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Olustee should bring in \$4M-plus

Festival, re-enactment have greater economic impact on area than any other event.

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Millions of dollars are spent in the community each year from the 40 to 60 thousand people who visit Lake City for the Olustee Battle Festival and the Olustee

Battle Re-enactment.

Director of the Tourist Development Council Harvey Campbell said the festival and re-enactment have the single largest economic impact of any event of the year and cited a Florida State University survey that says the festival has an economic impact about \$4.5 million on the local economy.

He said about 40,000 people spend money at local restaurants and hotels during the 2-day festival. Another 20,000 people travel the 18 miles east to the site of the battle re-

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enactment on Sunday. Campbell said some of the 20,000 people are double-counted.

The festival has statewide recognition and was named by Florida Living as the best live Civil War re-enactment. Because the festival starts Friday and vendors set up on Thursday, Campbell said the festival has a dispersed



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter
A scene from last year's re-enactment.

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COUNTDOWN BEGINS



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Grand opening of steakhouse set for Feb. 25

ABOVE, RIGHT: The newly completed LongHorn Steakhouse is seen along U.S. 90 on Monday. The restaurant will have a grand opening at 11 a.m. on Feb. 25. Employee orientation has already begun at the restaurant. The Olive Garden restaurant, next door, will open sometime in early spring.



Pope will step down

85-year-old pontiff says he lacks strength to continue in job.

By NICOLE WINFIELD and VICTOR L. SIMPSON
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Declaring that he lacks the strength to do his job, Pope Benedict XVI announced Monday he will resign Feb. 28 — becoming the first pontiff to step down in 600 years. His decision sets the stage for a mid-March conclave to elect a new leader for a Catholic Church in deep turmoil.

The 85-year-old pope dropped the bombshell in Latin during a meeting of Vatican cardinals, surprising even his closest collaborators even though he had made clear previously that he would step down if he became too old or infirm to carry on.

Benedict called his choice “a decision of great importance for the life of the church.”

Indeed, the move allows the Vatican to hold a conclave before Easter to elect a new pope, since the traditional nine days of mourning that would follow the death of a pope doesn't have to



Benedict XVI

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Mental health issues in spotlight at forum

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The deaths of 20 children in Newtown, Connecticut shined a bright light on problems that have brewed for decades surrounding mental health services. In Florida, the mental health care industry lacks proper funding and fights a public perception of stigmas that prevent many from seeking the care they need, said one expert with 30 years of experience in the industry.



Labarta

Margarita Labarta, chief executive officer for Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, started working for the company more than 30 years ago, and said she's seen improvements in understanding and treatment of the mentally ill. But a number of problems persist.

Florida ranked 49 out of 51 (Washington, D.C. was included in the study) for funding of mental health services, Labarta said. Only Texas and Idaho spend less money per person than Florida.

The national average per capita spending is \$120 for individuals with mental illnesses, but in Florida it is \$39.

Labarta was the speaker at a forum hosted at the Fairfield Hotel and Suites in Lake City where more

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Ex-GOP chief pleads guilty

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Former Republican Party of Florida chairman Jim Greer pleaded guilty to theft and money laundering charges Monday just before jury selection in his criminal trial was to begin.

Greer pleaded guilty to four counts of theft and a single count of money laundering for funneling money from the Republican Party of Florida to a company he set up with his right-hand man. He could be sentenced to a minimum of 3 1/2 years and a maximum of 35 years in prison at his March 27 sentencing.

The plea deal avoids what would have been an embarrassing trial for the state GOP. Some of Florida's most powerful politicians were scheduled as witnesses, including former Gov. Charlie Crist, former U.S. Sen. George LeMieux, former Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum and several state House and state Senate leaders.

“There were a number of people who did not want this trial to go forward and the trial isn't



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Jim Greer, left, pleads guilty in court Monday morning in Orlando.

going forward,” said Damon Chase, Greer's attorney. “Once again, Jim Greer is falling on his sword for a lot of other folks.”

Topics that were covered in pretrial depositions included allegations of prostitutes at a state GOP fundraiser in the Bahamas, lavish spending on

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

No one dominates Grammys

LOS ANGELES
Unlike last year, when the Grammys became the Adele show, each of the leading nominees in a diverse and eclectic field got a chance to bask in the spotlight of music's biggest night. Fun., whose anthemic and semi-dark jam "We Are Young" dominated the charts in 2012, won song of the year. Gotye's massive and oddball pop hit, "Somebody I Used to Know," picked up record of the year. And folk-rockers Mumford & Sons won album of the year for their platinum-selling "Babel."

Fun. also won best new artist, besting Frank Ocean in an upset. The Recording Academy had a clear message at its 55th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday night: There are a lot of top acts today with both mainstream appeal and an edge to their music, and the academy was happy to spread the love.

"One after the other, it was like, 'And the Black Keys...,' so I think we just sort of resigned ourselves to like, last year was Adele's year and this year would be the Black Keys," said lead singer Marcus Mumford, who thought his band would lose album of the year to the Black Keys. Dan Auerbach of the Black Keys, the night's big winner with four trophies, was one of six acts with the most nominations — six each. He won non-classical producer of the year, while the Black Keys earned the best rock album, song and performance honors.

The Black Keys dominated the rock category, while Jay-Z and Kanye West did the same in the rap area. But the pop, country and R&B categories were a reflection of the top four honors, with no single act dominating. Winners in those categories ranged from Adele to Paul



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Recording artists (from left) Sting, Ziggy Marley, Bruno Mars and Rihanna perform at the 55th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles. The awards show, which had no dominant recipient, featured several ensemble performances.

McCartney, Carrie Underwood to the Zac Brown Band, and Usher to Miguel.

Bruce Willis receives French acting award

PARIS — Actor Bruce Willis has been awarded the Commander of the Arts in France for his contribution to cinema.

The 57-year-old, whose latest film is "A Good Day to Die Hard," told the Paris ceremony Monday night that he feels honored that his work has been recognized. His attended the event with his wife, Emma Heming.

Willis was born in Europe and said he feels as home in France. But the star said he opposes President Francois Hollande's plan to tax the richest at 75 percent and hopes he would be able to complain about it if



Willis

he lived in France.

'Buckwild' cast member Amin arrested

CHARLESTON — A cast member of the MTV reality show "Buckwild" is facing drug charges.

Twenty-four-year-old Salwa Amin was arraigned Monday in Nicholas County Magistrate Court on felony charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. She's being held at the Central Regional Jail on \$200,000



Amin

bond. State police say Amin and two others were arrested late Sunday at a home in Summersville after officers responding to a tip found oxycodone pills and heroin.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 90.
- Actor Louis Zorich is 89.
- Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 87.
- Movie director Costa-Gavras is 80.
- Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 79.
- Actor Joe Don Baker is 77.
- Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 74.
- Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak is 71.
- Country singer Moe Bandy is 69.
- Actress Maud Adams is 68.
- Actor Cliff DeYoung is 67.
- Actor Michael Ironside is 63.

Daily Scripture

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

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AROUND FLORIDA

Disabled kids' program fixed

FORT LAUDERDALE — Florida health officials said Monday they will assign care coordinators to about 1,600 children with disabilities amid allegations from federal health officials that the state was cutting in-home services and essentially forcing kids into adult nursing homes.

An individual care coordinator will work with no more than 40 disabled children at a time who are receiving in-home nursing services and ensure they have continued access to those services. The Agency for Health Care Administration said it will begin the transition within 90 days. Many of the children require ventilators, feeding tubes and other machinery that is too complicated for parents to monitor.

The changes come several months after federal health officials threatened to sue the state and accused it of violating federal law by allowing more than 200 children with disabilities and even babies to be kept in nursing homes, often for years.

Federal regulators say children languish in facilities, sharing common areas with elderly patients and having few interactions with others, rarely leaving the nursing homes or going outside.

Pier closing to cost 400 jobs

ST. PETERSBURG — An estimated 400 people will be out of work when the St. Petersburg pier is demolished.

The Tampa Tribune reports that many of the small retail businesses at the pier are still looking for a place to relocate. Some

have decided to close altogether, saying they won't find another location in Pinellas County with such high foot traffic and beautiful views.

In addition to retail shop employees, valet parking attendants, cleaners, security officers and others will also be back on the job market.

St. Petersburg is scheduled to barricade the causeway in four months and then proceed to demolish the iconic pier. It will be replaced with a futuristic design. The new pier will offer visitors kayaking and paddle boating instead of gelato stands and fortune-telling machines.

Scott pushes budget priorities

WEST PALM BEACH — Gov. Rick Scott sought to build public support for his budget priorities Monday, pressing for teacher raises and a cut to manufacturing equipment sales taxes as keys to boosting the economy.

Addressing a large gathering of the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, the Republican governor also called Everglades restoration efforts vital, in part to maintain a clean water source for a growing population. He called to the stage numerous leaders in Everglades cleanup projects, including prominent environmentalists.

Scott's \$74.2 billion proposal includes a 6 percent hike in spending, including restoring money for some environmental efforts such as the Florida Forever land-buying program. Scott said such a move was only possible because of frugality earlier in his term.

"We made the tough choices two years ago, we lived within our means, we balanced the budget, we paid down debt," he said,

"and our economy has come back."

Burned man gets 10 years in prison

TAMPA — A Tampa Bay area man who severely burned himself while trying to set his estranged wife on fire has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

As part of a deal with Hillsborough County prosecutors, 51-year-old Matthew Wong pleaded guilty Monday to attempted murder. The Tampa Bay Times reports that he attended the hearing in a wheelchair.

Prosecutors say Wong and his wife had been separated for several months last February when he drove to the Countrywood apartment complex in a rental car and waited for her to leave for work. Authorities say Wong chased his wife and tried to splash gasoline on her. Instead he got the gas all over himself.

The woman escaped into an apartment, and he poured gas on the entryway. When he lit it, fire blew back and engulfed him.

Skateboard crash kills boy, 10

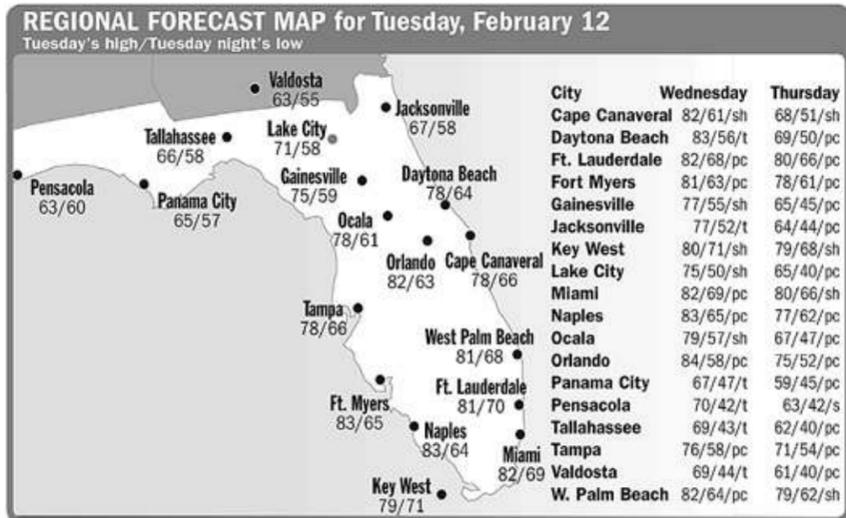
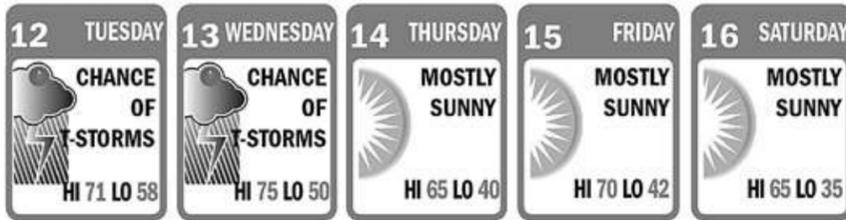
ORANGE CITY — Authorities say it was a "tragic accident" when an Orange City boy was struck and killed while riding his skateboard.

Orange City police spokesman Jason Sampsell told The Daytona Beach News-Journal it doesn't appear the driver of the truck that hit the boy Friday night committed any traffic infractions.

According to reports, the truck driver didn't have time to avoid the boy.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER



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The new library in White Springs, courtesy PotashCorp-White Springs.

PotashCorp-White Springs donates funds for library

From staff reports

WHITE SPRINGS – PotashCorp-White Springs General Manager Terry Baker, the Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, and the Camp-Able Family joined Regional Library Director Betty Lawrence to celebrate the opening of White Springs Library in White Springs on Monday. The event was followed by an open house for the community to visit and tour the new library facility.

“PotashCorp is honored to be part of this project which fills a critical need within the local community,” Baker said. “Our PotashCorp-White Springs Family is committed to our partnership with Hamilton

County and its people. This facility will serve as learning hub for students and families in the extended White Springs community.”

The library will feature a collection of books, magazines, newspapers, movies, e-books and internet access. Additionally, the White Springs Library community meeting room will provide a public place for community and civic groups to host meetings as well as summer and after school programs for children.

The library will be designated as the PotashCorp Building in recognition of the donation made by the corporation to make the library possible.

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effect on the local economy.

“The economic benefit is spread out longer than you would typically think of a weekend festival,” he said.

Rod Butler, general manager at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Lake City, said the Olustee Battle Festival is Lake City’s signature annual event and he expects many local hotels will be sold out this weekend.

“It’s a huge event for us,” Butler said. February is a high-demand month for

the Florida hotel industry as residents of northern states flock to Florida’s sunny beaches and mild-winter weather.

Butler called the festival an added benefit to an already busy time for the industry.

“One of the exciting aspects is to have guests in 1860s time-period costumes walking around our hotels,” he said. “It raises a lot of questions among the folks that are not here for the festival.”

FORUM: Mental health issues under scrutiny

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than 60 local residents, business leaders, elected officials and law enforcement talked about mental healthcare. The sheriff, chief of police, city manager, Lake Shore Hospital officials, business owners and county residents were able to voice opinions and concerns about their interactions with the mentally ill.

Labarta said about 25 percent of the population suffers from a mental illness. Nine percent suffer from severe mental illness, Labarta said.

Rhonda Sherrrod, market CEO for Shands Lake Shore, said every emergency room in the state sees patients with mental health issues, and by the time the mentally ill enter an emergency room it’s usually because the person’s actions have taken an extreme turn.

