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## In Debby's wake, a flood of emotion

### Anger, frustration aired at commission meeting

By **HANNAH O. BROWN**  
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Columbia County residents vented their post-flood frustrations to the county commission and a fuller-than-normal auditorium of county officials and members of the public Thursday night.

Bob and Carol Brown, natives of the region, went before the commission to describe the damage they received to their business and thank the commission for their assistance.

"We took two and half feet of water in less than two hours," Carol Brown said. Brown asked the commission to consider how the storm has affected small

businesses in the area.

"We're still like everyone else, just drying out," she said.

Kayla Pierce from District 2 said she was afraid that her neighborhood had been forgotten.

"We felt ignored," she said.

Commissioner Rusty DePratter told Pierce the road to her neighborhood was inaccessible.

Pierce said aid came after a couple of days and she thanked them for their response, but continued to express her frustration.

"We were stranded the whole time and we felt ignored," she said as she welled

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HANNAH O. BROWN/Lake City Reporter  
Commissioner Ron Williams speaks to the audience about his experiences during the flood and its aftermath.



HANNAH O. BROWN/Lake City Reporter  
Kayla Pierce addresses the county commission on Thursday night, saying, "I felt like we were forgotten."

#### NYT best-selling author at 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 bestselling 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-

#### Zumbathon for flood relief

A Super Soaker Zumbathon luau style to raise money for storm victims is 9-10:30 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.

#### Concert for flood relief

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.

In addition to the Wayne Levy and Friends group, a special guest from Fernandina Beach, Emilie Batten, will also perform.

#### Self defense class at public library

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.

#### Alzheimer's workshop

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

## Victims take stock, assess options



A submerged vehicle on Dyal Road last week.

By **LAURA HAMPSON**  
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Although Tropical Storm Debby began drenching Columbia County nearly two weeks ago, residents are just beginning to clean up and normalize their lives.

Federal, state and local agencies are continuing to offer flood victims help. Food, water and supplies have been provided to almost 11,000 county residents. Eleven Florida counties have been federally declared disaster sites, including Columbia County, making grants, low interest loans, unemployment payments and other relief programs available.

Floodwater inside Lake City resident Paul Sweet's home is still several feet deep.

"It was a total loss," he said of his home in southwestern Columbia County.

Sweet said it's hard to explain what it feels like to lose an entire home, although the family has experienced it before. They had to start over after their home burnt down in 1997, he said.

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Paul Sweet's southwestern Columbia County home was nearly covered by floodwaters June 27. Its windows were still half-submerged Thursday.

## Benefit concert Saturday for flood relief

By **TONY BRITT**  
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A benefit concert for local flood victims is set for the weekend as residents continue to recover from the effects of Tropical Storm Debby.

The Three Rivers Rain Relief Fundraiser will take place from 6

- 10 p.m. Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. Wayne Levy and Friends, a local contemporary jazz and pop group, is scheduled to perform.

Teresa Morgan, one of the event organizers, said in addition to the Wayne Levy and Friends group, a special guest from Fernandina Beach, Emilie Batten, will also

perform.

"She is 11 years old and has a tremendous voice," Morgan said. "She's coming over to help us raise money."

In addition to the entertainment, there will be a video presentation by representatives of Florida Gateway College showing local flood scenes.

Morgan said the community has pitched in to make the fundraiser a success and all the food, entertainment and the location has been donated. Catholic Charities will be distributing the funds to the flood victims.

"We are charging a \$10 admis-

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# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Miss. hometown marks half century post-Faulkner

OXFORD, Miss. — Five decades after his death, William Faulkner still draws literary pilgrims to his Mississippi hometown, the "little postage stamp of native soil" he made famous through his novels.

Oxford inspired the fictional town of Jefferson that was a frequent setting for his stories, and it's commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Nobel laureate's death Friday with several events that include a tag-team reading of his novel, "The Reivers," beginning about daybreak.

Roughly 25,000 people a year visit Faulkner's antebellum home, Rowan Oak, which is now owned by the University of Mississippi. The author's meticulous handwriting appears on the walls of his downstairs office. Using pencil, he outlined events of his 1954 novel, "A Fable."

William Griffith, the Rowan Oak curator since 1999, said writing was a "demon-driven" task for Faulkner.

Oxford's lure is similar to that of Key West, Fla., for fans of Ernest Hemingway and Salinas, Calif., for devotees of John Steinbeck.

"I've just always wanted to see this," Lisa McDanelis of Rocky River, Ohio, said as she and her husband toured Faulkner's home. "You think, 'Oh, he walked here.'"

The two-story Greek



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A life-sized statue of the late Nobel Prize laureate William Faulkner sits in front of the Oxford, Miss., City Hall in the shadow of the county courthouse. Oxford commemorates the 50th anniversary of the writer's death July 6 with several events, including a tag-team reading of one of his novels, "The Reivers," beginning about daybreak.

Faulkner is more appreciated in Oxford these days.

Locals saw Faulkner as an oddball who'd be so wrapped up in his own

Illinois, an English teacher assigned him to read "As I Lay Dying," and he protested with an essay called, "As I Die Reading."

"I remember arguing, telling her that I'd never thought about Mississippi and I'm quite sure I'll never go to Mississippi," said Griffith, who has since re-read the book several times.

Griffith said when the teacher heard he'd been hired at Rowan Oak, she told one of his relatives: "I hope he knows karma is a real thing."

### Trailer for Cruise's next film is good

LOS ANGELES — Tom Cruise's personal life may be in upheaval, but it's business as usual for the studio promoting his next movie.

Paramount Pictures has released the trailer for Cruise's crime drama "Jack Reacher," which opens Dec. 21. The trailer launched on Cruise's 50th birthday with Tuesday's debut of "The Amazing Spider-Man."

The start of the movie's marketing campaign coincides with the breakup of Cruise's marriage to Katie Holmes, who filed for divorce last week.

The divorce has brought fresh scrutiny to Cruise's ties to Scientology. His beliefs played a role in Paramount's split with the actor in 2006 over his discussion of his religion and his erratic behavior regarding his romance with Holmes.

### Celebrity Birthdays

- Actress Katherine Helmond is 84.
- First daughter Julie Nixon Eisenhower is 64.
- Musician Huey Lewis is 62.
- Baseball player Goose Gosage is 61.
- Football player James Lofton is 56.
- Journalist Veronica Guerin is 53.
- Musician Marc Cohn is 53.
- Actress Edie Falco is 49.
- Actress Eva Green is 32.

### Thought for Today

**"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance."**

- Psalm 33:12 NIV

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**"The man who has the largest capacity for work and thought is the man who is bound to succeed."**

- Henry Ford

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## AROUND FLORIDA

### Miami officials seek end to celebratory gunfire

MIAMI — Miami city officials are urging residents not to add celebratory gunfire to their Fourth of July fireworks.

Mayor Tomas Regalado, Miami Police Chief Manuel Orosa and other city officials held a news conference Tuesday to ask the public to abandon the unofficial tradition of firing guns into the air to celebrate the holiday. It's the same plea they made just before New Year's Eve.

When the bullets fall back to earth, they sometimes strike innocent bystanders.

A 12-year-old boy watching fireworks outside his Ruskin home was critically injured when a bullet falling from the sky pierced his skull just after midnight on New Year's Eve. His family on Wednesday told *The Tampa Tribune* that he still suffers from short-term memory loss. No arrests have been made in his shooting.

### Lifeguard fired for 'outside' rescue

HALLANDALE BEACH — A South Florida life-guard who rushed to save a drowning man has been fired for leaving the section of the beach his company is paid to patrol.

The Orlando-based company, Jeff Ellis and Associates, says Tomas Lopez broke a company rule and could have put beachgoers in his section of Hallandale Beach in jeopardy.

"We have liability issues and can't go out of the protected area," supervisor Susan Ellis told the *Sun*

*Sentinel* "What he did was his own decision. He knew the company rules and did what he thought he needed to do."

A beachgoer rushed to Lopez's stand Monday afternoon asking for help. Lopez said he saw a man struggling in the water south of his post and ran to his aid.

The man had been swimming along an unprotected stretch of beach, Hallandale Beach officials said Tuesday.

"It was a long run, but someone needed my help. I wasn't going to say no," said Lopez, 21, of Davie.

By the time Lopez arrived, several witnesses had pulled the drowning man out of the water. Lopez said the man appeared to be semi-conscious and had water in his lungs.

