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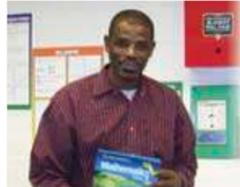
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SUNDAY EDITION

'Career Closet' clothes students for interviews. **IC**



Mike Reid teaches math for everyday life. **ID**



Retiring principal may have to quit council

By AMANDA WILLIAMSON
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As Niblack Elementary School principal Melinda Moses retires, she faces a bureaucratic complication that could cause her to resign from the Lake City City Council.



Moses

'There's so much work that we've already started, and I just don't want to leave at this time.'

—Melinda Moses

Under current law, Moses cannot collect her monthly retirement benefits until she finishes with all Florida Retirement System employment, including as a member of the city council. The law requires she make a major life decision: Fight the law, find another job or resign from city council.

"I don't want to resign," she said. "We're in the middle of something very exciting with the downtown area. ... There's just so many positive things going on in the City of Lake City. There's so much work to do that we've already started, and I just don't want to leave at this time. I'm just not ready."

Moses started working for the school system 40 years ago and entered DROP five years ago. The

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Probe into stolen iPads expands

By STEVEN RICHMOND
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Local detectives are asking for public assistance in the investigation of more than 300 iPads and other personal electronics a Lake City man purchased on his company's dime, according to a CCSO press release.



Robinson

Jerami Michael Robinson, 35, of 251 SE Dan Court, was arrested in September after his employer, Anderson Columbia, noticed several discrepancies on invoices regarding the purchase of iPads and personal computers, CCSO said.

Authorities alleged Robinson worked with a local accomplice to sell the items "both in the immediate area and internationally via the Internet on eBay.com," the release said. "Consequently some of the stolen items purchased on eBay were resold on Amazon.com by a third party order filler."

Robinson was released from jail in October on \$152,000 bond and faces charges of larceny and fraud-swindle. Murray Smith of CCSO said

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NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Reception set for Thursday at First Presbyterian Church

From staff reports | Courtesy photos

Most teachers harbor a work ethic that would rival that of a sports star. However, there are no multi-million dollar contracts given to teachers who come to work early each day to improve children's reading skills. Nor are there endorsement deals when a teacher needs additional classroom supplies.

On Thursday, the Columbia School District will recognize the local teachers who give it their all, when it hosts its annual teacher of the year reception.



Celena Crews



Cherisse Higgs



Shatoya Carodine



Donna Darby

Dorothy S. Spradley, Columbia County School System District Volunteer/Education Marketing Coordinator, said the school district has been involved in the Teacher Of the Year program since 1985, with First Federal Savings Bank as the sponsor.

"The Teacher of the Year nominees are selected by their peers at each school site," she said. "They are representative of the high qualities of all teachers in our district."

Local nominees will be honored at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church when the county hosts its annual teacher of the year ceremony and the teacher of the year is selected.

"It is important to have this recognition program to showcase our nominees and all teachers and to let them know how much we truly appreciate their many contributions, hard work, dedication, selflessness and care they give the students in our schools, in spite of all the recent decreases in our educational budget and additional demands," Spradley said.

Teacher of the year nominees are:

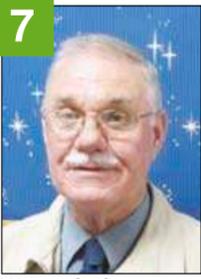
1. Celena Crews
Columbia High School
Current position: Mathematics/ Science/Career & Tech Ed Teacher
Grades: 9-12
Subjects: Mathematics/Science/Tech Ed
Teaching experience: 5.5 years



Vanessa George



Anthony Perry



Wayne Oelfke



Tiara Jernigan



Violet Symonette



Dianna Swisher



Baye Ballew



Kim Williams



Gloria Urban



Delan Cason Etheridge

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Community conversation



AMANDA WILLIAMSON/Lake City Reporter

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Secretary Wansley Walters spoke to a crowd of about 30 people Friday at the Lake City Police Department. According to her, the focus of the Department of Juvenile Justice has shifted to the outlying children who are not benefiting from current prevention techniques. The organization plans to focus its resources on the small percent who may eventually find themselves in the adult system. At right is an unidentified assistant.

Teen struck by car in critical condition

By TONY BRITT
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MCALPIN — A 16-year-old McAlpin teen was critically injured Friday night when he was struck by a car while jogging on Suwannee County Road 252.

Dean Edward Shingola, 16, was taken by helicopter to a Gainesville hospital for treatment of injuries he suffered in the incident. The crash took place at about 7 p.m. Friday at the intersection of County Road 252 and 99th Lane in Suwannee County.

According to information from the Florida Highway Patrol, Dakota Ray Bailes, 17, of

McAlpin, was driving a 2002 Chrysler 300 east on County Road 252 with Jonathan Blake Morris, 20, of Branford, as a passenger.

Shingola was jogging east in the eastbound lane of County Road 252 when he was struck from behind, reports said.

Witness statements indicate Shingola was wearing dark-colored clothing, according to FHP.

After the collision, Bailes' car skidded to a stop facing east. Shingola was thrown forward and came to rest in the west-bound lane.

Charges in connection are pending completion of an FHP investigation, reports said.



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Scripture of the Day

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”
— Deuteronomy 6:3-5

Thought for Today

Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands.
— Anne Frank (1929-1945)

Celebrity Birthdays

Celebrity Birthdays can now be found on the Advice & Puzzles page. Today that's page 3D.

Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Saturday) 6-5-0

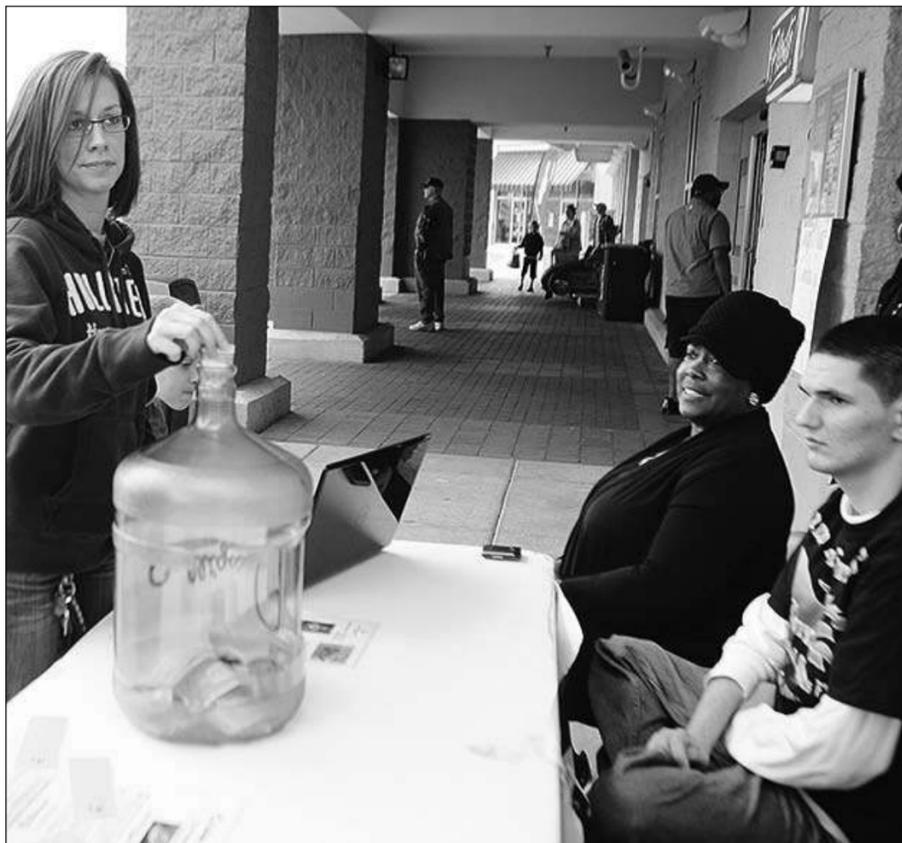
Play 4: (Saturday) 9-1-1-8

Fantasy 5: (Friday) 4-5-9-18-21

Florida Lotto: (Wednesday) 6-13-20-27-29-51 x5

PowerBall: (Wednesday) 11-23-28-32-47-20 x2

Photo of the Day



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Empowering athletes for Special Olympics Florida

Naomi Hewett-Watson makes a donation to Special Olympics Florida outside Publix Supermarket in Lake City on Friday. 'I feel good about donating. Special Olympics is a good cause,' she said. Pictured are Hewett-Watson (from left), caregiver Jackie Hawkins and Special Olympics athlete Shua Moore, 22.

AROUND FLORIDA

FDLE: Agency chemist may have stolen evidence

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Law Enforcement announced Saturday it is investigating 2,600 cases handled by a Pensacola-based agency chemist after discovering dozens of drug cases where prescription pain pills were swapped out with over-the-counter pills. FDLE Commissioner Gerald Bailey said the chemist handled cases involving 80 law enforcement agencies from 35 counties since he was hired in 2006. Most, but not all, of the cases involved testing drug evidence, though it was not immediately clear how many cases might be compromised.

The situation was discovered after Escambia County investigators realized evidence was missing and later found other evidence packages where prescription pills had been substituted with non-prescription pills.

