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## Teacher of Year hopefuls ready

14 educators vie for district-wide honors on Weds.

From staff reports

Fourteen local educators will represent their schools at the District Teacher of the Year ceremonies at First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday.

The guest speaker will be Alexandre Lopes, 2013 Florida Teacher of the Year and Christa McAuliffe Ambassador for Education. The program is set for 4 p.m., with a reception to follow at 5.

The 14 teachers of the year were chosen by their peers at the schools where they teach.

"They are representative of the high qualities of all teachers in our district," said Dorothy S. Spradley, district volunteer/education marketing coordinator. "It is most important to have this recognition program to showcase our nominees and all teachers and to let them know how much we truly appreciate their many contributions, hard work, dedication, creativity, selflessness and care they give the students in our schools."

**TEACHERS** continued on 3A

## Pair mark 35 years in restaurant business

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
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When the Chasteens opened their first restaurant in 1978, they wanted to serve home-style cooking that would pack the house seven days a week. The former owner of the property told them they wouldn't last three months.

"He said we wouldn't make a living serving collard greens," Robert Chasteen said. "So needless to say, we're here still — 35 years later."

The Chasteens celebrated their 35th anniversary as restaurateurs on Friday, and although they moved locations and changed names, the couple still prides themselves on their attention to detail and commitment to hard work.

Through all 35 years, Emmie and Robert Chasteen have worked side by side.

"He's still my best friend," Emmie Chasteen said.

It's a family business and all three of their daughters put in time at the restaurant.

They started out across from the airport in 1978 at a place called Robert's Dock.

**CHASTEEN'S** continued on 3A

# CAR RAMS HOUSE



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Cory Russell and Alfred Johnson survey the damage caused by a car crashing into a house off Greg Place in Lake City. Johnson was sleeping on a couch when he heard the sound of the car smashing its way through the wall. Russell said he was in the living room when he heard a boom.

## Woman said to be angry at boyfriend

She reportedly hit house, then chased him in her car.

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
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As a car crashed into the house and the tires smoked white, Alfred Johnson woke up and at first thought it was a tornado. The wall was bowed in and the 50-inch television had slid near where he lay sleeping on the couch, but there was no wind.

When the car backed up and rammed the house a second time, he knew it wasn't a storm.

Allegedly, 22-year-old Alexis Shemeka Mixon repeatedly crashed her car into the house on Greg Place off Llewellyn Avenue in Lake City about 10 a.m. Friday. According to witnesses, she rammed the house of her 18-year-old boyfriend then chased him with her vehicle around the home, destroying

part of a wooden fence and sideswiping a car parked behind the house.



Mixon

Mixon faces charges of aggravated assault with a weapon and two counts of damage to property.

Cory Russell was at the house when the rampage started. He heard a boom while he was in the living room. Russell and his friend, who he said had been dating Mixon for the past two years, went outside to see what made the sound.

"Her foot was on the gas, and white smoke was coming out of the tires, then she backed up and ran into it at least two more times," Russell said. "Then she backed up and tried to run over my friend who was running around the house trying to get away from her."

Johnson said the two had recently had an argument. He

knew Mixon was angry because her boyfriend had reportedly cheated on her. Johnson said he was shocked that she crashed her car into the house.

After Mixon chased her boyfriend around the house, Russell said, she stopped at the front of the house, windshield spider-webbed, and started yelling at the man she had been chasing. Then she sped down the street a few houses before sheriff's deputies cut her off and stopped her.

Russell said the destruction was over in about three minutes.

The man chased by Mixon in the car left the property when police arrived and was not available for comment. Contact information was left with Russell and Johnson, but the alleged victim had not contacted the Lake City Reporter by Saturday night.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office had not released the arrest report by press time Saturday night.

## Murder trial set to begin

Man set fire that killed his live-in girlfriend in 2009, say prosecutors.

From staff reports

The murder trial of a man accused of setting a June 2009 house fire that killed his live-in girlfriend starts Monday at the Columbia County Courthouse.

According to prosecutors, Kenneth Allen Ford, 46, set fire to his 238 NW Bagel Court mobile home the morning of Sunday, June 7, 2009.



Ford

The body of Kristy L. Whatley was found inside the home later that morning.

The fire was deemed suspicious early on, and Ford, apprehended in Polk County, was identified as a person of interest and transferred to the Columbia County jail.

The fire was reported to authorities at 8:30 that morning by a neighbor.

Ford was indicted by a Columbia County grand jury in September 2009 on charges of arson and first-degree murder.

Ford had been arrested in May 2009 in Columbia County on kidnapping and other charges. He had been released on \$5,000 bond and was required to maintain electronic monitoring, but reportedly fled the jurisdiction.

The murder trial begins at 9 a.m. and will be presided over by Circuit Judge Paul Bryan.

## Plum Creek has a new partner for development

By **DEREK GILLIAM**  
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The North Florida Intermodal Park has a new partner after Plum Creek Timber Company and The Rockefeller Group signed an agreement to pursue a joint-venture development project at the 2,622-acre site near Lake City.

Plum Creek, the largest landowner in the United States, currently owns the land at the intermodal park.

Plans for the intermodal park include developing the area into a hub of commercial and industrial activity. According to a news release, the joint venture will look at developing manufacturing and distribution centers as well developing an inland port and office buildings. The site is on the south side of U.S. 90 on the east side of town.

In the beginning of January, workers started clearing the land to make the project "shovel ready" for business prospects.

The area where the joint venture is planned would also include the 500-acre parcel known as the catalyst site.

At the last stakeholder meeting held on Jan. 14, Rick Moore,

**PLUM CREEK** continued on 3A

## Black History Month under way



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Members of The Baby Hines Singers & Cedar Park Community Crew perform at the kickoff of Black History Month at the Richardson Community Center on Friday. See more photos, Page 7A.



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## AROUND FLORIDA

# Legislature puts employee salaries online

TALLAHASSEE — Floridians will finally get a chance on their own to find out how much people are getting paid to work for the Florida Legislature.

The two Republican leaders of the Florida House and Florida Senate quietly this week added links on legislative websites that allow people to look up legislative employee salaries. The two chambers are also posting copies of contracts.

The move to post the information comes nearly two years after Gov. Rick Scott posted salaries of most state workers. Scott eventually posted the salaries of professors and other university employees even though it drew the ire of some of those working for the schools.

Florida has also has information regarding state contracts posted online.

Ryan Duffy, a spokesman for House Speaker Will Weatherford, said the records are the ones most frequently requested.

"We thought it would be easiest for access by putting them online," Duffy said Friday.

The House website shows, for example, that 32 employees in the House earn \$100,000 or more a year, while the Senate website also lists 32 employees earning at least \$100,000.

The decision by lawmakers comes after a decision by Scott to shutter a budget-tracking website that the Senate paid \$5 million



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### Foam fest?

An unidentified racer slides through a foam tunnel in the 5k Foam Fest race at Amelia Earhart Park in Hialeah on Saturday. Officials describes the Foam Fest as the newest and craziest race to hit the nation. Foam Fest is a mix of foam, mud and obstacles. It is a mud run combined with foam, giant inflatable obstacles, army crawls, foam, colossal walls, mud pits, cargo net climbs, foam, body washer, moon walk, foam, slip'n slides and water obstacles.

to develop.

The Florida Senate hired a contractor to build the site, but the contract to use the website called Transparency 2.0 expired on Dec. 31. The vendor wanted \$1 million to renew it.

The Legislature appropriated \$2.5 million to transfer the website to Scott's office and make it public. But Scott declined because it was developed through a no-bid contract.

Scott's office then announced that it would seek competitive bids for a Florida budget website open to all citizens. Open government and ethics advocacy groups

had urged keeping the Transparency 2.0 website and making it public.

The governor already has his own website, www.FloridaHasARightToKnow, which gives the public access to state employee salary information. It also allows the public to view six-figure retirement benefits for state and local employees with personal information redacted.

On the web: www.myfloridahouse.gov or www.flsenate.gov.

### Judge won't delay voting lawsuit

JACKSONVILLE — A

federal judge has denied the state's request to delay a lawsuit challenging Florida's reduction in early voting days.

The state sought a delay until June 3, about a month after the upcoming legislative session ends, to see if lawmakers restore early voting days they cut in 2011.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Corrigan in Jacksonville on Thursday wrote there's no guarantee such a law will be enacted.

U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, a Jacksonville Democrat, and other plaintiffs contend the Republican-controlled Legislature's decision

to reduce early voting from 14 to eight days was discriminatory because blacks vote early in higher percentages.

Corrigan ordered pre-trial disclosures and interviews to begin on Feb. 22 and be completed by Sept. 6. No trial date yet has been set.

### Man kills sons, then himself

BOYNTON BEACH — A South Florida man killed two of his sons early Saturday before killing himself at his estranged wife's home, police said.

Officers were called at 1:50 a.m. to the Boynton Beach home of Victoria Flores Zavala, who had been separated for some time from her husband, Isidro Zavala, police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater said.

Victoria Zavala told detectives that she was watching TV when she heard a commotion. She went to check on the boys and saw Zavala, dressed all in black, choking one of them.

She tried fighting off Isidro Zavala, begging him to kill her and not the children, Slater said.

"He told her she was going to stay alive and suffer the loss of them," Slater said.

Police identified the children as 12-year-old Eduardo Zavala and 11-year-old Mario Zavala. One boy was found dead

in a screened patio area, and the other was in the kitchen.

Both boys had been strangled with a rope, Slater said.

Zavala was discovered in the kitchen with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He had shot Mario several times before turning the gun on himself, Slater said.

The couple also has a 19-year-old son, who does not live at the home.

### Hit-run witness nabs suspect

JACKSONVILLE — John Avery II sprang into action when he saw a pickup truck speed away after hitting a pedestrian in Jacksonville.

The 44-year-old man said he didn't want the driver to get away. So he followed him to a nearby parking lot where the driver tried to run. That's when Avery says he pulled out his gun and ordered the man to stop and lie down on the ground.

Avery and passenger Gary Gibson held the man until police arrived. Avery says he was on the phone with a 911 dispatcher and informed them of his weapon.

The driver, 26-year-old Tracy Andrew Isbell of Covington, Ga., was released from jail Thursday.

Authorities say the pedestrian, Joseph Bastian, is expected to survive.

■ Associated Press

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

# Kerry Washington tops NAACP awards

LOS ANGELES

Kerry Washington was a triple threat at the NAACP Image Awards.

The star of ABC's "Scandal" picked up a trio of trophies at the 44th annual ceremony: outstanding actress in a drama series for "Scandal," supporting actress in a motion picture for "Django Unchained" and the President's Award, which is given in recognition of special achievement and exceptional public service.

"This award does not belong to me," said Washington, who plays a slave separated from her husband in "Django Unchained," as she picked up her first trophy of the evening for her role in the film directed by Quentin Tarantino. "It belongs to our ancestors. We shot this film on a slave plantation, and they were with us along every step of the way."

Washington, who plays crisis management consultant Olivia Pope on "Scandal," serves on President Barack Obama's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Don Cheadle was awarded the outstanding actor in a comedy series trophy for his role as a slick management consultant in Showtime's "House of Lies."

A few winners weren't present at the Shrine Auditorium to pick up their trophies, including Denzel Washington for outstanding actor in a motion picture for "Flight," Viola Davis for outstanding actress in a motion picture for "Won't Back Down" and Omar Epps for supporting actor in a drama series for Fox's "House."

"Red Tails," the drama about the Tuskegee Airmen, was honored as outstanding motion picture.

### Travis admits driving drunk, gets probation

SHERMAN, Texas — Randy Travis pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated Thursday in a case that began last summer when the country music star was found naked after crashing his Pontiac Trans Am.



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Actress Kerry Washington was a triple winner at the 44th Annual NAACP Image Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on Friday.

Travis received two years of probation, a \$2,000 fine and a 180-day suspended jail sentence. If he doesn't successfully complete the probation, he will face the jail time.

He was ordered to spend at least 30 days at an alcohol treatment facility, complete 100 hours of community service and have an ignition interlock device on any vehicle he operates while on probation.

Travis, 53, entered the plea in a court in the North Texas city of Sherman. The misdemeanor was punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Prosecutors said Travis was found lying in the roadway naked and was belligerent at the scene and while being transported to a hospital. He had a blood alcohol level of 0.21. The legal limit for driving is 0.08.

Travis also had faced a charge of retaliation for allegedly threatening officers, but as part of the plea agreement he will no longer face that charge.

### Stallone supports assault weapon ban

BEVERLY HILL — Sylvester Stallone says that despite his

"Rambo" image and new shoot-em-up film "Bullet to the Head," he's in favor of new national gun control legislation.

Stallone supported the 1994 "Brady bill" that included a now-expired ban on assault weapons, and hopes that ban can be reinstated.

"I know people get upset and go, 'They're going to take away the assault weapon.' Who ... needs an assault weapon? Like really, unless you're carrying out an assault. ... You can't hunt with it. ... Who's going to attack your house, a (expletive) army?"

The 66-year-old actor, writer and director said he also hopes for an additional focus on mental health to prevent future mass shootings.

■ Associated Press

### Celebrity Birthdays

■ Comedian Shelley Berman is 88.  
■ Former Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 80.  
■ Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 73.  
■ Actress Bridget Hanley is 72.  
■ Actress Blythe Danner is 70.

■ Singer Dennis Edwards is 70.  
■ Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 68.  
■ Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 66.  
■ Actress Morgan Fairchild is 63.  
■ Actress Pamela Franklin is 63.

### Daily Scripture

**"However, as it is written: 'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' — the things God has prepared for those who love Him."**

— 1 Corinthians 2:9

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# TEACHERS: Feb. 7

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The candidates are:

• Al Nelson, an eighth-grade math teacher at Richardson Middle School, a 13-year veteran of teaching;

• Lisa Michele VanBennekom, a third-grade teacher at Five Points Elementary School with 13 years' teaching experience;

• Becky Zoeller, an eighth-grade teacher at Lake City Middle School, with 33 years' experience;

• Denetria Stokes, who teaches sixth- to 12th-grade math at Challenge Learning Center, with three and a half years' experience;

• Sarah Ripple, a fourth-grade teacher at Eastside Elementary School, with six years' experience;

• S. Denise Gillyard, who teaches third-grade at Summers Elementary School, with 13 years' experience;

• Mary E. (Beth) Cason, a third-grade teacher at Melrose Park Elementary, with nine years' experience;

• Jamie L. Stamper, a fourth-grade teacher



Nelson



VanBennekom



Zoeller



Stokes



Ripple



Gillyard



Cason



Stamper



Johnson



Cooper



Williams



Carr



Gerling



Mullins

at Pinemount Elementary School, with 13 years' experience;

• Tina Johnson, a music teacher at Fort White High/Middle School, with 26 years' experience;

• Carrie Cooper, who teaches ninth-grade English at Columbia High School, with six years' experience;

• Maxine Felgar Williams, who teaches

kindergarten to fifth grade at Westside Elementary, with 17 years' experience;

• Nicole Carr, a third-grade teacher at Fort White Elementary School with three years' experience;

• Lauren Gerling, who teaches kindergarten through fifth grade at Columbia City Elementary School, with one and a half years' experience; and

• Thayla Mullins, a fourth-grade teacher at Niblack Elementary School, with four years' experience.

The event is sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank of Florida, Delta Kappa Gamma's NU Chapter and the Columbia County Schools Foundation.

First Presbyterian Church is at 697 SW Baya Drive in Lake City.

# CHASTEEN'S: 35 years

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It was a seafood restaurant, and both Emmie Chasteen and Robert Chasteen committed to making it in the restaurant business. They cooked, cleaned and did whatever was necessary.

That is still true today at their downtown restaurant, Chasteen's Downtown. They sweep the floor and help in the kitchen. They're not passive owners but active participants in the success of their business.

"Both of us are here to work, and neither one of us would be comfortable sitting around doing nothing," Robert Chasteen said.

Robert and Emmie Chasteen both agreed that it's tough to make a restaurant successful, and there's a number of things that are difficult to predict. They said that their one piece of advice to anyone who is thinking about opening a restaurant is to be prepared to work hard.

Despite the hard work, Emmie Chasteen said it's a profession she's enjoyed.

"I can't begin to tell you how many good friends we've made in this business through the years," she said.

Emmie and Robert Chasteen, owners of Chasteen's Downtown, pose for a photograph in their restaurant in downtown Lake City on Friday. The Chasteens have been restaurateurs 35 and have been at their current location for 13 years.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

# State back on track with Race to the Top projects

By CHRISTINE ARMARIO  
AP Education Writer

MIAMI — A year after Florida was put on warning for falling behind on its \$700 million Race to the Top grant projects, U.S. Department of Education officials say the state has regained its momentum.

A Department of Education report released Friday concludes nearly all projects are on track with Florida's amended timelines. Ninety-eight percent of the grant funds are being budgeted for contracts. In the first year Florida struggled to issue them in a timely manner.

The initial delay meant the state faces an aggressive timeline on an ambitious education reform agenda. The report concludes Florida should focus on making sure that contractors who get funds from the grant — aimed at improving student achievement — do high quality work.

"Florida has made encouraging progress

toward implementing its plan, and we want to see that growth accelerate in the second half of the grant," U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan said.

In the second year of carrying out the grant, the state adopted Common Core State Standards, a set of uniform benchmarks for math and reading, in kindergarten; began utilizing new teacher and principal evaluation systems; and provided professional development and new teachers as part of its plans to turn around low performing schools.

Florida was one of 11 states and the District of Columbia to receive a share of the U.S. Department of Education's \$4.3 billion in Race to the Top money in the first two rounds of the competition. The state wants to double the percentage of incoming high school freshmen who graduate and go on to earn at least a year's worth of college credit; cut the achievement gap in half; and increase the

percentage of students scoring at or above proficient on the National Assessment of Educational Progress by 2015.

Florida's strategic plan also focuses on improving instruction. The Student Success Act, passed in 2011, created a new teacher evaluation system that uses student growth data and ties compensation to evaluation results starting in the 2014-15 school year.

In its goal of ensuring students are prepared for college, Florida adopted the Common Core State Standards, which have been adopted by 45 states and the District of Columbia. Over 40 percent of the Race to the Top money is being used to train teachers and assist in the transition to the new standards, which will be in place in all grades by 2014.

The state has begun using its new teacher and principal evaluations and developing new models for teachers in hard-to-measure subject areas like physical education, music and art.

# PLUM CREEK:

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project engineer hired by Plum Creek for the intermodal park, presented a timeline under which the site could have a conceptual environmental resource permit for stormwater by March.

The Rockefeller Group developed the Rockefeller Center in midtown Manhattan and has developed about 5 million square feet of industrial development since 2008, according to a news release.

