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## Shooting victim remembered fondly

Details remain scarce as to what happened on US 90.

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The man shot and killed by a Florida Highway Patrol trooper Sunday afternoon was identified Tuesday as Brent Lee Blevins.

Florida Department of Law enforcement said Blevins, 25, was shot after he was involved in a confrontation with a FHP trooper around 2 p.m. Sunday. The confrontation occurred following a high-speed chase along U.S. Highway 90, east of Live Oak.

Blevins, who worked at Happy House, a local childcare facility in Lake City, was remembered fondly by his employer for having

patience with the children at the facility.

Sheryl Walker, Happy House executive director, said Blevins had been employed as a teacher at Happy House since August 2011.

Walker said Blevins had a child development certificate for working with pre-school aged children.

"He worked mainly with our

after school class," she said, noting he worked with first through fifth-grade students.

"As an employee he was very dependable, never absent, real laid back, easy going, he had a good sense of humor and the children liked him."

Walker said the facility's staff has been informed about the incident involving Blevins' death, but she would not say whether the

children at the center or the children's parents had been made aware of the situation.

"He just had such a good sense of humor," she said. "He could make anybody laugh. He was really good with the children. He would spend hours just playing Monopoly, Scrabble or whatever they wanted to do. He just had

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## Human organs located in locker

Hearts, brains lungs packed in Tupperware.

Associated Press

PENSACOLA — A former medical examiner crudely preserved human brains, hearts and lungs in soda cups and plastic food containers found inside a storage unit in Florida, authorities said Tuesday.

A man bought the contents of a storage unit at auction last week in Pensacola and made the gruesome discovery after being overpowered by a strange smell while sifting through furniture and boxes.

Investigators found formaldehyde, a chemical used to embalm and preserve bodies, leaking from a 32-ounce drink cup with a cracked lid that was holding a heart, said Jeff Martin, director of the District 1 Medical Examiner's Office in Pensacola. The unit had been rented previously by Dr. Michael Berkland.

"How horrible it is for the families of these deceased to think that someone's loved one's organs are basically rotting away in a storage unit somewhere, it's horrible," Martin told *The Associated Press*.

Berkland worked at the medical examiner's office from 1997 until 2003, when he was fired for not completing autopsy reports. Officials said he was also performing private autopsies in the area, but it's unclear if any of the organs were from autopsies he conducted while working at the medical examiner's office. The medical examiner's office is now cross-referencing names in their database during that time period, Martin said.

Officials are also trying to locate family members for some of the victims, but many of the organs are not labeled, making it nearly

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## Republicans rally



## Tampa sees slow crowds

Associated Press

TAMPA — Streets in the heart of downtown are eerily quiet, key intersections blocked off. Even the best restaurants are easy to get into without a reservation or much of a wait.

It's supposed to be an honor to be picked as the host city of a presidential nominating convention.

But so far, a combination of nasty weather, tight security that blocks off streets and a delay in Republican National Convention activities has left Tampa's streets deserted, its restaurants nearly empty. Some merchants remain hopeful they'll make up for it in the next several days, while others worry they've lost so much money from investing in extra staff, food and merchandise that no amount of business will put them in the black this week.

Jeff Morzella had hoped the convention would double business, but on Monday, only 75 customers ate in his restaurant compared to 400 patrons on a typical day.

"This has been a ghost town," Morzella said Tuesday morning, standing outside his restaurant named FRESH. Streets surrounding the block were barricaded. The biggest source of downtown traffic for the past few days has been police officers on bicycles, but they have been eating at meal stations catered by outsiders, not local restaurants, Morzella said.

FRESH generally garners up to \$20,000 in weekly revenue but as of Tuesday had only taken in \$800.

"More money out of pocket. No money coming in," said Morzella, whose restaurant serves soups, salads and paninis. It's on a row of

**ROMNEY** continued on 6A

**TAMPA** continued on 6A

Washington delegates dance on the floor during the Republican National Convention in Tampa on Tuesday.

## Party unites behind Romney

### Solidifies platform, position on gay marriage, abortion.

Associated Press

TAMPA — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney swept to the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night at a storm-delayed national convention, every mention of his name cheered by delegates eager to propel him into a campaign to oust President Barack Obama in tough economic times.

Romney watched on television with his wife, Ann, at a hotel suite across the street from the hall as the convention sealed his hard-won victories in the primaries and caucuses of last winter.

"I read somewhere that Mitt and I have a 'storybook marriage,'" she said in excerpts released in advance of a primetime speech meant to cast her multimillionaire-business-

man-turned-politician husband in a soft and likable light. "Well, in the storybooks I read, there were never long, long, rainy winter afternoons in a house with five boys screaming at once."

"A storybook marriage? No, not at all. What Mitt Romney and I have is a real marriage," she said.

Aides said her husband of 43 years would be in the hall when she spoke.

Through the evening, a parade of convention speakers mocked Democratic President Obama mercilessly from a made-for-television podium, as if to make up for lost time at an event postponed once and dogged still by Hurricane Isaac.

The Democratic president has "never run a company. He hasn't even run a garage sale or seen the inside of a lemonade stand," declared Reince Priebus, chairman of the Republican Party.

Said House Speaker John Boehner, "His record is as shallow as his rhetoric."

To send Romney and ticketmate Paul Ryan into the fall campaign, delegates approved a conservative platform that calls for tax cuts — not government spending — to stimulate the economy at a time of sluggish growth and 8.3 percent unemployment.

Polls make the race a close one, to be settled in a string of battleground states where neither Romney nor the president holds a secure advantage.

While there was no doubt about Romney's command over the convention, the residue of a heated campaign for the nomination was evident inside the hall.

Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who never won a primary or caucus, drew several dozen delegate votes — precisely how many were not announced from the podium. Earlier, his supporters chanted and booed after the convention adopted rules they opposed, but were powerless to block, to prevent

## School board approves new sick leave plan

### District employees can donate to coworkers, but not family members.

By **LAURA HAMPSON**  
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Columbia County School District employees can now donate sick leave to

employees other than family members. School Board members adopted the revised policy Tuesday night during their regular meeting at the district Administrative Complex Auditorium. The policy goes into effect today.

During their last session, state legislators gave school boards the ability to change the policy, said Frank Moore, district Human Resources Management and Development director.

"It gives that opportunity to be a little more neighborly, I think," Moore said.

A district employee may donate sick leave to any other district employee, other than a family member, if the recipient provides medical documentation of illness, accident or injury and the minimum number of time needed is one full workday, according to policy 6.35.

The policy applies to all employees. For example, a teacher could donate time to a

bus driver, Moore said.

Previously district employees could only donate sick leave to their spouses, children, parents or siblings.

Sick leave donations happen periodically throughout the year when an employee uses all of their sick leave, Moore said.

"It's there for those catastrophic-type things," he said.

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**TODAY IN PEOPLE**  
Aguilera likes new album.

**COMING THURSDAY**  
Continuing coverage of Republican Convention.



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Monday: 1-13-19-20-26

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Aguilera: New album is a 'rebirth'

LOS ANGELES — Christina Aguilera is comparing her upcoming album to a "rebirth."

With more than a decade in the music business behind her, the album will be a culmination of "everything I've experienced up until this point," the 31-year-old pop star says, including divorce.

Aguilera and Jordan Bratman were married for five years before they split in 2010. They have a 4-year-old son, Max.

The singer says the album will be "superexpressive" and "supervulnerable," but also fun.

The album doesn't have a release date and the title hasn't been announced.

Aguilera, a coach on NBC's singing contest, "The Voice," will perform the first single, "Your Body," on the show on Sept. 17.



Associated Press

Christina Aguilera performs at the 39th Annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles. Aguilera is comparing her upcoming album to a "rebirth."

## Smoking cause of Perry studio fire

ATLANTA — Investigators have determined that a fire at filmmaker Tyler Perry's Atlanta studios was caused by careless smoking.

Capt. Marian McDaniel is with the Atlanta Fire Rescue Department. McDaniel said Tuesday that no criminal charges were pending.

The fire broke out Monday morning on the roof of a building undergoing repairs. It took firefighters about an hour to get the fire under control. The

structural integrity of the building was not compromised.

This was the second blaze in recent months at the filming complex. On May 1, more than 100 firefighters battled a blaze that ripped through a simulated streetscape at the studios, sending flames about six stories into the sky. The cause of that fire was not determined because the intensity of that fire consumed any evidence that could be used to determine

its origin.

## LL Cool J suspect pleads not guilty

LOS ANGELES — The man accused of breaking into LL Cool J's home has pleaded not guilty to a felony burglary charge.

Jonathan E. Kirby appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom Tuesday morning and entered the plea.

Kirby was arrested after the actor-rapper subdued

him in his home early Aug. 22, breaking the 56-year-old's jaw, nose and ribs in the process. He was later charged with felony residential burglary and faces 38 years to life in prison if convicted due to his lengthy criminal history.

LL Cool J, whose real name is James Todd Smith, and his family were unharmed during the break-in, and nothing was apparently taken from their home. He stars in the CBS series "NCIS: Los Angeles."

A district attorney's spokeswoman says Kirby's bail was set at \$1.1 million.

## Kelly Osbourne gives fashion tips

CHICAGO — Kelly Osbourne was a reality star, actress and musician before anyone took notice that she had a knack for style.

But lately the 27-year-old daughter of Ozzy Osbourne, currently with violet hair after stints of pink, lilac and gray, has earned the title of certified fashionista, dishing the designer dirt with Joan Rivers and co-hosts Giuliana Rancic and George Kotsiopoulos after major Hollywood red carpets on E! "Fashion Police." She also sat front row with Rivers at the Badgley Mischka show during the New York Fashion Week this past February.

■ Associated Press

## Celebrity Birthdays

- Senator John McCain is 76.
- Actor Elliott Gould is 74.
- TV host Robin Leach is 71.
- Rapper Dante Basco is 37.
- German actor Jo Weil is 35.
- Football player Chris Simms is 32.
- Basketball player David West is 32.
- Actor Jeff Licon is 27.
- Actress Lauren Collins is 26.
- Actress Lea Michele is 26.

## Daily Scripture

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

- John 6:29 NIV

## Thought for the Day

"I don't know whether I prefer Astro-turf to grass. I never smoked Astro-turf."

- Joe Namath

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## AROUND FLORIDA

### FAMU official arrested on travel expense charges

TALLAHASSEE — Florida A&M University's events director is facing travel expense and per diem fraud charges.

A Florida Department of Law Enforcement spokeswoman said Tuesday that Tammy Hamlet turned herself in Monday night. She was freed on her own recognizance.

The 45-year-old woman is facing eight misdemeanor counts. She is accused of defrauding \$1,821.41 from the university.

FLDE spokeswoman Gretl Plessinger said the investigation was continuing and there may be other arrests.

The university's interim president, Larry Robinson, issued a statement saying only that the school would take "appropriate actions." Hamlet declined comment.

A prosecutor wrote in a sworn statement that Hamlet said the discrepancies were "just oversights or mistakes."

The statement added that an assistant prepared expense forms from Hamlet's handwritten vouchers rather than receipts.

### Customer kills robber at store

JACKSONVILLE — Authorities say a customer at a Jacksonville Dollar General fatally shot a robber.

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reports that a robbery involving two armed suspects was already in progress Monday evening when the 57-year-old customer entered the store. One suspect had the clerk, and the

other was in front of the cash register.

Authorities told *The Florida Times-Union* that the customer, who had a concealed weapons permit, drew his gun and shot one of the suspects twice, killing him. The other suspect fled, and police continue to search for him.

The customer was questioned by investigators, but no charges were filed.

No other customers or employees reported any injuries.

### Scott looks beyond Isaac

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott is looking beyond Hurricane Isaac by assuring visitors that Florida is open for business and the weather will be great for the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

Scott began pumping up Florida's tourism industry on Tuesday while recovery efforts were still under way from massive flooding in South Florida.

The Panhandle, meanwhile, is bracing for what is expected to be a lesser soaking. The Federal Emergency Management Agency is still handling millions in claims from an earlier storm.

### Allstate sues brain hospital

MIAMI — Allstate Insurance Company is suing a southwest Florida hospital that treats brain injured patients, alleging the hospital billed the insurance company for \$7.6 million in unnecessary medical services.

According to a lawsuit

filed Friday, The Florida Institute of Neurologic Rehabilitation in Wauchula created an elaborate marketing campaign to lure patients from Michigan.

