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Florida's still frozen. Photos, 6A.

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Hospital merger still on go

Would have no effect on possible sale of hospital building by LSHA.

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Health Management Associates Inc. shareholders have approved the company's sale

to competitor Community Health Systems, a process that has been going on since at least July when the two companies agreed to the merger.

HMA's board recommended in November that shareholders vote for the sale — a decision that will affect at least 24 hospitals in Florida. The deal values Naples-based HMA at

\$13.78 per share. The companies have put the total value of the cash-and-stock transaction at \$7.6 billion, including HMA's \$3.7 billion debt.

Community Health Systems Inc., based in Franklin, Tenn., offered to buy HMA in late June. The transaction is expected to close

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'Warning shot' bill aimed toward passage

By MARGIE MENZEL
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A bill that would grant immunity to Floridians who show guns or fire warning shots in self-defense could be poised to pass this year after failing to get a hearing in 2013.

The so-called "warning-shot" bill (SB 448), which would amend the state's controversial "stand your ground" self-defense law, cleared its first Senate panel on Wednesday.

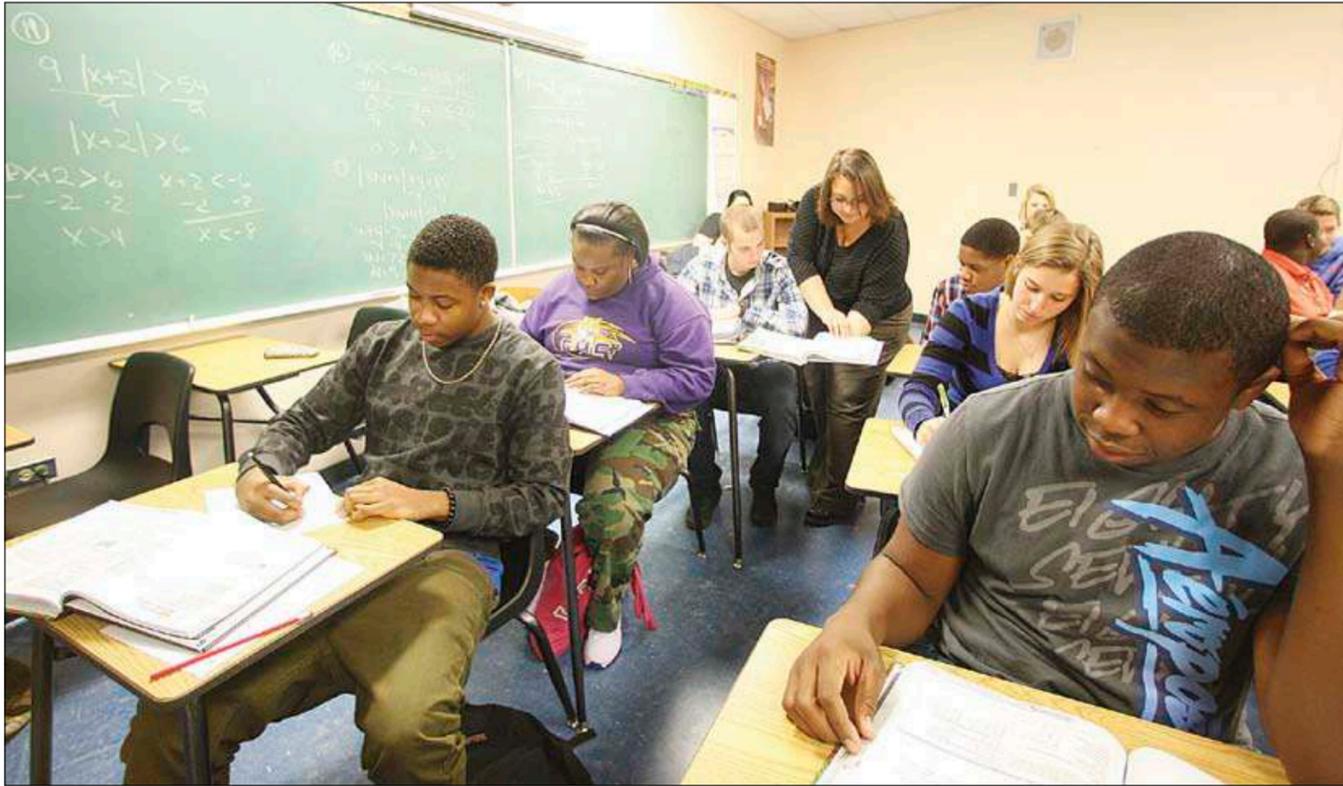
After listening to descriptions of Floridians serving 20-year sentences for firing warning shots to defend themselves or others, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee unanimously passed the bill by committee Chairman Greg Evers, R-Baker.

One member of the panel, Sen. Charlie Dean, a former Citrus County sheriff, even asked House sponsor Neil Combee to consider adding an amendment that would expunge the criminal records of people charged in this way; Combee said he would.

"What part of 'innocence' do we not understand?"

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BACK TO SCHOOL



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High School students get back into the swing of things on Wednesday after an extended winter vacation due to cold weather.

Second semester starts off strong

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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As the Columbia County School District heads into its first week back from the holidays, the school superintendent said everything is on track in terms of finances, testing and student progress.

According to superintendent Terry Huddleston the second semester is the final push by teachers to prepare for FCAT and end-of-course exams. The district continues to implement programs and curriculum started in the fall with an emphasis on standards the students may be struggling with.

"Above all else, every school is safe and every child is learning," Huddleston said. "We prepare our students by teaching to the standards, contrary to what people think about teaching to the test."

FCAT testing

Each school has pacing guides that help teachers with instruction in the weeks leading up to FCAT and advise them to focus on standards they know experienced county-wide deficiencies last year. In addition, teachers are continuing to educate their students on new materials in the second half of the year.

Both semesters should be equally rigorous, Huddleston said.

"If we're worried about getting rigorous now to prepare for the assessments, we're in sad shape," he said. "That goes back to my comment: You cannot teach to the test."

FCAT testing starts in late February with



Columbia High School student Lucas Bradley, 17, works on a math problem in Denise Nordmeyer's algebra II class on Wednesday.

FCAT Writing, followed in April with FCAT Reading, Science and Mathematics. Near the end of April, students can expect to begin the spring end-of-course exams.

Parents should make sure their children come prepared to school by ensuring they are well-rested. Each child should eat breakfast and maintain a positive attitude.

Huddleston believes students should practice those habits at the beginning of the school year.

"The emphasis on the importance of education should start on the first day of school, not just on FCAT days," he said.

Tight finances

Before the Jan. 28 Columbia County School Board meeting, the board will hold a budget workshop to catch up on recent financial changes since the last meeting in early December.

"The finances are still very, very tight," Huddleston said. "It appears we are still slowly making the climb to improve our financial situation. But it's a very slow process."

Financial director Bonnie Penner will be present during the workshop to talk about the present state of financial affairs. Specific numbers for how the district is doing will be presented on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

On Tuesday, Jan. 14, the board will be presented with the five-year technology network workplan to discover how much it will cost to bring the district's digital materials up to date. For example, the schools need to increase bandwidth to meet the state legislative needs on testing online. Currently, the district's biggest challenge is ensuring that it meets ever-changing state requirements — such as developing end-of-course exams for every non-state administered test.

Looking ahead

The district continues to watch its personnel and who is hired, Huddleston said. He met with staff on Monday and Wednesday to decide what current vacancies are critical.

Next week, the district begins Celebrate

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Neighbor threatened with knife, says report

By STEVEN RICHMOND
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Sheriff's deputies arrested a local man suspected of entering a neighbor's home and threatening to kill the occupant with a kitchen knife, CCSO reports.

William L. Bryles, 47, of 4826

S US 441, was having drinks with his neighbor and other unnamed individuals around 9:48 p.m. Monday, according to the arrest report.

A witness said a verbal dispute began and Bryles left the residence, only to return minutes later with a kitchen

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Celebrity Birthdays

- Actor J.K. Simmons is 59.
- Actress Imelda Staunton is 58.
- Dave Matthews from The Dave Matthews Band is 46.
- Former Backstreet Boys member A.J. McClean is 46.
- Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, is 31.
- Lauryn McClain is 16.

Thought for Today

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia. — Charles M. Schulz

Scripture of the Day

“Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.” — Amos 5:14-15

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Thicke has top-selling song of 2013

NEW YORK

Robin Thicke and Justin Timberlake owned 2013 in music. Nielsen Entertainment announced late Tuesday that Timberlake's "The 20/20 Experience" was the top-selling album with 2.4 million units sold. Thicke's ubiquitous "Blurred Lines" was the best-selling song with 6.4 million tracks sold.

Albums sales were down. Only 289.4 million albums were sold in 2013, compared with 316 million a year before. Single tracks also saw a decrease, by 6 percent. Streaming, however, was up 32 percent with 118.1 million streams. The sales figures include data from YouTube, Spotify and other digital outlets. Baauer's "Harlem Shake" topped the year with 489,674,000 streams.

New releases from Eminem and Luke Bryan rounded out the top three albums. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' "Thrift Shop" and Imagine Dragons' "Radioactive" placed second and third on the singles list.

'12 Years a Slave,' 'Gravity' lead film awards

LONDON — The space thriller "Gravity," the unflinching slavery saga "12 Years a Slave" and the crime caper "American Hustle" gained awards-season momentum Wednesday with stacks of nominations for the British Academy Film Awards, Britain's equivalent of the Oscars.

"Gravity" received nominations in 11 categories, including best picture; best director, for Alfonso Cuaron; lead actress, for Sandra Bullock; cinematography and special effects.

"12 Years" had 10 nominations, including nods for star Chiwetel



COURTESY

DAR certificate awards

At the December meeting of the Edward Rutledge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Hazel Robinson (from left) received a 40 year membership certificate and Barbara Hollingsworth received a 30 year membership certificate from chapter regent Catherine Summers. Not pictured are Susan Summers (30 years), Laura Hunter-Null (10 years) and Hazel Grimes (10 years).

Ejiofor, supporting performers Lupita Nyong'o and Michael Fassbender and director Steve McQueen.

Kerrigan to be analyst during Sochi Olympics

NEW YORK — Nancy Kerrigan will work for NBC during during the Sochi Olympics, 20 years after she was the story of the 1994 Games because of the rivalry with Tonya Harding that turned violent.