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ANOTHER VIEW

## A culture of lying

The latest viral hashtag on Twitter is #teeing, which features pictures of male college students with their arms around an invisible girlfriend. They are meant to be humorous, but speak to a larger societal issue — a culture of lies.

While it is not possible to say whether Notre Dame football star Manti Te'o is a victim or perpetrator in the fake girlfriend hoax, his story, paired with cyclist Lance Armstrong's admitted doping on Oprah Winfrey's OWN network last month, represents someone foisting a big lie into the cultural mainstream.

Researchers at Zhejiana Normal University in China and at Northwestern University found that lying "becomes more automatic upon training." When people practice deception, it is simply easier to lie, in turn making it harder to differentiate from the truth.

It is no longer limited to pulling a deception among one's peers. Rather, the practice of lying often turns into whirlwinds of deceit that grow into grand scandals. One of the grandest went all the way up to the president of the United States and forced his resignation.

And the repercussions usually share a theme of "sorry, I got caught" rather than just the one-word apology, as in the case of former Cincinnati Reds player Pete Rose, who was involved in a betting scandal. Rose told Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig: "I didn't think I'd get caught."

Everyone from the elementary school student who said the dog ate his homework to members of the media who exaggerate or invent their stories have violated a moral imperative to tell the truth.

But that is not always the case. The First Amendment's freedoms apparently protect lying to some degree.

In an infamous 1997 whistleblower case between the Fox affiliate WTVT in Tampa and former employees, who were allegedly fired for "refusing to knowingly include false information" in a segment about milk production company Monsanto giving their cows drugs to speed up the milk process, an appellate court ruled in favor of Fox that violating the Federal Communications Commission news distortion policy is not against the law.

The Armstrong saga is a stark reminder that some are willing to lie and risk the possibility of shame in return for instant rewards. His collapse is likewise a reminder that the risk is ultimately not worth the final price.

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## NAACP was unfair, unjust in suspending my membership

**M**y Silver Life NAACP membership was suspended according to a letter signed by National NAACP President Benjamin Jealous on January 2, 2013. Additionally, I was removed as President of the Columbia County Branch NAACP. The reason stated in the letter for my removal was that I "filed charges against Debra White on December 4, 2012, while she was chair of the Columbia County Branch Nominating Committee." This is categorically untrue. The Nominating Committee was dissolved during the monthly meeting on October 15, 2012, removing Debra White as chairperson and all other persons from the committee.

The Nominating Committee chose Bernice D. Presley as President of the Columbia County branch of the NAACP on the slate of officers that was presented to the Branch and voted on at the October 15, 2012 meeting. There were no additional nominations from the floor at the October branch meeting, therefore, the slate of officers was finalized — Bernice D. Presley was president. Debra White did not attend the October 15 meeting. The general election was then scheduled for November 19, 2012 by the newly chosen Election Committee. However, the November 19 election was cancelled at the last minute because of a complaint filed by another member. This complaint was never investigated by the NAACP, but was allowed to cancel the election.

The Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches and the National Office sponsored an election on December 15, 2012, in Lake City. At the December 15, 2012 election that was state/national-sponsored, under the



**Bernice D. Presley**

direction and leadership of Dale Landry, 4th State Vice President, Bernice D. Presley defeated Debra White for Branch President by a vote of 16 to 13. Immediately after the election Presley was sworn in as President of the Columbia County Branch of the NAACP by Rev. Juvaïs Harrington, Assistant Secretary of the Florida State Conference of NAACP Branches. Additional officers that were voted on and sworn in were: Patricia Brady, 2nd Vice President; Glynnell Presley, Secretary; and Martha W. Harris, Treasurer.

Debra White was an active participant in an unsuccessful attempt by the leadership of the Florida State Conference when they came to Lake City, in July 2012 to oust (without credible evidence) the Chief of Police, Argatha Gilmore. Debra's Youth Group marched down U. S. Highway 90 to City Hall holding picket signs against the chief.

Debra White joined the local Branch February 7, 2012, was named 2nd Vice President and Youth Director during a regular Branch meeting by President John Mayo, February 20, 2012, after being a member of the NAACP for only 13 days. Branch President Mayo told the body that Mr. Dale Landry said that he (Mayo) had the authority to name her. The problem: Debra White was never voted on by the Executive Committee or the general body. She was not ever legally approved for these positions! Presently she is the 2nd Vice President

of this Branch, appointed January 10, 2013, by the newly assigned President, Linda Thomas.

The National Office's action against me was based on untruths, innuendos and retaliation. My 5th Amendment rights have been ignored. I have been denied due process.

Explanation: On November 19, 2012, at approximately 8:30 p.m., while I was standing in the parking lot with four others, I was approached by Debra White (Lake City Reporter, Jan. 13, Page 1A).

On the advice of my attorney and the investigating officer, I sought a restraining order against Debra. The restraining order was denied because the judge said it had to be repeated incidents. The national office, on a recommendation by State President Adora Obi Nweze and Dale Landry, removed me — because I defended myself!

At the hearing, Debra appeared with an NAACP-paid attorney, Andrea V. Nelson, who said she was hired by the NAACP to represent the branch. I did not file a restraining order against the branch; I filed against Debra White as an individual. This was clearly not an NAACP matter! Attorney Nelson did not allow Debra to speak; however, she cross-examined me during the hearing. Since when does the NAACP use hard-earned NAACP membership dollars to defend an individual who attacks another individual, namely Bernice D. Presley?

The NAACP at the national level operates on a double standard. At national conventions, leaders have armed guards follow them around — to protect them. Yet, I, Bernice D. Presley, am suspended, my Silver Life Membership revoked, and I am removed as President of the Columbia County Branch NAACP when I attempted to protect myself! I am a

Silver Life member who has attended 7 of the last 9 national conventions, mostly at my expense. Debra White has been a member less than a year. No other Columbia County Branch member or officer has this record of attending 7 of 9 National Conventions.

The NAACP surfaced in Columbia County in the 1930's, was chartered in 1968, and has numerous success stories in this county, including suing the county and the school board to get single member district voting, and the city for street-paving, sidewalks, street lights, sewer and other amenities. The branch was recently honored at the national convention in Houston, Texas for memberships. I received the award for the branch during the July, 2012 Convention in Houston, Texas.

It is often said, "Membership is the life blood of the NAACP." How can this be? On one hand the NAACP requests memberships; on the other hand the NAACP unjustly and unfairly takes memberships away!

As a reply to President Benjamin Jealous' letter to me, on January 5 I requested an immediate hearing. As of today's date (January 30, 2013) there has been no response from Benjamin Jealous or any other NAACP leader. This appears to be a tactic of leaders at the National Office when they can't justify what has been done. Remember: Justice delayed is justice denied!

The NAACP as an organization is a blessing to all humanity. However, it is a few self-centered, self-righteous, myopic, retaliatory and vindictive individuals who give it a dirty name.

A special note to readers: The President's position is a volunteer position, no salary is involved.

I remain committed to the struggle.

## HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

On this date:  
In 1783, Spain formally recognized American independence.  
In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a shipboard peace conference off the Virginia coast; the talks deadlocked over the issue of

Southern autonomy.  
In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.  
In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington, D.C., at age 67.  
In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft,

resigned for health reasons. (He died just over a month later.)  
In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a German torpedo; of the more than 900 men aboard, only about 230 survived.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at [jbarr@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:jbarr@lakecityreporter.com).

## Feb. 3

### Church anniversary

The Vineyard Baptist Church will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a special service at 10:30 a.m. in the church, 1832 Tomaka Terrace (off SW Bascom Norris Drive). The speaker will be Brandon Elixson. A covered-dish lunch will follow. For more information, call Cheryl Thomas at 365-0764.

## Feb. 4

### Loans workshop

Columbia County Extension will hold a free workshop to discuss loan and grant programs for small business and agricultural producers with USDA and Florida Office of Energy. The workshop will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. To register or for more information, contact Derek Barber at the Extension Office at (386) 752-5384.

## Feb. 5

### Musicians to perform

The Friends of the Library will host a performance by folk music duo Hungrytown at 7 p.m. at Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Musicians Rebecca Hall and Ken Anderson will perform music from their two acclaimed albums, "Hungrytown" and "Any Forgotten Thing."

### Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia County Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane, to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

### Charity tournament

The Players Club on U.S. 90 West will host a Texas hold'em poker tournament each Tuesday, starting at 7 p.m., to benefit the Tough Enough to Wear Pink Crisis Fund. For more information, call Linda Dowling at 752-8822.

## Feb. 6

### Newcomers lunch

The Lake City Newcomers' friendship lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant on U.S. 90 West. For more information, contact Rose Taylor at 755-2175 or Barbara Test at 754-7227.

### Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on Route 47 to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

### Festival planning

The Blue-Grey Army will meet at 5:30 p.m. to plan

## Carrier of the Year



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Joe Smith (left), *Lake City Reporter* district sales manager, presents a plaque for Carrier of the Year to Mitchell Lee. Lee has been working with the paper for two years. "It's an honor representing the *Lake City Reporter* and knowing that I've been doing a good job for my customers," Lee said.

the Olustee Battle Festival. The meeting will be at the school district central building, room 153, 409 SW St. Johns St.

## Feb. 7

### Forest workshop

Columbia County Extension is offering a Forest Stewardship Program workshop on timberland security from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Extension Office, 164 SW Mary Ethel Lane. Landowners, especially those who don't reside on their land, may be at risk of losses or costs resulting from trespass, timber theft, dumping, drug farming, wildfire, arson or other property violations. This workshop will help landowners be more aware of security risks and take steps to minimize them. A \$10 fee covers lunch and materials. Register online at <http://fsp-workshop020713.eventbrite.com/>. Those without web access can reserve a space by contacting the Extension office at (386) 752-5384. Space is limited so please register early.

### Debutants meeting

The Debutants Society will have an informational meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. The meeting is for girls and boys in 11th and 12th grades who might be interested in becoming members. Minister Jan Harrison is the organization contact person.

## Feb. 8

### Music concert

Country music singer Tracy Lawrence will perform at Florida Gateway College's Howard Conference Center, 149 SE College Place. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$25. Lawrence has amassed 18 No. 1 hits during his career, including "Alibis," "If the Good Die Young" and "Find Out Who Your

Friends Are." For tickets or more information, call (386) 754-4340 or visit [www.fgcentertainment.com](http://www.fgcentertainment.com).

### Art League exhibit

The Art League of North Florida eighth annual Spring Members Art Exhibit opens today at the Florida Gateway College. The exhibit runs through April 5. An opening reception will be at 6 p.m. at the college's Alfonso Levi Performing Arts Center. There will be refreshments, original art, an opportunity to meet and talk with the artists and an awards presentation. Artists who are not league members but would like to participate are asked to contact Marie Brown at 752-1248 or Sue Hall 755-1109.

### Festival vendors

The Blue-Grey Army is accepting applications from vendors wanting to take part in the 2013 Battle of Olustee Festival on Feb. 15 and 16 in Lake City. For more information, phone Phil Adler at (386) 438-3131, visit the festival website, [www.olustee festival.com](http://www.olustee festival.com), or email [vendorinfo@olustee festival.com](mailto:vendorinfo@olustee festival.com). The deadline to apply is Feb. 8 and spaces are limited.

### Theater performance

High Springs Community Theater will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Death of a Salesman" tonight through March 3. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$11. Seniors tickets for the Sunday matinee are \$9. Tickets are available at The Framery, 341 S. Marion Ave. in Lake City, by calling (386) 754-2780 or online at [highspringcommunitytheater.com](http://highspringcommunitytheater.com). For more information, call (386) 454-3525.

## Feb. 9

### BCU alumni

The Columbia County Chapter of Bethune-Cookman University Alumni will hold its

improve your writing and put a shine on your finished product.

### Black History Month

Black History Month organizers will host a "Trip to Freedom" bus trip to Fort Mose at St. Augustine, the first all-black settlement in the United States. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from Richardson Community Center. Cost is \$25, which includes entry fees and lunch. To register or for more information, contact the Ambassador Leadership Council at 867-1601, Blondell Johnson at 755-3110 or Bea Coker at 697-6075 or visit online at [www.itsaboutmyefforts.org](http://www.itsaboutmyefforts.org).

### Elks event

B & S Combs Elks Lodge and Temple will have a Black History Month program at the Richardson Center at 10 a.m. The speaker will be L. C. Bradley. For more information, call Mrs. Margaret Carter at (386) 752-3533.

### Shriners' fish fry

Lake City Shrine Club will have a fish fry beginning at 7 p.m. at the Shrine clubhouse on Northwest Brown Road, west of Lake City. The cost of \$7 includes fried fish and all the trimmings. Funds raised will benefit the Lake City Shrine Club and are not tax-deductible. For more information or to order ahead, call Bob Breyer at 365-1388.

## Feb. 10

### Library group to meet

The Friends of the Library will have its annual meeting program, "Having Fun, Wish You Were Here! An Illustrated History of the Postcard in Florida,"

presented by Liz Coursen at 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. The program will include vintage postcards featuring Lake City and other regional locations.

### Christian concert

The Christian music group Brian Free and Assurance will give a concert at Wellborn Baptist Church. The church is on U.S. 90 West between Live Oak and Lake City at the intersection with Lowe Lake Road in Wellborn. A love offering for the group will be received. More information about the church is available online [www.wellbornbaptist.com](http://www.wellbornbaptist.com) or by calling (386) 963-2231.

## Feb. 11

### Coalition meeting

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. executive/finance committee will meet at 3 p.m. at the coalition office, 1104 SW Main Blvd. The coalition administers state and federal funding for all School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten programs for the following counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee, and Union. Anyone with a disability requiring special assistance to attend the meeting should contact Stacey Nettles at (386) 752-9770.

### Cancer survivors tea

All cancer survivors are invited to a tea in celebration with other survivors from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at The Clubhouse of the Lake City Woman's and Garden clubs at 257 SE Hernando St. Enjoy For more information, call to (386) 752-4198 or (386) 752-0956.

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# As standoff drags on, town grieves bus driver

## Authorities holding back out of concern for abducted boy.

By JAY REEVES  
Associated Press

MIDLAND CITY, Ala. — As the police standoff with an Alabama man accused of holding a 5-year-old boy hostage continued Saturday, a nearby community prepared to bury the beloved bus driver who was shot to death trying to protect children on his bus when the episode began days earlier.

Charles Albert Poland Jr., 66, who was known around town as Chuck, was described by folks in his hometown of Newton as a humble hero. Hundreds of people attended visitation services for Poland on Saturday evening. Mourners said they were proud of Poland for his act of selflessness, and for laying down his life for the children on the bus. His funeral was set for Sunday afternoon.

"I believe that if he had to do it all over again tomorrow, he would," said Poland's sister-in-law, Lavern Skipper, earlier Saturday. "He would do it for those children."

Authorities said Jim Lee Dykes boarded a stopped school bus filled with 21 children Tuesday afternoon and demanded two boys between 6 and 8 years old. When Poland tried to block his



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Members of an FBI special operations team wait Saturday in Midland City, Ala., the fifth day of a standoff with a man who holed up in a bunker with a 5-year-old boy as hostage after the man shot and killed school bus driver on Tuesday. Authorities said they still had communication with the man, Jim Lee Dykes. Sheriff Wally Olson said Saturday that Jimmy Lee Dykes has told them that he has blankets and an electric heater in the bunker.

way, the gunman shot him several times and took one 5-year-old boy — who police say remains in an underground bunker with Dykes.

Dale County Sheriff Wally Olson said in a briefing with reporters Saturday that Dykes told them he has blankets and an electric heater in the bunker on his property. Authorities have been communicating with Dykes through a ventilation pipe to the bunker.

Olson also said Dykes has

allowed police to deliver coloring books, medication and toys for the boy.

"I want to thank him for taking care of our boy," Olson said. "That's very important."

The shooting and abduction took place in Midland City, a small town near Dothan, Ala., in the state's southeastern corner.

Newton is about three miles away, a small hamlet with fewer than 2,000 residents. It sits amid cotton farms and rolling hills sprinkled with red earth; most of

the residents commute to Dothan or to a nearby Army post.

Nearly everyone in Newton was planning to attend Poland's visitation or funeral.

"He's probably the nicest guy you'll ever meet," said Lonnie Daniels, the 69-year-old owner of the NAPA Auto Parts store, one of three establishments in town that was open Saturday.

Daniels last saw his friend Tuesday morning, when Poland agreed to buy a car from him. The two men shook hands and

closed the deal "like gentlemen," Daniels said. Poland was to return after working his bus route to pay for the car.

"He never came back," Daniels said quietly.

Daniels said Poland had been married to his wife for 43 years. Poland was from Idaho, but his wife was from Newton. The couple lived there for decades in a small mobile home, and Poland enjoyed gardening and clearing brush from his property.

"I knew that he was always there if I needed," said Daniels, adding that Poland was an excellent mechanic with an array of tools that he lent to people in town.

In Midland City, police were mostly staying mum about their talks with Dykes, — a Vietnam-era veteran known as Jimmy to his neighbors. Some have described him as a menacing figure with anti-government views.

Sheriff Olson would not say Saturday whether Dykes has made any demands. Olson added that he is limited in the details he can release.

FBI spokesman Jason Pack said Saturday that officials were working to establish a command center near the bunker.

Dykes had been scheduled to appear in court Wednesday to answer charges he shot at his neighbors in a dispute last month over a speed bump.

## Junk foods to be outlawed at schools

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most candy, high-calorie drinks and greasy meals could soon be on a food blacklist in the nation's schools.

For the first time, the government is proposing broad new standards to make sure all foods sold in schools are more healthful.

Under the new rules the Agriculture Department proposed Friday, foods like fatty chips, snack cakes, nachos and mozzarella sticks would be taken out of lunch lines and vending machines. In their place would be foods like baked chips, trail mix, diet sodas, lower-calorie sports drinks and low-fat hamburgers.

The rules, required under a child nutrition law passed by Congress in 2010, are part of the government's effort to combat childhood obesity. While many schools already have improved their lunch menus and vending machine choices, others still are selling high-fat, high-calorie foods.

Under the proposal, the Agriculture Department would set fat, calorie, sugar and sodium limits on almost all foods sold in schools. Current standards already regulate the nutritional content of school breakfasts and lunches that are subsidized by the federal government, but most lunchrooms also have "a la carte" lines that sell other foods. Food sold through vending machines and in other ways outside the lunchroom has never before been federally regulated.

"Parents and teachers work hard to instill healthy eating habits in our kids, and these efforts should be supported when kids walk through the schoolhouse door," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Most snacks sold in school would have to have less than 200 calories. Elementary and middle schools could sell only water, low-fat milk or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice. High schools could sell some sports drinks, diet sodas and iced teas, but the calories would be limited. Drinks would be limited to 12-ounce portions in middle schools and to 8-ounce portions in elementary schools.