Michigan does not have a cap on its no-fault auto insurance, making it a deep well to draw from.

The lawsuit claims the hospital falsified medical records to get millions from Allstate. The insurance company also said the hospital didn't treat patients, but simply warehoused them.

The hospital declined comment on details of the lawsuit, but said they believed it would be resolved in their favor.

Meanwhile, state officials are investigating abuse allegations at the hospital.

### Search on for missing jet skier

PENSACOLA — Coast Guard crews are searching for a man who went missing while jet skiing off the coast of Pensacola in storm-churned waters.

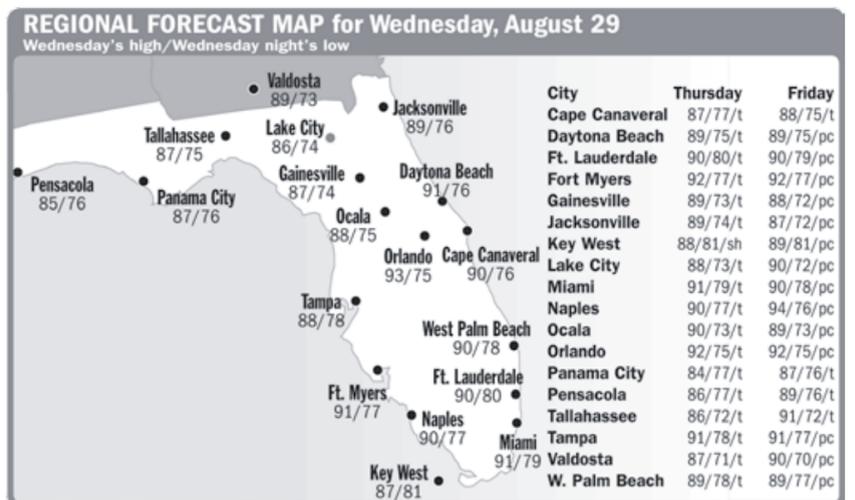
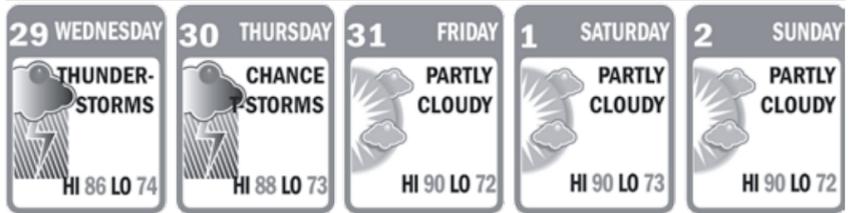
The Coast Guard says three helicopters and a fixed-wing aircraft were searching on Tuesday for the 47-year-old man reported missing Monday night.

A Coast Guard spokesman says the search crews would temporarily suspend their search when wind and rain conditions from now-Hurricane Isaac make it too difficult for them to continue.

The spokesman says the missing man's wife called authorities around 8:30 p.m. Monday after he failed to return from a jet skiing.

■ Associated Press

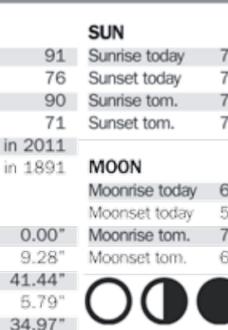
## THE WEATHER



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High Tuesday	91
Low Tuesday	76
Normal high	90
Normal low	71
Record high	98 in 2011
Record low	63 in 1891
PRECIPITATION	
Tuesday	0.00"
Month total	9.28"
Year total	41.44"
Normal month-to-date	5.79"
Normal year-to-date	34.97"
SUN	
Sunrise today	7:06 a.m.
Sunset today	7:56 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:07 a.m.
Sunset tom.	7:55 p.m.
MOON	
Moonrise today	6:34 p.m.
Moonset today	5:06 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	7:11 p.m.
Moonset tom.	6:07 a.m.

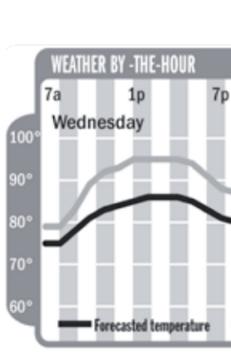
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### WEATHER BY -THE-HOUR



### WEATHER HISTORY

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# Isaac makes landfall in La.; Gulf Coast braces

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Isaac spun into the southern Louisiana coast late Tuesday, sending floodwaters surging and unleashing fierce winds, as residents hunkered down behind boarded-up windows. New Orleans calmly waited out another storm on the eve of Hurricane Katrina's seventh anniversary, hoping the city's stronger levees will hold.

Isaac, a massive storm spanning nearly 200 miles from its center, made landfall at about 6:45 p.m. near the mouth of the Mississippi River. But it was zeroing in on New Orleans, about 90 miles to the northwest, turning streets famous for all-hours celebrations into ghost boulevards.

While many residents stayed put, evacuations were ordered in low-lying areas of Louisiana and Mississippi, where officials ordered the closure of the state's 12 shorefront casinos. By late Tuesday, some 100,000 homes and businesses had lost power.

Ed Rappaport, deputy director of the National Hurricane Center, said Isaac's core would pass west of New Orleans with winds close to 80 mph and head for Baton Rouge.



A crowd gathers on the end of the boardwalk on Okaloosa Island in Fort Walton Beach Tuesday to watch rough surf generated by Hurricane Isaac as it moves through the Gulf of Mexico.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

"On this course, the hurricane will gradually weaken. Its winds will come down," Rappaport said Tuesday night from the Miami-based center. He said gusts could reach about 100 mph at times,

especially at higher levels which could damage high-rise buildings in New Orleans.

As Isaac neared the city, there was little fear or panic. With New Orleans' airport closed, tour-

ists retreated to hotels and most denizens of a coastline that has witnessed countless hurricanes decided to ride out the storm.

"Isaac is the son of Abraham," said Margaret Thomas, who was

trapped for a week in her home in New Orleans' Broadmoor neighborhood by Katrina's floodwaters, yet chose to stay put this time.

Still, the storm drew intense scrutiny because of its timing — just before the anniversary of Katrina and coinciding with the first major speeches of the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla., already delayed and tempered by the storm.

"We don't expect a Katrina-like event, but remember there are things about a Category 1 storm that can kill you," New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu said, urging people to use common sense and to stay off any streets that may flood.

Other officials, chastened by memories and experience, advised caution. Tens of thousands of people were told to leave low-lying areas, including 700 patients of Louisiana nursing homes. At least one tornado spun off of Isaac in Alabama. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Many Gulf Coast residents opted to ride it out in shelters or at home and officials, while sounding alarm about the dangers of the powerful storm, decided not to call for mass evacuations like those that preceded Katrina, which packed 135 mph winds in 2005.

## ORGANS: Brains, hearts, lungs found in Tupperware

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impossible to identify them. No charges have been filed against Berkland. His attorney Eric Stevenson declined comment Tuesday. Phone calls and emails to Pensacola Police were not immediately returned.

Officials are trying to determine whether Berkland broke any laws regarding biomedical waste and the storing and disposing of human remains.

It was not immediately known why the organs were being stored there. Martin said it's unlikely they could have been sold because they

were not well-preserved.

Many of the remains were stuck in household Tupperware and other containers that "aren't made to hold up to outdoor weather conditions. The chemical inside of those containers is very caustic ... a lot of those containers were emptied because they had cracked through so all of those caustic chemicals were leaking out somewhere," Martin said.

Berkland told employees of the Florida storage facility that he planned to keep household goods and office

furniture there, the company said.

"We never had any indication that anything was out of the ordinary, nor did anyone on our management team ever notice anything amiss during daily property checks," said Diane Piegza, vice president of corporate communications of Uncle Bob's Self Storage.

Before coming to Florida, Berkland had been fired as a contract medical examiner in 1996 in Jackson County, Mo., in a dispute over his caseload and autopsy reports. His doctor's license

was ultimately revoked there.

Berkland had incorrectly stated on the reports that he had taken sections of several brains to be preserved as specimens for medical conferences and teaching purposes. He called them "proofreading errors" and the Missouri attorney general's office found they did not jeopardize any criminal cases.

At the time, Berkland contended the actions against him in Missouri were politically motivated and unfair because he was unable to present evidence in his defense.

## Disaster outreach center ready to close its doors

From staff reports

Citing a steady decrease in activity, the U.S. Small Business Administration will close the disaster outreach center in Columbia County 6 p.m. Thursday.

Opened by FEMA as a Disaster Recovery Center after Tropical Storm Debby, the center transitioned to a SBA loan center Monday.

The center, located at 484 SW Commerce Drive, will be open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Thursday for storm survivors to get one-on-one assistance and

information about state and federal disaster assistance programs. The center in Suwannee County will also close Thursday.

The deadline to apply for FEMA assistance or return SBA applications for physical property damage is Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Applicants may apply for a disaster loan online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> or call 1-800-659-2955.

For questions or to apply for FEMA assistance call 800-621-FEMA (3362) or apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov.

## VICTIM: Coworkers speak fondly of him

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a lot of patience and just played with them." Walker said Blevins told her he wanted to continue with his education and go back to college and get an Associates degree.

"He seemed to be just a good employee...," she said. "This situation is very out of character for the person who worked here."

Monday afternoon FHP Troop B Capt.

Eileen Powell said the investigation is being handled FDLE.

FDLE officials only gave identification information about Blevins on Tuesday and would not comment with any new information on the investigation.

"Because it's an active investigation, we can't discuss the case further," said Steve Arthur, an FDLE spokesman.

## SCHOOL: District okays leave donation

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For both donation types, a sick leave recipient cannot use donated time until all of his or her leave is gone, according to the policy. Donated sick leave has no terminal value.

From the business end it would allow employees who accumulate a lot of sick time to spend it on others, rather than be paid for the time at retirement.

Unused, transferred

sick leave is returned to the employee who donated the leave and those who donate must keep a minimum number of sick leave days equal to the number he or she accrues annually, under the new policy.

In other school board news, First Federal Bank donated \$1,500 to Niblack Elementary School for school supplies.

In addition, the board approved an agreement with the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to provide seven School Resource Deputies from Aug. 23 to June 4, 2013. The school district will pay the county Board of Commissioner \$251,318 for the program. The agreement and payment is the same as last year, Superintendent Michael Millikin said.

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OPINION

## Preparation remains a wise idea

**N**obody was looking forward to Hurricane Isaac, but everyone appeared to take it seriously and move toward some type of emergency preparedness plan in their homes and businesses locally.

We were all worried about the rain and how we would deal with one more drop of rain? Thankfully, most of the county dodged most of the downpours, which were scattered at best during the past several days.

We were very impressed and thankful for the diligent work of both the Lake City and Columbia County Public Works departments. City crews were very visible cleaning debris from storm drains and making preparations for rain in the city.

County crews were ready to manage the rural roads, ditches and areas of standing flood water in the event of more rain. The county also managed the sandbag filling and distribution to residents who wanted them.

Everybody worked hard and worked together to prepare for the storm.

Thankfully, for residents and public works employees, we were spared from the deluge of another hurricane or tropical storm as Isaac took aim at the northern Gulf coast.

Save your canned goods and bottled water. Hurricane season goes until Nov. 30.



## Is the Republican Party anti-science?

**R**ecent events have caused speculation that the current Republican Party is anti-science.

For a nation that values its traditional science and technology edge over most of the rest of the world, it is somewhat astonishing that so many Republican politicians treat science as unproven theory or disregard it completely.

When Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., made his now-infamous remark that women who are victims of "legitimate rape" won't get pregnant, it was immediately noted that Akin, who is running for a Senate seat, is a member of the House Science and Technology Committee.

Akin, who is firmly against abortion for any reason, apologized for his appalling lack of knowledge about biology, but he immediately got \$100,000 in campaign donations from sympathetic Republicans.

During a formal debate in 2008, GOP presidential candidates were asked if any of them did not believe in evolution. Mike Huckabee, former Arkansas governor and now a TV talk-show host, raised his hand. So did Sam Brownback, a former senator from Kansas and its current governor. And so did Tom Tancredo, a former member of the House of Representatives from Colorado.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who was a candidate for president this year, boasted that his state taught creationism as well as evolution so students can make up their own minds.

Michele Bachmann, a House member from Minnesota and a former 2012 presidential can-



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didate, insists that the theory of evolution is "controversial" among scientists.