It potentially means drug charges will have to be dropped and prisoners released if it's determined the chemist tampered with evidence, Bailey said. "This has the potential of impacting hundreds of drug

cases across our state," Bailey told reporters. "This is a total shock and a disappointment."

The department is using agents from each of its offices to review all the cases handled by the chemist, who is on paid leave while a criminal investigation. He is not being identified while under investigation, but Bailey said he hopes charges are brought quickly, at which point the chemist will be fired.

The department is contacting state attorneys and law enforcement agencies across the state that have pending cases that could be compromised.

"We are going back and looking at each case that was worked and we are going to the evidence rooms of sheriff's departments and police departments around the state and actually physically looking — especially at the prescription meds — to see if what is in that particular package is in fact a prescription medication and not in fact an over-the-counter calcium tablet," Bailey said.

Bailey said the agency doesn't yet know the motive. The chemist isn't cooperating with the investigation.

"The quantities are large," Bailey said. "It's early in the investigation. We don't know if the individual is a user or a trafficker."

The department is reviewing its drug testing program to try to prevent similar incidents. One idea may be to increase employee drug testing, Bailey said. Right now, employees are drug tested when they are hired, but not again unless they have reason to suspect they are abusing drugs.

Dozen displaced in Tampa apartment fire

TAMPA — More than a dozen people have been displaced after a fire at a Tampa apartment complex.

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue was alerted to the blaze Saturday at about 3 a.m.

Firefighters found heavy flames billowing through the roof. A team went through the building searching for residents. All were safely evacuated.

The Red Cross and Office of Emergency Management are helping assist residents with food, shelter and clothing.

Court rules against judge in Facebook case

DAYTONA BEACH — An appellate court has ruled that a judge was wrong to "friend" on Facebook a woman whose divorce case the judge presided over.

The 5th District Court of Appeal in Daytona Beach last week ruled that Judge Linda Schoonover should not have sent a Facebook friend request to Sandra Chace when the judge was still presiding over Chace's divorce case.

Chace didn't respond to the request on the advice of her attorney. Chace claims the judge retaliated against her by ordering her to pay her ex-husband a high amount of alimony and assume most of the marital debt.

Chace had requested that Schoonover disqualify herself from the case, and the appellate court agreed.

The appellate court said such actions by a judge can undermine the judge's appearance of impartiality.

Meth lab catches fire; girl left home alone

ORANGE CITY — Authorities say a meth lab caught fire while a 9-year-old girl was left home alone.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office has charged Melissa Berry and Jonathan Coburn with child neglect, manufacturing meth, arson and cultivation of cannabis.

Deputies were called to the home near Orange City Friday at about 3:45 p.m.

A neighbor reported seeing white smoke coming from the garage and said it was getting worse.

When deputies arrived, a girl came out of the house and said she had been inside alone. She was taken to a nearby hospital as a precaution but did not sustain any injuries.

A fire marshal detective determined meth lab equipment had caused the fire.

The child was turned over to relatives.

■ Associated Press



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Enjoying Chinese food for the Chinese New Year

Brenda Acevedo tries stuffed Chinese mushrooms at Guangdong Chinese Buffet in the Lake City Mall on Friday. Several authentic Chinese dishes were featured in order to help kick start the Chinese New Year.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

SUPERBOWL HAPPENINGS

Kendrick Lamar, Thicke perform at ESPN party

NEW YORK — Robin Thicke and Kendrick Lamar might be putting in their bids for the 2015 Super Bowl half-time show.

The artists were energetic when they performed Friday night at ESPN's pre-Super Bowl bash at Pier 36 in New York City.

Thicke's performance included the upbeat jams "Give It 2 U," "Magic" and "Blurred Lines," which he closed with and got the audience of a few thousand grooving.

He also slowed it down, playing the piano during "Dreamworld" and standing on top of it. Thicke even sang covers, including Michael Jackson's "Rock With You" and Marvin Gaye's "Let's Stay Together." Thicke is in the midst of a lawsuit with Gaye's children, who say some of his songs, including the hit "Blurred Lines," sound too similar to Gaye's music.

Lamar was also a crowd pleaser, working the stage from left to right and performing hits like "Don't Kill My Vibe" and "Poetic Justice." The audience included a number of celebrities, from Spike Lee to Tim Tebow, Ice-T and Lindsey Vonn with her crutches.

Blige, Legend, Anthony play at Men's Fitness party

NEW YORK — Mary J. Blige, John Legend and Marc Anthony kicked off Super Bowl weekend in style by serenading a celebrity-filled crowd in Manhattan.

Hundreds of New Yorkers and visitors packed into Cipriani's 42nd Street on Friday night for a party sponsored by Shape and Men's Fitness magazines. Tickets cost \$2,500 per person.

Blige opened the show and had many in the crowd ignoring their dinner by the end of her energetic set, which included hits like "I'm Goin' Down," "Good Woman Down" and an impassioned rendition of "No More Drama" that brought the crowd to its feet.

Serenading a swanky Manhattan crowd, Legend said he never thought he'd see the day a Super Bowl came to New York City.

Then he corrected himself: "More accurately, New Jersey." With that, he launched into a song by one of New Jersey's favorite sons Bruce Springsteen: "Dancing in the Dark."

Serena Williams, LeBron James hit up Beats parties

NEW YORK — One Super Bowl party wasn't enough for Beats by Dre.

The headphone company held two events Friday with completely different vibes.

The night began at the intimate Graff Diamonds jewelry store, where Serena Williams, Anthony Mackie, Jerry Stackhouse, Jermaine Dupri and others grooved to a performance by British singer Estelle. They also admired custom-made white headphones encrusted with 1,400 diamonds worth an estimated \$1 million. It stayed safely behind a glass case during the party.

Hours later, a more raucous crowd packed the club Marquee, where LeBron James, Colin Kaepernick, and Victor Cruz were among the revelers. Rick Ross performed his hits for the crowd, and then Kendrick Lamar — who performed earlier at ESPN's party — got on the mic for a bonus performance.

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TEACHER

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2. Cherisse Higgs

Westside Elementary School
Current position: Guidance Counselor
Grades: Pre-kindergarten - fifth grade
Subject: Guidance Counselor
Teaching experience: 6 years

3. Shatoya Carodine

Eastside Elementary School
Current position: Third grade teacher
Grade: Third
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 6 years

4. Donna Darby

Lake City Middle School
Current position: Social Studies/Civics teacher
Grade: Seventh
Subjects: Social Studies/Civics
Teaching experience: 10 years

5. Vanessa George

Challenge Learning Center
Current position: Social Studies teacher
Grades: 6-12
Subject: Social Studies
Teaching experience: 6 years

6. Anthony Perry

Five Points Elementary School
Current position: Fifth grade teacher
Grade: Fifth
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 2 years

7. Wayne Oelfke

Fort White High School
Current position: Agriculture/Technical Agriculture Operations Teacher
Grades: 7-12
Subjects: Agriculture/Technical Agriculture Operations
Teaching experience: 24 years

8. Tiara Jernigan

Richardson Middle School
Current position: Intensive Reading Teacher
Grade: Eighth
Subject: Intensive Reading
Teaching experience: 3 years

9. Violet Symonette

Niblack Elementary School
Current position: Instructional Coach
Grades: Pre-kindergarten - fifth grade
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 11 years

10. Dianna Swisher

Summers Elementary School
Current position: Voluntary Pre-kindergarten Teacher

Grades: Voluntary pre-kindergarten
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 6 years

11. Baye Ballew

Melrose Park Elementary School
Current position: Fifth grade teacher
Grade: Fifth
Subject: All
Teaching experience: 6 years

12. Kim Williams

Columbia City Elementary School
Current position: Instructional coach.
Grades: Kindergarten - fifth grade
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 18 years

13. Gloria Urban

Pinemount Elementary School
Current position: Voluntary Pre-kindergarten teacher
Grades: VPK
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 16 years

14. Delan Cason Etheridge

Fort White Elementary School
Current position: Media specialist
Grades: Pre-kindergarten - fifth grade
Subjects: All
Teaching experience: 34 years

MOSES

Continued From 1A

Deferred Retirement Option Program allows individuals to retire while continuing to work, according to Florida Department of Management Services. Monthly retirement benefits will remain in the FRS Trust Fund, instead of being paid directly to the retiree. Benefits earn interest, state-deferred, for as long as a tax employee participates in DROP.

She's retired from the Columbia County School District as of Friday, but cannot collect her benefits as long as she works for the city council. She will stay on as Niblack Elementary School's principal until the end of the school year through a St. Augustine company, Staffing Solutions.

According to Natalee Singleton of the Florida Department of Management Services, Moses is permitted to continue in her capacity as an elected city councilwoman through the end of her term in office in 2016. Moses has already submitted the paperwork to continue her official duties.

However, the \$17,000 paid yearly to city council members is not enough to live on, she said. At the end of the year, when her contract ends with Staffing Solutions, she will be forced to find another job or resign.

"I worked 40 years," Moses said. "I should be able to collect retirement and serve the city. I mean, I was elected. I shouldn't have to stop my elected position in order to live."

