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Hospital sale on go

Board takes first step in what could be a two-year process.

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**
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The Lake Shore Hospital Authority took the first step toward the sale of Shands Lake

Shore, deeming it to be in the best interest of the local community, during a public board meeting Monday evening.

Should the hospital be sold to a private owner, LSHA would no longer levy taxes on the public—around \$3 million a year, according to Executive Director Jack Berry.

The board of trustees held a public hearing prior to their regularly-scheduled meeting to

hear input from local members of the community. However, only one person spoke to the board.

“If you shut this down, you may save the taxpayers some money every year,” began Bob Jordan, a local medical malpractice lawyer. “I suggest to you it probably will not be [in the

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‘Record’ funding sought for ports, highways

By **JIM TURNER**
The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott will ask lawmakers to increase funding to \$8.8 billion for roads, bridges, ports and other transit needs in Florida as he continues to slowly roll out different aspects of his budget plan for next year.

Scott said Monday his “record” transportation funding proposal, \$200 million more than in the current year, will further spur economic development and create jobs.

“When I came in, I said how do you get this economy growing?” Scott said during an appearance at the Jacksonville port, known as JAXPORT. “Tourism will do it, but the other thing was that we have to focus on building things.”

On Friday, Scott — who entered office in 2011 slashing a state budget he said was weighted down with “short-sided, frivolous, wasteful” projects — announced he will seek \$100 million for the state’s tourism arm, Visit Florida, an increase of \$35 million from the current year.

The proposal for the Department of Transportation on Monday includes \$138 million for seaport improvements, \$3.8 billion for road construction, \$192 million for bridge maintenance, \$134 million for safety initiatives, and \$90 million to bridge a 2.6-mile section of the Tamiami Trail west of Miami to improve the southern flow of the Florida Everglades.

Ports funding has been a priority for Scott since taking office, with more than \$640 million directed toward expanding the state’s 15 seaports since 2011. The focus, backed by state business groups, has been to make Florida a global shipping hub as the widening of the Panama Canal is expected to be completed in 2015.

“It’s not if but when Florida becomes the trade gateway to America,” FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad said.

An inland port is envisioned at the North Florida Intermodal Park in Columbia County to take some of the overflow cargo from the added ship traffic.

Scott and lawmakers this year are heading into the budget-building process with a potential surplus of \$1 billion.

Scott, who is up for reelection in the fall, has also asked lawmakers to slash \$500 million in fees and taxes.

The funding requests will be included in Scott’s overall annual budget proposal, which will be sent to the Legislature before the 2014 session starts in March.

“This investment will enable our state to remain

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For spelling bee champ, C-O-M-P-L-A-C-E-N-C-Y is no problem

LCMS 8th-grader studied for hours on end.

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**
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Lake City Middle School eighth-grader Jack Duarte won the Columbia County Spelling Bee Monday with “complacency,” but should avoid the word if he hopes to win the upcoming regional competition in Jacksonville next month. Considering how hard he worked to prepare for Monday’s competition, that shouldn’t be a problem.

Niblack Elementary fifth grader T’Deja Rowe narrowly missed the word “herculean,” affording her a runner-up position where she would shoulder the burden of spelling at the regional level should Duarte drop out of the running.

Roughly 50 family members and friends

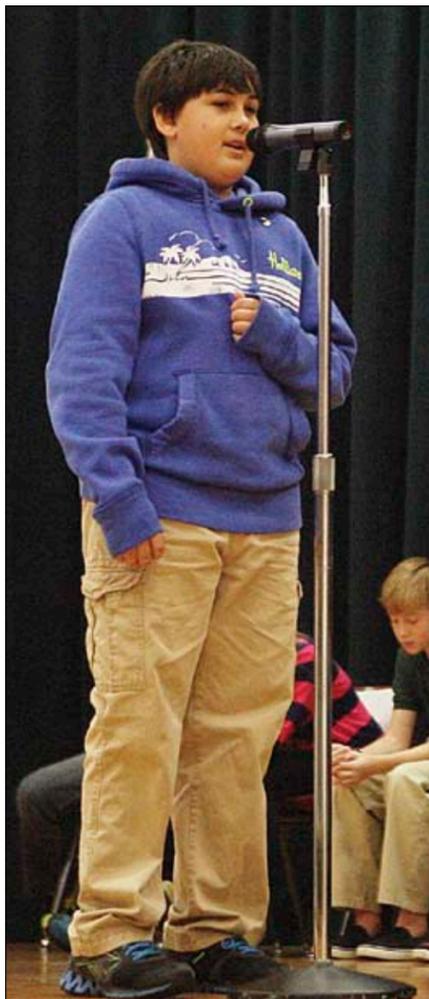
of the competitors sat silently in the auditorium of the School Board complex, watching with bated breath as 13 fifth to eighth grade students, each representing area schools, spelled and misspelled words such as “lucrative,” “diadem,” “malaise,” “acrylics,” “omnibus” and “dodecahedron.”

“I was so nervous,” Duarte said after his win. “I spent a couple hours a night studying words from different languages.”

His parents, Diogenes and Theresa Duarte, said he has read “hundreds” of books since his Westside Elementary kindergarten teacher Denise Jordan instilled a love of reading in their son.

“We are very proud,” Diogenes Duarte said.

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JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Lake City Middle School eighth-grader Jack Duarte, 13, correctly spells ‘complacency’ to win the 2014 Columbia County Spelling Bee held at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex auditorium on Monday.

STORM DOWNS TREE



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A tree rests on top of a pickup at 236 SW Legacy Glen following a thunderstorm on Saturday.

6,700 residents lose power after Saturday’s storm

By **STEVEN RICHMOND**
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Columbia County residents endured a uncharacteristically strong thunderstorm rife with power outages, foliage debris and property damage Saturday.

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Poultry show draws hundreds

By **TONY BRITT**
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Poultry, waterfowl and other birds were treated like royalty for most of the day Saturday at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

Most of the birds were carried to and fro, they had been bathed, their feathers were neat, clean and tidy, as was their food — no scratching in the dirt for snacks on this day.

The birds were contestants in the 2014 Florida Sunshine Classic, an open poultry show that drew competitors from Florida, Alabama, Canada, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Virginia, Texas and West Virginia.

At least 100 bird owners brought more than 1,400 birds to Saturday’s competition, which was the 26th year of the show.

Maryann Van Heusen, of Lake City, is a member of the Florida Poultry Fanciers



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Maryann Van Heusen (left) and Darlene Metzker talk about poultry competitions as Metzker holds her Rhode Island Red bantam.

Association, and has been showing chickens for close to two decades.

“It all started when my daughter was about three years old and got her first chicken,” she said. “She started showing chickens and it just grew from there and now she’s 21 years

old. You strive to breed for the best bird you can.”

Darlene Metzker, of Lakeland, and her husband got into poultry competitions through her grandchildren and continued after the grand-

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Monday:
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Prince to appear on 'New Girl'

PASADENA

Fox's post-Super Bowl party will include Prince making a guest appearance on the comedy "New Girl."

In an episode of the show that will air directly after the big game next month, Zooey Deschanel's character is invited to a mansion party hosted by Prince — a party her friends are determined to crash.

Fox will also air an episode of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" that night after "New Girl," with the show fresh off its Golden Globe award for best comedy.

The Super Bowl is traditionally the most-watched TV event of the year, so the time slots after it are considered prime real estate.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Enjoying the January sun

Florida Gateway College nursing student Felicia Thomas, 19, takes a break from studying to 'try to enjoy some sunshine' and talk on her cell phone outside the Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center on Monday.

Fey and Poehler: Golden as Globes hosts

Tina Fey and Amy Poehler took the gold again.

For a second year, these funny ladies were the most-est as co-hosts of NBC's Golden Globes party.

Fey explained their return engagement by noting, "This is Hollywood, and if something kind of works they'll just keep doing it until everybody hates it."

Not these returnees, who again presided with seeming effortless sass and hardly a joke off-target. During their shared opening routine, Fey's zinger about George Clooney and his penchant for dating younger women may have been the most riotously received wisecrack in recent awards-cast history.

While Poehler and Fey set the perfect irreverent tone for the

Globes and its party-hearty tradition, the three-hour live broadcast from Beverly Hills, Calif., was remarkably well-behaved.

Rodman apologizes for not helping missionary

BEIJING — Former basketball star Dennis Rodman apologized on Monday for not being able to help an American missionary detained in North Korea during his trip there to play in a game to celebrate the birthday of his friend and leader Kim Jong Un.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry I couldn't do anything," Rodman told media on his arrival at Beijing airport from a weeklong trip. "It's not my fault. I'm sorry. I just want to do some good stuff, that's all I want to do."

■ Associated Press

First lady's 2nd gown lent to Smithsonian

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama's fashion is making history again, at least for the next year, as her second inaugural gown will be displayed at the Smithsonian Institution.

Before it's stowed away for a future presidential library, Obama's ruby-colored chiffon gown made by designer Jason Wu is being lent to the National Museum of American History for a year to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the Smithsonian's first ladies exhibition. The dress will be paired with Obama's shoes designed by Jimmy Choo and will go on display beginning Tuesday.

While the Smithsonian traditionally collects each first lady's first inaugural gown, second gowns are usually shown only in presidential libraries. This is the first time the museum has displayed a second inaugural gown.

AROUND FLORIDA

2 shot at movie theater, 1 dies

WESLEY CHAPEL — Authorities say a man has been arrested on suspicion of shooting two people — one fatally — after an argument over cell phone use at a Florida theater.

Pasco County Sheriff's spokesman Doug Tobin said two couples had been watching "Lone Survivor" Monday at a movie theater in Wesley Chapel, north of Tampa, when the suspect and his wife apparently took issue with the couple in front of them over use of the phones.

Tobin said the argument led to the shooting. Both victims were airlifted to a Tampa-area hospital. The man later died, but the female victim's injuries weren't considered life-threatening.

The sheriff's office says a bystander detained the suspect until deputies arrived. Authorities didn't immediately identify the suspect.