The standards will cover



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Side salads, apple sauce and plums await the students of Eastside Elementary School in Clinton, Miss. The government for the first time is proposing broad new standards to make school snacks healthier, a move that would ban the sale of almost all candy, high-calorie sports drinks and greasy foods at schools that receive federal funds.

vending machines, the "a la carte" lunch lines, snack bars and any other foods regularly sold around school. They would not apply to in-school fundraisers or bake sales, though states have the power to regulate them. The new guidelines also would not apply to after-school concessions at school games or theater events, goodies brought from home for classroom celebrations, or anything students bring for their own personal consumption.

The new rules are the latest in a long list of changes designed to make foods served in schools more healthful and accessible. Nutritional guidelines for the subsidized lunches were revised last year and put in place last fall. The 2010 child nutrition law also provided more money for schools to serve free and reduced-cost lunches and required more meals to be served to hungry kids.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, has been working for two decades to take junk foods out of schools. He calls the availability of unhealthy foods around campus a "loophole" that undermines the taxpayer money that helps pay for the healthier subsidized lunches.

"USDA's proposed nutrition standards are a critical step in closing that loophole and in ensuring that our schools are places that nurture not just the minds of American children but their bodies as well," Harkin said.

Last year's rules faced criticism from some conservatives, including some Republicans in Congress, who said the government shouldn't be telling kids what to eat. Mindful of that backlash, the Agriculture Department exempted in-school fundraisers from federal regulation and proposed different options for some parts of the rule, including the calorie limits for drinks in high schools, which would be limited to either 60 calories or 75 calories in a 12-ounce portion.

The department also has shown a willingness to work with schools to resolve complaints that some new requirements are hard to meet. Last year, for example, the government relaxed some limits on meats and grains in subsidized lunches after school nutritionists said they weren't working.

Schools, the food industry, interest groups and other critics or supporters of the new proposal will have 60 days to comment and suggest changes. A final rule could be in place as soon as the 2014 school year.

Margo Wootan, a nutrition lobbyist for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said surveys by her organization show that most parents want changes in the lunchroom.

"Parents aren't going to have to worry that kids are using their lunch money to buy candy bars and a Gatorade instead of a healthy school lunch," she said.

The food industry has been onboard with many of the changes, and several companies worked with Congress on the child nutrition law two years ago. Major beverage companies have already agreed to take the most caloric sodas out of schools. But those same companies, including Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, also sell many of the non-soda options, like sports drinks, and have lobbied to keep them in vending machines.

A spokeswoman for the American Beverage Association, which represents the soda companies, says they already have greatly reduced the number of calories that kids are consuming at school.

## Mistakenly freed killer recaptured

By JASON KEYSER  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two days after a stunning series of errors allowed a convicted murderer to walk out of a Chicago jail where he did not need to be in the first place, police recaptured the man at a northern Illinois home where he was found watching TV.

Steven L. Robbins, 44, put up no resistance Friday night as police burst through the door of a townhome in Kankakee, about 60 miles south of Chicago, said Cook County Sheriff's Office spokesman Frank Bilecki.

"He was in the living room or kitchen area watching TV, taken by total surprise," Bilecki said, adding that it appears the homeowner might know an acquaintance of



Robbins

Robbins. Before the arrest, a surveillance team spotted Robbins wearing a curly wig

while carrying groceries from a vehicle into the home, the sheriff's office said.

By Saturday afternoon, Robbins was back in the Indiana State Prison, where he was serving a 60-year sentence for murder.

The prisoner's mistaken release focused attention on an antiquated corner of the criminal justice system that still relies extensively on paper documents instead of computers in moving detainees and keeping tabs on their court status.

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Tracy Lawrence, one of country music's major stars, with 18 No. 1 hits to his credit, will appear in concert Friday night at Florida Gateway College.

## Seats still available for Tracy Lawrence performance Friday

From staff reports

Limited tickets remain for Tracy Lawrence show Friday at Florida Gateway College

During the past 20 years, Tracy Lawrence's discography has been a showcase for one of the most unforgettable voices in contemporary country music. That unique music style will be on display on as part of the FGC Entertainment series. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Howard Conference Center at the college.

Tracy Lawrence's performance is sponsored by Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center and CMS Professional Staffing Inc.

Lawrence's respect for country-music tradition has made him one of his genre's cornerstone stylists. The Arkansas native burst on the scene with 1991's platinum-selling "Sticks and Stones." The album contained four massive radio hits, including its title tune. "Alibis," issued in 1993, sold more than two million copies and spawned four consecutive No. 1 hits, "Alibis," "Can't

Break It to My Heart," "My Second Home" and "If the Good Die Young." "Can't Break It to My Heart" and "My Second Home" were the first hits that he co-wrote. Lawrence also had a hand in penning "If the World Had a Front Porch" (1995), "Stars Over Texas" (1996), "How a Cowgirl Says Goodbye" (1997) and "Lessons Learned" (2000).

"I think everybody else seems to be so busy trying to be pop stars that they've forgotten what they came here for," Lawrence said. "I didn't come here to be a pop star. I came here to be a country singer. I've been passionate about country since I was a kid. I still love it, and I'm desperately trying to hold onto it, in spite of what the marketplace says is 'fashionable.'"

Tickets are still available for the concert, though VIP seats are extremely limited. VIP tickets are \$40, general admission is \$25, and tickets for FGC students, staff and faculty are \$15.

Tickets can be purchased by calling (386) 754-4340 or by visiting [www.fgc-entertainment.com](http://www.fgc-entertainment.com).

## Python hunt yields 41 snakes so far

MIAMI — More than three dozen Burmese pythons have been hunted during Florida's "Python Challenge" that ends in less than two weeks.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said Friday that 41 of the invasive snakes have been killed in the Everglades since the competition began Jan. 12.

■ Associated Press

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## County health fair



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Quinton Callum Jr. has his cholesterol checked at the Columbia County Recreation Department's annual Community Health and Wellness Fair at Richardson Community Center on Saturday. Callum teaches virtual school at Columbia High School and coaches the running backs for the football team. Irma Neves, point-of-care coordinator at Lake City Medical Center, administered the cholesterol test. She said anyone 18 years old or older should have a complete lipid profile done once a year.

## Black History Month speakers



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Two of the speakers at Friday's opening ceremonies for Black History Month at Richardson Community Center talked about two particularly important chapters of that history. **LEFT:** Minister Diallo-Sekou Abur El recites John F. Kennedy's Civil Rights Address. **RIGHT:** John Gay, a former Tuskegee Airman, speaks about his experiences at the Black History Month opening ceremony held at the Richardson Community Center on Friday. 'I want to use this opportunity to get into the community and talk about history,' Gay said. 'The Tuskegee Airmen was an American thing that happened to involve a whole lot of black people. It should be celebrated year-round. I'd like to spread the word.'

## Ponzi schemer's wife pleads guilty

By CURT ANDERSON  
AP Legal Affairs Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — The wife of convicted Ponzi scheme operator Scott Rothstein pleaded guilty Friday to a federal conspiracy charge, admitting that she and others sought to conceal and sell more than \$1 million in jewelry that federal investigators wanted to seize to repay wronged investors.

Kim Rothstein, 38, faces a maximum of five years in prison when she is sentenced April 19 but is likely to get far less under federal guidelines. She pleaded guilty in a short, subdued hearing to conspiracy to

commit money laundering, obstruct justice and tamper with a witness.

She and her attorney, David Tucker, declined comment after the plea, ducking into a dark-colored SUV and speeding off.

Two others involved in the hidden-jewelry plot — her friend Stacie Weisman, 49, and her attorney Scott Saidel, 45 — have also pleaded guilty and face similar five-year sentences. Two other men accused of playing roles in the scheme are set to go to trial in April.

Scott Rothstein, a now-disbarred lawyer who formerly headed a high-flying firm, is serving a 50-year prison sentence for orchestrating a \$1.2 bil-

lion Ponzi scheme using fake legal settlements to lure investors with promises of huge profits. In reality, Rothstein was using money from new investors to pay older ones in classic Ponzi scheme fashion.

Once the scam collapsed in late 2009, investigators moved to seize Rothstein's homes, property, fancy cars, boats and many other assets including a treasure trove of jewelry in order to partially repay the investors.

Kim Rothstein said in a sworn statement on Nov. 9, 2009, that everything had been turned over.

Some of the jewelry, however, seemed to be missing.

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

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Lake City Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a meeting on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers located on the second floor of City Hall at 205 North Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

- Art League Funding

All interested persons are invited to attend.

**AUDREY E SIKES, MMC**  
City Clerk

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA WILL MEET ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CITY HALL AT 205 NORTH MARION AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** If you require special aid or services for any of the meetings identified above, as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the City Manager's Office at (386) 719-5768.

**AUDREY E SIKES, MMC**  
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# THE WEATHER

<b>3</b> SUNDAY SUNNY, BREEZY HI 67 LO 33	<b>4</b> MONDAY MOSTLY SUNNY HI 65 LO 36	<b>5</b> TUESDAY FEW SHOWERS HI 70 LO 47	<b>6</b> WEDNESDAY FEW SHOWERS HI 73 LO 44	<b>7</b> THURSDAY FEW SHOWERS HI 73 LO 47
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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, February 3

Sunday's high/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	66/47/s	71/51/s
Daytona Beach	65/44/s	71/54/s
Ft. Lauderdale	74/61/s	77/66/pc
Fort Myers	72/52/s	76/60/s
Gainesville	65/37/pc	70/48/pc
Jacksonville	62/37/s	69/48/pc
Key West	73/64/pc	75/65/pc
Lake City	65/36/pc	70/47/pc
Miami	74/61/s	78/65/pc
Naples	71/52/s	76/59/pc
Ocala	67/38/pc	72/49/pc
Orlando	68/46/s	76/55/s
Panama City	63/50/pc	67/52/sh
Pensacola	63/55/pc	68/50/sh
Tallahassee	65/39/pc	70/46/pc
Tampa	68/48/s	75/60/s
Valdosta	64/39/pc	70/44/pc
W. Palm Beach	73/57/s	78/63/pc

### LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	65
Low Saturday	30
Normal high	68
Normal low	44
Record high	85 in 1950
Record low	25 in 1980

PRECIPITATION	MOON
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.00"
Year total	0.33"
Normal month-to-date	0.23"
Normal year-to-date	3.54"

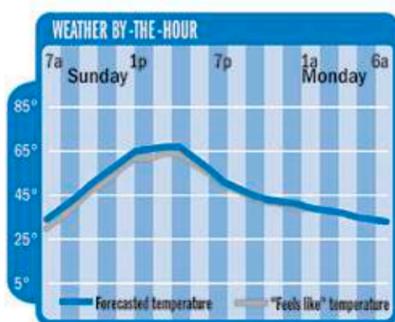
Feb. 3 Last   Feb. 10 New   Feb. 17 First   Feb. 25 Full

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**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Snow showers will be likely from the Great Lakes into the Mid-Atlantic and New England today. Expect numerous snow showers up and down the spine of the Appalachians, as well. Meanwhile, an Alberta Clipper dropping into the Northern Plains will trigger a band of snow that will spread from the Dakotas into the western Corn Belt as the day progresses.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

Map shows a high pressure system (H) over the Pacific Northwest and a low pressure system (L) over the Great Lakes region. Fronts are indicated by lines with triangles (cold) and semicircles (warm). Precipitation chances are shown with percentages (e.g., 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s).

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 78°, Corpus Christi, Texas Low: -39°, International Falls, MN

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany NY	26/8/0	29/16/sf	Des Moines	28/17/0	30/19/pc	Omaha	29/24/0	38/25/pc
Albuquerque	50/32/0	56/33/c	Detroit	23/14/03	25/12/sn	Orlando	71/41/0	71/44/s
Anchorage	31/25/01	34/25/1	El Paso	65/31/0	67/43/pc	Philadelphia	30/18/0	36/23/sn
Atlanta	54/27/0	53/31/s	Fairbanks	10/-2/0	6/-9/c	Phoenix	69/48/0	69/51/c
Baltimore	28/17/0	38/24/sn	Greensboro	39/19/0	49/25/pc	Pittsburgh	23/7/01	26/9/sn
Billings	49/24/0	50/28/pc	Hartford	30/19/0	32/19/sn	Portland ME	26/12/0	31/16/sn
Birmingham	53/26/0	55/33/s	Honolulu	77/72/0	79/65/s	Portland OR	45/34/0	48/38/c
Bismarck	36/6/05	31/14/c	Houston	73/46/0	71/51/pc	Raleigh	41/19/0	52/26/pc
Boise	39/23/0	46/23/pc	Indianapolis	28/17/08	24/11/pc	Rapid City	46/27/0	55/25/pc
Boston	30/19/0	32/24/sn	Jackson MS	69/33/0	62/40/s	Reno	42/28/0	56/26/pc
Buffalo	18/12/26	26/16/sn	Jacksonville	63/31/0	66/35/s	Richmond	36/11/0	46/25/pc
Charleston SC	60/28/0	60/34/s	Kansas City	41/25/0	42/23/s	Sacramento	57/39/0	64/37/s
Charleston WV	26/7/06	32/18/sn	Las Vegas	62/47/0	66/45/pc	St. Louis	45/30/0	39/28/pc
Chicago	45/23/0	53/27/s	Little Rock	57/28/0	57/38/s	Salt Lake City	33/14/0	40/24/pc
Cheyenne	48/19/0	52/26/pc	Los Angeles	72/56/0	70/52/pc	San Antonio	72/43/0	72/51/pc
Cincinnati	31/14/01	28/15/pc	Los Angeles	72/56/0	70/52/pc	San Diego	73/52/0	70/49/pc
Cleveland	21/13/15	21/14/sn	Memphis	50/31/0	53/37/s	San Francisco	54/47/0	59/43/pc
Columbia SC	55/22/0	59/30/s	Miami	74/59/0	74/55/s	Seattle	43/39/0	47/40/c
Dallas	64/44/0	69/47/pc	Minneapolis	8/0/0	16/0/pc	Spokane	32/25/0	38/30/c
Daytona Beach	67/37/0	68/43/s	Mobile	65/34/0	65/38/s	Tampa	68/44/0	70/48/s
Denver	56/21/0	56/30/s	New Orleans	67/43/0	66/45/s	Tucson	70/39/0	67/47/c
			New York	28/19/0	32/23/sn	Washington	31/18/0	40/25/sn
			Oklahoma City	57/30/0	59/42/pc			

### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	86/75/0	87/73/s	La Paz	61/41/50	50/41/sh	Rio	93/77/0	90/72/c
Amsterdam	43/36/03	42/40/sh	Lima	81/70/0	77/70/pc	Rome	59/52/0	50/40/sh
Athens	62/46/0	63/53/pc	London	43/37/0	45/43/sh	St. Thomas VI	82/69/0	80/72/pc
Auckland	79/63/0	81/66/pc	Madrid	52/41/05	50/33/s	San Juan PR	83/71/0	80/69/pc
Beijing	39/12/0	32/18/pc	Mexico City	75/43/0	71/45/pc	Santiago	91/57/0	94/71/s
Berlin	39/34/25	37/33/c	Montreal	10/1/0	21/16/sf	Seoul	36/23/0	36/27/sn
Buenos Aires	86/68/1.96	77/58/s	Moscow	34/27/0	39/25/sn	Singapore	90/79/0	85/77/t
Cairo	66/46/02	72/55/s	Nairobi	79/61/0	77/56/s	Sydney	68/59/0	75/66/pc
Geneva	50/36/1.01	33/28/c	Nassau	73/68/0	74/63/pc	Tel Aviv	63/52/0	69/52/s
Havana	79/59/0	78/61/pc	New Delhi	73/57/0	74/58/c	Tokyo	66/52/0	46/39/sh
Helsinki	30/24/0	24/21/c	Oslo	28/5/0	30/21/sn	Toronto	21/14/0	25/16/sf
Hong Kong	79/66/0	67/66/sh	Panama	88/77/0	85/74/t	Vienna	45/37/07	38/30/pc
Kingston	86/77/0	80/69/sh	Paris	43/36/0	45/38/sh	Warsaw	37/32/13	32/29/c

KEY TO CONDITIONS: c-cloudy, dr-drizzle, f-fair, fg-fog, h-hazy, i-ice, pc-partly cloudy, r-rain, s-sunny, sh-showers, sn-snow, ts-thunderstorms, w-windy.

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# SPORTS

## Decision time for Tunsil



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High left tackle Laremy Tunsil poses for a photograph while at football practice earlier this year. Tunsil will be signing live — televised by ESPN — during National Signing Day on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbia High School auditorium.

## Parade All-American to sign live on Wednesday

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
 bfinley@lakecityreporter.com

As a first-team member of this year's Parade All-America Football Team, Columbia High's Laremy Tunsil continues to rake in the recognition. Tunsil is the fourth player in the Lake City Reporter's

coverage area to be named to the Parade All-America Football team. For a player that has been handed so many honors, Tunsil still accepts each recognition as a gift. "It's a blessing," Tunsil said. "I've got to keep working to be on top. You never know who wants to take it

from you." Tunsil said that he's not one to overindulge in the awards. "I don't take it to the head, because I'm still in high school," Tunsil said. "I don't wanna get the big head, so it's always another

**TUNSIL continued on 2B**



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's 2013 softball team is (front row, from left) Keeley Murray, Brandy Morgan, Tatum Morgan, Lacey King, Brittney Morgan, Erin Anderson, Leslie Ann Rosonet, and Holly Borris. Back row (from left) is head coach Jimmy Williams, Ashley Shoup, Caleigh McCauley, Kayli Kvistad, Hollianne Dohrn, Lauren Eakeer, Jessica Shimmel, assistant coach Mitch Shoup and assistant coach Greg Sund.