No, ma'am, it is not. Evolution has been proven for centuries. No true scientist denies it. That does not mean there is no God, but to deny the theory of evolution is to have no respect for facts.

Many Republicans also disavow climate change, the source of extreme weather outbreaks around the globe, caused by manmade carbon dioxide buildup in the atmosphere.

Again, while this inexplicably has been treated as a political football, true scientists around the globe are firmly convinced of the reality of climate change and what is causing it.

But Mitt Romney, the GOP top dog who may become president, says he does not know what is causing climate change and, furthermore, is convinced that the government would be wrong to spend money to address the issue for future generations.

The Republican platform, the statement of what the party officially stands for, opposes abortion for any reason, including rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Thus, a 14-year-old girl who gets pregnant after being a victim of statutory

rape (a serious crime) or incest would have no recourse but to carry the child to term, no matter the consequences to her or her family. And when that child is born, the party wants to cut spending available for infant nutrition, childcare and medical care.

Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., Romney's running mate, co-sponsored legislation to ban abortion. Now he says he must accept Romney's position that abortion should be legal only for rape, incest or to save the life of the mother. Ryan said this is a "step in the right direction" of banning abortion entirely.

Ryan and Romney, who want to cut taxes for the rich, also propose across-the-board spending cuts (except for the military) including drastic cuts in student loans and government safety nets for the poor and for unwed mothers.

The party opposes same-sex marriage, an indication that it thinks homosexuality is a revocable choice, not a biological fact - another example of denying science, leading to a denial of equal rights.

Bill Nye, the "science guy," told MSNBC that being "anti-science" at this point in history is very serious.

Yes, it is. And we thought we were going to have a serious discussion of the economy and how to provide more jobs, and balance spending, taxes and the role of government.

■ Scripps Howard columnist Ann McFeatters has covered the White House and national politics since 1986.

ANOTHER  
VIEW

## Playing the blame game

**L**istening to liberal media reports on Hurricane Isaac, we already know two things: A major disaster is coming, and whatever happens is Mitt Romney's fault.

This rapidly developing story line is the function of what CNN called the "erie similarities" between Isaac and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Isaac is on a similar track and predicted to make landfall on or about Katrina's seven-year anniversary.

Granted, Isaac is expected to be a weak Category 1 hurricane, in contrast to Katrina, which was Category 5 and the second most intense storm to hit the United States on record. However, the tempest has caused Republicans to reschedule parts of their national convention and given press outlets a handy pretext for limiting their coverage of what remains. To the extent reports continue, the theme will be, "Mitt Romney parties while the Gulf Coast suffers."

White House correspondent Chuck Todd kicked off the analogy on MSNBC, observing, "The shadow of Bush and Katrina does hang over this convention." President Clinton's Labor Secretary Robert Reich piped in on Twitter: "Isaac will remind us of Katrina, and Katrina will remind us of George W. Bush." The Associated Press dubbed the storm a critical trial for Mr. Romney. "The next few days will test Romney's ability," AP's Des Moines correspondent Thomas Beaumont wrote, "to both present himself to the American people as a plausible alternative to President Barack Obama, and to lead a party still smarting from the image hit it took in the aftermath of the 2005 Gulf Coast devastation."

Playing up a sense of impending doom benefits Mr. Obama. When Isaac comes ashore and doesn't repeat Katrina's devastation, the White House can claim credit for staving off disaster. Mr. Obama can draw contrasts between himself and Mr. Bush, which is one of his major campaign themes. The White House may also contend that without Mr. Obama's wise leadership, the results would have been much worse - which is his primary talking point discussing the economy.

The country has been down this road before. In 2008, Hurricane Gustav was blowing in just as the Republican convention was kicking off. "The political gods blow Hurricane Gustav to remind us about the shame of Katrina," the Daily Kos intoned. Fortunately when Gustav hit in Louisiana, it was weaker than expected. The 2008 Obama campaign didn't make it an issue, and Naomi Klein of The Nation grouched, "Gustav should have been political rat poison for the Republicans, no matter how well it was managed."

For this hurricane, White House political operatives are no doubt planning the optics down to the last detail. The Romney campaign should do the same. Republicans will have to tone down the celebratory atmosphere of their convention or face the likelihood of split-screen coverage on major networks showing balloons dropping in Tampa next to scenes of hurricane-ravaged homes and people huddling under blankets.

■ The Washington Times

HIGHLIGHTS  
IN HISTORY

- England & France meet in war in 1756.
- USSR performs first nuclear test in 1949.
- Walt Disney's "Mary Poppins" released in 1964.
- Beatles last public concert (Candlestick Park, SF) in 1966.
- Saddam Hussein declares America can't beat Iraq in 1990.
- Hurricane Katrina devastates much of the U.S. Gulf Coast from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle, killing more than 1,836 and causing over \$115 billion in damage in 2005.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Don't mix politics with forum

To the Editor:  
On July 30, the Florida Gateway College, the Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce and the Lake City Reporter co-sponsored and hosted a political forum which presented the candidates who qualified to run for Columbia County Commissioner - Dist. 3.

This program, as in the past, allowed each candidate a time for opening comments, time to answer a few questions posed to them, followed by time for closing comments. This type of forum over the years has served to inform the voters of Columbia County. However, this year, with respect to candidates for County Commissioner - Dist. 3 only, the ugliness of politics surfaced.

This particular program followed the above format for

candidates running for County Commissioner in Dists. 1, 3, and 5. However, the following question was posed only to candidates for Dist. 3. The question was, "How do you rate the performance of County Manager, Dale Williams?"

This question was completely out-of-line, disrespectful to the County Manager, and in my opinion politically motivated since only the candidates for Dist. 3 were asked to answer.

Mr. Robert Bridges, editor of the Lake City Reporter owes an explanation of what political motivation prompted this question and why the question was not framed the same to each candidate.

The original question "How do you rate the performance of County Manager, Dale Williams" was rephrased to "How good of a

job is Dale Williams doing?"

First, and foremost, only the five incumbent County Commissioners are capable of answering such a question. This type of politics in Columbia County is not needed and in my opinion Mr. Bridges owes a public apology to County Manager, Dale Williams, the hosts of the forum, and to the viewing public. If these types of politically motivated questions are to continue for future forums then the usefulness of these programs to inform the voters will be severely diminished.

Let us hope that, in the next round of these forums, the candidates will be asked questions specific to the issues facing Columbia County.

David Rountree  
Lake City

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Rick Burnham at 754-0424 or by e-mail at [rburnham@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:rburnham@lakecityreporter.com).

## Today

### 4H Broiler Hen project

Columbia County youth are invited to participate in the 4H Broiler Hen Fair Project. Youth will raise meat-type chickens to market weight and enter them in the Columbia County 2012 Fair for judging. Deadline to order chicks and sign-up for project is today. Youth do not have to be currently enrolled in 4H. For more info or to order chicks please contact Derek Barber at the UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension at 758-1030.

## Sept. 1

### Canoe race

Branford Outfitters. Com will host a Canoe and Kayak race Sept. 1 with all entry fee proceeds going to Hospice of the Nature Coast. The race will run from Little River Springs to Branford Springs. Registration starts at 9 a.m. at Camp-O-Suwannee and the race starts at 10 a.m. Kayak entry is \$20 and two-man canoe entry is \$30. For questions about the race or to pre-register call (386) 854-1002. Canoes and kayaks rentals are available for the race.

### Our Water, Our Future

You are invited to attend a free multi-media evening, "Our Water, Our Future," from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 7 in the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Auditorium. Celebrated Spring's photographer John Moran will share his images. Florida Springs Institute Director Dr. Robert Knight will explain the science of this precious resource. A host of community leaders will share their vision for a water ethic that we can all take to heart. The program will include refreshments and is sponsored by the Florida Gateway College and the Lake City Chamber of Commerce.

### Hawaii Bash

Pride of B&S Comb Temple 1238 invites the community to attend their 3rd Annual Hawaii Bash on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 8 p.m. at the lodge, 1688 NE Washington St. Donation at the door is \$10.

### RHS class of '63

The Richardson High School class of 1963 will be celebrating their 49th class reunion which will be held at the Mason City Community Center on Sept. 1 starting at 10 a.m. Contact George Moultrie at 965-8920 for information.

### Kid's Club yard sale

The Kid's Club of Lake City Church of God is having a yard sale from 7 a.m.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

## Big game

Florida Gateway College student Jake Poole (left), 16, uses his knight to kill a pawn while playing giant chess against Jonathan Smith, 19, Tuesday at the FGC Charles W. Hall Student Center. 'Giant chess makes playing chess more difficult,' said Poole, a first-time player. 'It's hard to see the board. I'm a beginner at best. I'm probably not going to win this.'

to 1 p.m. Sept. 1 in the Family Life Center, 173 SE Ermine Ave. For more information, call (386) 752-5965.

## Sept. 5

### Annual Fall Art Show

The Art League of North Florida announces the Annual Fall Art Show and Exhibition Sept. 7 through Oct. 19 at the Florida Gateway College Performing Arts Center. All artists 18 years and older are eligible to enter the show. The entry fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Applications are available when checking in at the arts center or at the Fabric Art Shop and the Frame Shop and Gallery in Live Oak. Artwork will be submitted to the center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Cash prizes will be awarded for each of four categories: painting, photography, drawing and 3-D art. The awards will be presented at the reception on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. The community is invited to the reception to enjoy the art, refreshments, fellowship and meeting the arts. For additional information call 755-1109.

### Newcomers luncheon

The September Friendship Luncheon of the Lake City Newcomers and Friends will be held at Red Lobster, located at 2847 West US 90, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 5. For more information, call Rose Taylor at 755-2175 or Barbara Test at 754-7227.

## Sept. 8

### Stamp show

The Florida Stamp Dealers Assn. and General Francis Marion Stamp Club will host its annual Stamp and Coin

Show on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Circle Square Cultural Center, 8395 SW 80th St. in Ocala. Dealers will be available to buy, sell and appraise stamps, covers, coins and paper money.

### Literacy Day

Join us next to the Santa Fe River within O'Leno State Park to celebrate the 5th Annual Literacy Day event on Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. O'Leno State Park will be celebrating Literacy Day with Magic, and the Gentle Carousel Therapy Horses. Listen to stories read by local authors and guest readers. Talk with book illustrators. Take a "Where Tales Meet Trails" adventure walk. Sign up for a library card, receive a free state park day pass and learn about adult literacy programs. There will also be an arts and crafts area, live animals and refreshments. Admission to the park is free with the donation of a new or gently used family oriented book.

## Sept. 11

### Medicare seminar

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center of Lake City will host a Free Medicare Educational Seminar from 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Sept. 11. Subjects to be covered include what a person needs to know about Medicare, when to enroll, what's covered and whether or not a supplement is needed. The seminar is for educational purposes only and is not a sales event. Call (386) 755-3476, Ext. 107, for more information.

## Sept. 12

### Olustee planners meet

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12

## FFA orientation

The Columbia FFA Alumni will host a parent/student orientation in the Columbia High School cafeteria from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Sept. 13. All FFA members, parents and alumni are encouraged to attend. The meeting will cover information necessary for your student to excel in the FFA program.

Membership dues for the students, t-shirts, and alumni dues may be paid at this meeting. Membership forms can be filled out in advance by visiting the Columbia High FFA website at [www.columbiaffa.weebly.com](http://www.columbiaffa.weebly.com)

## Sept. 15

### Pride festival, pageant

Lake City Pride Inc. presents the Lake City Pride Festival and Pageant Sept. 15. The festival will be downtown in Olustee Park from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be live bands, vendors and food. The pageant will be at the Lake City Country Club from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. for the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Lake City Pride, hosting by Indie Brooks. Contestant fee is \$50. For more information call 386-697-5663 or email [simeon\\_32055@yahoo.com](mailto:simeon_32055@yahoo.com).

## Sept. 17

### Daughters meeting

Faye Bowling Warren will speak at the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, Lake City monthly meeting September 17 at 5:15 p.m. at China Buffet, 345 West Duval St. Buffet will be served after the meeting. Cost is \$9.00. Warren is a chapter member and the executive director of the Blue Grey Army, Inc. For more information call Linda Williams 352-215-8776.