“One thing we see is obviously a lack of resources so that folks can be in treatment and hopefully prevent escalation’s at all of our (emergency rooms),” she said.

While most mental illness is identified after high school, Labarta said mental illness of students in the public education system is important because at that age “children are creatures of the moment,” and impulsive, which leads to a belief current conditions will never improve. Those feelings sometimes result in suicide, she said. She said social workers and counseling staff in school districts “have fallen prey to budget cuts.”

When children show signs that they are upset and it goes above “a typical phase” then someone needs to have the symptoms checked with a mental healthcare professional, she said.

Superintendent Terry Huddleston said although the district has seen cuts to the budget, every school in Columbia County has a nurse. Huddleston said there are problems with getting troubled students the help they need, and the problem isn’t addressed until the law enforcement becomes involved.

“Our biggest issue in the school system is once we can identify a person that has a need then there is very few places to refer them where they can get treatment and help,” Huddleston said. “... It’s hard to get these families and students to services until something happens.”

He said even when a need is identified, it’s often too expensive for the families to treat because of holes in insurance coverage.

Chief of Police Argatha Gilmore said law enforcement receives training for the instances when officers encounter mentally ill people. She said the forum did address some of what she believes needs to occur – preventive measures so incidents are less likely to happen.

“If we deal with preventive measures on the front end (and) if we talk about those concerns on the front end then we are all better to give the services that that person needs not just for that night, not for that particular incident, but so it would not be a repetitive response we would be giving all the time,” she said.

Labarta said one of the problems is the public doesn’t understand mental illness.

“Until we understand what the illnesses really are, it’s really hard to have a public education and a public

health campaign, which is what we really need,” Labarta said.

Depression and anxiety are the mental illnesses the general population hears the most about and understands the best, she said. She said about nine percent of people suffer from depression and half of the people with depression develop severe symptoms.

About 18 percent of the population suffer from anxiety, she said.

“When we talk about anxiety and depression, we are not talking about the blues or when you feel bad,” she said. “... What I’m talking about is a level of sadness or a level of anxiety that intervenes with your ability to carry on your day-to-day life as you had before.”

A more serious mental illnesses called bipolar disorder affects about 2 percent of people, but 84 percent experience the disorder to a severe degree, she said. The other disorder that pops up in the media is schizophrenia, which affects one of percent of the population and “usually is quite severe,” she said.

While recent mass murders by mentally ill individuals have resulted in big headlines, she said most violent crimes are not committed by the mentally ill. She said while the mentally ill do commit violent acts, they are much more likely to be the victim in a violent crime than the perpetrator.

“While it’s what we hear about, while it’s certainly something we need to address, it’s very very hard to predict when a single individual will become violent because of their mental illness,” Labarta said.

POPE: Will step down on Feb. 28

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be observed.

It will also allow Benedict to hold great sway over the choice of his successor, though he will not vote. He has already hand-picked the bulk of the College of Cardinals — the princes of the church who will elect the next pope — to guarantee his conservative legacy and ensure an orthodox future for the church.

“Without doubt this is a historic moment,” said Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn, a protege and former theology student of Benedict’s who himself is considered a papal contender. “Right now, 1.2 billion Catholics the world over are holding their breath.”

Cardinal Andre Vingt-Trois, the archbishop of Paris, called the decision a “liberating act for the future,” saying popes from now on will no longer feel compelled to stay on until their death.

“One could say that in a certain manner, Pope Benedict XVI broke a taboo,” he told reporters in Paris.

There are several papal contenders in the wings, but no obvious front-runner — the same situation when Benedict was elected pontiff in 2005 after the death of Pope John Paul II.

The Vatican stressed that no specific medical condition prompted Benedict’s decision, that he remained fully lucid and took his decision independently.

“Any interference or intervention is alien to his style,” Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said.

It has been obvious to all that the pope has slowed down significantly in recent years, cutting back his foreign travel and limiting his audiences. He now goes to and from the altar in St. Peter’s Basilica on a moving platform to spare him the long walk down the aisle. Occasionally he uses a cane.

His 89-year-old brother, Georg Ratzinger, said doctors had recently advised the pope not to take any more trans-Atlantic trips.

“His age is weighing on him,” Ratzinger told the dpa news agency. “At this age, my brother wants more rest.”

Benedict emphasized that carrying out the duties of being pope requires “both strength of mind and body.”

“After having repeatedly examined my conscience before God, I have come to

the certainty that my strengths due to an advanced age are no longer suited” to the demands of being the pope, he told the cardinals.

“In order to govern the bark (ship) of St. Peter and proclaim the Gospel, both strength of mind and body are necessary — strengths which in the last few months, have deteriorated in me,” he said.

Popes are allowed to resign but church law says the decision must be “freely made and properly manifested.” Still, only a handful have done it.

The last pope to resign was Pope Gregory XII, who stepped down in 1415 in a deal to end the Great Western Schism, a dispute among competing papal claimants. The most famous resignation was Pope Celestine V in 1294; Dante placed him in hell for it.

There are good reasons why others haven’t followed suit, primarily because of the fear of a schism with two living popes. Lombardi sought to rule out such a scenario, saying church law makes clear that a resigning pope no longer has the right to govern the church.

During his tenure, Benedict charted a very conservative course for the church, trying to reawaken Christianity in Europe where it had fallen by the wayside and return the church to its traditional roots, which he felt had been betrayed by an incorrect interpretation of the modernizing reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

His efforts, though, were overshadowed by a worldwide clerical sex abuse scandal, communication gaffes that outraged Jews and Muslims alike and, more recently, a scandal over leaked documents by his own butler.

Many of his stated priorities as pope also fell short: he failed to establish relations with China, heal the schism and reunite with the Orthodox Church, or reconcile with a group of breakaway, traditionalist Catholics.

Still, most Vatican watchers saw his decision as the best thing to do for the church given his diminished capacities.

“It is an act ultimately of responsibility and love for the church,” said the Rev. John Wauck, an Opus Dei priest.

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fancy restaurants and luxury hotels by state party leaders, the drinking habits of Crist and party leaders stabbing each other in the back.

Greer, 50, was vice mayor of the small central Florida town of Oviedo when Crist surprisingly picked him to be the state party chairman after he led local efforts to help Crist get elected governor in 2006. He previously was the president and CEO of a company that provides training to the hospitality industry on how to comply with alcohol laws.

Crist didn’t immediately return a phone call seeking comment.

The Republican Party of Florida said in a statement that Greer had tried to damage the party’s reputation since his arrest in 2010.

“But the truth is now known that Jim Greer broke the law, stole from the RPOF and our donors, and then said and did everything he could to cover up and distract attention from his crimes,” the statement said.

Stephen Dobson, an attorney for the party, said Greer’s acknowledgment of guilt was what the party wanted all along.

Party officials weren’t worried about potentially embarrassing testimony at trial, he said.

“There was absolutely no concern. In fact, a lot of people were looking forward to clearing a lot of these allegations that had been made up,” Dobson said outside the courtroom. “Today the truth came out.”

The plea deal was reached at the

last minute. Jury selection was set to begin early Monday, but neither Greer nor prosecutors had appeared in the courtroom an hour after the trial was supposed to start.

Greer had earlier pleaded not guilty to allegations that he funneled almost \$200,000 of party money into a company he had formed with his right-hand man, Delmar Johnson. Johnson had been scheduled to be prosecutors’ star witness and was granted immunity in exchange for his testimony.

“It’s Finally Over!!!” Johnson posted on Facebook after the deal was announced in court.

Greer had said party leaders were aware of the company and that his prosecution was political payback.

OUR OPINION

A step in the right direction

The Sunshine State has long been just that when it comes to the public's right to know. Our public-records and open-meetings laws are among the best in the nation, and go far in keeping public officials from operating out of sight of the people they were elected or appointed to serve.

The one glaring omission in the Sunshine Law?

While Floridians have a right to be present at public meetings, they do not have a statutory right to speak there. The state supreme court affirmed this in 2010, refusing to hear an appeal of a lower-court ruling to that effect.

State Sen. Joe Negron (R-Stuart) is out to change that.

Negron, who has tried before and failed, is once again sponsoring legislation requiring that local boards – city councils, county commissions, zoning boards and the like – give citizens in attendance a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

It's a fine idea.

Being seen but not heard isn't enough.

Floridians who attend public meetings should also have the right, within reason, to make comments relevant to the discussion at hand.

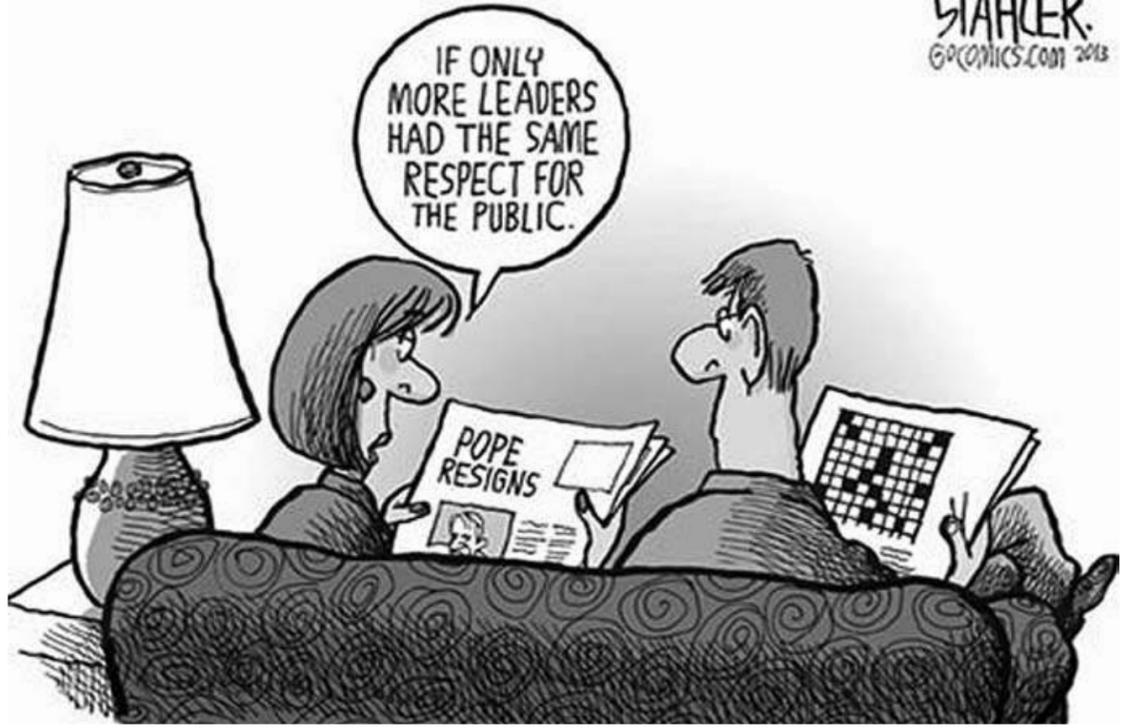
But even if Negron's bill fails, the Columbia County Commission has shown it recognizes the importance of public participation at its meetings.

Up until last Thursday, citizens had five minutes each to offer relevant comments at the start of commission meetings.

With a rule change finalized just five days back, citizens now have two minutes each to address commissioners at the end of meetings as well.

Two minutes may not sound like much, but it should be plenty long for folks to let their elected officials know, in brief, just how they feel about the issues of the day.

It's a good move on the part of commissioners.

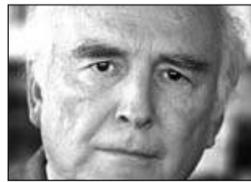


Can Republicans bridge divide?

A WASHINGTON's president, Ronald Reagan issued his 11th commandment that Republicans should not speak ill of other members of the party. But the edict has languished, and it won't be restored unless the GOP ends its internecine warfare over what is more important: winning elections or being philosophically pure.

It is not difficult to foresee a time when the ultras break entirely from the moderates and bring about an upheaval, forming a permanent minority that stays true to its ideology but can't further it. That already has started. Anyone with the least bit of interest in politics knows that bad candidates may find enough support to defeat good ones in primary elections but certainly not to win the election that counts.

That happened in the last two elections. Unless the Republican mainstreamers can somehow pitch the Tea Party movement overboard, it's likely to recur two years from now. Republican candidates had a chance of gaining dramatically in the Senate last time out but nominated candidates whose wild, embarrassing ideas cost them the elec-



Dan K. Thomasson

tion.

In Indiana, for instance, the Republican Party paid an enormous price. County chairmen who were upset over Richard Lugar's support for the Obama administration's economic bailout sent the prestigious, 36-year incumbent packing — and then lost the seat when the obscure candidate of their choice, Richard Mourdock, alienated half of the nation's women.

The exercise duplicated one in Missouri, where Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill was predicted to lose — until her GOP opponent, Todd Akin, started the anti-woman ball rolling with some illiterate, bewildering nonsense about the results of rape.

In a conversation with several "true believers" just before the presidential election, I was amazed that they actually believed Mitt Romney would win. They'd become so convinced of the righteousness of their beliefs that they had

lost touch with reality.

In a biennial "pick 'em" contest, I won the money for a second time. When asked how, I explained that I'd merely chosen with my head, not my emotions. These weren't political novices, either. Joining me in shaking his head was a former chairman of the Republican Party.

Now former White House political guru Karl Rove has incurred the wrath of the far right by taking on turn-back-the-clock zealots.

He and others have begun the Conservative Victory Project, an effort to select Republican candidates with a real chance of winning. One of the people Rove won't be supporting is Rep. Paul Broun of Georgia, who has announced he wants to run for the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss. Chambliss is retiring at the end of next year rather than waiting to be shoved out by the Tea Party.

For those who haven't been paying attention, Broun is the doctor congressman who says that "evolution, embryology and the Big Bang theory" are lies "straight out of hell."

Move over, Mourdock and Akin. You were last

year's embarrassments.

Could this end up splitting the GOP so badly that it can't recover as a major party? Should this war continue over what increasingly seems like the last haven for old white men, with little appeal to the overwhelming majority in a changing demographic? Would that lead to a third party, dramatically altering the nation's two-party political model? It was forged following the 1850s creation of the Republican Party and its first presidential candidate, John C. Fremont.