## Back in action

Lady Tigers begin season on Tuesday.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
 bfinley@lakecityreporter.com

After a 21-6 campaign last season, head coach Jimmy Williams doesn't plan on the Lady Tigers' softball program of Columbia High slowing down any in 2013. "I expect us to have a deep run into regionals," Williams said. "The trick

is, we have to win our district." Williams said that the district will once again be top heavy with the same group vying for the championship again this season. "It's a three-team race with us, St. Augustine and Atlantic Coast," Williams said. "People will find this hard to believe, but I think this may be the best team I've ever had. They'll find that especially hard to believe after the 'Fab 4' last year. We just have every

ingredient." Williams will have a two-rotation pitching staff that includes Erin Anderson and Ashley Shoup. "They're not rookies any more," Williams said. "They have varsity experience." Both pitchers have contrasting styles that Williams believes will keep teams off balance. "Anderson is a little faster than Ashley," Williams

**CHS continued on 2B**

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# SCOREBOARD

## TELEVISION

### TV sports

**Today**  
**GOLF**  
1 p.m.  
TGC — PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
3 p.m.  
NBC — PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
2 p.m.  
ESPN — Marquette at Louisville  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
6:29 p.m.  
CBS — Super Bowl XLVII, San Francisco vs. Baltimore, at New Orleans  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
12:30 p.m.  
NBC — Pittsburgh at Washington  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
1 p.m.  
FSN — Oklahoma at West Virginia  
**Monday**  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN — Notre Dame at Syracuse  
NBCSN — George Mason at Old Dominion  
9 p.m.  
ESPN — Texas at West Virginia  
**NHL HOCKEY**  
9 p.m.  
NBCSN — Dallas at Colorado  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
7 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Purdue at Penn St.  
9 p.m.  
ESPN2 — Texas A&M at LSU

## FOOTBALL

### NFL postseason

**Wild-card Playoffs**  
Houston 19, Cincinnati 13  
Green Bay 24, Minnesota 10  
Indianapolis at Baltimore  
Seattle 24, Washington 14  
**Divisional Playoffs**  
Baltimore 38, Denver 35, 2OT  
San Francisco 45, Green Bay 31  
Atlanta 30, Seattle 28  
New England 41, Houston 28  
**Conference Championships**  
**Sunday**  
San Francisco 28, Atlanta 24  
Baltimore 28, New England 13  
**Pro Bowl**  
**Sunday**  
At Honolulu  
NFC 62, AFC 35  
**Super Bowl**  
**Sunday**  
At New Orleans  
Baltimore vs. San Francisco, 6 p.m. (CBS)

### NFL calendar

March 9-11 — Clubs may enter negotiations with certified agents of players who will be unrestricted free agents at end of league year.  
March 12 — Before 4 p.m. EDT, clubs must exercise options for 2013 on

all players who have option clauses in their 2012 contracts; clubs must submit qualifying offers to their restricted free agents with expiring contracts and to whom they desire to retain a right of first refusal/compensation; clubs must submit a minimum salary offer to retain exclusive negotiating rights to players with expiring 2012 contracts and who have fewer than three seasons of free agency credit; all 2012 player contracts expire. All clubs must be under the salary cap. The 2013 league year, free agency and trading period begins at 4 p.m. EDT.

March 17-20 — Annual league meeting, Phoenix  
April 25-27 — NFL draft, New York  
May 20-22 — NFL spring league Meeting, Boston  
Sept. 5, 8-9 — 2013 NFL season begins.

## BASKETBALL

### NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	29	15	.659	—
Brooklyn	28	19	.596	2½
Boston	23	23	.500	7
Philadelphia	20	26	.435	10
Toronto	17	30	.362	13½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	29	14	.674	—
Atlanta	26	19	.578	4
Orlando	14	32	.304	16½
Charlotte	11	34	.244	19
Washington	11	34	.244	19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	28	18	.609	—
Indiana	28	19	.596	½
Milwaukee	24	21	.533	3½
Detroit	18	29	.383	10½
Cleveland	13	34	.277	15½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	37	11	.771	—
Memphis	30	16	.652	6
Houston	25	23	.521	12
Dallas	20	27	.426	16½
New Orleans	15	32	.319	21½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	35	11	.761	—
Denver	30	18	.625	6
Utah	26	21	.553	9½
Portland	23	23	.500	12
Minnesota	17	26	.395	16½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	34	14	.708	—
Golden State	29	17	.630	4
L.A. Lakers	21	26	.447	12½
Sacramento	17	31	.354	17
Phoenix	16	31	.340	17½

Others receiving votes: Georgetown 121, UNLV 56, Wisconsin 45, UCLA 34, Arizona St. 14, Notre Dame 12, Pittsburgh 10, Louisiana Tech 8, Villanova 6, Baylor 5, Iowa St. 4, Memphis 4, VCU 4, La Salle 3, Saint Mary's (Cal) 2, Colorado St. 1.

Memphis 85, Washington 76  
Denver 113, New Orleans 98  
Utah 86, Portland 77  
Dallas 109, Phoenix 99  
L.A. Lakers 111, Minnesota 100

**Sunday's Games**  
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Toronto, 2 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Portland at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.

### AP Top 25

Record	Pts	Prv
1. Michigan (51)	19-1	1,611 2
2. Kansas (13)	18-1	1,572 3
3. Indiana	18-2	1,457 7
4. Florida (1)	16-2	1,420 8
5. Duke	17-2	1,328 1
6. Syracuse	18-2	1,322 3
7. Gonzaga	19-2	1,177 10
8. Arizona	17-2	1,160 6
9. Butler	17-3	1,023 9
10. Oregon	18-2	969 16
11. Ohio St.	15-4	945 14
12. Louisville	16-4	905 5
13. Michigan St.	17-4	897 13
14. Miami	15-3	894 25
15. Wichita St.	19-2	621 20
16. Mississippi	17-2	473 23
17. Missouri	15-4	464 22
18. Kansas St.	15-4	463 11
19. NC State	16-4	431 18
20. New Mexico	17-3	333 15
21. Creighton	18-3	312 17
22. San Diego St.	16-4	302 —
23. Minnesota	15-5	281 12
24. Cincinnati	16-4	220 21
25. Marquette	14-4	216 —

## HOCKEY

### NHL Games

**Friday's Games**  
Dallas 4, Phoenix 3, SO  
Vancouver 2, Chicago 1, SO  
Washington 3, Philadelphia 2  
Carolina 1, Ottawa 0  
Tampa Bay 8, Winnipeg 3  
Detroit 5, St. Louis 3  
Anaheim 3, Minnesota 1  
**Sunday's Games**  
Pittsburgh at Washington, 12:30 p.m.  
Ottawa at Montreal, 2 p.m.  
Florida at Buffalo, 3 p.m.  
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 3 p.m.  
**Monday's Games**  
Carolina at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
Vancouver at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

### NBA Glance

**Friday's Games**  
Toronto 98, L.A. Clippers 73  
Indiana 102, Miami 89  
Boston 97, Orlando 84  
New York 96, Milwaukee 86  
Brooklyn 93, Chicago 89  
Philadelphia 89, Sacramento 80  
Detroit 117, Cleveland 99

# BRIEFS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

## USSSA travel team sign-up

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox North, Inc. has announced tryouts at Richardson Community Center for its seventh- and 10th-grade USSSA travel basketball teams. Tryouts for seventh-grade (ages 11-14) are 5:30-7 p.m. on Feb. 13, 15, 20 and 22; tryouts for 10-grade (ages 14-17) are 5:30-7 p.m. on Feb. 12, 14, 19 and 21. Permission/waver forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Twelve players will be chosen for each team and contacted by phone. Fee for players selected is \$60, due by March 1.

For details, call Mario Coppock or Nicole Smith at 754-7096 or 754-7095.

### RUNNING

## Blue Grey 5k sign-up open

The 2013 Olustee Blue Grey 5k is 7:30 a.m. Feb. 16. This year's

theme is "Celebrate Life" and the race is for all ages and fitness levels. There will be an award for the runner/walker with the most outgoing and fun-filled outfit. The first runner to break 19 minutes will receive \$100, and there will be raffle prizes. Registration is open at active.com; the fee will increase the day of the race.

For details, call Michelle at (386) 208-2447.

## Tortoise 5k run/walk at O'Leno

The fifth annual Race the Tortoise 5k run/walk is 8 a.m. March 2 at O'Leno State Park on U.S. Highway 41-441, 17 miles south of Lake City. Entry fee through Feb. 14 is \$10 for ages 14 and younger and \$20 for all others (\$25 after Feb. 14). Entry to the park is free for registered runners. The race is limited to the first 300 registrants, and all will receive a T-shirt. Proceeds go to O'Leno State Park. To register go

to www.friendsofoleno.org and click 5K Run.

For details, call Cindy Preston at 454-0723.

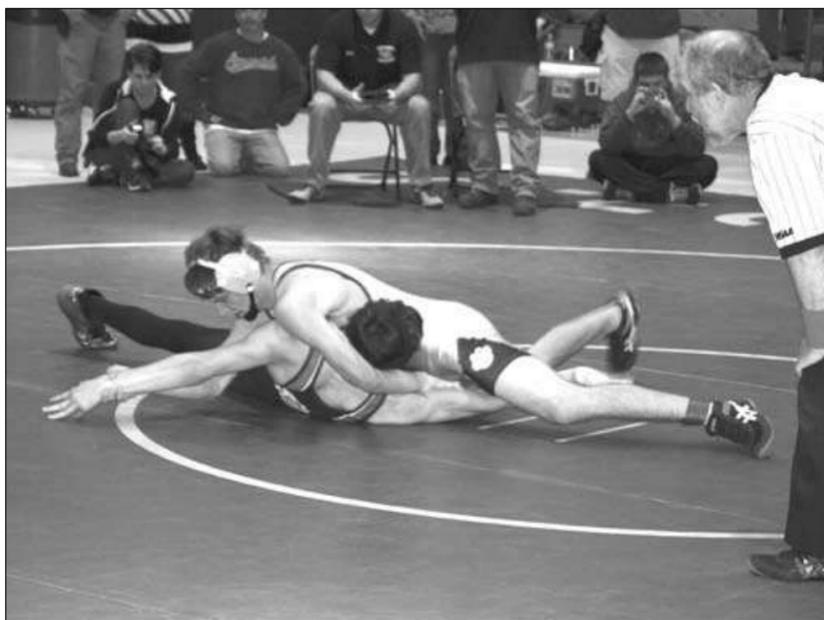
### CHS FOOTBALL

## Quarterback Club pheasant shoot

Allen & Son Quail Farm and the Columbia County Quarterback Club, is sponsoring a pheasant hunt on Feb. 9 at Robert Louis Green Farm, 12 miles north of Lake City. Ticket cost for the shooting stations is \$250 (20-shooter limit), which includes runners to pick up birds, dressing out birds and any tipping. Back-up shooters will be charged \$75. Shooters should arrive no later than noon, and there will be a safety meeting before the shoot.

For details, call Leronia Allen at 754-9127 or Christofer Piercy at 288-9631. Ducks Unlimited District Chairman Jimmy Sparks is working with Allen on the pheasant shoot.

■ From staff reports



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Daniel Devers defeated Jared Guminski from Lincoln High in the 160-pound championship at the District 2-2A wrestling tournament at Columbia High School on Saturday.

# Three Tigers win district tournament

By BRANDON FINLEY  
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Columbia High had three winners take home first place at the District 2-2A wrestling championship on Saturday in Lake City.

The Tigers' Cole Schreiber, Kaleb Warner and Daniel Devers each took home first place in their respective weight classes.

Schreiber ended the day with a perfect 2-0 record with pins in both matches. He defeated Ryan Ochoa from Paxon High and Devontea Middlebrook from Terry Parker High in 1:16 to claim the championship.

Schreiber has a 29-4

record on the year in the 113-pound weight class.

Warner finished the day with two falls to take home the 126-pound championship. He defeated Dexter Melton from Leon High in the preliminary and David Edmunds of Lincoln High at 5:18 for the win.

Warner has a 43-7 record for the year.

Devers took home first place in the 160-pound division and is 42-5 on the season.

Devers defeated Jackson Baldwin from Lee High with a fall at 2:12 of the preliminaries and Jared Guminski of Leon with a fall at 1:34 of the finals.

Dustin Regar finished the day with a 2-1 record and finished second in the

138-pound division.

Cole Horton finished 2-1 and was third place in the 106-pound division and Robert Martin was fourth in the 152-pound division with a 1-2 record.

"Schreiber is now a three time district champion and he's fought through a lot of adversity to be here again this year with a busted knee," Columbia head coach Andrew Porter said. "Daniel and Kaleb have both worked their butts off to get here. The guys went all out today."

Each of the top four individuals per weight group advance.

Lincoln finished in first with 260.50 points with Stanton Prep in second and Columbia in third.

# TUNSIL: Signing on Wednesday

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wow moment."

Tunsil's next step will be naming a school when he commits on ESPN at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday.

"It's a hard, stressful decision that I've got to make in the next few days," he said.

His choices are limited to SEC schools and he will play at either Alabama, Georgia or Ole Miss.

"They're all really the same," Tunsil said. "I'm basing it all on relationships. It's going to come down to who I can

deal with the best. It's gonna be who I have the most relationships with, who I have the relationship with."

And the Tiger product wasn't about to tip his hand to where he might be leaning.

"There's really not a leader," Tunsil said. "They're all the same."

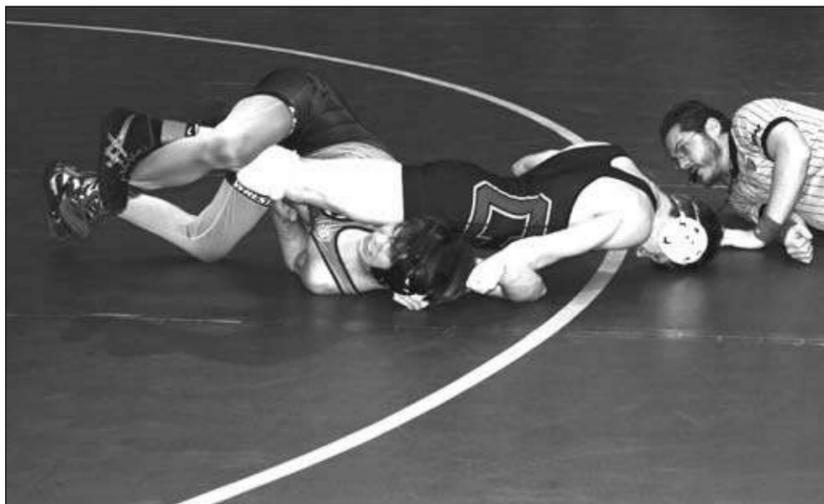
In fact, he might not even have the decision made. Tunsil hinted that the decision might not come until that morning.

"It's going to be whatever I think about in the morning when I first wake

up," Tunsil said. "I'm gonna keep it to myself and let it be a little surprise for everyone."

With Georgia head coach Mark Richt in town for an in-home visit this week and the Ole Miss coaching staff attending Thursday's basketball game against Fort White High with Tunsil, the recruiting game appears to be coming down to the wire for the services of one of the nation's top tackles.

And as Tunsil mentioned, it seems that this is anyone's game.



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Kaleb Warner holds down Lincoln's David Edmunds as he struggles to escape from Warner's pin during the District 2-2A wrestling tournament held at Columbia High School on Saturday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Morris Marshall celebrates after making a dunk against Fort White Thursday.

# What's next after game for the ages from county rivals?

## FROM THE SIDELINE



**Brandon Finley**

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**A**fter a game for the ages on Thursday night, both Columbia and Fort White High's basketball programs have something to be proud of. It was easily the most exciting high school basketball game I've been to, well, since high school — now 11 years ago for those counting. The game featured long-range threes, dunks

and a final three minutes full of nail biting.

When the final buzzer went off, the Tigers had defeated the Indians, 72-70, and Columbia's faithful rushed the court. It was like a scene out of a movie.

On the other end, Fort White's disappointment in the loss was obvious.

But here's the kicker, for as much as the game was filled with jubilation for the Tigers and despair for the Indians, neither team can look back.

Columbia's moment to bask in its senior night glory was over the day after the game ended and preparation for the district championship began.

Fort White has to leave the way it ended the season behind as well.

Both of these teams are loaded with players

capable of propelling their teams into a deep playoff run.

They both have the ability to score from both the inside and outside. Each team excels exceptionally from beyond the arc as witnessed by the 11 total connections in Thursday night's affair.

Sure, it's a game that each team is going to remember long after their playing days are over.

For Columbia senior Javontae Foster, he described the moments following the game as "Heaven." I'm sure many of the Fort White players felt like they were in hell.

But if heaven is a playground, it's located at Lakeland in the Final 4.

■ Brandon Finley covers sports for the Lake City Reporter.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia's Tre Simmons manages to steal the ball from Fort White's Melton Sanders during a game on Thursday.

# Tourney time for Tigers

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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Columbia High enters the District 4-6A tournament next week as the No. 2 seed following the regular season, but the Tigers are looking to end the tournament as district champions.

"Honestly, we're playing as well as we have all year," Columbia head coach Horace Jefferson said. "According to the records, Wolfson is the team to beat. They're 20-3. In the last two weeks, they've lost to Raines twice. The last time we played them, they made their free throws down the stretch. Against Raines, they were 11-of-33 down the stretch."

While Jefferson is already expecting a Wolfson team in the finals, he isn't taking anything for granted and will be closely watching St. Augustine and Stanton Prep high schools when they match up on Tuesday. The coach doesn't really have a favorite to come out of that game with a victory.

"I'm not sure, because Stanton Prep is a scary team," Jefferson said. "Going by record, you'd have to say St. Augustine. They've lost to us and Wolfson only."

To win the tournament, Jefferson offered up simple keys.

"We're going to have to defend and shoot the ball better," Jefferson said. "We've got to take care of the ball and play as hard as we've been playing. We could beat (Wolfson). It's hard to beat a team three times in a row and we're nipping at the door. We've been knocking. The way things are, if we keep our streak going, we have beaten everyone that's beaten us this year. We'll use it as a motivator."

The Tigers (15-6) haven't played the Wolfpack in a couple of weeks and Jefferson thinks that could work out to Columbia's benefit.

"We're playing better now than we were playing two weeks ago, so I think

we should make a little noise, however, we have to get passed the first round first," he said. "I'll be scouting the game on Tuesday night. Nothing will be taken for granted."

Jefferson pointed out Akeem Williams on the defensive side and the Tigers' "Big 3" of Morris Marshall, Javontae Foster and Tre Simmons on the offensive side as keys to the tournament.

"Akeem is going to have to defend," Jefferson said. "I have to have two of our big three guys going. I think Tre Simmons has to continue to get up and down the court. If he continues to do that, we're alright. If there's a key, we have to keep pushing the ball with the "Big 3" running the floor."

Columbia should have

Dekarry Rossin back after the forward missed time late in the 72-70 win against Fort White High to close the year with an injury.

"Dekarry's injury isn't as bad as it looked," Jefferson said. "It's a hyperextension and we'll see how it works out in the next couple of days. He experienced very little pain. There was very little swelling. We look for him to be playing."

And Jefferson is also looking for some key bench minutes out of one of his seniors.

"I'm looking to get big minutes out of Kevin Louder," Jefferson said. "He could be a tremendous asset to us. He's strong and he can jump. It would give us another presence. He's a more physical jumper inside."