## Sept. 18

### Square dance lessons

Dixie Dancers Square Dance Club will have square dance lessons every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. starting Sept. 18 at Teen Town, 533 NW DeSoto St. The first two lessons are free, each lesson after is \$3

per person. For information call 758-3654 or 754-1478. Visit the group's Website at [www.dixiedancers.net](http://www.dixiedancers.net).

## Sept. 22

### Class of 77 reunion

Columbia High School Class of 1977 celebrates "A Step Back in Time" 35th reunion Sept. 28-30. There will be an alumni bonfire, banquet and church service. Itineraries and tickets will be forwarded when rsvp is received. Cost is \$35 per person, after Sept. 22 prices increase to \$50 per person. RSVP to CHS Class of 77, 244 SE Pine Dr. Lake City 32025, or [nancytrogers@msn.com](mailto:nancytrogers@msn.com). For information call 867-1271.

## Sept. 29

### FACS meeting

The Filipino American Cultural Society of Lake City will hold its Fall Family Festival and general meeting from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Alligator Park Main Pavilion. All FACS active members and guest should plan to attend the group's annual outdoor event, featuring lots of games, prizes, music, dancing, cultural food, and just plain fun for the entire family. Everyone is asked to bring their best covered dish to share. For more information, contact Bob Gavette at 965-5905.

## Oct. 3

### Olustee planners meet

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 3 to plan the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be at the school district central building room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

## Nov. 10

### Wright Brothers race

The Race Against the Wright Brothers 5k run/walk will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 at 205 N. Marion Ave. in Lake City. Participants can register online at [Active.com](http://Active.com) or in person at Carquest Auto Parts on Pinemonte Road. Proceeds benefit Disabled American Veterans at Lake City VA Medical Center. Contact Michelle Richards at (386) 438-5830 for more information.

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- For more information contact: Terry Shiver at 386-755-0055.

## OBITUARIES

### Floyd E. Lee

Floyd E Lee, 86, of Lake City, FL and formerly of Wooster, Ohio passed away August 24, 2012 at the Haven Hospice Suwannee Valley Care Center in Lake City. He was born June 4, 1926 in Millersburg, the son of Earl E and Grace Young Lee. He was a maintenance supervisor at Timken for over 30 years and had operated Lee's Greenhouse in Jefferson for 5 years. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church and had served his country with the U.S. Army during WWII. Surviving are his children, Carol (Rick) Rothschild of Georgia, Linda Lee of Florida, Judy (Tim) Paull of Fredericksburg, Ohio, daughter-in-law, Jodi Lee of South Carolina, son-in-law, Scott Hoffman of Georgia; 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, brothers, Lester Lee of Sandusky and Carl Lee of Big Prairie, Ohio. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, son, Bill Lee, daughter, Rebecca Hoffman and 4 brothers and 3 sisters. There will be no calling hours. Graveside services will be held at St Mary Cemetery on Thursday, August 30, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. McIntire, Bradham & Sleaf Funeral Home, 216 E.

Larwill St., Wooster, Ohio and local arrangements are under the direction of **GUERRY FUNERAL HOME**, Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at [www.guerryfuneralhome.net](http://www.guerryfuneralhome.net)

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## ROMNEY: GOP unites at convention.

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those votes from being officially registered. "Shame on you," some of his supporters chanted from the floor.

Boehner, presiding over the roll call, made no attempt to have Romney's nomination made by acclamation, even though Ryan's was a few moments later.

The night was Romney's for sure, but some of the loudest cheers were accorded Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, a hero among Republicans for fending off a labor-backed recall attempt last spring.

Convention planners squeezed two days of speeches and other convention business into one after scrapping Monday's scheduled opener because of fears that Isaac would make a direct hit on the Florida Gulf Coast.

That threat fizzled, but it was instantly replaced by another—that Republicans would wind up holding a political celebration at the same time the storm turned its fury on New Orleans, devastated almost exactly seven years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

Romney's convention planners said they were in frequent contact with weather forecasters, but they declined to discuss what contingency plans, if any, they had to accelerate plans for him to deliver a formal acceptance speech Thursday night.

Ratification of a party platform was prelude to Romney's nomination, a document more conservative on abortion than the candidate.

On economic matters, it backs extension of the tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003 and due to expire at year's end, without exception. It also calls for an addi-

tional 20 percent reduction in income tax brackets that Romney favors.

In a time of 8.3 percent unemployment and the slowest economic recovery in the post-World War II era, that went to the crux of the campaign for the White House.

By contrast, Obama wants to allow existing tax cuts to expire on upper income taxpayers, and has criticized Romney's overall economic plans as a boon to millionaires that would raise taxes on the middle class.

The GOP platform also pledges that a Republican-controlled Congress will repeal, and Romney will sign, legislation to repeal the health care legislation Obama won from a Democratic-controlled Congress. So, too, for the measure passed to regulate Wall Street in the wake of the 2008 economic collapse.

On abortion, the platform says, "The unborn child has a fundamental individual right to life which cannot be infringed."

Romney opposes abortions, except in cases of rape, incest, or when "the health and life of the mother" are at stake, he said in a convention week interview.

Obama, who accepts renomination at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C., next week, campaigned in Iowa Tuesday as he set out on a tour of college campuses in battleground states in hopes of boosting voter registration among college students.

Before departing the White House, he made a point of appearing before reporters to announce the government's latest steps to help those in the way

of Isaac. He signed a declaration of emergency for Mississippi and ordered federal aid to supplement state and local storm response efforts in the state.

His surrogates did their best to counter Romney and the Republicans.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, dismissing GOP attempts to woo Hispanic voters, said, "You can't just trot out a brown face or a Spanish surname and expect people are going to vote for your party or your candidate." He added, "This is a party with a platform that calls for the self-deportation of 11 million people."

Hispanics strongly favor Obama, according to public polls, and Romney and his party have been seeking to win a bigger share of their votes by emphasizing proposals to fix the economy rather than ease their positions on immigration.

Female voters, too, prefer the president over his challenger, and Democrats have done their best to emphasize GOP opposition to abortion and even suggest the party might try and curtail access to contraceptives if it wins power.

In an AP-GfK poll taken Aug. 16-20, some 48 percent of registered voters said they trust Romney more on economic issues, to 44 percent for Obama.

■ *Associated Press writers Brian Bakst, Thomas Beaumont, Tamara Lush, Brendan Farrington, Julie Mazziotta, Steve Peoples, Kasie Hunt and Philip Elliott in Florida and Steven Ohlemacher, Alicia A. Caldwell and Jennifer Agiesta in Washington contributed to this report.*

## TAMPA: Businesses suffer letdown

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restaurants just a few blocks from the Tampa Bay Times Forum where delegates are convening. "I would need to triple business between now and the end of the convention to make up for what I've lost already."

Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn said by the end of the week, the economic gains will outweigh losses, though he acknowledged that downtown was "dead" Monday. The day was soggy with intermittent downpours from Isaac and downtown lacked many delegates since the Republicans delayed their activities for a day because of the storm.

Still, the Democratic mayor said the convention was expected to infuse \$150 million to \$175 million into the local economy with delegates spending about a third of that and the host committee spending another third.

"I think when we're all said and done with this, this will have a huge economic impact on the city," Buckhorn said.

And not all businesses are a bust. All area hotels are booked at a time when Florida's summer heat usually leaves them begging. Limo drivers are in demand.

At Encore Select, which has taken over a storefront blocks from the Forum to sell "NoBama!" T-shirts and Mitt Romney buttons, revenue has only been half of what company president Richard Moore anticipated. Almost all patrons have been locals, not out-of-town delegates. Moore had hoped delegates would go shopping on Monday since there was little convention activity. If they did, it wasn't at his store.

■ *Tamara Lush in Tampa and Suzette Laboy in Miami contributed to this report.*



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A restaurant sign stands on a downtown street, Tuesday in Tampa. It's supposed to be an honor to be picked as the host city of a presidential nominating convention. But so far, a combination of nasty weather, tight security that blocks off streets and a delay in convention activities has left Tampa's streets deserted, its restaurants nearly empty.

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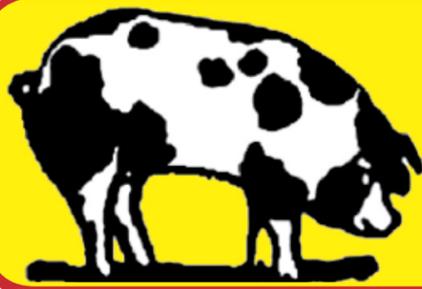
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## BRIEFS

### YOUTH FOOTBALL

#### Final league sign-ups today

Today is the final day for the extended Lake City Recreation Department's Little League Football registration (ages 6-13). Sign-up is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Teen Town Recreation Center. Cost per player is \$50.

For details, call Heyward Christie at 754-3607.

### FORT WHITE FOOTBALL

#### Dedication for Coach Hunter

Fort White High's football fieldhouse will be dedicated to long-time coach and teacher Mike Hunter at 7 p.m. Friday, before the game against Hamilton County High. Coach Demetric Jackson invites all former players, students, teachers and friends to the dedication.

For details, call Jackson at 497-5952.

### CHS FOOTBALL

#### Food drive, fundraiser Friday

The Columbia County Quarterback Club has a canned food drive/fundraiser in conjunction with the Baker County High game on Friday. Fans are asked to bring a non-perishable item and drop it in containers at the game. Cash donations also will be accepted. Catholic Charities is the main beneficiary.

For details, call Joe Martino at 984-0452.

### SEMINOLES

#### Club gathering on Thursday

The Lake City Seminole Club's 2012 Kickoff Gathering is 6 p.m. Thursday at the home of John and Betty Norris on Inglewood Drive in Lake City.

For details, call 752-2180.

### GATORS

#### Gator Club social Thursday

The North Florida Gator Club's annual "kickoff" social is 6 p.m. Thursday at the home of John and Betty Norris on Inglewood Drive in Lake City. The club will provide dinner. The club is selling raffle tickets for two chairback seats (Section 59). Tickets are \$50 and all proceeds go to the scholarship fund.

For details, call Bob at 752-3333.

### From staff reports

## GAMES

### Thursday

■ Columbia High girls golf vs. Santa Fe High at West End Golf Club, 4:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High volleyball at Keystone Heights High, 6 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Fort White JV football at Suwannee High, 7 p.m.

### Friday

■ Columbia High football vs. Baker County High, 7:30 p.m.

■ Fort White High football vs. Hamilton County High, 7:30 p.m.

## Indians defeat Union County

### Columbia golf team falls in first match of season.

By TIM KIRBY

tkirby@lakecityreporter.com

FORT WHITE — New Fort White High's volleyball team gave coach Tiffany Bratcher her first win.

The Lady Indians defeated visiting Union County High 25-13, 20-25, 25-15, 25-23 on Tuesday.

"It feels amazing," Bratcher said. "The girls

played really hard. There is just so much excitement. They came out swinging hard. I am proud of them. It was a great win."

Fort White started strong in two of the three games it won. Ashley Beckman served four service points in the opening match for a 5-1 lead and Hallie Stringfellow soon tacked on three service points. Beckman added four more service points, two of them aces, and Leah Johnson served for the final two points.

The teams played even most of game three. Fort White built a 19-15 lead and Lyncé Stalnaker served out the match, ending with an ace.

Arianna House got the ball rolling in game four with five service points. The Lady Indians had a 19-10 lead, but the Tigers made it tough. Mallorie Godby scored a kill for the winning point.

### Lady Tigers golf

Columbia High fell to

"one of the best schools in the area" according to head coach Todd Carter as Oak Hall School defeated the Lady Tigers 161-199 at Quail Heights on Tuesday.

"We had the first-match jitters," Carter said. "But hats off to Gillian Norris, who had a 41 and was our medalist in the match."

Behind Norris for the Lady Tigers were Ashley Mixon with a 45, Brooke Russell with a 52 and Allie Krahe finished with a 62.

## Barber earns first tour victory

### Lake City native takes home NGA Tour event.

From staff reports

Lake City native and former Columbia High student Blayne Barber made the leap to the professional ranks after an All-American season at Auburn University.



After his first professional win on the National Golf Association Tour, the move looks to be paying off.

Barber shot a combined 23-under at the ICE Recycling "Environmental" Classic at the County Club of South Carolina to bring home the win.

He finished with rounds of 67-69-65-64 on his way to his first professional victory over Andrew Loupe.

"I feel grateful, relieved and excited," Barber said. "It's been a while since I've won at any level and then to get a win on this level is very gratifying."