It is far too early for such hysterical predictions. But if there is any indication that such a trauma may be imminent, it's the fact that two Republican speakers — Florida Sen. Marco Rubio for the establishment and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul for the Tea Party — are scheduled to give the rebuttal to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday.

That should tell us something — and it just might not be good news for the Grand Old Party come next year's elections.

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Reform credit ratings companies now

This famous line of the cynical Captain Renault to nightclub manager Rick in the classic film "Casablanca" comes to mind in reflecting on the practices of American credit rating agencies: "I am shocked, shocked to find ... gambling. ..."

Standard & Poor's Corp., arguably the preeminent credit rating company, was formally charged Monday with large-scale fraud. Attorney General Eric Holder announced civil, not criminal, federal prosecution for \$5 billion in damages for allegedly falsely inflating the value of mortgage-backed investments.

The Feds focus on the period of March to October 2007, just before the U.S. mortgage securities market's failure touched off the global financial collapse and severe recession. The indictment alleges warnings from the industry's own analysts were ignored for at least three years.

Lead S&P attorney Floyd Abrams was primed and responded immediately that his client was being unfairly singled out. He argues other firms, and indeed the Treasury Department, were guilty of similar optimism.

This lawyer's shock was not heard round the world, partly because the wrongdoing of others does not absolve S&P.



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S&P has also been conducting preemptive maneuvers. In a historic measure in August 2011, the firm downgraded the United States' creditworthiness from the top AAA rating. Meanwhile, global demand for U.S. government bonds increased even as the downgrade made international news.

Company officials declared the downgrade reflected the U.S. government's high and growing deficit and debt levels — and doubts about the capacity and will to correct the situation. With moralistic solemnity, the credit crunchers announced this was the first time in history their firm has moved the U.S. down from AAA.

When a National Public Radio interviewer at the time asked a Standard & Poor's executive about shocking lapses in private-sector evaluation, the executive said it was handled by another part of the company. In "Casablanca" vernacular, the S&P guy played dumb and passed

the buck.

Which brings us to President Harry Truman, who displayed a sign on his desk in the Oval Office stating "The Buck Stops Here." Truman and other Allied leaders of that time faced seemingly endless challenges, including the Cold War, which began soon after the unconditional surrenders of Germany and Japan, the Korean War, and U.S. debt greater than today.

Yet S&P did not downgrade the United States at that time.

Why not?

Because equating the U.S. national government, which commands vast actual and potential assets, with the balance sheets of even enormous commercial corporations is absurd.

In that turbulent earlier time, national unity was essential. A credit ratings company that downgraded our government would have rightly been ostracized.

Financial services firms today resent re-regulation by Washington and strike back by appealing to general public cynicism regarding much of government, especially Congress.

The Justice Department is avoiding criminal charges. Ratings companies including S&P should seize this opportunity to reform their practices.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Jim Barr at 754-0424 or by email at jbarr@lakecityreporter.com.

Feb. 12

Medicare seminar

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center will have a free Medicare seminar from 5 to 6 p.m. The seminar will be moderated by Irv Crowetz of C/C and Associates Inc. Subjects to be covered include how to enroll in Medicare, what is covered and whether supplemental insurance is needed. To register, call (386) 755-3476, ext. 107.

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.

Water board meeting

The Suwannee River Water Management District Board of Governors will meet at 9 a.m. at district headquarters, 9225 County Road 49 in Live Oak. The meeting will be to consider district business and hold public hearings on regulatory, real estate and other matters. A public hearing also will be held on adoption of Resolution No. 2013-01 and amendments to the Florida Forever Work Plan.

Feb. 13

Coalition meeting

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. board will meet at 9 a.m. at the coalition office, 1104 SW Main Blvd. The coalition administers the state and federal funding for all school readiness and voluntary pre-kindergarten programs for the counties: Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union. Anyone with a disability requiring special assistance in order to be able to attend the meeting Stacey Nettles at (386) 752-9770.

Necomers lunch

The Lake City Newcomers will have a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. at Quail Heights Country Club on Branford Highway (State Road 247). Ted Allen will give a program featuring a portrayal of Abraham Lincoln. For more information, call Pinky Moore at 752-4552.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Bank makes donation

Officials at TD Bank presented a check for \$4,000.19 to Christ Central Ministries Lead Pastor Lonnie Johns (second from right) on Tuesday. The money is a contribution from the bank's Affinity Membership Program and will help to fund some of the church's ministries, including Operation Backpack and its feeding and counseling programs. Pictured are (from left) Suzanne Norris, TD Bank regional vice president for North Central Florida; retail market manager Gwynn Virostek; Johns; and TD store manager Don Winkleman.

Ash Wednesday service

First Presbyterian Church will hold Ash Wednesday services at noon and 1 p.m. to mark the beginning of Lent. The Rev. Dr. Roy A. Martin, Jr., and Pastor Jason E. Hill, director of worship and music, will offer ashes and to give a blessing or prayer. The sanctuary will be open for private prayer and reflection.

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.

Feb. 14

Art demonstration

Florida Hiwayman artist Robert Lewis Jr. will talk about art style and give a painting demonstration, at 2 p.m. in the Florida Gateway College Allied Health Center. The public is invited to attend.

Book sale help

The Friends of the Library needs volunteers to help with the Olustee Festival Book Sale. We will sort books on Feb. 14 and sell books on Feb. 15 and 16. Friends of the Library also is seeking donations of gently used books to sell during the festival. Books may be dropped off at any Columbia County Library branch. Call Nancy Taylor at (386) 867-1152 for more information.

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution,

will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 28 SE Allison Court. Noah Lindsey will speak about the War of 1812. For more information, call 752-2903.

Tea Party to meet

The North Central Florida Tea Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Building, 128 Sw Birley Ave. Chris Hall, a local Baptist preacher, will talk about what a Christian's duty is toward the government. For more information, call John at (386) 935-0126, Sharon at (386) 935-0821 or go online to www.northcentralfloridateaparty.org.

Concert series

The second concert in the Friends of Music Concert Series will be at 7:30 p.m. in Covenant First Presbyterian Church, 421 White Ave. in Live Oak. The concert will be by the Graffe String Quartet of the Czech Republic, with pianist Michiko Otaki. Admission is free and a reception will follow. For more information, call Bill Poplin at (386) 365-4932 or Linda Poplin at (386) 365-4941.

Garden Club

The Lake City Garden Club will meet at the Clubhouse at 257 SE Hernando Ave. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10. The program this month will be questions from the members and answers from Bruce Cavey.

Feb. 15

Early learning group

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. quality committee will meet at 3 p.m.

at the coalition office, 1104 SW Main Blvd. Anyone with a disability requiring special assistance to attend the meeting Stacey Nettles at (386) 752-9770.

Chorus fundraiser

Student members of the Richardson Middle School Chorus will be selling throughout the community for a discount on Nettle's sausage and drinks that the chorus will be selling at its booth at the Olustee Festival on Feb. 15 and 16. The \$5 tickets will entitle holders to receive a sausage sandwich and drink, \$1 less than the price without a ticket.

Book sale

The Friends of the Library will hold a sidewalk book sale today and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Stop by to peruse and purchase gently used books at affordable prices. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Columbia County Public Library.

Schools event

Columbia County School District will have its annual Career and Technical Education Business Partner Breakfast and meeting starting at 9 a.m., in Columbia High School cafeteria, 469 SE Fighting Tiger Drive. After breakfast and opening remarks, participants will break into small groups to visit classrooms at the middle and high school levels. A special tour at 10:45 a.m. will showcase the Global Logistics warehouse, the FFA land laboratory, Tiger Tots day care and other CTE activities. Reservations are requested by Feb. 12. To register

or for more information, call the high school office at 755-8190 or contact coordinator Mary M. Keen at m_keen@firn.edu.

Theater performance

High Springs Community Theater will present the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "Death of a Salesman" on weekends 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 highspringscommunitytheater.com. For more information, call (386) 454-3525.

Fish dinner

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5056 SW State Road 47 in Lake City, prepares fish dinners every Friday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The dinner is \$6 for two Alaskan pollock filets, corn, baked beans, hush-puppies, cole slaw and tartar sauce. Take out or eat in.

Boys program

The Lake City Parks and Recreation Department has openings for its after-school structured activity for boys. The program is held at the Teen Town Community Center, next to the Lake City Girls Club. The program is licensed by the Department of Children and Families and the staff is DCF certified. The current session runs through March 15 and the cost is \$200. Bus service from the schools is included. For more information, contact Heyward Christie at (386) 754-3607 or email christieh@lcfla.com.

Art League exhibit

The Art League of North Florida's eighth annual Spring Members Art Exhibit runs through April 5 at Florida Gateway College's Alfonso Levi Performing Arts Center. For more information, contact Marie Brown

at 752-1248 or Sue Hall 755-1109.

Contestants sought

Contestants are being sought for the ninth annual Miss Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo Queens Competition. Girls ages 4 to 18 may enter. Judging will be March 15 at the 19th annual Florida Gateway Pro Rodeo. Applications are available at The Money Man, Smitty's Western Store, Columbia County schools' offices, the Columbia County Fairgrounds office or online at www.columbia-countyfair.org. For more information, call (386) 752-8822.

Classic rock concert

The group Phil Dirt and the Dozers will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Levy Performing Arts Center at Florida Gateway College. Tickets will be available at the door an hour before the concert. Cost is \$20 or \$5 for students, cash or check only. For more information, visit on line at www.phildirt.com or www.communityconcerts.info or call (386) 466-8999.

Feb. 16

Dinner dance

The Filipino American Cultural Society of Lake City will hold a Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Epiphany Catholic Church Social Hall. This event is free for FACS members. The cost for nonmembers is \$10 per person. New Members are always welcome. For more information, contact Bob Gavette at 965-5905.

Large rummage sale

The Lake City Garden Club and Woman's Club will have a joint Mega Indoor Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Clubhouse, 257 SE Hernando St. All proceeds will go toward the Restoration Fund for the Clubhouse. Members have been cleaning out their attics, closets, garages and drawers for this event.

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Bethany Cork

Bethany Cork, 90, passed away February 6, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Center in Dowling Park, Florida. Mrs. Cork was born in Lansing, Michigan and was the daughter of Arthur and Ann Manthey Gertenhouse. She received her education in the public schools of Detroit, Michigan. She married John Cork of Greenwood, S.C. and had four children. She assisted her husband in his tire business and they also enjoyed square dancing. In 1956 the family moved to Lakeland, Florida. In Lakeland she was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and the Lakeland Art Guild. Here she returned to school and became and LPN. She was Valedictorian and President of her LPN class. She was employed as an LPN at the Watson Clinic in Lakeland, Florida until her retirement in 1982. At this time she moved to the house she and her husband had built on farming acreage



outside of Dunnellon, FL. Here she enjoyed caring for animals especially her dogs and driving her tractor to mow the pastures. Mrs. Cork was known as a creative person. She enjoyed needle crafts and painting in oils. Mrs. Cork was predeceased by her husband, John, to whom she was married to for 44 years. She is survived by her four children, Michael (Peggy) Cork, Downers Grove, IL, Judy Sears, Lake City, FL, Linda Cork, Charleston, SC, Tom Cork, Sr. Madeira Beach, FL and an "adopted" son, Don Anderson. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jay Sears, Susan Sears, Scott (Kristen) Cork, David (Kelly) Cork, Kassi Cork, Laurel (Robin) Sanderson, Beth (Tony) McKie, Sarah Beiers, Tom Cork, Jr. and Katherine Cork. In addition, there are eleven great-grandchildren and a special niece, Diane McCrary. Grave side services will be held at a later date in Lansing, Michigan. In lieu of flowers family request donations be made to Alzheimers Organization. **DANIELS FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, INC.**, of Live Oak and Branford, FL in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Fielding

Mrs. Dorothy Fielding went home to Heaven February 6, 2013. She was born March 28, 1928 in King Fisher Oklahoma to Arthur Lee Stanfill and Elizabeth Faye Jett Stanfill. She was born again into the family of God March 27, 1938 and loved and served her Lord by serving others. Mrs. Fielding attended school in Hennessey, Oklahoma and graduated from High School in Enid, Oklahoma. She went on to graduate from the Dallas Bible Institute in Dallas, Texas where she was a part of a ministry team teaching bible classes at a local tuberculosis sanitarium and participated in presenting the Bible through KYB Clubs (Know your Bible Clubs). It thrilled her to see young people learning Gods word and accepting Christ as their Savior. She spent a summer in Cuba with Practical Missionary Training where she participated in street ministry radio ministry and in assisting resident missionaries. Mrs. Fielding was preceded in death by her mother and Father, her daughter Elizabeth Ann Culey of Kasilof, Alaska, and three

siblings who died in infancy. She is survived by her husband Hunter Weston "Tuck" Fielding of Lake City; daughters: Mary Ester (Merle) Johnson of Sutton; Alaska, Sharon Kay (Rob) Hein of Wasilla, Alaska; Ann Elizabeth (Bud) Corson of Leesburg, Fla.; Genie Marie (Bill) Head of Ft. Valley, GA.; and Irene Marie (Kirk) Humphreys of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Eight (8) Grandchildren, Ten (10) Great Grandchildren, and a host of those she calls her "children of the heart". Mrs. Fielding disliked seeing God's money wasted and respectfully requests that, in lieu of flowers, any memorials be made in the form of donations to Southside Baptist Church or to Gideon's International for the placement of Bibles. A memorial service will be held at Southside Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, Dr. Ralph Rodriguez officiating

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OBITUARIES

AURA festival to bring thousands to SOSMP

Wide range of musical talent to perform at SOSMP.

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — The new AURA Music and Arts Festival will be the first festival for 2013 at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park.

A wide range of musical groups are scheduled to perform Friday through Sunday, and the festival is expected to bring thousands to the SOSMP to enjoy the fourth AURA Music & Arts Festival.

Artists set to perform are Papadosio, Conspirator, Perpetual Groove, Break Science, The Heavy Pets, Dopapod and Kung Fu. There will be a tribute to Stevie Wonder with Nigel Hall, as well as RAQ, The Lee Boys, Greenhouse Lounge, DrFameus, Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band, Stokeswood, Jeff Bujak, Consider the Source, Brock Butler Solo, Lingo, Former Champions, The Main Squeeze, Newton Crosby, The McLovins, My Boy Elroy and Earth Cry.

Artists at large are Todd Stoops, Roosevelt Collier, Adam 'Shmeears' Smirnoff from Lettuce, Nigel Hall, John Provenzano and Jimmy Dunstan.