Lopez and an off-duty nurse helped the man until the city's paramedics arrived.

After the rescue, Lopez said his boss asked him to fill out an incident report and then fired him for leaving his assigned area.

"They didn't tell me in a bad way. It was more like they were sorry, but rules are rules," Lopez said. "I couldn't believe what was happening."

The rescue was performed about 1,500 feet south of the protective boundaries set by Lopez's employer. The unprotected area has signs alerting beachgoers to swim at their own risk.

Other lifeguards watched Lopez's area during the rescue and were on the phone with 911 operators, the company said.

"The beach remained protected at all times," Ellis said.

Lopez became a lifeguard four months ago after passing the company's requirements, which include swimming and physical exams. The job pays \$8.25 an hour, the lifeguards said.

Hallandale Beach began outsourcing its lifeguards in 2003 to save money. The city pays Jeff Ellis and Associates about \$334,000 a year to provide four lifeguards and one supervisor at the beach year-round, said city spokesman Peter Dobens.

The company also provides lifeguard services at the city's pools as part of the contract. Its contract expires this year.

The man Lopez rushed to save, whose name was not released due to privacy laws, remained hospitalized Tuesday in intensive care, Dobens said.

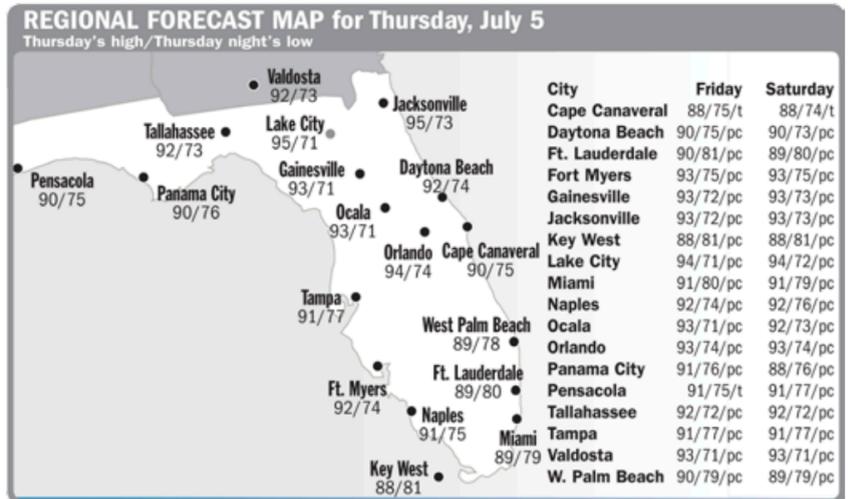
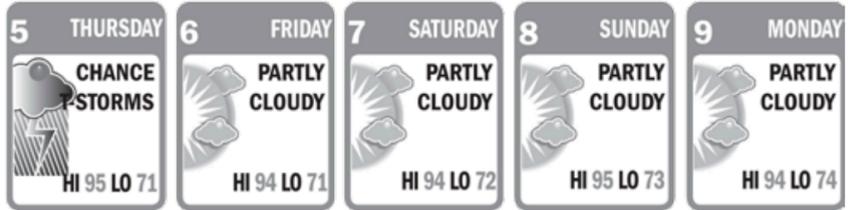
Two other lifeguards have quit in protest of Lopez's firing. One of them, Szilard Janko, told the newspaper, "What was he supposed to do? Watch a man drown?"

### FDLE clears retired police chief

ST. AUGUSTINE — The Florida Department of Law Enforcement has cleared a retired St. Augustine Beach police chief accused of taking firearms, a mountain bike and a motorcycle.

Richard Hedges already was cleared of ethics violations. The FDLE investigation focused on allegations made by Hedges' patrol officers.

## THE WEATHER



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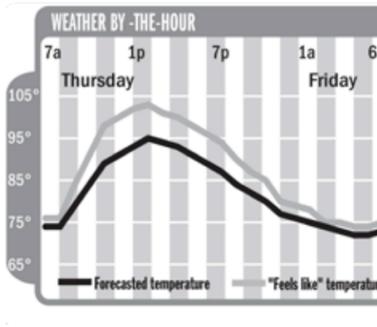
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Normal low	71	Sunset tom.	8:36 p.m.
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Today's ultra-violet radiation risk for the area on a scale from 0 to 10+.

### FYI

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**WEATHER HISTORY**  
On this date in 1891, a severe hail-storm went through Rapid City, S.D., killing sixteen horses. Many additional horses had to be put down, due to injuries caused by the hail.

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## FOURTH: A new venue

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from the crowd. Mama Rosie, Little Carla and Papa Poncho sat side by side wearing elaborate patriotic costumes.

"They enjoy the people as much as the people enjoy them," owner John Weaver said.

Weaver, who is from Live Oak, came up to Columbia County for the fireworks display. Weaver and his wife are originally from Seattle.

Two of the dogs are trained as service dogs and assist his wife, who has a neurological disorder, by alerting her when conditions in her body change. He said the dogs have been recognized by news outlets in California.

Brian Gollery from Church on the Way volunteered with other church members to supervise the bounce houses at the fairgrounds.

Gollery said the bounce houses were deflated when it began raining and then blown back up when the skies cleared.

"The rain died off and then everybody just came," Gollery said.

Gollery said this was his first time attending the Fourth of July celebration in Columbia County.

"I think for having to move it on the fly so quickly down here, they did a really good job," Gollery said. "The kids are having a blast."

Dennille Decker, Executive Director with the Chamber of Commerce, said the Chamber

will have to consider the option of using the fairgrounds for future Fourth of July celebrations.

"I was riding around talking to the different vendors and just people in the crowd and people were stopping me left and right saying, 'I love it here, it's so good, we have so much more space, we can park, we can spread out,'" Decker said. "We couldn't have really asked for a better night."

President of the Chamber of Commerce Todd Wilson said the event turned out even better than anticipated.

"It's a good break for a lot of people. It's a time when they can step away from the challenges that the flooding has caused and the heartache and pain that so many in our county have experienced in the past week," Wilson said.

Wilson said the event could not have been so successful without help from Lake City officials as well as Columbia County Resources for providing the venue.

"Our community always rises to the challenge no matter what the situation and what challenges that our neighbors face, our community always steps up and answers the call," Wilson said. "We have done that again and it's good that people can come out here and have a good time and relax awhile and enjoy this time that so many of our sponsors have pulled together to provide."



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Top: An American flag waves in the foreground as fireworks explode over the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Left: Shyenne Harney, 11, of Live Oak, plays with a sparkler Wednesday during the Fourth of July Celebration. More Fourth of July pictures are on Page 6A.

## DRY: Counties

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"The technical term for our county is we're called a 'damp county,'" Ensminger said.

Folks in Suwannee and Madison say that allowing liquor will draw tourists and bring much needed jobs to the tiny counties.

Both are rural and want to draw more visitors. To buy wine or liquor, people in Madison have to drive 30 miles; many go to Valdosta, Ga. to the north.

"It is 110 percent about jobs and the economy," Ensminger

said.

Madison County first banned alcohol in 1906 — 14 years before Prohibition, the national ban on alcohol sales that lasted 14 years and was widely violated.

Opponents say they're against liquor sales because of alcohol's negative toll on society.

"You cannot repair the damage from the slaughter on our highways. You can't put a dollar cost on a human life," said Bill Bledsoe, who lives in Santa Rosa County on the Panhandle and fought against allowing alcohol sales there in 2005. The measure passed by a vote of 29,353 to

21,507.

Bledsoe said he has written letters to the editors of websites and newspapers in Madison County, detailing his views on the subject. He's been a member of the Prohibition Party for 40 years and personally, is against drinking alcohol for religious reasons — reasons that others in Suwannee and Madison also give for opposing alcohol sales.

"The whole issue is has nothing to do with freedoms," Bledsoe said. "The issue is health and safety when it comes to alcohol. I'm a Christian. I'm a Bible-waving, flag-waving Christian. Based

on that, I believe consuming alcoholic beverages is a sin."

In Suwannee, folks weren't able to buy anything with alcohol in it for decades. Then, about 35 years ago, residents could buy low-alcohol beer and wine but not "real" beer or liquor, said Brown. Residents voted whether to allow liquor sales three times over the years, and all three times it was defeated.

Until 2011, Suwannee voters approved liquor sales by a 2-1 margin.