For his victory, Barber cashed in \$22,000.

Barber played nearly flawless during his four rounds. The Lake City native had three birdies in a row and built a two-shot lead heading into the final two holes of the tournament.

It wasn't the first time he had gone against Loupe as he was a former LSU All-American.

"I've played in a lot of tournaments with Andrew before, but this was my first time playing with him," Barber said. "I felt like our group was relaxed because we were both playing some great golf."

During the round, Barber said he never felt the pressure.

"It was a real cool experience because we were both just hitting shots and not worrying about the outcome," Barber said.

## Matchups play key factor



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood makes a cut between two Santa Fe High defenders in the kickoff classic on Friday.

## Wildcats head into Jungle Friday

By BRANDON FINLEY

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The kickoff classic is now in the rearview and Columbia High knows that when it takes the field on Friday there's no more time for looking back.

The Tigers must kick it into high gear as they welcome in Baker County High at 7:30 p.m. on Friday to Tiger Stadium.

Head coach Brian Allen knows that the Tigers are in for a physical game, but the Wildcats lost a large group of seniors last season.

"Anytime you graduate

a lot of seniors, it always hurts a little bit," Allen said. "They're a good football team. We can see that on tape. Their quarterback (Corey Lawler) has the ability to beat us with his legs. He can break contain."

One of the matchups being talked about in the game is left tackle Laremy Tunsil against the Wildcats' defensive end, C.C. Jefferson.

"Defensively, they have one of the top ends in the area that everyone knows about," Allen said. "They're a good coached football team."

Allen is sure to keep an

eye on the secondary as the Tigers have two new starters after graduating seniors last season. Roc Battle moved over from running back and freshman Roger Cray starts beside him.

"It'll be good for them just for the experience of what they'll get down the road," Allen said. "They're only going to get better. It'll be a good opportunity for them to get their feet wet. It's a good opportunity to step up to the challenge. They can improve their technique and what we do. We have to pressure

them up front and can't give them a lot of time to set back and make plays."

Despite the starters shutting out Santa Fe High, 34-0, during their time on the field, Allen said he's not letting them rest after a preseason shutout.

"If you would have walked into the meeting on Monday, you would have thought we lost," he said. "We have areas we need to improve upon. We're not hitting the right gaps, but we did some tough things too. We'll get out on tough Tuesday and improve in some areas of concern."

## GOLF REPORTS

### Dicks team wins MGA Best Ball

Two groups tied at 125 for first place in the MGA Best Ball tournament.

The foursome of Brian Dicks, Dave Mehl, George Bowlin and Mike Carr got the decision in a scorecard review over the team of Dennis Crawford, John Raulerson, Tom Wade and Don Combs.

The team of Cory DePratter, Rocky Ryals, Dan Stewart and Mike Yacovelli was one stroke back.

Terry Hunter had the tournament's low gross with a 1 over 73. Eli Witt's 68 was the low net round.

Steve Peters led the skins with an eagle on No. 11. Brian Shead, Jonathan Allen, Carr and Wade had the other skins.

Mike McCranie claimed his second Wednesday blitz

### COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Ed Goff

win in a row. His +7 points was good for a three-shot win over Keith Shaw and Brian Shead. Jordan Hale and Steve Peterson tied for fourth at +3.

Skins winners were Jonathan Allen, Bob Randall and Eddy Brown.

The LGA played a "tee to green only" contest. Carol Felton picked up the win with a net 21. Gloria Rowley was second with a net 22.

The Good Old Boys got in two matches.

Match one was an easy 10-5 win for the team of Barney Hart, Merle Hibbard, Jim Bell and Ed McKnight, over the three-

some of Marc Risk, Paul Davis and Emerson Darst.

Match two sent three teams to the course. It was an 8-3 win for the team of Ed Snow, Joe Persons, Stan Woolbert and Jeff Mayne.

The team of Dennis Hendershot, Mike Spencer, Jim Stevens and Howard Whitaker finished in second place, with the team of Eli Witt, Tony Branch, Bill Rogers and Dan Stephens in third.

Risk fired an even par round of 39-33-72 for medalist honors. Hendershot and Woolbert each posted 77.

Howard Whitaker was uncontested in taking the front nine contest with a 39.

Darst's 38 was good for the back nine win over Hart, Spencer and Witt, all with 39.

### Odom, Russell advance in Match Play championship

The Club Match Play Championship was the only play that dodged the rain.

The results had Garrett Odom and Phillip Russell advancing in the winner's bracket, with Todd Carter and Chet Carter dropping into the elimination bracket.

The winner's bracket is awaiting matches to be concluded between Pete Sapenzia and Ralph Minster, and Steve Nail and Tony Johnson, with Joe Herring taking on the winner.

The elimination bracket has matches between Gerald Smithy and Keith Hudson, Jason Self and Luther Huffman, and Mike

### QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Chet Carter

Kahlich and Bob Sonntag.

The Wednesday Blitz, Friday Dogfight and Wednesday Scramble all fell victim to rain making the course unplayable.

The weather has greatly effected play; however, the last few days have been breezy with little rain which has allowed the course to dry out and resulting in great course conditions.

### Upcoming events:

■ Sept. 8, PCERA;  
 ■ Sept. 14, 5th Annual CMN Golf Tournament, hosted by Walmart 7835/7035 and RCC.

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Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Central Division (Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee, Chicago, Houston) and West Division (San Francisco, Los Angeles, Arizona, San Diego, Colorado).

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FOOTBALL

NFL preseason Today New England at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

U.S. Open singles Tuesday Men First Round Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Donald Young, United States, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Andy Roddick (20), United States, def. Rhyne Williams, United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

BASEBALL

AL standings East Division: New York, Baltimore, Tampa Bay, Boston, Toronto. Central Division: Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minnesota. West Division: Texas, Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle. Monday's Games: Boston 5, Kansas City 1; Baltimore 4, Chicago White Sox 3; Oakland 3, Cleveland 0; Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 7, 11 innings; Texas 6, Tampa Bay 5; Seattle 1, Minnesota 0. Tuesday's Games: N.Y. Yankees 2, Toronto 1; Chicago White Sox at Baltimore (n); Oakland at Cleveland (n); Tampa Bay at Texas (n); Detroit at Kansas City (n); Seattle at Minnesota (n); Boston at L.A. Angels (n). Today's Games: Toronto (Happ 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 13-3), 1:05 p.m.; Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 1-2) at Baltimore (J.Saunders 0-0), 7:05 p.m.; Oakland (Blackley 4-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-2), 7:05 p.m.; Tampa Bay (Cobb 8-8) at Texas (M.Harrison 15-7), 7:05 p.m.; Detroit (A.Sanchez 2-3) at Kansas City (B.Chen 9-10), 8:10 p.m.; Seattle (Vargas 13-8) at Minnesota (Deduno 4-2), 8:10 p.m.; Boston (Undecided) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 9-9), 10:05 p.m. Thursday's Games: Oakland at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.; Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 12:35 p.m.; Seattle at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m.; Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.; Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.; Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

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Lady Tigers start season off with win over Suwannee

By BRANDON FINLEY bfinley@lakecityreporter.com LIVE OAK — Columbia High volleyball coach Rebecca Golden said she expects the Lady Tigers' volleyball team to be much better than they were last season. If Tuesday's opening-game win against Suwannee High is any indication, Columbia is headed in the right direction. The Lady Tigers needed only three sets to dust off the Lady Bulldogs in Live Oak. Columbia ousted Suwannee 25-3, 25-15 and 25-10 in the deciding match. "The girls hit the ball hard and played well as a team tonight," Golden said after the match. "We had good communication on the court, but I know that we can still get better as a team." Columbia has been practicing in the school's multipurpose room this season as the Lady Tigers are building a new gym floor for the season. The game was originally scheduled to be played in Lake City, but the floor wasn't finished in time. As of now, Columbia is looking to host its first home game at 6 p.m. on Tuesday against Oak Hall School. "We will be super excited to be back in our own gym," Golden said. "We'll just be excited to practice on our own floor, because that's something we haven't been able to do yet." No plans have been made if the gym floor isn't finished in time. As for the opening win against the Lady Bulldogs, Columbia was led by Jessie Bates, who had 10 aces in the match. Bates also did a good job of setting up the kills with 26 assists in the match. Kelbie Ronsonet was the biggest benefactor of the assists with 13 kills against Suwannee. The junior varsity team also started the season at 1-0 with wins in straight sets. The JV won 25-8 and 25-14. Kaleigh Sanderson and Lacey King each finished with five aces to lead the junior varsity. Grace Harry finished the match with three digs.

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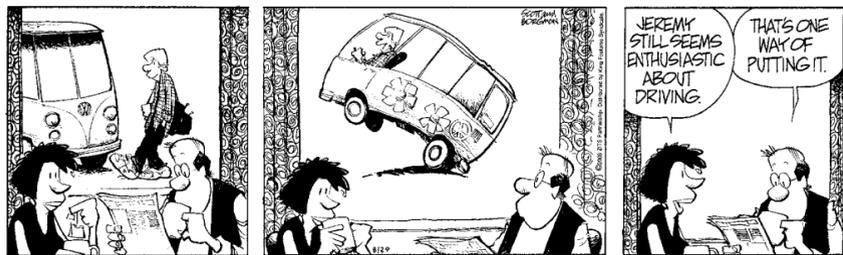
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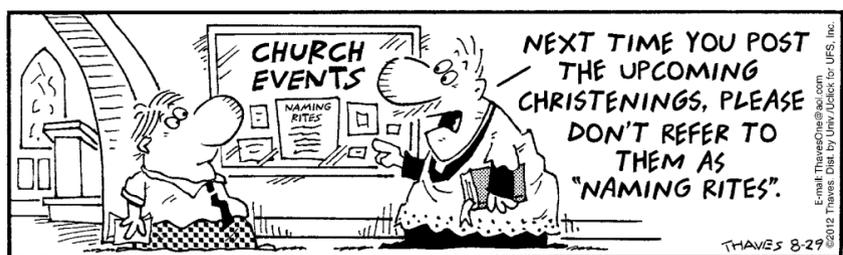
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DEAR ABBY

Transgender woman must deal with unforeseen change



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: I am a confused transwoman. I have been in a committed relationship for years with a woman who knew me before "the change." I have lied to myself for a long time about what gender I have been attracted to, and now it's coming back to haunt me.

As I have gone through several years changing, my confidence and emotional depth have grown. I successfully transitioned two years ago, and live and work as a woman. This means when I go to clubs and bars with other girlfriends, I attract male attention in a positive way. (I'm attractive and pass well.)

The problem is, my attraction to women is fading and men are now much more appealing. My pulse races at the idea of spending time in the company of men, but no longer with women, who are now more like sisters.

My relationship with my current female spouse has become that of a housemate or female family member. She was there for me during my changes, and now I feel I am evolving away from her. This upsets me, and I know it upsets her because we have talked about the possibility that this might occur. Now I'm worried about breaking her heart, but feel if I don't move on, I will have cheated

myself out of living.

What should I do? Should I swallow my feelings and stay with her, or admit that in order to feel like a heterosexual woman I must leave and be in a relationship with a man? Help! - LOST ANGEL

DEAR LOST: I discussed your letter with Denise Leclair, the executive director of the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE), who tells me that what you're experiencing is not unusual. Transgender people can be so consumed with gender issues that they are sometimes unfocused on whom they are really attracted to.

While I can't make this decision for you, you can get some helpful input from IFGE. Founded in 1987, it offers support and educational services for and about gender-variant persons - including referrals to medical and psychological professionals. You can email IFGE at info@ifge.org.

DEAR ABBY: Thanks for the wonderful letters

and sage advice over the years. I can't tell you how many columns I have clipped and shared.

Some years ago when I was teaching in Massachusetts, a dear friend, Pat, told me about something she did that impressed me. Every year on her birthday, she sent flowers to her parents with a note thanking them for their love and support. I adopted her idea.

We have a Mother's Day and a Father's Day, but isn't Pat's idea wonderful? Many parents would be thrilled to receive flowers from their child on his or her birthday, especially when a note accompanies the bouquet. After all, the parents gave the children life and nurturing. It seems only right that children should show their appreciation at that special time. - FORMER TEACHER IN ATHENS, GA.

DEAR TEACHER: Thank you for sharing your friend's tradition. It's not the first time I've heard this, but I'm pleased to share her terrific idea with those who are receptive.