Silent Disco line-up artists include Arpetrio, DuBBle James, Sir Charles, Vlad the Inhaler, UDNTPRTY, Monozygotik, EarthCry, Beat Thief Inc., DJ Tony D and DJ Scotty Solomon. In addition to the regular Silent Disco, Jeff Bujak will host a separate "Club Bujak" each night. Bujak creates live instrumental songs centered around classical composition, progressive rock and dance music, while Jen Dulong performs with LED hula-hoops providing movement and depth.

Visual artists include Jeff Wood, Michael Garfield, Christian Jaxtheimer, Reinier Gamboa, Andrew Wagner, Allie Azura, Olivia Curry, Dean Arscott, Goatfaced, Brian Barnard, Mike Mayoski, Andy Reed, Emily Kell, Chapin Matthews, Laura Atria, Katie Sandeen, Steve Brienzi, Patrick Anglin and Missy Parker.

Since its inception in 2010, AURA Music and Arts Festival



COURTESY PHOTO

The band Papadosio is one of a huge line up of groups scheduled to perform this coming weekend during the three-day AURA Music and Arts Festival at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak.

More acts added to 'Jam' lineup

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — Two more great acts — Aaron Tippin and Florida Georgia Line — have been added to the 2013 Suwannee River Jam line-up for the largest country music jam in the South May 1-4.

Tippin and FGL will join with multiple Grammy award-winning singer Sheryl Crow, Eli Young Band, Rodney Atkins, Easton Corbin, Randy Houser and the LoCash Cowboys at the music festival.

Tippin, known as the hardest working man in country music, is a long-time favorite of Suwannee River Jam fans and has made several appearances at the Jam over the years, drawing rave reviews every time. His fans love his music — "Where the Stars and Stripes Fly," "I Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way," "There Ain't Nothin' Wrong With The Radio" among them — and are always impressed with Tippin's determination to share his autograph with every fan regardless of how long the line is after performances.

Florida Georgia Line, a duo of Brian Kelley and Tyler Hubbard who have the rockin' No. 1 hit "Cruise" that is filling the airways across



COURTESY PHOTO

Hot country duo Florida Georgia Line has been added to the lineup for the Suwannee River Jam festival in May.

America with a tale of young love. The duo's breakthrough single, "Cruise," hit the Top 10 just 14 weeks after its release, faster than any debut since Brooks & Dunn's "Brand New Man" in 1991.

"It's safe to say it's been a real whirlwind for us," says Tyler. "It's been awesome."

"It's a dream come true," adds Brian.

has showcased the best regional and national touring bands in the jam community and live-

electronic scene. The festival

brings fans together for music, art, fun, yoga, culture and togeth-

erness.

To see the schedule of events, go to <http://bit.ly/AURAdaily>

Public schools lose millions to crooked tutors, cheaters

By MICHAEL LAFORGIA
Tampa Bay Times

TAMPA — When Yolanda Axson wasn't watching, a pot of hot water spilled into a crib at her day care in Orlando, scalding a 4-month-old boy.

She served probation for felony child neglect and then, barred from child care, found a less regulated line of work. She started a company to earn tax dollars tutoring poor kids in Florida's failing schools.

When state officials saw Axson's name on an application for the government tutoring program, they didn't hesitate. They stamped their approval, and her business, Busy BEE Services, went to work tutoring Florida's neediest children.

The cost to taxpayers per student? At least \$60 an hour.

Axson's case points to a larger problem with mandated tutoring in Florida: The program pays public money to people with criminal records, and to cheaters and profiteers who operate virtually unchecked by state regulators.

In a three-month investigation, the Tampa Bay Times examined invoice records from 59 school districts, conducted dozens of interviews and reviewed thousands of pages of complaint reports, audits and other documents, and found:

Florida school districts paid at least \$7 million last year to tutoring companies run by people with criminal records. Among those who have headed state-

approved tutoring firms are a rapist, thieves and drug users.

In more than 40 cases across the state, tutoring companies have faked student sign-up sheets or billed for tutoring that never happened. Companies that overcharged for tutoring earned \$7 million last year alone.

The program is riddled with conflicts of interest. In one county last year, more than 100 teachers moonlighted as tutors of their own students, flouting state ethics rules by positioning themselves to steer kids toward their secondary employers. Parents have billed for tutoring their own children and the head of a small North Florida school system ran a tutoring company that did business with neighboring school districts.

Dozens of tutoring firms have broken federal rules by luring impoverished kids to sign up with promises of bicycles, gift cards and computers. Others have sent school administrators on golf outings or sponsored retreats for district officials who administer tutoring contracts.

Despite uncovering millions of dollars in potential fraud and documenting flagrant violations, school districts almost never forward cases to law enforcement.

And state education officials charged with policing the program are missing chances to cut back on fraud and waste.

Florida's Department of Education doesn't screen backgrounds of the people

who profit from subsidized tutoring, and it seldom cracks down on companies accused of improper billing, illegal marketing and low-quality tutoring.

Overwhelmingly, the state has allowed these companies to continue earning tax dollars year after year.

After nearly a decade, Florida last year won a waiver from the federal law that requires private tutoring. The state was set to shut down the program when lobbyists for the tutoring industry stepped in. They convinced state lawmakers to keep the money flowing.

Florida has spent \$192 million on private tutoring firms in the past two years.

The companies are paid at a dramatically higher rate than conventional public schools. In the 2009-10 school year, the most recent period for which numbers are available, the state spent \$9,981 per student — about \$11 an hour. Florida spent \$58 an hour, more than five times as much, on private tutoring.

Florida schools officials say the money could have paid for extended school days or extra instruction in high-poverty schools.

Tutoring companies, many of which meet high standards and offer quality instruction, say they provide a needed service.

But researchers disagree over whether government-funded tutoring is worth the money. Studies are inconclusive or contradictory.

The debate often takes on political undertones,

with Republicans in favor of subsidized tutoring — known in education jargon as supplemental educational services — and Democrats against it.

In May, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan weighed in, telling a group of Florida businesspeople that, when it comes to subsidized tutoring firms, "there never has been accountability for results."

The George W. Bush administration kicked off a gold rush in 2001 when, as part of its landmark education reform, No Child Left Behind, it required states to spend hundreds of millions of federal dollars on private tutoring for poor children.

The law — adopted with bipartisan support — forced districts to hire tutors at high-poverty schools that failed to improve test scores two years in a row.

To pay for it, districts were to tap Title I money, federal funds set aside for elevating impoverished kids.

A new industry was born.

Hundreds of companies were formed in Florida alone. The bulk of them were for-profit. Each year more companies lined up, lured by the promise of per-child fees that averaged about \$60 an hour.

With so much money at stake, providers have offered children bicycles, laptops and other prizes for signing up. They have followed kids from bus stops and mobbed parents in school parking lots.

SRWMD engineer receives national society recognition

Wright selected for same award in 2010 — a first.

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — Kevin Wright, a professional engineer at the Suwannee River Water Management District, is one of 13 young engineers across the nation nominated by the American Society of Agriculture and Biological Engineers (ASABE) for the National Engineers Week Foundation New Faces of Engineering 2013. Of that group, Wright was among five selected to represent their profession as top engineers.

The New Faces of Engineering program highlights the interesting and unique work of young engineers. Young engineers two to five years out of college are the focus of the program.

Wright is the first ASABE candidate to be selected in the top five twice. He was previously selected in 2010. National Engineers Week takes place Feb. 17-23.

"The ASABE members, all 30 years or younger, have distinguished themselves with outstanding, early-career achievements that serve as an inspiration to their peers and to the future engineers who will follow in their footsteps," said Dolores Landeck, of the ASABE.

Wright oversees the District's Ag Team that helps agricultural operations needing assistance with water use permitting, environmental resource permitting, best manage-



COURTESY PHOTO

Kevin Wright, an engineer with Suwannee River Water Management District, has received national recognition from others in his profession.

ment practices, and the District's agricultural cost-share partnership program. The Ag Team helps to simplify and streamline the permitting process and assists growers in complying with total maximum daily loads requirements and Basin Management Action Plans established by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation.

"It is an honor to be nominated for the New Faces of Engineering program, and I would like to thank the District for supporting my continued education and allowing my diverse workload," said Wright. "Our nation needs young engineers to help solve the problems our country will face in the future."

Wright said he encourages any student interested in engineering to visit www.discoverengineering.org.

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NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS



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Honor band selections

Nine Lake City Middle School students were selected for North Florida Honor Band, it was announced following auditions at Lake Butler Middle School. Selected were (front row, from left) Avery Wallace, bassoon; Jessica Yu, flute; Michael Turner, trumpet; Rebecca Silva, flute; Brooke Silva, trombone; (back row) Adriana Medina, clarinet first chair; Aubrey Bennett, clarinet; Melodie Marts, clarinet; Cody Kight, clarinet. North Florida Honor Band recognizes the top performers from five area counties by a week of sight reading, rehearsals and a full day under the direction of guest conductor Jeannie Berry from Hunter's Creek Middle School in Orlando. The week's activities culminated in a concert on Feb. 1 at the Union County High School in conjunction with the high school honor band.



DEREK GILLIAM/Lake City Reporter

Future Farmers of America Week

Columbia County Commission Chairman Stephen Bailey presents students in the Future Farmers of America program with a proclamation establishing Feb. 18 through Feb. 22 as National FFA Week. The students asked the county commissioners to fly the FFA flag at the county offices, which the county will do during National FFA Week.

ON CAMPUS

Columbia City Elementary

Literacy Week

Mrs. Boone kissed a pig! During the week of Jan. 14 CCE students participated in Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida. CCE students were challenged by Mrs. Boone to read 5 million words. They not only met the challenge, they surpassed it!

Mrs. Boone was featured on morning announcements kissing "Chewy" the Guinea pig.

Students started off the week by helping Florida reach a goal of 20 million minutes read. Each classroom teacher gave the students at least 20 extra minutes of reading time to help meet this goal.

Each day there were prizes given away to classes that played "Guess That Book." Classes also created a poster of their favorite book for display in the media center. Mrs. Cembruch still has the posters displayed in the media center.

Come by and see them.

Congratulations to Mrs. Cunningham's fifth-grade classroom, they came the closest to guessing the number of books in the media center.

CCE concluded the week by dressing like characters from their favorite books. Students and adults did a fantastic job. They shared their costumes in a character parade on Friday.

Great grades

Congratulations to these students that had a 100 percent average for Accelerated Reader for the second nine weeks:

Tucker Boggs, Marie Henderson, Jacob Feagle, Dalton Morris, Gracie Harris and Lon Maggard.

Broadcast team

We are fortunate at Columbia City Elementary to have a state-of-the-

art broadcast studio. Mrs. Regina Guetherman and Mrs. Malinda Cembruch work with a wonderful group of fifth-graders to produce "Good Morning, Columbia City," a news show each morning. The broadcast team members for this semester are:

TJ Hudson, Morgan Ham-Hunter, Seth Rutledge, Julie Boozer, Hunter Shoup, Tyler Yaxley, Brooke Spin, Victoria Tetstone, and Cadence Mirra.

Five Points Elementary

K-9 unit visit

The second-grade classes had the Lake City Police Department's K-9 Unit team out on Thursday, Feb. 7. Mrs. Leann Carroll, Mrs. Linda Kamback, Gail Leighty, and Mrs. Lisa Nettles' classes watched the K-9 Unit demonstrate the use of police dogs. The students and staff were very appreciative and impressed how well trained and intelligent the dogs were.

Melrose Park Elementary

Science fair entries

After the school-wide science fair, we went on to compete at the county level at Florida Gateway College.

We would like to congratulate two Melrose Park students. Jacob Sheldon won second place for second grade in the county. Zoryana Hughes won first place in second grade for the entire county.

We are so proud of our students!

Westside Elementary

Ceramic art on display

Westside Elementary School students have ceramic artwork on display in the Columbia School Board

Offices foyer.

Students whose work is displayed include Michael Slime, Bridget Butcher, Tatiana Rosin, Austin Knowles, Daphne Watson, Jordan Tiran, Cameron Murphy, Trinity Doyle, Colby Craig, Lane Dinkins, Sativa Valier, Avon Randolph, Riley Stressed, Ivey McCredie, Haley Rouse, Lesley Caballero, Joey Paul, Daniel Prince, Zachery Strickland, Juan Resend, Brett Marts, Adrianna McClellan, Miranda Markham, Zachary Dicks, Seth Sieges, Ashley Powell, Skylar Hill, Victoria Marshall, Darren Eubanks, Racine Fidel, Marquez Bell, Jenna Burns, Scarlett Kohlhepp, Kori Rentz, Gabriel McCoy, Dakota Drain, Jonathan Sobczak, Carly Brocchi, Alex Pierron, Mason Gray, Daisha Poulnot, Sheldon Jackson, Tyeshia Broom-Jones, Christian Roldan, Tatyana Murphy, Jamiel Cray, Hannah Schafer, Diya Patel, Liana Martos, Bronson Dumas, Kinley Keen, Joseph Richards, Jacob Porter, Ie'shia Broom-Jones, Sarah Tallador, Damon Manning, Anan-Eya Griffin, Aaliyah Johnson, Hannah Waller, Lena Deloatch, Lexie Trussell, Coyle Giebeig, Jersee Walker.

Come and see the wonderful work these students have done.

Writing winners

Writing winners for the fourth six-week period were: First grade — Tayah Johnson, Bo Ruis, Sydney Ziegus, Zania Jones, Evan Williams, Abraham Ayon and Bobby Wilson; second grade — Samantha Shaw, Emilee Ostendorf, Olivia Hannigan, Arnab Kapasi, Abigail Rosborough and Briani Desroches; third grade — Asayjah Jackson, Mayar Fadhel, Dakota Strand, Dana Reed and Jade Tyre; fourth grade — Bryant Green, Starr Harkins, Terrick Ponds, Bailey Rogers, Emily Flugrath, Mason Gray and Sarah Tallador; fifth grade — Seth Ziegus, Devin Keeling, Cara Christie, Raymond Turner and Daphne Watson.

CLASS NOTES

■ To leave an anonymous message about a possible dangerous situation concerning Columbia County schools, call toll-free, (866) 295-7303.

■ To leave an anonymous message about a possible truancy problem in Columbia County schools, call 758-4947.