No charges have been reported.

Missing Mo. child found safe in Fla.

ANDERSON, Mo. — A 6-month-old baby who was taken from his great-grandfather's home in southwest Missouri was found alive in Florida and his parents are in custody, authorities said.

Anderson police said in a news release that the infant, Mitchell Farris, was "healthy and safe" when he was found Sunday in Miami with his parents, Preston Farris, 34, and Anastasia McDaniel, 30. McDaniel's grandfather, Gerald Steele, has legal custody of the child, although court documents don't explain why.

The parents are being held in the Miami-Dade



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Sidewalk work on McFarlane

James 'Bubba' Norton (left) and Arthur Richardson dig a trench while working on a 5,000 feet long sidewalk along McFarlane Avenue on Monday.

County jail without bond, awaiting extradition to Missouri's McDonald County on warrants for parental kidnapping. Jail records don't indicate if they have attorneys, and no attorney is listed for them in online Missouri court records.

Florida authorities were contacted Saturday morning after the investigation showed the parents were in the Jacksonville, Fla., area, police said. Authorities determined that McDaniel and Farris had left the Jacksonville area and were in the Miami-Dade area, where they were taken into custody while walking, police said.

Anderson police said Monday the child is in the custody of Florida child services until Missouri authorities can pick him up.

16-year-old missing off coast

BOYNTON BEACH — The Coast Guard is searching for a 16-year-old boy who went missing while swimming in the waters off South Florida.

The Coast Guard says Boynton Beach Police reported the teen missing

Sunday evening.

Authorities say he was last seen swimming shirtless near the Boynton Beach Inlet. The teen went underwater but failed to resurface while swimming with a cousin.

Palm Beach County authorities have joined the Coast Guard's search for the boy.

Man dies after pulled from triathlon

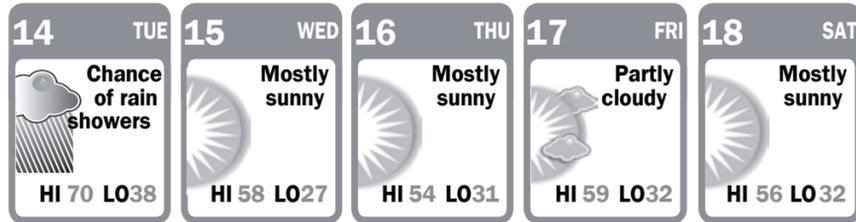
NORTH NAPLES — Authorities say a man has died after being pulled from the swimming portion of a triathlon in southwest Florida.

Another racer alerted lifeguards that the man was struggling in the rough waters Sunday. North Naples Fire District Capt. Chuck Bacon says the man was brought to shore on a paddleboard.

The man was pronounced dead at a hospital. The cause of death was not released. Organizers of the HITS Endurance triathlon tell the Naples Daily News that the man's death was a tragedy and racer safety is their first priority.

■ Associated Press

THE WEATHER



REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Tuesday, Jan. 14



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TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Monday	73
Low Monday	39
Normal high	66
Normal low	42
Record high	86 in 1932
Record low	14 in 1981
PRECIPITATION	MOON
Monday	0.00"
Month total	0.19"
Year total	0.19"
Normal month-to-date	1.20"
Normal year-to-date	1.20"
Sunrise today	7:27 a.m.
Sunset today	5:51 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	7:27 a.m.
Sunset tom.	5:52 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:53 p.m.
Moonset today	6:03 a.m.
Moonrise tom.	5:45 p.m.
Moonset tom.	6:46 a.m.

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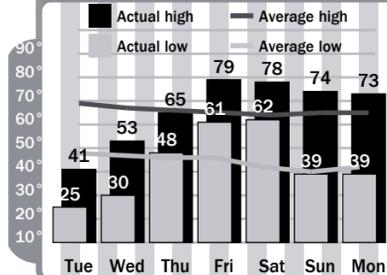
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WEATHER BY-THE-DAY



WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1910, the luxury liner Lusitania was heavily damaged on its way from Liverpool to New York City by an eighty foot wave. The same storm that produced the wave also brought blizzard conditions to the East Coast and dropped 15 inches of snow on New York City.

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Report: Drugs, paraphernalia found in Fort White High student's vehicle

From staff reports

FORT WHITE — A Fort White High School student was arrested Friday at the school and charged with drug possession

Nichols

after a law enforcement canine allegedly "alerted" to narcotics in the student's vehicle.

Joshua Scott Nichols, 18, 274 SW Robin Lane, was charged with possession of less than 20 grams of

marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with the case.

According to Columbia County Sheriff's Office reports, a law enforcement canine was brought to the school to assist the Fort White school administration in a sweep of the student parking lot for any narcotics or illegal substances.

Canine "Zombie" allegedly alerted on a 2000 Jeep Cherokee in the parking lot that was registered to Nichols.

Nichols was retrieved from class with his belongings and car keys and was taken to the parking lot. Once in the parking lot,

authorities reportedly asked Nichols whether there was anything illegal inside his vehicle that would make the dog signal an "alert".

Nichols was said to be cooperative and told the deputies he had two smoking pipes inside his center console, along with a little bit of marijuana.

When authorities searched the vehicle, they reportedly found several pieces of drug paraphernalia throughout the vehicle and in the center console, where authorities also found a small baggie containing suspected marijuana.

Authorities also reportedly found an ashtray and

several types of rolling paper along with an empty bottle of Burnett's Vodka underneath the driver side back passenger seat in a storage area.

A bottle containing an unknown liquid was found in the rear passenger storage compartment behind the driver's seat. Nichols reportedly told deputies the liquid was called "Rush" and he purchased it from a "head shop" in Gainesville. He reportedly told authorities the purpose is to smell the liquid and it makes you feel light-headed.

The items were then collected as evidence and Nichols was taken into custody.



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Melody Jonas, a judge in the 2014 Florida Sunshine Classic, inspects a Black Langshan during Saturday's poultry show at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

BIRDS

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children were adults. She said sometimes her children are amazed how much they travel to "show" chickens.

"The kids think we're crazy because we'll just get ready and head out of state to Ohio, Indiana or wherever..." she said. "They say, 'I can't believe you're driving that far just

to a chicken show."

Cindy Kinard, American Poultry Association/American Bantam Association Youth Leader for Florida, said children aged 3-18 affiliated with 4-H as well as independents, participated in Saturday's poultry show.

"Most of the kids raise their animals," she said. "Some of them hatch them and raise them themselves. These are all purebred and standard bred birds, they are not backyard birds."

SPELLING

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"Jack is an avid reader, which has allowed him to develop his vocabulary so well."

Duarte has a taste for fantasy staples like "The Hobbit" and "Game of Thrones." He is currently working on "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

His favorite words? "Pow-wow" and "Schadenfreude."

Niblack Elementary Principal Melinda Moses lauded Rowe's confidence.

"It's kind of luck, but you have to have that confidence to get up there," Moses said. "[Rowe] had that confidence. We're very excited for her."



Photos by JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Participants for the 2014 Columbia County Spelling Bee pose for a photograph on Monday. Pictured are Alyssa Johns (front row, from left), of Melrose Park Elementary; winner Jack Duarte, of Lake City Middle; T'Deja Rowe, of Niblack Elementary; Dylan Pace, of Westside Elementary; Tyler Roach (second row, from left), of Covenant Community; Adrielle Plasencia, of Fort White Middle; Khushil Patel, of Fort White Elementary; Kylie Vega, of Pinemount Elementary; Cadee Cooper (back row, from left), of Columbia City Elementary; Jacob Johnson, of Five Points Elementary; Carson Rosier, of Summers Elementary; Robbie Keen, of Richardson Middle; and Charleston Ponds, of Eastside Elementary.



SCHADENFREUDE

LEFT: Niblack Elementary School fifth-grader T'Deja Rowe thinks about a word as she competes in the 2014 Columbia County Spelling Bee on Monday. Rowe finished second in the competition.

HOSPITAL

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best interest of the people of Columbia County]. If it is, there's no data here or studies to show that... If the hospital is sold, it's suddenly owned by a for-profit entity that may make drastic changes to the hospital."

The board then heard a presentation from Bruce Kelley, Senior Vice President of the Hospital Mergers & Acquisitions branch of asset management firm First Southwest, who spoke at length on the steps, pitfalls and considerations involved in the sale of a hospital.

"If you want to sell the hospital, you've got to define your objectives," Kelley said. "You have to know why you're doing it and what you hope to accomplish."

Among the key negotiation points, Kelley suggested: find a purchase price that reflects the value of the hospital, secure a capital commitment, gather the input of local physicians and determine the difference between what is and is not an "essential service."

The board then began discussion between its members whether they felt the sale would be in the community's best interest — a formality required by Florida statute if LSHA, a public entity, plans to sell its hospital to a private company.

Board member Lory Chancy shared Jordan's dissent.

"I still do not feel that



STEVEN RICHMOND/Lake City Reporter

Bob Jordan, a local medical malpractice lawyer, speaks out against the potential sale of the Lake Shore Regional Medical Center at a public hearing Monday evening.

it is in the best interest of our community to sell our hospital," Chancy said. "I think the lease agreement we have is one of the most pristine ventures anyone has in the state. It helps offset our taxes, helps us to take care of our indigent, who will still have to be taken care of one way or another, and it affords us some latitude in making sure they're taken care of properly in the county."

Fellow board member Mark Vann offered a rebuttal.

"We have very, very limited, if any, control over how patients are taken care of in that hospital. We don't oversee patient care..." Vann said. "I still think that if we were managing the hospital, that would be more of a priority in my mind. I don't see that their care is going to go down just because we're not sitting around this table having a bill pre-

sented to us. I think if we can come up with a plan that makes sense, that formulates the removal of that additional 3 million a year in tax burden to the community, then it's absolutely vital to consider it... I think it's important to give it a shot."

The board then voted 4-1 — Chancy casting the sole "nay" — that the sale was indeed in the community's best interest.