The network said Tuesday that the two-time figure skating

medalist will contribute to figure skating coverage as an analyst. She will also make appearances on the "Today" show and "Access Hollywood." She will not be doing color commentary on the competitions.

NBC is also planning a 45-minute report about the attack on Kerrigan before the Lillehammer Olympics by associates of Harding, one of the few times Kerrigan has spoken publicly about it. The network hasn't said when that will air yet.

■ Associated Press

AROUND FLORIDA

Jacksonville school gets new name

JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville high school named after a former Confederate general and the co-founder of the Ku Klux Klan has a new name.

The Duval County School Board voted Tuesday night to change Nathan B. Forrest High to Westside High.

The school has been known as Nathan B. Forrest since 1959. It now carries the name of the neighborhood it's located in.

Area newspapers reported that the vote was unanimous and drew no discussion from board members. The vote ended a decades-long controversy over the school's name.

A school advisory council had asked the board to change the name in 2007, but then-board members voted 5-2 against the change.

Superintendent Nikolai Vittisaid a poll of students and the community indicated that people preferred Westside High to a second option, Firestone High, which is the name of the street where the school is located.

New school board rules prohibit naming schools after people.

School board members moved to remove Forrest's name from the school after public forums and discussions.

Joan Miller Cooper, an alumna who has advocated keeping the old school name, told the school board that the name Westside is too closely associated with the Westside Mafia gang.

"We all know what effect a bad name can have on students and a school," Cooper said. "There's nothing to be proud of there."

The school district has estimated that changing signs uniforms and other



COURTESY/Jennifer Chasteen

Marshmallow catapults

Clovers of Columbia 4-H Club members Moss Chasteen (center) and Alex and Nathan Coates work on a marshmallow catapult during their 4-H robotics project meeting. In Columbia County, there are over 2,500 youth participating in 4-H programs through clubs, in-school activity programs, after-school programs and special events.

items will cost about \$400,000.

But Trey Csar, president of the Jacksonville Public Education Fund, said that is a small amount of the district's \$1.5 billion budget and shouldn't be reason to keep the old school name.

'Stand Your Ground' mom in trouble

JACKSONVILLE — A Jacksonville woman who spent 21 months in jail after unsuccessfully invoking Florida's so-called "stand your ground" law as a defense for firing a gun at her husband is now facing parole violation charges.

Prosecutors say Marissa Alexander violated her home detention by making short trips to places near her home. But Alexander's attorney told area newspapers that each trip was approved by parole supervisors.

Alexander was denied immunity under the state's self-defense law and sentenced to 20 years in prison. Her conviction was thrown out by an appeals

court and a new trial set for next month. The appeals court said the trial judge erred by putting the burden on Alexander to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that she was beaten by her husband and acted in self-defense.

Smothering accident kills baby

BELLEVIEW — Deputies say a 5-week-old north Florida baby is dead after his mother fell asleep with him on her chest and rolled over on him during the night.

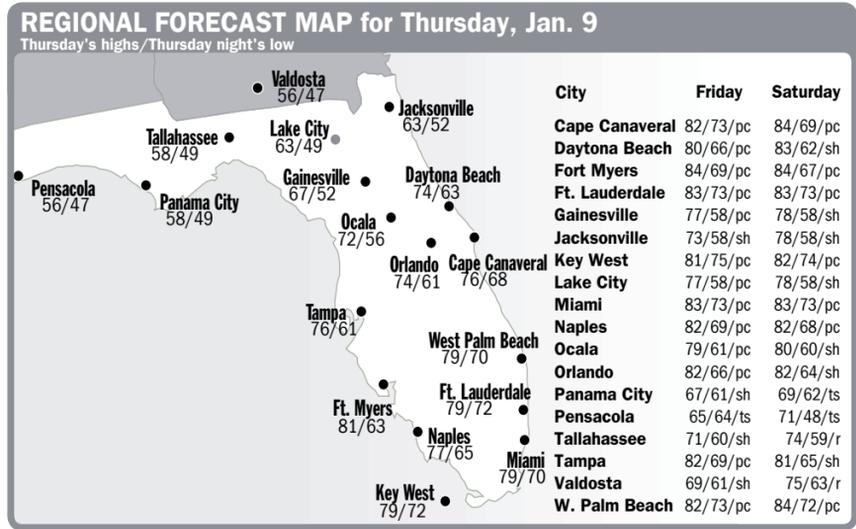
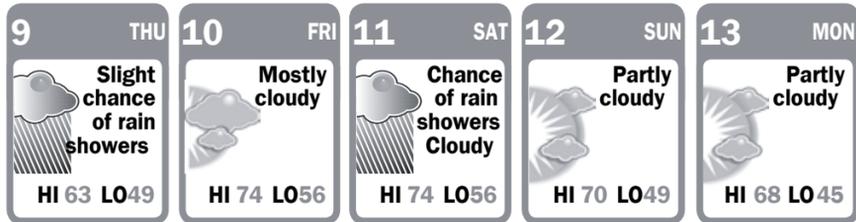
A man told deputies his girlfriend went to the living room to wake up her daughter Monday morning and didn't see the baby.

The Ocala Star-Banner reports the baby was under the woman, wedged in some cushions. They immediately called 911 and a paramedic pronounced the baby dead at 6:46 a.m.

The Department of Children and Families sent an investigator to the scene. No further details were immediately available.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER



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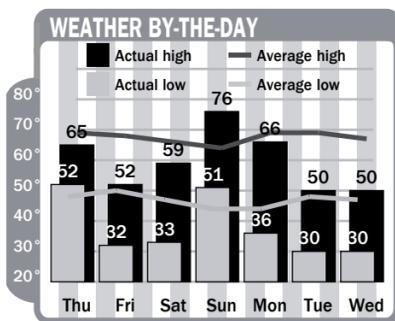
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WEATHER HISTORY
Two remarkable records came to a close on this date in history. First, the sky observation for Minneapolis, Minn. reported something other than completely cloudy for the first time in 350 hours (two weeks) in 1992. Second, Houghton, Mich. did not report any snow for this day to break a streak of 53 consecutive days with measurable snow in 2000.

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before the end of the month. HMA executives said in an earlier interview that they don't believe the merger will significantly affect the hospitals' day-to-day operations.

HMA operates or is a partner in 23 hospitals in the state, including Shands at Lake Shore, Shands Live Oak and Shands Starke. CHS owns two Florida hospitals. The merged hospitals may experience a name change, but it is uncertain what the name will be.

Jack Berry, Lake Shore Hospital Authority executive director, said he doesn't know of any impacts the local hospital would experience due to the merger.

"The hospital will continue to act as it has, possibly with more assets," Berry said, adding that the merger has to be approved by the LSHA board before it can be finalized. However, the board would require just cause to terminate the local merger.

Currently, the board has no reason not to approve the transaction, Berry said.

On Monday, the board will hold a public meeting to discuss a potential sale

of the hospital building. The recent approval of the merger will have no impact on the LSHA's plans, but would place CHS in the perfect place to purchase the building should the company wish.

"If the public reaction is what we anticipate it to be, we will continue to move forward with our desire to sell it," Berry said. "[The merger] really doesn't affect us. They have a right to do what they want to do. ... We will work with either company."

The timeline to an eventual sale of the local hospital could take between one to two years.

The hospital would then continue to operate as a private facility.

As stakeholders discussed the sale, a gathering of registered nurses from around the country petitioned outside the HMA building, asking the company not to approve the sale. According to a press release by the National Nurses Organizing Committee, the merger

will create a massive hospital monopoly threatening patient access and quality of care.

The billions CHS will spend on the merger is money diverted from safe patient care and improved patient services. After the CHS acquisition of HMA, the company will own 206 hospitals

in mostly rural areas. It will be the largest hospital chain in the country, making those small communities vulnerable to price gouging and low safety standards, the press release continued.

However, Berry finds the complaints hard to believe.

"This is a huge corporation, a very successful corporation I might add," he said. "I just don't see them reducing patient care."

In May 2010, Shands Health Care and HMA formed a partnership to jointly own and govern Shands' three community hospitals. HMA paid \$21.4 million for 60 percent interest in the three hospitals.

'The hospital will continue to act as it has, possibly with more assets... [CHS] is a huge corporation. I just don't see them reducing patient care.'

— Jack Berry, Lake Shore Hospital Authority executive director

BRYLES

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knife, threatening to kill one of the occupants, the report said.

While multiple witnesses—many of whom smelled of alcohol—reported seeing Bryles with the knife, deputies could not locate the weapon allegedly used during the incident, the report said.

One of the witnesses was so inebriated that he/she postponed writing a sworn statement until the following morning, according to the report.

Bryles was allegedly uncooperative and kept yelling at deputies during their investigation, telling them they needed a search warrant, the report said.

Deputies ultimately decided to arrest Bryles and transport him to Columbia County Detention Facility, the report said.

Bryles allegedly said he doesn't have a knife in his residence and claimed deputies planted a knife at his residence.

According to the report, after deputies told them they never found the knife in question, Bryles asked, "What did you eat my dinner with last night?"

Deputies also made note of a strong alcohol odor coming from Bryles during the incident.

Bryles was booked into Columbia County Detention Facility on \$10,000 bond. He faces a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill.

Man charged with battery, burglary

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON

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A Lake City man faces charges of battery and trespassing after he allegedly attempted to push his way inside a home Monday at approximately 8:20 p.m. despite being asked to leave, according to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

William Avery Geiger, 49, of 1412 SE Putnam St., was also charged with burglary.



Geiger

When Sheriff's deputy Matthew Baucom arrived at a house off Madeliene Terrace, he found Geiger at the front door being pushed out of the residence and told to leave. Baucom asked Geiger to step off the porch to talk for a moment.

According to the arrest report, Geiger came to the home to talk to an individual inside. When asked if he was told to leave, Geiger said, "No, if he wants me to leave I will leave."

Baucom then placed Geiger in handcuffs, situating him inside the patrol car. According to Baucom's report, Geiger appeared very intoxicated, requiring assistance from the porch to the car.

The homeowner told the deputy that someone knocked on the door, so he got up to see who it was. Geiger was waiting at the front door and asked to come in. The homeowner told him no, but Geiger allegedly began pushing the owner to get inside the house.