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## JUMBLE

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(Answers tomorrow)

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



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  - 4 Adds sound
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  - 11 Monsieur's airport
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  - 14 Garment edge
  - 15 Great Wall locale
  - 16 Phone service (2 wds.)
  - 18 Messy meal must
  - 20 Elevator pioneer
  - 21 Mr. Kyser
  - 22 Winter bug
  - 24 Roused
  - 27 Van Gogh painting
  - 30 "If — — a Hammer"
  - 31 Seafood choice
  - 32 — cit. (footnote abbr.)
  - 34 Explosive inits.
  - 35 Latin 101 word
  - 36 Pump, e.g.
  - 37 Lots
  - 39 High as — —
  - 40 Deli loaf
  - 41 Soar
  - 42 Slender woodwind
  - 45 Cheerful
  - 49 Snubbed
  - 53 Ramada rival
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  - 55 Chinese dynasty
  - 56 Wolverine's group (hyph.)
  - 57 Noah's boat
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- DOWN**
- 1 Comedian Rivers
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  - 8 Scintilla
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  - 10 "Rag Mop" brothers
  - 12 Rambled on and on
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  - 19 John, in Glasgow
  - 22 Toga party site
  - 23 Ad —
  - 24 Cleverness
  - 25 Cry of dismay (2 wds.)
  - 26 Green
  - 27 Hornet's valet
  - 28 Tax shelters
  - 29 Pre-college
  - 31 Carbon deposit
  - 33 Algonquian language
  - 35 Decent grade
  - 36 England's Isle of —
  - 38 Luxury seating
  - 39 Remnant
  - 41 Climber's challenge
  - 42 Falsify
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  - 47 Mrs. Peel
  - 48 Once again
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  - 51 — Maria
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**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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# Tigers, Indians go down to



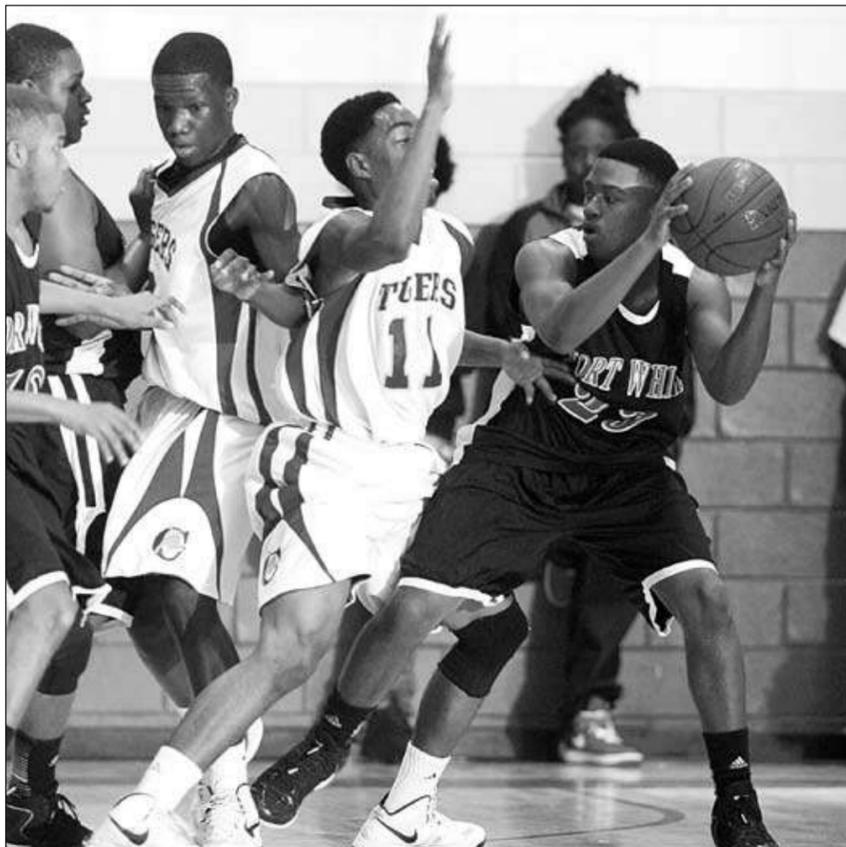
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Fort White High's Trey Phillips (left) and Michael Mulberry look to snatch a rebound from Columbia High's Dillan Hall during a game Thursday. The Tigers defeated Fort White, 72-70.



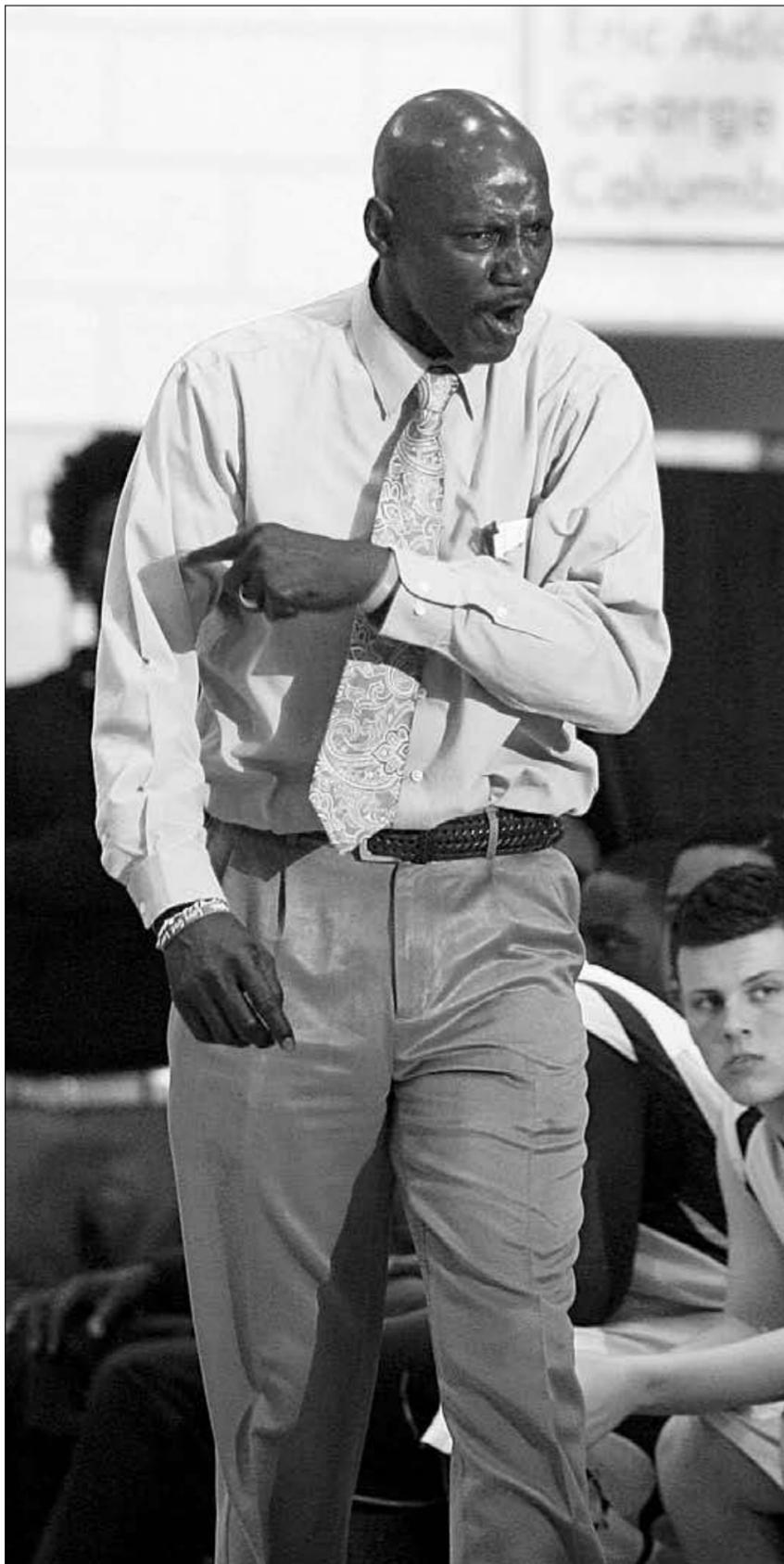
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Fort White High's Melton Sanders attempts to get around Columbia High's Akeem Williams.



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Fort White's Joe Powers looks for an open man while playing against Columbia Thursday.



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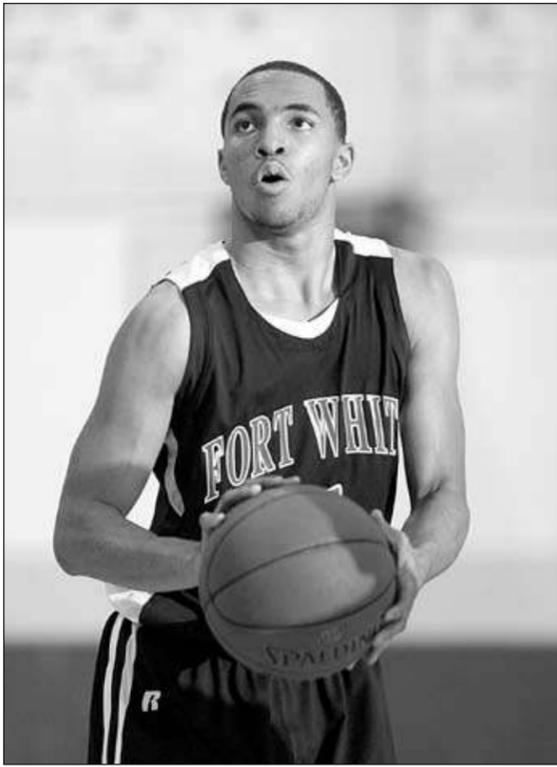
Columbia High basketball head coach Horace Jefferson reacts after what he thinks is a bad call during a game against Fort White High.

# wire in county showdown



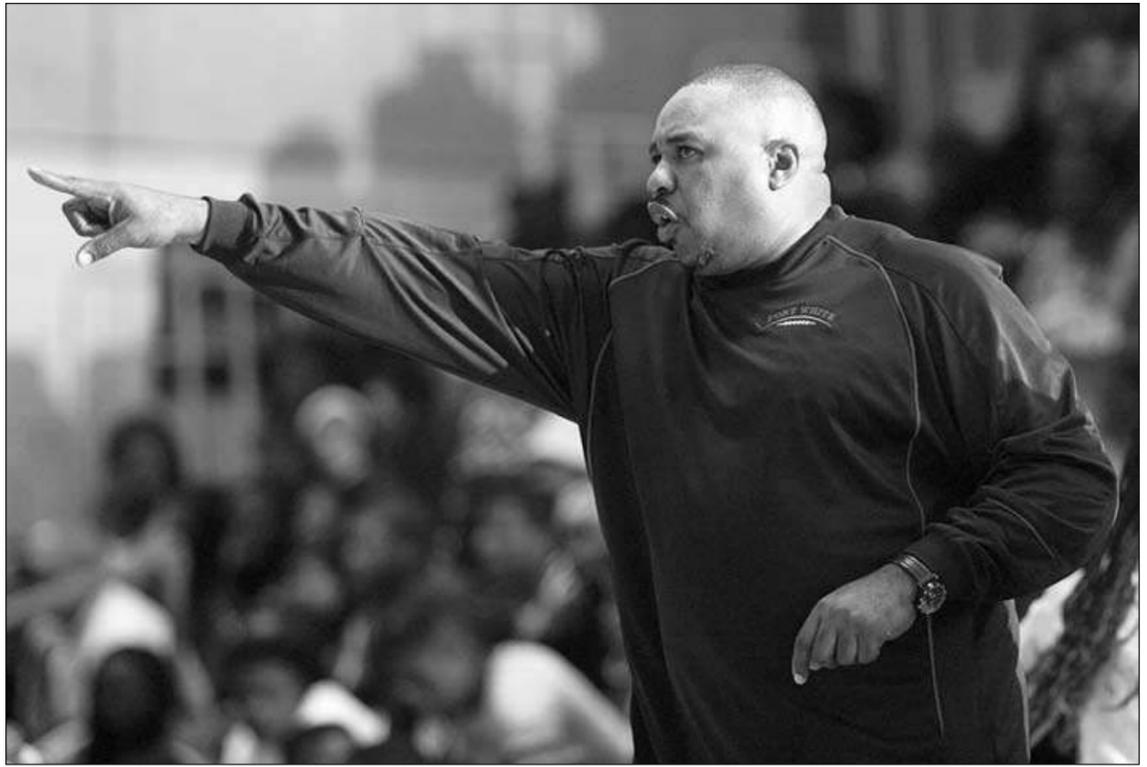
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Columbia High's DaKarry Rosson (25), Akeem Williams (11) and Morris Marshall (22) goes up for a rebound against Fort White on Thursday. Fort White fell 72-70.



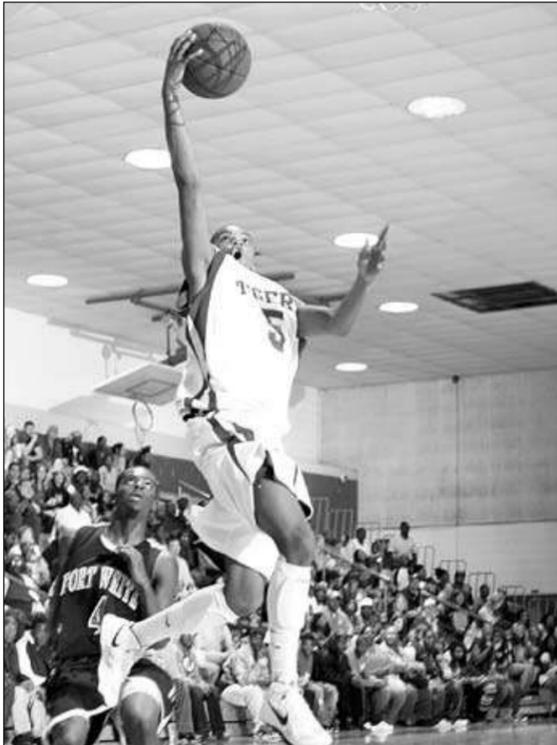
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Fort White High's Trey Phillips focuses a free-throw shot.



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Fort White High basketball head coach Isiah Phillips instructs his team during a game against Columbia High.



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LEFT: An open Tae Foster goes for a lay-up against Fort White on Thursday. CENTER: Columbia High's Dillan Hall makes a shot over Fort White's Qarin Porter. RIGHT: Chris Cottrell glides through the air for a lay-up Thursday.

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Section C

## Tax Time



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Cesar Ramirez, a subcontractor for DirecTV, gets ready to install a satellite dish in Los Angeles. Contract workers, consultants, freelancers and the self-employed face additional challenges at tax-filing time.

## New challenges for self-employed, contract workers

Paying estimated taxes critical under new rules.

By CAROLE FELDMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some people work for themselves because they like the autonomy. Others have been unable to find full-time, regular jobs and have had to settle for contract

work for a specific project or period of time. And still others have retired but have been brought back as consultants by their former employers.

Contract workers, consultants, freelancers or the self-employed — these workers face additional challenges when it comes time to file their income taxes.

TAXES continued on 2C

## THE ECONOMY

# Hiring numbers strong

US gains 157K jobs in January; but jobless rate up to 7.9 percent.

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. job market is proving sturdier than expected at a time when the economy is under pressure from Washington gridlock and the threat of government spending cuts.

Employers added 157,000 jobs in January, and hiring was much stronger at the end of last year than the government had previously estimated.

The Labor Department's estimated job gains for the final two months of 2012 — a period when the economy was being threatened by the fiscal cliff — rose from 161,000 to 247,000 for November and from 155,000 to 196,000 for December.

The mostly encouraging jobs report Friday included one negative sign: The unemployment rate rose to 7.9 percent from 7.8 percent in December. The rate is calculated from a survey of households, and more people in that survey said they were unemployed.

The job gains are derived from a separate survey of employers.



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Job seekers fill a room at the job fair in Sunrise. U.S. employers added 157,000 jobs in January.

The hiring picture over the past two years also looked stronger after the department's annual revisions. The revisions showed that employers added an average of roughly 180,000 jobs a month in 2012 and 2011. That was up from previous estimates of about 150,000.

"The significantly stronger payroll gains tell us the economy has a lot more momentum than what we had thought," Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank, said in a research note.

Stocks surged immediately after

trading began at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time, an hour after the jobs report was released. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped 130 points and briefly touched 14,000 for the first time in more than five years, before falling back.

Other economic news Friday contributed to the stock rally. Manufacturing expanded at a much faster pace in January compared with December, a private survey found. Ford, Chrysler and General

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Q I heard that American Airlines' parent, AMR, reported a profit. Should I invest in it? — C.M., Ashland, Ky.

Airlines are a notoriously difficult industry, featuring challenges such as fare wars, volatile fuel prices, labor issues, weather complications, costly empty seats and more. Southwest Airlines has been a rare success — but its history is turbulent, too. AMR, meanwhile, is currently in bankruptcy protection.

Super-investor Warren Buffett has said that "... if a farsighted capitalist had been present at Kitty Hawk, he would have done his successors a huge favor by shooting Orville down."

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Q What's the difference between unit investment trusts and mutual funds? — H.G., Rutland, Vt.

A Mutual fund managers invest in assets (such as stocks or bonds) according to stated sets of objectives. Shares are issued and redeemed on demand at a specific net asset value determined at the end of each trading day (based on the total market value of the fund's holdings). The number of shares is not fixed. If many people want to buy in, the fund company will issue more shares.

Meanwhile, a unit investment trust (UIT) invests in a relatively fixed portfolio of investments. These are held until the trust is liquidated at a predetermined date in the future. Investors who want to trade shares of a UIT before it matures can often do so in the secondary market.

Unlike a mutual fund, UIT share prices in the secondary market may be priced above or below the net asset value of the trust's actual holdings. When you buy shares of UITs, you typically pay a sales fee, or load, of around 4 or 5 percent; many mutual funds carry no sales load at all.

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## Day-Trading Dangers

Day-trading may seem like a good way to make money, but it's really gambling, not investing — and very often just as effective as buying an armload of Powerball tickets.

Successful long-term investors study businesses, carefully select stocks and aim to hold on for years. They consider themselves, rightly, as part-owners of real businesses. Day-traders, meanwhile, tend to spend hours glued to monitors, watching stock-price graphs and placing orders. They'll typically place scores of orders each day and hold each stock for a few minutes or hours. Many ignore company fundamentals and may not even know what various companies do.

While investors pay long-term capital gains rates on stocks held for more than a year, day-traders are stuck paying generally higher short-term rates.

A study by the North American Securities Administrators Association suggested that only about 12 percent of day-traders might trade profitably, and that some 70 percent "will almost certainly lose everything they invest." (Note that trading "profitably" does not necessarily mean beating the per-

formance of the S&P 500, available via inexpensive index funds.)

According to managers of day-trading firms cited in a Washington Post Magazine article, about 90 percent of day-traders "are washed up within three months." A principal of a day-trading firm even admitted, "95 percent will fail in the first two years." Former Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Chairman Arthur Levitt recommended that people day-trade only with "money they can afford to lose." The SEC has called it "highly risky," and warns of possible "devastating losses."

Those who've made the biggest killings in day-trading may be the ones who run day-trading firms, providing day-traders with trading equipment and charging commissions per trade.

