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Cuts could hurt here

Local officials get ready if sequester law isn't reversed.

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Across-the-board federal spending cuts termed the "sequester" would have immediate and real affects on local programs if Congress does not act.

From the Osceola National Forest to federally funded programs at county schools, budgets are about to be cut — in some cases by as much as 10 percent.

What that means for the residents of Columbia County is less access to government programs and services. Only a few government programs are exempt from the sequester, including Social Security, Medicare and Veterans Affairs Hospitals, but the majority of federal programs face cuts if the sequester is not avoided.

School District

Mary Loughran, director of the finance department for Columbia County School District, said it's a waiting game to see exactly what the effects of the budget cuts will be for local schools.

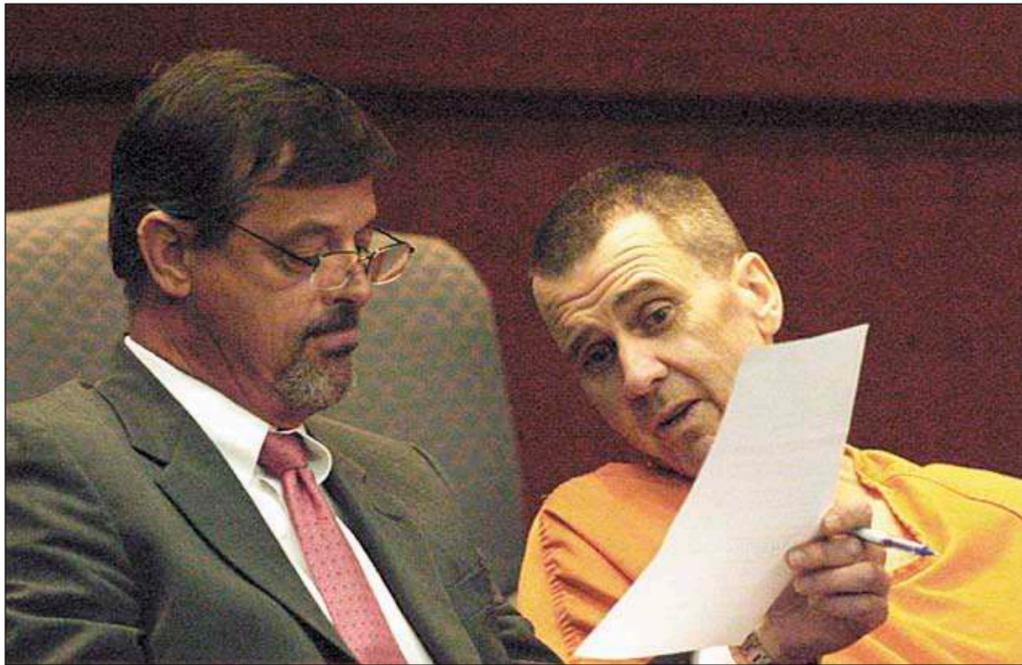
"Until March comes and goes and we know what the legislature is going to do, it's kind of wait and see," Loughran said.

The school district receives funding for multiple federal education programs, but two of the largest are the IDEA program (\$2.4 million) for special education and Title I (\$3.3 million) for disadvantaged students.

She said those programs would be included in the sequester and has heard they would be cut by about 9 percent.

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Life plus 30



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Kenneth Allen Ford (right) speaks with Public Defender Blair Payne before the start of Ford's sentencing hearing on Wednesday. Ford was sentenced to life in prison for second-degree murder and an additional 30 years for first-degree arson in connection to the June 2009 death of his girlfriend Kristy L. Watley.

Man sentenced in arson death of girlfriend

Prosecutor: He cared more for his pet bird than that of victim.

By **TONY BRITT**
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Kenneth Allen Ford was sentenced to life in prison, plus 30 years, for the 2009 murder of his girlfriend Kristy L. Watley in a mobile home fire.

Watley's mother, Susie Brinkley, sobbed as Third Judicial Circuit Judge Paul Bryan delivered the sentence during a hearing Wednesday afternoon in Courtroom 2 at the Columbia County Courthouse.

Ford, 47, was represented by Third Judicial Circuit Public Defender Blair Payne and stood with his head bowed as Bryan read his sentence.

On Feb. 8, Ford was convicted of second-degree murder for starting a June 2009 fire in the home he shared with Watley. Ford was also convicted of first-degree arson. The jury deliberated about seven hours before returning its guilty verdicts.

On Wednesday, Bryan said he used his notes taken from the trial to help determine the sentence for Ford. He said he also took into account how Whatley was fighting for her life against lupus at the time of her death.

"You can't replace life and you can't replace time," Bryan told Ford before reading his sentence.

Early in the hearing, Whatley's parents, Brinkley and her father Ronald Hart, had state attorney's office victim's advocate Julie Glenn read a prepared statement to Ford and the court.

"The family has waited for almost four years," she said. "The most heart-breaking years any one would have to bear. First of all, the family treated you like family, Kenny. We trusted you just like our Kristy did. You knew she didn't have long to live as it was, probably six or nine months ... a year at the most. But she deserved that, that was God's judgment call ... I just don't understand how a human being could do this to another human being."

Roberta Getzan, assistant state attorney, prosecuted the

case and requested Ford get a life sentence.

"This was no accident. This was intentional," she said. "He (Ford) didn't care for the life of Kristy. Basically, he cared more for their bird."

Payne disagreed, saying Whatley's death wasn't an intentional act and he suggested the maximum sentence that Bryan give Ford be only 22 years, based on a criminal point score sheet formula used to determine the length of sentences.

However, Bryan sentenced Ford to life in prison.

"I can't say the sentence was expected," Bryan said while sitting in his office after the case.

Ford has indicated he wants an appeal.

"I want an appeal and I don't have any money," Ford said, as he addressed Bryan after the sentence was announced.

Payne said the appeal will not be handled by the Third Circuit Public Defender's office. He said his office is responsible for filing a notice and making sure

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Artifact theft ring busted

Fort White man charged along with 12 others.

By **JAMES L. ROSICA**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Eleven people from Florida, including a Fort White man, and two from Georgia have been charged in what state investigators called a criminal conspiracy to sell artifacts stolen from state-owned lands in Florida.

James Tatum, 74, of Fort White, was arrested and charged with 13 felony counts of violations of historical resources, 13 felony counts of dealing in stolen property, one felony count of dealing in stolen property in connection with the case. He was booked into the Columbia County Detention Center on \$77,000 bond.



Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officers Wednesday described a nearly \$2 million black market in illegal historical artifacts.

Items shown at a news conference in Tallahassee included dozens of arrowheads and pot shards. But many stolen artifacts likely will never be recovered.

"This looting didn't just take artifacts from the ground," said Robert Bendus, Florida's state historic preservation officer. "It took history away from this generation and from future generations of Floridians."

The FWC's Maj. Curtis Brown said those arrested were the "main dealers and looters." The youngest defendant is 25; the oldest is 74.

"This network is a very tight-knit group of folks," Brown said. "They had

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Out for a trot

A horse and its foal walk through a field along County Road 240 Tuesday afternoon.

GOP backs off gun laws

Democrats put forward numerous bills to undo past Republican legislation.

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — For a gun-friendly state like Florida, there's a lack of gun-friendly bills that will be considered in this year's legislative session.

Instead, Democrats are trying to control the gun agenda with a slew of bills that mostly try to undo or change what Republicans have done in the past. Other bills would allow local governments the right to ban guns at certain events.

Good luck with that. While the Trayvon Martin shooting,

the Newtown, Conn., elementary school shooting and President Barack Obama have created a lot of buzz about gun-control issues, don't expect the Republican-dominated Legislature to suddenly advocate for tighter gun laws during the 60-day session, which begins March 5. This year, though, don't expect a push for broader gun rights laws either.

"We're in a very highly emotionally charged atmosphere in these cases," said Rep. Dennis Baxley, the Ocala Republican who sponsored the "stand your ground" bill. "Let's keep our eye on the ball about building good policy and let's don't overreact to what the atmosphere is. This might not be the best time to make some good (gun) policy decisions."

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COMING FRIDAY
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Tuesday:
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Reknowned pianist Van Cliburn dies

FORT WORTH, Texas
Van Cliburn, the internationally celebrated pianist whose triumph at a 1958 Moscow competition helped thaw the Cold War and launched a spectacular career that made him the rare classical musician to enjoy rock-star status, died Wednesday after a fight with bone cancer. He was 78.

Cliburn died at his home in Fort Worth surrounded by loved ones, said his publicist and longtime friend Mary Lou Falcone.

The Grammy winner had made his last public appearance in September at the 50th anniversary of the prestigious piano competition in Fort Worth named in his honor. To a roaring standing ovation, he saluted many past contestants, the orchestra and the city, saying: "Never forget: I love you all from the bottom of my heart, forever."

Cliburn skyrocketed to fame when he won the first International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow at age 23 in 1958, six months after the Soviets' launch of Sputnik embarrassed the U.S. and propelled the world into the space age. He triumphantly returned to a New York City ticker tape parade — the first ever for a classical musician — and a Time magazine cover proclaimed him "The Texan Who Conquered Russia."

Despite the tension between the nations, Cliburn became a hero to music-loving Soviets who clamored to see him perform and Premier Nikita Khrushchev reportedly gave the go-ahead for the judges to honor a foreigner: "Is Cliburn the best? Then give him first prize."

In the years that followed, Cliburn's popularity soared, and the young man from the small east Texas town of Kilgore sold out concerts, caused riots when spot-



ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ted in public and even prompted an Elvis Presley fan club to change its name to his. His recording of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 became the first classical album to reach platinum status.

SC court nixes James Brown estate settlement

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Supreme Court on Wednesday overturned a settlement divvying up the multimillion-dollar estate of James Brown, saying a former attorney general didn't follow the late soul singer's wishes in putting together the deal.

Attorney General Henry McMaster brokered a settlement in 2009 that split Brown's estate, giving nearly half to a charitable trust, a quarter to his widow, Tomi Rae

Hynie, and leaving the rest to be split among his adult children.

But the justices ruled that the deal ignored Brown's wishes for most of his money to go to charity.

Bobby Brown sentenced to jail for DUI

LOS ANGELES — Bobby Brown has been sentenced to 55 days in a Los Angeles jail and four years of probation for a drunken driving case.

City attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan says Brown was sentenced Tuesday after pleading no contest to charges he was under the influence and driving on a suspended license when he was arrested in October.

Brown was on probation for another DUI case at the time.

■ Associated Press



James Brown



Bobby Brown

AROUND FLORIDA

Gov. wants funds for spring training

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott wants to spend \$5 million in the coming year to help keep spring training alive in the state.

Scott made the announcement Wednesday during a work day held at the Lakeland baseball stadium that is the spring training home for the American League champion Detroit Tigers.

State legislators will have to approve Scott's request.

This year marks the 125th anniversary of spring training in Florida. There are currently 15 Major League Baseball teams training in the state.

But the state has been in a battle in recent years to keep teams from relocating to Arizona.

Scott was scheduled to spend the day working with a grounds crew, handing out programs and selling concessions to baseball fans.

Man wheelchair pushed into road

KISSIMMEE — Authorities say a robber followed a handicapped man from a central Florida ATM and pushed him out of his wheelchair into oncoming traffic.

The victim told authorities a man was watching him as he withdrew money from a cash machine at a gas station in Kissimmee on Saturday. As he tried to get home, the suspect caught up with him and tipped him out of his wheelchair into oncoming traffic.

The victim was unable to get up and said several cars drove by before someone stopped to help.

A small dog that was

with the victim was injured.

Deputies used surveillance video from the gas station to track 24-year-old Sonny Abreu who was charged Wednesday with attempted murder, robbery, abuse of a disabled adult and animal cruelty.

Ex-candidate to plead guilty

MIAMI — A former South Florida congressional candidate linked to defeated U.S. Rep. David Rivera is planning to plead guilty to federal campaign finance violations.

Court documents show that 35-year-old Justin Lamar Sernad intends to enter the plea next Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale federal court. Sernad initially pleaded not guilty to three charges, but prosecutors indicated he was cooperating with investigators. Sernad's lawyer declined comment.

The case centers on whether Sernad, an unknown Democrat, received thousands of dollars from the campaign of Rivera, a Republican. Sernad was running in the Democratic primary last year against Joe Garcia, who eventually defeated Rivera for the 26th congressional district that runs from the Miami suburbs to Key West.

Rivera has repeatedly denied any connection.

Cops: Man faked being deputy

SPRING HILL — Authorities say a man who worked at Pizza Hut is accused of impersonating a Pasco County Sheriff's Deputy to impress his girlfriend.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office says 37-year-old Christopher Sharp

was trying to impress his girlfriend. But the scheme landed him in jail after his Feb. 22 arrest.

The Tampa Tribune reports that between August and January he told his live-in girlfriend that he was a Pasco deputy. He came home wearing a Pasco County Sheriff's uniform and often told his girlfriend, family and friends stories about things that happened during his shift. He even entertained partygoers on New Year's Eve with stories about DUI enforcement he'd been involved with earlier that evening.

He was booked on fraud charges.

Human trafficking sentence ordered

MIAMI — A Miami Beach man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for beating and strangling a woman he forced into prostitution.

The sentencing of 34-year-old Robert Burton on Tuesday marked the first conviction for the Miami-Dade Human Trafficking Unit.

The Miami Herald reports Burton forced at least six women into prostitution and fathered children with three of them. He faced similar charges in Nevada where he wasn't convicted.

Burton was accused of beating and choking a 31-year-old woman and abducting their 7-year-old son in 2011. Prosecutors say when police pulled Burton over and inquired about the two women in the car, the child said, "those are my daddy's ho's."

State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle says human trafficking is similar to domestic violence.

■ Associated Press

Celebrity Birthdays

- Architect Frank Gehry is 84.
- Actor Gavin MacLeod is 82.
- Actor Don Francks is 81.
- Actor-director-dancer Tommy Tune is 74.
- Hall of Fame auto racer Mario Andretti is 73.
- Actor Frank Bonner is 71.

Daily Scripture

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

— 1 John 3:18

Thought for Today

"Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know."

— Daniel J. Boorstin,
American historian, educator and librarian of Congress
(1914-2004)

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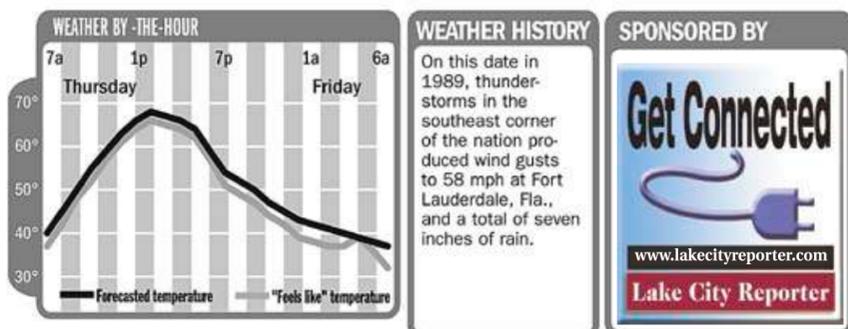
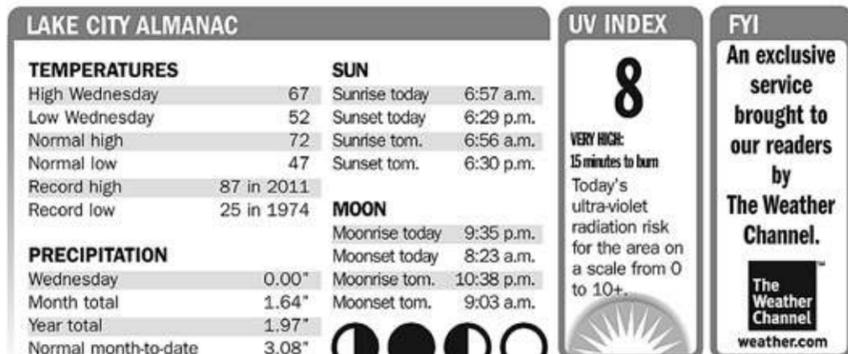
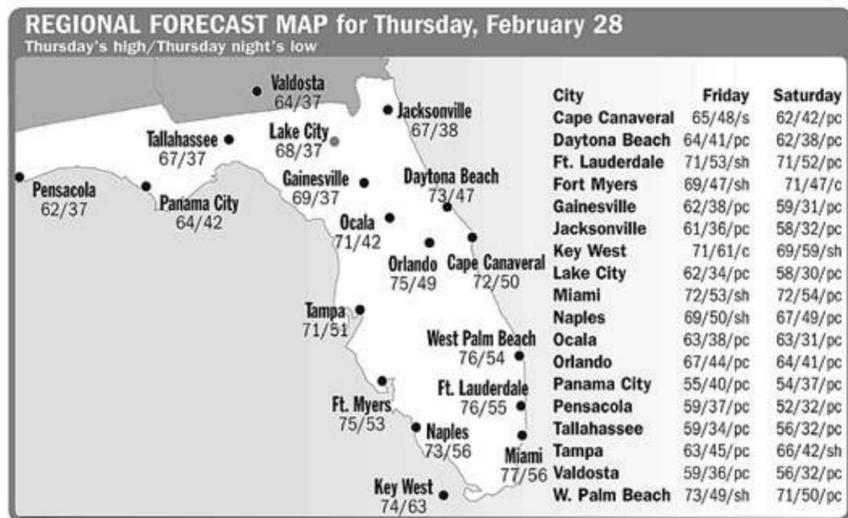
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THE WEATHER



CUTS: Many local programs could be harmed

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That would mean a reduction of more than \$500,000 this year. Loughran said the district pays out money for the programs and is reimbursed by the government later.

Some of the federal money goes to hire special education teachers. Since the economic downturn, the school district has not laid off any teachers.

"We have done everything by people leaving and not replacing the position," Loughran said.

The largest federally funded program for the school district is the National School Lunch Program. The program is funded through state and federal sources — \$3.6 million from the state and about \$7 million from federal funding.

Loughran said she does not believe this program will be part of the sequester.

The decrease in federal funding will leave the district scrambling to find other ways to replace the lost revenue.

Loughran said the possible money cut from the budget by the sequester equals the salaries for about 11 teachers.

"It's a terrible feeling to not know," she said. "If you know, you can plan for it."

Child care services

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway helps low income families across Columbia, Hamilton, Lafayette, Suwannee and Union counties pay for child care services so parents who work during the day, and provides other services aimed at increasing a child's success in school with state and federally funded programs.

Thomas Logan, executive director for the Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway, said he

has already frozen enrollment in the federal program the organization administers.

The coalition's School Readiness program receives \$7 million in federal funding, which helps about 1,650 children's families pay the cost of child care. He said he expects 8.9 percent cuts to funding if the sequester is not avoided.

The cuts would amount to about \$620,000. The cuts would force the coalition to reduce enrollment in the program by about 150 children, Logan said. He said the program will not enroll any children until the threat of budget cuts passes.

Logan said if the sequester does happen, he will not throw children out of the program, but let attrition reduce the number of children in the program.

"The last thing in the world we would do is to disenroll children," he said.

Logan said he hasn't received information about when the cuts will take affect, and any date he does say would be a "pure guess."

"We have frozen the enrollment because we do not know," Logan said.

Health department

Funding for Columbia County's health department could be cut by 10 percent, the administrator of Columbia and Hamilton counties health departments said.

Mark Lander said the cuts will amount to about \$50,000, and he plans to address those cuts by pooling resources between the health departments in the area.

"This is real life we are dealing with," Lander said. "Now is when you have to be very creative."

He plans to work with community partners and find solutions to main-

tain services at the health departments he manages.

Because of budget cuts to the health department last year, three positions were lost — two of them with active employees. The work those positions would have done was absorbed by the rest of the staff at the health department, Lander said.

"Losing any more positions would be a last option," Lander said.

Forest Service

Ivan Green, district manager of the Osceola National Forest, was unavailable for comment, but nationally the U. S. Forest Service faces more than \$200 million in cuts from the sequester.

In a letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee dated Feb. 5, Secretary of Agriculture Thomas J. Vilsack said the sequester would affect the USDA's operating budget by about \$2 billion in fiscal year 2013.

In the letter, Vilsack provided detailed information about how each bureau would be affected by the sequester, including the Forest Service.

The Forest Service will complete "as many as 200,000 fewer acres of hazardous fuel treatments, resulting in an increased risk to communities from wildfires."

Also, Vilsack's letter says the Forest Service would close as many as 670 public recreation sites such as campgrounds, picnic areas and trails.