■ Items for the school page should be dropped off or mailed to: Jim Barr, Lake City Reporter, 180 E. Duval St., Lake City, FL 32055; faxed to (386) 752-9400; or emailed to jbarr@lakecityreporter.com by 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Regional science fair open house tonight

From staff reports

An open house for the Suwannee Valley Regional Science Fair will be held at Florida Gateway College today from 5 to 7 p.m.

This event will be open to members of the public who are interested in viewing projects entered by students from schools in the 10-county Suwannee Valley region.

The students will be competing for 25 spots to the Florida State Science Fair and two spots to the International Science Fair.

Winners will be announced later.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

Summers Elementary School — Mid-terms go home.

Career and Adult Education meeting, Columbia County School District Central Building, room 120, 12:10 to 1 p.m.

Richardson Middle School — Wolf softball vs. Madison, 6 p.m., home; Wolf baseball vs. Madison, 6 p.m., home.

Columbia County School Board meeting at Fort White Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Fort White High School — Indian JV baseball vs. Columbia High School, 5 p.m., away; Indian varsity softball vs. Chiefland, 6 p.m., home; Indian varsity baseball vs. CHS, 7 p.m., away; Indian track and field at Suwannee High School, 3:30 p.m.

Fort White Middle School — Indian baseball vs. PK Yonge, 5 p.m., away

Wednesday

Summers Elementary — Fifth-grade RTI meeting, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Summers Singers practice in cafeteria, 1:34 to 2 p.m.

Columbia City Elementary — Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in Media Center, 8:15 a.m.

Westside Elementary — Volunteer Appreciation Brunch in cafeteria, 9 a.m.; Book Fair begins; Learning Community for grades three through five.

Lake City Middle School — Faculty meeting in Media Center, 8 a.m.

Thursday

Melrose Park Elementary — Pre-kindergarten Valentine Exchange in classes; kindergarten Valentine's party in classes; second-grade Valentine's party in classes.

Career and Adult Education student meeting

at CCSD Central Building, room 13, 10 a.m. to noon.

Summers Elementary — Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in cafeteria 9 to 10 a.m.

RMS — Valentine Social in cafeteria, 3:30 to 5 p.m.; Wolf softball vs. Perry, 4 p.m., home; Wolf baseball vs. Perry, 4 p.m., home.

Five Points Elementary — School Advisory Council meeting, 5 to 6 p.m.; Family Reading Night, 5 to 6 p.m.; PTO meeting, 6 to 7 p.m.

LCMS — Falcon softball vs. Suwannee, 4 p.m., home; Falcon baseball vs. Suwannee, 4 p.m., home.

FWHS — Indian JV baseball vs. Newberry, 6 p.m., away; Indian varsity softball vs. Union County, 6 p.m., home.

Eastside Elementary — African-American History program for third through fifth grades in cafeteria, 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.

Westside Elementary — "A" Day celebration.

Five Points Elementary — PTO meeting in cafeteria, 6 p.m., Vocal Chords will sing.

Friday

Teacer work day, student holiday

Columbia City Elementary — Chorus sings at Olustee Festival.

Summers Elementary — Summer Singers at Olustee Festival, 11 a.m. to noon.

LCMS — Falcon softball vs. FWMS, 5 p.m., away; Falcon baseball vs. FWMS, 5 p.m.; chorus to Olustee Festival.

FWHS — Indian varsity baseball vs. Keystone Heights, 7 p.m., home.

Five Points Elementary — Vocal Chords sing at Olustee Festival.

Saturday

Lake City Middle School — Falcon Band to Olustee Parade, 9 a.m.; Fusion volleyball practice in gym, 9 a.m. to noon.



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Sold-out show

Tracy Lawrence thrills overflow crowd at FGC



Photos by TROY ROBERTS/Special to the Reporter

ABOVE, BELOW, BOTTOM: County music star Tracy Lawrence performed to a sold-out house Friday at Florida Gateway College.



Military weighs cutbacks, shifts in drone programs

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — The Pentagon for the first time is considering scaling back the massive buildup of drones it has overseen in the past few years, both to save money and to adapt to changing security threats and an increased focus on Asia as the Afghanistan war winds down.

Air Force leaders are saying the military may already have enough unmanned aircraft systems to wage the wars of the future. And the Pentagon's shift to Asia

will require a new mix of drones and other aircraft because countries in that region are better able to detect unmanned versions and shoot them down.

If the Pentagon does slow the huge building and deployment program, which was ordered several years ago by then-Defense Secretary Robert Gates, it won't affect the CIA drone strikes in Pakistan, Yemen and elsewhere against terror suspects. Those strikes were brought center stage last week during the confirmation hearing for White House counterterror chief John Brennan, President Barack Obama's pick to lead the CIA.

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Section B

GAMES

Today

■ Columbia High baseball vs. Fort White High, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High softball at Gainesville High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

■ Columbia High softball at Madison County High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

Wednesday

■ Fort White High track district at Baldwin High, 10 a.m.

■ Columbia High weightlifting at Palatka High, 3 p.m.

Thursday

■ Columbia High baseball vs. Newberry High, 5:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High softball vs. P.K. Yonge, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High baseball vs. Taylor County High, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High softball at Union County High, 6:30 p.m.

■ Columbia High basketball at Ridgeview High in Class 6A playoffs, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High basketball at Mount Dora High in the Class 4A playoffs, 7 p.m.

Friday

■ Columbia High baseball vs. St. Augustine High, 7 p.m.

■ Columbia High softball at Suwannee High, 7 p.m.

■ Fort White High softball vs. Lafayette High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

BRIEFS

FISHING

Justin Brown Memorial tourney

The Justin Brown Memorial Bass Tournament is March 2 at Clay Landing. Entry fee is \$70 per boat with an optional big bass pot for \$10.

For details, call Chris Starling at 288-7633.

■ From staff reports



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Dillan Hall (left) and Akeem Williams go up for a rebound against Wolfson High on Saturday in the District 4-6A Championship.

Playoff time

Columbia, Fort White takes shows on road.

By BRANDON FINLEY
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Despite losses in their respective district championship games, the Tigers and Indians of Columbia and Fort White high schools will continue their playoff journey this week.

Columbia (19-7) trav-

els to Ridgeview High in a rematch of last year's first round game with the Panthers at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Orange Park.

Fort White is making its first trip to the state playoffs and will travel to Mount Dora High at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Although the Tigers will go on the road, Columbia head coach Horace Jefferson felt that Columbia

CHS continued on 2B



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Miami guard Shane Larkin passes past North Carolina guard Marcus Paige (5) during the first half on Saturday in Coral Gables.

Hurricanes climb to 3rd in rankings for 1st time

Miami in midst of best season in team's history.

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — Miami Hurricanes center Julian Gamble learned about his team's latest ranking when he received a flurry of phone messag-

es, including one from his mother in North Carolina.

"She texted me — 'No. 3. Wow. That's crazy,'" Gamble said. "I didn't even know what she was talking about."

For the sixth-year senior, the Hurricanes' unprecedented achievement was a little tough to grasp. They were ranked behind only

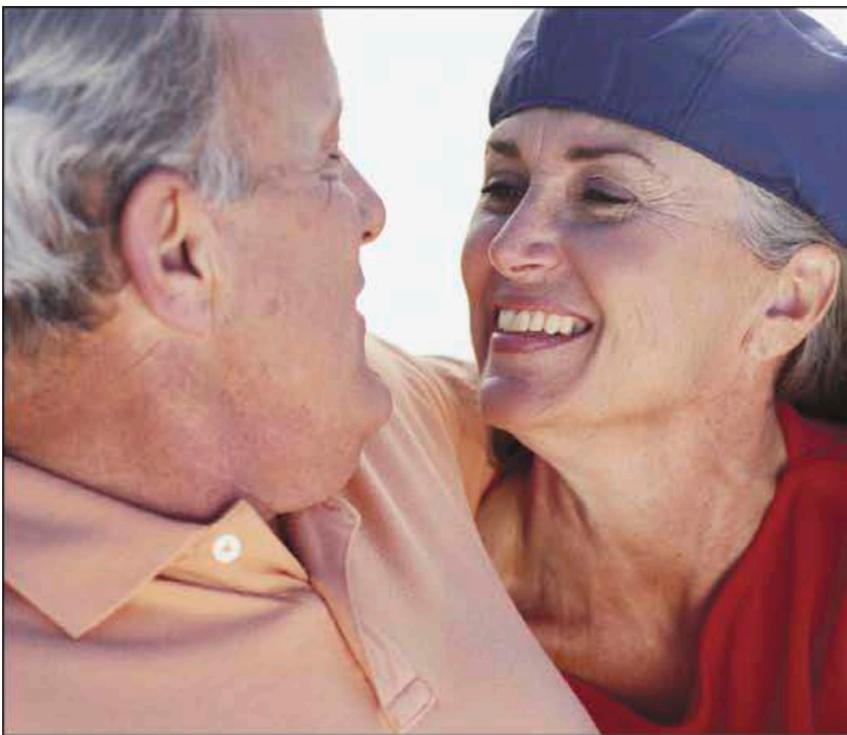
No. 1 Indiana and No. 2 Duke in Monday's poll, and

received a school-record 17 first-place votes.

The Hurricanes (19-3, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) had never previously been ranked higher than No. 8. Last week they achieved that spot for the first time since 1960.

"I've never really thought that Miami could be a top 10 program," senior Reggie

CANES continued on 3B



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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
7 p.m.
 ESPN — Kentucky at Florida
 ESPN2 — Seton Hall at Rutgers
9 p.m.
 ESPN — Michigan at Michigan St.
NHL HOCKEY
7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — N.Y. Rangers at Boston
SOCCER
2:30 p.m.
 FSN — UEFA Champions League, Paris at Valencia
8 p.m.
 FSN — UEFA Champions League, Celtic vs. Juventus, at Glasgow, Scotland (same-day tape)

FOOTBALL

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., 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.

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 schedule

Sunday's Games
 L.A. Clippers 102, New York 88
 Miami 107, L.A. Lakers 97
 Memphis 105, Minnesota 88
 Boston 118, Denver 114, 3OT
 Toronto 102, New Orleans 89
 Orlando 110, Portland 104
 Oklahoma City 97, Phoenix 69
 San Antonio 111, Brooklyn 86
 Sacramento 117, Houston 111
Today's Games
 Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday's Games

NBA calendar

Friday-Sunday — NBA All-Star weekend (Houston).
 Feb. 21 — Trade deadline.
 April 20 — Playoffs begin.
 June 6 — NBA Finals begin (possible switch to June 4).
 June 20 — Last possible date for NBA Finals (possible switch to June 18).
 June 27 — NBA draft.

AP Top 25

Record	Pts	Prv
1. Indiana (26)	21-3	1,559
2. Duke (20)	21-2	1,515
3. Miami (17)	19-3	1,499
4. Michigan	21-3	1,428
5. Gonzaga (2)	23-2	1,371
6. Syracuse	20-3	1,293

7. Florida	19-3	1,286
8. Michigan St.	20-4	1,178
9. Arizona	20-3	1,062
10. Kansas St.	19-4	1,012
11. Butler	20-4	943
12. Louisville	19-5	842
13. Ohio St.	17-6	828
14. Kansas	19-4	823
15. Georgetown	17-4	679
16. Pittsburgh	20-5	591
17. Oklahoma St.	17-5	587
18. Marquette	17-5	493
19. New Mexico	20-4	433
20. Wisconsin	17-7	305
21. Notre Dame	19-5	264
22. Memphis	20-3	193
23. Oregon	19-5	137
24. Colorado St.	19-4	125
25. Kentucky	17-6	87

Others receiving votes: Minnesota 80, Missouri 69, Cincinnati 68, Saint Mary's (Cal) 62, Creighton 56, San Diego St. 53, Louisiana Tech 43, VCU 35, Saint Louis 34, Illinois 26, NC State 24, Akron 12, UCLA 8, UNLV 6, Indiana St. 5, Virginia 4, Wichita St. 3, Belmont 2, Mississippi 1, Oklahoma 1.

Top 25 schedule

Today's Games
 No. 4 Michigan at No. 8 Michigan State, 9 p.m.
 No. 7 Florida vs. No. 25 Kentucky, 7 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
 No. 1 Indiana vs. Nebraska, 7 p.m.
 No. 2 Duke vs. North Carolina, 9 p.m.
 No. 3 Miami at Florida State, 7 p.m.
 No. 6 Syracuse vs. UConn at the XL Center, Hartford, Conn., 7 p.m.
 No. 11 Butler vs. Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 No. 17 Oklahoma State at Texas Tech, 7 p.m.
 No. 19 New Mexico at Fresno State, 10 p.m.
 No. 21 Notre Dame vs. DePaul, 7 p.m.
 No. 22 Memphis vs. UCF, 8 p.m.
 No. 23 Oregon at Washington, 11 p.m.
 No. 24 Colorado State vs. San Diego State, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
 No. 5 Gonzaga at Saint Mary's (Cal), 11 p.m.
 No. 9 Arizona at Colorado, 10 p.m.
 No. 12 Louisville vs. St. John's, 9 p.m.
 No. 13 Ohio State vs. Northwestern, 7 p.m.
 No. 20 Wisconsin at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Friday's Game
 No. 15 Georgetown at Cincinnati, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 No. 1 Indiana vs. Purdue, 2 p.m.
 No. 2 Duke at Maryland, 6 p.m.
 No. 5 Gonzaga at San Francisco, 4:30 p.m.
 No. 6 Syracuse at Seton Hall, 8 p.m.
 No. 7 Florida at Auburn, 1:30 p.m.
 No. 8 Michigan State at Nebraska, 8 p.m.
 No. 10 Kansas State vs. Baylor, 7 p.m.
 No. 11 Butler at Fordham, 4 p.m.
 No. 14 Kansas vs. Texas, 9 p.m.
 No. 16 Pittsburgh at No. 18 Marquette, 1 p.m.
 No. 17 Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma, 1:30 p.m.
 No. 19 New Mexico vs. Boise State, 9 p.m.
 No. 21 Notre Dame at Providence, Noon
 No. 22 Memphis at Marshall, 8 p.m.
 No. 23 Oregon at Washington State, 7 p.m.
 No. 24 Colorado State at Air Force, 4 p.m.
 No. 25 Kentucky at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 No. 3 Miami at Clemson, 6 p.m.
 No. 4 Michigan vs. Penn State, Noon
 No. 9 Arizona at Utah, 3 p.m.
 No. 12 Louisville at South Florida, 1 p.m.
 No. 13 Ohio State at No. 20 Wisconsin, 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB calendar

Through Feb. 21 — Salary arbitration hearings, Phoenix.