"People are tired of somebody else trying to control our lives," said Brown, referring to the

county's formidable evangelical Christian pastors, some of whom opposed the measure. "We're back to normality now. This is normal."

Brown said he's thrilled that visitors who pull of Interstate 10 can now come into the town and have a glass of wine with dinner. Locals, too, seem to have embraced the change.

"We should have been wet a long time ago," sighed Bennie Thomas, who has been on the Live Oak City Council for 26 years. "Now, at least, we won't have to drive 20 miles to get a drink."

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OPINION

## We need lawyers to administer ruling

About 2,000 juvenile offenders serving life sentences without parole can now seek new sentencing hearings to challenge their punishment. The Supreme Court ruled last week that it is unconstitutional to impose such a sentence on a juvenile convicted of murder without an individualized finding that considers the defendant's characteristics.

But without capable lawyers to handle the hearings, the court's humane ruling is unlikely to matter for those juveniles serving a mandatory life sentence.

The constitutional right to counsel in criminal trials does not apply to these sentencing reviews because the offenders have already been convicted. But they can't initiate a review if they cannot afford a lawyer. That's why the federal government and the 28 states affected need to provide them with lawyers as a moral right.

And not just any lawyer. The court said juveniles have a less developed sense of responsibility and should not necessarily get the same punishment as adults. The hearings will require lawyers with training in psychology and human development to argue convincingly that an offender's record supports reducing a life sentence — including what Justice Elena Kagan, in her majority opinion, called a juvenile offender's "immaturity, recklessness, and impetuosity" at the time of the crime.

Almost one-quarter of those serving life sentences have been in prison for 21 years or longer. For them, Justice Kagan said, a state must provide "some meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation."

In many cases, the offender's young age and a history of being abused, for example, were so striking that judges said during sentencing that they were imposing mandatory life without parole because they had no choice. States should ensure that these offenders receive new hearings and the assistance of counsel.

■ The New York Times

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## Sheldon Adelson, New York Times and free speech

The New York Times' editorial writers — who reflect the opinions of the newspaper's publisher and principle owner, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger Jr., who hires and fires them — have their knickers in a knot over Sheldon Adelson. What has the Las Vegas hotel-and-casino tycoon done? The Times asserts he is spending his money "to advance his personal, ideological and financial agenda, which is wildly at odds with the nation's needs."

Full disclosure No. 1: I spent some of the best years of my life working for the Times, as a reporter, foreign correspondent and editor. Then, as now, some of the world's finest journalists were employed by the Gray Lady. Such journalists do not draw conclusions and level charges except on the basis of solid evidence. By contrast, the Times' editorial writers no longer burden themselves with serious argumentation. They assert, they preach, they allege. I have heard Times reporters grumble about this — though not on the record.

Full disclosure No. 2: I know Adelson and, on occasion, he's donated funds to the nonpartisan, nonprofit organization I head to support work on national security issues he views as critically important. But not for that reason do I defend his constitutional right to spend as much of his money as he likes to persuade his fellow Americans that his agenda is preferable to that favored by the Times. I would just as vehemently defend the free speech rights of George Soros, also a multimillionaire who spends lavishly to promote his agenda — an agenda with which the Times largely agrees and I do not. The Times has never criticized Soros as it has Adelson. In



Cliff May

other words: I am championing a principle without exception; the Times — not so much.

The Times promotes its policy preferences using ink it buys by the barrel. The Times sees that as part of its mission, and that's correct. But private citizens are entitled to the same free speech rights as the media — unless, of course, one embraces as a serious principle what I've always assumed the great journalist A.J. Liebling intended as a quip: "Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

The Times mentions only one substantive issue motivating Adelson: He is writing "huge checks," the Times alleges, because of his "disgust for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, supported by President Obama and most Israelis." The Times adds that Adelson "considers a Palestinian state a stepping stone for the destruction of Israel and the Jewish people."

Why in the world might Adelson think that? Well, there is the fact that Hamas, which rules Gaza, has repeatedly proclaimed there can be "no solution" to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict "except through Jihad," a religious war through which "Islam will obliterate (Israel) just as it obliterated others before it."

There is the fact that Mahmoud Abbas, leader of the Palestinian Authority and Fatah, has banned "all informal

meetings between Israelis and Palestinians" because such dialogue promotes "the culture of peace" and is designed to "normalize" relations between Israelis and Palestinians." There is the fact that Palestinian Authority official Adli Sadeq has written in the official PA daily, Al-Hayat Al-Jadida, that Israelis "fool themselves, assuming that Fatah accepts them and recognizes the right of their state to exist, and that it is Hamas alone that loathes them and does not recognize the right of this state to exist. They ignore the fact that this state, based on a fabricated (Zionist) enterprise, never had any shred of a right to exist. ..."

The Times goes on to charge that Adelson's "overriding interest is his own wallet." Think about this: a man well into his seventh decade, worth billions, is concerned mainly that his taxes may go up? The Times neglects to inform readers that Adelson also donates huge amounts for medical research, education and other philanthropic pursuits. If his "overriding interest" were his wallet, would he do that?

The Times concludes by lamenting that we live in a time when "there are no legal or moral limits" preventing Adelson from helping "to elect Republicans who promise to keep his billions intact." Under the moral and legal regime the Times would prefer, newspaper owners, politicians and government bureaucrats would decide how to spend Adelson's money — and he would shut the hell up. I leave it for you to ponder whether that agenda would be in line with "the nation's needs."

■ Clifford D. May is president of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a policy institute focusing on terrorism.

ANOTHER  
VIEW

## Court not soft on crime

With a decision that reaches into the prisons of 28 states, the U.S. Supreme Court has given some young murderers — those who were under 18 when they committed their crimes and who received a mandatory sentence of life without parole — a chance at eventual freedom. A far-off chance — not a guarantee. An opportunity to have the circumstances of their crimes, and their lives, considered by a court.

Otherwise, the Supreme Court majority rightly ruled, these endless sentences for juveniles amount to cruel and unusual punishment, banned by the Constitution's Eighth Amendment.

The 5-4 decision (along liberal-conservative lines, with Justice Anthony Kennedy siding with the former camp) will force a change in many states' sentencing laws. It will also require the state to set up a mechanism for reconsidering mandatory sentences of young murderers already in prison. Estimates are that two dozen or more are in this category.

Juveniles — the plaintiffs in the cases before the court were 14 when they committed their crimes — are, unfortunately, as capable as adults of cruel, vicious murder. It was only to be expected, especially as the Supreme Court in 2005 outlawed the death penalty for young killers, that states would turn, by design or default, to mandatory sentences of life without parole. Mandatory meaning that in sentencing, judges and juries had no ability to consider the circumstances.

In doing so, however, the states created a nightmare, even if less horrific than the crimes themselves. A 14-year-old is involved in the murder of a store clerk, as one of the two plaintiffs was. Sentenced to mandatory life in prison, he could be behind bars, what? — 60, 70, even 80 years. Nearly his entire life.

That seemed wrong to the five-member court majority, and it is. Justice Elena Kagan wrote that "Mandatory life without parole for a juvenile precludes consideration of his chronological age and its hallmark features, among them, immaturity, impetuosity and failure to appreciate risks and consequences." In such a case, a judge with no choice "misses too much if he treats every child as an adult."

This is not going soft on crime. It doesn't touch mandatory life sentences for adult murderers. It doesn't mean opening the prison gates — long sentences, even life without parole in the very worst cases, are still on the table for juveniles. But the ruling does make a common sense distinction that should be made when considering the rest of a 14- (or 15-, 16- or even 17-) year-old's life.

Looking at crime and at punishment, Americans might wonder. Bad people still commit unconscionable acts, ripping innocent lives apart. Prison — for all the noise about inmates' lives of leisure — remains a harsh place. Yet we've turned away from the physical punishments (branding, the lash) common when the Constitution came into being. In a host of ways we are indeed evolving toward less cruel punishments, and if juveniles are among the beneficiaries of a change that takes greater care in their cases, that's as it should be.

■ Raleigh News and Observer

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Purple Heart ceremony a big success

The National, State and local Chapter 772 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart thanks the Lake City Reporter, and reporter Hannah O. Brown for being present and reporting on the event.

It was a great event for all present, including Florida State Commander Richard Hunt who read the citation and presented the Purple Heart Medal to Mr. David C. Hinson. Chapter 772 Commander Mike Nemesh read the citations and called upon individual members of the chapter to present to Mr. Hinson the Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, United Nations Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

Chapter 772 MOPH also would like to thank the North Florida/

South Georgia VA Hospital for use of the auditorium and to Melanie Adams, Asst. director of Volunteer Services, for working with the chapter to arrange the event.

