAR FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF THIS ORDINANCE IN THE CITY CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that

the hearing will be adjourned if

any member of the public

fails to appear.

After the public hearing has been

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will consider the ordinance

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