"I have no concerns [that patient care will diminish]," Berry said. "You have naysayers everywhere. That's what they said when we first leased the hospital... I don't see them gauging customers."

The board also voted to send out request for proposals for an appraiser to determine the value of LSHA's assets and for a transaction broker.

The Lake Shore Hospital Authority will hold their next meeting Feb. 10.

Gov. Scott to name lt. gov. after nearly 10 months

Associated press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is going to name a new lieutenant governor.

Scott posted a message on his Facebook page saying he will make a "major announcement" regarding the vacant position on Tuesday.

Last March then-lieutenant governor Jennifer Carroll abruptly resigned after she was interviewed by law-enforcement authorities about work she once did for a charity that prosecutors have said was a front for a widespread gambling ring. She has not been accused of any wrongdoing.

A Tallahassee lobbyist and political activist last week sued Scott and said he was breaking a state law that requires him to appoint a lieutenant governor.

There has been speculation for weeks about a whole range of potential candidates for the job, including State Sen. Tom Lee and Miami-Dade Property Appraiser Carlos Lopez-Cantera.

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competitive for many years to come," Scott said of his transportation proposal.

The Tamiami Trail project has been included in an ambitious \$220 million Senate effort to redirect water and reduce pollutants out of Lake Okechobee.

While detailed breakdowns, including most costs, are expected when Scott releases his overall budget proposal, the transportation projects Scott and

during the temporary tempest.

Florida Power and Light spokeswoman Carissa Metzger said her company restored power to 3,200 Columbia County customers on Saturday after damaging winds fell trees and powerlines around the county, even bringing in resources from neighboring counties to repair the electric infrastructure.

Clay Electric spokesman Wayne Mattox reported his company restored power to 3,500 of its members the same day, as well.

Prasad highlighted include:

- Work on the Blount Island Marine Terminal at the Jacksonville port to increase operations and handle larger cargo.

- Expanding Interstate-75 to six lanes south of Georgia.

- Improving the interchange of I-75 and Florida's Turnpike at Wildwood.

- The Homestead extension of Florida's Turnpike.

- Improving the interchanges of Interstate 4, Interstate 95 and U.S. 92 as part of a revamping of the Daytona International Speedway corridor.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Obamacare security gap must be fixed

It defies common sense that there is no federal law or requirement that Americans be notified of any breaches of their personal information in Obamacare — even though laws mandate the private sector alert customers and users in these situations.

We'd like to know how federal bureaucrats would feel if a hacker retrieved their Social Security numbers, dates of birth and other vital information and used it to exploit them. We guarantee you they would take quick action.

Current federal policy doesn't come close to cutting it. An agency within the Department of Health and Human Services decides whether a breach poses a risk of harm to citizens and whether they should be notified. Fortunately, some Republican lawmakers recognize notification should not be optional — that Americans have a right to know, period.

Fixing this flaw — one of many — in Obamacare is especially important considering the major breach that recently occurred at Target, as House Republican Leader Eric Cantor has noted.

A former Social Security Administration chief has called Healthcare.gov “a hacker's dream,” computer experts have repeatedly voiced security concerns and several state attorneys general have pleaded with HHS to take corrective action. And legitimate questions have been raised about the qualifications of Obamacare “navigators” who help Americans sign up for the health insurance program.

Congress has a chance to fix this glaring oversight starting today when the House considers legislation that would require the government notify people within two days. The bill, sponsored by Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee Chairman Joseph Pitts of Pennsylvania, is based on legislation previously filed by U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Palm Harbor.

Bilirakis' bill would require quicker notification — an hour — which is the exact standard that HHS requires for its contractors and Obamacare's state exchanges. That would be superior; the earlier notification, the better chance to take faster protective action.

But whether it's one hour or no later than two days, people need to know when their personal information is stolen or breached — their finances could be at stake. Congress must address this security gap immediately.

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What did Christie know and when did he know it?

Why is it there is always a sameness in political scandal? No one ever seems to profit from history. Take the governor of New Jersey, a state where political hardball is notorious.

The recent best hope for the Republican presidential nomination, Gov. Chris Christie, who can't seem to keep his weight in check despite tying off his stomach or some such business, has proven to millions of potential supporters that his appetite for confrontation and bombast may be equal to his gastronomical urges. The punitive actions of his trusted aides against a minor political figure of the opposite party have landed him in the soup, which despite the distance still remaining before a national election, may eventually drown him.

Did he know ahead of time about the lane closings on the George Washington Bridge that caused a four-day nightmare for the citizens of Fort Lee, N.J., that this was the work of his friends in his behalf? Despite his fervent denials, there always will be doubt and with that a lingering concern about whether he is the kind of guy who might actually support this kind of absurd act of vengeful irresponsibility.

The Watergate inspired question “what did he know and when did he know it?” is not likely to go away, considering at least two investigations and the possibility of both civil and criminal litigation.

Woe is me to the GOP establishment who saw him as a possible 2016 standard bearer of moderation against the radical right. The party's mainliners can't seem to catch a break.

This juvenile action against Fort Lee's Democratic mayor for not endorsing the governor before his



Dan K. Thomasson

landslide election last fall is in the worst traditions of the “don't get mad, get even” philosophy. History is replete with examples of the disastrous impact of a ricocheting bullet fired under those circumstances. To be trite, what goes around comes around. Shades of Richard Nixon and the dirty tricks gang who once plotted to set up a floating whore house off Collins Avenue in Miami to blackmail delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Fortunately, cooler heads prevailed on this one but not others.

It would have been much better for Christie way back there in September of last year when the closings took place if he had paid attention to what was quickly becoming the world's largest traffic jam on the New Jersey side of the world's most highly trafficked bridge. Someone of his supposed political acumen and perception must have been aware of the coming sound of doom.

When the press inquiries began to emerge about an alleged “study” that no one could or would answer an announcement by him to look into the matter might have backed up his later denials of knowledge or involvement, made them much easier to believe. Instead, he did what any number of predecessors in high office did under the circumstances. He shrugged it all off as an attempt to diminish his standing

as the putative front runner in the Republican presidential scramble just now building.

Even if that were true (I'm not saying it wasn't to some degree because front runners are always forced to play dodgeball) a public statement would have gone a long way to softening the blow to his standing when the emails linking his top aides to the whole affair began to emerge recently.

Once again that lesson never seems to be impressed on most politicians. Only Dwight Eisenhower followed the edicts of an Army lifetime where “just don't get caught” is the first rule. He wasted no time in dismissing his most trusted aide Sherman Adams before Adams' indiscretions brought down the White House. Had Nixon, Ike's vice president, followed that example and cleaned out the Committee for the Reelection of the President two days after Watergate, the crisis might have been averted. Harry Truman, on the other hand, refused to do in his cronies when they strayed and it tarnished his image.

There always is an element of arrogance in these matters. The principal in high places somehow seems to believe the myth that his own importance and position will protect him, forcing him later to desperately issue personal apologies for the alleged lies and failings of subordinates.

So Christie sent them to the political guillotine and pleaded for forgiveness. Good luck on that, Tiny.

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Cheney's problem wasn't her name

In one of the many news reports about Liz Cheney's decision to end her bid for the U.S. Senate, Gov. Matt Mead was quoted as saying, “Name recognition and dynasties — that just doesn't fly in Wyoming.”

He was trying to explain why the 47-year-old former State Department official, who also happens to be the daughter of Dick Cheney (a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Wyoming for six terms before becoming vice president), didn't catch fire with local voters. Mead's implication was that Wyoming voters think for themselves and aren't swayed by such trivial concerns as family lineage.

But the truth is, dynasties don't actually do so badly in Wyoming. Relatives of previous officeholders don't always win when they run, but they don't always lose either. Mead's grandfather, it turns out, served as both governor and senator (as the New York Times story noted). Former Sen. Alan K.

Simpson's father was both governor and senator as well, and his brother Pete served for several years as a member of the state Legislature.

This is not just a Wyoming phenomenon. Americans like dynasties. Being the wife of a president (like Hillary Rodham Clinton) or the son of a president (like John Quincy Adams or George W. Bush) or a senator (like Al Gore) may not guarantee a future in politics, but it doesn't appear to hurt.

Liz Cheney's real problem was probably not a popular backlash against her famous name. Of more significance, we suspect, was her belief that she could waltz into a state where she had not lived for many decades, purchase a house (which she did in 2012) and run for office against a popular incumbent on the strength of her family ties. The Cheney name may be famous in Wyoming, but it was not lost on voters that she went to high school in Virginia, college in Colorado and law school in Illinois. She lived in the Washington, D.C., area until the

Senate race began and would have ended up there again pretty quickly had she won.

There were plenty of other missteps that could have led to her drop in the polls, including her very public spat with her lesbian sister, Mary, over the issue of same-sex marriage. There was a disagreement between the Cheneyes and the popular former Sen. Simpson. There was her decision to run not for a local seat but directly for the U.S. Senate in her first bid for public office.

When she withdrew from the race Monday, Cheney cited “serious health issues” in her family.

... The point is that her effort to win the hearts of the people of Wyoming without really being one of them was ham-fisted and presumptuous — and, unlike Hillary Clinton's successful carpetbagger race for U.S. Senate in New York in 2000, it was recognized as such by the voters. Frankly, that's heartening.

■ McClatchy-Tribune News Service

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

TODAY

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.

Bay Street Brassworks

Bay Street Brassworks will perform at the Levy Performing Arts Center at Florida Gateway College on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This group is an internationally-acclaimed touring ensemble performing selections from a wide variety of genres ranging from Bach to Beethoven. A new "flex ticket" system is being offered this year so each ticket can be used at any Lake City Community Concert. Single concert tickets are \$20/adult and \$5/student K-12. See www.communityconcerts.info, or call (386) 466-2013, or visit the Lake City Chamber of Commerce for details.

Sparkleberry meeting

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Hatch Park in Branford. Troy Springer of Springer Environmental Services will discuss building and maintaining an aesthetically-pleasing, functioning property. Call Betsy at 386-719-0467 for more information.