People who trade stocks online, though, are not necessarily day-traders. Accessing brokerages online makes sense for most people, especially when commissions can be \$5 or less per trade. (Learn more at [broker.fool.com](http://broker.fool.com).)

Resist any temptation to buy and sell stocks rapidly in large numbers. Don't let yourself or those you care about get sucked into day-trading. Learn more at [sec.gov/answers/daytrading.htm](http://sec.gov/answers/daytrading.htm).

## My Dumbest Investment

## Studebaker

When I was a 1952 engineering grad, I was dealing with an Omaha developer. I just had to have a newly restyled 1953 Studebaker car then, and he thought the new model would turn the ailing company around. (He figured, "How much below \$7 could the stock drop?") I bought the car and he bought the stock. Over the next few years, I watched his \$7,000 investment shrink as he watched me try to get my lemon auto fixed. I had a loser auto, he had a loser stock. — J.P.G., Santa Rosa, Calif.

**The Fool Responds:** Companies with good products can still struggle and sometimes lose. And those with bad products can hang on for a while. Ideally, seek companies with great products, strong competitive positions and positive growth trends. Never think a stock can't go lower — the company can always go out of business or file for bankruptcy protection, wiping out shareholders.

In the early 1950s, Studebaker was struggling with high costs, quality problems and price wars between Ford and General Motors. It ended up merging with Packard, but struggles continued.



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## LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

My roots go as far back as 1783, when Jean Jacob Schweppe created carbonated mineral water. In addition to the two big brands that make up my name, I've also got these under my roof: Sunkist Soda, 7UP, A&W, Canada Dry, Crush, Mott's, Squirt, Hawaiian Punch, Peñafiel, Clamato, Schweppes, Venom Energy and Mr & Mrs T mixers. One of my two flagship brands is the oldest soft drink in the United States. I've taken many forms through acquisitions and divestments. My current form was spun off from Cadbury in 2008. I rake in about \$6 billion a year. Who am I? (Answer: Dr Pepper Snapple Group)



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## Name That Company

I trace my history back to 1845 in Cincinnati, when a Swiss immigrant carriage-maker made a billiard table. I later moved into the world of bowling, and introduced a rubber bowling ball in 1906 and an automatic pinsetter in 1956. Today I'm a leader in boats, fitness, bowling and billiards, and offer everything from game-room furniture to cardio equipment to boat-piloting joysticks. In 1946, I commissioned a fortune-telling device in the form of an eight-ball — the Magic 8 Ball rights are now owned by Mattel. In 1972, one of my engineers invented the Air Hockey game. Who am I?

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

## TAXES: Rule changes

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They won't receive the traditional W-2 that other workers get reporting income and taxes paid. Instead, they'll receive a 1099 form with their earnings from each of their employers.

However, employers aren't required to provide 1099 forms if income is less than \$600. Still, all income, even if there is not a 1099 form, is required to be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

Since self-employed individuals or contract workers don't have taxes withheld from their pay, they could be in for an unpleasant surprise. "You could be really hurt if you haven't paid any estimated taxes," said Jackie Perlman, principal tax research analyst with The Tax Institute at H&R Block.

Not only will these workers have to pay taxes on income earned, they'll also have to pay a self-employment tax, said Barbara Weltman, contributing editor to "J.K. Lasser's Your Income Tax 2013."

That self-employment tax is equivalent to both the employer's and the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare. For 2012, it is 13.3 percent, 10.4 percent for Social Security on income up to \$110,100 and 2.9 percent for Medicare on all income.

And, they may be subject to a penalty if they did not file estimated taxes.

But there is a bright side.

"The tax code smiles on people who are self-employed," said Mark Steber, chief tax officer for Jackson Hewitt Tax Services. That's because you can offset the true cost of doing business,

he said.

Did you take a potential client out to lunch? You can generally deduct half the bill as a business meal.

Did you have to purchase a printer to produce invoices? That, too, can be deductible, as well as the paper and toner that you've used for the business.

Did you use your car for work other than commuting, to see a customer or to go to that business meal, for example? The IRS mileage rate for 2012 is 55.5 cents for each business mile driven.

"Make sure you know where those deductions are because there are a lot of them," Steber said.

To be deductible, a business expense has to be both ordinary and necessary, according to the "Ernst & Young Tax Guide 2013."

"An ordinary expense is one that is common and accepted in your field of business, trade or profession," the guide says. "A necessary expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for your trade, business or profession."

If you use some items, say a computer, for both personal and business purposes, you'll have to track the time and usage to determine how much can be deducted. "Have that stuff contemporaneously documented along the way, not the day you get the letter from the IRS," suggested Greg Rosica, tax partner at Ernst & Young.

Some education expenses may be deductible, as well.

What you can't deduct: regular commuting costs or personal expenses unrelated to the business.

## Gas prices get early start on spring surge

By JONATHAN FAHEY  
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK — Gasoline prices are getting an early start on their annual spring march higher.

The average U.S. retail price rose 13 cents over the past two weeks to \$3.42 per gallon, and within a few days it will likely set a record for this time of year.

The culprits: Rising crude oil prices, slowing output at refineries that are undergo-

ing maintenance, and low supplies of gasoline.

These are the kinds of things that push gasoline prices higher every spring after what is normally a lull in gasoline prices in the late fall and early winter. But a heavy schedule of January maintenance at West Coast refineries has led to sharply higher prices there. Meanwhile, low inventories have pushed prices higher on the East Coast.

And rising crude oil

prices have pushed prices higher throughout the country.

"I'm not surprised at what I'm seeing, but I am surprised it's coming early," said Tom Kloza, Chief Oil Analyst at the Oil Price Information Service.

Hopes of stronger economic growth in the U.S. and abroad helped push the U.S. stock market to a five-year high in January and sent crude prices up. When economies expand, more gasoline, diesel and

jet fuel are consumed by shippers and travelers.

Crude oil has risen 14 percent since mid-December, to \$97.49 on Thursday. Brent crude, the benchmark used to price oil that most U.S. refineries use to make gasoline, is up 9 percent since then to \$115.55

But gasoline wholesale prices are rising even faster. That's the price distributors and service stations pay to buy the gasoline that they then sell to drivers.

## ECONOMY: New numbers show strong hiring

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Motors all reported double-digit sales gains for January. And construction spending rose in December at a healthy pace.

The employment report revealed a notable shift in the job market: More hiring by construction companies. They added 28,000 jobs in January and nearly 100,000 over the past four months. Those job gains are consistent with a rebound in home construction and a broader recovery in housing.

Retailers added 33,000 positions. Health care gained 23,000 jobs. Manufacturers reported a small increase of 4,000. Restaurants and hotels added 17,000.

The solid hiring in retail, construction, restaurants and hotels suggested that such companies expect consumer spending to hold up in coming months.

"The strong and steady job gains from retail trade and construction look a lot more like a normal economic expansion," said Scott Anderson, chief economist at Bank of the West. "This is a sign that consumer spending is playing a far more important role in this expansion than it has so far."

The job market has remained steady despite pressure on the economy from the rift between President Barack Obama and Republicans over taxes and spending. Across-the-board spending cuts are set to kick in March 1. Financing to run the government

will expire by March 27, raising the threat of a government shutdown. And the federal borrowing cap must be raised by May 18 or the government could default on its debt.

Friday's jobs report showed that average hourly wages rose 4 cents to \$23.78 and have risen an encouraging 2.1 percent in the past 12 months. That's slightly above the inflation rate, which was 1.7 percent.

Last month's hiring should cushion the impact of the higher Social Security taxes that most consumers are paying this year. And it would help the economy resume growing after it shrank at an annual rate of 0.1 percent in the October-December quarter.

Higher Social Security taxes are reducing take-home pay for most Americans. A person earning \$50,000 a year will have about \$1,000 less to spend in 2013. A household with two high-paid workers will have up to \$4,500 less. Taxes rose after a 2 percent cut, in place for two years, expired Jan. 1.

Analysts expect the Social Security tax increase to shave about a half-point off economic growth in 2013, since consumers drive about 70 percent of economic activity.

The hit to consumers is coming at a precarious moment for the economy. It contracted in the fourth quarter for the first time in 3-1/2 years. The decline was driven largely by a steep cut in defense spending and a drop

in exports. Analysts generally think those factors will prove temporary and that the economy will resume growing.

Still, the contraction last quarter points to what are likely to be key challenges for the economy this year: the prospect of sharp government spending cuts and uncertainty over whether Congress will agree to raise the federal borrowing cap.

Most analysts predict that the economy will grow again in the January-March quarter, though likely at a lackluster annual rate of around 1 percent. They expect the economy to expand about 2 percent for the full year.

Two key drivers of growth improved last quarter: Consumer spending increased at a faster pace. And businesses invested more in equipment and software.

In addition, homebuilders are stepping up construction to meet rising demand. That could generate even more construction jobs.

And home prices are rising steadily. That tends to make Americans feel wealthier and more likely to spend. Housing could add as much as 1 percentage point to economic growth this year, some economists estimate.

Auto sales reached their highest level in five years in 2012 and are expected to keep growing this year. That's boosting production and hiring at U.S. automakers and their suppliers.

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Section D

TASTE BUDDIES



**Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth**  
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## J'ville dinner theater charms

The Alhambra located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville is a landmark for locals. Built in 1967 the Alhambra has strived to bring theater entertainment to Jacksonville by offering an opportunity to see and hear many nationally known talents.

It is one of the few remaining dinner theaters in America. Its past history includes performances by Dorothy Lamour, Martha Raye, Cyd Charisse and Betty Grable — all names that the older generation can appreciate.

We hadn't been there in several years, so LaShel and Kimberlyne Norman joined Genie to try out the

TASTE continued on 2D

## PUPPY BOWL IX

# Every dog has its day

Animal shelters are real winners of this televised game.

By **SUE MANNING**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — There will be a winner and a loser every Super Bowl Sunday. But at the "Puppy Bowl," it's always a win for animal shelters.

The show provides national exposure to the shelters across the country that provide the puppy athletes and the kittens that star in the halftime show, and introduces viewers to the different breeds and animals that need homes, animal workers say. Many shelters see bumps in visits from viewers who are inspired to adopt a pet.

"It raises awareness for our shelter and others that take part," said Madeline Bernstein, president and CEO of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles. "It shows dogs in a happy, playful, fun way, which makes people think, 'Gee, I could play with a dog too.' You hope it will also stimulate adoptions, and if not, at least a positive attitude toward dogs, rather than they are just hairy and smelly."

The "Puppy Bowl," an annual two-hour TV special that mimics a football game with canine players, made its debut eight years ago on The Animal Planet. Dogs score touchdowns on a 10-by-19-



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Dogs mingle on the playing field during taping of "Puppy Bowl IX," a two-hour TV special on The Animal Planet that takes advantage of Super Bowl Sunday to highlight the plight of pets in animal shelters across the country.

foot gridiron carpet when they cross the goal line with a toy. There is a Most Valuable Pup award, a water bowl cam, a new lipstick cam (it's in the lips of the toys), slow-motion cameras, hedgehog referees, a puppy hot tub and a blimp with a crew of hamsters. Bios on each puppy

are usually adopted by airtime since the show is filmed months ahead, said executive producer Melinda Toporoff, who is work-

ing on her fifth "Puppy Bowl." But Bernstein said the point is to show that animals just like the ones on the show can be found at any shelter at any time.

"A lot of people have come in during the last year and said,

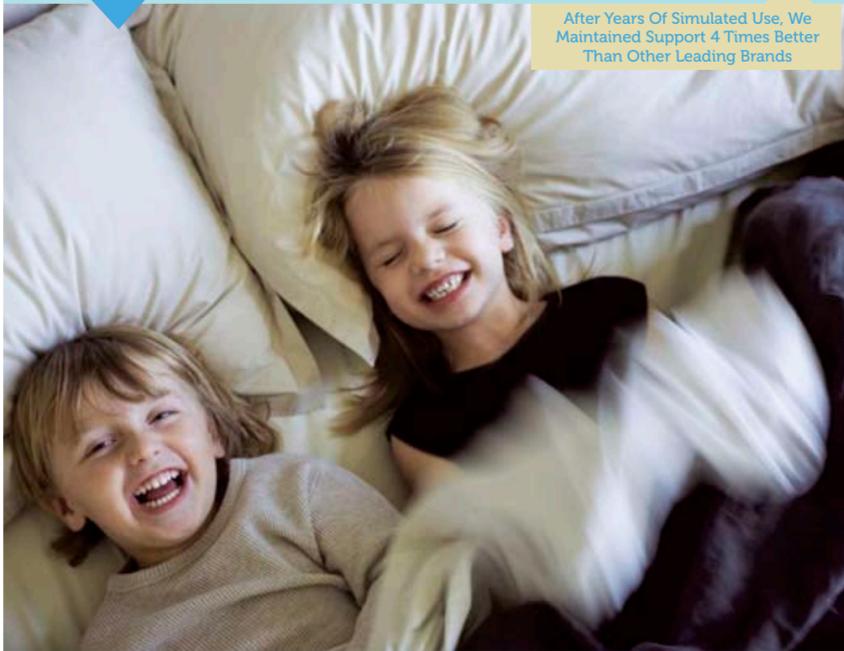
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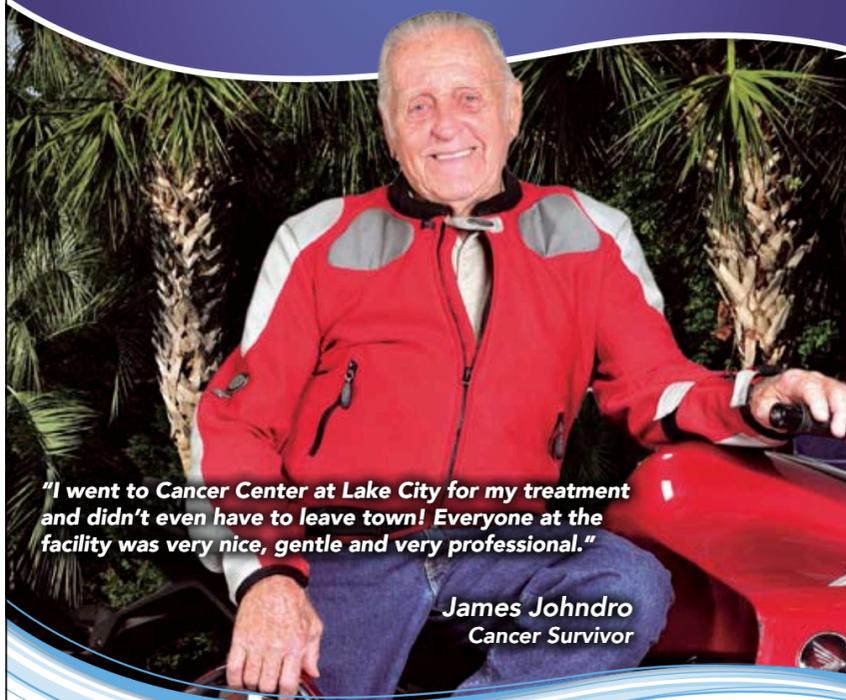
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## Travel

# For Lincoln fans, there's lots to see in Washington

16th president memorialized in many places.

By **BETH J. HARPAZ**  
AP Travel Editor

WASHINGTON — Whether you're interested in Lincoln the president or "Lincoln" the movie, Washington is a downright thrilling destination.

Abraham Lincoln was the 16th president of the United States and one of the country's most admired.

Many museums are offering special exhibits for the 150th anniversary of the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation. Other sites can be visited any time: the Lincoln Memorial, the cottage where Lincoln summered, Ford's Theatre, where he was shot, and the Petersen House, where he died.

## Lincoln Memorial:

This larger-than-life white marble statue of Lincoln, completed in 1922, sits inside a massive columned building. About 6 million people visit the memorial each year. It is crowded even on cold winter days, with visitors from around the world. Located on the National Mall, <http://www.nps.gov/linc/>.



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A statue of President Abraham Lincoln and his horse stands outside President Lincoln's Cottage, one of a number of Lincoln sites that can be visited in Washington, D.C.

## Ford's Theatre and Petersen House:

Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre in 1865 while watching a play. He was taken to a house across the street, now a museum and historic site called the Petersen House. You can see the room where he died and where his war secretary, Edwin Stanton, was said to have uttered the famous words: "Now he belongs to the ages."

Located at 511 10th St., NW, <http://www.fords-theatre.org/>. Hours vary, depending on show schedules. Tickets do sell out. Tickets for a self-guided walk-through of Ford's and

Petersen House bought through Ticketmaster including fees are \$9.75.

## Lincoln's Cottage:

This was Lincoln's summer home, where he and his family escaped Washington's heat and humidity. Located on a breezy hill three miles from the White House, it was the 19th century equivalent of contemporary presidential retreats like Camp David.

Entrance at Rock Creek Church Road NW and Upshur Street NW, near 140 Rock Creek Church Road NW. Free parking. Open 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Saturday.

# TASTE: The Alhambra has new life

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newly renovated theater.

The last time we were there our meal was prepared off premises, served buffet style and sadly wasn't very memorable. The whole place seemed shabby and sad. So, when we ventured out on Saturday afternoon, we had no idea what awaited us.

Much to our surprise, when we walked in the door, it was obvious that it was not shabby and sad anymore. There was an upbeat atmosphere of freshly painted walls and people there to help you and welcome you. We walked into the renovated dining/stage area and were delighted to find a tastefully redecorated room done in warm browns, beiges and rust colors. The table seating was arranged in the four tiers previously found in the old Alhambra, but that was the only sameness. Our table was waiting for us with a crisp white tablecloth, flatware in place, flowers and the small lamp on the table glowing. In fact, the table lamps on each table give the whole room that cruise atmosphere, and it was very warm and inviting. Our table was in the perfect place to see everything without any obstacles.

The buffet-style serving is gone, and in its place we found a menu full of interesting choices. Table service is provided by friendly, knowledgeable and helpful staff. Our server, Ivey, was outstanding. The menu is created by executive chef DeJuan Roy, who has made such big improvements to the Alhambra's culinary experience that the food has become as big an attraction as the productions themselves. We weren't disappointed.

The first course choices were citrus chili shrimp or sweet Italian sausage and herb cheese. We all tried the sausage and herb cheese and, wow, it was a surprise. Seasoned Italian sausage was stuffed in a breaded squash blossom then fried and served

with a vodka sauce. It was warm, creamy and delicious. We could have had a plate full of those for our entree, but that was still to come. Imagine a 13-year-old liking squash blossoms. The other choice was citrus chili shrimp served chilled with fried plantains and an avocado slice.

The second course was a choice of she-crab bisque or arugula salad. The bisque was warm, creamy and buttery flavored, served with a brie crostini ... fabulous. The arugula salad was topped with poached pear, cranberries, goat cheese, fried wontons, candied walnuts and a lemon vinaigrette. Both were outstanding.