Geiger pushed his way into the house, so the homeowner forced him back onto the porch and shut the door, the report said. Another occupant of the home informed Baucom that Geiger was so drunk that the homeowner easily pushed him out onto the front porch.

After Baucom asked Geiger about the accusations, Geiger told him he didn't push anyone, didn't hit any windows and was never asked to leave.

Baucom transported Geiger to the Columbia County Detention Facility in lieu of a \$16,000 bond.

SCHOOLS

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Literacy Week. Schools will mark the occasion with games, dress-up days and more. The countywide Spelling Bee will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. in the School District Auditorium. Sixth through 12th-graders will have their Science Fair at Florida Gateway College starting on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

"Can you think back to how fast the fall semester went?" Huddleston asked. "This semester will be twice as fast."

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Dean demanded.

Combee, a Polk City Republican, first sponsored the bill after hearing about Marissa Alexander, a Jacksonville woman who was sentenced to 20 years in prison under the 10-20-Life sentencing law for firing a gun into a wall during a dispute with her husband.

Combee described Alexander's sentence as an example of the "negative unintended consequences" of 10-20-Life, which requires mandatory-minimum prison terms for gun-related crimes.

Under the 10-20-Life law, possess-

ing a gun while committing certain crimes is punishable by at least 10 years in prison, discharging a gun while committing those crimes is punishable by at least 20 years in prison, and hurting or killing someone during those crimes is punishable by 25 years to life in prison.

The 2013 version of Combee's bill sought to amend 10-20-Life rather than "stand your ground," and it was opposed by the Florida Sheriffs Association and many prosecutors and law enforcement officers who argued that the sentencing bill was working too well to be altered.

So the 2014 bills by Combee and Evers would amend "stand your ground" instead. The bills, which are identical, would permit people who are being attacked

and fear for their lives to display guns, threaten to use the weapons or fire warning shots under the same circumstances by which they could legally shoot to kill.

That switch sped the bill to passage in the House Criminal Justice Subcommittee in November.

It also gained allies for the bill who did not support it last year, such as the Florida Public Defender Association.

"We think it's an important clarification to the existing self-defense laws, that someone could be justified in threatening to use force and not have to actually use force to enjoy the protections of the self-defense laws and 'stand your ground,'" Stacy Scott, the public defender for the 8th Judicial Circuit, told the

Senate panel on Wednesday. "The statutes aren't clear on that."

National Rifle Association lobbyist Marion Hammer, who has worked with Combee on the bill since last year, said it was needed to curb prosecutorial abuses under 10-20-Life.

"Prosecutors are using it wrongly to prosecute people who, in an act of self-defense or defense of a loved one, threaten to use force because they really don't want to shoot somebody," Hammer said. "If you actually shoot an attacker, the law protects you. But if you merely threaten to shoot an attacker and the attacker runs away, some prosecutors will still try to put you in prison for 10 to 20 years. Some, not all, but any is too many."

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OUR OPINION

Rep. Baxley should let go of a bad idea

State Rep. Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, has followed through on a dubious promise to try to turn decision-making on monuments in state parks over to the Florida Legislature.

It was a bad idea when he proposed it last month, and it's a bad idea now that he has actually filed the legislation to make it happen.

We'd rather lawmakers focus on bringing in jobs, improving our schools and preserving our natural resources than micromanaging the state park system.

His avowed aim?

To keep a proposed Union monument off a three-acre state-run parcel at Olustee Battlefield.

The question is, what prompted this sudden interest in a state park well outside his district and 100 miles from his Ocala home?

Baxley claims his Southern heritage compels him to weigh in on this local dust-up.

His real aim, we suspect, is to garner support for a state senate run in 2016, when incumbent Charlie Dean, R-Inverness, is term-limited out.

Whatever the future may hold, Baxley does not at this juncture represent us in the Legislature.

The woman who does, Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, has been making steady progress on this thorny matter for nearly a year now.

What we don't need is for some opportunistic politician to come in at the 11th hour and spoil things.

We would respectfully invite Mr. Baxley to tend to his own affairs and leave ours to us, at least for now.



The obsession with being liked

There are multitudes of books, articles and websites which can help all of us to be more liked, and because this is very important to many people, they generally sell like hotcakes. But I'd like to present another viewpoint on this subject which may, or may not, be acceptable.

Why does a person strive so hard to be liked? What difference does it make if Joe Blow thinks you're a schmuck? Why is his opinion so important to you? If you are interviewing for a job or running for public office, it may carry a bit of weight, but otherwise, what's the problem?

Little girls are jumping off water towers because some malicious over-indulged snot is posting bad things about them on the internet. Maybe it's time to tell young people that what others think about them is not the most important thing about which to obsess.

The evil among us commit horrendous acts just because they want to make a name for themselves, and so long as we continue to judge ourselves by what we believe others might think of us, it is impossible to become the unique individual we are meant to be.

Which reminds me of a story — you knew it would, didn't you? Many years ago, I belonged to a very large Methodist church in a very small town. They had a magnificent music director who made choir practice fun, which explains why I was so faithful in attending. However, the women's groups were never enticing enough to muster up any enthusiasm in me, so I avoided them like the plague.

That may be why our new minister's wife sought me out to lament the fact that, although she felt obligated to attend those groups, she



Marian Lewis

didn't think they liked her. It was worrying her to death that nothing she did seemed to go over well with these women, and she felt she was letting her husband down in the process.

I don't know what Dr. T had done to antagonize the Methodist hierarchy enough to send him there in the first place, but it was obvious from the beginning that the Ts were intellectually far superior to anyone else in town, and since small towns usually produce a large number of small people, these women probably felt threatened by her in some way. I don't actually know that for a fact because I never questioned them about it, but I was acquainted with most of them and could surmise as much.

Mrs. T's problem was not so much that she was not liked by this group of women, who were never going to change their non-existent minds anyway, but instead, the problem was that she cared what these "Stepford Wives" thought. So while the men stayed in the living room doing whatever men do to humor their wives, she and I retired to the dining room to have what some people might call "a Jesus moment."

I have always disliked people who pretend to be something they aren't and have developed a theory which, to this day, I adhere to. I believe (and passed on to her) that every human being develops into

four separate entities of which we are not even aware. First of all, we are what God thinks, or more accurately, KNOWS, we are, and surprise, surprise! We can't know exactly what that is, although we will doubtless be judged by it one day.

Second, we are what we think we are, and brother and sister, please allow me to buy you for what you really are and sell you for what you think you are. That way, I could shower bushel baskets full of hundred of dollar bills on the entire world throughout eternity.

Third, we are what other people think we are, but we usually don't know for sure what that is, and would probably rather live on in ignorant bliss anyway.

The fourth is the killer of everything dear to the human spirit; that is, what we think other people think we are. Please, read this sentence again, and again, and again. Because that is the one Mrs. T was battling in her heart. She cared too much what other people thought, and it was taking over her life by making her believe SHE was lacking something instead of those who were criticizing her.

Let me say right now that it is not necessary to go around reminding people of their deficiencies, or to speak every derogatory thought that pops into your mind, but I do believe that it is necessary to speak the truth, as you perceive it, wherever you can, regardless of what other people might think. And more importantly, when you discover your "truth" was wrong, as I have done on several occasions, admit it.

Do not, and I repeat, do not, follow the example of our President!

■ Marian Lewis lives in Lake City.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Photo showed poor judgment

To the Editor:

I have never been so determined to state my opinion of a photograph published in the Reporter as much as I am today. Today's [Jan. 7] front page photo of four young girls "jumping" on a mattress was irresponsible at best and very dangerous at worst.

Let me explain: where was the little girl jumping from? The roof? The window? (which, incidentally has photographed like it is broken — was it?) Were they also jumping off the pool ladder? Seriously? And don't even get me started

on the cactus next to the front door well within landing distance and bigger than the littlest girl in the photo. I know YOU didn't plant it, but again, adding it to the other things wrong with this photo makes it an issue.

It would be very easy to put this photo on any number of media vehicles bringing attention to the decisions made about what to publish or not. Some people would probably get a good laugh at the things I have pointed out that were wrong with it. If one of the girls had been hurt it would be a different story. Obviously.

In the future, please have Jason Matthew Walker take pictures of children doing safer things "while the weather was warm" and consider the contents of his photos before he submits them for publication.

Then have someone else look over them too. This isn't the first poorly selected photo of his. Please make it his last. I suggest instead that you take more photos of the ducks at Lake DeSoto.

Mary Ruppert
Lake City

The wrong lessons on Obamacare

Leave it to the Obama administration to interpret the Affordable Health Care Act's computer debacle as a call for more government.

The Wall Street Journal reports the administration is aiming to hire more technology specialists and "create a new federal unit dedicated to big tech projects."

It also wants to loosen the burdensome hiring rules, which includes interviewing multiple can-

didates for every job, so it can better compete for top personnel.

Streamlining the hiring process looks to be appropriate.

But we suspect creating a new centralized technology agency will not make Washington more efficient or responsive, even if it attempts to adopt private-sector practices.

There are some technological areas — the military, the space program — where the government has excelled.

But it cannot rival the private sector when it comes to responding quickly and economically to consumers' demands.

President Obama would be wise to acknowledge that and see that the best way to avoid monumental technological mishaps is to avoid tasks government shouldn't be performing in the first place.

■ The Tampa Tribune

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

■ To submit your Community Calendar item, contact Emily Lawson at 754-0424 or by e-mail at elawson@lakecityreporter.com.

TODAY

DAR meeting

The Edward Rutledge Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 a. m., at the Wilson Rivers Library on the Florida Gateway College campus. Kay Daly of the Christian Service Center will be the guest speaker. Visitors are always welcomed. For more information, call 752-2903.

Garden Club

The Lake City Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 9 at the Clubhouse at 257 SE Hernando Street. Martha Ann Ronsonet will present the film "Water's Journey" for the program. Social time begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting at 10. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tea Party meeting

The North Central Florida Tea Party

will meet on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Taylor Building, 128 SW Birley Ave. Keith Dunn of the John Birch Society will speak on the dangers of holding Article V Convention.

Board Member Election

Bethlehem Community Center Board Member Election will take place Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. at 835 SW Bethlehem Ave., Fort White. Contact Rudolph Freney at 386-454-1180 or Neomia Brown at 386-454-3664.