Wilbur Corbitt  
Lake City

### Our morals are lacking

Would it be possible for all the media to focus on what is right and not what sells? I admit what sells catches the eye and spikes interest, but is it right?

It would be nice if all professional sports figures, actors and politicians only showed good morals, dressed appropriately and refrained from using foul language. The media shows the immoral acts of figures we should look up to. Our children and teenagers

learn what is inappropriate from TV, magazines and movies.

Years ago it was family helping family members thru financial, illness and other hardships. Family did what was moral and right to help family. The government thinks it is their job, but it has only helped destroy the family.

Could it be if we were not politically correct and shown the easy way out we would work harder to keep marriage and families together. I've read two parent families do better and statistically their children do better in life. Maybe if we went back to God (each in our own way) and hard work to fund the family our country could get back on the track that made it the best country in the world.

Irv Crowetz  
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).

## 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>.

### 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 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.

### Geneva Shaw Crittenden

Geneva Shaw Crittenden of Lake City, Florida passed away June 28, 2012 at the Lake City Medical Center. Geneva, the 2nd of ten children was born February 17, 1932 in Madison, Florida to the late Sylvester and Janie Shaw. She received her early education in Madison County, later moving to Lake City and attending Richardson High School. Geneva was united in Holy matrimony to the late Leo Alex Crittenden.

Mrs. Crittenden was a former member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. C.C. Rawls and Souls' Harbor Church of God In Christ, under the pastorate of Elder M.L. Goggins, serving as an Usher and on the Mother's Board. She later joined Refuge Temple Church, Pastor Donathan Shaw, serving as Mother of the Church until her health failed. Geneva will be remembered for her smile, caring and loving demeanor, that radiated God's love. She was a mother to many of her family members. She was a great woman of God who loved to pray and praise God. Precedents in death: siblings, Sylvester Shaw, Jr., Roosevelt Shaw, Leroy Shaw and Libby A. Merrick. Forever cherishing her memories: siblings, Inez Johnson, Helen Days (Percy), Albert J. Shaw, Jeanette Freaney (Rubin), Betty Shaw; special nieces and nephews, Sandra Pridgen (David), Albert Johnson, Jr. (Tracy), Linard Johnson (Bernadine), Tony Johnson (Brenda), Patronia Johnson, Johnette Richardson (Theodore), Donathan Shaw



COURTESY

## Habitat house

Annie Mosley (center) is seen with Habitat for Humanity volunteers from TD Bank along with their family members. The organization will host a house dedication Monday at 4 p.m. at 383 SE Lomond Ave.

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](http://www.conference.ifas.ufl.edu/small-farms) or contact Derek Barber at the Columbia County Extension Office at (386)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 229-232-1238.

## 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'Bradys. 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 21

### Class of '80 party

The Columbia High School class of 1980 will have a 50th birthday party July 21 at 5 p.m. at Ed Higg's place. Cost is \$23 per person, which includes a barbecue dinner with two sides and soft drinks. RSVP by July 16 and mail money to Melinda Spradley Pettyjohn, 1811 SW County Rd 242A, Lake City, FL 32025. For more information call 229-232-1238.

## Ongoing

### Live Oak Artists Guild show

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, will be representing their annual fine arts exhibition - Autumn Artfest 2012 - Sept. 10-21. Applications, with an entry fee of \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, must be submitted by Aug. 21. Applications are available at the following locations. The Frame Shop and Gallery, Rainbow's End and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Artists can also download and print an application from [liveoakartistsguild.org](http://liveoakartistsguild.org). All artists 18 and older are eligible and invited to submit an application.

Autumn Artfest 2012 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3,000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library, Sep. 22-Oct. 5.

For more information, call Suzanne Marcil at (386) 362-7308.

## OBITUARIES

(Frances), Debra Moore (Kevin), Tronna Demps (Fred), Ronnie Fleming, Jerome Fleming, Bridgett Days, Bridget Shaw, Michael Stevens, Laurie Hicks, Antoniece Shaw; one uncle, Walter Jones; hosts of great nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, and church family. Funeral services for Mrs. Geneva S. Crittenden will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 550 NE Martin Luther King Street, Lake City, FL. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Friday, July 6, 2012

at the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. "The Caring Professionals"

### Maurice Mickler

Maurice "Boo Lou" Mickler, a life-long resident of Lake City, Florida suddenly transitioned into eternity on Saturday, June 30, 2012. Maurice was born March 17, 1983 to the late Alford Mickler and Evenia Hicks. He received his education in the public school system of Columbia County. Left to cherish memories: Seven children, Maurice Jr., Marquez, Gavin, Jakhi, Zoey, Kaityln and

Kamdyn Mickler; brothers and sisters, Marvin (Charlyne), Janice, Catherine, Michelle (Ronald), Diane, Audrey (Elzie), Tommy, Wayne, Latasha (Ike) and Kimberly; aunts, Hattie Bell Johnson, Blanche Peacock, Vera Mickler Mayo; one great aunt, Dorothy Mickler Wilson; hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral service for Mr. Maurice Mickler will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, July 7, 2012 at New Day Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 709 NW Long Street, Lake City, FL. The family will receive friends from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to COMBS FUNERAL HOME.

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A family of Chihuahuas -- Poncho (from left), Carla and Rosie -- are seen decked out in their costumes as they gear up for the Fourth of July Celebration.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

The band State of Mind performs while entertaining a crowd of at least 25,000 people at the Fourth of July Celebration.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Savannah Luna, 3, takes a bite out of a slice of watermelon Wednesday during the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.



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Devin Carrao, 9, does a back flip while playing in the bounce house at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

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# FDA approves first rapid, take home HIV test

By **MATTHEW PERRONE**  
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first over-the-counter HIV test, allowing Americans to test themselves for the virus that causes AIDS in the privacy of their homes.

The OraQuick test detects the presence of HIV in saliva collected using a mouth swab. The test is designed to return a result within 20 to 40 minutes.

Government officials estimate one-fifth, or about 240,000 people, of the 1.2 million HIV carriers in the U.S. are not aware they are infected. Testing is one of the chief means of slowing new infections, which have held steady at about 50,000 per year for two decades.

FDA officials said the test is aimed at people who might not otherwise get tested.

"The availability of a home-use HIV test kit

provides another option for individuals to get tested so that they can seek medical care, if appropriate," said Dr. Karen Midthun, director of the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

FDA stressed in its approval announcement that the test is not 100 percent accurate.

A trial conducted by Orasure showed the home test only correctly detected HIV in those carrying the virus 92 percent of the time. That means that the test could miss one person for every 12 HIV-infected people who use the kit.

The test was accurate 99 percent in ruling out HIV in patients not carrying the virus. That means the test would incorrectly identify one patient as having HIV for every 5,000 HIV-negative people tested.

The FDA previously approved several HIV test kits designed to be used at

home, although those kits — which usually require a blood sample — must be sent to a laboratory to be developed.

Based in Bethlehem, Pa., Orasure has marketed a version of OraQuick to doctors, nurses and other health care practitioners since 2002. When used by professionals, the test is shown to accurately identify both carriers and non-carriers 99 percent of the time.

While it's not clear why the test appears less accurate in consumer trials, company researchers said they expected the test's specificity to drop when used by consumers versus professionals.

Orasure plans to launch the test in October, selling it through retailers like Walgreens, CVS and Walmart, as well as online pharmacies. Whereas the test marketed to health professionals costs about \$17.50, Orasure expects the consumer version to sell for more. The com-



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The OraQuick test detects the presence of HIV in saliva collected using a mouth swab. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first over-the-counter HIV test Tuesday.

pany is not announcing a price yet, but said it would be less than \$60. CEO Doug Michels said the additional cost will help pay for a toll-free call center to provide counseling and medical referrals

to test users.

"Each of the call-center operators is bilingual in English and Spanish, they've gone through 160 hours of training on HIV counseling and testing," said Michels. "So

they are highly trained professionals and they'll be there to support the consumer."

Shares of Orasure Technologies rose 59 cents, or 5 percent, to \$12.09.

# Methadone deaths still high but may have peaked

By **MIKE STOBBE**  
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — Overdose deaths from powerful painkillers have been surging at an alarming rate in the U.S., but here's a sliver of good news: The number blamed on methadone appears to have peaked.