At this point, she is waiting to see how legislation pans out for another Florida individual in a similar situation. According to Moses, her case is slightly different but founded on similar principles. She wants to collect her money up front, and the other individual hopes to acquire funds owed to him. He was denied originally, but has requested an appeal.

If the appeal falls through, Moses may decide to fight the legislation herself. But if it comes down to it, she said she has seriously considered finding another job so she can stay active in the city council. She is currently serving her second term.

"It just isn't fair," she said. "There's just nothing fair about it. Nobody wins. It's not like I'm getting money I normally wouldn't have gotten. It's not like I'm double-dipping. This is my retirement and my DROP."

iPads

Continued From 1A

investigators are working to gather more evidence by identifying additional victims in hopes of securing a conviction against Robinson's purchases.

"However, additional victims are believed to exist," the release said. "This is an ongoing investigation and arrests are forthcoming." Smith said victims who purchased items through Amazon could be reimbursed in a short time frame, but that victims who purchased through eBay or local stores would likely have to wait until a court determined restitution for the case.

Citizens who believe they are victims are encouraged to contact Detective Caleb Douglas at CCSO (386-758-1375) or call Crime Stoppers of Columbia County (386-754-7099) and provide paperwork detailing the point-of-sale if purchased locally or seller's username if purchased online.

SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT



COURTESY

A prescribed fire is seen at the District's Steinhatchee Springs Tract.

Prescribed fires keep land healthy, reduce risk of wildfires

From staff reports

LIVE OAK—The Suwannee River Water Management District uses prescribed fire as a key strategy to maintain the health and reduce the risk of wildfires on roughly 50,000 acres of conservation lands.

Prescribed fire simulates a natural process that helps facilitate overall ecological restoration by enhancing native upland and wetland vegetation and improving habitat for native wildlife. Prescribed fire is also used to reduce fuel levels in forests to help lower the intensity and to reduce the risk of wildfire. Other benefits of prescribed fire include plant disease control, soil nutrient restoration, and aesthetic improvement.

On average the District burns 7,000-12,000 acres annually. The District has approximately 8,800 acres on about 30 tracts planned for Fiscal Year 2014. The District intends on burning approximately 1,800 acres in the dormant season from November - February, and 7,000 acres in the growing season from March - August.

Burn areas will be closed to the public during prescribed burning, and signage will be posted to notify the public that these activities are in progress. Notices of each prescribed burn will be posted on the District's website at www.mysuwanneeriver.com and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/srwmd.

report said.

Deputies said 85 victims who purchased an iPad have been identified and that authorities have recovered approximately a dozen computers connected to Robinson's purchases.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Jim Moran's health care epiphany

Rep. Jim Moran of Virginia rarely holds his tongue (and never his punches), but he was the loyal Democratic soldier when it was time to vote for Obamacare. His pending retirement from Congress has freed him now to finally say what he thinks about the president's takeover of the nation's health care.

Mr. Moran joins a group of departing Democrats conceding what everyone knows: Obamacare is a train wreck. An airliner crash. A battleship aground on the reef. Pick your metaphor. "I'm afraid that the millennials, if you will," Mr. Moran tells Washington's WAMU-FM radio, "are less likely to sign up. I think they feel more independent. I think they feel a little more invulnerable than prior generations. But I don't think we're going to get enough young people signing up to make this bill work as it was intended to, financially."

His analysis is spot on, but that's small consolation. "I just don't know how we're going to [fix] it, frankly," says Mr. Moran. "If we had a solution, I'd be telling the president right now." Now he tells us.

Belated it is, but Mr. Moran's assessment is a breath of fresh air in an environment where the Obama administration talks about "surges" in enrollments and tells "success" stories that don't bear the weight of scrutiny. Obamacare was sold to the nation on a similar foundation of lies.

Americans were told that if they liked their plan, they could keep it, that the uninsured would get insurance, that premiums would be reduced and health care costs would diminish. None of this happened, nor is it ever likely to.

A McKinsey & Co. survey of consumers eligible for the government health-law marketplaces finds that about 10 percent of those who bought coverage under the law were previously uninsured.

The great majority of those who signed up did so to get the federal subsidy. Obamacare moved people who were buying private, self-funded insurance to the long list of Americans beholden to government. Health Markets Inc. reports that 65 percent of those enrolling held previous coverage. Now we'll have millions of Americans without insurance and a new, large hole in the federal budget.

The young and healthy, we were told, would sign up in big numbers. But why should they? The law allows these "invincibles" to stay on their parents' plans until age 26, and unanticipated increases in the premiums drove other, younger people from the marketplace. It's not the young but the middle-aged and the old who account for nearly 70 percent of the sign-ups.

Perhaps it will take a wave of retirements (forced and otherwise) from Congress to create a critical mass of Democrats willing to admit defeat and join the search for something to clean up the mess. Until then, Americans will continue to lose their insurance or be socked by unexpected higher premiums.

When the short-term federal money train pulls out of the station, the states that have been padding their Medicaid numbers with Obamacare subsidies will be forced to pick up the burden. It won't be pretty.

Mr. Moran's late education speaks volumes, and challenges the rest of his party to follow.

■ The Washington Times



A Paynes Prairie adventure

Writers William Bartram and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings were enchanted with

the 21,000 acres now encompassing Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park. The Park, situated between Ocala and Gainesville, is still home to the bison, wild horses, turkey, white-tailed deer and marsh rabbits that the authors described in their works. More than 20 miles of trails provide plenty of current-day adventures incorporating a variety of habitats including prairie, freshwater marsh, hardwood hammock, bay head and flood plain forest.

For several years I commuted by car from Ocala to Gainesville along State Road 441 capturing glimpses of the beauty of Paynes Prairie and the historic towns of McIntosh and Micanopy. By day I could see hawks, eagles and ospreys keeping watch over the prairie. After dusk, the glow of white-tailed deer's eyes often appeared as they watched passers-by. Although trips were ever-changing with sunrises over the prairie and the melodic sound of the Sandhill Cranes in the evening, it was not until three recent trips to the Park did my husband and I truly uncover the magic of this special place.

The first trek took us through the main park entrance off SR 441 and hikes along Cone's Dike and Wachahoota Trails. Magnificent beauty berry trees weighted down with their purple glory welcomed us to the Wachahoota Trail. A short hike through live oak, southern magnolia, and cabbage palm ended at a 50-foot observation tower providing a view of the expansive



Margaret Spontak

prairie alive with warblers and grackles.

On the 8.25-mile Cone's Dike Trail we encountered wild horses. Experienced visitors told us that Cone's Dike is where you most frequently encounter the elusive bison. As we left the park, white-tailed deer and a large flock of wild turkey gobblers lined the woods along the roadway.

Our second trip took us to Bolens Bluff, just 3.4 miles north of the park entrance. The tree-lined hammock, which transitions to an open savanna, was engulfed with hundreds of zebra long-winged butterflies. The grass-lined prairie contains an observation tower and a bluff that was once a steamboat landing. From the tower we watched Sandhill Cranes and White Ibises by the dozens come in for the night. The tall grasses were alive with a darting Wilsons Snipe, a Bald Eagle in search of prey and a variety of warblers. The 2.6 mile loop trail ended after skirting along a cypress slough beckoning migrating ducks.

After conversing with local photographer Greg Stephens, we decided to take a third park adventure to La Chua Trail. To get to this bird heaven, head north past Bolen Bluff across a stretch of SR 441 that used to be a death trap for hundreds of

snakes, lizards, and alligators. In 2000, Florida built Ecopassage, a system of pipes under the highway, to minimize the carnage. A short boardwalk allows motorists a glimpse of this reptile world. To get to La Chua continue north and turn right on SR 331. Follow the directions that are provided on the state park website or at the main park entrance.

The three-mile La Chua Trail goes along Alachua Sink and waterways full of alligators and birds. On this winter day, we spotted a plethora of birds including Great Blue, Green, and Black-crowned Night Herons, Snowy and Great Egrets, American Coots, Common Moorhens, Sandhill Cranes and a camouflaged American Bittern. During winter migration, visitors are sometimes able to spot Whooping Cranes.

Our Paynes Prairie adventures illustrate how many Florida Special Places are within a short distance of most Floridians, but are not always experienced. Discover Paynes Prairie or a special park closer to your home.

■ Margaret Spontak is Development Director for Audubon Florida, managing editor of the Audubon Florida Naturalist, and co-author with Peggy Cavanaugh of Protecting Paradise: 300 Ways to Protect Florida's Environment. For information about Paynes Prairie State Park Preserve see www.floridastateparks.org/paynes-prairie and visit www.photography-bygregstephens.com to see photos of the park and its wildlife. This column is one of a series from Audubon Florida.

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Budget plan shows Scott is learning

Critics deride Gov. Rick Scott's proposed \$74.2 billion budget as a pandering re-election bid aimed at making Floridians forget his spending plans that slashed funding for education, social services and the environment.

There is no doubt politics played a role in the governor's choices, but so did state finances. Scott confronted budget shortfalls when he took office. This year the state should have a surplus of \$1 billion.

But we think there is something else involved in the governor looking to invest more in schools, water quality and child protection. When he was elected, Scott, a relative newcomer to Florida, seemed driven solely by his small-government ideology and his pledge to run government as a business.