Jan. 10

Spaghetti Supper

The Wellborn United Methodist Church wants to provide the community with a break from holiday cooking and will offer a free spaghetti supper and movie on Friday, Jan. 10 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti and sauce, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. Following the sup-

per, "Though None Go With Me," the inspirational story of Elizabeth Leroy Bishop, will be shown. This event is free of charge and open to the public. To reach the Wellborn United Methodist Church from Lake City, travel west on U.S. 90 or Lake Jeffery Road to County Road 137. From U.S. 90, turn right and travel over the railroad tracks to the church on the left. From Lake Jeffery Road, it's less than a quarter mile after making a right turn on CR 137. For additional information about the event, contact Rev. Dr. Everett L. Parker at 386-688-1358.

Jan. 13

Cancer Support

The Women's Cancer Support Group of Lake City will meet at Baya Pharmacy East, 780 SE Baya Drive, on Monday, Jan. 13 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sarah Welsh, Mission Delivery Specialist with the American Cancer Society, will be the guest speaker. Guests

welcome. Call 386-752-4198 for more.

Trail Association meeting

The Suwannee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 13 at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office from 7-9 p.m. Guest speaker Sue Turner will present a program called "Getting the Mindset to Hike Light. Contact Irv Chance at 386-330-2424 for more, or Edwin McCook at 386-364-7597 in the evenings.

Jan. 14

Medicare Seminar

The Lifestyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free educational Medicare seminar on Tuesday, Jan. 14 from 5-6 p.m. Irv Crowetz of C/C & Associates, Inc. will moderate the seminar. RSVP to 386-755-3476 x 107.

■ See more Community Calendar, 6A.

OBITUARIES

Alice Glenn Brady

Mrs. Alice Glenn Brady, another "Pillar" of The Bethel Community and Lifetime resident of Lake City, Florida made her transition from Earth to Heaven on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Born in Lake City, Florida April 13, 1912, she was the 4th child of 9 siblings of the late Mr. Simon and Mrs. Julia Glenn and attended the Public Schools of Columbia County. January 15, 1932 she was united in Holy Matrimony to Jeff Brady, Sr. (who preceded her in death) to this union 9 children were born; 4 small children, Jeff Brady, Jr. and Catherine Brady Jefferson as adults preceded her in death.

The Brady family worked as Sharecroppers for the Feagle family for many years. Mrs. Brady also worked for the Jackson family. A close friendship developed between these families and still exists today. She was converted at an early age and attended Bethel A.M.E. Church, serving faithfully on the Stewardess Board until her health failed and she relocated to Orlando, Florida to reside with her daughter, Ruthie Simon. Mrs. Brady was always surrounded by her loving family and friends who adored her. She loved visits from her Pastor, Reverend James L. Houston.

Mrs. Alice Glenn Brady memories will be cherished by her daughter and care giver, Ruthie Simon of Orlando, Florida and sons; Raymond (Patricia) Brady of Lake City, Florida, MacArthur (Gwen) Brady of Alachua, Florida. Daughter-in-law Creasy Brady of Lake City, Florida and son-in-law Charles Jefferson of Aiken, SC; 15 grandchildren, step-sons, great-sons, nieces, nephews, cousins, a long time fishing partner and devoted friend Mrs. Laura Bullock and other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Glenn Brady will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 11:00am at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 838 SW County Road 242A, Lake City, Florida. Rev. James L. Houston, Pastor delivering the Eulogy. Interment will follow in the Bethel Community Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Friday, January 10, 2014 from 6:00pm-7:00pm at Cooper Chapel, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, Florida. Arrangements entrusted to **COOPER FUNERAL HOME**, 251 NE Washington Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. Willis O. Cooper, L.F.D.

Michelle Marie Cray

Ms. Michelle Marie Cray passed away January 1, 2014. Michelle affectionately known as "Shelly" was born June 6, 1985 in Gainesville, Florida to Lisa George and Keith Cray. Her father precedes her in death. She attended school in Branford, Florida and later joined the Job Corp in Kentucky. Early in life she was taught Christian values. Michele was very artistic and enjoyed poetry and music (Rapping). Others preceding her in death: grandmother, Rosa Lee George; cousin, Darian Wilson. Her outgoing personality will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Left to cherish precious memories: A loving mother, Lisa George; brother, Jarvis George; grandfather, Bishop Zane Cray; aunts, Karen Carter, Brenda Clark; uncles, Kenneth Jones (Pearl), Marcus Carter; great aunts, Gussie Jones, Dorothy Wilson (Freddie), Rolene Williams, Deloris Gaddis (Terry); hosts of other great-great aunts; other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Michelle "Shelly" Cray will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Philadelphia Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 242, Lake City, FL. Isadore Williams, Pastor. Family will receive friends Friday, January 10, 2014 from 6:00

- 7:00 p.m. 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"

Richard Franklin Creighton

Mr. Richard Franklin Creighton, age 79, passed away at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 25, 2013 in Lake City, Florida.

He was born in Friendship, New York on December 17, 1934 to Milford James Creighton and Marguerite Perkins. He was raised primarily by his Aunt Marion Creighton. While growing up, in Upstate New York, he excelled in most sports being a star player in high school in both basketball and soccer. He joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 17 serving in the Korean War from 1950-1953. Soon after, he met his wife and true love, Rebecca Jean Uhlir while being stationed in Long Beach, California. They married when he was 21 years old. He moved throughout the United States with his wife and family while serving in the U.S. Air Force for almost 25 years. He was stationed in California, New York, Minnesota, Maryland, Georgia and Florida. He also served for more than a year in Saudi Arabia when he was married with three young children. Richard retired a decorated member of the U.S. Air Force after achieving the ninth and highest rank - Chief Master Sergeant. During his military service, he attended and graduated with high honors from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. After retiring from the military, he was in Personnel Management for more than 20 years at the Veteran's Administration hospital in Washington, D.C., and then in Lake City, Florida; where he moved to be closer to his Aunt Marion in Casselberry, Florida. He received many awards and honors throughout his career. He was a wonderful, loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather ("Papa"). He also had a tremendous sense of humor. He treasured and passed on the gift of laughter, and until his last days, maintained that gift. He outlived his wife and true love, Jean Uhlir Creighton by just less than four years. They were members of the First Baptist Church of Lake City.

His family includes his daughters, Cynthia and Karen; sons, James and the late Michael; and five grandchildren - Tyler Reis; Heather White; and Joshua, Matthew and Andrea Creighton. A private Memorial Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S. Hwy 441, Lake City, Florida (386) 752-1954. Please sign the guest book at www.gatewayforestlawn.com

Delores Combs Fennell

Mrs. Delores Combs Fennell, life-long resident of Lake City, Florida, passed away January 7, 2014. Affectionately known as "Lois", Delores was born September 18, 1935 in Lake City to James and Nancy B. Combs. Both precede her in death. She attended school in Columbia County graduating from Richardson High School with the class of 1955. Delores was employed with Aero Cooperation as an Aircraft Mechanic. Delores was a member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where she sang with the choir. Lois loved her family and friends dearly and will be missed by all who knew her.

Cherishing loving memories: daughters, Ramona Moore (Nathan), Karen Keys, Melody Combs-Lewis; sons, Dennis Christopher Combs, Kevin A. Combs; (14) grandchildren; (9) great-grandchildren; sisters,

Geneva Burke, Gwendolyn Tripp; brother, Lavert Combs (Colette); hosts of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Delores Combs Fennell will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2014 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 550 NE Martin Luther King Street. Alvin J. Baker, Pastor.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday, January 10, 2014 at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

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Hilda Brown Free

Mrs. Hilda Brown Free of Lake City, FL went to join her Lord & family in heaven on January 8, 2014. She died peacefully in her home after an extended illness surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Free 83, was born September 18, 1930 in Decatur, Alabama to the late William Brown (Father), Maggie Dean Roberts Brown (Mother) of Decatur, AL with four sisters Ruby Mitchell, Clare Mae Johnson, Augusta Stewart, Irene Holloway, four brothers Lonnie Brown, J.D. Brown, Dewey Brown, Bobby Brown. Mrs. Free is preceded in death by her husband James E. Free married 54 years. Mrs. Free was a warm, loving mother & wife who devoted her life to her husband and six children and family. Mrs. Free is survived by five sons Donnie E. Free, James R. Free (Tere), Gary K. Free (Jeannie), Randy Free, Anthony Free (Elizabeth) and one daughter Brenda K. Lacy (Chris) all of Lake City, FL, and 14 Grand Children, 6 Great-Grand Children, and one Great-Great Grand child, and many special nieces and nephews. Hilda had many friends, but none like her dear friend Rachel Owens of Pennsylvania.

She was an active member of Lake City Church of Christ who taught Bible classes to 2-3 year olds for many years. She was a pitcher for the ladies softball team Church of Christ for several seasons. She was a cake decorator producing beautiful wedding cakes and special occasion cakes for over 15 years. She created stories for her Children and Grand Children and placed them on magic carpet rides for their "true and not so true" stories every Christmas. She was a wonderful cook, taking pride in feeding everyone who came to her house; no one left her house hungry. From the Family, a special thank you to the Haven Hospice team, Tricia Davis and Sharon Barnes, who took very special, care of our Mother. Visitation will be at Dees-Parrish Funeral on January 10, 2014 from 5-7pm. Funeral Services will be held January 11, 2014 at Lake City Church of Christ on SR 47 at 11 A.M. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church cemetery. Melvin Barker will be officiating the services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Haven Hospice, 6037 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055, 386-752-9191 Arrangements are under the care of **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Fariel B. Kennington, Sr.