VFW Bingo

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, hosts Bingo quarter games every Tuesday from 12-3 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. These are open to the public. Call 386-752-5001 with questions.

Plant clinic

University of Florida Master Gardeners are available every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Columbia County Extension Office's new location, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170, and ever Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Fort White Public Library on Route 47 to answer questions about lawns and plants. Bring samples for free diagnosis or solutions. For more information, call 752-5384.

Support group

Another Way Inc. provides a domestic violence support group every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. If you are a current or former survivor of domestic violence, call 386-719-2702 for meeting location and an intake appointment. All services are free and confidential.

Photo Club

Lake City Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center on Baya Avenue. Share your photos and ideas with the group. Newcomers are welcome.

Jan. 15

Olustee planning

The Blue Grey Army will have a planning meeting for the 2014 Olustee Festival on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School District Central Building, Room 153, at 409 SW St. Johns St. The festival will be Feb. 14-16. For information, call 755-1097.

Jan. 16

Grief and Loss meeting

The Hospice Foundation of America will present "Supporting Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities through Life-Ending Illness, Grief and Loss" on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 12-3 p.m. at the Wings Education



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Ducks in a line

Alexis Pieczarka takes a photograph of ducks near Lake DeSoto on Monday. She said that she likes photographing them because 'they're just interesting. And sometimes they beg me for food.'

Center located in the Lake City Plaza. To make a reservation for this presentation, call Vicki Myers at 386-755-7714 ext. 2411.

Police Academy

The LCPD is currently accepting applications for the 3rd session of the Citizens Police Academy which will begin on Jan. 16. The 12-week course will be held every Thursday night from 6-9 p.m. at the Public Safety Building Training Room. Space is limited and applicants must pass the criminal background screening, be 18 years of age, be a US Citizen, hold a valid driver's license and have no criminal history. Deadline for applications is Monday, Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. To request an application, contact Audrey Washington at 386-719-5742 or washington@lclapd.com.

Retired Educators

The Columbia County Retired Educators will meet Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. at the school Board Adult Education Center, Room 120. For more information, contact Will Brown at 386-752-4074.

Spring Gardening

The UF/IFAS Extension is hosting a number of workshops beginning with Spring Vegetable Gardening on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 5:45 p.m. at the Ft. White Public Library. The workshop speakers will be Gerry Murphy and Bill Whitley. The public is invited.

Camera Club

The Branford Camera Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at Cuzin's Restaurant. Our program will focus on "Getting to Know Your Camera," so bring your camera and owner's manual to the meeting.

Jan. 17

Masonic Banquet

Gold Standard Lodge #167 will be hosting their annual Masonic Banquet on Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Westside Community Center, 431 SW Birley Ave. Cost is \$20. For tickets and more information, contact Raymond Brady at 386-365-2535.

Arbor Day Celebration

The Sparkleberry Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society will have an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. next to Branford Town Hall on US 129. Stop by our booth and receive a free native tree with planting instructions. Limit one per family. The Sparkleberry Chapter meets the second Tuesday of each month (except June and August) at 6:30 p.m. at Hatch Park, 403 Craven St. SE Branford.

Art Reception

The community is invited to Wine and Cheese reception at the Gateway Art Gallery, 461 SW Main Blvd., on Friday, Jan. 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The reception is for Linda Pence, the artist of the month. Linda is a fantastic water color artist who teaches water color classes in Gainesville. Bring your invitation to the reception to be entered in a free drawing, or stop by the gallery to pick up an invitation to be entered into the drawing. For more information, call 752-5229.

Protecting Water

The UF/IFAS Extension is hosting a number of workshops, the second of which is "Protecting Florida's Waters" at the UF/IFAS Extension on Friday, Jan. 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Workshop cost is \$25 which includes lunch and materials. Earn 4 CEUs for private ag or landscape pesticide licenses. Those who attend must be pre-registered. Call 386-752-5384 for details.

Early Learning meeting

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc., Provider QRIS Meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Coalition Office, 1104 SW Main Blvd. Call Stacey DePratter at 386-752-9770 for more.

Jan. 18

King Breakfast

The Presley EXCEL and Scholars Program and Youth for Christ Ministry invite the community to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 85th Birthday Observance Breakfast at the Woman's Club, 257 SE Hernando Street. Brooke Mobley of Davita Kidney Specialists of Northern Florida will be the guest speaker. Tickets may be purchased for \$20; tables may also be reserved. Any doctor who has not received an invitation to be honored, please call Bernice Presley at 386-752-4074 on or before Jan. 3.

Spring Gardening

The UF/IFAS Extension is hosting a number of workshops including Spring Vegetable Gardening on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Main Columbia County Public Library. The workshop speakers will be Gerry Murphy and Bill Whitley. The public is invited.

Jan. 19

MLK program

The Columbia County Branch of the NAACP will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. program on January, 19 at 4 p.m. at the New Day Springs Missionary Baptist Church, 1321 West Long St. The program is entitled, "The Journey Continues

in Pursuit of the Dream." Rev. Lance Mills will be the speaker.

Daylily Society

The Suwannee Valley Daylily Society meets Sunday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Public Library community meeting room. They meet the third Sunday of every month. The program for January is "Companion plants for Daylilies." For more information, email Gene Perry, president, at geneperry@att.net.

Men's breakfast

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will hold a Men's Auxiliary Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 9-11 a.m. Call Sharrie at 386-752-5001 for more.

Gospel Night

Bluegrass Gospel Music Night with Trinity River Band will take place on Sunday, Jan. 19 from 6-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Admission is free.

Jan. 20

DAC meeting

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Olustee Chapter, will meet Monday, Jan. 20 at 5:15 p.m. at China Buffet, 345 West Duval. The meal will be served after the meeting. Cost is \$9, drink is extra. Reservations not required. Call Linda Williams at 386-454-2580 for more.

SAR meeting

The Lake City chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Guang Dong Restaurant. Guest speaker will be Circuit Court Judge Julian Collins. For more info, call Ralph Wright at 386-961-9112.

Jan. 21

Board meeting

The Suwannee Valley 4Cs Board of Directors will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. at 260 S. Marion Avenue, Suite 135.

Jan. 22

Annual WV Day

Jan. 22 is the RSVP deadline for the Annual WV Day which will be held Saturday, Feb. 1 at 1905 SW Epiphany Ct. The event will be catered. Call 386-984-6938 for more.

Builders Association

The Columbia County Builders Association invites you to attend their January 22 luncheon at Gators Dockside — lunch begins at 11:30

a.m., the meeting begins at noon. Dan Gherna from the Lake City Board of Realtors will update us on local real estate sales and projections. Cost to CCBA members is \$12, non-members is \$15 (inclusive). RSVP to 386-867-1998.

OBITUARIES

Edward Henri Swanko, Jr.

Mr. Edward Henri Swanko, Jr., 60 of Lake City, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, January 11, 2014. He was born in Coral Gables, Florida and had made his home in Lake City since 1981. Mr. Swanko graduated from the Coral Gables High School in 1971 and was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Disable American Veteran's, the Knights of Columbus and Epiphany Catholic Church. Mr. Swanko was an avid animal lover, a licensed pilot and he enjoyed fishing and hunting when able. He was preceded in death by his father, Retired Major Edward Henri Swanko in 2002. Survivors include his daughter, Jessica Swanko Dupree (Devin), Charlotte, NC; his mother, Marcella Swanko, Wellington, FL;



two brothers, John Swanko, Live Oak, FL and Mark Swanko, Jennings, FL; seven sisters, Kathy Poppe (Rick), Piedmont, SC, Dorothy Buenacasa, Columbia, MO, Mary Anne Truzzolino (Gary), Wellington, FL, Jane Souaid (Robert), Palm Beach, FL, Deborah Hendricks (Wayne), Huntersville, NC, Bernadette Hereth (Ric), Columbia, MO and Martie Swanko, Pembroke Pines, FL; numerous nieces, nephews and many friends also survive. A funeral mass will be conducted on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 3:00 PM at Epiphany Catholic Church with Father Michael Pendergraft officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 5-7:00 PM Tuesday evening at the funeral home with a Rosary service at 6:30 PM. Arrangements are under the direction of GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, 2659 SW Main Blvd., Lake City. Please sign the guestbook at www.guerryfuneralhome.net

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NEWS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS



COURTESY

Westside sings

The Westside Elementary chorus sang the national anthem at a basketball game earlier this month.

This week's line-up at Melrose Park

Melrose Park Elementary would like to thank all students for returning to school with "eager-to-learn" attitudes after a long holiday. They will certainly need them to stay focused during this very busy month. Parents, please mark your calendars for these important events:

On Monday, Jan. 13, Melrose Park began their "Celebrate Literacy Week." Each day we ask that students participate in some fun dress-up activities.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Melrose is giving a big "Hats Off to Books" by allowing the children to have a hat on during school.

Thursday, Jan. 16 is "Score with Books" when students will get to wear their favorite sports team's apparel.

Friday, Jan. 17 students and faculty have a chance to show off their literary knowledge by dressing as their favorite story book character. The Melrose Park team hopes to see some creative costumes!

Also, prepare your child for the Accelerated Reading Marathon which will take place on Friday as well. Students will be given the opportunity to take as many AR tests as possible.

Make sure your little ones have read the book at least twice since only scores of 80% and above are counted

toward each AR goal.

Another highly important day for Melrose Park students will be Thursday, Jan. 16, when report cards will go home. Let's all work together to congratulate those who excelled this 9 weeks and give that extra attention to those who need it most!

On Monday, Jan. 20, school will not be in session in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday. May we all remember the reasons for celebrating Dr. King's life and legacy.

Have a wonderful week Lake City. We will post more news from Melrose Park in next Tuesday's paper. Make sure you do not miss a thing!

CLASS NOTES

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

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

■ Items for the school page should be dropped off or mailed to: Emily Lawson, Lake City Reporter, 180 E. Duval St., Lake City, FL 32055; faxed to (386) 754-9400; or e-mailed to elawson@lakecityreporter.com by 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Celebrating literacy

From staff reports

Students at Shining Star Academy of the Arts are excited to participate in the 6th Annual Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! (CLW), scheduled for Jan. 13-17.