He showed little appreciation for the history or needs of Florida. That, it seems to us, has gradually changed during his tenure. He seems driven more by the reality of Florida than preconceived ideology.

Scott, who cavalierly dismissed the state's water safeguards, now has become a big supporter of Everglades cleanup and proposes

to spend \$55 million to clean up polluted springs.

Similarly, Scott, who showed little interest in preserving the state's natural treasures, now would allocate \$100 million to land conservation.

Many, including us, may not think those amounts are enough, but they represent a significant investment and indicate that the governor has a better understanding for the environmental threats to his adopted state.

Scott was rightly criticized for slashing school funding by \$1 billion his first year, but he responded to the public's outcry and quickly reversed course. He proposed \$1 billion in education funding increases the next two years. This budget seeks an additional \$542 million for schools, hardly chump change.

It is curious he is being faulted because most of that will come from local property taxes due to the increase in land values. So what? Scott is hardly the first politician to claim credit for developments largely outside his control. Would critics have preferred the increase come from a tax hike?

In other areas, the governor's funding recommendations appeared

based on pressing needs. His budget would shore up the beleaguered Department of Children & Families, spending \$32 million to hire 447 child-protection workers.

... [T]he budget holds the line on spending — it's a fraction less than the current budget — and would provide \$570 million in recurring tax reductions, the bulk coming from reducing the much-detested 2009 auto tag fee increases. Scott's proposal would reduce the fees by an average of \$25....

The governor wisely recommends increasing Visit Florida's budget by \$36.5 million to \$100 million. Florida TaxWatch, an independent government watchdog, says such an investment could enable Florida to attract 100 million visitors to the state, which would create an estimated 121,298 jobs.

Scott's budget is jobly perfect, but it seems driven by practical concerns for Florida's needs and finances.

When Scott was elected he had a lot to learn about Florida. He still does. But his budget proposal indicates he is learning.

■ The Tampa Tribune

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Feb. 2

Karaoke & Super Bowl

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, is having karaoke with Mark at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2. Appetizers will be served from 1:30-3 p.m. Stick around and enjoy the Super Bowl party beginning at 4 p.m. Food will be available.

Super Bowl Party

B&S Combs Elks Lodge, 1688 NE Washinton St., is hosting a Super bowl Sunday party. Pre-game celebration begins at 4 p.m.; the game begins at 6:30. Food will be available until it runs out. During half-time, there will be games of spades, dominos and a half & half raffle. Admission is \$5. Contact Ronald Jordan at 386-590-6771 for more.

Feb. 3

Presentation

Black History Presentation at 10:15 a.m. at the Florida

Gateway College library. Admission is free. Contact Amy Dekle at 386-754-4317 for more.

Feb. 4

At the Library

Modern folk duo Friction Farm will perform at the library on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. Musicians Aidan Quinn and Christine Stay will perform music from their latest album, *I Read Your Book: Some Songs Inspired by Reading*, featuring songs inspired by books like *A Walk in the Woods*, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*, *The Book Thief*, and *Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter*.

Live Debate

Grace Life Church, 424 SW Pinemount Rd., is live-streaming a debate between Bill Nye the Science Guy and Ken Ham of the Creation Museum on Feb. 4 beginning at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Admission is free. Please call 386-867-2820 for more info and to reserve your seat.

Feb. 5

Newcomers luncheon

The Lake City Newcomers will host a friendship luncheon on Feb. 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Phish Heads restaurant. Call Rose Taylor at 755-2175 for more.

Olustee planning

The Blue Grey Army will have a planning meeting for the 2014 Olustee Festival 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.

Feb. 6

Olustee Lecture

The Blue-Grey Army and the Columbia County

Historical Society welcome University of Florida history professor Matthew Gallman to speak about the Battle of Olustee on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Rivers Library on the campus of Florida Gateway College. The lecture is free and open to the public. Professor Gallman earned degrees in American History from Brandeis University and from Princeton University. Previously he has taught at Loyola College and at Gettysburg College. He has published widely on Civil War culture and on mid-nineteenth century American history.

Feb. 7

Trees in Landscape

The UF/IFAS Extension is hosting a landscape design class on Feb. 7 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Heritage Park, 1004 Helvenston Street, Live Oak. Since trees are the framework

to good landscape, attendees will be offered a free tree to take home from the class. For more information or to pre-register by Feb. 4, contact Pam Burke or Carolyn Saft at 386-362-2771 or csaft318@ufl.edu.

Columbia's Top Talent

Fort White Elementary is hosting the Fort White division of the Columbia's Top Talent show on Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in their auditorium. Admission is \$5.

Feb. 8

Olustee Pageant

The Olustee Festival Pageant will be held Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Columbia County School Administrative Complex Auditorium. Ages 3-12 months, 13-23 months, 2-4 years, 4-6 years and 7-9 years will be held at 3 p.m. Ages 10-12, 13-15, and 16-20 will be held at 7 p.m. Winners in each division will receive a crown and banner and will ride in the Olustee parade on Feb. 15.

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OBITUARIES

Benita Lynn Royals Robertson

Mrs. Benita Lynn Royals Robertson, 50, of Lake City, passed away on Thursday evening January 30, 2014 at the Lake City Medical Center after a sudden illness. Benita was born in Suwannee County on November 4, 1963 to Gloria Roberts Royals and the late Delmar Royals. Benita was a graduate of Suwannee High School class of 1983 and was a Clinical Nutritionist with RMC until ill health forced her to retire. Benita loved to go hunting, fishing, being outdoors and boating; she especially enjoyed going on picnics. Benita was a life-long resident of Suwannee and Columbia County and was of the Christian faith. Mrs. Benita is survived by her loving husband of 22 years: Robert Ray Robertson, Jr. of Lake City; daughter: Rae-Ann Robertson of Lake City; mother: Gloria Royals of Wellborn; brother: Delmar Royals, Jr. of Wellborn and mother and father-in-law: Robert Ray & Sue Robertson of Lake City. Numerous other nieces, nephews and other family members and friends also survive.

Graveside funeral services for Benita will be conducted on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 10 A.M. in Scott Cemetery with Rev. Howard Thomas officiating. Interment will follow. The family will receive friends on Monday evening February 3, 2014 from 5-7 P.M. at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Marion Ave, Lake City, FL, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

Nan Bodiford Bailey

Mrs. Nan Bodiford Bailey, 76, was born in Lake City, Florida on August 16, 1937. She went home to be with the Lord on January 29, 2014. Nan is preceded in death by her parents, Julia Eliose Bodiford and David Fulton Bodiford, as well as her brother, Charles Bodiford. Nan was devoted to her work at Dive Rite DBA Lamertek for over 20 years.

Left to cherish her memories are her husband, James Bailey, who has been her best friend for the past 18 years, and her children, Denise Harrington Brown, Deborah Harrington McKee, and David Harrington. She is also survived by her sister, Betty Koon, 5 nieces and nephews, her Aunt Bernice and her grandchildren: Nancy Taylor, Amanda and Jacob Burgess, Robert Taylor, David McKee, Lindsey and Spencer Engle, Lai and Kia Brown, Jordan and Kathryn Harrington. She also has 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the chapel of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Pastor Mark Cun-

ningham officiating. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to services (2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.) at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Federal tax ID#59-1542699, Lake City Humane Society, 1392 Shelter Glen, Lake City, FL 32055. GATEWAY-Forest LAWN FUNERAL HOME 3596 S. US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. (386) 752-1954.

Pauline Davis

Pauline Davis, 85, of Lake City, Florida passed away on January 30, 2014 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center, Gainesville, Florida. She was born in Chipley, Florida to the late Warren and Maggie Mae [Sasser] Rabon and had lived here in Columbia County since 1950. She was a loving mother, grand, great grand and great great grandmother, who enjoyed raising her flowers, the love of her pets, and was quite the yard sale queen, but her greatest joy was her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Fred, Tom, and Jack Rabon, her sisters, Loreen, Louise, and Dolly. (Connie) Davis, James (Linda) Davis both of Lulu, FL; and Eddie (Sherry) Davis of Lake City, FL; daughters, Illine (Otis) Richardson of Palatka, FL and Susie (Larry) Schneiders of Lake City, FL; brother, Doyle (Sara) Rabon of Graceville, FL; and sister, Rosa Lee Cutchins of Marianna, FL; 14 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 7 great great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 3, 2014 in the chapel of Gateway-Forest Lawn Funeral Home with Pastor Bruce Arnold officiating. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be held Sunday evening, February 2, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home. GATEWAY-Forest LAWN FUNERAL HOME 3596, South US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. (386) 752-1954.