"Closing this many recreation sites would reduce an estimated 1.6 million recreation visits across the country, thereby harming the economies of remote rural communities that depend on recreationists' economic activity, and eliminating convenient vacation opportunities for rural residents," the letter said.

Local companies

Meat processing companies could face shutdowns if the sequester does go into effect. Confusion surrounds the issue, as multiple possibilities have surfaced since Monday.

In Vilsack's letter to the Senate, he said the sequester would result in an across-the-board furlough for Food Safety and Inspection Service employees, which in turn would force meat plants to stop production.

One scenario would have "rolling furloughs" that would spread out the furlough days of meat inspectors to prevent shut downs.

According to Reuters, the USDA said there would still be shutdowns even with non-consecutive furlough days because it would not be possible for a reduced workforce to cover all meat processing plants.

Billy Nettles, owner of Nettles Sausage, declined comment on the issue.

Another local company that could be affected is Timco. The company does maintenance work on aircraft for the Coast Guard.

Leonard Kazmerski, Timco's vice president of business and development, said the company does not expect to lay off anyone off, despite possible cuts to military contracts.

He said the Lake City aircraft maintenance employees can be moved to other commercial and personal aircraft contracts the company has, and he expects the company to be able to place all workers working on military aircraft on other projects.

"Many of our Lake City employees have skills that will allow them to work on different types of aircraft," he said.

Still, he said the murky future is not something the company finds as ideal.

Bad crash on U.S. 90



COURTESY FHP

Both drivers involved in a head-on crash on U.S. 90 near the Lake City Gateway Airport were airlifted to Shands at University of Florida on Wednesday night. A 2004 Lexus and a 2002 Ford Econoline van collided about 7:10 p.m., Florida Highway Patrol said. The drivers' injuries were not life-threatening, FHP said.

LIFE: Sentence imposed

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the records are prepared. Once the paperwork has been filed, it will be sent to the Public Defender's Office in Second Judicial Circuit in Tallahassee, which handles appellate cases.

"The grounds for the appeal haven't been fully analyzed yet," Payne said. "Ultimately, the issues that are raised on appeal will be decided by the Second Circuit Public Defender's Office."

Payne said he would not expect a decision on the requested appeal for at least 18 months.

Brinkley said she was satisfied with the sentence. The judge imposed.

"I think he should have gotten first-degree murder because it was such a cruel, horrific way that she died, and she knew she was going to die," Brinkley said. "He blocked the way for her to get out, but for some reason or another, the jury seemed to think it wasn't as first-degree as it should have been. But I am satisfied with the sentence that he got. The only thing that I can't get over is that he not once, ever said, 'I'm sorry.' That hurts more

than anything else. She (Whatley) loved him and she trusted him. I think it was a true sentence and I think that the family is satisfied. Hopefully he will never see free ground to walk on again."

Jeff Siegmeister, Third Circuit state attorney, also agreed with the sentence.

"Under the circumstances and facts of this case, Mr. Ford got a just sentence to serve the maximum," he said. "Whatley's family certainly deserves closure after this long period of time."

Ford was arrested in September 2009, but the case wasn't tried until four years later. Siegmeister addressed the delay.

"It's one of those times between balancing a man's rights as well as some tactical decisions, and I don't think anybody is proud with the length of time it took to close that case," he said.

Siegmeister said once the decision was made, with consultation of the family, to waive the death penalty, the state attorney's office took the steps necessary to get the case tried as quickly as possible.

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ANOTHER VIEW

How to sidestep the sequester

Time is running short for President Obama and Congress to avoid yet another budget trap they've set for themselves. This time it's the sequester — the \$1.2 trillion in across-the-board spending cuts over 10 years that would begin to bite on Friday.

Over the next seven months, the sequester would slash \$85 billion in federal spending, split between military and nonmilitary programs. It wouldn't create havoc overnight, but its impact on government services, jobs and the economy would deepen the longer the cuts remain in effect.

The White House says Florida would lose at least \$278 million in federal funding this year and thousands of jobs supported by those dollars. Defense industry representatives say cuts in military spending would idle tens of thousands of Florida workers.

Yet it's essential that the president and Congress stick with the overall goal of bringing down deficits. If not, the heavy burden of debt on Americans will keep growing, and investments that would build the economy and strengthen security will be diverted to making interest payments.

Washington, D.C., needs to think smarter — and bigger — in dealing with debt.

As we've argued before, across-the-board spending cuts are a mindless way to close budget gaps. They don't distinguish between high- and low-priority programs. They punish efficient and wasteful agencies equally.

The president has proposed that Congress make more modest, targeted cuts, and cover the difference by raising taxes on the rich and closing tax loopholes. He calls this a "balanced approach" to deficit reduction.

But the president's plan isn't big enough. Nonpartisan budget analysts say deficits need to be reduced by at least \$2.4 trillion over the next 10 years to bring the national debt under control.

And a truly balanced plan would include significant savings in three of the biggest federal programs: Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Together those three entitlement programs account for about 40 percent of federal spending. Their share of the budget will mushroom as health-care costs go up and millions more baby boomers retire.

Generally, Republicans favor slowing the growth of entitlement spending to cut deficits, while Democrats prefer to raise taxes on the rich. But a budget plan that includes, for example, higher Medicare premiums or lower benefits for the wealthy could meet the GOP desire for entitlement reform and the Democratic goal of making the rich pay more.

And if the president insists on more revenues, they should be raised through a badly needed overhaul of the federal tax code. Reform could include closing loopholes that favor the wealthy and corporations, as the president has proposed, without the higher rates Republicans oppose.

There's enough common ground between the parties to avoid the sequester and come up with a long-term fix for the nation's budget problems. Otherwise, they'll just keep staggering from one trap to the next.

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Sequestration is Obama's fault, but GOP will pay

It's a phrase that's well-worn, and for a reason, namely that it sums up so splendidly the idea of something that is it'sy-bitsy relative to something very, very big: "Spit in the ocean." "Sequestration" — it's a four-syllable word referring to across-the-board spending cuts of \$85 billion scheduled for automatic implementation with the purpose of reducing deficits and better controlling the federal debt. However large it sounds, the amount is spit next to the oceanic gobs of owed money that could easily drown the American economy.

You'd hardly know as much listening to President Barack Obama. You almost get the idea that sequestration means the military will have to fight off terrorists with bare fists, that lonely students will sit in schools minus teachers, that hospitals will be bereft of caregivers and that no air traffic controllers will be at airports to let your planes take off crash-free for long-planned vacations.

I promise you, it's not as bad as he says, though there are problems. They are mostly Obama's fault. He and his White House gang are mostly to blame for the whole idea and he is the one primarily in the way of doing something about the confusion, inconvenience and worse that will result in the absence of a deal with Republicans to set things right.

The fact is that House Republicans have already passed legislation substituting considered spending cuts for across-the-board, indiscriminate ones and that those



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refusing compromise are Obama and Senate Democrats. Ideologically fixated on ever-bigger, more controlling government, the president says there will be no bargain without still more tax hikes on top of those he won in the so-called fiscal cliff deal. And while the Republicans really should go along with nuanced tax reform of the pro-growth kind, the first thing should be the spending cuts.

Obama may have figured he could get what he wanted if he said that was the only way Republicans would get what they wanted — an end to the sequestration's thoughtless spending cuts in defense. Instead, the Republicans have apparently noticed what the Washington Examiner's Byron York has pointed out: Those cuts just slow down the rate of defense spending growth.

Concerning the bigger picture, columnist George F. Will has observed that the overall sequestration cuts in the first year would still leave federal spending 12 percent more than when Obama became president. He says the cuts over 10 years would reduce spending from \$46 trillion to \$44.8 trillion — not all that much, especially considering

that we borrow something like 40 cents for every dollar spent.

Reported federal figures show government spending has gone up by more than \$800 per American since 2008, the year before Obama became president.

For all of this, Obama is still likely to win politically. The wily one has spared no propagandistic effort to portray the Republicans as the heartless, reckless bad guys, and too few commentators have caught up with some of the basics, such as the work of the Washington Post's Bob Woodward. Though hardly saying the Republicans are sweethearts, he has shown through his research how sequestration became a reality and entered common English usage as a consequence of White House conniving.

The Republicans appear ready to negotiate on how the spending cuts are done, but if they don't surrender to the tax bullying, Obama seems determined to just let the sequestration happen, blaming it on them. He will still be a hero to a public that voted him back into office, now gives him high favorability ratings and is proving in polls that it's no toughie to fool lots of people most of the time.

As for the Republicans, they will get blamed for this spit in the ocean and get spit in the face in return.

■ Jay Ambrose, formerly Washington director of editorial policy for Scripps Howard newspapers and the editor of dailies in El Paso, Texas, and Denver, is a columnist living in Colorado.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County workers deserve better

To the Editor:

I think it is shameful that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners and County Manager Dale Williams find it acceptable to give pay increases to the top three employees in the county, due to a "restructuring" of the top positions, while the majority of their employees are surviving on poverty wages. As the wife of a

Columbia County firefighter I find it insulting that my husband makes below the federal poverty level for our family, yet the county sees fit to raise the salaries of the top employees while denying raises to the rank and file for approximately the last four years. And equally insulting is the fact that those "managers" will accept those raises without a thought to the people below them who can't pay their bills or feed

their families. How about applying some common sense here. Take all that money, \$43095.00, and divide it among the lowest paid employees thereby improving their lives while leaving the highest paid folks where they are. Somehow that seems to make more fiscal sense than this plan does.

Kathy D'Antonio
Lake City

HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1898, the United States refuses to support Britain in its conflict with Russia over a loan to China.

In 1904, Germany revises 1872 anti-Jesuit law to permit return of some members of the Roman Catholic order.

In 1917, riots and strikes break out in St. Petersburg, marking start of Russian Revolution.

In 1950, Marshal Voroshilov

announces the existence of the Soviet atomic bomb.

In 1954, the United States and Japan sign mutual defense agreement.

In 1957, Ghana is admitted to the United Nations.

In 1965, United States lands 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

1969, Soviet Union puts its Far East army on alert as warning to China after frontier clash on Ussuri River.

In 1970, Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios escapes assassination when terrorist snipers shoot down his helicopter.

1986, guerrilla violence in Colombia takes seven lives a day before national elections.