This year's theme is "Reading Accelerates Success." Students are encouraged to read every day while making connections between literacy and career options.

Some of the exciting events taking place at Shining Star Academy of the Arts include the Million Minute Marathon, a Door Decorating Contest and the school wide "Quick Write" in addition to other daily events.

Home education tests

From staff reports

Home Education students are eligible to take state mandated assessment tests with the Columbia County School District at no charge.

If you are interested in participating in this administration, please contact the Home Education office at 758-4935 or by email to simmons@columbiak12.com

Deadlines as follow:

FCAT Writing – January 31, 2014

FCAT Reading, Math, Science and End of Course Exams (EOC) – March 7, 2014.

Information on the site and daily schedule will be determined prior to the administration of testing and sent to you in written form.



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Indians on point

Fort White remains undefeated in non-tourney games



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A Santa Fe High defender crowds Fort White High's Qarin Porter as he gets ready to shoot the ball during Friday night's game.

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

Fort White High has positioned its basketball team for another exciting playoff conclusion to the 2013-2014 basketball season.

The Indians are undefeated in the regular season, despite falling in two tournament contests.

With a 14-2 record and only a few weeks remaining in the regular season, the Indians are trying to close out what is arguably the best two year run in the school's history.

The Indians have another full slate of games on their hands this week beginning with Suwannee High at home at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Fort White closes the week with a couple of road games beginning at Interlachen High at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and concluding with Keystone Heights High at 7 p.m. on Friday.

The most important game left on the schedule comes on Jan. 23, however, when the Indians travel to P.K. Yonge for a game that could decide the District 5-4A's top seed in the district tournament.

Fort White has a 14-2 record with an undefeated 8-0 mark in district play. P.K. Yonge is 6-1 in the district. The Wave's only

district loss come at the hands of Fort White and P.K. Yonge sports a 12-5 record on the year.

Last week, the Indians put together one of their most impressive performances of the season with an 84-41 victory against Melody Christian before closing the week out with a 68-63 win against Santa Fe High.

"We are playing well," Fort White head coach Isiah Phillips said. "We're playing a lot smarter and more disciplined than we have. That's how we have to play heading into the end of the season."

Melton Sanders led all scorers against Melody Christian with 22 points in the contest. Christian Hazel had 10 points and Chris Cottrell had eight points.

Qarin Porter had 23 points to lead the Indians against the Raiders. Sanders had 17 points, Jalen Wyche had 15 points and Paul Perry added 10 points.

Phillips knows that the Indians have to continue playing at this level throughout the rest of the season if the Indians are going to make a run in the playoffs.

Fort White will have a good warmup for the playoffs with a trio of tough teams over the last few weeks.

"We have Suwannee,

P.K. Yonge and Columbia," Phillips said. "We have to play our smartest to beat these teams or even make it competitive. I'm pleased with the way we were playing over the last few weeks and see how important that is."

Although the Indians have clinched the top seed in the District 5-4A tournament, Fort White is close to closing out the chase.

"We haven't lost a district game, and P.K. Yonge is the closest to us," Phillips said. "We have to beat them again at their place. The key is being more disciplined and executing in our offensive sets. We can't just go out there and freelance."

Phillips said a lot of times this season the Indians have done a lot without playing disciplined basketball.

"We're relying more on athletic ability," Phillips said. "We have to be able to run our sets when the teams are evenly matched. We have to go out and execute."

The good news is that the Indians are still learning and their hard work is paying off.

"They're showing effort," Phillips said. "They're playing hard and with a lot of focus. That's our main thing, we have to continue to play with a focus."

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ESPN — Wisconsin at Indiana
ESPN2 — Oklahoma at Kansas St.
FS1 — St. John's at DePaul

9 p.m.
ESPN — Kentucky at Arkansas
FS1 — Butler at Creighton

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m.
NBCSN — Philadelphia at Buffalo

TENNIS

9 p.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, second round, at Melbourne, Australia

3 a.m.
ESPN2 — Australian Open, second round, at Melbourne, Australia

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday

Indianapolis 45, Kansas City 44
New Orleans 26, Philadelphia 24

Sunday

San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
San Francisco 23, Green Bay 20

Conference Championships

Sunday

New England at Denver, 3 p.m. (CBS)
San Francisco at Seattle, 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

AP Top 25

Record	Pts	Prv
1. Arizona (61)	17-01,621	1
2. Syracuse (4)	16-01,560	2
3. Wisconsin	16-01,482	4
4. Michigan St.	15-11,442	5
5. Wichita St.	17-01,300	6
6. Villanova	15-11,289	8
7. Florida	13-21,205	10
8. Iowa St.	14-11,048	9
9. Oklahoma St.	14-21,046	11
10. San Diego St.	14-11,020	13

11. Ohio St.	15-2	979	3
12. Baylor	13-2	952	7
13. Kentucky	12-3	912	14
14. Iowa	14-3	831	20
15. Kansas	11-4	686	18
16. UMass	14-1	579	19
17. Memphis	12-3	536	24
18. Louisville	14-3	525	12
19. Cincinnati	15-2	405	—
20. Creighton	14-2	329	—
21. Colorado	14-3	328	15
22. Pittsburgh	15-1	299	—
23. Duke	12-4	193	16
24. Saint Louis	15-2	148	—
25. Oklahoma	13-3	103	—
25. UCLA	13-3	103	—

Others receiving votes: Missouri 42, Oregon 39, UConn 35, Kansas St. 25, Gonzaga 17, Michigan 11, California 10, Virginia 6, Louisiana Tech 5, Harvard 3, Illinois 3, New Mexico 3, Xavier 3, George Washington 2.

NBA schedule

Sunday's Games

Sacramento 124, Cleveland 80
Memphis 108, Atlanta 101
San Antonio 104, Minnesota 86

Tuesday's Games

Sacramento at Indiana, 7 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Rodriguez dealt most severe punishment in baseball history

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez was dealt the most severe punishment in the history of baseball's drug agreement when an arbitrator ruled the New York Yankees third baseman is suspended for the entire 2014 season as a result of a drug investigation by Major League Baseball.

The decision by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz on Saturday cut the suspension issued Aug. 5 by baseball Commissioner Bud Selig from 211 games to this year's entire 162-game regular-season schedule plus any postseason games. The three-time American League Most Valuable Player will lose just over

\$22 million of his \$25 million salary.

Rodriguez vowed to continue his fight in federal court to reverse the decision.

"It's virtually impossible. The arbitration will stand. I think it's almost inconceivable that a federal court would overturn it," said former baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent, a graduate of Yale Law School. "The arbitration is itself an appeal from the commissioner's judgment. How many appeals do you go to?"

Rodriguez is the most high-profile player ensnared by baseball's drug rules, which were first agreed to in 2002 as management and union attempted to combat the use of steroids and other performance-enhanc-

ing drugs. In sustaining more than three-quarters of Selig's initial penalty, Horowitz's decision will be widely viewed as a victory for the 79-year-old Selig, who has ruled baseball since 1992 and says he intends to retire in January 2015.

A 14-time All-Star, Rodriguez has been baseball's highest-paid player under a \$275 million, 10-year contract. He has spent parts of the last six seasons on the disabled list and will be 39 years old when he is eligible to return to the field in 2015. He is signed with the Yankees through the 2017 season.

Rodriguez admitted five years ago he used performance-enhancing drugs while with Texas.

Brady-Manning, division rivalry spice up title games

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.

Associated Press

Familiar foes. Rivalry showdowns.

Talk about a couple of juicy title-game tussles.

It's Peyton Manning vs. Tom Brady — Round 15 — in the AFC championship game next Sunday, while the San Francisco 49ers square off against the Seattle Seahawks in the NFC title bout.

Yep, here we go again. With a Super Bowl trip on the line.

"It's the Broncos versus the Patriots and certainly Tom and I have played against each other a lot," Manning said, "but when you get to the AFC championship, it's about two good teams that have been through a lot to get there."

Manning helped lead Denver past the San Diego Chargers 24-17 on Sunday, setting up another meeting with Brady and New England, which beat Indianapolis 43-22 on Saturday night. The Broncos (14-3) opened as 6½-point favorites for the game at Denver.

"That's two of the greats," Denver wide receiver Eric Decker said. "It's going to be talked about a lot throughout the week."

Manning and Brady have squared off 14 times throughout their careers, with the Patriots quarter-

back holding a 10-4 edge in the head-to-head matchup, including a 34-31 overtime victory in November. They each have a win against the other in the AFC championship game: Brady in the 2003 playoffs and Manning in the 2006 postseason with Indianapolis.

And the winner went on to win the Super Bowl each time.

But, it's not necessarily the same old story this time around. Both the Broncos and Patriots have been win-

ning with balanced offenses, relying not only on the strong arms of their record-breaking quarterbacks but also on their running games.