Please leave words of comfort for the family online at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

Dwight Walker

Mr. Dwight Walker, 77, of White Springs, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 31, 2014 in the North Florida Regional Medical Center following an extended illness. A native of Tifton, Georgia, Mr. Walker had been a resident of Hamilton County for the past forty-six years having moved here from Tifton. The son of the late Artful and Annie Kerce Walker, Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Huwel, Pride and Herb Walker and Joyce Martin, Alma Willis and Odene Hand. A veteran of the U.S. Army Mr. Walker had worked as a mines maintenance supervisor for Occidental Chemical Corp. (PCS) for many years prior to retiring. Mr. Walker enjoyed fishing, woodworking, refinishing old sewing machines and spending time with his grandchildren. He was of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Laura Whitton Walker; his daughters, Tracy (Richard) Godbold of White Springs; Janice (Donnie) Crumley of Omega, Georgia; and special friends Donnie and Teresa Feagle of White Springs. Five grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Walker will be conducted at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, in the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home with Rev. Randy Ogburn officiating. The family will receive friends for ONE HOUR PRIOR to the service. Interment with full Military Honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell. In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Suwannee River Breast Cancer Awareness Association, PO BOX 1394, Lake City, FL 32056 Arrangements are under the direction of the DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, 458 S. Mar-

ion Ave., Lake City, FL 32025 (386)752-1234 please sign our on-line family guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Elizabeth Voncile Mershon Pearce

Mrs. Elizabeth Voncile Mershon Pearce, age 73, of Lake City, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 30 in the Shands at Lake Shore Hospital in Lake City of natural causes. She had resided in Lake City all of her life. Elizabeth graduated from Columbia High School in 1958 and married her high school sweetheart, Jack Wendell Pearce. Elizabeth retired from the Florida Division of Forestry after 30 years of service. She was a member of the Pine Grove Baptist Church in Lake City and was an avid reader, quilter and loved gardening and her flowers.

Elizabeth is survived by her husband of 56 years, Jack Wendell Pearce of Lake City; one daughter, Valerie Donaldson of Jacksonville, Fla.; her two sons, Christopher Pearce and Jonathan Pearce both of Lake City; her two brothers, Jimmy Mershon and Bobby Mershon both of Lake City; her two sisters, Linda Kay Thomas and Erma Lee Burnham both of Lake City; her three granddaughters, Angie Hopkins, Amber Mann and Dana Mann; her 3 great grandchildren, Christin, Brandi, Caleb, Samantha, Ciarra, Camryn, Annika Hopkins and Gabriella Honeycutt.

A memorial service will be conducted at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Pine Grove Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Thompson, Pastor officiating. Visitation with family and friends will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday (one hour before service) at the church. GUERRY FUNERAL HOME, 2659 SW Main Blvd. Lake City, Fla. is in charge of arrangements. www.guerryfuneralhome.net.

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Thera Smith Mayo

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The Mayo & Smith Family
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Annie Mae Smith (Mother)
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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Feb. 2

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	82/69/pc	83/69/pc
Daytona Beach	81/63/pc	81/65/pc
Fort Myers	84/66/pc	86/69/pc
Ft. Lauderdale	83/71/pc	82/72/pc
Gainesville	81/58/fg	81/60/sh
Jacksonville	79/59/fg	78/61/sh
Key West	80/73/pc	80/73/pc
Lake City	81/58/fg	81/60/sh
Miami	84/70/pc	82/71/pc
Naples	83/66/pc	81/67/pc
Ocala	82/59/fg	81/61/sh
Orlando	83/65/pc	83/65/pc
Panama City	69/59/fg	69/62/pc
Pensacola	69/59/sh	72/60/ts
Tallahassee	76/55/fg	76/58/pc
Tampa	79/66/pc	82/68/pc
Valdosta	77/57/r	76/60/r
W. Palm Beach	83/69/pc	82/70/pc

NATIONAL FORECAST: Showers will be likely along a cold front from Texas to eastern New England today. There will be a few thunderstorms over the central Gulf Coast. A band of snow will fall in the colder air behind the front from northern Texas to western New England.

NATIONAL FORECAST MAP 3 p.m. today

YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES High: 87°, Immokalee, FL Low: -21°, Merrill, WI

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany	41/21/00	41/20/sh	Des Moines	25/14/10	19/6/s	Oklahoma City	37/28/00	31/17/sn
Albuquerque	50/39/00	46/29/pc	Detroit	34/26/53	27/3/pc	Omaha	25/18/03	23/9/pc
Anchorage	17/9/00	27/16/fg	El Paso	64/55/00	59/38/pc	Orlando	80/59/00	82/63/pc
Atlanta	57/32/00	62/50/sh	Fairbanks	12/2/00	11/9/pc	Philadelphia	48/30/00	47/31/pc
Baltimore	48/26/00	53/33/r	Greensboro	59/27/00	60/36/pc	Phoenix	64/54/00	65/40/pc
Billings	16/0/34	24/7/pc	Hartford	46/27/00	47/27/sh	Pittsburgh	51/32/00	38/21/sn
Birmingham	66/37/00	64/44/ts	Honolulu	75/71/07	79/67/sh	Portland ME	37/23/00	42/23/sh
Bismarck	10/1/00	16/4/pc	Houston	73/62/00	63/41/sh	Portland OR	48/39/00	46/32/pc
Boise	32/28/01	38/21/pc	Indianapolis	39/30/32	26/11/cd	Raleigh	59/24/00	64/38/pc
Boston	42/35/00	47/29/pc	Jackson MS	69/42/00	64/40/ts	Rapid City	16/8/00	29/3/pc
Buffalo	36/27/09	33/14/fl	Jacksonville	75/52/00	76/58/pc	Reno	39/21/00	40/21/pc
Charleston SC	52/44/28	70/55/sh	Kansas City	26/19/33	21/6/pc	Sacramento	55/36/00	58/32/pc
Charleston WV	64/32/00	46/29/r	Las Vegas	51/43/00	52/37/pc	Salt Lake City	35/28/00	33/18/pc
Charlotte	57/21/00	64/46/pc	Little Rock	63/53/00	38/26/r	San Antonio	67/66/00	53/32/pc
Cheyenne	21/12/07	25/6/pc	Los Angeles	64/50/00	63/47/pc	San Diego	62/51/00	61/52/pc
Chicago	30/21/40	17/5/pc	Memphis	68/51/00	40/28/r	San Francisco	55/43/00	52/47/sh
Cincinnati	57/37/00	33/20/sn	Miami	81/71/00	80/71/pc	Seattle	44/39/08	44/32/pc
Cleveland	42/30/17	31/14/pc	Minneapolis	21/1/00	10/0/pc	Spokane	23/1/00	31/19/fl
Columbia SC	32/26/53	22/8/pc	Mobile	64/39/00	69/59/ts	St. Louis	37/30/44	25/12/pc
Dallas	66/46/00	36/29/i	New Orleans	73/51/00	71/53/ts	Tampa	76/60/01	79/64/fg
Daytona Beach	75/57/00	80/63/sh	New York	43/30/00	47/31/r	Tucson	59/53/00	62/38/pc
Denver	24/17/01	26/7/pc	Oakland	54/37/00	52/41/sh	Washington	53/28/00	54/35/r

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TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	77 Sunrise today 7:20 a.m.
Low Saturday	53 Sunset today 6:08 p.m.
Normal high	68 Sunrise tom. 7:19 a.m.
Normal low	43 Sunset tom. 6:09 p.m.
Record high	87 in 1903
Record low	25 in 1909

PRECIPITATION	MOON
Saturday	0.00" Moonrise today 9:03 a.m.
Month total	0.00" Moonset today 9:31 p.m.
Year total	0.33" Moonrise tom. 9:43 a.m.
Normal month-to-date	0.11" Moonset tom. 10:34 p.m.
Normal year-to-date	3.42"

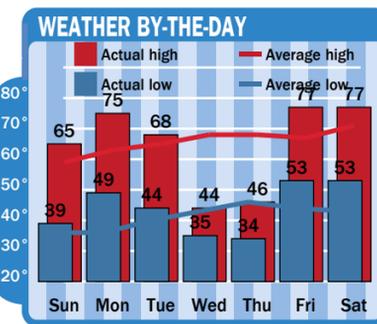
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WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1789, it bottomed out at -28 in Hartford, Conn. and -18 in Philadelphia. Perhaps it was too cold for even the groundhog. Also, in 1887, the first official trek to Gobblers Knob in Punxsutawney, Penn. was made. In the ceremony, the groundhog saw his shadow. What will happen this year?

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Acapulco	84/73/00	84/73/s	La Paz	51/41/00	50/41/r	Rio	96/69/00	95/75/s
Amsterdam	46/39/00	46/39/r	Lima	77/68/00	80/69/pc	Rome	62/51/00	60/42/pc
Athens	48/44/00	51/44/cd	London	50/41/00	48/41/pc	San Juan PR	82/73/11	81/77/sh
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Return of the ring

CHS looks to repeat as softball state champions.

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High has the unenviable task of trying to top a 28-4 season that concluded with a Class 6A State Championship in softball. With the entire starting lineup back this season, the Lady Tigers might be a team that has a shot of doing it.

You won't hear head coach Jimmy Williams talk about an undefeated season with a schedule that is packed with perennial powerhouse programs, but the Lady Tigers also have a packed lineup.

Last year, Columbia was able to navigate through the playoffs with two sophomore pitchers. This season, the veteran group of Erin Anderson and Ashley Shoup could be one of the Lady Tigers' strengths.

"Our pitching, you can just see a year's growth in them," Williams said. "Their pitches are a lot sharper and the velocity is up a little bit, especially in Anderson. It seems like they've both gotten better in the areas where they were weak. Erin, last year, her change-up wasn't her best pitch. Now, she's got



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High head coach Jimmy Williams and the Class 6A state championship softball team return to action this week.

that working really good. With Ashley, her ability to hit locations is her best point."