In 1987, Sri Lankan troops launch large new offensive, killing 11 separatist Tamil Tiger rebels in northern Jaffna peninsula.

■ Associated Press

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Feb. 28

Black History Month

Black History Month organizers will host an Elders Banquet at Richardson Community Center. The banquet will honor our elders and present community representatives and business-ees with awards for their contributions in 2012. Entertainment, free food, prizes and a special keynote speaker will be included. Transportation will be provided if requested by Feb. 15. For more information, contact the Ambassador Leadership Council at 867-1601, Blondell Johnson at 755-3110 or Bea Coker at 697-6075 or visit online at www.itsaboutmyefforts.org.

Senior drivers class

An AARP Driver Safety Course for Seniors will be held from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center Reading Room, 628 SE Allison Court. Participants should take a sack lunch. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers. Registration is required and can be done by calling (352) 333-3036.

Uniform sale

The Auxiliary at Shands Lakeshore Regional Medical Center will have a uniform sale from 7 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the hospital. Proceeds will aid patient care at the hospital. Uniforms and shoes will be provided by First Uniform Inc. of North Carolina.

Landlords meeting

Lake City area landlords will meet at IHOP Restaurant on U.S. 90 West. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. and the program will be at 6. Jordan Wade from Clay Electric will speak. For more information, call (386) 755-0110.

Nursing home seminar

A free Nursing Home Planning Workshop will be held at 10 a.m. at the Morgan Law Center for Estate and Legacy Planning, 234 E. Duval St. (U.S. 90). Anyone concerned about how they will pay for nursing home care should attend this informative workshop led by local elder law attorney Teresa Byrd Morgan. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call Shana Miller at (386) 755-1977.

Military officers group

The Suwannee River Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will hold its monthly dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake City Elks' Lodge, 259 NE Hernando St. The speaker will be retired Air Force Col. Brian Anderson, MOAA deputy director for council and chapter affairs. The meeting is open to all active-duty military officers, retired and former officers, members of the Reserve and National Guard and their surviving spouses. For information and reservations, call Tandy Carter at 719-9706 or Vernon Lloyd at 752-4885.

March 1

Author to visit

The Friends of the Library will present "A Florida Road Trip with Tim Dorsey" at 6 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Author Tim Dorsey will make Lake City a stop on his tour for his new book, "The Riptide Ultra-Glide." Free tickets are required and may be obtained at any library location. Refreshments will be served.

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 tarter sauce. Take out or eat in.

March 2

Breakfast with chief

Lake City Police Department will hold a "Breakfast with the Chief" event from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lake City Moose Lodge, 624 NE Williams St. A free complimentary breakfast will be available, as well as an opportunity to hear from and ask questions of Police Chief Argatha Gilmore. For more information, contact Audre Washington at (386) 719-5742 or email washingtona@lclflapd.com.

Women's program

First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave., will host a free program for women entitled "The Word of God for the Women of God — Where



The moon, which is about 250,000 miles from Earth, is seen on a clear night in its waxing gibbous phase.

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is Your Treasure" from 9 a.m. to noon. Robin Arnold will be keynote speaker. Breakout sessions include "20 Ways to Bring the Word of God into Your Home" with Linda Callahan; "Using God's Word to Help Your Child Relate to God, Self, Others" with Alicia Pfahler; and "God's Word When Unexpected Life Events Happen" with Joanna Figley. A continental breakfast will be served and child care will be available. For more information, call (386) 752-4488.

Car, truck show

The fifth annual Fort White Car, Truck and Bike Show will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Fort White High School, 17579 SW State Road 47. A swap meet and barbecue cook-off will be included. Prizes will be awarded in several categories.

Cost for participants is \$20 if registered by Feb. 15 or \$25 the day of the show. Swap meet space is \$15 by Feb. 15 or \$20 the day of the show. Live and silent auctions and a cake sale also will be held. Proceeds will support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. For barbeque cook-off information and registration, call Keith at (386) 497-WING. For vehicle entries and other information, contact Brown's Racing at (386) 497-1481.

Grief support

A GriefShare grief support group will meet from

2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays at Willowbrook Assisted Living, Room D. For more information, call Marlene Hirsh at 288-7429.

Church yard sale

The Kids Club of Lake City Church of God, 173 SE Ermine Ave., will have a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Life Center. For more information, call (386) 752-9400.

Spring yard sale

The Wellborn Community Association will host a Spring Community Yard Sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community center, 1340 8th Ave. in downtown Wellborn. A space is \$5. Bring your own tents and tables. The monthly blueberry pancake breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Lunch will be available, too. The Bloodmobile will be there to take donations.

For more info, call Wendell at 963-1157, find us on Facebook or see www.wellborncommunityassociation.com.

Supper, gospel sing

Lee Worship Center Church and Living Word of Faith Fellowship will have a pot-luck supper and gospel sing. The supper will be at 6 p.m. and the gospel sing will begin at 7. The church is at 471 SE Magnolia Drive in Lee. For more information or to get on the program, call Allen at (850) 869-9977.

Free workshops

The UF/IFAS Columbia County Extension is offering free workshops during the Home and Patio Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday at the Extension offices located at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. Workshops will include raised-bed vegetable gardens, container gardens for kids, how to prepare nutritious smoothies, backyard poultry and more.

For more information, call the Extension office at (386) 752-5384.

Dulcimer talk

Prize-winning hammered dulcimer player Michael Vickey will host a Coffee House event from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs.

March 3

History program

The Friends of the Library will present "A Florida History Chautauqua: Three Views (Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas)" at 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library, 308 NW Columbia Ave. Chautauqua performer Betty Jean Steinshouer will help us consider the intertwined stories of three of Florida's most well-known female authors, who put the state on the map as only the hearts of women could. Free tickets are required

and may be obtained at any library location.

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Gospel concert

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, 1272 SW MacFarlane Ave., will host a free, Southern gospel music concert by the Friends Singers at 6 p.m. The group of eight singers is a ministry of Friendship International Ministries, based at Colorado Springs, Colo.

March 4

Scout fundraiser

Boy Scouts Troop 85 with a fundraiser at Moe's between 5 and 8 p.m. A portion of all sales during that time will go to the troop. For details, contact Tabatha McMahon at 965-4674.

March 5

Lenten lunch

The First Presbyterian Church invites the community to a Lenten lunch from noon until 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The lunch will include soups freshly made by the women of the church. It will be followed by a short drama. The lunches are in remembrance of the season of Lent, a 40-day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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.

Alvoid Brown

Alvoid Brown, age 45 resident of 3134 N.W. 21st Street, Gainesville, FL and former resident of Lake City, died Sunday, February 24, 2013 at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida terminating an illness. born in Gainesville, FL. he was the son of Willie Dee Brown, Sr. and Bernice Brown McCoy. Early in life he lived with Mrs. Albertha Dace, and was raised by her. He attended Columbia High School and was a graduate of the Class of 1986. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged. He leaves to mourn his passing 1 daughter Dominique Brown; Brothers: Willie Dee Brown, Jr. (LaLette) and Clarence Alonzo Lucas (Tammy) of South Carolina; Sisters: Angela Lucas of Valdosta, GA; Lisa Bess, Ocala, FL.; Tonyia Edmonds and Tawana Hicks of Columbus, GA.; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Alvoid Brown will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at New Mt. Zion Methodist Church with Rev. Stacey Lewis, officiation. Interment will follow in the Garden of Rest Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday, March 1, 2013 at Cooper Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to: **COOPER FUNERAL HOME**, 251 N.E. Washington Street, Lake City, FL.



Elder Mitchell Givens

Elder Mitchell Givens, resident of Baker County transitioned from life to eternal rest on February 23, 2013. He was born August 3, 1921 to Arthur and Rosie Givens. Both preceded him in death. Elder Givens accepted Christ in 1939 under the leadership of Elder Fudge, at the Church of God By Faith. He currently serves as an Elder under the leadership of Elder Alvin Armstrong at the church in Sanderson, FL. Elder Givens retired from both the Frito Lay Company and the Baker County School System. He will be greatly missed in the community by his loving family and friends. Funeral services for Elder Mitchell Givens will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Faith Bible Church, 15902 US Highway 90. Videll Williams, Pastor. The family will receive friends from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Church of God By Faith, Sanderson, FL. Alvin Armstrong, Pastor. Arrangements entrusted to **COMBS FUNERAL HOME**, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"



Jeanie M. Randon

Mrs. Jeanie Mae Randon, resident of Lake City, Florida, departed this life on February 20, 2013 to be with the Lord. Jeanie

was born August 10, 1945 in Lulu, Florida to Isabella and George Webb, Sr. Both preceded her in death. She was educated in the public school system of Columbia County, graduating from Richardson High School. She was employed with Lake Shore Hospital for many years. Other precedents in death; husband, Willie Randon; sisters, Thelma Allen and Annie Mae Thompson; brothers, George Webb, Jr., Willie Bias, Sr., and James Bias. She was loved dearly and will be greatly missed. Cherishing loving memories: daughters, Carmen (Vicky) Graham, Florenda D. Brown; five grandchildren, Andria Lewis, Dontavious Brown, Travis Brown, Devontae' Brown, Monterence Williamson; ten great grandchildren; sisters, Juanita White, Luverna Hawkins, Jackie Huland (Herman), Lilie Mae Wintons; brother, Lewis Webb (Andria); brother-in-law, Jessie Prester (Ceda Mae); hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mrs. Jeanie Mae Randon will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, 901 NE Davis Street, Lake City, FL. Rev. Ronald V. Walters, Pastor. Family will receive friends from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at the funeral home. Arrangements entrusted to **COMBS FUNERAL HOME**, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake City, FL. (386) 752-4366. Marq Combs-Turner, L.F.D. "The Caring Professionals"



Otis O. Thompson, Sr.