Today — Mandatory reporting date for players participating in the World Baseball Classic in Asia. Mandatory reporting date for all other pitchers and catchers participating in the WBC. Voluntary reporting date for pitchers and catchers not participating in the WBC.

Friday — Mandatory reporting date for WBC players not participating in Asia. Voluntary reporting date for position players not participating in the WBC.

Feb. 20 — Mandatory reporting date for players not participating in the WBC.

March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.

March 2-19 — World Baseball Classic.

March 13 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

March 27 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2013 salary.

March 31 — Opening day, Texas at Houston. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.

HOCKEY

NHL schedule

Sunday's Games
 Detroit 3, Los Angeles 2
 Edmonton 3, Columbus 1
 Boston 3, Buffalo 1
 N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 1
 New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 1
 Chicago 3, Nashville 0
Today's Game
 Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Montreal at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Anaheim at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

GOLF

World Golf Ranking

Through Feb. 10			
1. Rory McIlroy	NIR	12.03	
2. Tiger Woods	USA	9.03	
3. Luke Donald	ENG	7.58	
4. Brandt Snedeker	USA	6.94	
5. Justin Rose	ENG	6.41	
6. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	6.44	
7. Adam Scott	AUS	5.85	
8. Lee Westwood	ENG	5.50	
9. Bubba Watson	USA	5.28	
10. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.16	
11. Ian Poulter	ENG	5.04	
12. Jason Dufner	USA	4.97	
13. Steve Stricker	USA	4.85	
14. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.81	
15. Keegan Bradley	USA	4.79	
16. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	4.72	
17. Dustin Johnson	USA	4.69	
17. Webb Simpson	USA	4.69	
19. Graeme McDowell	NIR	4.43	
20. Peter Hanson	SWE	4.38	
21. Nick Watney	USA	4.31	
22. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.24	
23. Bo Van Pelt	USA	4.10	
24. Ernie Els	SAF	4.07	
25. Zach Johnson	USA	3.84	

Indiana stays at No. 1 in Top 25 despite loss

By JIM O'CONNELL

Associated Press

Indiana coach Tom Crean used an analogy to the state's second favorite sport after the Hoosiers remained No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 for a second straight week.

It had been over a month since a team managed to stay on top, and Indiana broke that trend despite losing a game last week, leading Crean to bring up auto racing.

"I had a good friend tell me that in-season rankings are the barometer of representing what lane you're in and the direction and how far you are moving towards your goals," Crean said Monday. "We want to stay in the left lane and keep working on our team and pace because we know there are quite a few others in the left lane as well."

The Hoosiers (21-3) lost to Illinois on a last-second basket Thursday but rebounded with a win at then-No. 10 Ohio State on Sunday. In a week when four of the top five teams and six of the top 10 lost, it was enough to keep the No. 1 ranking.

"They were really disappointed on Thursday night. And instead of carrying that disappointment into a 'woe is me' mentality, they really did trigger how to get better. And I think it was in the sense of closing

games," Crean said.

"I think there was a different level, a sense of urgency because of the way we didn't finish it off, combined with the fact that we knew we were playing a team that it is outstanding."

This ends a stretch of five consecutive weeks with a new No. 1, two weeks short of the longest such stretch in 1993-94. Duke started the run followed by Louisville, Duke again, Michigan and Indiana.

The Hoosiers received 26 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday, while Duke, the only member of the top five not to lose last week, moved up two spots to second after getting 20 first-place votes.

The last time a No. 1 team lost and kept the ranking the next week was the final poll of last season. Kentucky fell to Vanderbilt in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game, but Nos. 2-4 also went down that week, so the Wildcats were No. 1 heading into the NCAA tournament.

Miami, which received 17 No. 1 votes, jumped from eighth to No. 3, the Hurricanes' highest ranking ever.

"I've never really thought that Miami could be a top 10 program," center Reggie Johnson said. "I didn't think we'd be here in

February. It's surreal. The votes are cool, but we've still got work to do."

The Hurricanes are the last team from a major conference to still be unbeaten in league play.

"It's what every program strives for," coach Jim Larranaga said. "Carolina and Duke have this every year. It's a little different for us. These guys are hungry. They remain very, very humble."

Michigan dropped one spot to fourth, while Gonzaga, which got the other two first-place votes, moved up one spot to fifth.

Syracuse was sixth, followed by Florida, Michigan State, Arizona and Kansas State.

Along with Indiana and Ohio State, the other top 10 teams to lose last week were No. 2 Florida, No. 3 Michigan, No. 5 Kansas and No. 7 Arizona.

There were four newcomers to the rankings: No. 20 Wisconsin, No. 22 Memphis, No. 24 Colorado State and No. 25 Kentucky.

Wisconsin, Memphis and Kentucky, the defending national champion, were all ranked early in the season, while Colorado State makes its first appearance in the poll since March 9, 1954.

They replace Creighton, Cincinnati, Minnesota and Missouri, the only one of the four not to lose two games last week.

CHS: On road to begin playoffs

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would bounce back after one of their worst showings of the year against Wolfson High in the District 4-6A championship.

Jefferson noted that the Tigers have been a strong road team throughout the season.

"We've had success on the road this season," Jefferson said. "We've only lost three on the road, so we're playing consistent whether we're at home or on the road. Obviously, we wanted to be at home, but we're in the state playoffs for the second-consecutive year."

Ridgeview enters the playoffs with a 21-8 record and defeated Leon High, 60-49, on Friday to claim the District 3-6A Championship.

Wolfson will host Leon

with the winner of that game taking on the winner of Columbia and Ridgeview on Feb. 19.

Fort White finished the year with an overtime loss against Williston High looking to claim its first district championship in boys' basketball.

The Indians will take

on Mount Dora High, which finished the year with a District 6-4A Championship win against South Sumter High.

Williston will host South Sumter with the winner of that game facing the winner of Fort White and Mount Dora on Feb. 19.

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3-ABC	3	-	TV20 News	ABC World News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	The Taste "Daring Pairings" (N) Ⓢ	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Modern Family	News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
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5-PBS	5	-	Journal	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓢ	Frontline "Cliffhanger" (N) Ⓢ	John D. Rockefeller: American Experience	John D. Rockefeller Jr. (N) Ⓢ	John D. Rockefeller: American Experience	John D. Rockefeller Jr. (N) Ⓢ	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley Ⓢ		
7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy (N)	Two and Half Men	NCIS: Los Angeles "Endgame"	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Mike & Molly Ⓢ	Action News Jax	Letterman		
9-CW	9	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	** "When in Rome" (2010) Kristen Bell,	Josh Duhamel. Premiere.	TMZ (N) Ⓢ	Access Hollywood	The Office Ⓢ	The Office Ⓢ		
10-FOX	10	30	Are We There Yet?	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	The Simpsons	Raising Hope	New Girl "Models"	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Action News Jax	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother		
12-NBC	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Off Their Rockers	Off Their Rockers	State of the Union 2013 The president addresses the nation. (N) (Live)	News	News	Jay Leno		
CSPAN	14	210	350	(5:00) Public Affairs			Capitol Hill Hearings							
WGN-A	16	239	307	Old Christine	Old Christine	America's Funniest Home Videos	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N) Ⓢ	America's Funniest Home Videos		
TVLAND	17	106	304	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens	
OWN	18	189	279	The Will: Outrageous Final Wishes 2	The Will: Outrageous Final Wishes 3	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ	Our America With Lisa Ling Ⓢ		
A&E	19	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	Storage-Texas	(:01) Southie Rules (:31) Southie Rules	
HALL	20	185	312	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	The Brady Bunch	Happy Days Ⓢ	Happy Days Ⓢ	Happy Days Ⓢ	Frasier Ⓢ	Frasier Ⓢ	Frasier Ⓢ	
FX	22	136	248	Two and Half Men	** "Tron: Legacy" (2010, Science Fiction) Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund, Olivia Wilde.				The Ultimate Fighter (N)	Justified "Foot Chase" (N)	The Americans "The Clock"			
CNN	24	200	202	(4:00) The Situation Room (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Ⓢ	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Ⓢ	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Ⓢ	Piers Morgan Tonight (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 Ⓢ	Erin Burnett OutFront			
TNT	25	138	245	Castle	Castle A murdered lottery winner. Ⓢ	Castle "A Dance With Death" Ⓢ	Castle "A Dance With Death" Ⓢ	Castle "47 Seconds" Ⓢ	Castle "47 Seconds" Ⓢ	Castle "The Limey" Ⓢ	Southland "Integrity Check" Ⓢ			
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Victorious Ⓢ	Full House Ⓢ	Full House Ⓢ	Full House Ⓢ	The Nanny Ⓢ	The Nanny Ⓢ	Friends Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ
SPK	28	168	241	Bar Rescue "Chumps"	Bar Rescue "Bar Fight"	Bar Rescue "Bad to the Bone"	Bar Rescue "Bad to the Bone"	Bar Rescue "Hogtied Ham" Ⓢ	Bar Rescue "Hogtied Ham" Ⓢ	The Joe Schmo Show (N) Ⓢ	Bar Rescue "Beach Bummer"			
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	House A little girl has a heart attack.	Seinfeld Ⓢ	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason Ⓢ		
DISN	31	172	290	Good Luck Charlie	Jessie Ⓢ	Austin & Ally Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Good Luck Charlie	** **: "Sky High" (2005, Comedy) Michael Angarano. Ⓢ	Phineas and Ferb	Good Luck Charlie	A.N.T. Farm Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	
LIFE	32	108	252	Dance Moms Ⓢ	Dance Moms Ⓢ	Dance Moms Ⓢ	Dance Moms Ⓢ	Dance Moms Ⓢ	Dance Moms Abby suspends Christi and Chloe. (N) Ⓢ	Double Divas (N) Ⓢ	Double Divas (N) Ⓢ	(:01) Double Divas (:31) Double Divas		
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show	137th Closing Night. (N)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit			
BET	34	124	329	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live "Top 10 Countdown" (N) Ⓢ		Second Generation	Second Generation</							

While James sizzles Wade generates Heat

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade got the ball on the left wing, darted toward the basket, leaped to avoid Dwight Howard and dunked from the right side of the rim.

A year ago, a play like that one from Sunday might have been impossible for Wade.

Now, he's looking good as new, at maybe the perfect time for the surging Miami Heat.

LeBron James might be the best player in the world and might be playing like the best player in the world, but he's hardly having to carry the entire load for the Heat these days. While James is on a history-making run of scoring at least 30 points and shooting at least 60 percent in Miami's last five games — all wins — Wade is averaging 24.8 points on better than 50 percent shooting over that same stretch.

And what's weird is, it almost seems as if Wade is doing it quietly.

"I know what a problem he

is," said the Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant, who watched Wade score 30 in a Heat win on Sunday. "You try to focus in on him as much as you can. They have two very, very special players. Two of the best that we've seen. Dwyane obviously is dealing with injuries starting the year, but he seems to be rounding into form and you saw that breakaway dunk he had — that's the younger D-Wade."

During this Miami winning streak, James and Wade are combining to average 55.8 points a game. Over the same time span, no other NBA 1-2 punch was close.

Tony Parker and Danny Green combined to average 49.3 points for San Antonio. Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire averaged 48.8 points for the New York Knicks. James Harden and Jeremy Lin scored 47.1 per game for Houston. And while the rest of the NBA shot 46 percent during that stretch, the Heat shot 52 percent.

Sure, James is on an unbelievable roll. At least some of the

credit for that, he believes, goes to Wade for being hot at the same time.

"His legs are under him. You can tell on his jump shot, he is finishing up-top and he is penetrating and getting to the rim, too," James said after Wade's 30-point showing Sunday. "He is getting healthier and healthier each and every day, each and every game. It is a huge plus for our team and I know how great he feels right now."

Miami closes its homestand Tuesday against Portland, then is at Oklahoma City for a 2012 NBA Finals rematch before heading into the All-Star break.

And part of the reason why Wade is hurting opponents is because he's hurting less than he has in the past. Wade said months ago that he figured off-season knee surgery would keep him from getting to his best level until about the All-Star break.

Here comes that timeframe, and Wade is flying.

"Feeling good," Wade said. "Feeling better. I've come in and

gotten my work in, taken care of my body and it's working."

Wade is averaging 21.1 points for the season, and if he stays there his average will have dropped for the fourth straight year after a career-best 30.2-point-per-game clip in 2008-09. And that scoring dip has prompted many, including one-time Wade commercial co-star and now often-critic Charles Barkley, to say the 10th-year guard is clearly in a career decline.

Wade publicly laughs off that talk, yet privately seethes about some of that criticism. While his scoring has dipped each year, so have his shots per game — something that he knew would happen when he helped lure James and Chris Bosh to Miami in the summer of 2010.

Wade famously left a huge bit of salary — about \$17 million over the lifespan of his contract — on the Heat bargaining table that summer, providing the team with flexibility to not only close the deals with James and Bosh but to add other players. James and

Bosh also took less money than they would have been entitled to under the terms of the past collective bargaining agreement.

But Wade didn't just sacrifice cash that summer. The way he sees it, he also sacrificed stats.

And if he's the Robin to James' Batman right now, and the Heat are winning, then Wade's fine with that arrangement.

"It takes pressure off all of us," Wade said. "Obviously, Chris, myself and all these guys, we've played without a guy like that before and we've done pretty good. But when he's playing the way he is, it makes our job a little easier. And vice versa — when we're playing the way we are, it makes his job a little easier. So we all work for each other."

James is getting almost all the attention right now, and that's certainly deserved.

Still, to him, the notion that Wade is an afterthought in Miami now is downright comical.

"You guys overlook him," said James, the NBA's reigning MVP. "We understand how great he is."

QB Vick, Eagles agree to new deal to stay with team

By **ROB MAADDI**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Quarterback Michael Vick, who was slated to earn \$16 million next season, has agreed to a restructured deal with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Vick, who was injured and inconsistent last season, eventually giving way to rookie Nick Foles, now has a three-year contract, and will compete with Foles over the next nine months to see who runs new coach Chip Kelly's offense this season.

Vick, who returned to start the season finale vs. the New York Giants in December because Foles was injured, finished the season with 2,362 yards passing, 12 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. The Eagles finished 4-12 and in last place in the NFC East.