PS. If flowers aren't in the budget, a handwritten note of appreciation costs nothing and would be treasured for a lifetime.

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): Give a little and get a little back. Don't be afraid to stand out or to take a unique approach. Personal changes will grab attention. Don't limit the possibilities, but respect what others want as well. Diversity is the name of the game. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cut out any emotional manipulation. Talk straight and get business out of the way. Once you feel relatively secure that everything will unfold as planned professionally or financially, you will feel more at ease spending downtime with family. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Reconnect with old friends. Attending a reunion or making the first move to reunite will lead to interesting changes in the way you go about getting what you want. Speak from the heart and you'll get a good response. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Proceed with caution. Doing too much for someone may be detrimental to your relationship and to advancement. Make changes that benefit you first and foremost. Take care of matters pertaining to institutions, agencies or corporations. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotions will mount and

choices will have to be made. Don't limit what you can do because of someone using unfair tactics to control what you can and cannot accomplish. You cannot buy love or own someone. Follow your dreams, not someone else's. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep everything you do within your budget. Time constraints will occur if you take on too much or indulge when moderation is required. Love is on the rise, and doing something constructive with someone special will pay off. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on having fun or taking part in a creative endeavor. Networking, educational pursuits and traveling will help you reach your goals. An open discussion will help you realize your potential.

AN UNEXPECTED PROPOSAL WILL LEAD TO A PARTNERSHIP. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep working toward your set goals. Discussions will only lead to emotional battles that will stand in the way of your creativity. Take an unusual approach in the way you do things at home. Decorate to suit your needs. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look back and remember the good times you had with someone you found inspirational. Talks can lead to new opportunities and the revamping of something you've wanted to pursue for a long time. Take action and excel. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your guard down. Stay on top of situations involving friends and relatives. Expect someone to try to control your next move. Preparation, honesty and integrity will be key. A last-minute change of plans will work in your favor. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Love is in the stars, and hooking up with someone from your past or establishing a better relationship with someone you are currently with will lead to a better understanding. Set new goals that will bring you closer together. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't reveal information you don't want passed around. Relationships are in a high cycle, but if you are too open about your past, you may jeopardize your chance to get to know someone you want in your life at a personal or professional level. ★★

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: "Any artist should be grateful for a naive grace which puts him beyond the need to reason elaborately." - Saul Bellow

TODAY'S CLUE: M s p n b e o

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CLASSIC PEANUTS



PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

Full Text: ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Health care services.— (a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care: (1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage. (2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services. A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services.

(b) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule. (c) This section does not: (1) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide. (2) Affect which health care services are permitted by law. (3) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation. (4) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010. (5) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services, except that this section may not be construed to prohibit any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

(6) Affect any general law passed by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section. (d) As used in this section, the term: (1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes. (2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer, paying for any portion of the service. (3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the management of, processing of, enrollment of individuals for, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants. (4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services. (5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by an agency established, created, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule by an agency" may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to Section 6 of Article VII and the creation of Section 32 of Article XII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.— (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by

legal or equitable title, by the entreties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value. (b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportionate interest which the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property. (c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law. (d) The legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living. (e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related—the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States; and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service as an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

ARTICLE XII SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury; homestead property tax discount.—The amendment to subsection (c) of Section 6 of Article VII relating to the homestead property tax discount for veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a super majority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect upon approval by the electors and will first apply to the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 1. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state-revenue limitation.— (a) No tax shall be levied except in pursuance of law. No state ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law. (b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trailer coaches and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to ad valorem taxes. (c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury or made in pursuance of appropriation made by law. (d) Provision shall be made contract by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal period. (e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an adjustment for growth. As used in this subsection, "growth" means an amount equal to the average annual rate of growth in Florida personal income over the most recent twenty quarters times the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year. For the 1995-1996 fiscal year, the state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the United States Department of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature in a separate bill that contains no other subject and that sets forth the dollar amount by which the state revenues allowed will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading of the bill. For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary

to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund elective expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes; licenses; fees; and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, licenses, fees; and charges for services required to be imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law to reflect the fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the several other levels of government. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection. SECTION 19. State revenue limitation.— (a) STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows: (1) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths. (2) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths. (3) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths. (4) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth. (5) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year and thereafter, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for the previous fiscal year multiplied by the adjustment for growth. (6) The adjustment for growth for a fiscal year shall be determined by March 1 preceding the fiscal year using the latest information available. Once the adjustment for growth is determined for a fiscal year, it may not be changed based on revisions to the information used to make the determination. (b) REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION.—State revenues collected in any fiscal year in excess of the revenue limitation shall be transferred to the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(g) of Article III, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required from school districts for participation in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to taxpayers as provided by general law. (c) AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.— (1) The state revenue limitation for any fiscal year may be increased by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Unless otherwise provided by the bill increasing the revenue limitation, the increased revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years. (2) The state revenue limitation for any one fiscal year may be increased by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. Increases to the revenue limitation enacted under this paragraph must be disregarded when determining the revenue limitation in subsequent fiscal years. (3) A bill increasing the revenue limitation may not contain any other subject and must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. The vote may not be taken less than seventy-two hours after the third reading in either house of the legislature of the bill in the form that will be presented to the governor. (d) AUTHORITY OF THE ELECTORS TO INCREASE THE REVENUE LIMITATION.—The legislature may propose an increase in the state revenue limitation pursuant to a concurrent resolution enacted by a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house. The proposed increase shall be submitted to the electors at the next general election held more than ninety days after the resolution is filed with the custodian of state records. However, the legislature may submit the proposed increase at an earlier special election held more than ninety days after it is filed with the custodian of state records pursuant to a law enacted by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature. The resolution must set forth the dollar amount by which the state revenue limitation will be increased. Unless otherwise provided in the resolution, the increased revenue limitation shall be used to determine the revenue limitation for future fiscal years. The proposed increase shall take effect if it is approved by a vote of at least 60 percent of the electors voting on the matter. (e) REVENUE LIMIT ADJUSTMENT BY THE LEGISLATURE.—The legislature shall provide by general law for adjustments to the state revenue limitation to reflect: (1) The fiscal impact of transfers of responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government occurring after May 6, 2011; or (2) The fiscal impact of a new federal mandate. (f) GENERAL LAW IMPLEMENTATION.—The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this section. (g) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the terms: (1) "Adjustment for growth" means an amount equal to the average for the previous five years of the product of the inflation factor and the population factor. (2) "Inflation factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in the calendar year annual average of the Consumer Price Index. The term "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. city average (not seasonally adjusted, current base for all items), as published by the United States Department of Labor. In the event the index ceases to exist, the legislature shall determine the successor index by general law. (3) "Population factor" means an amount equal to one plus the percent change in population of the state as of April 1 compared to April 1 of the prior year. For purposes of calculating the annual rate of change in population, the state's official population estimates shall be used. (4) "State revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, the term "state revenues" does not include: revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state for bonds issued before July 1, 2012; revenues that are used to provide matching funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of the revenues used to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund optional expansions made after July 1, 1994; proceeds from the state lottery returned as prizes; receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund and Citizens Property Insurance Corporation; receipts of public universities and colleges;

balances carried forward from prior fiscal years; taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies; or revenue from taxes, fees, licenses, fines, and charges for services authorized by any amendment or revision to this constitution after May 6, 2011. ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. State revenue limitation.—The amendment to Section 1 and the creation of Section 19 of Article VII, revising the state revenue limitation, and this section take effect upon approval by the electors and apply beginning in the 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

Ballot Summary: (1) This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Section 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments. (2) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessment of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013. (3) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (4) This amendment also authorizes general law to provide, subject to conditions specified in such law, an additional homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who has not owned property in the previous 3 calendar years to which the Florida homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the homestead property's just value on January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional homestead exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property at issue is located for the calendar year immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property determined under Article VII, Section 4(d), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2011, if approved by the voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election. The additional exemption is not available in the sixth and subsequent years after it is first received. The amendment shall take effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (5) This amendment delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 4. Taxation; assessments.—By general law regulations shall be prescribed which shall secure a just valuation of all property for ad valorem taxation, provided: (a) Agricultural land, land producing high water recharge to Florida's aquifers, or land used exclusively for noncommercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use. (b) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use. (c) Pursuant to general law tangible personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation. (d) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes: (1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage. (2) The installation of a renewable energy source device. (j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property: (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by

reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law. (7) The provisions of this subsection amendment are severable. If a provision any of the provisions of this subsection is amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the such court does not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection amendment. (8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two years immediately preceding the establishment of a new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows: (1) If the just value of the new or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (2) If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-paragraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person. (g) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following: (1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property. (2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved. (g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes: (1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage. (2) The installation of a renewable energy source device. (j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property: (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by

reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law. (7) The provisions of this subsection amendment are severable. If a provision any of the provisions of this subsection is amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the such court does not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection amendment. (8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two years immediately preceding the establishment of a new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows: (1) If the just value of the new or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (2) If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-paragraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person. (g) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following: (1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property. (2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved. (g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a qualifying improvement, as defined by general law, is made to such property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) The legislature may provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (i) The legislature, by general law and subject to conditions specified therein, may prohibit the consideration of the following in the determination of the assessed value of real property used for residential purposes: (1) Any change or improvement made for the purpose of improving the property's resistance to wind damage. (2) The installation of a renewable energy source device. (j)(1) The assessment of the following working waterfront properties shall be based upon the current use of the property: (a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by

reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; provided; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (6) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided by general law. (7) The provisions of this subsection amendment are severable. If a provision any of the provisions of this subsection is amendment shall be held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the such court does not affect or impair any remaining provisions of this subsection amendment. (8)a. A person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2009, or January 1 of any subsequent year and who has received a homestead exemption pursuant to Section 6 of this Article as of January 1 of either of the 2 two years immediately preceding the establishment of a new homestead is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value. If this revision is approved in January of 2008, a person who establishes a new homestead as of January 1, 2008, is entitled to have the new homestead assessed at less than just value only if that person received a homestead exemption on January 1, 2007. The assessed value of the newly established homestead shall be determined as follows: (1) If the just value of the new or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be the just value of the new homestead minus an amount equal to the lesser of \$500,000 or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (2) If the just value of the new homestead is less than the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the prior homestead was abandoned, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be equal to the just value of the new homestead divided by the just value of the prior homestead and multiplied by the assessed value of the prior homestead. However, if the difference between the just value of the new homestead and the assessed value of the new homestead calculated pursuant to this sub-paragraph is greater than \$500,000, the assessed value of the new homestead shall be increased so that the difference between the just value and the assessed value equals \$500,000. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. b. By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the legislature shall provide for application of this paragraph to property owned by more than one person. (g) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed solely on the basis of character or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (f) A county may, in the manner prescribed by general law, provide for a reduction in the assessed value of homestead property to the extent of any increase in the assessed value of that property which results from the construction or reconstruction of the property for the purpose of providing living quarters for one or more natural or adoptive grandparents or parents of the owner of the property or of the owner's spouse if at least one of the grandparents or parents for whom the living quarters are provided is 62 years of age or older. Such a reduction may not exceed the lesser of the following: (1) The increase in assessed value resulting from construction or reconstruction of the property. (2) Twenty percent of the total assessed value of the property as improved. (g) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (4), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An No assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law; However, after the adjustment for any change, addition, reduction, or improvement, the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (h) For all levies other than school district levies, assessments of residential real property, as defined by general law, which contains nine units or fewer and which is not subject to the assessment limitations set forth in subsections (a) through (d) and (g) shall change only as provided in this subsection. (1) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on the date of assessment provided by law. However, but those changes in assessments may not exceed 5 ten percent (40%) of the assessment for the prior year. The legislature may provide by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property

(f) and (h) (g), which shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the general election of 2022 2018 and, if approved, shall take effect January 1, 2023 2019.

SECTION 32. Property assessments.—This section and the amendment of Section 6 of Article VII addressing homestead and specified nonhomestead property having a declining just value and reducing the limit on the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013.

SECTION 33. Additional homestead exemption for persons of homestead property who recently have not owned homestead property.—This section and the amendment to Section 6 of Article VII providing for an additional homestead exemption for owners of homestead property who have not owned homestead property during the 3 calendar years immediately preceding purchase of the current homestead property, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at a special election authorized by law to be held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, shall take effect upon approval by the electors and operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2011, or, if submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013, and the additional homestead exemption shall be available for properties purchased on or after January 1, 2012.