Still, methadone accounts for nearly one-third of prescription painkiller deaths, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday.

Methadone, known mainly for treating heroin addiction, is also prescribed for pain. Health officials say most of the overdose deaths are people who take it for pain — not heroin or drug addicts.

After a sharp rise, the number and rate of methadone-related overdose deaths have fallen since 2007, the CDC report

shows.

Health officials describe the recent trend as closer to a leveling off than a reversal. But they also acknowledged it is a bit of good news in what has been a deteriorating situation.

"There aren't a lot of problems that have gotten so much worse so quickly as prescription drug overdose has," said CDC director Dr. Thomas Frieden.

Overall, overdose deaths from powerful painkillers have increased by about four times over a decade, he said. Besides methadone, painkiller deaths primarily involve Vicodin (hydrocodone), OxyContin (oxycodone) and Opana (oxymorphone).

Methadone is powerful drug that can be underestimated. It accounted for just 2 percent of painkiller prescriptions in 2009, but more than 30 percent of overdose deaths, according to

the CDC.

The drug mimics the effects of heroin and has been used to wean heroin users off of their addiction. Regular doses of methadone can reduce heroin cravings and withdrawal symptoms.

Roughly 15 years ago, doctors started prescribing methadone more often for pain, partly because they were looking for an alternative to OxyContin, a narcotic pain reliever that increasingly was being tied to drug abuse and death. Methadone seemed like a safer alternative, said Dr. Len Paulozzi, the CDC study's lead author.

Insurers also encouraged doctors to prescribe methadone because it's cheaper than some other painkillers.

But too much methadone can disrupt breathing, causing death. It also can cause a fatal irregular

heartbeat, CDC officials say.

The CDC researchers analyzed a decade of national prescription data, as well as drug-related death data from 13 states. The number of methadone-related deaths rose from fewer than 800 in 1999 to more than 5,500 in 2007, before slipping the next two years to 4,900 and 4,700.

What's behind the change? The researchers note that the Food and Drug Administration in 2006 warned doctors to be more careful in prescribing the drug. And in 2008, methadone manufacturers voluntarily limited distribution of the largest doses of the drug to only hospitals and to addiction treatment programs.

Meanwhile, more states started or toughened up programs to monitor prescriptions for painkillers and look for signs

of abuse.

This all boiled down to more education of doctors about the dangers of prescribing methadone, said Bruce Goldberger, professor and director of toxicology at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

"The word got out," said Goldberger, who has been studying methadone overdose deaths for about a decade.

Doctors may be swinging back to prescribing oxycodone and hydrocodone, he said.

Despite all the warnings, the CDC researchers say too many prescriptions are still being written for pain, many by internists and family doctors, not pain specialists. And many of the prescriptions are for back pain and other conditions that methadone might not help in the long run, CDC officials said.

# Early full-term babies may face later school woes

By **LINDSEY TANNER**  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Even for infants born full-term, a little more time in the womb may matter.

The extra time results in more brain development, and a study suggests perhaps better scores on academic tests, too.

Full-term is generally between 37 weeks and 41 weeks; newborns born before 37 weeks are called premature and are known to face increased chances for health and developmental problems.

The children in the study were all full-term, and the vast majority did fine on third-grade math and reading tests. The differences were small, but the study found that more kids born at 37 or 38 weeks did poorly than did kids born even a week or two later.

The researchers and other experts said the results suggest that the definition of prematurity should be reconsidered.

The findings also raise questions about hastening childbirth by scheduling cesarean deliveries for convenience — because women are tired of being pregnant or doctors are busy — rather than for medical reasons, the researchers say.

Women should "at least proceed with caution before electing to have an earlier term birth," said lead author Dr. Kimberly Noble, an assistant pediatrics professor at Columbia University Medical Center.

The study involved 128,000 New York City public school children and

included a sizable number of kids from disadvantaged families. But the authors said similar results likely would be found in other children, too.

Of the children born at 37 weeks, 2.3 percent had severely poor reading skills and 1.1 percent had at least moderate problems in math. That compares to 1.8 percent and 0.9 percent for the children born at 41 weeks.

Children born at 38 weeks faced only slightly lower risks than those born at 37 weeks.

Compared with 41-weekers, children born at 37 weeks faced a 33 percent increased chance of having severe reading difficulty in third grade, and a 19 percent greater chance of having moderate problems in math.

"These outcomes are critical and predict future academic achievement," said Naomi Breslau, a Michigan State University professor and sociologist. Her own research has linked lower IQs in 6-

year-olds born weighing the same as the average birth weights at 37 and 38 weeks' gestation, compared with those born heavier.

The study was published online Monday in Pediatrics.

The research "will cause quite a stir," said Dr. Judy Aschner, a pediatrics professor and neonatology director at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

"There are still a lot of babies who are being delivered more or less electively at 37 and 38 weeks, with people thinking, 'This is no big deal — these babies are full-term.' I think this is a big deal," Aschner said. She was not involved in the study.

Aschner said no one is recommending trying to delay childbirth for women who go into labor at 37 weeks or 38 weeks.

"I don't want to panic moms whose babies come at 37 weeks," she said. "But those elective early deliveries really need to stop."

Some hospitals including Vanderbilt require obstetricians planning elective C-sections to complete a checklist and if appropriate boxes aren't checked, the operation can't be performed, Aschner said.

In the study, 15 percent of children were born in C-

section operations but there was no information on how many of these were elective or medically necessary procedures. C-sections can cause birth complications that also increase chances for developmental delays.

But the researchers took that into account, along with

other risk factors including low birth weight, lack of prenatal care, smoking during pregnancy and neighborhood poverty — all of which could contribute to academic difficulties. And they still found that birth at 37 weeks and 38 weeks was an additional risk.

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# 2 paths forward for uninsured, 1 clouded by ruling

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Really? The Supreme Court's big health care decision means 30 million or more uninsured Americans are soon going to have coverage? It's far from that simple.

The ruling does point a way forward for millions who can't get affordable coverage because they've been sick, they're self-employed or they are otherwise shut out of the insurance plans that most Americans get in the workplace. But the path is clouded for millions more: the people on the bottom rungs of the economic ladder who are supposed to be reached by a major expansion of Medicaid.

Thanks to last week's ruling on President Barack Obama's overhaul, states can opt out of the expansion without fear that Washington will shut down all their federal Medicaid financing. And if some states do opt out, a lot of their residents are going to have to find another way to get coverage, or continue to go without.

Roughly 15 million uninsured are expected to get private insurance through new exchanges — marketplaces to be set up in each state by 2014 — that will be shored up by the individual coverage requirement that helps create a big pool of consumers. That mandate, vital to the law, was upheld by the court.

Another 15 million people or so — mainly adults with incomes just above the poverty line — are expected to be reached through Medicaid, and the federal government has generous subsidies to entice the states to come on board. That's not to say all of them will; Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced over the weekend that his state will opt out, and others will probably follow.

It's unclear how many of these low-



In this April 5, 2009 file photo, the Department of Health and Human Services building is seen in Washington.

income people would be able to get private health insurance in states that decide not to expand Medicaid. Even modest copayments may be a barrier for some of them.

"We're talking about individuals making less than \$15,000 a year who do not qualify for Medicaid today and who cannot afford to pay for private health insurance," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. About 60 percent of the more than 265,000 uninsured people in his state are potentially eligible for the Medicaid expansion, also scheduled for 2014.

The Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan budgetary scorekeeper for lawmakers, is reassessing its estimate of the coverage impact of the law in light of the court's Medicaid ruling.

"I'm very worried that the court's decision makes coverage for these very low-income individuals optional for the states," said Rockefeller.

Officials at the Health and Human Services department say they are not particularly concerned. They may have lost the stick, but they still have carrots.

The law calls for Washington to cover the full cost of the first three years of the expansion, eventually dropping to a 90 percent share. That's still far above the aver-

age 60 percent federal share of Medicaid costs the government currently is paying.

"We believe that states will in fact take advantage of the coverage for these individuals because of many factors," said Mike Hash, director of the HHS office responsible for the health overhaul. "One is the available federal funding."

Not every state took part when the Children's Health Insurance Program was launched in the 1990s, Hash noted. But within two years they were all aboard.

Jonathon Turley, a constitutional law scholar at George Washington University, says the ruling on Medicaid could go a long way toward undermining the overall law, in giving states a possible exit option.