Otis O. Thomson answered the call to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Otis, son of Luella Ford was born May 22, 1946 in Olustee, Florida. Mrs. Ford preceded him in death. He attended school in Columbia County and was a 1965 graduate of Richardson High School. He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1967. After serving with the Navy, he was employed with Mathis Welding Company and then later employed with Occidental Chemical Company for several years. Otis was a compassionate person and a business man, believing and practicing strong work ethics until his demise. Cherishing memories: wife, Annie Mae Thompson; children, Otis Oliver Thompson, Jr., John Wesley Thompson, Lavita Thompson, Takella "Libby" Thompson, Antonio "Tony" Thompson, Bruce Thompson (Nannette), Cornelius Jackson, Tamika D. Souter, Andrea S. Griffin; sisters, Sherrell Haywood (Ivory), Mildred Ford (Larry); brothers, Alonzo Galloway (Emily), Rentz Galloway, Gerald Ford (Angee), Charles Ford; several grandchildren; other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Otis O. Thompson will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Union A.M.E. Church, 357



NW Queen Road, Lake City, FL. Rev. Gary DeSue, Pastor. Family will receive friends from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 1, 2013 at Union A.M.E. Church. Arrangements entrusted to **COMBS FUNERAL HOME**, 292 NE Washington Street, Lake

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

My contributions to Black History?

I was fortunate enough to be invited to speak at a prison last week for its Black History program. I decided to speak about the historical figure I believed the inmates would be able to relate to about the effective use of incarceration, Malcolm X. I have found over the years that regardless of the opinion held about his view on civil rights, or religion he, in my opinion, is the recipient of the award for "Best Transition While Incarcerated." The presentation to the inmates was received very well. My silent prayer leading up to and until approaching the podium, was that God would direct both my words and my ability to transfer a message that would be meaningful and capable to effect needed change in the lives of the inmates. I stood before a couple of hundred inmates and listened as I heard the message delivered through me. The message that their journeys were just as capable as transforming history as were the journeys of Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Malcolm X and many others. There was a long pause after the words exited my mouth. I guess I needed a moment to allow what I heard to resonate on my brain, for I as well was experiencing a paradigm shift at that moment.

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as a change agent, but the negative experience has the same promise and potential if used to improve our surroundings and ourselves. Each of those inmates had an opportunity to shed light on a problem plaguing the black community and its history from a perspective that a person who has never been to prison would lack. While I am glad that I lack the ability, I am open enough in my understanding to recognize the potential for an inmate to make significant and positive change in our communities. As I concluded the presentation, I realized that each of them represented an opportunity not just for me, but also for community to challenge ourselves to identify and provide resources that counter the need for incarceration for so many black males. Clearly if such a large number of black males have made it to and continue to find a vehicle to prison, there remain opportunities for America to identify addi-

tional resources. I see my progress or my opportunity to make changes for progress in looking at my surroundings. I want my children and those in the community to look back at this history and see people who loved each other, who sought to improve each other and who embraced the opportunity to serve God with obedience. I want my children and the children in the world to see we loved them far greater than we loved ourselves. I challenge each of us to put forth an effort to resolve some problems we observe in our surroundings, it isn't about measuring what needs to be done against all the resources needed, but about your efforts alone.

The prison industry does not have to be recorded in history as the fastest growing industry, and not because we chose not to send those deserving of incarceration there, but because we provided enough resources that no crime was committed. My experience that day in prison reminded me of a wretched soul God saved and the continuing desire I have as we all should to show gratitude in his mercy and kindness. We are only as good as our weakest link!

Local Wisdom

John Gay was born in Houston, Texas and raised in Brooklyn, New York.

He and his wife Mary Ann made Lake City their home in 2004, after being displaced by Hurricane Wilma. They share eight children, seventeen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Gay has traveled across America and abroad and brings to Lake City a much needed perspective and wisdom. Mr. Gay graduated from Phyllis Wheatley Senior High School, followed by graduation from Tuskegee in 1953. He was the second black to graduate from the Miami, Florida Police Academy in the first integrated class in 1961, requiring congressional permission to get commissioned because he was so young at graduation. Mr. Gay holds a Bachelor's in Science, and Business Administration with an emphasis on Economics. He holds a Master's Degree in Social Work, and Business with an emphasis on International Finance. Additionally, he is 12 credit hours from completing his Ph.D in Experiential Learning and smiles as he conveys he has an interest in pursuing law studies.

Mr. Gay holds dear a genuine passion for children, that I was fortunate enough to observe in his interactions with mine. He shared many stories, as one would imagine given his background and the wealth of knowledge he has; however, the one that I am compelled to share is the emphasis his family placed on his education and the com-



John Gay and his wife, Mary Ann.

mitment he now continues to display. Mr. Gay spent his summers being mentored by family members who worked diligently, to store away the financial nest egg to send Mr. Gay to school. His family recognized that he had great potential and it became their collective goal to ensure he was not halted by a lack of resources. Mr. Gay was raised by a "village" and he knew what the sacrifices were and used his summers with them to demonstrate he appreciated their efforts.

Mr. Gay remains true to his commitment to his family. On our theme, "We Need Unity," I asked for his advice and thoughts. He explained the continuing need for unity in our households. He contrasted the progress today to that of the 70s, making note of the decline in meaningful progress. I couldn't help but hear the grief as he embraced what his family had imparted upon him and what he desired to

share with the youth today. Mr. Gay now is a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. an organization composed of former graduates who have committed themselves to educating America on an important part of our history. He believes that in the education we will be reminded of all the many possibilities afforded through hard work, perseverance and genuine concern for our fellow man. He and his wife are pleased to call Lake City their home and willing to share where he is needed.

Test Your History Knowledge

Local, Florida and American history

In Lake City, Florida, in the State of Florida, and in the United States black males hold the highest percentage of incarcerated individuals.

ARTIFACTS: Fort White man among 13 charged in scheme

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collectors they dealt with and they'd sell around the state and around the country."

When asked if some of the collectors who bought illegal artifacts would also be arrested, Brown said, "There may be additional violations found."

Other officers served

searched four homes in Florida and found artifacts and other illegal items, the FWC said. Two of those arrested also were charged with drug possession.

Investigators said the recent arrests resulted from a two-year-long investigation called Operation Timucua, named after an Indian tribe

that once lived in parts of Florida and Georgia. The probe started after complaints of looting lodged over the last five years from around the state.

An undercover operative posed as a buyer, Brown said. The looted artifacts often were listed on websites such as Craigslist

and also turned up at trade shows.

Asking prices for some of the artifacts were as high as \$100,000, Brown told reporters.

Some of those charged were accused of sneaking onto historical sites — mostly in northern Florida — at night and digging in

the dirt with hand tools.

The charges listed include multiple counts of violation of historical resources, dealing in stolen property and illegal removal of artifacts by excavation.

Lake City Reporter staff writer Tony Britt contributed to this story.



LAWS:

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Even the state's top gun lobbyist isn't asking for any new laws, though she says it was a decision that was made before the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting and Obama's call for stricter gun laws.

"We decided that there were important issues facing the state and we just want to take a breather," said Marion Hammer, who represents the National Rifle Association and the Unified Sportsmen of Florida and is considered one of the state's most influential lobbyists.

Democrats have filed six bills seeking to either repeal or rewrite the "stand your ground" law that says people can use deadly force if they feel threatened with no requirement to retreat if possible. They were filed in response to Martin's shooting death by neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman in February 2012, a case that has drawn national attention. Zimmerman, 29, is charged with second-degree murder, but is expected to argue that Martin, 17, attacked him and that he should be acquitted under the "stand your ground" law.

Democrats have also filed bills that would allow local governments to ban concealed weapons and ammunition from public events held in public facilities. Other bills would require gun owners to turn their weapons over to school principals or police officers to avoid being charged with carrying a concealed weapon in a school safety zone.

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First lady highlights obesity progress

Mississippi gains seen as example for other states.

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
Associated Press

CLINTON, Miss. — Michelle Obama on Wednesday congratulated this Southern state for a more than 13 percent drop in its child obesity rates and said its example should inspire the rest of the country.

It's the reason the first lady made Mississippi the first stop on a two-day tour to promote her signature effort, the anti-childhood obesity campaign she launched three years ago called "Let's Move."

In remarks at an elementary school near Jackson, Mrs. Obama cited new research showing that childhood obesity rates among elementary school pupils in the state had declined by more than 13 percent between 2005 and 2011.

"What's happening here in Mississippi is really what 'Let's Move' is all about," she told an audience of state officials, school nutrition professionals and parents.

She urged them to keep on doing what they've been doing.

"It's the story of what you all have achieved here that we want to tell. It's the story we want to be telling in every state all across this country," the first lady said.

When she visited Mississippi three years ago, she said, it had just been declared the most obese state in the nation.

Mrs. Obama attributed the decline in childhood obesity rates here to efforts by state lawmakers, the Board of Education and individual school districts,



First lady Michelle Obama (left) and TV chef Rachel Ray discuss the lunches with elementary school students in at the Clinton, Miss., on Wednesday. The pair visited with the children as part of Obama's anti-obesity campaign.

which she said took such steps as setting new standards for food and drinks in school vending machines, serving more fruits, vegetables and whole grains, and replacing food fryers with steamers, to which she exclaimed, "Hallelujah."

Some churches even declared "no-fry" zones for their congregations, where only healthy food and nothing fried was allowed.

"So there's no reason why this success can't happen in cities and states all across the country — if we're willing to work for it," Mrs. Obama said. "So now is the time for us to truly double down on these efforts. We know what works. We're seeing it right here. We know how to get results. Now we just need to keep stepping up."

The first lady said Mississippi, and other parts of the country that also have seen their child-

hood obesity rates come down — including California and New York City and Philadelphia — are showing others what works. After all, she said, "love for our children" is the motivating factor.

Mrs. Obama was joined by Food Network star and daytime talk-show host Rachael Ray, who arranged for two school chefs to compete to prepare lunches that meet newly adopted federal nutrition guidelines.

"I'm here to say, Mississippi, thank you. Thank you so much. Congratulations on your work," the first lady said. "Thank you for taking the lead on this issue. Thank you for serving as an inspiration for states and communities across the country."

About one-third of U.S. children are overweight or obese, putting them at higher risk for heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as

other ailments.

Mrs. Obama launched "Let's Move" with the goal of helping to reduce childhood obesity rates within a generation.

In response, a range of industry groups and others, including food companies, restaurants, retailers and others, promised to make their food healthier and make it easier for kids to get needed exercise.

Among the changes: Wal-Mart is now putting special labels on some of its store-brand products to help shoppers quickly spot healthier items. Millions of schoolchildren are helping themselves to vegetables from salad bars that have been donated for their lunchrooms. Kids' meals at Olive Garden and Red Lobster restaurants are automatically served with a side of fruit or vegetables and a glass of low-fat milk.

Some results her of campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Steps that retailers, restaurants and others are taking as part of Michelle Obama's campaign to reduce childhood obesity.