NO. 5 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 12 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: STATE COURTS.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing a revision of Article V of the State Constitution relating to the judiciary.

The State Constitution authorizes the Supreme Court to adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts. The constitution further provides that a rule of court may be repealed by a general law enacted by a two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. This proposed constitutional revision eliminates the requirement that a general law repealing a court rule pass by a two-thirds vote of each house, thereby providing that the Legislature may repeal a rule of court by a general law approved by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature that expresses the policy behind the repeal. The court could readopt the rule in conformity with the public policy expressed by the Legislature, but if the Legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, this proposed revision prohibits the court from further readopting the repealed rule without the Legislature's prior approval. Under current law, rules of the judicial nominating commissions and the Judicial Qualifications Commission may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature. Under this proposed revision, a vote to repeal those rules is changed to repeal by general law enacted by a majority vote of the legislators present.

Under current law, the Governor appoints a justice of the Supreme Court from a list of nominees provided by a judicial nominating commission, and appointments by the Governor are not subject to confirmation. This revision requires Senate confirmation of a justice of the Supreme Court before the appointee can take office. If the Senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the judicial nominating commission must reconvene and may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the Senate. For the purpose of confirmation, the Senate may meet at any time. If the Senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice will be deemed confirmed and will take office.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission is an independent commission created by the State Constitution to investigate and prosecute before the Florida Supreme Court alleged misconduct by a justice or judge. Currently under the constitution, commission proceedings are confidential until formal charges are filed by the investigative panel of the commission. Once formal charges are filed, the formal charges and all further proceedings of the commission are public. Currently, the constitution authorizes the House of Representatives to impeach a justice or judge. Further, the Speaker of the House of Representatives may request, and the Judicial Qualifications Commission must make available, all information in the commission's possession for use in deciding whether to impeach a justice or judge. This proposed revision requires the commission to make all of its files available to the Speaker of the House of Representatives but provides that such files would remain confidential during any investigation by the House of Representatives and until such information is used in the pursuit of an impeachment of a justice or judge. This revision also removes the power of the Governor to request files of the Judicial Qualifications Commission to conform to a prior constitutional change.

This revision also makes technical and clarifying additions and deletions relating to the selection of chief judges of a circuit and relating to the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and makes other nonsubstantive conforming and technical changes in the judicial article of the constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE V JUDICIARY SECTION 2. Administration; practice and procedure.—

(a) The supreme court shall adopt rules for the practice and procedure in all courts including the time for seeking appellate review, the administrative supervision of all courts, the transfer to the court having jurisdiction of any proceeding when the jurisdiction of another court has been improvidently invoked, and a requirement that no cause shall be dismissed because an improper remedy has been sought. The supreme court shall adopt rules to allow it the court and the district courts of appeal to submit questions relating to military law to the federal Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for an advisory opinion. Rules of court may be repealed by general law that expresses the policy behind the repeal enacted by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the legislature. The court may readopt the repealed rule only in conformity with the public policy expressed by the legislature. If the legislature determines that a rule has been readopted and repeals the readopted rule, the rule may not be readopted thereafter without prior approval of the legislature.

(b) The chief justice of the supreme court shall be chosen by a majority of the members of the court; shall be the chief administrative officer of the judicial system; and shall have the power to assign justices or judges, including consenting retired justices or judges, to temporary duty in any court for which the judge is qualified and to delegate to a chief judge of a judicial circuit the power to assign judges for duty in that circuit.

(c) A chief judge for each district court of appeal shall be chosen by a majority of the judges thereof or, if there is no majority, by the chief justice. The chief judge shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the court.

(d) A chief judge in each circuit shall be chosen from among the circuit judges as provided by supreme court rule. The chief judge of a circuit shall be responsible for the administrative supervision of the circuit courts and county courts in his circuit.

SECTION 11. Vacancies.—

a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission.

(b) The governor shall fill each vacancy on a circuit court or on a county court, wherein the judges are elected by a majority vote of the electors, by appointing for a term ending on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in January of the year following the next primary and general election occurring at least one year after the date of appointment, one of not fewer than three persons nor more than six persons nominated by the appropriate judicial nominating commission. An election shall be held to fill that judicial office for the term of the office beginning at the end of the appointed term.

(c) The nominations shall be made within thirty days from the occurrence of a vacancy unless the period is extended by the governor for a time not to exceed thirty days. The governor shall make the appointment within sixty days after the nominations have been certified to the governor.

(d) Each appointment of a justice of the supreme court is subject to confirmation by the senate. The senate may sit for the purpose of confirmation regardless of whether the house of representatives is in session or not. If the senate fails to vote on the appointment of a justice within 90 days, the justice shall be deemed confirmed. If the senate votes not to confirm the appointment, the supreme court judicial nominating commission shall reconvene as though a new vacancy had occurred but may not renominate any person whose prior appointment to fill the same vacancy was not confirmed by the senate. The appointment of a justice is effective upon confirmation by the senate.

(e)(f) There shall be a separate judicial nominating commission as provided by general law for the supreme court, one for each district court of appeal, and one for each judicial circuit for all trial courts within the circuit. Uniform rules of procedure shall be established by the judicial nominating commissions at each level of the court system. Such rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the members of each house of the legislature; or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. Except for deliberations of the judicial nominating commissions, the proceedings of the commissions and their records shall be open to the public.

SECTION 12. Discipline; removal and retirement.—

(a) JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION.—A judicial qualifications commission is created.

(1) There shall be a judicial qualifications commission vested with jurisdiction to investigate and recommend to the Supreme Court of Florida the removal of any justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise, occurring on or after November 1, 1966, (without regard to the effective date of this section) demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office, and to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge whose conduct, during term of office or otherwise occurring on or after November 1, 1966 (without regard to the effective date of this section), warrants such discipline. For purposes of this section, discipline is defined as any or all of the following: reprimand, fine, suspension with or without pay, or lawyer discipline. The commission shall have jurisdiction to investigate and recommend the discipline of a justice or judge regarding allegations of misconduct occurred before or during service as a justice or judge if a complaint is made no later than one year following service as a justice or judge. The commission shall have jurisdiction regarding allegations of incapacity during service as a justice or judge. The commission shall be composed of:

a. Two judges of district courts of appeal selected by the judges of those courts, two circuit judges selected by the judges of the circuit courts and two judges of county courts selected by the judges of those courts;

b. Four electors who reside in the state, who are members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be chosen by the governing body of the bar of Florida; and

c. Five electors who reside in the state, who have never held judicial office or been members of the bar of Florida, and who shall be appointed by the governor.

(2) The members of the judicial qualifications commission shall serve staggered terms, not to exceed six years, as prescribed by general law. No member of the commission except a judge shall be eligible for state judicial office while acting as a member of the commission and for a period of two years thereafter. No member of the commission shall hold office in a political party or participate in any campaign for judicial office or hold public office, provided that a judge may campaign for judicial office and hold that office. The commission shall elect one of its members as its chairperson.

(3) Members of the judicial qualifications commission not subject to impeachment shall be subject to removal from the commission pursuant to the provisions of Article IV, Section 7, Florida Constitution.

(4) The commission shall adopt rules regulating its proceedings, the filling of vacancies by the appointing authorities, the disqualification of members, the rotation of members between the panels, and the temporary replacement of disqualified members incapacitated by the commission's rules, or any part thereof, may be repealed by general law enacted by a majority vote of the membership of each house of the legislature; or by the supreme court, five justices concurring. The commission shall have power to issue subpoenas. Until formal charges against a justice or judge are filed by the investigative panel with the clerk of the supreme court of Florida all proceedings by or before the commission shall be confidential; provided, however, upon a finding of probable cause and the filing by the investigative panel with said clerk of such formal charges against a justice or judge such charges and all further proceedings before the commission shall be public. The commission shall have access to all information from all executive, legislative and judicial agencies, including grand juries, subject to the rules of the commissioner. At any time, on request of the speaker of the house of representatives or the governor, the commission shall make available to the house of representatives all information in the possession of the commission, which information shall remain confidential during any investigation and until such information is used in the pursuit for use in consideration of impeachment or suspension; respectively.

(b) PANELS.—The commission shall be divided into an investigative panel and a hearing panel as established by rule of the commission. The investigative panel is vested with the jurisdiction to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, dismiss complaints, and upon a vote of a simple majority of the panel submit formal charges to the hearing panel. The hearing panel is vested with the authority to receive and hear formal charges from the investigative panel and upon a two-thirds vote of the panel recommend to the supreme court the removal of a justice or judge or the involuntary retirement of a justice or judge for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Upon a simple majority vote of the membership of the hearing panel, the panel may recommend to the supreme court that the justice or judge be subject to appropriate discipline.

(c) SUPREME COURT.—The supreme court shall receive recommendations from the judicial qualifications commission's hearing panel.

(1) The supreme court may accept, reject, or modify in whole or in part the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the commission and it may order that the justice or judge be removed to appropriate discipline, or be subjected from office with termination of compensation for willful

or persistent failure to perform judicial duties or for other conduct unbecoming a member of the judiciary demonstrating a present unfitness to hold office, or be involuntarily retired for any permanent disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties. Malfeasance, scienter or moral turpitude on the part of a justice or judge shall not be required for removal from office of a justice or judge whose conduct demonstrates a present unfitness to hold office. After the filing of a formal proceeding and upon request of the investigative panel, the supreme court may suspend the justice or judge from office, with or without compensation, pending final determination of the inquiry.

(2) The supreme court may award costs to the prevailing party.

(d) REMOVAL POWER.—The power of removal conferred by this section shall be both alternative and cumulative to the power of impeachment.

(a) PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE.—Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions of this section, if the person who is the subject of proceedings by the judicial qualifications commission is a justice of the supreme court of Florida all justices of such court automatically shall be disqualified to sit as justices of such court with respect to all proceedings therein concerning such person and the supreme court for such purposes shall be composed of a panel consisting of the seven chief judges of the judicial circuits of the state of Florida most senior in tenure of judicial office as circuit judge. For purposes of determining seniority of such circuit judges in the event there are judges of equal tenure in judicial office as circuit judge the judge or judges from the lower numbered circuit or circuits shall be deemed senior. In the event any such chief circuit judge is under investigation by the judicial qualifications commission or is otherwise disqualified or unable to serve on the panel, the next most senior chief circuit judge or judges shall serve in place of such disqualified or disabled chief circuit judge.

(f) SCHEDULE TO SECTION 12.—

(1) Except to the extent inconsistent with the provisions of this section, all provisions of law and rules of court in force on the effective date of this article shall continue in effect until superseded in the manner authorized by the constitution.

(2) After this section becomes effective and until adopted by rule of the commission consistent with it:

a. The commission shall be divided, as determined by the chairperson, into one investigative panel and one hearing panel to meet the responsibilities set forth in this section.

b. The investigative panel shall be composed of:

1. Four judges, 2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and 3. Three non-lawyers.

c. The hearing panel shall be composed of:

1. Two judges, 2. Two members of the bar of Florida, and 3. Two non-lawyers.

d. Membership on the panels may rotate in a manner determined by the rules of the commission provided that no member shall vote as a member of the investigative and hearing panel on the same proceeding.

e. The commission shall hire separate staff for each panel.

f. The members of the commission shall serve for staggered terms of six years.

g. The terms of office of the present members of the judicial qualifications commission shall expire upon the effective date of the amendments to this section approved by the legislature during the regular session of the legislature in 1996 and new members shall be appointed to serve the following staggered terms:

1. Group I.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one circuit judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 1998.

2. Group II.—The terms of five members, composed of one elector as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, two members of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one circuit judge and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V shall expire on December 31, 2000.

3. Group III.—The terms of five members, composed of two electors as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)c. of Article V, one member of the bar of Florida as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)b. of Article V, one judge from the district courts of appeal and one county judge as set forth in s. 12(a)(1)a. of Article V, shall expire on December 31, 2002.

g.h. An appointment to fill a vacancy of the commission shall be for the remainder of the term.

h.i. Selection of members by district courts of appeal judges, circuit judges, and county court judges, shall be by no less than a majority of the members voting at the respective courts' conferences. Selection of members by the board of governors of the bar of Florida shall be by no less than a majority of the board.

i.j. The commission shall be entitled to recover the costs of investigation and prosecution, in addition to any penalty levied by the supreme court.

j.k. The compensation of members and referees shall be the travel expenses or transportation and per diem allowance as provided by general law.