Anderson will be the team's No. 1 pitcher, but that doesn't mean that Williams lacks any confidence in Shoup. In fact, he's seen Shoup deliver in the biggest of moments, including last year's Final Four.

"I plan to use both pitchers just like last year,"

Williams said. "I kind of like our pitchers to pitch to the batting order twice before switching. I will probably stay with that. I won't have any special rotation."

Still, Williams believes that Anderson has taken her game to the next level and could be in store for a special year.

"This year, Erin has the tools to handle whatever," Williams said. "I expect her strikeouts to be a lot more

than in the past. She's perfected a strikeout pitch. It's also a good pitch to keep her head in the count. I think she has the ability to strikeout more than in the past. She's a junior that's been in tough games, so her confidence is up. I just see her really shining for us this year, because of her maturity and comfort level in the program. She

CHS continued on 2B



FILE

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston shows off the national championship trophy.

Seminoles celebrate

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Doak Campbell Stadium to rejoice in Florida State's unbeaten season.

TALLAHASSEE—Nearly a month after winning the third national championship in the school's history, there was still reason to celebrate for Florida State.

The Seminole faithful gathered on Saturday at

As host Gene Deckerhoff called it, "The undaunted, unconquered, and unbelievable" season for the Seminoles.

Florida State capped off

NOLES continued on 3B

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 TGC — PGA Tour, Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.
 3 p.m.
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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 12:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Virginia at Pittsburgh
 1 p.m.
 CBS — Michigan at Indiana
 2:30 p.m.
 ESPN — UCLA at Oregon St.
 NBCSN — William & Mary at James Madison
NFL FOOTBALL
 6 p.m.
 FOX — Super Bowl XLVIII, Seattle vs. Denver, at East Rutherford, N.J.
NHL HOCKEY

12:30 p.m.
 NBC — Detroit at Washington
SOCCER
 8:25 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool at West Bromwich
 10:55 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal vs. Crystal Palace, at London
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 2 p.m.
 ESPN — Notre Dame at Duke
 4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Stanford at California
Monday
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Notre Dame at Syracuse
 ESPN — Hampton at Morgan St.
 FS1 — Xavier at Villanova
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Iowa St. at Oklahoma St.
 ESPN — Prairie View A&M at Alabama A&M
 FS1 — Georgetown at DePaul

NHL HOCKEY
 7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Colorado at New Jersey
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Baylor at Oklahoma

BASKETBALL

NBA schedule

Today's Game
 Orlando at Boston, 1 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Cleveland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Toronto at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Chicago at Sacramento, 10 p.m.



COURTESY

Columbia High's wrestling team finished in second place at the District 2-2A meet.

Tigers take 2nd place

By **BRANDON FINLEY**
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Columbia High will send 13 wrestlers to the regional competition after a second-place finish in Tallahassee during the District 2-2A meet.

Columbia had three wrestlers take first place in the meet. Cole Horton won the 106-pound weight class, Kaleb Warner won

the 132-pound weight class and Lucas Bradley took home the 195-pound weight class.

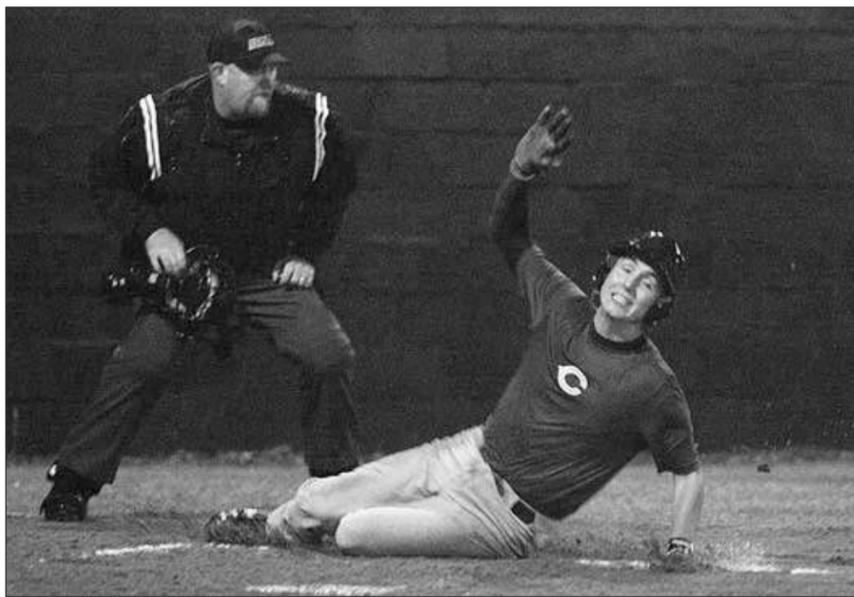
Dustin Regar (138), Jake Maguire (145), Jordan Nash (170), Christian Thompson (182) and Marcus Zeighler (285) had second-place finishes.

Josh Wine (113) and Austin Chapman (152) each finished in third. Brandon Wine (126)

and Josh Rodgers (160) had fourth-place finishes.

Columbia finished with 183.5 points to take second place with Lincoln claiming 218 points for the championship.

"We are a young team and pushed the senior-heavy Lincoln early on," Columbia head coach Kevin Warner said.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Harrison Shubert slides safely into home during the Purple & Gold baseball game on Friday.

CHS brings in new year with weekend festivities

By **TIM KIRBY**
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Columbia High baseball had its Purple & Gold Game on Friday and invited out former Tigers for an Alumni Day on Saturday.

Saturday began with a hit-a-thon for all varsity and junior varsity players. Everyone took a turn or two in the batting cage.

"The hit-a-thon lets the parents see them hit a little bit," Columbia head coach Heath Phillips said. "Some of the pitchers don't get to hit much. I was one of those coming up. This lets them all come out and have a little fun taking batting practice."

The home run derby was next on Saturday and Phillips let a couple of players take on the alumni.

Senior Levi Hollingsworth bested the field of veterans. Defending champion Michael Kirkman and Kevin Kennington tied for second.

An alumni softball game was planned for the afternoon. The concession stand was open and offered a pulled pork sandwich special.

Phillips was pleased with the effort in the Purple & Gold Game.

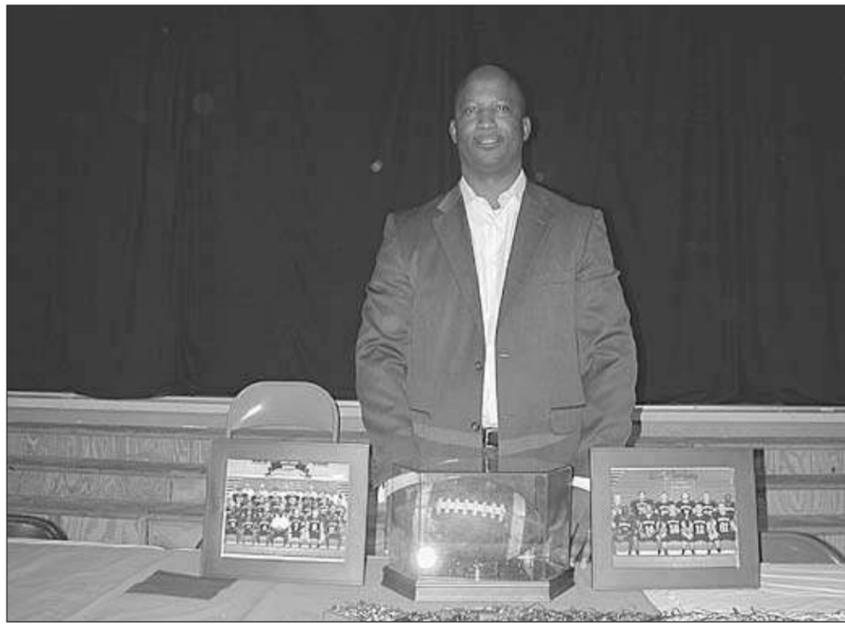
"We were looking for command in the strike zone out of our arms, to not be afraid of contact," Phillips said. "The reason is, you have eight more guys in the field and that is the only way to get outs. We are trying to instill that in our pitchers."

Columbia's offense is coming around. "We hit the ball decent

and a couple of guys came through in clutch situations," Phillips said. "The young kids saw a lot of pitches. I think the bats will come along. We were aggressive running the bases. We work on it every day and both teams did that very well."

Columbia hosts pre-season classic games this week, starting with CHS vs. Lafayette High at 7 p.m. Thursday. On Friday, Hamilton County High plays Madison County High at 7 p.m. Saturday's games are Lafayette vs. Hamilton County at 4:30 p.m. and Columbia vs. Madison County at 7 p.m.

"(Friday) was our first time under the lights," Phillips said. "The kids finally know what they are playing for. Our goal is to go 1-0 every night."



TIM KIRBY/Lake City Reporter

Fort White football celebrates

Fort White High head coach Demetric Jackson shows off gifts presented him by the football team and Fort White Quarterback Club at the awards banquet on Saturday at First Baptist Church of High Springs. Jackson was given a football signed by all the players from the game where Fort White clinched its first district championship. He also received pictures of the 2013 team and the seniors. A complete list of award winners and additional pictures will be in Tuesday's Lake City Reporter.