Wal-Mart

Pledged in January 2011 to reformulate its store-brand, packaged foods by cutting sodium 25 percent and added sugars by 10 percent, and removing all remaining industrially produced trans fats by 2015.

Child Nutrition

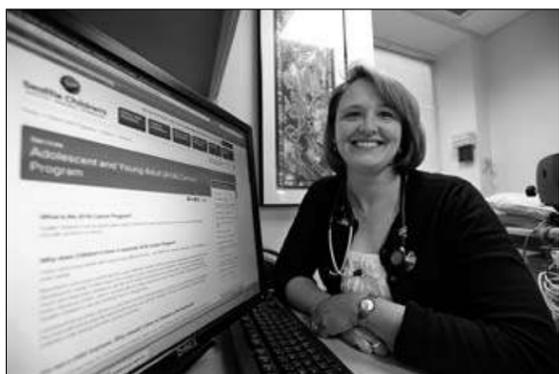
Obama actively campaigned behind the scenes in 2010 for a child nutrition law, which passed in the final days of a Democratic-controlled House. The law helped schools pay for healthier lunches and also set new nutrition requirements for all foods in schools.

Beverage association

The American Beverage Association, which represents Coca-Cola and PepsiCo, now also puts calorie labels on the front of cans, bottles and packs, fulfilling its pledge to do so.

Healthy weight foundation

This coalition of retailers, and food and beverage manufacturers, said in 2010 that it would remove 1.5 trillion calories from their products by 2015 — about 12.5 calories per person per day.



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Dr. Rebecca Johnson, a cancer specialist at Seattle Children's Hospital and a cancer survivor, Johnson is the lead author of a new study that shows that advanced breast cancer cases have increased slightly among young women.

Advanced breast cancer edges up in younger women

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Advanced breast cancer has increased slightly among young women, a 34-year analysis suggests. The disease is still uncommon among women younger than 40, and the small change has experts scratching their heads about possible reasons.

The results are potentially worrisome because young women's tumors tend to be more aggressive than older women's, and they're much less likely to get routine screening for the disease.

Still, that doesn't explain why there'd be an increase in advanced cases and the researchers and other experts say more work is needed to find answers.

It's likely that the increase has more than one cause, said Dr. Rebecca Johnson, the study's lead author and medical director of a teen and young adult cancer program at Seattle Children's Hospital.

"The change might be due to some sort of modifiable risk factor, like a lifestyle change" or exposure to some sort of cancer-linked substance, she said.

Johnson said the results translate to about 250

advanced cases diagnosed in women younger than 40 in the mid-1970s versus more than 800 in 2009. During those years, the number of women nationwide in that age range went from about 22 million to closer to 30 million — an increase that explains part of the study trend "but definitely not all of it," Johnson said.

Other experts said women delaying pregnancy might be a factor, partly because getting pregnant at an older age might cause an already growing tumor to spread more quickly in response to pregnancy hormones.

Obesity and having at least a drink or two daily have both been linked with breast cancer but research is inconclusive on other possible risk factors, including tobacco and chemicals in the environment. Whether any of these explains the slight increase in advanced disease in young women is unknown.

There was no increase in cancer at other stages in young women. There also was no increase in advanced disease among women older than 40.

Overall U.S. breast cancer rates have mostly fallen in more recent years, although there are signs they may have plateaued.

New VA clinics, expansions in limbo

By **KEVIN FREKING**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A veterans' health clinic in Brick, N.J. is in such disrepair that when the snow gets heavy, patients have to go elsewhere for fear the roof might collapse. Another in San Antonio has extensive mildew and mold problems that could prove a health hazard for employees and patients in the coming years.

In Lake Charles, La., it's not the condition of a clinic but the lack of one. It's estimated that 6,000 veterans would enroll in VA health care if the community were to get a new clinic.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has cited these examples as it sought approval from Congress last year for a dozen new or expanded health clinics around the country.

Lawmakers anticipated that the cost for the current fiscal year would probably run into the tens of millions of dollars, but the estimate from the Congressional Budget Office came in at \$1.2 billion. The nonpartisan CBO said that sound accounting principles require the full cost of the 20-year leases for the clinics be accounted for up front.

The huge jump in the clinics' price tag left lawmakers scrambling, and in the face of the budget-cutting climate on Capitol Hill, the VA request stalled. Now the agency is warning that unless lawmakers act, some currently operating clinics may have to close after their old leases expire

and other long-planned expansions will not go forward.

Since the mid-1990s, the VA has turned to outpatient clinics as a way to bring health care closer to where veterans live. The department has opened 821 clinics to supplement the care provided at 152 medical centers.

The clinics vary in size and services offered but virtually all provide primary care and mental health counseling. In most cases, the VA enters into a lease with private building owners, which gives the department flexibility to meet changes in demand down the road.

"I know the VA itself had plans to go beyond these 12 in the next several years. It's going to be difficult for that to happen at a time when we see veterans' needs rising," said Rep. Charles Boustany Jr., R-La., whose congressional district includes Lake Charles and Lafayette, where the expansion of another VA outpatient clinic was delayed. "This has thrown a wrench into the entire way we do things."

Any lease costing more than \$1 million a year requires congressional approval. That's where the 12 proposed clinics come in. Lawmakers submitted the legislation to the Congressional Budget Office, which keeps score of how legislation fits with congressional spending targets.

When CBO took a closer look at the clinics, analysts determined that the leases generally involved the construction of new buildings

that the VA would essentially finance through a 20-year lease. The CBO told lawmakers that the entire cost of the leases needed to be accounted for up front to show taxpayers the true cost associated with a 20-year obligation.

The Congressional Budget Office declined to discuss publicly the rationale for its new treatment of VA leases.

Instead, it forwarded a brief about financing arrangements akin to those being used by the VA. The brief said that treating long-term investments as annual operating expenses understates the size of the federal government and its obligations. Sound budgeting requires agencies to acknowledge the full cost of their investment up front, the brief said.

That left lawmakers with two options — find \$1.2 billion in savings from other government programs or waive rules that require offsets to new spending. They decided to regroup and try again this year.

"Most Democrats and Republicans agree that these projects should move ahead, so the task at hand is simply finding a way forward in light of CBO's new method of scoring lease authorizations," said Rep. Jeff Miller, the Republican chairman of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs.

"I'm confident we'll find a solution that doesn't involve cuts to veterans' benefits to pay for these leases, an option that is not on the table and one that I would not support," Miller said.



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A fishmonger prepares fish for a client in a market in Barcelona, Spain. One of the longest and most scientific tests suggests the Mediterranean style of eating can cut the chance of suffering heart-related problems, especially strokes, in older people at high risk of them.

Mediterranean-style diets found healthier

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

Pour on the olive oil, preferably over fish and vegetables: One of the longest and most scientific tests of a Mediterranean diet suggests this style of eating can cut the chance of suffering heart-related problems, especially strokes, in older people at high risk of them.

The study lasted five years and involved about 7,500 people in Spain. Those who ate Mediterranean-style with lots of olive oil or nuts had a 30 percent lower risk of major cardiovascular problems compared to those who were told to follow a low-fat diet but who in reality, didn't cut fat very much. Mediterranean meant lots of fruit, fish, chicken, beans, tomato sauce, salads, and wine and little baked goods and pastries.

Mediterranean diets have long been touted as heart-healthy, but that's based on observational studies that can't prove the point. The new research is much stronger because people were assigned diets to follow for a long time and carefully monitored. Doctors even did lab tests to verify that the Mediterranean diet folks were consuming more olive oil or nuts as recommended.

Most of these people were taking medicines for high cholesterol and blood pressure, and researchers did not alter those proven treatments, said one study leader, Dr. Ramon Estruch of Hospital Clinic in Barcelona.

But as a first step to prevent heart problems, "we think diet is better than a drug" because it has few if any side effects, Estruch said. "Diet works."

Results were published online Monday by the New England Journal of Medicine and were discussed at a nutrition conference in Loma Linda, Calif.

People in the study were not given rigid menus or calorie goals because weight loss was not the aim. That could be why they found the "diets" easy to stick with — only about 7 percent dropped out within two years. There were twice as many dropouts in the low-fat group than among those eating Mediterranean-style.

Researchers also provided the nuts and olive oil, so it didn't cost participants anything to use these relatively pricey ingredients. The type of oil may have mattered — they used extra-virgin olive oil, which is minimally processed and richer than regular or light olive oil in the chemicals and nutrients.

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FDA expands approval of cancer drug

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration on Monday expanded approval of a Bayer cancer pill to treat tumors of the intestinal tract that don't respond to other treatments.

The drug is called Stivarga and regulators approved it to treat gastrointestinal stromal tumors that cannot be surgically removed and no longer respond to other

FDA-approved drugs.

The FDA previously approved Stivarga to treat colorectal cancer. It works by blocking several enzymes that promote cancer growth.

The FDA approved the drug for the new use based on a study of nearly 200 patients who were randomly assigned to take Stivarga or a placebo pill.

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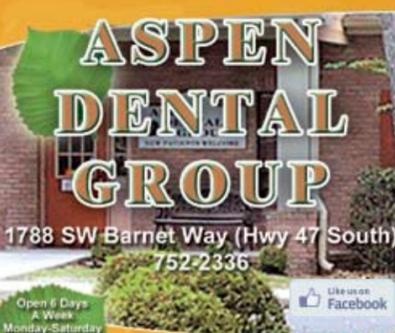
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Section B

GAMES

Today
 ■ Columbia High softball vs. P.K. Yonge School, 6 p.m.
 ■ Fort White High softball at Bradford High, 6 p.m.
 ■ Columbia High baseball vs. Arlington Country Day School, 6 p.m. (JV-6 at Baker County High)
 ■ Fort White High JV baseball at Bradford High, 7 p.m.

Friday
 ■ Columbia High girls tennis vs. Forest High, 4 p.m.
 ■ Columbia High, Fort White High track at UNF Spring Break Open, TBA
 ■ Fort White High softball at Interlachen High, 6:30 p.m.
 ■ Columbia High baseball at Lincoln High, 6 p.m.
 ■ Columbia High softball vs. Madison County High, 7 p.m.
 ■ Fort White High baseball at Williston High, 7 p.m. (JV-4:30)

Saturday
 ■ Columbia High baseball vs. Wakulla High, 2:30 p.m. (JV-noon)
 ■ Fort White High track at Suwannee Invitational, TBA

BRIEFS

FISHING

Justin Brown Memorial tourney

The Justin Brown Memorial Bass Tournament is Saturday at Clay Landing. Entry fee is \$70 per boat with an optional big bass pot for \$10. There is a 60 percent payback to 10 percent of the field. All proceeds benefit Columbia FFA students. For details, call Chris Starling at 288-7633 or Karen Brown at 961-2526.