Mrs. Doris Jeanette Standley Odom, April 2, 1922 - January 7, 2014, resident of White Springs, FL, her children are H.D. "Doug" Odom, Jr. and wife Candy; David F. Odom and wife Lorraine; Richard G. Odom, Sr. (who preceded her in death) and wife Rose; Debra Odom and partner Khrys. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family. Memorials may be made in her honor to: Hospice of Nature Coast, P.O. Box 641270, Beverly Hills, FL, 34464, who provided exceptional support in her last days. There are no services scheduled at this time. Condolence notes can

be sent to the family at 16362 SE CR 25A, White Springs, FL, 32096. Cremation arrangements are under the care of **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Emmett Leslie Owens

Mr. Emmett Leslie Owens, 85, of Tallahassee, FL, died January 2nd, 2014. Born in 1928 to Charles and Lillie Owens, he grew up in Lake City, before leaving to attend the University of Florida. After graduating with a degree in Civil Engineering, Emmett served as captain in the US Army, stationed in Germany after WWII. Following a stint in Colorado with the Bureau of Reclamations, he returned to Florida to work for the Department of Transportation in road and traffic operations, eventually rising to the head of the division. A tireless worker, after retiring from the state in 1988, he continued to work throughout his life, first for a private developer, then as a freelance consultant, only giving up his professional license in 2013. As an engineer, Emmett left a legacy behind in the roads and buildings he designed and built. More important, though, is his personal legacy. At home, his work ethic was channeled into his commitment to improving and enhancing the lives of the people in his life, a circle reaching far beyond family and friends. Everyone Emmett knew has a story about how he selflessly offered his help in a time of need. For this reason, as well as countless others, he will be deeply missed. Emmett is survived by his wife, Linda, of Tallahassee, FL, their four children, Richard Owens, of Tallahassee, FL, Pat (Mary) Owens, of Miami, FL, Lynn Owens (Penny Evans), of Burlington, VT, and Kara Owens (Neil Butler), of Los Angeles, CA, three grandchildren, Takeo and Makoto Owens, of Miami, FL, and Brooks Owens Butler, of Los Angeles, CA, and his sister, Eleanor Estess, of Lake City, FL. Services will be held at 2 pm this Saturday at Bethel Methodist Church in Lake City. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Bethel Church or Hospice.

Esther Kennington, his father, Ralph Baron Kennington and one brother, Harold Kennington.

Survivors include his mother, Mattie Lee Kennington, Lake City; five children, Melissa (Rafael) Reyes, Jacksonville, Michelle (Scott) McCauley, Wellborn, Melinda Kennington, Lake City, Fariel B. Kennington, Jr., Raiford and Darrell Lee (Jessica) Kennington, Raiford; four sisters and his younger brother, Ricky (Donna) Kennington, Lake City; ten grandchildren and one great grandchild also survives.

Funeral services for Mr. Kennington will be conducted on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Hopeful Baptist Church with Rev. Brandon Witt, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of White Springs officiating. Interment will follow at Hopeful Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 6-8:00 PM Thursday evening at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of **GUERRY FUNERAL HOME**, Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at www.guerryfuneralhome.net

John David Norris

Mr. John David Norris, 63, a lifelong resident of Columbia County, died early Wednesday morning, January 8, 2014 in the Haven Hospice of the Suwannee Valley following a brief illness. Mr. Norris was the son of the late David and Lola Rhymer Norris. He owned and operated John Norris Construction until his death. He will forever be remembered as a very skilled carpenter. Mr. Norris was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Deep Creek Advent Christian Church. Mr. Norris was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, MaryAnn Norris.

He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Jackie Norris; a son, Bubba Norris (Becky); daughters, Tonya Tomlinson (Tom) and DeeDee Norris all of Lake City; a brother, Jerry Norris (Shirley) and sisters, Evelyn Register of Alachua, FL, Jane Ritch, Carolyn Moseley (George) and Alice Cheshire (Ray) all of Lake City. Nine grandchildren, Rocky "Tom" Tomlinson, Jonathan Norris (Ragan), Sara Norris, Dustin Tomlinson, J.D. Norris, Jacey Deese (Josh), Kali Kaitif, Katlyn Reid and Crystal Norris and his three great-grandchildren, Ella Norris, Emma Foran and Lane Norris. Numerous other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Norris will be conducted at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday, January 11, 2014, in the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Rev. Howard Thomas officiating. Interment will follow in the Scott Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 Friday evening in the Chapel of the funeral home. Active pallbearers will include John Thomas, Clint Bradley, Mike Roberts, Trent Giebeig, John Alfred Murray and Ronnie Hughes.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Haven Hospice of the Suwannee Valley, 6037 US Hwy 90W, Lake City, FL 32055. Arrangements are under the direction of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 South Marion Ave., Lake City, FL, 32025. Please sign the on-line guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Heather Nicole Raulerson

Ms. Heather Nicole Raulerson, 33, of Lake City, passed away suddenly on Sunday Morning January 5, 2014 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Ms. Raulerson was born in Lake City to Richard Lamar Raulerson and Kathryn Lynn Phillips. Ms. Raulerson was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Lake City. Heather was a part of the Circle R Racing team; loved to cook and go mudding; and loved to go deer hunting. In everything Heather did, her kids always came first and she was very involved with her nieces and nephews in many activities. She was of the Baptist faith. Heather was preceded in death by her grandmother: Dot Raulerson.

Heather is survived by her father: Ricky Raulerson (Karen) of Lake City; mother: Kathryn Grant (Scott Hedrick) of Lake City; her children: Devin and Shelbie Raulerson of Lake City; grandfather: Blue Raulerson; grandmother: Alma Phillips; brothers: Rick Raulerson (Tara) and Trey Raulerson both of Lake City; sisters: Wendy Holton (Gary) and Alyse Raulerson both of Lake City; niece: Courtney Waldron (Brandon) and nephews: Stephen Pilkington, Hunter Raulerson, Colby Holton, Trayce Starling, Wyatt Holton and Tucker Raulerson. Many other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Ms. Raulerson will be conducted at 11 A.M. Friday morning January 10, 2014 in the chapel of Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Pat Raulerson officiating assisted by Rev. Howard Thomas. Interment will follow in Scott Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Thursday evening January 9, 2014 from 5-7 P.M. in the chapel of the funeral home. Arrangements are under the care of **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, FL, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING



COUNTY ROAD 241
Olustee Creek Bridge Replacement
Columbia/Union County Line, Florida
Financial Project ID: 211663-1



The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) invites you to attend a public meeting regarding the CR 241 Olustee Creek Bridge Replacement project. **The meeting will be held Thursday, January 23, 2014, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the Lulu Community Center, 205 SW Community Drive, Lulu, FL 32061.**

For your convenience, the meeting will be an open house format. Drop by anytime between 4:30-6:30 p.m. to review the exhibits and talk to Department staff. Then the public will have an opportunity to comment at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this Project Development & Environment study is to determine the impacts of the bridge replacement, present alternatives for the proposed bridge, and to provide conceptual plans; as well as, discussion regarding traffic management. Department personnel will be at the meeting to assist you in reviewing the maps and to answer any questions you may have.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status. Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Renee Brinkley at the number provided at least 7 days before the meeting. If you have any questions or comments please contact:

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Florida Department of Transportation
1109 S. Marion Avenue, MS 2002
Lake City, FL 32025-5874
(386) 961-7392 or (800) 749-2967 ext. 7392
Email: rbrinkley@dot.state.fl.us



BRANDON FINLEY/Lake City Reporter

Florida State University's Kelvin Benjamin makes a catch against Florida earlier this year.

Seminoles now focused on sustaining success

Florida State will look to for consecutive titles.

By **KAREEM COPELAND**
 Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says winning the national championship was the culmination of a four-year process that began when he replaced Bobby Bowden as the head of the program in 2010. The next challenge is to sustain that success.

Fisher now finds himself in Bowden's old shoes where titles will be expected from a passionate fan base. Florida State beat Auburn 34-31 Monday night to win its first crown since 1999.

"You've got to go back to ground zero and you can't worry about expectations," Fisher said Tuesday. "That's the thing, once expectations

get so high, is to not let complacency set in."

"It's human nature, you take winning for granted. You take success for granted," he said.

A quick glance at the roster shows why Florida State (14-0) will enter 2014 as the favorite. The Seminoles return Heisman quarterback Jameis Winston for his sophomore season and lose just three senior offensive starters. Florida State must replace four senior defensive starters and Fisher said he thinks there are up to three underclassmen who have decisions to make about a possible move to the NFL.

"The future is bright," freshman cornerback Jalen Ramsey said. "We know what it takes now. We know how it feels. We don't be disappointed next year from not being here."

"We want to make this thing a dynasty. Florida

State is back to where it should always be."

That senior class was Fisher's first as head coach and was the cornerstone of the new foundation. The 2011 class, however, was widely considered the No. 1 recruiting class in the country and one of the best in school history. Then there's the 2012 class that includes Winston, another handful of starters and more young talent that had to wait their turn.

This was not an old team that will need to replace starters all over the field.

"I don't care how talented you are," Fisher maintained. "This team has to go back, get its own identity, get its own leadership and develop that, and that's going to be our challenge now. It's how hungry can you stay to be able to do it over and over again, and that's going to be

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County foes have a kick



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Brittney Lee blocks Fort White High's Mallory Sealey from gaining control of the ball on Wednesday.

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

FORT WHITE — Returning to the field for the first time since the Christmas vacation, Columbia and Fort White high schools brought back soccer with a clash of county foes.

The Lady Tigers controlled the contest throughout and came away with a 2-0 win at Fort White.

Columbia came out and scored both goals in the first half before the Lady Tigers and Lady Indians played a scoreless second half at Arrowhead Stadium.

"I'm alright with the win, but

we had a lot of missed opportunities," Columbia head coach Lindsay McCardle said. "We had a lot of shots."

Jaidyn Rogers gave the Lady Tigers a lead they would never give up with an assist from Kayla Janson

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Paul Perry (12) goes for a lay-up against Santa Fe High on Dec. 20.

Indians knock off Bradford

Lady Indians fall to Tornados in doubleheader.

From staff reports

Fort White High's basketball team stayed undefeated in regular season

play with a 67-55 district win at Bradford High on Tuesday.

Melton Sanders led the Indians with 27 points. Also in double figures were Quan Porter with 13 and Jalen Wyche with 11.

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Today GOLF 11 a.m.
TGC — European PGA Tour, Volvo Champions, first round, at Durban, South Africa (same-day tape)

7 p.m.
TGC — PGA Tour, Sony Open, first round, at Honolulu

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 p.m.
ESPN — Memphis at Louisville
ESPN2 — Auburn at Mississippi
FS1 — DePaul at Butler

8 p.m.
NBCSN — George Washington at La Salle

9 p.m.
ESPN — Arizona at UCLA
ESPN2 — Michigan at Nebraska
FS1 — Marquette at Xavier

11 p.m.
FS1 — California at Oregon

NBA 8 p.m.
TNT — Miami at New York

10:30 p.m.
TNT — Oklahoma City at Denver

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL 9 p.m.
FSN — Tulane at Marshall

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday

New Orleans at Seattle, 4:35 p.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday

San Francisco at Carolina, 1:05 p.m. (FOX)
San Diego at Denver, 4:40 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships Sunday, Jan. 19
AFC, 3 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl Sunday, Jan. 26
At Honolulu
TBD, 7:30 p.m. (NBC)

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 2
At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

Today's Games
Miami at New York, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

AP Top 25 schedule

Today's Games

No. 1 Arizona at UCLA, 9 p.m.
No. 12 Louisville vs. No. 24 Memphis, 7 p.m.