Andy Reid was fired as coach the day after the season ended, and Kelly was hired last month. Vick, who will be 33 when next season begins, is still elusive when healthy, and seems equipped to run Kelly's aggressive, up-tempo offense that he

is bringing to the Eagles from Oregon.

"He wanted to be here," Kelly said Monday in his first meeting with the media following his opening press conference on Jan. 17. "I had never met him before. The one thing that attracted me to him, is Michael is a competitor. Nick is, too. You want guys who want to compete."

Vick was signed by Philadelphia in 2009, and became the starter in 2010. He led the Eagles that season to an NFC East title, and a memorable 38-31 December win over the Giants in which he rallied the team from a 21-point deficit.

There are questions, of course, about his durability and his age, as he now seems far removed from that resurgent 2010 season. He finished that year with 3,018 yards passing, 676 yards rushing and 30 total touchdowns.

"He's younger than (Dallas quarterback) Tony Romo, and he's right about the same age as (Giants quarterback) Eli Manning," Kelly said. "The only reason I say that is because I told Michael that this morning, and he didn't know."

Vick only played in 10 games last season, and in the finale vs. New York, he had a quarterback rating of just 68.4 en route to a 42-7 loss.

"I looked at the films, and studied the tape. When you look at Michael, it's his toughness. That cannot be overrated at all," Kelly said. "We looked at his skillset. He still has that skillset. He can still throw the football."

"He's got an unbelievable release, and it's our job as coaches to make sure he can get the ball out quickly."

All told, Vick has started 35 games for Philadelphia over the last three seasons. Foles has started six. The Eagles scored just 280 points last season as they endured an eight- and a three-game losing streak. Only Arizona (250) scored fewer in the NFC.

When asked which quarterback would work with the first-team offense in training camp, Kelly smiled and quickly showed he's going to be able to handle the Philadelphia media just fine.

"We'll go alphabetical," he said with a grin. "First name? Last name? We'll flip a coin."



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Miami's Kenny Kadji rejects a shot by North Carolina forward James Michael McAdoo during the first half on Saturday in Coral Gables.

CANES: Not worried about ranking

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Johnson said. "I didn't think we'd be here in February. It's surreal."

Miami cracked the Top 25 three weeks ago and has since enjoyed a rapid rise, thanks to a succession of impressive victories and a flurry of losses by highly ranked teams. With the Hurricanes' win Saturday over North Carolina, they became the first ACC team ever to beat both the Tar Heels and Duke by at least 25 points in the same season.

The Hurricanes are so good they've even started to quibble that their ranking isn't high enough.

"It does feel strange Duke is still ahead of our team," Johnson said. "I feel like if the poll's really legit, we should be ranked in front of them."

Coach Jim Larranaga described the Top 25 as a popularity contest and a beauty contest. But he also said the high ranking will benefit the university and give his program a long-term boost.

Larranaga said he texted recruiting prospects with the news of the latest ranking and received congratulations from every one.

"We had an eighth-grad-

er commit," the coach said with a grin. "We told him it's a little too early."

Larranaga said the Hurricanes are handling success and attention well in part because they're a senior-laden team. Miami takes an 11-game winning streak into Wednesday's game at Florida State, and several players said they expect the games to start getting tougher.

"The target on our back is bigger than it ever was," Gamble said.

"We're going to get everybody's best shot," guard Shane Larkin added.

Larkin's only a sophomore, but Miami's other four starters are seniors who are well aware the program's in uncharted territory. So is Larranaga, who is in his second season with

Miami after leading George Mason to the Final Four in 2006.

The Hurricanes have already set a school record for ACC victories in a season, and the last time they received any votes for No. 1 was in March 1960.

"This is what every program strives for," Larranaga said. "Carolina and Duke have this every year. It's a little different for us."

The buzz the Hurricanes are creating is a big change for the long-overlooked program. Monday's practice drew a large media contingent, and three of the past four home games have been sellouts.

"I'm at the shopping mall and people are coming up to me, 'Hey, man, I'm proud of you guys. Keep it up,'" Johnson said.



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In this Nov. 11 file photo, Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick throws a pass against the Dallas Cowboys in the first half in Philadelphia. Vick, who was slated to earn \$16 million next season, has agreed to a restructured deal with the Philadelphia Eagles. Vick, who was injured and inconsistent last season, eventually giving way to rookie Nick Foles, now has a three-year contract, and will compete with Foles to see who runs new coach Chip Kelly's offense this season.

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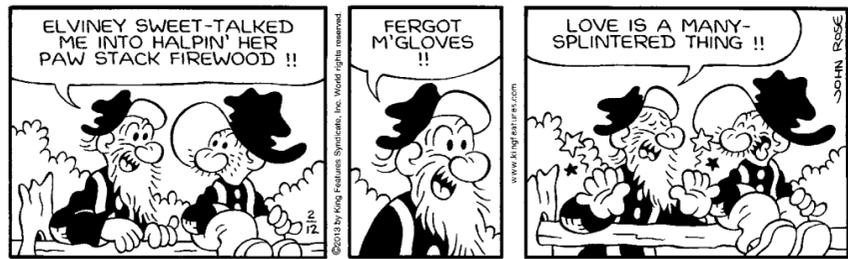
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Boyfriend feels betrayed to learn of past abortion



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DEAR ABBY: I just found out that my girlfriend of nearly four years had an abortion when she was in high school.

I overheard her during a conversation she was having with someone. I later asked her what was implied when the name of her ex-boyfriend from high school was brought up. She proceeded to tell me what had happened and then said, "I never told you that?"

My reaction is feelings of disgust, betrayal and of having been lied to. Am I overreacting or are my feelings warranted? — FEELS BETRAYED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FEELS BETRAYED: That depends upon whether you ever had a conversation with your girlfriend about her sexual history during which you were supposed to tell each other "everything." If so, then the omission was deliberate. If not, she was under no obligation to reveal that she had terminated a pregnancy during high school.

Abortion is a deeply personal and often complex decision for women. Many do not feel that it is something to celebrate and may not be comfortable sharing that they have had one.

DEAR ABBY: My husband gives me gift cards for my birthday and special occasions, but with it comes, "I want to know everything you buy!" I tell him it's a gift and I shouldn't HAVE to tell him what I use it for. If I do tell him what I bought, he invariably says, "Did you really need that?"

So who's right — he or I? — RELUCTANT RECIPIENT IN ALASKA

DEAR RELUCTANT RECIPIENT: You are, for the reason you stated. The object of a gift is to bring pleasure, and there are few comments your husband could make that would put a bigger damper on your purchase than, "Do you really need that?" The next time he asks what you bought, tell him, "None of your beeswax!"

DEAR ABBY: My stepmother was in a fatal car accident. She was very dear to me. A few days after the funeral, Dad told me the best way to handle

grief is to clean house — so we began cleaning house like crazy, stopping to cry every now and then.

We ran out of towels, so I went to fetch more from the guest bathroom where they are kept. Seeing a penny on the sink, I grabbed it and threw it in the wastebasket. (I wondered where it had come from because I hadn't noticed it there earlier in the day.) Suddenly, I remembered the letters in your column from people saying if you find a penny after you have lost a loved one, it means they are sending you a message of love from heaven.

I quickly reached into the wastebasket to retrieve the penny, praying that it was newly minted — and it was! I showed it to Dad, explaining the significance, and we both had a good cry. We keep it in my stepmother's china cabinet to remind us that love is eternal.

To us, that penny is priceless. — READER IN CONNECTICUT

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone interesting who can offer you good advice or an opportunity will come into your life if you volunteer or use your talents to help others. A serious union will help you explore new possibilities. Your past experience will pay off. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share information and you will come up with something that works. You will make new allies and bring about a collaboration with people who share your concerns, values and solutions. Discipline coupled with action will pay off. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much of anything will turn into a bad experience. You have to gauge your time and your input so that you aren't taken advantage of or treated wrongly. Focus on what you know you can accomplish, not what others want you to do. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A steady pace will ensure that you make headway. Put a little muscle behind whatever you set out to do. Strength, courage and originality will be what lead to your success. A serious relationship must be nurtured. Impulse is the enemy. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Visit unfamiliar places and interact with people who come from different walks of life and you will gather interesting information that will enable you to let go of the past and move full speed into the future. Love is in the stars. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't judge others or jump to conclusions without having all the facts. Take your time, listen and show compassion. Communicating openly will help you decide what to do next. Don't allow someone's demands to ruin your plans. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Revisit old ideas and do what you can to spice things up. This time you will get a far better reaction if you let your imagination wander and your creativity flow. Don't worry about others. Put your needs first and foremost. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put more time and effort into creative endeavors. Not everyone will appreciate what you do, but the ones who do will also offer contributions that will help you develop something unique and serviceable with potential to be profitable as well. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen, but hold your response until it's appropriate. You will face trouble, opposition and challenges if you are too outspoken or pushy about what you want to see happen. Stick close to home and prepare what you want to do next. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll need to show compassion if you want others to help in return. Someone will have a change of heart or make last-minute changes, but you mustn't let this deter you from following through with your plans. Use your imagination. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on the positive and look at what you can gain by attending a lecture or talking to someone with experience in a field that interests you. You'll come across an opportunity that can result in a new beginning. Embrace change. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stabilize your situation, taking control and making things happen. It's up to you to enforce what you want and to follow through. You have great ideas and the drive to excel. Don't let a personal contract interfere with your plans. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

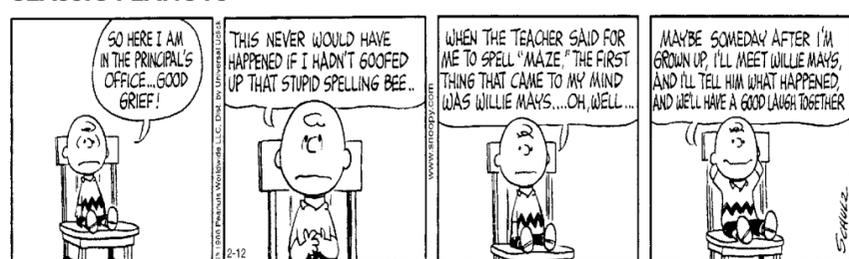
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\$82.00
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Includes 2 Signs
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Services

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other court forms assistance
Reasonable / Experienced
386-961-5896

White's Trucking Services
You call & We Haul! Fill Dirt, Lime Rock, Asphalt Millings, Granite, Road Rock. 386-362-8763

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP
Plaintiff
Case No. 12 2012 CA 000211 CA Vs.
KENNETH BANNISTER AKA KENNETH T BANNISTER; LISA FAITH BANNISTER AKA LISA F BANNISTER
Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 31, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash beginning at 11:00 AM at 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055, on 2/27/13, the following described property:
LOT 17, OF CANNON CREEK PLACE UNIT 2, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGES 130-131, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. Property Address: 509 SW GERALD CONNER DR, LAKE CITY, FL 32024
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing impaired call 711.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court this 1st day of February, 2013.
CLERK
/s/ B. Scippio
Deputy Clerk of Court
SEAL

05537227
February 12, 19, 2013
PUBLIC NOTICE
ON INVITATION TO BID
ITB-010-2013
Sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Lake City, Florida, 205 N Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055 until Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 11:00 A.M. All bids will be opened and read aloud at 11:15 A.M. in the City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 205 N Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida.
DIRECTIONAL DRILL – FOUR LOCATIONS
Documents may be viewed on the City website at procurement.lcfla.com or at DemandStar.com. Contact the Procurement Department at (386) 719-5816 or (386) 719-5818 for more information.

05537268
February 12, 2013
Public Auction
Florida Statue 713.585

Will be held at Wishes Auto Repair, 1357 SE Baya Drive, Lake City, FL 32025 (386) 754-0040.
Date: March 8, 2013
Time: 9:00 AM
2001 Dodge
Vin# 1B3ES46C91D100750

05537270
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT CIVIL COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION
Case No. 12-2011-CA-000068
STATE FARM BANK
Plaintiff,
vs.
JARELTON JAMES FLOYD, SAMANTHA CAROLE DRIGGERS AND UNKNOWN TENANTS/OWNERS, Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure for Plaintiff entered in this cause on January 31, 20123, in the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Columbia County, Florida described as:
COMMENCE AT THE NORTH-WEST CORNER OF SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST, AND RUN THENCE S 89°22' E, 1406 FEET; RUN THENCE S 0°40' E, 498.32 FEET; THENCE N 89°22' W 125 FEET; RUN THENCE N 34°42'18" W, 89.75 FEET; RUN THENCE N 0°40' W, 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; RUN THENCE N 89°22' W, 115 FEET; RUN THENCE N 0°40' W, 125 FEET; RUN THENCE S 89°22' E, 115 FEET; RUN THENCE S 0°40' E, 125 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, BEING THE SAME AS LOT 1, BLOCK B, AZALEA PARK SUBDIVISION, AN UNRECORDED SUBDIVISION, LESS AND EXCEPT THAT PORTION OFF THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT WHICH HAS BEEN DEEDED TO THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA, FLORIDA, FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY PURPOSES.
and commonly known as: 216 SW TULIP PL, LAKE CITY, FL 32025; including the building, appurtenances, and fixtures located therein, at public sale, to the highest and best bidder for cash, ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 173 N.E. HERNANDO AVENUE, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055, on March 6, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
Any persons claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated this 1st day of February, 2013
Clerk of the Circuit Court
P. DeWitt Cason
By: /s/ B. Scippio
Deputy Clerk
SEAL

05537228
FEBRUARY 12, 19, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 12-382-CA
FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA
Plaintiff,
vs.
JAMES W. FICKEN, MARTHA D. FICKEN and FLORIDA CREDIT UNION, ET AL,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE is hereby given that P. DEWITT CASON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, will on the 27th day of March, 2013 at 11:00a.m. at the Columbia County Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 173 N. E. Hernando Avenue, in the City of Lake City, Florida 32055, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:
Lot 6 and the East half of Lot 7, Country Creek, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 81, of the public records of Columbia County, Florida. Pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 12-382-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.
WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 4 day of February, 2013.
P. DEWITT CASON
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Columbia County, Florida
/s/ B. Scippio
By: Deputy Clerk
SEAL