Manning was 25 of 36 for 230 yards and two TDs, but the Broncos controlled the clock on the ground. After gaining just 18 yards against San Diego last month, the Broncos ran for 133 yards, including 82 by Knowshon Moreno, whose 3-yard TD run put them ahead 24-7 with 8:12 left.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SCABI

GEO SO

TINVEA

TALNEY

Ans: "SCABIN - GEORGE - TINEVA - TALENY"

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIANO GRIPE FAMILY MIFFED

Answer: The imitation Velcro was a — RIP-OFF

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



The eggplants look great on maple. THE FURNITURE BUILDER GREW A GARDEN SO THAT HE COULD DISPLAY HIS

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

ACROSS

- 1 Plaything
- 4 Collects maple sap
- 8 Hassock
- 12 One of the Gabors
- 13 At any time
- 14 Besides
- 15 Cattle owners
- 17 Soothsayer
- 18 Pond scum
- 19 Oak-to-be
- 20 Spelling contest
- 22 Numerical prefix
- 23 Influence
- 26 Concerning (2 wds.)
- 28 — Kilmer of films
- 31 Mr. Wiesel
- 32 Ally opposite
- 33 Meadow browser
- 34 Wheel buy (2 wds.)
- 35 Monastic title

DOWN

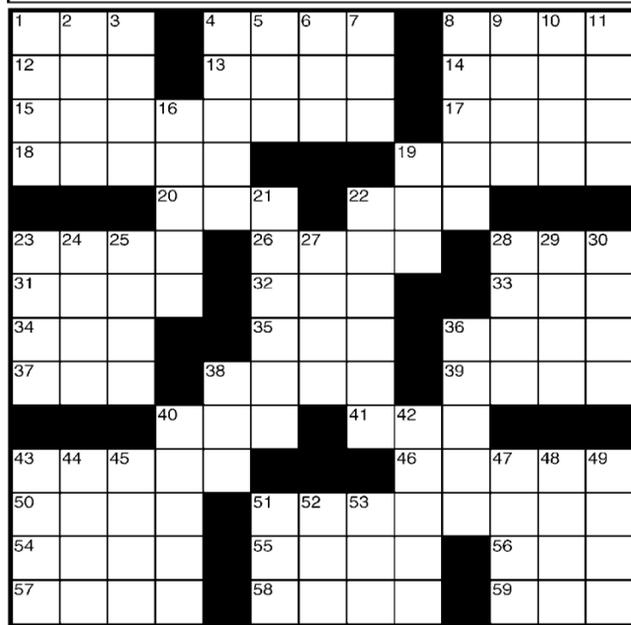
- 1 Trillion: Prefix
- 2 Somewhat circular
- 3 Yin complement
- 4 Snicker (hyph.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- 5 Forum hello
- 6 Part of mpg
- 7 Near-grads
- 8 "Goodfellas" actor
- 9 Fridge tub
- 10 Internet surfer
- 11 Plant without seed
- 16 Hawser
- 19 Exist
- 21 Tower designer
- 22 Escalator parts
- 23 Potting medium
- 24 Humerus neighbor
- 25 Perjurer
- 27 Ms. Ephron
- 28 Nix
- 29 Struck silent
- 30 Brenda and Bruce
- 36 Take — —!
- 38 Solo of "Star Wars"
- 40 Carried
- 42 Yielded
- 43 Brad, e.g.
- 44 Swimming pool loc.
- 45 Peer
- 47 Orchidlike blossom
- 48 Guitar part
- 49 CFL's — Cup
- 51 Mo. units
- 52 Pleased sigh
- 53 "Science Guy"

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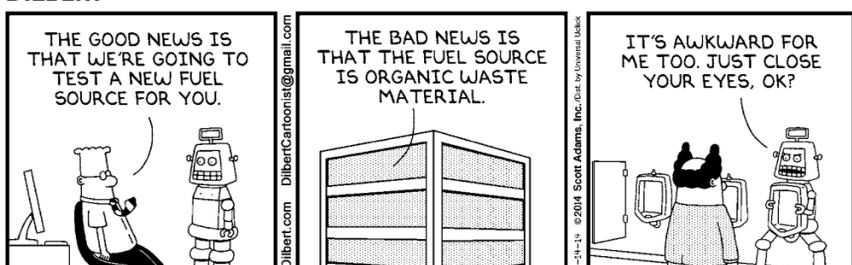
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TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 14, 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)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)	The Goldbergs (N)	(-31) Trophy Wife	Killer Women "Some Men Need Killing"	News at 11	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
4-IND	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) ☼	1964: American Experience	The United States in 1964. (N) ☼	NCIS Tracking one of Parsa's cohorts.	NCIS: Los Angeles "Allegiance" (N)	Frontline North Korea's Kim Jong-Un.	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (N)		
7-CBS	7	47	Action News Jax	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy ☼	Two and Half Men	1964: American Experience	The United States in 1964. (N) ☼	NCIS: Los Angeles "Allegiance" (N)	TMZ (N) ☼	Access Hollywood	The Office ☼	The Office ☼	
9-CW	9	17	Meet the Browns	Meet the Browns	House of Payne	House of Payne	The Originals "The Casket Girls" (N)	Supernatural "Road Trip" (N) ☼	The Mindy Project	News	Modern Family	Two and Half Men		
10-FOX	10	30	Be a Millionaire	Be a Millionaire	Modern Family	The Simpsons	Dads (N)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine	New Girl (N)	The Mindy Project	News	Modern Family	Two and Half Men	
12-NBC	12	12	News	NBC Nightly News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Biggest Loser	Training at the Utah Olympic Park. (N) ☼	Chicago Fire "Out With a Bang" (N)	Chicago Fire "Out With a Bang" (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.	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.	Key Capitol Hill Hearings Speeches.	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	**** "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" (1982) Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼	Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼	Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼	Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼	Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼	Henry Thomas, Dee Wallace. A California boy befriends a homesick alien. ☼		
TVLAND	17	106	304	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	Andy Griffith Show	(-12) The Andy Griffith Show ☼	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Kirstie ☼	The Exes ☼
OWN	18	189	279	Iyanla, Fix My Life ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	The Haves and the Have Nots ☼	
A&E	19	118	265	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Andrew Mayne	Andrew Mayne
HALL	20	185	312	The Good Wife "Silly Season" ☼	The Good Wife "Real Deal" ☼	The Good Wife "Net Worth" ☼	The Good Wife "Silver Bullet" ☼	The Good Wife "Silver Bullet" ☼	The Good Wife "Silver Bullet" ☼	The Good Wife "Silver Bullet" ☼	Frasier ☼	Frasier ☼	Frasier ☼	Frasier ☼
FX	22	136	248	How I Met/Mother	Two and Half Men	Two and Half Men	*** "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (2011, Science Fiction) James Franco, Freida Pinto.	James Franco, Freida Pinto.	James Franco, Freida Pinto.	James Franco, Freida Pinto.	Justified "The Kids Aren't All Right" (N)	(-02) Justified	Justified	
CNN	24	200	202	Situation Room	(-28) Crossfire (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N) ☼	Piers Morgan Live (N) (Live)	Piers Morgan Live (N) (Live)	Piers Morgan Live (N) (Live)	AC 360 Later (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront	Erin Burnett OutFront	
TNT	25	138	245	Castle "A Death in the Family"	Castle "Deep in Death" (DVS)	Castle "Deep in Death" (DVS)	Castle Castle bets with Esposito.	Castle "Inventing the Girl"	Castle "Inventing the Girl"	Castle "Inventing the Girl"	Castle An Arctic explorer dies.	The Mentalist ☼	The Mentalist ☼	
NIK	26	170	299	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Sam & Cat ☼	Every Witch Way	Full House ☼	Full House ☼	Full House ☼	Full House ☼	Full House ☼	Friends ☼	(-36) Friends ☼
SPIKE	28	168	241	(5:25) *** "The Butterfly Effect" (2004) Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart. Premiere.	Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart. Premiere.	Ashton Kutcher, Amy Smart. Premiere.	*** "The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" (2006, Action) Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.	Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.	Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.	Lucas Black, Zachery Ty Bryan.	** "The Butterfly Effect" (2004) Ashton Kutcher.	** "The Butterfly Effect" (2004) Ashton Kutcher.	** "The Butterfly Effect" (2004) Ashton Kutcher.	
MY-TV	29	32	-	The Rifleman	The Rifleman	M*A*S*H ☼	M*A*S*H ☼	Bones A killer buries his victims alive.	Bones	Bones	Seinfeld ☼	Taxi ☼	The Twilight Zone	Perry Mason ☼
DISN	31	172	290	Jessie ☼	Austin & Ally ☼	A.N.T. Farm ☼	Good Luck Charlie	Austin & Ally ☼	Austin & Ally ☼	Austin & Ally ☼	Wander-Yonder	A.N.T. Farm ☼	Jessie ☼	Austin & Ally ☼
LIFE	32	108	252	Kim of Queens ☼	Dance Moms Chloe and Kendall battle.	Dance Moms Chloe and Kendall battle.	Dance Moms Cares Special (N) ☼	Dance Moms "Abby Strikes Back" (N)	Dance Moms "Abby Strikes Back" (N)	Dance Moms "Abby Strikes Back" (N)	Kim of Queens "Angie Goes Rogue"	(-01) Dance Moms Cares Special	(-01) Dance Moms Cares Special	
USA	33	105	242	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	
BET	34	124	229	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)	*** "Why Did I Get Married?" (2007) Tyler Perry. Eight married friends grapple with commitment and betrayal.	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Oklahoma at Kansas State. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Oklahoma at Kansas State. (N)	College Basketball Oklahoma at Kansas State. (N)	Being Mary Jane "Girls Night In" (N)	Being Mary Jane "Girls Night In" (N)	Being Mary Jane "Girls Night In" (N)	
ESPN	35	140	206	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☼		
ESPN2	36	144	209	SportsNation (N) ☼	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	College Basketball Wisconsin at Indiana. (N)	SportsNation (N) ☼	SportsNation (N) ☼		
SUNSP	37	-	-	Extreme Sailing Lightning Live!	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Rangers. (N Subject to Blackout)	Lightning Live!	Lightning Live!	2012 XTERRA USA Championship	
DISCV	38	182	278	Moonshiners Tim reaches a milestone.	Moonshiners "Bootlegging Blowups"	Moonshiners "Outlaw Cuts" (N) ☼	Moonshiners (N) ☼	Moonshiners (N) ☼	Moonshiners (N) ☼	Moonshiners (N) ☼	Moonshiners "Secret Summit 1" (N)	Moonshiners "Secret Summit 1" (N)	Moonshiners ☼	
TBS	39	139	247	Seinfeld ☼	Seinfeld ☼	Seinfeld ☼	Family Guy ☼	Family Guy ☼	Family Guy ☼	Family Guy ☼	Cougar Town (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N) ☼	
HLN	40	202	204	Showbiz Tonight	Jane Velez-Mitchell (N)	Jane Velez-Mitchell (N)	Nancy Grace (N)	Dr. Drew on Call (N)	Dr. Drew on Call (N)	Dr. Drew on Call (N)	What Would You Do?	Hannity (N)	Showbiz Tonight	
FNC	41	205	360	Special Report With Bret Baier (N)	On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren	On the Record W/Greta Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor (N) ☼	The Kelly File (N)	The Kelly File (N)	The Kelly File (N)	Hannity (N)	Hannity (N)	The O'Reilly Factor ☼	
E!	45	114	236	(4:30) *** "The American President"	E! News (N)	E! News (N)	Fashion Police	Keeping Up With the Kardashians	Keeping Up With the Kardashians	Keeping Up With the Kardashians	Chelsea Lately (N) E! News	Chelsea Lately (N) E! News		
TRAVEL	46	196	277	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Man v. Food ☼	Man v. Food ☼	Bizarre Foods America ☼	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern	Bizarre Foods America "Iowa" ☼	Bizarre Foods America "Iowa" ☼		
HGTV	47	112	229	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	Property Virgins	House Hunters (N) Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Beat the House (N) Beat the House (N)	
TLC	48	183	280	Sister Wives "Odd Wife Out" ☼	Escaping the Prophet ☼	Escaping the Prophet ☼	My 600-Lb. Life "Zsalyani's Story"	My 600-Lb. Life "Olivia's Story" (N)	My 600-Lb. Life "Olivia's Story" (N)	My 600				