The third course consisted of four tempting choices. slow-roasted prime rib with potatoes au gratin and French green beans or crispy duck confit with a mango glaze, served with French green beans, homemade French fries drizzled with herb mayo or whole wheat pasta primavera, served with roasted vegetables (broccoli, zucchini, red pepper, onions and tomatoes) with a marinara sauce and goat cheese or deconstructed seafood Newburg, served in puff pastry with mashed potatoes and topped with fresh local shrimp, lobster and white fish. Whew, what choices. We tried the duck, prime rib and the pasta. The best thing I can say is that if we went back tomorrow and this was our menu, we would all choose the same thing again. Yep, that good.

Let's not forget the fourth course, dessert. Choices were lemon blackberry cheesecake and Death by Chocolate cake. We tried them both and loved them both. The garnish on the chocolate cake was a half strawberry and a rolled chocolate straw. Feast for the eyes, as well. Can't forget the warm, yeasty rolls served with butter sprinkled with Hawaiian salt. Take a bow chef Roy; you deserve it.

We decided to splurge and have a drink while we enjoyed the show, and

the offerings were the Phantom Martini (vodka, raspberry liquor with a ghostly hint of pineapple juice); the Christina, as sweet as her voice, with amaretto, pineapple and OJ; the Opera House, with hot coffee, frangelico and Bailey's, served with whipped cream on top and our choice of the Chandelier (prosecco). Kimberlynne had a fruit concoction (non-alcoholic) that she loved, too.

Yes, the show we enjoyed on our visit was "The Phantom."

The managing partner, Craig Smith, a very warm and friendly person, visited every table before the show, adding a special personal touch to our visit. The show was enjoyable and performed by extremely talented artists. We won't review the show, as this is a review of the food. Check out their website for upcoming performances. Matinee tickets with meal are \$46 plus tax. Evening performances are \$49 to \$53.

The quality of the meal and of the performance are definitely worth making reservations and driving over to enjoy.

The finishing touch was that when we left the theater, the entire staff and manager lined up in the lobby to thank us for coming that day. This ended our visit on a real high.

Just a sneak preview of upcoming performances include "Driving Miss Daisy" with Michael Learned (The Waltons), "Murder Among Friends" with Loretta Swit (M\*A\*S\*H), George Wendt (Cheers) and six more. Check out their website for details. Another nice feature is that you can make reservations and print your ticket on line. Hope to see you there.

■ Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth are Columbia County Residents who love good food and fun. Their column on area restaurants appears twice monthly. You can contact them at [TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com](mailto:TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com).

# 'Old-fashion' tomato flavor restored at UF

Florida's climate is ideal for growing a wide range of crops. Some of our major commercial crops include citrus, sugarcane, peppers, cotton, peanuts, watermelons, beans, potatoes and tomatoes.

The tomato is not only the most important commercial vegetable grown in Florida but also the most popular vegetable grown in home gardens. The tomato is second only to the potato as the most produced vegetable in the U.S.

Recently, there has been an increase in imported winter and spring tomatoes from Mexico. Most tomatoes are grown in the field, but greenhouse production is on the rise. The U.S. imports greenhouse tomatoes from Holland, Spain, Israel and Canada.

The pressure is on commercial growers to be able to ship needed produce to keep up with the demand and stay competitive in expanding markets. As consumers, we don't want find bruised and off color tomatoes on the grocer's shelves. But if growers shipped "red-ripe" tomatoes, they wouldn't survive the ordeal of being shipped and shelved for customers.

To meet the needs of growers and get their crops to distant markets, researchers have crossed and tested many tomato varieties. New varieties

## GARDEN TALK



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ship much better and resist bruising, and they continue to ripen well when picked at a point before the "red-ripe" stage. They stand up to the melting Florida heat and show resistance to many pests, lessening the amount of pesticide used.

Somewhere in this research, many agree that a certain tomato flavor has been lost, or bred out. The same thing happened with roses. I naturally sniff a rose because I expect a wonderful fragrance. But in an effort to get longer stems, larger blossoms, more sensational colors or longer vase life, rose breeders have lost the scent in newer rose varieties.

In an effort to find that lost tomato flavor, many gardeners are growing heirloom tomatoes, which are non-hybrid varieties. To be an heirloom variety, a tomato must meet three criteria. First, it must grow from seed. It also must have a known history and have been grown in cultivation for more than 50 years.

There are drawbacks

to growing heirlooms, however. The fruits aren't very tough, they spoil quickly, and bruise easily. Because they aren't hybrids bred for resistance, they easily succumb to our heat, diseases and pests. Determined gardeners do have an option of grafting an heirloom plant shoot (scion) onto the root (rootstock) of a resistant tomato variety. Both heirloom and suggested rootstock varieties can be obtained from commercial seed companies.

Responding to the needs of Florida's consumers and industries is a vital role of research at the University of Florida/IFAS. The Tasti-Lee Tomato is a newly introduced UF variety that has successfully restored the "old-fashioned" flavor. They are now available in your grocery store. The UF tomato breeding program is working to maintain growers' competitiveness and ability to supply a good product to Florida and the nation.

For more research-based information on growing tomatoes in Florida's climate and soil, go to <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh028> or call the Master Gardeners at 752-5384.

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

## HAPPENINGS

### North-Lager engagement, wedding

Keith and Karen Lager of Live Oak, along with Emerson and Cindy North of Lake City, are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Morgan and Eric.

The bride-to-be's maternal grandparents are Bob and Mildred Coburn of Dover, Florida, and the late Aleeta Coburn; and her paternal grandparents are Sue Lager of Live Oak, and the late Lou Lager.

The future groom's maternal grandparents are the late Rufus and Dorothy Shelton; and his paternal grandparents are the late John Roy and Dell North.

The wedding will take place March 16 at 5 p.m. in Mandi's Chapel at Camp Weed and The Cerveny Conference Center. A reception will immediately follow in the Juhon Dining Hall.



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## CRAFTS

# Give new life to old dinnerware

Vintage china can be the basis for a variety of projects.

By **HILLARY SPEED**  
Associated Press

Vintage dishware doesn't have to gather dust in the china cabinet.

Outdated table settings, such as a stack of your grandmother's old plates or a bundle of used mugs you scooped up at Salvation Army, can find fresh life with a little TLC. All it takes is a marker or a drill and a basic plan.

"I always find it a bit sad when things so loved by previous generations are thrown on the scrap heap," says lifestyle blogger Anna Nicholson, based in Yorkshire, England.

"I'm always looking for ways things can be reused, upcycled and overhauled to fit in with our 21st century style."

Here are some ways to spruce up old china dishes:

## MARKERS AND PAINT

The popular craft-swapping website Pinterest is full of plate-decorating projects that tap into the "magic" of magic markers.

Nicholson, whose blog is "angel in the north" ([www.angelinthenorth.com](http://www.angelinthenorth.com)), uses Sharpies to personalize vintage floral plates. In one set, she adorned each plate with a letter in the word "EAT," to display in the kitchen. In another, she used four plates to spell out the word "HOME."

She prints her own letter cut-outs, using the font Bodoni MT, onto thick paper or cardstock. She traces around the letters onto the old plates with a pen, then goes over the outline with a Sharpie and fills it in.



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**ABOVE:** This vintage-plate-decorating project upcycled with modern letter print is described on the lifestyle blog "angel in the north" run by Anna Nicholson of West Yorkshire, England. **TOP RIGHT:** Tea Times Creations shows an upcycled-vintage-china project sold at the online Etsy store, run by Marcell Botticelli, of Franklin, Mass. **LOWER RIGHT:** A do-it-yourself kit sold at the Etsy store include fittings, drill bits and instructions, and some include teacups that are filled with soy candle wax and saucers.

"This is an easy project, but you do need a steady hand," she says.

Others take the Sharpie idea to another level and — if the dishes are ovenproof — bake the marker on to make it permanent. Many crafting blogs call for drawing with a Sharpie and baking the ovenproof dish at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Christine Dinsmore, based in Portland, Ore., has used the Sharpie method for free-handing original drawings. On her blog, The Plumed Nest ([www.theplumednest.com](http://www.theplumednest.com)), she shows how she drew original monster pictures onto plates for her children.

"I would often see cute little dishes for children but they were usually made out of plastic," Dinsmore says. She has tried to rid her kitchen of plastic "and didn't want to purchase any more."

That's when she got inspired to draw her own series of kid-friendly

characters.

Dinsmore advises using non-toxic Sharpie paint pens, found at most craft stores and online. Also, she recommends cleaning plates gently, never with an abrasive sponge or dishwasher.

Other bloggers suggest ceramic or glass paint if the dish will have frequent contact with food.

Danielle Warner of the blog "The Yarn to Tell" (<http://theyarntotell.wordpress.com>) recommends Delta PermEnamel paint for a more painted — rather than drawn — look. It's also available at craft stores or online.

## CHOP IT UP

Sometimes, old china is no longer in one piece. But that shouldn't stop you from turning it into something special.

Do-it-yourselfer Ashley Hackshaw, editor of the blog "Lil Blue Boo" ([www.lilblueboo.com](http://www.lilblueboo.com)),



), was inspired to find a use for chunks of a broken Tiffany vase that she had received as a wedding gift.

"I couldn't bear to throw away the beautiful pieces, so I decided to start making them into useful items," says Hackshaw, of Palm Desert, Calif.

Her answer: key chains.

Once you find a piece you like, the main job is to drill a hole and smooth the edges. You can use a household drill, using a carbide drill bit to make the hole, and

sandpaper and steel wool for the edges.

Make sure to wear protective eyewear and dip the piece in water to keep it cool, Hackshaw says.

Or you can use a rotary tool and attachment set, she says.

Then, just thread a key ring through the hole, and you have a meaningful and practical new use for an old chunk of china.

"One of my favorite gifts I've ever received was a keychain from my aunt that was made from one of my great-grandmother's old silverware pieces," Hackshaw says. "I knew it was something that I would keep forever and hand down to my daughter, and hopefully one day she would do the same. That's what gave me the idea about the broken vase."

## BUILD SOMETHING NEW

If you have beautiful old pieces of china that you rarely use, why not turn them into something else?

Marcell Botticelli of Franklin, Mass., runs an Etsy store called "Tea Times Creations" ([www.etsy.com/shop/TeaTimesCreations](http://www.etsy.com/shop/TeaTimesCreations)). It offers tiered stands, made out of old china, that can be used as serving platters or "tidbit" trays for anything from jewelry to loose change or keys. She also sells jewelry and nightlights made out of repurposed table settings and teacups.

For the DIYer, Botticelli sells kits that come with drill bits, fittings and instructions. And if you're too sheepish to drill your own holes into your precious antique plates, she offers to do it for you.

One of the biggest challenges in repurposing old china for any project, she says, is finding the right piece.

"I am inspired by many different things," she says. "It can be the color, the pattern, a theme."

## PUPPY: Adopted pets are big winners

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"I want a dog just like Fumble," she said, referring to spcaLA's player entry in "Puppy Bowl VIII" who earned the game's Most Valuable Pup crown.

About 300 puppies and kittens have been featured on "Puppy Bowl" over the last decade, according to Petfinder.com, the country's largest online pet adoption database that helps cast the show's animal stars.

"Shelters and rescues are at capacity, and pet adoption is the responsible way to add to your family," said Sara Kent, who oversees outreach to the 14,000 shelters and rescues that Petfinder works with.

The inaugural "Puppy Bowl," which was promoted as an alternative to the Super Bowl, had 22 puppies and was watched by nearly 6 million viewers. Nearly 9 million tuned in last year and another 1.4 million watched via video streams, Toporoff said. "Puppy Bowl IX" will feature 84 animals, including 21 kittens from a New York shelter for the half-time show, and 63 puppies from 23 shelters.

Only four of the puppies have yet to find new homes, Toporoff said. They include Tyson, Daphne and Sacha — three pit bull mixes from the Pitter Patter Animal Rescue in Silver Lake, Wis., — and Jenny, a terrier mix from the Pitty Love Rescue in Rochester, N.Y.

"I don't know if there's any bigger forum for getting something out on adoption. We make sure the message gets out there. We make clear that these dogs need homes and that all animals have come to us during the adoption process," Toporoff said.

Fumble, last year's MVP winner, was adopted before the show aired. Michael Wright, of New York, said he found out



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'Competitors' in the Puppy Bowl score touchdowns on a 10-by-19-foot gridiron carpet when they cross the goal line with a toy.

## Online:

- [animal.discovery.com/tv-shows/puppy-bowl](http://animal.discovery.com/tv-shows/puppy-bowl)
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- [www.petfinder.com/petdetail/24393351](http://www.petfinder.com/petdetail/24393351) (Jenny)

about Fumble's participation toward the end of the adoption process. He planned to watch this year's show to catch any flashbacks of last year's MVP playing his heart out.

"I'm not really a fan of football," he said, adding that he has renamed Fumble to Toby. "He fits the name Toby. He is so cute. I like the name Fumble, but I pictured someone dropping the ball. He wasn't a Fumble," Wright said.

Each year, recruiting for the show is a logistical challenge for Kent and her crew of 80-plus. This year's show was particularly worrisome because taping was scheduled for October 2012 — just after Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast.

"We worried about the puppies, kittens and

hedgehogs that may have been directly impacted or unable to travel due to Sandy," Kent said.

The New York studio where the game was supposed to be taped lost power, but the taping couldn't be postponed for too long given how quickly puppies grow. Another studio further uptown that had both power and space was found, and "amazingly, the crew was able to reschedule the shoot for only a week later and all the animals were still able to attend," Kent said.

Bernstein said they try to find rambunctious, energetic puppies to enter in the bowl though even if a dog falls asleep on its way to the end zone, it can be funny. Puppies chosen for the show have to be between 10 and 15 weeks old, healthy and

sturdy enough to be on the field with playmates. All breeds are considered because "we try to reflect what's out there in the adoption world. A lot of those breeds are mixed," Toporoff said.

rodgers also were trying to find ways to incorporate older animals into the show, since shelters have more trouble finding homes for them than they do puppies and kittens, Toporoff said.

As with all reality TV shows, the behind-the-scenes casting can lead to problems. Viewers often come in seeking a dog just like one on the show, and "then the lawyer brain kicks in, and you have to make sure you let everybody know not every dog plays football," said Bernstein, who is also an attorney. "People will adopt the kind of dog they see in the movie and they'll expect their Dalmatian to know how to use a word processor and not understand that was a cartoon."

Some dogs like to play more than others. But don't come in thinking every Chihuahua can play football," she said.

## For the kids



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A handmade Valentine's Day card appropriate for young boys who may find the usual hearts and flowers too lovey-dovey, is made with Metamucil and water. This homemade "slime" is a fun, non-toxic alternative to candy.

## 'Valenslime' fits young boys' tastes

By **HOLLY RAMER**  
Associated Press

My son is 8, so I knew hearts and flowers weren't going to cut it for Valentine's Day this year.

Sure, he likes collecting candy from his classmates, but the rest of it? Ick.

So I decided to take that reaction and run with it, designing a decidedly gross Valentine that would be fun for his friends without relying on more sugary treats.

I chose a simple concoction that consists of water and fiber supplement powder (Metamucil). It's easy to make, not too sticky and, if you use the "berry" variety, ends up a vibrant red color perfect for Valentine's Day.

## Materials:

- Metamucil or other powdered fiber supplement
- water
- large saucepan
- spoon
- bowl, baking dish or rimmed cookie sheet
- plastic bags or small containers to package finished slime
- "Be My Valenslime" cards, which can be

downloaded at my blog, [www.stitchcraftcreations.com](http://www.stitchcraftcreations.com)

— double-stick tape

## Instructions:

1. Combine 6 cups of water with 6 teaspoons of Metamucil in a large saucepan, stirring to dissolve the powder.

2. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat.

3. Continue to boil mixture for approximately 15-17 minutes. The mixture will decrease in volume and become thick, and will cling to a spoon if you stir it. If you turn off the heat and tilt the pan a bit, running a spoon across the bottom of the pan should leave a clear path for a few seconds. You want it to be thick but not so thick it turns solid and rubbery.

4. Pour slime into a large bowl, baking dish or rimmed cookie sheet and allow to cool. If it still seems too wet, you can return it to the saucepan and reheat.