No. 17 Oregon vs. California, 11 p.m.
No. 20 Iowa vs. Northwestern, 9 p.m.
No. 22 Gonzaga at Portland, 11 p.m.

Saturday's Games
No. 2 Syracuse vs. North Carolina, Noon

No. 5 Michigan State vs. Minnesota, 2:15 p.m.
No. 6 Wichita State at Missouri State, 8 p.m.

No. 7 Baylor vs. TCU, 1:30 p.m.
No. 8 Villanova vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 1 p.m.

No. 9 Iowa State at Oklahoma, Noon
No. 10 Florida at Arkansas, 1 p.m.

No. 11 Oklahoma State at West Virginia, 4 p.m.
No. 14 Kentucky at Vanderbilt, 3:30 p.m.

No. 16 Duke at Clemson, 2 p.m.
No. 18 Kansas vs. No. 25 Kansas State, 2 p.m.

No. 19 UMass vs. St. Bonaventure, 12:30 p.m.
No. 24 Memphis at Temple, 3 p.m.
No. 21 Missouri at Auburn, 2 p.m.

Sunday's Games
No. 1 Arizona at Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
No. 3 Ohio State vs. No. 20 Iowa, 1:30 p.m.

No. 12 Louisville vs. SMU, 1 p.m.
No. 13 San Diego State at Air Force, 4 p.m.

No. 15 Colorado at Washington, 3 p.m.
No. 17 Oregon vs. Stanford, 5 p.m.
No. 23 Illinois at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF REPORTS

Scores on the plus side bring action all around

Any score on the plus side, and one that wasn't, got a piece of the action in Wednesday's blitz.

Cory DePratter had the day's best effort with +6 in the A flight. Ed Snow had another runner-up finish with +4. Dennis Crawford finished in third place with +2. Bruce Ford chalked up a -1 for fourth place.

Michael Yacovelli rolled in a birdie on No. 16 to tie Bruce Gibson for the top spot in the B flight. Emerson Darst's +2 was enough for third place, a point ahead of Scott Kishton.

Crawford ran off consecutive birdies on Nos. 2, 3 and 4, but only one held up for a skin. Ford and Snow had the other winners.

Saturday's blitz winners found familiar names at the top of a big field.

Steve Thomas banged in five birdies, but couldn't shake off a persistent Scott Kishton in a fight for first place. Both players finished at +6. Timmy Rogers picked up a third-place finish with +5, a point ahead of Bruce Gibson and two up

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Rogers got the better of the skins game with two. One of Thomas' birdies held up for a skin to split the pot with Bob Randall and DePratter.

The ladies were able to enter their best nine hole score in the LGA "best 9" format.

Ann Bormolini and Faye Warren each posted a net 31 to tie for first. Cathy Steen came within a half-stroke of making it a three-way tie with a 31.5.

Nancy Edgar had the only chip-in with her shot on No. 6.

The Good Old Boys did battle in three fairly close matches this week.

The first and closest match went to the foursome of Stan Woolbert, Bobby Simmons, Tom Elmore and Eli Witt, 6-5, over the team of Ed Snow, Larry Ward, Merle Hibbard and Bob Wheary.

Rob Brown joined Dennis Hendershot, Jim Stevens

and Joe Persons to take match two from the team of Jerry West, Howard Whitaker, Bill Rogers and Steve Crane by a 4-2 count.

Match three was another two-point win, this time by 8-6, for the team of Rhea Hart, Paul Davis, Jim McGriff and Dan Stephens over the team of Marc Risk, Dave Cannon, Jim Bell and Emerson Darst.

Risk retained medalist honors with a round of 37-39-76, barely edging out Snow's 40-37-77.

Jerry West checked into the honor squad with a 41-37-78. Wheary (39-40-79) and McGriff (37-42-79) had their best rounds in a while to join the big boys. Stephens maintained his place in the in the mix with a 39-40-79.

Upcoming events:
■ Jan. 18, MGA Tournament-sign up in the pro shop by Friday at 5 p.m.;

■ Jan. 24, Chamber of Commerce tournament at 1 p.m.;

■ Feb. 2, Super Bowl tournament-shotgun start at 9 a.m.



COURTESY

Shrine Club hold 'em

Lake City Shrine Club's Texas Hold 'em fundraiser in January was the 31st tournament at the club. There were 19 players. The club made \$280 and \$800 was paid out in prizes. Winners were Bob Holt, \$300 for first place (from left); Nancy Campbell, \$250 for second place; Jack Stanfield, \$250 for third place.

CHS: Lady Tigers play again today

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before the water break of the first half.

Delanie Redmond had an unassisted goal coming out of the first half's water break to give Columbia the 2-0 final.

"I'm proud of the way we came back after the break," McCardle said. "We had some practices, but not

everybody could be there for every practice. Still, a win after the break and the eating is a good thing."

Columbia will travel to Santa Fe High at 7 p.m. today and travel to Suwannee High at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

Fort White's regular season is over and the

Lady Indians will take on Santa Fe High at 7 p.m. on Monday in the opening round of the District 5-2A tournament.

The Lady Tigers begin district play next week at Leon High in the District 2-4A tournament with Lincoln High at 7 p.m. on Monday.

New Year brings new look at Quail Heights scramble

The Sunday Scramble grew to 33 players for the New Year, all looking to cash in on the big roll-over pot. However, with so many teams a skin was tough to find.

The team of Luther Huffman, Brooke Russell and Jacob Bryant had the only shot at the pot with a skin on a tough pin on No. 17, but the odds prevailed as No. 4 was the lucky number and so the big pot will grow even bigger.

Huffman's team did prevail for first-place money. Three teams tied for second place, with the team of Mike Kahlich, Tiara Carter and Brantley Stevens winning in a draw.

In blitz action on New Year's Day Frog Niewisch started off the year right by posting a + 5 to take first place. He also had a skin

QUAIL HEIGHTS

COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

and a closest to the pin on No. 15 for a nice payday. In second place was Phillip Russell at +4 and in third place was Ricky Crawford at +3.

Other skin winners were Keith Denmark, Jim Munns, Crawford and Russell.

Other closest to pin winners were Chuck Slaymaker on No. 3, Chet Carter on No. 5, Jim Munns on No. 11 and Mike Kahlich on No. 17.

The Friday Dogfight had a small group due to the cold weather and wind. Chet Carter posted a +4 with a solid round of 73 for the win. Keith Hudson was second at -1.

Skin winners were

Gerald Smithy, Jack Tuggle and Carter.

Closest to the pin was tough in the wind, as only one par 3 was hit by Carter for all the money.

Monday's Top of the Hill results: first-Billy Ryan +2; second-Gerald Smithy +1.

Saturday kicks off the first club tournament of the year with a two-person scramble event. Form a team and sign up by Friday at 4 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 plus cart fee and includes lunch after play.

The tournament will be flighted by handicap and there will be one gross and net winner per flight with a cash payback. There will be closest to the pin prizes on the par 3's and an optional skins game.

The tournament is open to players of all levels. Stop by or call the pro shop at 752-3339 to sign up.