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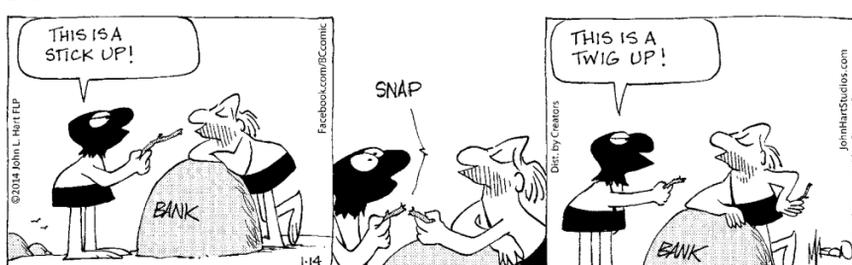
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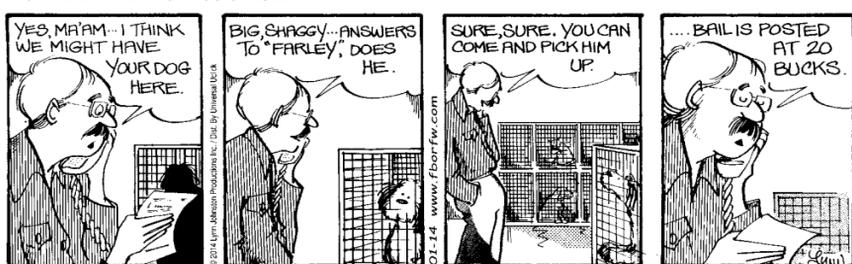
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FOR BETTER OR WORSE



DEAR ABBY

Grandmother deserves to know her secret great-granddaughter



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My family has been keeping a secret from my grandmother. I have a 17-month-old daughter that she doesn't know exists. I wanted to tell my grandma from the start about her great-granddaughter (her first), but I am afraid to. My family thinks that telling her will cause too much stress on her. NO one in the family takes my feelings into consideration. I think my grandmother should know she's a great-grandma. The problem is, I don't know how to tell her. She's 90 years old. I'm afraid if I say something now, it really MIGHT be too stressful for her. Also, I'm afraid that if I reveal this secret, it will start a family feud. I want a relationship with my grandma like I used to have. I cry every time I talk to her on the phone because I have to lie to her about my day-to-day life and why I can't come to see her. I am really starting to resent my family. Please help. — SECRET MOMMY IN NEVADA

DEAR ABBY: I'm in my 70s, married for 50 years. I worked outside the home for many years and earned retirement benefits. There have been many ups and downs in my life, for me personally as well as for members of my family. Of course, there have been good times, too. I feel blessed. All my life I have been the "go-to girl" for my family as a daughter, sister, wife, mother and aunt for help or advice. I love them, but I'm tired. How do I retire my "crown" — which has been overwhelming at times — without hurting or alienating anyone? There seem to be so many problems and only one of me. Many times I have felt stretched too thin, but now my health and energy are no longer what they once were. I'm reasonably healthy, but I'm very tired.

I value my Judeo-Christian belief of "doing unto others." Am I being selfish? — GO-TO GIRL IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR GO-TO GIRL: Your mind and body are trying to tell you something important. I hope you will pay attention before your health suffers because it could if you don't start drawing the line. There is nothing selfish or wrong about saying: "I love you, but I can't help you. I can't because I'm at a point in my life where I can't handle stress like I used to." And if the person doesn't get it, you should repeat it. DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend who I have been friends with for years. However, there is one thing I can't stand about her. It's her vulgar language. Every sentence that comes out of her mouth includes the F-word. She's not a soft-spoken individual, so others can hear her. It embarrasses me and makes me not want to be around her in public. How can I tell her she embarrasses me when she talks that way? — SOFT-SPOKEN FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: Tell her in exactly the way you told me. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Prepare for the unexpected. Don't make impulsive moves when thought and planning are required. Size up your situation, look at your opponent or dilemma, and make simple moderate alterations to counter any diversion. Set a standard and stick to it. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A community event will bring you closer to someone you share the same interests with. You will learn a great deal from someone with experience and clout. A partnership will develop with someone responsible. Stick to the truth. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Say what's on your mind. You may face opposition, but at least you will know where you stand and who your allies are. Once you establish your position, it will be easier for you to follow through with your plans. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotional issues will mount, making it important to reveal your feelings and clear the air before situations get blown out of proportion. Re-evaluate your position and make the changes that will help you move forward. Leave the past alone. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fear change-

ing your mind if you are offered an opportunity. Talks will lead to change, and change will help you finish what's holding you back. Altering your surroundings will do you good and help you establish your direction. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take a break; a little pampering and self-indulgence will do you good. Self-improvements and socializing with your favorite person will make this a day to remember. Keep things simple and enjoy life's little pleasures. Reflect and move forward. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Finish what you start or take a pass. Avoid meddling and confrontations. Stick to your priorities, not what someone else wants you to do. Use your quick wit and intelligence to make improvements and help you build stronger ties. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll learn a lot if you establish your position within your community. Participating in events that involve your friends, family or cultural background will open doors of communication that will help you make decisions that can improve your life. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Face emotional issues and deal with matters that have been holding you back or keeping you from doing what you know in your heart is the best thing for you. Clear up the past and make a point to secure what you want. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Frustration and anger will lead to setbacks. Think your strategy through and make your decision based on what you know is true and how you want to handle any consequences or turmoil that arise. Staying calm and being understanding will help. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Voice your thoughts. You may face some negativity, but that will help you fine-tune what you want to do. Put your heart into a personal project that can help benefit you or someone you love. Taking action will make a statement. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What you offer others will help you out in business and financial concerns, but don't expect loved ones or someone who counts on you personally to understand your strategy. Keep the peace at home but don't miss out on a good deal. ★★

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.

" N J X J A P S N I Z H Z R B H B V S T T Z V Z V , P S N I Z H Z R B F J U H D X B A C H Z V C L Z W W N J U X D X N I J A R D T M S G D I D C X . " — X Z W V J X H D X N Z W D

Previous Solution: "Brother, I will miss you very much. Heaven has gained a new angel. Rest in peace." — Vin Diesel on Paul Walker's death

TODAY'S CLUE: P equals J

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Legal

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CIVIL ACTION CASE NO.: 12 2012 CA 000709 DIVISION: DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2006-QS6, Plaintiff,

vs. AARON RAINBOLT, et al, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Mortgage Foreclosure dated December 19, 2013 and entered in Case No. 12 2012 CA 000709 of the Circuit Court of the THIRD Judicial Circuit in and for COLUMBIA County, Florida wherein DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS AS TRUSTEE FOR RALI 2006-QS6 is the Plaintiff and AARON RAINBOLT; ANDREA RAINBOLT; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INCORPORATED AS NOMINEE FOR SUNTRUST MORTGAGE, INC.; are the Defendants, The Clerk of the Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at FRONT STEPS OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE at 11:00AM, on the 22nd day of January, 2014, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment:

LOT 17, BLOCK B, OF SOUTHWOOD MEADOWS, UNIT II, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 84, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. A/K/A 230 SW ERIN GLEN, LAKE CITY, FL 32024

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at 3301 East Tamiami Trail, Building L, Naples, Florida 33962, telephone (813) 774-8124; 1-800-955-8771 (TDD), or 1-800-955-8770 (v), via Florida Relay Service, not later than seven (7) days prior to this proceeding.

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of this Court on December 23, 2013. P. DeWitt Cason Clerk of the Circuit Court By: /s/ B. Scippio Deputy Clerk

05542727
January 7, 14, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION CASE NO. 12-2013-CA-000168-CAAX-MX CU MEMBERS MORTGAGE, A DIVISION OF COLONIAL SAVINGS, F.A., Plaintiff,

vs. LORA MICHELLE JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORA MICHELLE JACKSON; MELVIN T. JACKSON; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MELVIN T. JACKSON; IF LIVING, INCLUDING ANY UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAID DEFENDANT(S), IF REMARRIED, AND IF DECEASED, THE RESPECTIVE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, CREDITORS, LIENORS, AND TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE NAMED DEFENDANT(S); UNKNOWN TENANT #1; UNKNOWN TENANT #2; Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SALE Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above-styled cause, in the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, I will sell the property situated in Columbia county, Florida, described as:

the South 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Lot 29, NORTHWEST DIVISION, CITY OF LAKE CITY, less and except any part recorded in Official Records Book 55, Page 82, of the Public Records of Columbia County, Florida A/K/A

600 NW Alma Ave Lake City, FL 32055 at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, West door of the Columbia County Courthouse, 145 N. Hernando Street, Lake City, FL 32056 at 11:00 AM on February 5, 2014.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you are a person with a disability who requires accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, the provision of certain assistance. Individuals with a disability who require special accommodations in order to participate in a court proceeding should contact the ADA Coordinator, 173 NE Hernando Ave, Room 408, Lake City, FL 32055, (386) 719-7428, within two (2) business days of receipt of notice to appear.