"I look at this law and I see potential chaos if states start opting out," he said. "In the end," he said of the law's standing after the court decision, "it can be viewed as a success only to the extent a crash landing is still considered a landing."

Many uninsured people still don't know what to make of Obama's law. Polls have found much skepticism that it will make much difference, even though expanding coverage is its central goal.

"Those of us who are uninsured have been getting the short end of the stick for so long we don't figure the stick will get any longer," said Casey Quinlan, a self-employed consultant and breast cancer survivor who has been uninsured more than three years. She lives near Richmond, Va.

Going without health insurance has long been seen as a personal issue, a misfortune for many and a choice for some. Of those who lose coverage, half get it back in a matter of months, usually by landing a new job. Others face years of uncertainty.

The hospitalization, outpatient and prescription benefits will be fairly standard, keyed to plans now available to people with employer coverage. Quinlan said she thinks she will pick low-cost "catastrophic" coverage to keep her monthly premiums manageable.

She's a little uneasy about having to wait until 2014. What if Republicans deliver on their vow to repeal what they scorn as "Obamacare?"

"People are going to be exhausted by the idea that we're going to have to slog forward another two years until the market opens up," she said.

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Section B

## BRIEFS

### GOLF Elks Lodge 893 tourney July 14

Lake City Elks Lodge No. 893's annual charity golf tournament is 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 Carl Ste-Marie at 752-2266.

### CHS FOOTBALL Q-back Club meeting Monday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Jones Fieldhouse. For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452.

### YOUTH BASEBALL River Rats travel team has tryouts

The North Florida River Rats 11-under travel baseball team has open tryouts at 6 p.m. July 13 at the Southside Sports Complex red practice fields. For details, call Jamie Albritton at 209-0166.

### FORT WHITE FOOTBALL Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Night

The Fort White Quarterback Club has a Ruby Tuesday GiveBack Night every Thursday in July. Present the Quarterback Club's GiveBack flyer at the Ruby Tuesday on SW Commerce Drive and 20 percent of the bill will be donated to the Quarterback Club. For details, call Harold Bundy at 365-5731.

### FORT WHITE BASEBALL Dugout Club meeting Monday

The Fort White Dugout Club for high school and middle school baseball has a meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Barnyard Junction Restaurant in Fort White. For details, call Jeanne Howell at 288-5537.

### 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. The next camp is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 9-13. Cost is \$120 for members or \$145 for non-members, and limited to 25 participants. A \$50 deposit is required. A lunch card is \$20 and after care is \$50. For details, call 243-8238.

■ From staff reports



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits during his quarterfinals match against Florian Mayer of Germany at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on Wednesday.



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a backhand during a quarterfinals match against Mikhail Youzhny of Russia at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, England, on Wednesday.

# Strong semi set

## Djokovic, Federer will meet Friday at Wimbledon.

By STEVEN WINE  
 Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Novak Djokovic closed out his latest Wimbledon win with an ace, then threw a fist and let loose a primal scream.

Bring on Roger Federer. They'll meet at Wimbledon for the first time Friday.

Federer earned a record 32nd Grand Slam semifinal berth and moved closer to a record-tying seventh Wimbledon title Wednesday, beating Mikhail Youzhny, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Minutes later on an adjacent court, defending champion Djokovic finished off Florian Mayer, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.

Federer has a 14-12 edge against the top-ranked Djokovic. They've met in Grand Slam semifinals five times the past two years, with Djokovic winning four of those matches.

They've never played each other on grass. "A nice matchup," Federer said. "Obviously I'm aware that Novak is the defending champion and the world No. 1. That's not going to make it easy."

"It's always a pleasure playing against Roger," Djokovic said. "Obviously he's a great champion. He has been so dominant and consistent in these Grand Slams, and he's really an ultimate challenge on grass courts."

The other semifinal will match No. 4-seeded Andy Murray against No. 5 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. Murray,

**"He's a great champion. He has been so dominant and consistent in these Grand Slams, and he's really an ultimate challenge on grass courts."**

—Novak Djokovic,  
 Defending Wimbledon champion

seeking to become the first British man since 1938 to reach the Wimbledon final, needed nearly four hours to defeat No. 7 David Ferrer, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Tsonga advanced to the semifinals for the second year in a row by beating first-time Grand Slam

quarterfinalist Philipp Kohlschreiber 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Murray and Tsonga are both seeking their first major title.

Federer had been tied with Jimmy Connors for the most major semifinals. He reached the final four at Wimbledon for the first time since 2009, when he won the title for the sixth time.

"I'm just happy that I'm around farther than I've been the last couple years," Federer said.

Against the No. 26-seeded Youzhny, Federer showed no sign of the back ailment that prompted him to seek treatment during the first set of his previous match.

In the second game, he converted his fifth break-point chance and pulled away from there.

The Centre Court audience included Prince William and wife Kate, Andre Agassi, Steffi Graf and Rod Laver, all sitting in the Royal Box.

"I think it helps when royalty shows up, and other legends of the game come and see me play," Federer said. "It's inspiring."

Federer, ranked No. 3, seeks to match the record of seven Wimbledon titles set by William Renshaw in the 1880s and tied by Pete Sampras in 2000. If he wins the title, he'll reclaim the top ranking from Djokovic and tie Sampras' record for most weeks at the top.

Djokovic had just a little more difficulty in the quarterfinals than Federer.

"I've been playing really well, constantly well, from the start of the tournament," Djokovic said.

## Lake City's 12U all-stars headed to state



Lake City's 12-under Babe Ruth Baseball all-stars celebrate after winning the District 6 tournament on June 24.

### Live Oak plays host to Babe Ruth tournament.

By TIM KIRBY  
 tkirby@lakecityreporter.com

The Lake City 12-under Babe Ruth all-star team is looking to add a state title to its District 6 tournament championship.

The Florida Babe Ruth Baseball 2012 North State Tournament 12U begins today in Live Oak at the First Federal Sportsplex. The double-elimination tournament has an eight-team field.

The four-day event begins at 8 a.m. today with a pre-tournament meeting for managers, coaches, umpires and tournament officials at the Rotary Centennial

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SPEED — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, practice for Subway Jalapeno 250, at Daytona Beach

4 p.m.  
SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, practice for Coke Zero 400, at Daytona Beach

5:30 p.m.  
SPEED — NASCAR, Nationwide Series, final practice for Subway Jalapeno 250, at Daytona Beach

6:30 p.m.  
SPEED — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, "Happy Hour Series," final practice for Coke Zero 400, at Daytona Beach

**CYCLING**  
8 a.m.  
NBCSN — Tour de France, stage 5, Rouen to Saint-Quentin, France

**GOLF**  
8:30 a.m.  
TGC — European PGA Tour, Open de France, first round, at Paris

3 p.m.  
TGC — PGA Tour, The Greenbrier Classic, first round, at White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

4 p.m.  
ESPN2 — USGA, U.S. Women's Open, first round, at Kohler, Wis.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
2 p.m.  
WGN — Texas at Chicago White Sox

7 p.m.  
MLB — Regional coverage, San Francisco at Washington or Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets

**TENNIS**  
8 a.m.  
ESPN — The Championships, women's semifinals, at Wimbledon, England

## BASEBALL

### AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	49	32	.605	—
Baltimore	44	37	.543	5
Tampa Bay	43	39	.524	6½
Boston	42	40	.512	7½
Toronto	41	40	.506	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	37	.538	—
Cleveland	42	39	.519	1½
Detroit	39	42	.481	4½
Kansas City	36	43	.456	6½
Minnesota	35	45	.438	8
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	50	31	.617	—
Los Angeles	45	37	.549	5½
Oakland	41	42	.494	10
Seattle	35	49	.417	16½

**Tuesday's Games**  
Cleveland 9, L.A. Angels 5  
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Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 4  
Chicago White Sox 19, Texas 2  
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Baltimore 5, Seattle 4

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Kansas City at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.