05537224
February 12, 19, 2013

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 10-85 CA
BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NA AS TRUSTEE FOR WASHINGTON MUTUAL ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES WMABS SERIES 2006-HE5 TRUST;
Plaintiff,
vs.
WILUNDA LATREZ MERRICK; ET AL, Defendants
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Default Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated January 14, 2013, in the above-styled cause, The C Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on the third floor of the Columbia County courthouse at 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida, 32055, on 2/23/2013 the following described property:
LOT 13, BLOCK B, 242 VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 5 AND A REPLAT OF A PART OF 242 VILLAGE RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGES 99 AND 99A, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: 518 SW THOMPSON LOOP, LAKE CITY, FL 32025
ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.
If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, at least 7 days, before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.
WITNESS my hand on 1/14/2013.
/s/ B. Scippio D.C.
SEAL
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
100 West Cypress Creek Road, Suite 1045
For Lauderdale, FL 33309
Phone: (954) 644-8704; Fax (954) 772-9601
ServiceFL@mlg-defaultlaw.com
ServiceFL2@mlg-defaultlaw.com

05536904
February 5, 12, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
Case No. 13-117 DR
Sang MT Hoang,
Petitioner
and
Timothy Duong,
Respondent.
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE TO: TIMOTHY DUONG
ADDRESS: UNKNOWN
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of marriage has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Sang MT Hoang whose address is 254 NW Gwen Lake Blvd, Lake City, FL 32055, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.
The action is asking the court to decide how the following real or personal property should be divided: 254 NW Gwen Lake Blvd., Lake City, FL 32055, Columbia County. Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.912.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.
WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: 2/7/2013
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ SEAL

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February 12, 19, 25, 2013
March 5, 2013

Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROBATE DIVISION
File No. 13-20-CP
IN RE: ESTATE OF MURIEL JOAN KEITH
Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of Muriel Joan Keith, deceased, whose date of death was December 27, 2012, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM. All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is February 5, 2013.
Personal Representative:
/s/ Desari Sterling f/k/a Muriel Ann Schaufle
1800 N Andrews
Apt. 12-i
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33311
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ John J. Kendron
John J. Kendron
Florida Bar Number: 0306850
Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A.
PO Box 1178
Lake City, FL 32056-1178
Telephone: (386)755-1334
Fax: (386) 755-1336
E-Mail: jjk@rkkattorneys.com
Secondary Email: mad@rkkattorneys.com

05537158
February 5, 12, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL ACTION
CASE NO.: 12-2009-CA-000581
WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CATHY MARZILIANO, et al,
Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 1/16/2013, and entered in Case No. 12-2009-CA-000581 of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for Columbia County, Florida in which Wachovia Mortgage Corporation, is the Plaintiff and Cathy Marziliano, Peter Marziliano, The Unknown Spouse of Cathy Marziliano n/k/a Stanley Mathis, are defendants, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in/on the third floor of the Columbia County Courthouse at 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055, Columbia County, Florida at 11:00 AM on the 20th day of February, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
A PARCEL OF LAND IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST, COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 88°19'59" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 11 A DISTANCE OF 5311.34 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 11; THENCE NORTH 01°22'42" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 11, BEING ALSO THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 1330.05 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10; THENCE SOUTH 87°55'20" WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 2650.10 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 10; THENCE NORTH 01°21'04" WEST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 1442.93 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CON-

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February 12, 19, 2013

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TINUE NORTH 01°21'04" WEST ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF THE EAST 1/2 OF SECTION 10 A DISTANCE OF 500.08 FEET; THENCE NORTH 87°37'11" EAST A DISTANCE OF 872.14 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01°21'04" EAST A DISTANCE OF 500.08 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87°37'11" WEST A DISTANCE OF 872.14 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. A/K/A 1641 SKYLINE LOOP, FORT WHITE, FL 32038
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. Dated in Columbia County, Florida this 18th day of January, 2013.
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Columbia County, Florida
By: /s/ B. Scippio
Deputy Clerk
SEAL
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Persons with a disability who need any accommodation in order to participate should call Jacquetta Bradley, ADA Coordinator, Third Judicial Circuit, P.O. Box 1569, Lake City, Florida, at (386) 719-7428 within two (2) working days of your receipt of this notice; if you are hearing impaired call (800) 955-8771; if your voice impaired, call (800) 955-8770. To file response please contact Columbia County Clerk of Court, 173 NE Hernando Ave., Lake City, FL 32056-2069; Fax (386) 758-1337.

05537234
February 8, 12, 2013
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
CIVIL DIVISION
CASE NO.: 1100515CA
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
TIP MIZELL A/K/A TIP HOUSTON MIZELL A/K/A TIP HOUSTON HOUSTON MIZELL, IV, et al
Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of foreclosure dated January 30, 2013, and entered in Case No. 11000515CA of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit in and for COLUMBIA COUNTY, Florida, wherein CITIMORTGAGE, INC., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC is Plaintiff, and TIP MIZELL A/K/A TIP HOUSTON MIZELL A/K/A TIP HOUSTON HOUSTON MIZELL, IV, et al are Defendants, the clerk will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, beginning at 11:00 am at COLUMBIA County Courthouse, 173 NE Hernando Avenue, 3rd Floor, Lake City, FL 32055, in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, on the 10th day April, 2013, the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to wit:
LOT 13, BLAINE ESTATES, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGES 21 AND 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA.
and all fixtures and personal property located therein or thereon, which are included as security in Plaintiff's mortgage.
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus funds from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.
Dated at Lake City, COLUMBIA COUNTY, Florida, this 1st day of February, 2013.
P. Dewitt Cason
Clerk of said Circuit Court
By: /s/ B. Scippio
As Deputy Clerk
SEAL
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the 7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear. Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

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February 12, 19, 2013

100 Job Opportunities

05537178
State Veterans' Domiciliary Home
Lake City, Florida
149 bed ALF is accepting applications for the following positions:
(2) OPS Part-time Custodial Workers
(2) OPS Part-time Dietary Support Service Aides
Apply on line at
<https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>
Req. #50507102 for Custodial Worker
Req. #50504016 for Support Service Aide
Call Kim Graham at 386-758-0600 ext. 1006
Closes 02/15/13 EEO/AEE

05537211
Bookkeeper/Secretary for retail business in Lake City. Computer skills REQUIRED. QB Pro exp. +. Email cover letter, resume, references & salary req. to fchbookkeeper@thelakecity.comcastbiz.net or mail: ATTN: Human Resources, 3909 US Hwy 90 W, Lake City, FL 32055

05537237
Busy Insurance Agency seeking Professional 440 CSR and 220 Agent. Must have strong Communication and Computer Skills. Send confidential resume and salary requirements to Box 05101. C/O The Lake City Reporter, P.O. Box 1709, Lake City, FL, 32056

Available Position:
Revenue Specialist III
Florida Department of Revenue
General Tax Administration, Collections. Location: Lake City
Apply at People First website
<http://peoplefirst.myflorida.com>

CDL Driver 2 yrs exp clean MVR for local company. Apply between 8am & Noon only.
247 NW Hillandale Glen, Lake City. No phone calls

Driver/Warehouse
Need good MVR.
Apply in person.
385 SW Arlington Blvd, L.C., BPA

Experienced Sewing Machine Operator & Support Person for Operator: cutting material from patterns. 386-755-6481

4 TEMP Farmworkers needed 3/11/13 - 12/01/13. Workers will perform various duties associated with planting, cultivating, harvesting grading & packing various crops. Random drug testing at employer's expense. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. Work tools, supplies, equip. provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract, or earlier, if appropriate. Worksites location in Shelby Co, KY. \$9.80/hr. Report or send a resume to nearest local FL Agency of Workforce Innovations office or call 386-755-9026 & ref. job order # KY0474171. Gallrein Farms - Shelbyville, KY

Mechanic needed with tools and experience. Southern Specialized Truck & Trailer.
386-752-9754

Night Clerk Needed. Permanent Part Time, 12-8am. Two days a week. Apply in Person. No Calls Please. America's Best Value Inn. 3835 West US Hwy 90, Lake City

P/T Housekeeper Needed. Occasional Nights And Weekends.
Fax Resume to 386-487-1232.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST
P/T position for multi tasker with marketing, communication, and HR / public administration skills. Must have good people skills as well. Must have experience in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Bachelors degree preferred or 4 years previous experience in related field. Position requires you drive your personal vehicle on agency business. Please send resume to Box 05102, C/O The Lake City Reporter, P.O. Box 1709, Lake City, FL, 32056

SALES POSITION
Available for motivated individual. **Rountree -Moore** Ford, Great benefits, paid training/vacation. Exp. a plus but not necessary. Call Anthony Cosentino 386-623-7442

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In Print and On Line
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100 Job Opportunities
Customer Service/Telephone Sales business to business. Auto Parts Apply in person.
385 SW Arlington Blvd, LC BP

100 Job Opportunities

Unemployed • Underemployed • Retired • Start your own Lake City Business. Some Financing Available. Email Inquires to mdebid@windstream.net

WANTED
Parts Counter Person Apply @ Rountree Moore Toyota
1232 W US HWY 90
Lake City, FL 32055
See Mike Koon'

120 Medical Employment

Certified Dietary Manager Needed
LTC Experience Preferred. Must be able to manage large staff and oversee daily food preparation for 180 bed facility. Full Time with Excellent Benefits. Email Resume to Greg Roberts @ groberts@gulfcoasthealthcare.com or Fax Resume to:
386-362-4417
Live Oak, FL
EOE/V/D/M/F

Experienced **Dental Hygienist** Needed for Live Oak office. Please call 386-362-1646

F/T LPN needed for family practice office. 1 page resume's only will be accepted. Fax resume to 386-487-1232.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY
C.N.A.'s All Shifts
Full Time, excellent benefits, up to \$12/hr with shift diff. Apply in person at Suwannee Health Care & Rehab. 1620 Helevenston Street S.E. Live Oak, FL 32064
EOE/m/f/d/v

JOB OPENING
Pharmacy Clerk/Cashier. Pharmacy experience Required. Apply in person: DeSoto Drug Store, 297 N. Marion Ave.

240 Schools & Education

Interested in a Medical Career? **Express Training** offers courses for beginners & exp

- Nursing Assistant, \$479 next class- 1/7/2013
- Phlebotomy national certification, \$800 next class-1/14/13
- LPN 03/11/13

Fees incl. books, supplies, exam fees. Call 386-755-4401 or expresstrainingservices.com

310 Pets & Supplies

Found Brown/Tan/White 8 lbs Cat in the Eastwood Subd. House trained, Clean. Contact 365-4255

Free to right home Brindle Male pit bull, approx 10 mths, all shots up to date, nurtured. Sweet loving inside dog. 386-243-8577

Full blooded Rotty 2 years old male. Needs room to run. Great w/ Adults needs supervision w/ a Child. \$400. 438-3131/984-5142

PUBLISHER'S NOTE
Florida Law §28.29 requires dogs and cats being sold to be at least 8 weeks old and have a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian documenting they have mandatory shots and are free from intestinal and external parasites. Many species of wild-life must be licensed by Florida Fish and Wildlife. If you are unsure, contact the local office for information.

407 Computers

Complete Dell Computer
\$65.00
386-755-9984 or 386-292-2170

408 Furniture

TWIN BED, Extra Long, Tempurpedic, Electric (w/remote) Adjustable. Originally \$2500 Asking \$1500. Call 386-758-9692

416 Sporting Goods

SEARS TREADMILL.
Paid \$500 used twice
Asking \$250
Contact 386-963-3242

430 Garage Sales

PUBLISHER'S NOTE
All Yard Sale Ads Must be Pre-Paid.

440 Miscellaneous

Beautiful Olustee Outfit
Ladys size 20(?)
\$75.00
Contact 365-1277

Falling Creek Chapel will be having a six week **Bible Study** on the Anti-Christ on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. It will run from January 8th to February 12th. Any questions call 755-0580.

630 Mobile Homes for Rent

2 & 3 BR MH. \$400 - \$700. mo. Plus Deposit. Water & Sewer Furnished. **Cannon Creek MHP**
386-752-6422

2BR/2BA w/ carport located on County Road 133, \$500 mo. plus \$500 dep. 954-258-8841

3bd/2ba Clean & quiet. Branford Area \$550 + Sec. Country Setting. 386-590-0642 or 386-867-1833
www.suwanneevalleyproperties.com

640 Mobile Homes for Sale

Palm Harbor Retirement Community homes. \$8,500 off of any home, 2/2 & 3/2 from \$39,900 Call John Lyons @800-622-2832 ext 210 for details

WOODGATE VILLAGE!
Nice 3BR/2BA DWMH w/fenced yd, workshop; \$39,900 **DANIEL CRAPPS AGENCY, INC.**
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WETKA
VALEE
RODPOY
TOBNUT

Wow! These are so much clearer. It's a much better prescription and style for you.



WHEN SHE GOT NEW GLASSES, SHE —

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PANTS PURGE BANISH DEPICT
Answer: After the rope broke, he — SNAPPED

ACROSS

- LP successors
- Pay
- Consumer gds.
- Jr.'s son
- Out loud
- Rembrandt paintings
- Gossipy papers
- Tide type
- Come after
- Trivial
- Half a bikini
- Baseball great Mel
- Use hip boots
- Youngsters
- Chi follower
- Bullfight shouts
- Swing voter (abbr.)
- Speech stumbles
- Colo. neighbor

DOWN

- Make a footnote
- Primatologist Fossey

35 Deadlock
36 Email nuisance
37 Bro's counterpart
38 Night fliers
39 Derisive snorts
40 Legal matter
41 Pigskin prop
43 Chirp
46 Skilled
50 Bronte governess
51 Mobster
54 Blyth et al.
55 "En garde" weapon
56 — we there yet?
57 Leg joint
58 Heather locale
59 Pilot's place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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3 Close kin
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5 "Exodus" name
6 Traipse about
7 Raised railways

8 Painter Claude —
9 Try to lose
10 Bed board
11 Glimpse from afar
16 Garage jobs
19 Qt. subdivisions
21 Japanese dogs
22 Most peculiar
23 Stir-fry pans
24 Jai —
25 Foxes' digs
27 "What's — for me?"
28 Cocoon dweller
29 Deposed ruler
30 Dogmas
36 Toolhouses
38 Wager
40 Actress
Witherspoon
42 Anxious
43 Hard wood
44 Keenan or Ed
45 Sea eagle
47 LAX figures
48 Benefit
49 Playing card
51 Valuable mineral
52 GI mail drop
53 "The Matrix" hero

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