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 9, 2014

Comcast Dish DirecTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
3-ABC	3 - -	TV20 News	ABC World News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	The Taste "My Life on a Plate" (N) Ⓢ			The Assets "Jewel in the Crown" (N)		News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live
4-IND	4 4 4	Chann 4 News	Chann 4 News	Entertainment Ton.	Inside Edition (N)	Love-Raymond	Rules/Engagement	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The 10 O'Clock News (N) Ⓢ	Chann 4 News	Arsenio Hall
5-PBS	5 - -	Journal	Nightly Business	PBS NewsHour (N) Ⓢ		The This Old House Hour (N) Ⓢ		Masterpiece Mystery! The Baskerville experiments.		Antique Roadshow	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (N)
7-CBS	7 47 47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy Ⓢ	Two and Half Men	Big Bang Theory	(:31) The Millers	The Crazy Ones	Two and Half Men	(:01) Elementary "All in the Family" (N)	Action News Jax	Letterman
9-CW	9 17 17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	The Vampire Diaries Ⓢ		Reign Mary faces a difficult decision.		TMZ (N) Ⓢ	Access Hollywood	The Office Ⓢ
10-FOX	10 30 30	Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	Modern Family	The Simpsons	Sleepy Hollow "Sanctuary: The Golem"	Ichabod finds a secret from his past.			News	Action News Jax	Modern Family
12-NBC	12 12 12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Community (N)	Parks/Recreat	Sean Saves	Michael J. Fox	Parenthood "Stay a Little Longer" (N)	News	Jay Leno
CSPAN	14 210 350	Key Capitol Hill Hearings	Speeches.	Q & A		Key Capitol Hill Hearings	Speeches.	First Ladies: Influence & Image			Key Capitol Hill Hearings	Speeches.
WGN-A	16 239 307	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	America's Funniest Home Videos	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	How I Met/Mother	WGN News at Nine (N) Ⓢ		How I Met/Mother	Rules/Engagement
TVLAND	17 106 304	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	King of Queens
OWN	18 189 279	20/20 on OWN	Secret lives of teens.	20/20 on OWN	"Death by Driving"	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN "Innocence Lost" Ⓢ		20/20 on OWN "In Whom We Trust"	20/20 on OWN	
A&E	19 118 265	The First 48 Ⓢ		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "Till Duck Do Us Part"		Rodeo Girls (Season Finale) (N) Ⓢ	(:01) Rodeo Girls Ⓢ	
HALL	20 185 312	The Good Wife "Hybristophilia" Ⓢ		The Good Wife "Running" Ⓢ		The Good Wife "Taking Control" Ⓢ		The Good Wife "Double Jeopardy"		Frasier Ⓢ	Frasier Ⓢ	Frasier Ⓢ
FX	22 136 248	How I Met/Mother	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	Anger	*** "Knight and Day" (2010, Action) Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz, Peter Sarsgaard.		*** "Knight and Day" (2010) Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz.		*** "Knight and Day" (2010) Tom Cruise, Cameron Diaz.		
CNN	24 200 202	Situation Room	Crossfire (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N) Ⓢ		"Sole Survivor" (2013) The sole survivors of aviation disasters tell their stories.		"Sole Survivor" (2013, Documentary)		
TNT	25 138 245	Castle "The Fast and the Furriest"		Castle "The Squab and the Quail"		Ⓢ NBA Basketball Miami Heat at New York Knicks. From Madison Square Garden in New York. (N)		Ⓢ NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Denver Nuggets.				
NIK	26 170 299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Sam & Cat Ⓢ	Every Witch Way	Hathaways	Hathaways	Full House Ⓢ	Full House Ⓢ	Full House Ⓢ	Friends Ⓢ	(:33) Friends Ⓢ
SPIKE	28 168 241	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	Cops Ⓢ	IMPACT Wrestling (N) Ⓢ			World's Wildest Police Videos Ⓢ	
MY-TV	29 32 -	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H Ⓢ	M*A*S*H "Li'l"	House "Under My Skin" Ⓢ		House "Both Sides Now" Ⓢ		Seinfeld Ⓢ	Rhoda	The Twilight Zone
DISN	31 172 290	Jessie Ⓢ	Austin & Ally Ⓢ	Good Luck Charlie	Dog With a Blog	Jessie Ⓢ	"Radio Rebel" (2012) Debby Ryan, Sarena Parmar. Ⓢ		Wander-Yonder	Liv & Maddie	Gravity Falls Ⓢ	Austin & Ally Ⓢ
LIFE	32 108 252	Project Runway All Stars Ⓢ		Project Runway All Stars Ⓢ		Project Runway All Stars Ⓢ		Project Runway All Stars Ⓢ		Kim of Queens Ⓢ	(:01) Dance Moms Ⓢ	
USA	33 105 242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		White Collar "Live Feed" (N)		(:01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
BET	34 124 329	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		* "Belly" (1998) Nas, DMX. Two young criminals find their priorities differ. Ⓢ		"Joy Road" (2004) Wood Harris. Premiere. A lawyer gets drawn into his sister's legal troubles. Ⓢ		"Joy Road" (2004) Wood Harris. Premiere. A lawyer gets drawn into his sister's legal troubles. Ⓢ			The Game Ⓢ	
ESPN	35 140 206	SportsCenter (N) (Live) Ⓢ		Ⓢ College Basketball Memphis at Louisville. (N)		Ⓢ College Basketball Arizona at UCLA. (N)		Ⓢ College Basketball Michigan at Nebraska. (N)			SportsCenter (N) (Live) Ⓢ	
ESPN2	36 144 209	Around the Horn	Interruption	Ⓢ College Basketball Auburn at Mississippi. (N)		Ⓢ College Basketball Washington Capitals at Tampa Bay Lightning. Tampa Bay Times Forum in Tampa, Fla.		Lightning Live!	Inside Lightning		Inside Lightning	3 Wide Life
SUNSP	37 - -	how to Do florida	Mountain	Lightning Live!	Treehouse Masters "Sky High Spa"	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ		Treehouse Masters Ⓢ		Treehouse Masters Ⓢ		Treehouse Masters Ⓢ
DISCV	38 182 278	Moonshiners Ⓢ		Treehouse Masters	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor (N)	Big Bang Theory
TBS	39 139 247	Seinfeld Ⓢ	Seinfeld Ⓢ	Seinfeld Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Family Guy Ⓢ	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ground Floor (N)	Big Bang Theory
HLN	40 202 204	Showbiz Tonight		Jane Velez-Mitchell (N)		Nancy Grace (N)		Dr. Drew on Call (N)		What Would You Do?		Conan (N) Ⓢ
FNC	41 205 360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)		On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor (N) Ⓢ		The Kelly File (N)		Hannity (N)		The O'Reilly Factor Ⓢ
E!	45 114 236	Keeping Up With the Kardashians		E! News (N)		** "She's Out of My League" (2010) Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve, T.J. Miller.		Party On (N)	The Soup		Chelsea Lately (N) E! News	
TRAVEL	46 196 277	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern		Man v. Food Ⓢ	Man v. Food Ⓢ	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern		Mysteries at the Museum (N) Ⓢ		America Declassified	Mysteries at the Museum Ⓢ	
HGTV	47 112 229	Love It or List It Ⓢ		Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Salvage Dawgs	Salvage Dawgs	Rehab Addict	Rehab Addict	House Hunters (N) H Hunt. Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l
TLC	48 183 280	Gypsy Sisters Ⓢ		Gypsy Sisters	Mellie goes into labor.	Gypsy Sisters Ⓢ		Gypsy Sisters "Gypsies Unleashed" (N)		Gypsy Sisters (N) Ⓢ	Gypsy Sisters "Gypsies Unleashed"	
HIST	49 120 269	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars Ⓢ	Pawn Stars (N)	Pawn Stars (N)	To Be Announced	(:02) The Curse of Oak Island Ⓢ	
ANPL	50 184 282	Finding Bigfoot: Further Evidence		Cold River Cash		Wild West Alaska: Grizzly Sized (N)		Wild West Alaska "Special Delivery"		Cold River Cash "Eel or No Eel"	Wild West Alaska "Special Delivery"	
FOOD	51 110 231	Cupcake Wars "Wicked"		Donut Showdown	Donut Showdown	Chopped "Tapas Time"		Chopped Canada (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive
TBN	52 260 372	(5:00) Carman Halloween Special		Always Show Now	The Potter's Touch	Behind the Scenes Joel Osteen Ⓢ		Joseph Prince	Hillsong TV	Praise the Lord Ⓢ		
FSN-FL	56 - -	Icons of Coaching	Mountain	Ⓢ College Basketball Florida State at Clemson. (N)				Women's College Basketball Tulane at Marshall. (N)			World Poker Tour: Season 11	
SYFY	58 122 244	*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott. Ⓢ		*** "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott. Ⓢ		*** "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (2008, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett. Ⓢ		*** "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" (2008, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett. Ⓢ				
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DEAR ABBY

Eager grandmas must always defer to new family's wishes



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: In response to the letter from "Family First in Florida" (Nov. 3), it's no wonder her son and daughter-in-law want some peace and quiet when their new baby arrives. Grandma-to-be appears controlling, entitled and someone who will be more of an endurance test than a helping presence. Yet firm boundaries with her.

I wanted privacy during and after childbirth, and I'm grateful my mom and MIL respected our wishes. I need time to establish a nursing routine, heal and get to know my baby before I was ready to host overnight guests.

My kids' grandmas both have strong, loving relationships with their grandkids, so please remind "Family First" she's not missing out on anything. She'll still get to be a doting granny, but for now she should back off and remember the arrival of the child is not about HER. — EXPERIENCED MOM IN OMAHA

DEAR MOM: I'm pleased everything worked out well for you. That woman's letter hit a nerve with my readers. A sampling of their comments:

DEAR ABBY: I had the same vision of being there when my grandkids were born. However, my kids have not involved me the way I imagined.

"Family First's" son is putting HIS family first, as he should. He and his wife have chosen what they feel will make the smoothest, least-stressful launch for their new family, and he is protecting that plan. If she doesn't respect her son's right to make that decision, she risks jeopardizing her future relationship with him, his wife AND the grandkids.

The essence of a mother's love is sacrifice. It's time to put aside her son's dreams and help her son fulfill his. — SUZIE IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR ABBY: The new parents are greatly misinformed about the importance of having grandparents around just before and immediately after the birth of a new baby. It helps to have a family member in the waiting room to update other family and well-wishers so Dad can devote full attention to the new mom and baby.

My mother was a god-send, taking care of everything while we bonded with our child. She did the

cooking, the chores, and gave us needed breaks during the day so we were able to tolerate night feedings. When our second child arrived, she helped with our older one.

Childbirth is difficult. I don't think this new mom realizes she won't be able to do it all. — SHANA IN LOUISIANA

DEAR ABBY: Has "Family First" considered that her daughter-in-law's mother may be coming? Unfair as it may seem, in cultures around the world, the role of the paternal grandmother is far different than that of the maternal grandmother. — KNOWS FOR SURE IN KENYA

DEAR ABBY: My son and DIL told everyone, including the other grandparents, who live near them, they wanted NO visitors for at least six weeks.

That sad grandma needs to brush up on her Skype and Facetime skills so she can see them frequently on her computer and phone. We do this with our kids.

In the first year, the baby learned our voices and saw our faces often. When we met again, it was like we'd always been there. — COMPUTER GRANNY

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THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let impulse lead to a mistake you'll regret. Take it easy and bide your time. Refrain from judging when observation is what's required. Focus on what you can accomplish, not what you cannot. Moderation and patience will be crucial. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take your position and make this day count. You have everything going for you and mustn't let what others do or say deter you from reaching your set destination. Speak up and make promises that you know will make a difference to someone special. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your time and effort into something that will help a cause or someone who means a lot to you. Your ability to act quickly and effectively will make an impression. Criticism will be due to jealousy. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stand your ground. Don't let anyone coerce you into something you don't want to do. Follow your heart and the path you feel fits you the best. You have lots to offer, and if you take action, you will excel. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Anger will mount if you are dealing with a partnership problem. Try to concentrate on making your residence more comfortable or your financial situation easier to handle. Too much of anything will set you back. Work hard; say little. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out alternative ideas and you'll find unique ways to market your talent, skills and expertise. Set up meetings and discuss your plans. Travel may cause some conflict, but using reason will help you overcome

issues that arise. ★★ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An interesting idea will grab your attention. Discover the ins and outs of whatever you want to pursue and give it your all. A change at home will improve your domestic situation but may end up costing more than you expect. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make an effort at home and it will make a difference to the people who care about you. Don't limit what you can do; just find a different way to approach whatever situation you face in order to reach your destination. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your personal thoughts, habits and situations a secret. The less you let others know about you, the easier it will be to go about your business. The changes you make now will help you in the future. Don't go over budget. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The contributions you make to a cause, project or partnership that interests you will make a difference. You will gain respect and the confidence of the people you deal with. Romance is in the stars and a commitment can be made. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