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Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.  
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

### NL standings

East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	47	32	.595	—	
New York	44	38	.537	4½	
Atlanta	42	38	.525	5½	
Miami	38	42	.475	9½	
Philadelphia	37	46	.446	12	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Pittsburgh	45	36	.556	—	
Cincinnati	44	36	.550	½	
St. Louis	42	39	.519	3	
Milwaukee	38	42	.475	6½	
Houston	32	50	.390	13½	
Chicago	30	50	.375	14½	
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	45	37	.549	—	
San Francisco	45	37	.549	—	
Arizona	39	41	.488	5	
San Diego	32	50	.390	13	
Colorado	31	49	.388	13	

**Tuesday's Games**  
Milwaukee 13, Miami 12, 10 innings  
Washington 9, San Francisco 3  
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 7  
Atlanta 10, Chicago Cubs 3  
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 1  
Colorado 3, St. Louis 2  
San Diego 9, Arizona 5  
L.A. Dodgers 3, Cincinnati 1

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San Diego at Arizona (n)

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Miami (Buehrle 7-8) at Milwaukee (Fiers 3-2), 2:10 p.m.  
Houston (B.Norris 5-5) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 1-2), 7:05 p.m.  
San Francisco (M.Cain 9-3) at Washington (Detwiler 4-3), 7:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Garza 4-6) at Atlanta (Minor 4-6), 7:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Hamels 10-4) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 12-1), 7:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Friedrich 4-5) at St. Louis (Lynn 10-4), 8:15 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Eovaldi 0-5) at Arizona (Miley 9-4), 9:40 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Latos 7-2) at San Diego (Volquez 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

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## AUTO RACING

### Race week

**NASCAR COKE ZERO 400**  
Site: Daytona Beach  
Schedule: Today, practice (Speed, 4-5:30 p.m., 6:30-8 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (Speed 4-6:30 p.m.); Saturday, race, 7:30 p.m. (TNT and TRU, 6:30-11 p.m.).  
Track: Daytona International Speedway (tri-oval, 2.5 miles).  
Race distance: 400 miles, 160 laps.  
Next race: Lenox Industrial Tools 301, July 15, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.  
Online: <http://www.nascar.com>

**NATIONWIDE SUBWAY JALAPENO 250**  
Site: Daytona Beach  
Schedule: Today, practice (ESPN2, 2:30-4 p.m.); Speed, 5:30-6:30 p.m.); Friday, qualifying (ESPN2, 2-4 p.m.), race, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN, 7-10 p.m.).  
Track: Daytona International

### Speedway

Race distance: 250 miles, 100 laps.  
Next race: F.V. Webb 200, July 14, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, N.H.

### CAMPING WORLD TRUCK

Next race: American Ethanol 200, July 14, Iowa Speedway, Newton, Iowa.

### INDYCAR

#### HONDA INDY TORONTO

Site: Toronto.  
Schedule: Friday, practice; Saturday, practice, qualifying; Sunday, race, 12:30 p.m. (ABC, 12:30-3 p.m.).  
Track: Streets of Toronto (street course, 1.75 miles).  
Race distance: 148.75 miles, 85 laps.  
Next race: Edmonton Indy, July 22, Edmonton City Centre Airport, Edmonton, Alberta.

#### FORMULA ONE

##### BRITISH GRAND PRIX

Site: Silverstone, England.  
Schedule: Friday, practice (Speed, 9-10:30 a.m.); Saturday, practice, qualifying (Speed, 8-9:30 a.m.); Sunday, race, 8 a.m. (FOX, noon-2 p.m.).  
Track: Silverstone Circuit (road course, 3.667 miles).  
Race distance: 190.6 miles, 52 laps.  
Next race: German Grand Prix, July 22, Hockenheimring, Hockenheim, Germany.  
Online: <http://www.formula1.com>

#### NHRA FULL THROTTLE

##### SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT NHRA NATIONALS

Site: Norwalk, Ohio.  
Schedule: Friday, qualifying; Saturday, qualifying (ESPN2, 6-7:30 p.m.); Sunday, final eliminations (ESPN2, 8-11 p.m.).  
Track: Summit Motorsports Park.  
Next race: Mile-High NHRA Nationals, July 20-22, Bandimere Speedway, Morrison, Colo.  
Online: <http://www.nhra.com>

#### OTHER RACES

##### AMERICAN LE MANS SERIES

Northeast Grand Prix, Saturday (Speed, 4-6 p.m.), Lime Rock Park, Lakeville, Conn.  
Online: <http://www.americanlemans.com>

## GOLF

### Golf week

**U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S OPEN**  
Site: Kohler, Wis.  
Schedule: Today-Sunday.  
Course: Blackwolf Run, Championship Course (6,954 yards, par 72).  
Purse: TBA (\$3.25 million in 2011).  
Winner's share: TBA (\$585,000 in 2011).  
Television: ESPN2 (Today-Friday, 4-8 p.m.) and NBC (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).  
Online: <http://www.usga.org>  
LPGA Tour site: <http://www.lpga.com>

**PGA TOUR GREENBRIER CLASSIC**  
Site: White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.  
Schedule: Today-Sunday.  
Course: The Greenbrier Resort, The Old White TPC (7,274 yards, par 70).  
Purse: \$6.1 million. Winner's share: \$1,098,000.  
Television: Golf Channel (Today, 3-7 p.m., 7:30-11:30 p.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 3-6 p.m.).  
Online: <http://www.pgatour.com>

**CHAMPIONS TOUR FIRST TEE OPEN**  
Site: Pebble Beach, Calif.  
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.  
Courses: Pebble Beach Golf Links (6,837 yards, par 72) and Del Monte Golf Course (6,357 yards, par 72).  
Purse: \$1.7 million. Winner's share: \$255,000.  
Television: Golf Channel (Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30-4:30 a.m., 6:30-9:30 p.m.); Sunday, midnight-3 a.m., 7-9:30 p.m.; Monday, midnight-3 a.m.).

**EUROPEAN TOUR FRENCH OPEN**  
Site: Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France.  
Schedule: Today-Sunday.  
Course: Le Golf National, Albatross Course (7,331 yards, par 71).  
Purse: \$3.97 million. Winner's share: \$661,835.

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Purse: \$3.97 million. Winner's share: \$661,835.

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### Television: Golf Channel (Today-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon).

Online: <http://www.europeantour.com>  
**WEB.COM TOUR**  
Next event: Utah Championship, July 12-15, Willow Creek Country Club, Sandy, Utah.

## TENNIS

### Wimbledon

#### Wednesday

##### Singles Men Quarterfinals

Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Mikhail Youzhny (26), Russia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.  
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Florian Mayer (31), Germany, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.  
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber (27), Germany, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

##### Doubles Men Quarterfinals

Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. James Cerretani, United States, and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (3), 2-6, 6-2.

##### Women

#### Second Round

Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Maria Kirilenko and Nadia Petrova (4), Russia, 3-6, 6-3, 9-7.

#### Third Round

Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Sania Mirza (13), India, 6-4, 6-3.

#### Quarterfinals

Liesel Huber and Lisa Raymond (1), United States, def. Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (5), Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.  
Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (9), Spain, vs. Flavia Pennetta and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 2-6, 7-6 (7), 2-2, susp., darkness.

#### Mixed

#### Third Round

Mike Bryan and Lisa Raymond (2), United States, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (16), Germany, 6-3, 7-5.

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## GOLF REPORTS

# Minster's chip wins Sunday Scramble

Ralph Minster's chip shot was good enough to lead teammates Pete Skantzos and Shelton Keen to victory in the Sunday Scramble.

Three teams finished in a tie for first at -3, which resulted in a playoff to determine a winning team. All three teams made pars on two playoff holes, necessitating the sudden-death chip-off.

Everyone struggled with the selected shot from thick rough to a downhill pin, but Minster's chip was the winner.

There was no winner in the big pot again, despite chances on Nos. 4 and 5. The lucky number was No. 6, so the pot rolls over.

The Wednesday Scramble was rained out and its big pot will be in play again.

## QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

### Chet Carter

Friday's Dogfight results had Jack Tuggle in first at +3 and Tim Tortorice taking second at +2.

Closest to pin winners were Tuggle (Ponds No. 3), Jerry Perkins (Ponds No. 5 and Creeks No. 6), Shelton Keen (Creeks No. 2) and Randy Heavrin (Creeks No. 8).

The next Junior Golf Camp is July 16-20. Sign up at the pro shop.