CHS: Season beginning on Tuesday

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also works pretty hard at it. She's also been pretty good at hitting during practice so far."

As a whole, this group is striving to accomplish great things. The ultimate goal is to repeat as state champions, but there are a lot of small goals that are obtainable along the way.

"They have a chance to win 100 games in their career," Williams said. "That's something that usually doesn't happen. They've won 26, 28 and 22. They're kind of averaging 25 wins. That would be a first-time feat."

With returning Class 6A state player of the year Kayli Kvistad leading the way at the plate, Williams said that this team is poised.

"The thing I like about them is that they're just quietly confident that they're good," Williams said. "Even when I told them how tough our schedule is going to be, they didn't even blink. They don't want it to be easy. They want it to be hard and be prepared when the time comes. Our schedule allows that to happen. They were ready to play the day they put on their cleats."

But Kvistad isn't the only superstar in the lineup. It takes a team to win a state championship and the Lady Tigers have that in every player.

"It's just amazing that you have this many people in the same school that have the same goal and have done a lot for our program,"

Williams said. "They've put us on the map. I'm just honored and blessed to be a part of them. They're going to make Columbia High School proud on and off the field."

Columbia opens the season at Atlantic Coast High in Jacksonville at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

JUMBLE

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

TGIFH

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DIAVO

OO

CLOTEK

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BOLGEB

OO

Answer here: OO

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: EAGLE UNITY OBLONG ARMORY

Answer: The pennant company was having a BANNER YEAR

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



KICKING THE BALL BETWEEN THE UPRIGHTS TO WIN THE GAME WAS HIS

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

(Answers Monday)

ACROSS

- 1 To date
- 4 Navy noncom
- 7 One-pot dinner
- 11 Santa — winds
- 12 Hoax
- 13 Own
- 14 Where to find mummies
- 16 Sporty trucks
- 17 Plant parasite
- 18 Yonder
- 19 Pub order
- 20 Kennel sound
- 21 Look into
- 24 Calf neighbors
- 27 Male swan
- 28 Major- —
- 30 Test
- 32 "Hot Lips" Houlihan
- 34 Languish
- 36 WSW opposite
- 37 Part of SWAK

DOWN

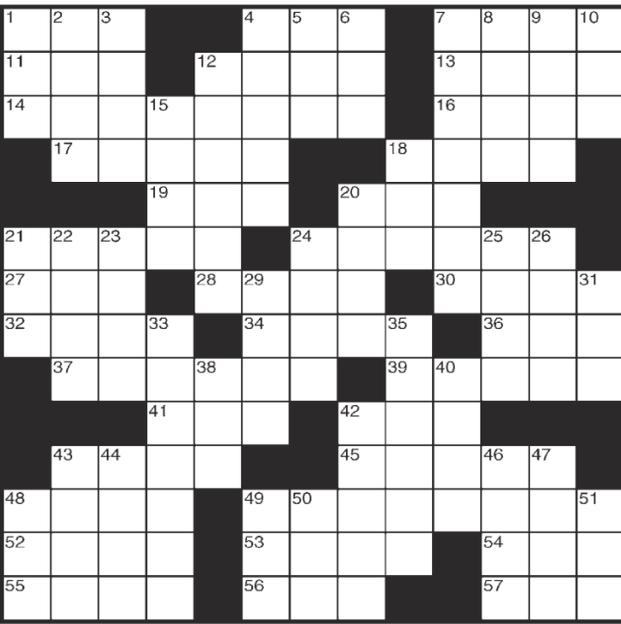
- 1 Sharp bark
- 2 "Orinoco Flow" singer
- 3 Pool cover
- 4 Reproach mildly
- 5 Shoulder enhancer
- 6 Mantra chants
- 7 Prepare to deal
- 39 Tightened a corset
- 41 Make illegal
- 42 Stein
- 43 Thermometer base
- 45 Love a lot
- 48 Isolated
- 49 Outlaw
- 52 This, to Pedro
- 53 Fiesta cries
- 54 Cool
- 55 A grand
- 56 Repeatedly
- 57 Depot (abbr.)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 8 Cheerio! (hyph.)
- 9 Always
- 10 Unsold of the NBA
- 12 Seemed pleased
- 15 Whaler of fiction
- 18 Indiana Jones quest
- 20 Familiar auth.
- 21 Mac rivals
- 22 Plies the oars
- 23 Emmy's relative
- 24 Among
- 25 Suit, for short
- 26 Rational
- 29 Frank
- 31 Kind of student
- 33 Scene
- 35 Avoids capture
- 38 Chocolate-colored dog
- 40 In a tizzy
- 42 "Luncheon on the Grass" painter
- 43 Nonsense
- 44 Till
- 46 Bleacher shouts
- 47 Reuse
- 48 Allow
- 49 Milne
- 50 marsupial
- 51 Ecol. police

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GAMES

Monday

Fort White High boys weightlifting intrasquad lift-a-thon, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Columbia High girls tennis vs. Orange Park High, 3:30 p.m.

Columbia High boys tennis vs. Union County High, 3:30 p.m.

Fort White High baseball vs. St. Francis High in preseason classic game at Gainesville High, 4:30 p.m.

Fort White High softball at Suwannee High, 6 p.m.

Columbia High softball at Atlantic Coast High, 7 p.m. (JV-5)

Thursday

Columbia High tennis vs. Middleburg High, 3 p.m.

Columbia High baseball vs. Lafayette High in preseason classic, 7 p.m.

Fort White High baseball vs. Lincoln High in preseason classic game at Gainesville High, 7 p.m.

Friday

Columbia High wrestling in Region 1-2A tournament at Chiles High, TBA

Fort White High softball vs. Santa Fe High, 6 p.m.

Columbia High boys basketball vs. Gainesville High in District 2-6A tournament at Oakleaf High, 6 p.m.

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

Fort White High boys basketball vs. Bradford High/Interlachen High winner in District 5-4A tournament at Bradford, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Columbia High weightlifters Kayla Carman, Kallie Horton, Glendasha Johnson at FHSAA state meet in Kimmee, 10:30 a.m.

Columbia High baseball vs. Madison County High in preseason classic, 7 p.m.

Tillotson named to Florida League All-Decade Team

By TIM KIRBY

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The baseball honors, and frequent flyer miles, keep coming for Lake City's Jacob Tillotson.

Tillotson was named shortstop of the Florida League All-Decade Team last week. He was among 18 players that made the all-decade roster for the six-team league.

Playing in 46 games for the Leesburg Lightning in 2011, Tillotson hit .351 (66 for 188 — the league record for hits in a season) and led the league in runs scored with 48. Tillotson had 12 extra base hits including two home runs. He drove in 26 runs and stole five bases.

Tillotson started on the University of Tampa's National Championship team last year and returns to the Spartans in 2014 for his senior season. He was first team All-South as a junior.

The University of Tampa recently returned from a trip to Cuba where the team played a series of exhibition games.

Tillotson's baseball journey has taken him to Fort White High and Columbia High, where he graduated. He signed a scholarship with the University of Florida. After a redshirt season he transferred to Santa Fe College and then



COURTESY

Former Columbia High and Fort White High baseball player Jacob Tillotson was named to the Florida League All-Decade Team.

to Tampa.

The Cuba trip was not Tillotson's first venture out of the United States to play baseball. He was a member of the 2007 USA 16U National Team that won the gold medal at the World Youth Championships in Venezuela.

The Florida Collegiate Summer League is a wood bat league founded in 2003. It is an affiliate of the National Alliance of College Summer Baseball, which operates under NCAA guidelines.

In addition to Leesburg, the Florida League has teams in DeLand, Orlando, Sanford, Winter Park and College Park in Orlando.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Dilan Hall swats the ball away from Fort White High's Richard Rodriguez on Tuesday.

CHS knocks off Suwannee, in final game of season

By BRANDON FINLEY

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Columbia High put an end to rival Suwannee High in the final home game of the season on Friday with a 49-46 win over the Bulldogs.

The Tigers jumped out to a 16-7 lead in the first quarter and looked like they would cruise to a win.

Suwannee battled back in the fourth quarter and took the lead with 3:31 remaining in the game, but a pair of 3-pointers from seniors Tre Simmons and Robert Dace helped the Tigers hang on for the win.

"It was Senior Night, so it was emotional for them," Columbia head coach Horace Jefferson said. "Tre played the whole game and I really think it came down to him not only having

18 points, but the way he played on defense."

Simmons led the Tigers with his 18 points in the game, and Dilan Hall also scored in double digits with 13 in the contest.

Jordan Coppock had nine points, Andrew Moemeka scored four, Dace had three points and Darrell Jones contributed two.

Jefferson also wanted to give praise to the crowd that came out to the Tigers' inaugural cancer awareness night for helping push the Tigers through.

"We just have to thank everyone that came out and packed the house," Jefferson said.

But the coach now turns his eyes toward the district playoffs.

Columbia travels to Oakleaf High to take on Gainesville at 6 p.m. on Friday in the District 2-6A semifinals.

Suwannee junior varsity player injured

Antrez Hunter, 16, was taken by helicopter to Shands Hospital in Gainesville after sustaining a head injury during the junior varsity game on Friday.