NO. 6 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: PROHIBITION ON PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS; CONSTRUCTION OF ABORTION RIGHTS.—

Ballot Summary: This proposed amendment provides that public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This prohibition does not apply to an expenditure required by federal law, a case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would place her in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or a case of rape or incest. This proposed amendment provides that the State Constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution. With respect to abortion, this proposed amendment overrules court decisions which conclude that the right of privacy under Article I, Section 23 of the State Constitution is broader in scope than that of the United States Constitution.

Full Text: ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Prohibition on public funding of abortions; construction of abortion rights.—

(a) Public funds may not be expended for any abortion or for health-benefits coverage that includes coverage of abortion. This subsection does not apply to:

(1) An expenditure required by federal law;

(2) A case in which a woman suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness, including a life-endangering, physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, which would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed; or

(3) A pregnancy that results from rape or incest.

(b) This constitution may not be interpreted to create broader rights to an abortion than those contained in the United States Constitution.

NO. 8 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an

amendment to the State Constitution providing that no individual or entity may be denied, on the basis of religious identity or belief, governmental benefits, funding or other support, except as required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, and deleting the prohibition against using revenues from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

Full Text: ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 3. Religious freedom.—There shall be no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof. Religious freedom shall not justify practices inconsistent with public morals, peace, or safety. Except to the extent required by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, neither the government nor any agent of the government may deny to any individual or entity the benefits of any program, funding, or other support on the basis of religious identity or belief. No revenue of the state or any political subdivision or agency thereof shall ever be taken from the public treasury directly or indirectly in aid of any church, sect, or religious denomination or in aid of any sectarian institution.

NO. 9 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF MILITARY VETERAN OR FIRST RESPONDER.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature to provide by general law ad valorem homestead property tax relief to the surviving spouse of a military veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty or to the surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty. The amendment authorizes the Legislature to totally exempt or partially exempt surviving spouses' homestead property from ad valorem taxation. The amendment defines a first responder as a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic. This amendment shall take effect January 1, 2013.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-five thousand dollars and, for all levies other than school district levies, on the assessed valuation greater than fifty thousand dollars and up to seventy-five thousand dollars, upon establishment of right thereto in the manner prescribed by law. The real estate may be held by legal or equitable title, by the entireties, jointly, in common, as a condominium, or indirectly by stock ownership or membership representing the owner's or member's proprietary interest in a corporation owning a fee or a leasehold initially in excess of ninety-eight years. The exemption shall not apply with respect to any assessment roll until such roll is first determined to be in compliance with the provisions of section 4 by a state agency designated by general law. This exemption is repealed on the effective date of any amendment to this Article which provides for the assessment of homestead property at less than just value.

(b) Not more than one exemption shall be allowed any individual or family unit or with respect to any residential unit. No exemption shall exceed the value of the real estate assessable to the owner or, in case of ownership through stock or membership in a corporation, the value of the proportion which the interest in the corporation bears to the assessed value of the property.

(c) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem tax relief on all ad valorem tax levies. Such ad valorem tax relief shall be in the form and amount established by general law.

(d) The Legislature may, by general law, allow counties or municipalities, for the purpose of their respective tax levies and subject to the provisions of general law, to grant an additional homestead tax exemption not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to any person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner and who has attained age sixty-five and whose household income, as defined by general law, does not exceed twenty thousand dollars. The general law must allow counties and municipalities to grant this additional exemption, within the limits prescribed in this subsection, by ordinance adopted in the manner prescribed by general law, and must provide for the periodic adjustment of the income limitation prescribed in this subsection for changes in the cost of living.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to additional conditions and limitations specified therein, the Legislature may provide ad valorem tax relief equal to the total amount or a portion of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property to the:

(1) Surviving spouse of a veteran who died from service-connected causes while on active duty as a member of the United States Armed Forces.

(2) Surviving spouse of a first responder who died in the line of duty.

(3) As used in this subsection and as further defined by general law, the term:

a. "First responder" means a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, or a paramedic.

b. "In the line of duty" means arising out of and in the actual performance of duty required by employment as a first responder.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Tangible personal property; ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

NO. 11 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 6 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION; LOW-INCOME SENIORS WHO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM RESIDENCY ON PROPERTY; EQUAL TO ASSESSED VALUE.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law and subject to conditions set forth in the general law, to allow counties and municipalities to grant an additional homestead tax exemption equal to the assessed value of homestead property if the property has a just value less than \$250,000 to an owner who has maintained permanent residency on the property for not less than 25 years, who has attained age 65, and who has a low household income as defined by general law.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains thereon the permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of twenty-

from service-connected causes and first responders who died in the line of duty. shall take effect January 1, 2013.

NO. 10 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 3 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to:

(1) Provide an exemption from ad valorem taxes levied by counties, municipalities, school districts, and other local governments on tangible personal property if the assessed value of an owner's tangible personal property is greater than \$25,000 but less than \$50,000. This new exemption, if approved by the voters, will take effect on January 1, 2013, and apply to the 2013 tax roll and subsequent tax rolls.

(2) Authorize a county or municipality for the purpose of its respective levy, and as provided by general law, to provide tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance. This is in addition to other statewide tangible personal property tax exemptions provided by the Constitution and this amendment.

Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 3. Taxes; exemptions.—

(a) All property owned by a municipality and used exclusively by it for municipal or public purposes shall be exempt from taxation. A municipality, owning property outside the municipality, may be required by general law to make payment to the taxing unit in which the property is located. Such portions of property as are used predominantly for educational, literary, scientific, religious or charitable purposes may be exempted by general law from taxation.

(b) There shall be exempt from taxation, cumulatively, to every head of a family residing in this state, household goods and personal effects to the value fixed by general law, not less than one thousand dollars, and to every widow or widower or person who is blind or totally and permanently disabled, property to the value fixed by general law not less than five hundred dollars.

(c) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant community and economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses, as defined by general law. Such an exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality, and only after the electors of the county or municipality voting on such question in a referendum authorize the county or municipality to adopt such ordinances. An exemption so granted shall apply to improvements to real property made by or for the use of a new business and improvements to real property related to the expansion of an existing business and shall also apply to tangible personal property of such new business and tangible personal property related to the expansion of an existing business. The amount or limits of the amount of such exemption shall be specified by general law. The period of time for which such exemption may be granted to a new business or expansion of an existing business shall be determined by general law. The authority to grant such exemption shall expire ten years from the date of approval by the electors of the county or municipality, and may be renewable by referendum as provided by general law.

(d) Any county or municipality may, for the purpose of its respective tax levy and subject to the provisions of this subsection and general law, grant historic preservation ad valorem tax exemptions to owners of historic properties. This exemption may be granted only by ordinance of the county or municipality. The amount or limits of the amount of this exemption and the requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. The period of time for which this exemption may be granted to a property owner shall be determined by general law.

(e)(1) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, twenty-five thousand dollars of the assessed value of tangible personal property is subject to tangible personal property tax shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation. Tangible personal property is also exempt from ad valorem taxation if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A county or municipality may, for the purposes of its respective tax levy, provide additional tangible personal property tax exemptions by ordinance, subject to this subsection and as provided in general law.

(f) There shall be granted an ad valorem tax exemption for real property dedicated in perpetuity for conservation purposes, including real property encumbered by perpetual conservation easements or by other perpetual conservation protections, as defined by general law.

(g) By general law and subject to the conditions specified therein, each person who receives a homestead exemption as provided in section 6 of this article; who was a member of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard; and who was deployed during the preceding calendar year or any other year outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature shall receive an additional exemption equal to a percentage of the taxable value of his or her homestead property. The applicable percentage shall be calculated as the number of days during the preceding calendar year the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the legislature divided by the number of days in that year.

ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Tangible personal property; ad valorem tax exemption.—The amendment to Section 3 of Article VII providing that property is exempt from tangible personal property tax if the assessed value of such property is greater than twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars shall take effect January 1, 2013, and applies to assessments for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

NO. 12 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE IX, SECTION 7 (Legislative)

Ballot Title: APPOINTMENT OF STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—

Ballot Summary: Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to replace the president of the Florida Student Association with the chair of the council of state university student body presidents as the student member of the Board of Governors of the State University System and to require that the Board of Governors organize such council of state university student body presidents.

Full Text: ARTICLE IX EDUCATION SECTION 7. State University System.—

(a) PURPOSES. In order to achieve excellence through teaching students, advancing research and providing public service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall be shared, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commission on education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

(e) Each veteran who is age 65 or older who is partially or totally permanently disabled shall receive a discount from the amount of the ad valorem tax otherwise owed on homestead property the veteran owns and resides in if the disability was combat related, the veteran was a resident of this state at the time of entering the military service of the United States, and the veteran was honorably discharged upon separation from military service. The discount shall be in a percentage equal to the percentage of the veteran's permanent, service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. To qualify for the discount granted by this subsection, an applicant must submit to the county property appraiser, by March 1, proof of residency at the time of entering military service, an official letter from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs stating the percentage of the veteran's service-connected disability and such evidence that reasonably identifies the disability as combat related, and a copy of the veteran's honorable discharge. If the property appraiser denies the request for a discount, the appraiser must notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the denial, and the veteran may reapply. The Legislature may, by general law, waive the annual application requirement in subsequent years. This subsection shall take effect December 7, 2006, is self-executing, and does not require implementing legislation.

(f) By general law and subject to conditions specified therein, the Legislature may provide to renters, who are permanent residents, ad valorem

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02500306 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Sec. 197.241.F.S. Notice is hereby given that the Betty Jefferson of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

02500304 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

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KEITH JONES 153 NW CR 25A, #3 LAKE CITY, FL 32055

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025534509 August 29, 2012

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Name in which assessed: EDWIN ALTON MARKHAM All of said property being in the County of Columbia, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse on Monday the 24th of September at 11:00 A.M.

05534342 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Sec. 197.241.F.S. Notice is hereby given that the Denzel & Ruth Dockery of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

02500305 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Sec. 197.241.F.S. Notice is hereby given that the Frank or Mary Jean Last of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

The sale will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM at: Gateway Mini-Warehouses 4158 West US Highway 90 Lake City, Florida 32055

02500311 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 2012-CA-000054 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 9, 2012, and entered in Case No. 2012-CA-000054, of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for COLUMBIA County, Florida.

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02500323 AUGUST 29, 2012 September 5, 2012

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05534536 August 29, 2012 September 5, 2012

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 122012CA000157CAXXXX WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR PARK PLACE SECURITIES, INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-WLL1, Plaintiff,

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02500302 August 22, 29, 2012

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02500309 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

REGISTRATION OF FICTITIOUS NAMES

We the undersigned, being duly sworn, do hereby declare under oath that the names of all persons interested in the business or profession carried on under the name of URBAN INK TATTOO SHOP, LAKE CITY, FL 32025

Name: GWEN URBAN Extent of Interest: 100% by:/s/ GWEN URBAN STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLUMBIA Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of August, A.D. 2012.

05534538 August 29, 2012

Legal

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Sec. 197.241.F.S. Notice is hereby given that the Maisey D Pickford Rev Trust of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

Name in which assessed: RANDY & LORI PITTS All of said property being in the County of Columbia, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the Courthouse on Monday the 24th of September at 11:00 A.M.

02500307 August 22, 29, 2012 September 5, 12, 2012

Public Auction Will be held by Gainey Automotive, Inc. in Columbia County at 3468 S.W. CR 138, Fort White, FL 32038

05534531 AUGUST 29, 2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Sec. 197.241.F.S. Notice is hereby given that the Shirley Pickford Rev Trust of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a Tax Deed to be issued thereon.

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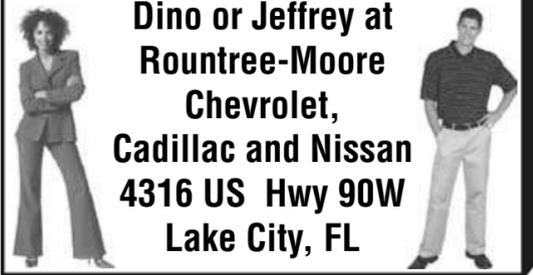
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