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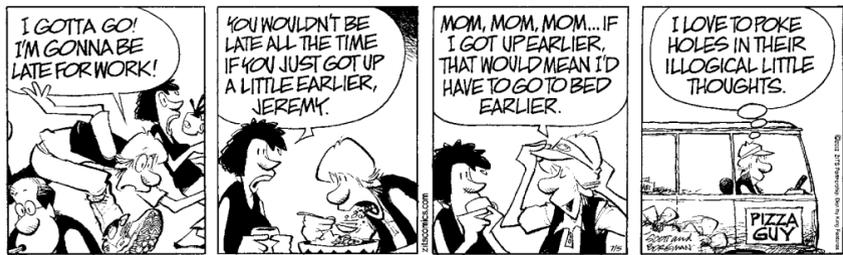
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Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am 39, married, and a professional woman with a good income. My best friend, "Barbie," and I both went to work after high school without completing our education. However, after several years I decided to go to college and get a degree so I could change careers. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I ever made. My income has more than doubled.

Barbie is obviously jealous of my new life, which affords me opportunities to travel, take vacations, and have the money to buy things I couldn't afford before. She and her family barely make ends meet. Although we have been like sisters since childhood, I now feel as if I must walk on eggshells around her - guarding my conversation lest I mention a new purchase or having time off. If something does slip out, Barbie becomes defensive and sarcastic.

Abby, I shouldn't have to apologize for my new lifestyle. I worked hard to make a change for myself. What can I do? An example: We went shopping last week. She bought only a gift she had to have for a birthday - nothing for herself. I felt uncomfortable with my purchases, even though they weren't extravagant. She made a comment to

to be sensitive to that, or move on.

DEAR ABBY: I am the owner of a small boutique for women. My only full-time employee is everything an employer could ask for. However, she often comes in looking like she just crawled out of bed and doesn't own an iron.

What can I say to help her become more aware of her appearance? I don't want to hurt her feelings. Please help. Thank you. - ANNE IN MISSOURI

DEAR ANNE: Because your employee didn't take the hint, you must be more direct with her. Explain that you expect her to dress more carefully for work because: 1. Her attire represents the image of the shop, and 2. a salesperson who is sharply dressed inspires customers to shop. Then tell her EXACTLY what you expect from her, and offer to help her coordinate some acceptable outfits - perhaps by giving her a discount on some items from the store.

If that doesn't work, consider putting together a "uniform" for her to wear when she's working. It's what some of the top designers have done in their stores.

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your changing attitude will encourage you to take on an unusual task. Fixing something you can put to good use now will save you money. An idea you have will entice someone you want to spend more time with to get involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are prone to make a poor decision. Hard work and discipline are what you will need to advance. A problem at home will make it difficult to concentrate on important work matters. A change of scenery will do you good.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Think big, and you will encourage someone to get involved in your plan. High energy and lots of interaction with others will lead to success. Suggestions will be worth considering. A profitable venture is apparent. Love is highlighted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Dealing with institutions, agencies or authority figures will present problems. Don't get angry with the wrong person. Size up your situation calmly and you'll find a better way to handle whatever you face. Secret activities will cause uncertainty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will invite change and

excitement into your life if you participate in an activity or organization that offers mental or physical stimulation. Exposure to different cultures or ideas will help broaden your viewpoint. Love is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't push your luck at work or where your reputation is concerned. Someone will want to make you look bad, and given the chance, it can affect your ability to advance. Honesty will be necessary. Keep talks short, simple and succinct.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be very entertaining. People will want to be part of whatever you do. Travel plans are encouraged, even if it is a short trip that will take you somewhere you've never been. New experiences will stimulate fresh ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): When money is involved, you are best to take a pass. Keep your assets, possessions and cash in a safe place. Not everyone will be forthcoming regarding intentions. Moving forward with projects on your own will bring

higher returns. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't alter or embellish any information you are passing along. Clear and concise talks will bring all sorts of benefits in the end. A partnership with someone who thinks big and is determined to excel will lead to greater prosperity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Listen, but don't make a move until you are positive you have all the facts and figures straight. You stand to lose if you are too gullible. Impulsive moves or rash statements will cost you emotionally or financially.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spend more time at home or interacting with the people you know and love most. Working toward a greater goal or your own small enterprise will bring you rewards. Cut your costs by making changes to your living arrangements.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be careful not to go after something or someone for the wrong reasons. Your motives have to be geared toward a positive outcome for everyone involved if you are going to be successful. Strive for equality in any partnership you form.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

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Previous Solution: "Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime." — Adlai Stevenson

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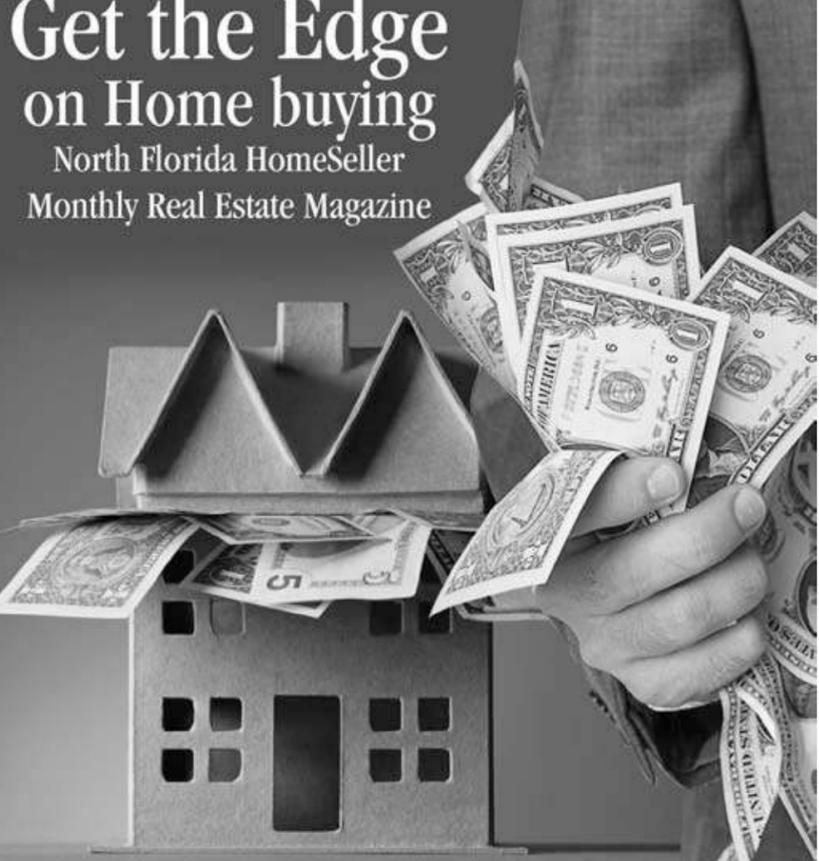
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Andre Greipel of Germany wins the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 214.5 kilometers (133.3 miles) from Abbeville to Rouen, France, on Wednesday.

# Greipel wins 4th stage

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

ROUEN, France — With British rival Mark Cavendish downed by a late crash, Germany's Andre Greipel led a final dash among the remaining top Tour de France sprinters to win the fourth stage into Normandy on Wednesday.

Swiss rider Fabian Cancellara avoided the trouble and retained the overall lead for a fifth day

after the 133-mile trek alongside the English Channel from Abbeville to Rouen.

The top standings didn't change: The Swiss leads second-place Bradley Wiggins, who hopes to be Britain's first Tour winner, by seven seconds. Defending champion Cadel Evans of Australia was 17 seconds off the pace in seventh.

With less than two miles left, Cavendish went down in a crash, scraping up his rainbow-colored jersey of

world champion. He got back on his bicycle and rode gingerly to finish the stage. His Team Sky said he was banged up, but appeared to have no serious injuries.

Greipel burst out of the depleted group of sprinters, and sped to the straight-away finish, a split-second ahead of Italy's Alessandro Petacchi and Dutch rider Tom Veelers.

"This is what we wanted. It's a good victory," said Greipel.

# ALL-STARS: Play begins at 11 a.m.

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Pavilion, which is at the southeastern corner of the Sportsplex.

State tournament director Lisa Tscheider will review playing rules and answer questions. At least one member of each team's coaching staff is required to attend.

Tournament play begins with two games at 11 a.m. — Lake City vs. Atlantic Beach on Field 2 and Meridian Park vs. Marietta

Bullsbay on Field 3.

The 1:30 p.m. games are Madison vs. Santa Fe and Julington Creek vs. OPAA.

The winners play each other at 9 a.m. Friday, while elimination games follow at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The championship final is 9 a.m. Sunday with the if-needed game at 11:30 a.m.

No pets, food, drinks or coolers are allowed into the park. Alden Rosner

is tournament director and can be reached at (386) 362-3004 or [rec100@windstream.net](mailto:rec100@windstream.net).

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