5. Divide slime into smaller blobs. One batch will make approximately 10 portions.

6. Package slime in snack-size plastic bags and seal.

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WGN-A	16	239	307 Funny Videos	Bloopers! (S)	Bloopers! (S)	How I Met/Mother								
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OWN	18	189	279 Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)	Oprah's Next Chapter (S)
A&E	19	118	265 Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage Wars							
HALL	20	185	312 The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls
FX	22	136	248 (5:30) *** "Iron Man 2" (2010, Action)	Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow.	***"The Proposal" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen.	***"The Proposal" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen.	***"The Proposal" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen.	***"The Proposal" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen.	***"The Proposal" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Mary Steenburgen.
CNN	24	200	202 CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)
TNT	25	138	245 Law & Order "House Calls"	Law & Order "Compassion"	Law & Order "Executioner"	Law & Order "Executioner"	Law & Order "Dignity" (DVS)							
NIK	26	170	299 SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	See Dad Run	***"Rugrats in Paris: The Movie" (2000, Adventure) (S)	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)	The Nanny (S)
SPIKE	28	168	241 Bar Rescue "Bar Fight"	Bar Rescue "Bad to the Bone"	Bar Rescue "Hogtied Hams"	Bar Rescue "Hogtied Hams"	Bar Rescue "Beach Bum"							
MY-TV	29	32	- Donna Reed	Donna Reed	M*A*S*H (S)	M*A*S*H (S)	Colombo Indiscreet wife is blackmailed.	M*A*S*H (S)	Thriller An 8-year-old holds a weapon.	The Twilight Zone				
DISN	31	172	290 (5:00) *** "High School Musical"	*** "High School Musical 2" (2007) Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens. (S)	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Jessie (S)	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Dog With a Blog	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Dog With a Blog	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Dog With a Blog	A.N.T. Farm (S)	Dog With a Blog
LIFE	32	108	252 (5:00) "The Wife He Met Online" (2012)	"Maternal Obsession" (2010, Suspense)	Jean Louisa Kelly, Kirsten Prout. (S)	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012, Suspense)	Moira Kelly, David Cubitt. (S)	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012, Suspense)	Moira Kelly, David Cubitt. (S)	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012, Suspense)	Moira Kelly, David Cubitt. (S)	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012, Suspense)	Moira Kelly, David Cubitt. (S)	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012, Suspense)
USA	33	105	242 NCIS A suicide bomber kills a Marine.	NCIS "Missing" (S)	NCIS Captain's family is kidnapped.	NCIS "Good Wives Club" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)	NCIS "Vanished" (S)
BET	34	124	329 Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between	Reed Between
ESPN	35	140	206 Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man	Strongest Man
ESPN2	36	144	209 Women's College Gymnastics Auburn at Florida. (Taped)	30 for 30 (S)										
SUNSP	37	-	- Reel Animals	Saltwater Exp.	Into the Blue	Ship Shape TV	Sportsman's Adv.	Reel Time	Fins & Skins	Sport Fishing	how to Do florida	Fight Sports: In 60	GatorZone	
DISCV	38	182	278 Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (S)
TBS	39	139	247 (5:00) *** "Sex and the City 2" (2010)	Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall. (S)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)	*** "The Bucket List" (2007) Jack Nicholson, Morgan Freeman. (S) (DVS)
HLN	40	202	204 Murder by the Book	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	What Would You Do?	Dominick Dunne: Power, Privilege	Huckabee					
FNC	41	205	360 FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	FOX Report (N)	Chasing The Satur									
E!	45	114	236 Kourtney and Kim Take Miami	Food Truck Paradise (S)	Bbq Paradise 2: Another Rack (S)	Deep Fried Paradise 2: Extra Crispy	Fast Foods Gone Global "Asia" (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)	Man v. Food (S)
TRAVEL	46	196	277 Sandwich Paradise 2 (S)	Property Brothers "April" (S)	Property Brothers "Kristine & Paul" (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)	Hawaii Life (S)
HGTV	47	112	229 Property Brothers "April" (S)	My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding										
TLC	48	183	280 My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding	American Pickers "Fairlane Fever"	American Pickers (S)	American Pickers (S)	Restoration	(:31) Pawn Stars	(:02) Pawn Stars	(:32) Pawn Stars	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX
HIST	49	120	269 American Pickers "Fairlane Fever"	American Pickers (S)	American Pickers (S)	American Pickers (S)	Restoration	(:31) Pawn Stars	(:02) Pawn Stars	(:32) Pawn Stars	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX
ANPL	50	184	282 (5:00) Puppy Bowl IX	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.	Puppy Bowl IX Puppies play on a tiny football field.
FOOD	51	110	231 Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off	Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off
TBN	52	260	372 T.D. Jakes (S)	Joyce Meyer	Leading the Way	The Blessed Life	BelieverVoice	Creflo Dollar (S)	Praise the Lord (S)	World Poker Tour: Season 10				
FSN-FL	56	-	- Tennis Champions Series: Las Vegas. Agassi vs. Courier. (Taped)	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.	*** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008, Fantasy) Georgie Henley, Skandar Keynes, William Moseley.
SYFY	58	122	244 *** "Land of the Lost" (2009, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Anna Friel.	(:38) The Walking Dead "Vatos" (S)	(:40) The Walking Dead "Wildfire" (S)	(:42) The Walking Dead "TS-19" All is not what it seems.	(9:47) The Walking Dead Rick emerges from a coma. (S)	The Walking Dead						
AMC	60	130	254 The Walking Dead	(:38) The Walking Dead "Vatos" (S)	(:40) The Walking Dead "Wildfire" (S)	(:42) The Walking Dead "TS-19" All is not what it seems.	(9:47) The Walking Dead Rick emerges from a coma. (S)	The Walking Dead						
COM	62	107	249 (5:00) *** "The House Bunny" (2008)	Tosh.0 (S)										
CMT	63	166	327 Swamp Pawn	(:45) CMT Music	Reba (S)									
NGWILD	108	190	283 Brutal Killers	Ultimate Predators "Animal Assassins"	Ultimate Predators "Jaws of Death"	Ultimate Predators "Death by Dragon"	Attack of the Big Cats	Ultimate Predators "Jaws of Death"						
NGC	109	186	276 Drugged "High on Alcohol"	Search for the Amazon Headshrinkers	Taboo Uncommon relationships.	Taboo Individuals leading double lives.	Taboo The hidden world of prostitution.	Taboo Individuals leading double lives.						
SCIENCE	110	193	284 How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made
ID	111	192	285 Wives With Knives (S)	Wives With Knives "Lonely and Lethal"	Wives With Knives (S)									
HBO	302	300	501 (5:30) *** "Red Riding Hood" (2011)	(:15) *** "Horrible Bosses" (2011, Comedy) Jason Bateman. 'R' (S)	Girls (S)	Enlightened (S)	Girls (S)	Enlightened (S)	Girls (S)	Enlightened (S)	Girls (S)	Enlightened (S)	Girls (S)	Enlightened (S)
MAX	320	310	515 Meet the Fockers	*** "Alien vs. Predator" (2004) Sanaa Lathan. 'PG-13' (S)	(:10) *** "Varsity Blues" (1999, Comedy-Drama) James Van Der Beek. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)	*** "What's Your Number?" (2011, Romance-Comedy) Anna Faris. 'R' (S)
SHOW	340	318	545 (5:15) *** "Faster" (2010) 'R' (S)	Shameless "May I Trim Your Hedges?"	House of Lies	Californication	*** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011) Kristen Stewart. 'PG-13' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)	*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. 'R' (S)

WEEKDAY AFTERNOON												FEBRUARY 4, 2013		
Comcast	Dish	DirecTV	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
3-ABC	3	-	- News	Be a Millionaire	The Chew	General Hospital	The Doctors	Dr. Phil	Be a Millionaire	News				
4-IND	4	4	4 Chann 4 News	Paid Program	Varied Programs	Andy Griffith Show	The Jeff Probst Show	Steve Harvey	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News				
5-PBS	5	-	- WordWorld	Barney & Friends	Callou	Daniel Tiger	Super Why!	Dinosaur Train	WordWorld	Nightly Business				
7-CBS	7	47	47 Action News Jax	The Young and the Restless	Bold/Beautiful	The Talk	Let's Make a Deal	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy	Action News Jax				
9-CW	9	17	17 The Trisha Goddard Show	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The Jeremy Kyle Show	Judge Mathis	The Doctors	Dr. Phil	The People's Court	Family Feud				
10-FOX	10	30	30 Jerry Springer	Be a Millionaire	Days of our Lives	First Coast Living	Katie	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	News	News	News	News	News
12-NBC	12	12	12 News	Be a Millionaire	Days of our Lives	First Coast Living	Katie	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	News	News	News	News	News
CSPAN	14	210	350 (9:00) Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs
WGN-A	16	239	307 In the Heat of the Night	WGN Midday News	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger
TVLAND	17	106	304 Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	GunsMoke	GunsMoke	Bonanza	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show
OWN	18	189	279 Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
A&E	19	118	265 CSI: Miami	Varied Programs	Criminal Minds	Varied Programs	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48
HALL	20	185	312 Marie	Varied Programs	Mad Hungry	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days
FX	22	136	248 (10:30) Movie	Varied Programs	Movie	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs	Varied Programs
CNN	24	200	202 CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom
TNT	25	138	245 Bones											

DEAR ABBY

Stranger's act of kindness gives comfort lasting years



Abigail Van Buren  
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DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, my family moved to New Jersey. It was a difficult time in my life. Lucky for me, I made a best friend across the street, "Janie." We spent all our time together. I loved being at her house because it was a happy one, unlike my own home. (My mom was erratic and unhappy, and it affected our whole family.)

A year later, Janie learned her family would be moving to Ohio. The day the moving truck came, Janie and I were inseparable. The driver was a young man in his 20s named Randy.

When Janie and her family left in their car, I sat on the curb outside my house sobbing. When the loading crew finished, Randy started the truck, then turned off the engine. He got out and came and sat beside me on the curb and told me how someday my pain would lessen.

He said I was a special person, and shared a little about his own family who was far away. Then he took a ring off his finger and said he wanted me to have it. It was a Marines ring his grandfather had given to him. He insisted I take it, gave me a hug and

drove off.

In the years that have followed, that man's generosity and compassion have stayed with me. It helped me to believe in myself when things in my family seemed dark.

Sadly, I have never known how to find him to thank him. Randy: Wherever you are, please know how much of a difference your kindness made in my life. — STILL GRATEFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR STILL GRATEFUL: One simple act of kindness made an impact on your life, but you have multiplied it many times over by continuing to pass it on. \*\* \*\* \*

DEAR ABBY: When setting someone up for a date, do you think it is important to share the person's race?

Our friend "Jena" set up a girlfriend, "Joan," who is Chinese, on a date with

a white man. Joan knew what the man looked like and was fine with it, but when Jena showed the man a picture of Joan (who is gorgeous), he made an excuse and backed out. We hate to think what he may have said to Joan if he'd gone into the date "blind."

What do you think, Abby? We dislike prejudice, but we want to avoid hurting anyone in the future. — COLORBLIND IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

DEAR COLORBLIND: When arranging a blind date, the usual practice is to give each party as much information about the other as possible. Because it's part of the "package" you're offering, race should be mentioned to prevent any surprises.

However, you may have drawn the wrong conclusion about the man in this case. Has it occurred to you that he may have backed out because Joan is so gorgeous that he was intimidated? Many beautiful women have complained about having this problem.

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HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD  
Eugenia Word

if you attend an event that features different cultural traditions. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Troubles at home can be expected. You'd be wise to get out and enjoy a pastime with someone who shares your interests and doesn't judge you. Don't give in to bullying or anyone trying to coerce you into something you don't want to do. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't hold back when discipline and hard work offers such good results. Too much of anything will be your downfall. Keep life simple, pursue goals with moderation and you will come out on top. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be unique, imaginative and engaging and you will be noticed. Your ability to pull things together will result in greater interest from someone who can offer you either personal or professional assistance.

Love and romance are heading your way. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Stick to creative endeavors or home improvement projects. Talks will get you nowhere but into trouble with the people you love most. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A little reservation when it comes to taking a risk will be required. You have to look at whatever you are planning to do objectively and wager all the pros and cons before leaping into action. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take command. An emotional matter can be cleared up if you are compassionate and understanding with regard to the needs of those around you. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at your options but don't make a decision just yet. Stick close to home and take care of odd jobs you've left undone. Mulling over in your mind what you want to strive for in the future will pay off. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over your important papers and you will discover something that needs to be dealt with and that can make your life easier financially. Keeping the way you feel about someone a secret will backfire. You are best to be upfront. ★★★★★

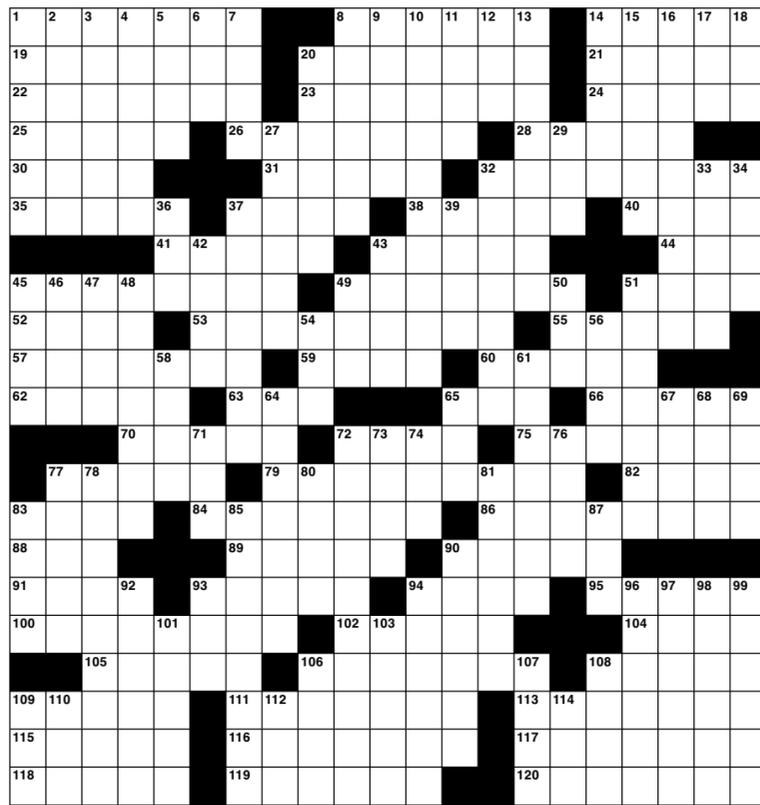
CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos  
Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.  
" Z A X V Z A M C X R F H I B Z I C H C X A W  
H T W X K V H M F W X Z . " — G X W I K S W M C  
Z N H T H Z M T W S H B Z L F Z M Z X  
X V W K G K W M C I W M . S H M K W B E . K M Z A R W  
Previous Solution: "No one really wants to admit they are lonely ... I have felt lonely many times in my life." — Bill Murray  
TODAY'S CLUE: *J sijnbe L*  
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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BLACK CATS By Jeff Chen / Edited by Will Shortz



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| 1 Break in poetry  | 51 Cold war fighters                                | 106 ___ Sea, body of water north of Norway      | 17 Unwieldy boat                                 |
| 8 Costumed animal, perhaps   | 52 Shred  | 108 In itself                                   | 18 Victorian leader?                             |
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| 67 Pioneering conservationist       | 76 Modern R&R option         | 92 Sautéed seafood dish                   | 106 When doubled, island near Tahiti              |
| 68 Watson of the Harry Potter films | 77 Well-rounded              | 93 Intl. standard                         | 107 Author's encl.                                |
| 69 Part of T.A.: Abbr.              | 78 Source of talk, often     | 94 Intense, as a gaze                     | 108 Univ. figure                                  |
| 71 Retirement spot                  | 80 Jack of old westerns      | 96 Not fazed by                           | 109 "The Producers" producer Brooks               |
| 72 Old barnstorming needs           | 81 "My turn"                 | 97 Kind of pass for an overseas passenger | 110 It may be represented by "XXX" in the funnies |
| 73 Lake connected to Sandusky Bay   | 83 Double agent Aldrich      | 98 On the stock exchange                  | 112 One of the X's in XXX                         |
| 74 Roll around in the yard?         | 85 Shakes on                 | 99 Stock units?                           | 114 —   |
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|                                     | 90 Master of literary twists | 103 Hitch ___                             |   |

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Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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**TRAVEL****Tulum, Mexico, an escape to the beach**

Cancun alternative attracts different classes of tourists.

By **MANUEL VALDES**  
Associated Press

TULUM, Mexico — The all-inclusive Cancun resorts are not known for topless women on the beach or Argentinians with scraggly beards playing Gypsy music. But that's the norm in Tulum, a Mexican seaside spot south of Cancun that attracts a mix of bohemians, well-pocketed New Age types and sun-seekers to its turquoise waters and white sandy beaches.

Despite its proximity to Cancun and its fellow party neighbor Playa del Carmen, Tulum is not for the same spring break crowd.

"The college kids go to Cancun. The professors and teacher assistants come to Tulum," said Richard Contreras, whose family has managed properties in Tulum for nearly a decade.

That doesn't mean Tulum is cheap. We couldn't find a room on the beach for less than \$150 a night that came with a bathroom. Meals nearby cost just as much as they do in my hometown of Seattle.

"Tulum is luxury, but the luxury here is nature and the beach," said Mimi Contreras, Richard's sister.

Our trip was a five-day sun-seeking dash in the first week of January, during the area's high season, which stretches from winter through spring break. Tulum, located on Mexico's lush green Yucatan Peninsula, was an ideal destination. The weather was perfect. The bright sunshine was rarely obscured by fast traveling clouds. December and January are among the driest months on the Yucatan Peninsula and offer hot weather, but no debilitating heat. The dayside highs in our trip were in the mid-80s. The night skies were full of stars.

Tulum is about 90 miles south of Cancun and the highway connecting both is well-paved. We



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Tourists leave the swimming beach next to the Mayan ruins in Tulum, Mexico. Tulum may be best-known for its ancient Mayan ruins, which attract a steady stream of day-trippers, cruise passengers and tour buses. The complex of crumbling structures here is smaller and less impressive than some other Mayan sites like Chichen Itza, but its location atop seaside cliffs is one of the most scenic ruin sites on the Yucatan.

flew into Cancun, rented a car (\$25 a day plus insurance from Hertz) and made the drive late at night. It went smoothly and we hit no traffic, but watch out for speed bumps scattered around the area and pedestrians crossing the highway in some spots. There are also shuttles available from Cancun to Tulum, but the car gave us the mobility to visit attractions beyond the beach.

"Tulum is pretty laid-back and chill. And I think most of the people who live here, work here, who have property here, want to keep that way to a certain extent," Mimi Contreras said.

Tulum can be divided in to three parts: the town, the Mayan ruins and the beach.

Tulum the town is on the highway, about a 10-minute drive from the beach. Tourism has pushed the population to around 30,000 people, but the town retains the blueprint of many Latin American pueblos, centered around an open

plaza or town square. Shops, street-food vendors, hotels and restaurants catering to tourists line the main drag. In general, hotels and restaurants downtown are much cheaper than those on the beach. (We found tasty Mexican food and great service at La Malquerida.)



The Castle of the Mayan ruins is one of the main attractions in Tulum.

Just past the town are the near-

est "cenotes," which are water caves that are part of a network of rivers under the Yucatan Peninsula. We went to the Gran Cenote (\$10 entrance plus snorkel rental) for a swim in its cool and clear waters. Snorkeling underwater, you can see how the water has eroded the cave's limestone walls over the eons into formations of

many different shapes and sizes. The Gran Cenote even had fish in its cavernous pool and bats flying overhead. The Yucatan has many cenotes and some are deep enough for scuba diving.

Tulum may be best-known for its ancient Mayan ruins, which attract a steady stream of day-trippers, cruise passengers and tour buses. The complex of crumbling structures here is smaller and less impressive than some other Mayan sites like Chichen Itza, but its location atop seaside cliffs is one of the most scenic ruin sites on the Yucatan. The complex is surrounded by a wall (Tulum means wall) and was inhabited for centuries before Spanish colonialists arrived in the early 1500s. Entrance to the park is \$10, which also gives you access to a beach where you can swim beneath the ruins. Guided tours cost extra.

Last but not least, there's Tulum the beach. Stretching for roughly six miles (10 kilometers), waterfront Tulum is lined with cabanas, "eco-chic" hotels, fancy restaurants and yoga spots, but it's less developed than some of Mexico's other resort areas, where the view of the beach often includes high-rise hotels.

There's only one main road and it does get crowded during the day. In spots, it barely accommodates the stream of cars, trucks, taxis, bicycles and pedestrians using it. Biking can be perilous; two women staying next to us fell off their bikes in the traffic, though fortunately they were not seriously injured.

We stayed in one of Contreras' seaside cabanas for \$75 a night. It came with a shared bathroom, a fan and occasional insects common in tropical settings — including some that bite. The cabana rooms are large, cleaned daily and are nicely decorated. There's Wi-Fi, if you must. People staying at the cabanas can use beach beds, lounge chairs and a bar from the Contreras' next-door property, which hosts cruise ship tours in the afternoons. We were just footsteps from the beach.

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