RUNNING

Tortoise 5k run/walk at O'Leno

The fifth annual Race the Tortoise 5k run/walk is 8 a.m. Saturday at O'Leno State Park on U.S. Highway 41-441, 17 miles south of Lake City. Entry fee is \$10 for ages 14 and younger and \$25 for all others. Entry to the park is free for registered runners. The race is limited to the first 300 registrants, and all will receive a T-shirt. Proceeds go to O'Leno State Park. To register go to www.friendsofolen.org and click 5K Run. For details, call Cindy Preston at 454-0723.

■ From staff reports

Lady Tigers win again

Columbia dogs Suwannee High, 10-0, on the road.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High made easy work of its rival on Wednesday by putting the Lady Bulldogs of Suwannee High in the pound. The Lady Tigers won 10-0 behind a six-inning performance on the mound by Erin Anderson. Anderson had her best game of the season with 11 strikeouts and allowed only two hits. Ashley Shoup got the save after allowing one hit in the final inning. The Lady Tigers struck

early and never looked back with four runs in the first inning. Hollianne Dohrn scored Lacey King on a bases-loaded single and Caleigh McCauley's grounder scored Tatum Morgan and Kayli Kvistad after an error. Jessica Shimmel batted in Dohrn to end the inning. Kvistad added two more for the Lady Tigers in the top of the second with a two-run homer that also scored Tatum Morgan. In the fourth, Brandy Morgan scored King after a bases loaded walk and Tatum Morgan scored on a wild pitch. Dohrn and McCauley scored by taking home on an error for the 10-0 final.



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Columbia High's Kayli Kvistad (21) hits a pitch during a game against Wolfson.

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TV sports

Today GOLF 9 a.m.

TGC — European PGA Tour, Tshwane Open, first round, at Centurion, South Africa (same-day tape)

12:30 p.m.

TGC — LPGA, HSBC Women's Champions, first round, at Singapore (same-day tape)

3 p.m.

TGC — PGA Tour, The Honda Classic, first round, at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Men's College Basketball

7 p.m.

ESPN — North Carolina at Clemson
ESPN2 — Ohio State at Northwestern

9 p.m.

ESPN — Duke at Virginia
ESPN2 — Missouri at South Carolina

11 p.m.

ESPN2 — Gonzaga at BYU

NBA Basketball

8 p.m.

TNT — Philadelphia at Chicago
10:30 p.m.
TNT — Minnesota at L.A. Lakers

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 standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	33	20	.623	—
Brooklyn	34	24	.586	1/2
Boston	30	27	.526	5
Toronto	23	34	.404	12

Philadelphia				
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	14	.745	—
Atlanta	32	23	.582	9
Washington	18	37	.327	23
Orlando	16	41	.281	26
Charlotte	13	44	.228	29

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	36	21	.632	—
Chicago	32	25	.561	4
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	8
Detroit	22	37	.373	15
Cleveland	19	38	.333	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	45	13	.776	—
Memphis	37	18	.673	1/2
Houston	31	27	.534	4
Dallas	25	31	.446	19
New Orleans	20	38	.345	25

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	41	15	.732	—
Denver	36	22	.621	6
Utah	31	26	.544	10 1/2
Portland	26	30	.464	15
Minnesota	20	34	.370	20

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	41	18	.695	—
Golden State	33	24	.579	7
L.A. Lakers	28	30	.483	12 1/2
Phoenix	19	39	.328	21 1/2
Sacramento	19	39	.328	21 1/2

NBA schedule

Today's Games
L.A. Clippers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Games
No. 2 Gonzaga at BYU, 11 p.m.
No. 3 Duke at Virginia, 9 p.m.
No. 16 Ohio State at Northwestern, 7 p.m.

No. 24 Oregon vs. Oregon State, 11 p.m.
No. 25 Louisiana Tech vs. Utah State, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games

No. 1 Indiana vs. Iowa, 7:30 p.m.
No. 2 Gonzaga vs. Portland, 5 p.m.
No. 3 Duke vs. No. 5 Miami, 6 p.m.

No. 6 Kansas vs. West Virginia, 2 p.m.
No. 7 Georgetown vs. Rutgers, 9 p.m.
No. 8 Florida vs. Alabama, Noon

No. 10 Louisville at No. 12 Syracuse, Noon

No. 11 Arizona at UCLA, 9 p.m.
No. 13 Kansas State at Baylor, 7 p.m.
No. 14 New Mexico vs. Wyoming, 5 p.m.

No. 15 Oklahoma State vs. Texas, 4 p.m.

No. 18 Saint Louis at George Washington, 4 p.m.

No. 19 Memphis at UCF, 1 p.m.
No. 20 Butler at VCU, Noon
No. 21 Notre Dame at No. 22 Marquette, 2 p.m.

No. 25 Louisiana Tech vs. San Jose

State, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games

No. 4 Michigan vs. No. 9 Michigan State, 4 p.m.
No. 17 Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 1 p.m.
No. 23 Pittsburgh vs. Villanova, Noon

BASEBALL

Spring Training

Today's Games

Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Atlanta vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (ss) vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Baltimore vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Toronto vs. N.Y. Yankees (ss) at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Detroit vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Seattle vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Arizona vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cleveland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Oakland vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (ss) vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 6:05 p.m.

MLB calendar

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

Saturday-March 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

Today's Game

Pittsburgh at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Ottawa at Boston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Chicago at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Indians undefeated in weightlifting at 5-0

From staff reports

Fort White High moved to 5-0 on the year by defeating Oak Hall, Hamilton and Hawthorne high schools in weightlifting on Monday.

The Indians won the meet with 83 points. Hamilton finished second with 28 points. Hamilton was third with 16 points and Hawthorne finished last with 12 points.

Lifters for Fort White by weight class were:

■ 119 — Brent Beach, 265 total - 1st

■ 129 — Brendan Womer, 310 total - 2nd; TJ Strachen, 265 total - 4th

■ 139 — Tyler Harding, 365 total - 2nd; Shayne Newman, 355 total - 3rd

■ 154 — Tristan Nelson, 455 total - 2nd; Lane Ross, 335 total - 5th

■ 169 — Dale Goccek, 470 total - 1st; EJ Garrison, 440 total - 2nd

■ 183 — Dylan Harrell, 490 total - 1st; Blair

Chapman, 440 total - 2nd

■ 199 — Andrew Baker, 525 total - 1st; Caleb Bundy, 430 total - 3rd

■ 219 — Kellan Snider, 610 total - 1st; Matt Martin, 475 total - 2nd

■ 238 — Chris Waites, 565 total - 1st; Randall Fraddosio, 450 total - 3rd

■ Heavyweight — AJ Kleuss, 615 total - 1st; Brayson Caley, 520 total - 2nd.

Fort White is 5-0 on the year.

NCAA says Shapiro gave UM least \$170K

By TIM REYNOLDS

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — The NCAA is alleging that former Miami booster Nevin Shapiro was responsible for providing about \$170,000 in impermissible benefits to Hurricanes athletes, recruits, coaches and others between 2002 and 2010.

Shapiro allegedly spent more than half that amount — at least \$90,000 — in an effort to get NFL players Vince Wilfork and Antrel Rolle to sign with a sports agency he was involved with, said the person, who spoke to The Associated Press Wednesday on condition of anonymity because neither Miami nor the NCAA has publicly released the allegations.

Also included in the allegations: That Shapiro spent at least another \$56,000 on "meals, entertainment, clothing, jewelry, travel, lodging and cash" on football players, recruits and others. The NCAA alleged that Shapiro spent that on 72 then-players, three

recruits and 12 "friends and family members" of those either on the team or being recruited by the school.

Virtually all of the Hurricane players listed as receiving some sort of extra benefit from Shapiro left the program several years ago.

The figures that the NCAA's enforcement staff cited in the notice of allegations add up to a significantly lower total than what Shapiro told Yahoo Sports in 2011, when he estimated his extra-benefit spending spree as going into the "millions of dollars."

If true, the NCAA only listed a sliver of that in the allegations. The figures that were sent to Miami also were described as "approximate total values."

The NCAA said Shapiro also provided extra benefits in the forms of impermissible supplemental compensation to at least three former Miami assistant coaches, along with travel benefits and other items.

Miami received its

notice of allegations, ones that included a lack of institutional control for failing to properly monitor Shapiro's activities as a booster, last week. It also includes charges that three former assistant coaches broke what's known as the NCAA's Rule 10.1 — governing ethical conduct — by misleading the investigation. Two of those former assistants have asked that their cases be thrown out because of problems the NCAA acknowledged with the way it conducted the probe.

The NCAA's Committee on Infractions wants to hear the case in June.

The Hurricanes have already self-imposed several sanctions, including sitting out two bowl games and a conference football championship game. Miami President Donna Shalala said on two occasions last week that she believes those punishments should be enough.

Shapiro is serving a 20-year prison term for masterminding a \$930 million Ponzi scheme.

AP Source: 49ers to send Smith to Kansas City for pick

By BARRY WILNER

Associated Press

Alex Smith is headed to Kansas City, the first major acquisition by the Chiefs since Andy Reid took over as coach.

A person with knowledge of the trade told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the Chiefs have agreed to deal the

2005 top overall draft pick who lost his starting quarterback job in San Francisco to Colin Kaepernick last season.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the trade does not become official until March 12, when the NFL's new business year begins.

Another person familiar with the deal said the 49ers

will get a second-round draft pick in April, No. 34 overall, and a conditional pick in the 2014 draft.

Fox Sports first reported the deal.

Smith sustained a concussion Nov. 11 and Kaepernick played well in his place. Coach Jim Harbaugh stuck with him even when Smith got healthy, and Kaepernick led the 49ers to the NFC

championship and a close loss to Baltimore in the Super Bowl.

The 28-year-old Smith struggled for most of his career in San Francisco, plagued as much by coaching and coordinator changes as by his own indecisiveness. But when Harbaugh became coach, Smith blossomed. He was among the league leaders in passer rat-

ing (104.1) with a 70.2 completion percentage when he was injured in a 24-24 tie against St. Louis.