Individuals who are hearing impaired should call (800) 955-8771. Individuals who are voice impaired should call (800) 955-8770.

Witness, my hand and seal of this court on the 23 day of December, 2013. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT By: /s/ B. Scippio Deputy Clerk

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January 7, 14, 2014

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO. 13-000335-CA FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, a Banking corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, f/k/a FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

vs. CHRISTOPHER J. CURRY, HEATHER R. CURRY, AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT, a subsidiary of AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE CORPORATION, a corporation organized under the laws of the United States of America, and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ET AL., Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that P. DEWITT CASON, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida, will on the 19th day of February 2014, at 11:00 a.m. in the Columbia County courthouse, Courtroom 1, 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, in the City of Lake City, Florida 32055 offer for sale and sell to public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 4, Southwood Acres Unit 4, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, page 7, public records of Columbia County, Florida. Pursuant to the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in a case pending in said court, the style of which is as set out above, and the docket number of which is 13-000335-CA. Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Court, this 26th day of December 2013.

P. DEWITT CASON Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia County, Florida By: /s/ B. Scippio Deputy Clerk 05542747
January 14, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No.: 13-290-CP Division PROBATE IN RE: ESTATE OF DANIEL ARTHUR GROH, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of DANIEL ARTHUR GROH, deceased, whose date of death was November 10, 2013, is pending in the Circuit Court for Columbia County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 173 NE Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's Estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

The date of first publication of this notice is January 14, 2014.

Personal Representative: DAVID R. GROH 723 NW Union Park Road Wellborn, FL 32094 Attorney for Personal Representative:

MATTHEW C. MITCHELL FBN: 0028155 Brannon, Brown, Haley & Bullock, P.A. P. O. Box 1029 Lake City, FL 32056-1029 Tele: (386) 752-3213 mcm@bbattorneys.com

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January 14, 21, 2014

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO.: 2013 CA 000022 FIRST FEDERAL BANK OF FLORIDA, A FEDERALLY CHARTERED SAVINGS BANK Plaintiff,

vs. CANDACE BANKS A/K/A CANDACE M. BANKS A/K/A CANDACE MARIE BANKS A/K/A CANDACE DIAZ A/K/A CANDACE M. DIAZ; GARY D. BANKS; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CANDACE BANKS A/K/A CANDACE M. BANKS A/K/A CANDACE MARIE BANKS A/K/A CANDACE DIAZ A/K/A CANDACE M. DIAZ; UNKNOWN TENANT 1 IN POSSESSION and TENANT 2 IN POSSESSION Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Plaintiff's Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on December 19, 2013, in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on January 29, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., on the third floor of the Columbia County Courthouse at 173 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055, the following described property:

LOT 16, UNIT 2 OF CARTER'S ACRES SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THERE-

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OF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 5, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA. THESE MOBILE HOME TITLES (have been or will be) RETIRED WITH FLORIDA DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES ACCORDING TO FLORIDA STATUTES 319.261 AND HEREAFTER ALWAYS A PART OF THIS REAL PROPERTY

1979 STAT DOUBLEWIDE MOBILEHOME WITH VIN # GDWWSGA36782824A/824B Property Address: 586 NW Falling Creek Road, Lake City, FL 32055 ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY, OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEED ACCOMMODATION TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD CALL THE ADA COORDINATOR, P.O. BOX 1569, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32056, 386-719-7248, WITHIN TWO (2) WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING IMPAIRED CALL (800) 955-8771; IF YOU ARE VOICE IMPAIRED CALL (800) 955-8770. Dated December 23, 2013. P. DEWITT CASON, CLERK By: /s/ B. Scippio Deputy Clerk

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January 7, 14, 2014

020 Lost & Found

BROWN & Black Nursing Beagle seen on HWY 100 ran south into the woods between Lulu & Rd 239 January 7, 14, 2014

LOST POCKETBOOK. Please return the billfold with ID cards to the rightful owner, finder can leave it on the porch.

100 Job Opportunities

Maintenance Position Opportunity to work Full time at a upscale hotel. Great working environment. **MUST be dependable, team player, have strong work ethic, and able to work a flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.** Experience preferred. Knowledge of plumbing, pool maintenance, painting, landscaping, less skilled carpentry, etc would be an asset. Own tools are preferred but not required. **Only those seeking long term employment apply in person between 11.00 am-5.00pm at Comfort Suites 3690 W US HWY 90.** (Beside Bob Evans). Please do not call the hotel regarding your application.

20 Temp Farm Workers needed 2/03/14-9/25/14. Workers will perform various tasks involved in planting, thinning, pruning, cultivating & harvesting fruit according to supervisor's instructions. 3 months verifiable experience pruning fruit bearing trees. Random drug testing at employer's expense. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. All tools, supplies, & equipment provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract, or earlier if appropriate. Worksites in Gloucester Co. NJ. \$10.87/hr. Applicants report or send a resume to the nearest FL Agency of Workforce Innovations office or call 386-755-9026 & reference job order # NJ0887927. DeEugenio & Sons - Glassboro, NJ

18 Temp Farm workers needed 2/17/14-12/15/14. Workers will plant, cultivate, & harvest soybeans, corn, cotton, pecans & peanuts. Guaranteed 3/4 o contract hours. Tools, supplies, equip. provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract; or earlier if appropriate. Pay rate \$9.50/hr for MS \$9.78/hr for AL depending on location of crop activity. Subject to random drug testing at employer's expense. Worksites in George Co. MS & Mobile Co. AL. Report or send a resume to the nearest FL Agency of Workforce Innovations office & ref. job order #1181243 or call 386-755-9026. Driskell Cotton Farm - Grand Bay, AL

EXPERIENCED SEWING machine operator, very good wages with experience Hafner's 386-755-6481

LOOKING FOR Class A drivers with experience in hauling logs. Call 904-964-4500.

Mechanic/Leadman with truck experience needed. Excellent pay package. Southern Specialized 752-9754

Coordinator for XCEL-IT TAACCCT program wanted at North Florida Community College, Madison FL. See www.nfcc.edu for details.

100 Job Opportunities

Overdevest Nurseries, LP Bridgeton, NJ

55 Nursery Workers Needed Individuals with at least three months of recent (within past 10 yrs), verifiable, and positive nursery or other production agriculture experience. Those lacking direct nursery experience will need to demonstrate familiarity with a range of proper plant names and sufficient knowledge of plant identification so as to accurately and timely pull orders for delivery trucks. Must be capable of frequent lifting of plants up to 50 lbs. (occasionally heavier with assistance) and willing to do other assignments. Employment is temporary from February 17 to December 6, 2014 with pay rate of \$10.87 per hour (subject to increase as may be required by law)

Hours: M-F 7:00 to 5:00 pm, Sat 7:00 to 12:00 noon with extra hours during busy periods. All work is in the Bridgeton, NJ area. All required tools provided at no cost. For non-commuting workers, company provided housing is available. In bound travel and subsistence expenses reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the contract period. Guarantee offer of _ of contract hours to those who complete season. Additional benefits may be available after continued employment.

Interested applicants should contact: Florida Agency of Workforce Innovation Office of Workforce Services Alien Labor Certification Program Caldwell Building, MSCG 300 107 East Madison Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-4140 (850) 921-3466 Attn:H-2A Coordinator Job Order #NJ0889852 or the One-Stop Career Center in Vineland, New Jersey (856) 696-6600.

8 TEMP Nursery Workers needed 2/17/14-11/24/14. Workers will plant, cultivate, harvest, prune, propagate, grade, store, & ship container & field grown horticultural products. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. 3 Months verifiable experience working in a diverse production nursery. Tools, supplies, equip. provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers.

Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract, or earlier if appropriate. \$11.74/hr. Worksites in Painesville, OH. Random drug testing at employer's expense. Report or send a resume to the nearest FL Agency of Workforce Innovations office & ref. job order # 2739900 or call 386-755-9026. Penn-Ohio Wholesale - Painesville, OH

11 TEMP Farm Workers needed 2/15/14-12/15/14. Workers will plant, cultivate, & harvest: cotton, peanuts, pecans, corn, rice, hay & wheat. Guaranteed 3/4 of contract hours. Work tools, supplies, equip. provided at no cost. Free housing provided for non-commuting workers. Transportation & subsistence reimbursed to worker upon completion of 50% of contract, or earlier if appropriate.

Random drug testing at employer's expense. \$9.78/hr for AL & \$9.50/hr for MS. Worksites in Mobile Co. AL & Jackson, George Co. MS. Report or send a resume to the nearest FL Agency of Workforce Innovations office or call 386-755-9026 & ref. job order #1177448. Seward Farms, Shumock Farms, Darryl Miller Nursery, Tanner Farms, Thornburg Farms.

Whack - A -Do now hiring Stylist. Full time/Part time Hourly pay + commission. No Clientel needed. Full Service or Just Hair Cuts. Contact Darlene. 386-984-6738

120 Medical Employment

Experienced part time biller for Gastroenterology Office needed. Experience in Gastroenterology and Procedures need apply. Email resume to bwhite@gastroenterologyassociates.comcomcastbiz.net.

LPN NEEDED, day position. Send resume to: Debbie Brannon, Admin., 1580 S Marion Ave, Lake City FL 32025

240 Schools & Education

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

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE Florida Law 828.29 requires dogs and cats being sold to be at least 8 weeks old and have a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian documenting they have mandatory shots and are free from intestinal and external parasites. Many species of wildlife must be licensed by Florida Fish and Wildlife. If you are unsure, contact the local office for information.

408 Furniture

2 TWIN beds complete with bedding \$300 386-752-9361

420 Wanted to Buy

K&H TIMBER We Buy Pine Hardwood & Cypress. Large or small tracts. Call 386-288-6875.

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