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

" G K S S G A G J K L J K U Z R J O H R C D . B Z R M K L J J Z O Z ' N S . B Z R ' H N Z R J Z E S B A G E N . " — D K H K T S G P T N A A N C N A A K H

Previous Solution: "A man must marry only a very pretty woman in case he should ever want some other man to take her off his hands." — Sacha Guity

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals F

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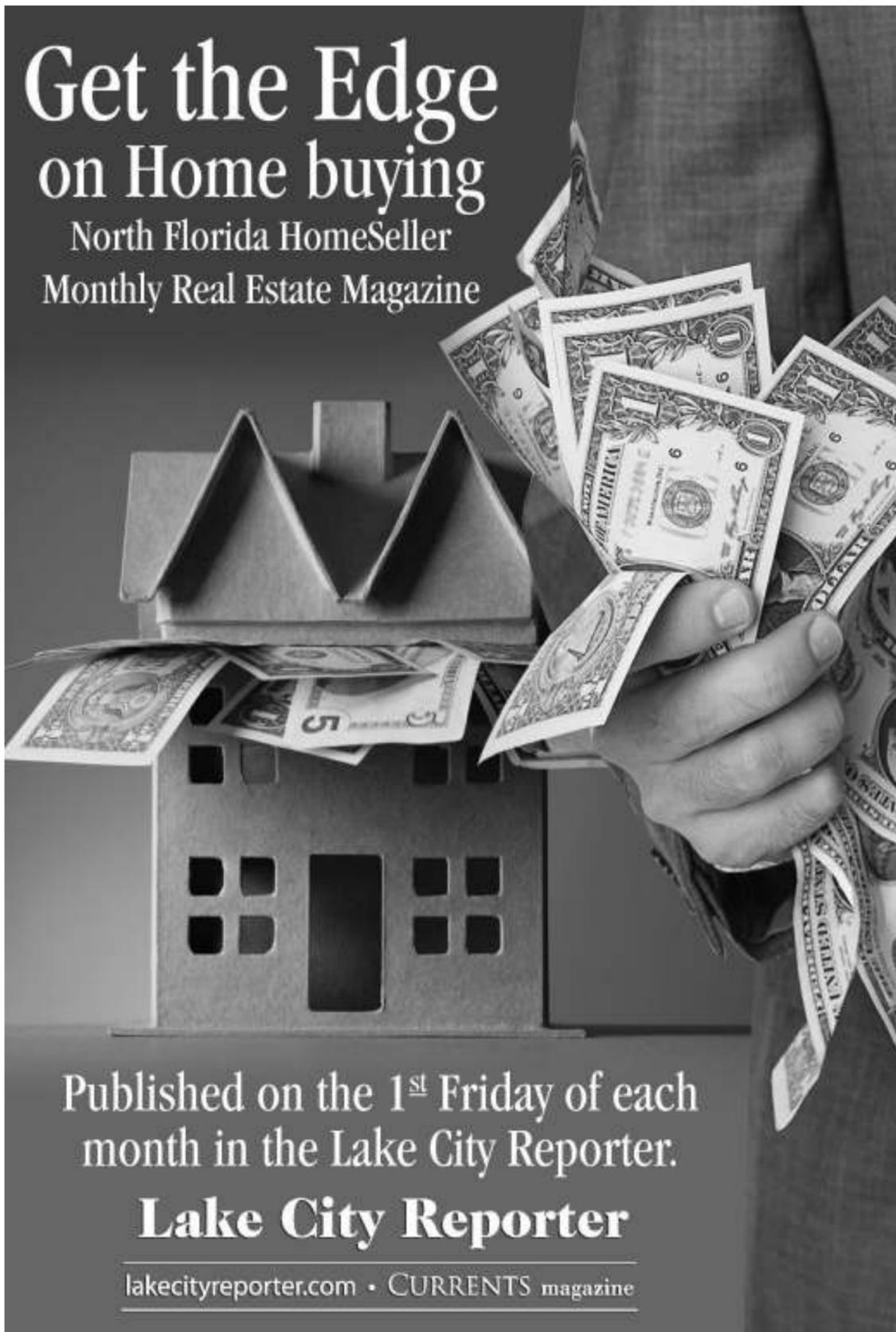
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BRIEFS

YOUTH BASEBALL

Lake City registration open

Lake City/Columbia County Youth Baseball spring online registration is under way at www.lcccyb.com through Feb. 1. Cost per player is \$75 plus the online fee. Walk-up registration in the Babe Ruth Baseball Building at Southside Sports Complex is 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1. Fee of \$85 includes jersey, baseball cap, socks and insurance. Five leagues are offered for ages 4-15. A parent or guardian must accompany player and provide copy of birth certificate. Coaching information is available from the league. The league is accepting donation of used baseball items.

For details, call league president Jessica Langley at 867-1897.

North Florida Young Guns tryout

The North Florida Young Guns 10U travel baseball team has tryouts from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Santa Fe High girls softball field for serious players only.

For details, call David Rodriguez at (352) 258-2800.

ADULT BASKETBALL

Open play under way at RCC

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North is sponsoring adult (18 and older) open basketball. Play is 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays at Richardson Community Center. Cost is \$2.

For details, call Chris Craft at 292-1210.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Winter league registration set

Columbia County Adult Softball winter league registration is under way through Friday. Cost is \$250 at sign-up, along with a team roster and signed liability waivers and code of conduct. A coaches meeting is 7 p.m. Friday in the meeting room above

the concession stand.

For details, call Pete Bonilla at 623-6561.

FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration for Christ Central

Christ Central Sports offers flag football for girls and boys ages 5-12. Registration continues through Friday. Cost is \$45.

For details, call Ronny Busscher at 365-2128.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration for Boys Club hoops

The Boys Club of Columbia County offers a basketball program for girls and boys ages 7-14. Registration is under way at the Boys Club on Jones Way through Friday. Cost is \$45. Practices are twice weekly at the club.

For details, call 752-4184 or come by the club.

Sign-up for RCC/AMN leagues

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North is offering youth basketball leagues for boys and girls ages 5-7 and 8-10. Each league will have four teams, and will be limited to the first 40 children to sign up in each age group. Cost of \$50 and a birth certificate is due at registration. Registration at Richardson Community Center is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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

Fundraiser Saturday

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North and the Daughters of the Pride of B & S Combs Temple 1238 will host its annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday. Tickets are on sale for \$5 and may be purchased from any board member and at Brian's Sports, with all proceeds going to support the RCC/AMN and Lake City Middle School's girls basketball program. The menu will consist of pancakes, Nettles sausage,

eggs and orange juice.

For details, call Mario Coppock at 754-7095.

PREP FOOTBALL

All-star game at Fort White High

The 7th annual East/West High School All-star Football Game is Jan. 18 at Fort White High. The game will feature seniors from surrounding high schools: Baldwin, Baker County, Bell, Branford, Chiefland, Columbia, Dixie County, Fort White, Hamilton County, Madison County, Lafayette, Taylor County, Santa Fe, Bradford, Suwannee and Trenton. Admission to the game is \$5. Souvenir program ads may be purchased by contacting Carole Dotson at 697-1875.

For details, call chairman William Murphy at 288-4779.

RUNNING

Registration for Blue Grey 5k

The Olustee Blue Grey 5K is 7:30 a.m. Feb. 15. Registration is at Carquest Auto Parts or Step Fitness. Online registration is at www.stepfitnessonline.com. Day-of registration has an increased fee.

For details, contact Michelle Richards at stepfitnesslic@yahoo.com.

OUTDOORS

Economy pheasant shoot offered

Leronia Allen is offering a parent/child pheasant shoots on Jan. 18 (fee due by Saturday), Feb. 22 (fee due by Feb. 15) and March 15 (fee due by March 8). Cost of the shoot is 100 birds for \$160, which includes one adult and one child age 10-15. There will be eight back-up shooters at \$50 for 100 birds and \$70 for 200 birds. Spectator admission at the gate is \$7 for ages 11 and older and \$2 for children ages 2-10, with proceeds going to youth sports leagues.

For details, call Allen at 754-9127.

■ From staff reports



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Fort White High's Alexa Hatcher makes a shot over Santa Fe defenders during a game in on Dec. 20.

INDIANS: Girls fall to Tornados

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Chris Cottrell added eight points, with four from Joe Powers and two each from Paul Perry and Isaiah Sampson.

Fort White is 12-2 overall, with both losses coming during the holiday tournament, and 6-0 in district play. The Indians play Melody Christian Academy

at 7 p.m. today in Live Oak.

Lady Indians basketball

Fort White's girls basketball team lost, 63-29, to Bradford in Starke on Tuesday.

Bradford was district champion to Fort White's runner-up last year.

Kasha Cook led the Lady Indians in scoring with 16 points. Cense Armstrong scored nine points including a pair of 3-pointers. Alexa Hatcher and Desma Blake each scored two points.

Fort White (3-8, 3-5) plays at Santa Fe High on Friday in a doubleheader with the boys. The tip is at 6 p.m.

FSU: Caps another undefeated year

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the challenge and our mindset and that's going to be my temperament going in, to be able to set that stage so we can do that and stay on top and be very competitive at the top."

"That's our nature as humans, it's not too grind, it's not to push. That's why there is only one champion at the end," he said.

Fisher did get a chance to savor the moment late after the game, surrounded by friends and family in his hotel room. He sat half asleep in a chair, exhausted, and nursed a pulled hamstring he sustained running down the sideline and chasing an official after Auburn

wasn't called for a horse collar tackle at the end of a catch-and-run by Rashad Green late in the game.

"You feel like you want to sleep for about a week after these seasons," Fisher said. "We'll get back tomorrow and give the staff a day or so and then we'll get back recruiting and we got to get going."

"It's time for another one," he said.

Twenty years after Florida State won its first national championship under Bowden, the Seminoles won the third in school history with his successor. The Seminoles broke a string of seven consecutive national

champions from the SEC.

Now Fisher and Bowden both have an undefeated season on their resumes.

"It's kind of fitting to me," Fisher said. "It was Miami and Florida State every year. They had the teams. They were in it, the Nebraskas, the Oklahomas. The SEC couldn't get in it. But I think it's very fitting that Florida State come full circle back and like I say, maybe we don't play in the SEC but we play in the South and we've got good football."

"It's like the reckoning. Things are getting back in order again," he said.

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