Smith never started again for the 49ers, but now will replace Matt Cassel in Kansas City.

The Chiefs went 2-14 in 2012, earning the top pick in April's draft. But with no standout quarterbacks coming out of college this

year, they quickly turned to finding a veteran.

Reid was fired by Philadelphia after 14 highly successful seasons, although the Eagles went 4-12 last year. Kansas City made him the first coach hired to fill a vacancy in January — there were eight of them — and the Chiefs also fired general manager Scott Pioli.

THURSDAY EVENING

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7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy ☼	Two and Half Men	Big Bang Theory	Two and Half Men	Beauty and the Beast "Seeing Red"	TMZ (N) ☼	Access Hollywood	The Office ☼	The Office ☼	
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10-FOX	10	30	30	Are We There Yet?	Family Guy ☼	Family Guy ☼	The Simpsons	American Idol "Semi-finalist Round, Part 4"	(:31) 1600 Penn	(:01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	News	Two and Half Men	How I Met/Mother	
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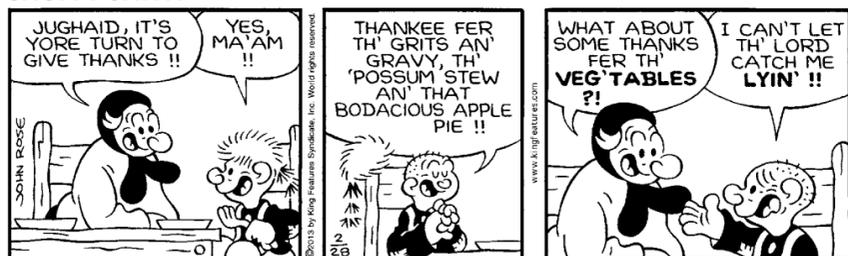
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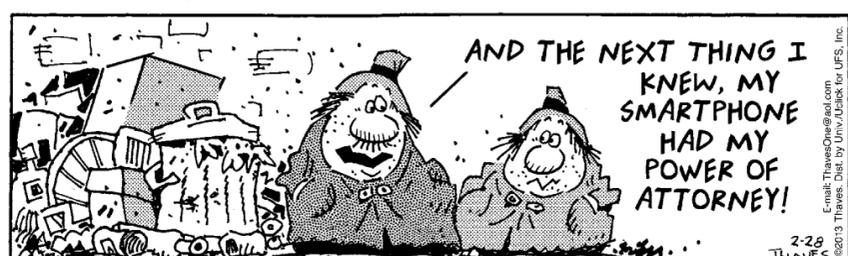
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Man begins to regret giving his ex-wife a place to stay



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My ex-wife cheated on me five years ago. She ran off with a nonworking criminal type and has been bouncing from place to place with this bozo ever since.

When they and their 3-year-old became homeless two weeks ago, all of a sudden she showed up at my door shoeless and with their son in a diaper. She said her boyfriend was abusive and asked to stay with me until she finds a place. I agreed under the provision that she not see this guy.

I am a hard-working single father of two. I know my heart is two sizes too big for my own good sometimes, and I don't want to be taken advantage of. Abby, did I make the right choice? Or should I have told her she was not welcome and turned her and her son away?

I really feel I shouldn't have to help her, and she should rely on her loser boyfriend - who she has started seeing again. I need guidance and your expert advice. Am I an idiot? - CONFUSED

DEAR CONFUSED: You're not an idiot; you're a pushover. Your ex has already broken the agreement she made when you let her in. The situation is not going to get better; it will only become more complicated.

You have helped her for

two weeks. Now it's time to direct her to a shelter that can help her get her life back together and give her son a stable home. Your responsibility for her welfare ended when she left you for another man.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter from "Cafe Crazy" (Jan. 4), about the woman changing the baby on the restaurant's table. You advised that she should have taken the baby to the ladies' room to change it on a changing table there, and if there wasn't one, there should be.

I am a stay-at-home father and many times have had to resort to an awkward changing table alternative to accomplish the task (though never a restaurant table) as there are very few changing tables in men's rooms. In these dynamic, diverse and changing economic times, the ability to stay home and raise my children has been awesome, and I would do it over again in a heartbeat. It has been hard, however, because

society still assumes that raising children is a woman's job. Not only should there have been a changing table in the ladies' room, but also one in the men's room. - GRANT IN SUNNYVALE, CALIF.

DEAR GRANT: I apologize, and I'm glad to have the opportunity to not only help fathers everywhere to raise their children, but also to raise consciousness where it is needed.

Since the letter from "Cafe Crazy" was printed, I have heard from parents of both sexes, as far away as Denmark. Although some men's restrooms are equipped with changing tables, not all are - and they should be.

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DEAR ABBY: Something has been bothering me and I'd like your opinion. If a group of people goes out to eat together, and no one wants to order dessert except one person, is it rude for that person to keep everyone else waiting and watching while he/she orders and eats the dessert? - CHECK, PLEASE

DEAR CHECK, PLEASE: It's not rude if you first ask the others in the group if they would mind, and they wanted to chat over coffee.

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

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Don't get angry, get moving. Sitting around waiting for someone will only make you disgruntled. You'll make new acquaintances that have far more to offer if you get out and do things you enjoy or find interesting. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Reorganize and redefine what it is you want to accomplish. Getting together with people will lead to solutions if you collaborate. Love is on the rise and a union with someone you respect and admire will bring you added confidence. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't give in under pressure. If someone demands too much of you, put a stop to it. Taking on responsibilities that stand in the way of your own accomplishments will not benefit you. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the unusual route or sign up for something that you know little about. Heading down an obscure path will enrich your life and bring you in contact with someone who fits your personality and personal desires perfectly. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concentrate on what needs to be done at home.

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

Pay attention to money matters and the expenses you incur. Spend time making sure you stick to a well thought-out plan. Make your dollar stretch. Don't let pressure lead to impulse. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share responsibilities with coworkers and personal partners. If you are willing to distribute work equally, you will build a solid relationship that will benefit you for years to come. Push for what you want and you will receive. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Overreacting or taking on too much will be your downfall. Don't let your emotions lead you down a slippery slope. Controlling your emotions will be necessary if you don't want to damage a good working relationship. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a break and enjoy the people you like to spend time with most. Nurture your relationships with friends, your lover or your children. Getting involved in activities that inspire and motivate you will lead to creative projects and make new

acquaintances. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Communication and travel will be costly. Listen but don't start a feud with someone who doesn't share your opinions. Learn from what's being said and question your own beliefs. You may need to make a personal change. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Engage in activities that will allow you to readdress goals that you let fade away. Refuse to let anyone put pressure on you to do something you don't care to do. Plan your day based on your needs, someone else's. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Go over your plans and readdress the changes you must make to your personal papers in order to head in a direction that will bring you greater happiness at home. Family and finances should be at the top of your to-do list. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let your ideas grow and develop a plan that will secure a better life for you and those you love. Make your assets grow or cut losses by getting rid of deadweight. The moves you make now will help you prosper later. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

"NCK JCT'L YSEH LC GKIIHV LC OH S XCHL; SJCMHGDHTDH WG HTCKRY GKIIHVWTR ICV STNCTH."

- ACYT DWSVJW

Previous Solution: "What parent has it easy? I just never make the difficulty of it an obstacle. I just do it." - Marlee Matlin

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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The District Board of Trustees, Florida Gateway College, will hold a reception at 3:30p.m. followed by a public meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, in the Conference Room at the Emergency Operations Center, 1190 West Macclenny Avenue, Macclenny, Florida 32063. Topics of consideration will be routine college business. Any person wishing to be heard on any agenda matter will be provided an opportunity to do so by appearing before the Board in the Board Room. All objections to this notice and propriety of the scheduled meeting should be filed with Florida Gateway College prior to noon, Friday, March 8, 2013. All legal issues should be brought to the Trustees' attention and an attempt made to resolve them prior to the meeting. Please notify the President's Office immediately if you require accommodation for participation in the meeting.

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February 28, 2013

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on March 08, 2013 at 9:00 am at Mini-Storage & Record Storage of Lake City, 442 SW Saint Margaret Street, Lake City, FL 32025; will sell at public sale by competitive bidding, the personal property heretofore stored with the undersigned:
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V-28 Dustin Doles
AA-05 Stephanie Cauley
T-10 Lola Ann White
CC-19 Randy Crane
U-19 Harry Russo II
BB-02 Dorian Taylor
Z-61 Vicki Bruce
EE-03 Whitney Lee
G-06 Dennis Murphy
M-03 Regina Staples
T-13 Antonio Gibson
BB-24 Timothy Morgan
FF-15 Karen Jones
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K-17 Cathy Strozier
S-11 Carla Davidson
F-11 Carla Davidson
R-12 Debby Lindemann
GG-08 Scott O'Quinn
J-13 Nathaniel Lee
N-15 Sarah Burke

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February 21, 28, 2013

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROJECT NUMBER 2013-01 Southside Recreation Complex Concrete Pads and Sidewalks

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the Columbia County Manager's office until 11:00 A.M. on March 07, 2013, for Columbia County Project No. 2013-01. This office is located on the second floor of the Courthouse Annex at 135 Hernando Avenue, Room 203 Lake City FL 32055.

This project consists of constructing 4" thick 3000 PSI concrete bleacher slabs (6400 sf) and concrete sidewalks (960 sf) at Southside Recreation Complex.

Scope of work includes removing grass, grading, compacting, concrete placement, and incidental items.

The Bid Forms and Construction specifications may be obtained from the County's web site at <http://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp>. Deadline for questions regarding specifications and/or bid documents must be received before 11:00 P.M. on March 05, 2013.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish the County Manager with proof of liability insurance prior to commencing work.

The Columbia County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to add to the contract or delete from the contract to stay within their funding capabilities. Columbia County Board of County Commissioners
Stephen E. Bailey, Chair

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February 21, 28, 2013

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JUMBLE

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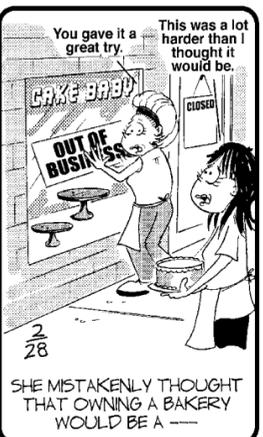
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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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