He tried to draw a charge before his head connected with the ground and lay on the floor receiving medical attention by those on hand.

"He never really fully regained consciousness," Suwannee junior varsity coach Alex Cameron said. "He was in and out."

Hunter was the second Suwannee basketball player to sustain a head injury this season.

Columbia coach Horace Jefferson reported on Saturday that he received word Hunter would be all right.

NOLES: Ready to repeat

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a 14-0 regular season with a win against Auburn in the BCS National Championship game on Jan. 6.

The Seminoles had planned to celebrate the win previously, but the event was delayed until Saturday so more of the players could attend.

Most of all, the event was a chance to give back to the fans.

"This is one of the most different places (to play)," Florida State head coach Jimbo Fisher said. "It's very unique to play here and we can't thank our fans enough."

It was an event that the Seminoles have waited for since their last national championship in 1999. For Deckerhoff, the moment almost seemed too good to be true.

"You almost have to pinch yourself," Deckerhoff told the crowd.

Fisher also gave special thanks to the Seminole Indian tribe for being allowed to keep that name.

"To be called Seminoles, and keep that name is unbelievable," Fisher said.

And the event had a shout-out to Lake City's Timmy Jernigan from the coach as well.

"We have to give special thanks to Timmy Jernigan as one of the juniors com-

ing out," Fisher said.

The coach noted that the championship was a team effort and that the group wasn't out for individual goals.

"The team was put ahead of individual accomplishments," Fisher said. "We didn't just develop into a team, we developed into a program. I plan on being here for a long time."

The final message of the day was one that the Seminole faithful will be glad to here.

Florida State is ready to do it all over again.

"We're not done yet," Fisher said. "I promise ya."

Receiver Rashad Greene said that being a champion again will be hard, but the Seminoles are ready to begin the process.

"It starts off right now," Greene said. "We have been there and now we know what to do."

But next year doesn't matter to all those in attendance today. Where this year's Florida State team will rank among the all-time greats can be debated later.

Fisher is just glad to be considered among the greats.

"In my mind, we're one of the greatest teams in college football history," Fisher said.

JUMBLE

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

NUROD

BUGRY

CHOSOM

HERTOB

Print answer here: [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FIGHT AVOID LOCKET GOBBLE

Answer: Kicking the ball between the uprights to win the game was his — FIELD GOAL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Answer: Kicking the ball between the uprights to win the game was his — FIELD GOAL

- ACROSS**
- 1 Orchestra's
 - 4 Heart of the matter
 - 8 Long-tailed animal
 - 11 Burden
 - 13 Ms. Petty
 - 14 Cotton gin name
 - 15 Long-active volcano
 - 16 Winged it (hyph.)
 - 18 Sprints
 - 20 Go postal
 - 21 Hack off
 - 22 Draw on
 - 24 Helen of Troy's lover
 - 27 Inelegent solution
 - 30 Fidel's country
 - 31 Dig for ore
 - 32 Ben & Jerry rival
 - 34 Mumbai Mr.
 - 35 Lisbon lady
- DOWN**
- 1 Answered a judge
 - 2 Pinch
 - 3 Makes into leather
 - 36 Airport summons
 - 37 Move up the ladder
 - 39 Injures a matador
 - 40 Bikini piece
 - 41 Refrain syllables
 - 42 Past due
 - 45 Outcome
 - 49 Like a diva's voice
 - 53 Not hard
 - 54 Scottish river
 - 55 Real thrill
 - 56 Lingerie material
 - 57 Double curve
 - 58 "— Breaky Heart"
 - 59 Shad's eggs

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 4 Embrace
- 5 Lightning —
- 6 Web addr.
- 7 Seneca's 12
- 8 Ms. McEntire
- 9 Shake — (hurry)
- 10 Lunar phenomenon
- 12 Showy flower
- 17 Multiplied
- 19 Goddess of dawn
- 22 Arm bone
- 23 "A Boy Named —"
- 24 Hackers' needs
- 25 Mystique
- 26 Box score stats
- 27 Warmhearted
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Section C

CAREER CLOSET AT FGC

Business attire for students in need

By TROY ROBERTS
Special to the Reporter

A job interview usually requires a person to be dressed in professional attire – suit and tie for men, skirt and heels for women. Sometimes, though, the applicant doesn't have access to these things due to financial limitations. If you're a student at Florida Gateway College, however, a new opportunity has presented itself to help prepare you for that upcoming interview.

Florida Gateway College has launched its Career Closet, a Phi Theta Kappa service project that provides professional attire to students in need. Students can schedule an appointment to shop, and a PTK officer will take them to the Career Closet and help them pick out an outfit. Students can choose from an assortment of clothes, shoes, and accessories, and these items are theirs to keep.

"Florida Gateway College certainly supports its students and wants to give them every opportunity to get a job, transfer to the college of their choice and make decisions for the rest of their lives," said Dr. Charles Hall, FGC president. "What's even more exciting is when student groups step up to help fellow students, such as with the Career Closet. This is an idea of students, by students, and for students, and we couldn't be more proud of the Phi Theta Kappa group sponsoring the Career Closet."

The Career Closet has been in the works since last year and just launched, thanks to donations from business and community individuals. FGC has converted several rooms in its old dormitories to make room for the Career Closet, which includes men's and women's fitting areas, as well as a drop off



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Pictured are Wendi Jennings, left, Phi Theta Kappa president, and Stephanie Lansford, past PTK president.

CLOSET continued on 2C

GOP attacks Crist on the economy, Senate attempt

BRENDAN FARRINGTON
AP Political Writer

TALLAHASSEE — The Republican Party of Florida is spending at least \$100,000 on a Web ad blaming former Republican Gov. Charlie Crist for the state's economic downturn — and criticizing him for running for the U.S. Senate in the middle of it.

The party is buying ad space on YouTube, Hulu and other websites. It comes as now-Democrat Crist prepares to bring on a campaign manager in his effort to win back his old job with his new party and as a Quinnipiac University poll this week showed Crist with an eight-point lead over Republican Gov. Rick Scott.

The ad is called "Ran Away" and lists the state's economic problems under Crist — including leading the nation in home foreclosures, soaring unemployment, steep drops in property values and more.

"Which governor took Florida to the bottom?" an announcer asks. "Charlie Crist. What's worse, he didn't stay to fix the mess. He ran away. Tried to go to Washington instead. Charlie Crist — slick politician, lousy governor."

While it's true Florida's economy tanked while Crist was governor, there was a global economic downturn and Florida would have been caught up in it regardless of who was governor. Still Scott's campaign and Republicans are making the economy a main focus in November's election, including the fact

that unemployment has gone down since Scott took office three years ago.

Crist ran for Senate in 2010 instead of seeking a second term as governor. While he began the campaign as a Republican, he finished it as an independent candidate after falling behind eventual winner Marco Rubio in the Republican primary.

Crist's gubernatorial campaign used the release of the ad as an opportunity to criticize Scott's recently released budget proposal, which relies on an increase in property taxes to help boost school funding.

"Charlie Crist is fighting for an economy that is fair and works for the middle class, while Rick Scott is raising taxes on the middle

class to provide special tax breaks for the special interests funding these negative ads," said spokesman Kevin Cate.

Meanwhile, Crist's campaign announced that Omar Khan will fill the role of campaign manager in February. Khan is leaving a position with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to run the campaign. He was President Barack Obama's national associate political director during the 2012 re-election campaign and served as the Florida deputy political director on Obama's 2008 campaign.

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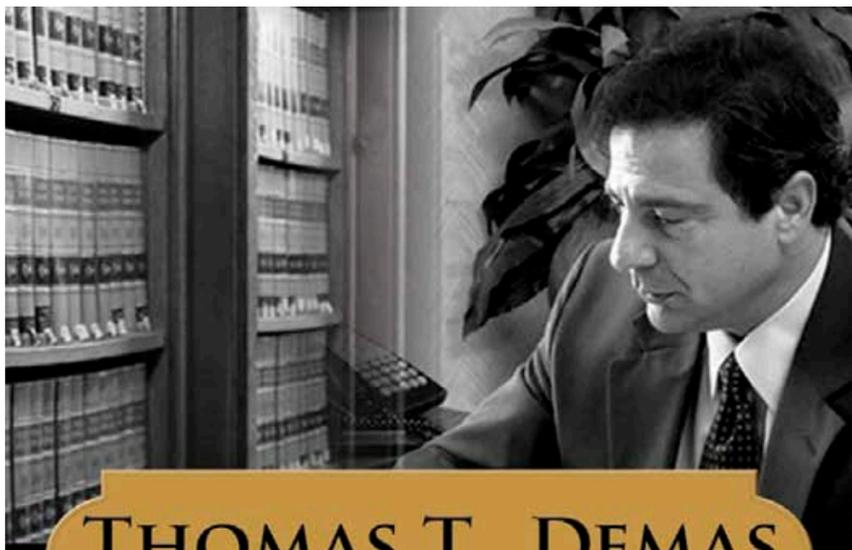


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Risky Borrowing

Q How does buying stocks "on margin" work? — J.M., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A It's when you invest with money borrowed from your brokerage, paying interest for the privilege. Using margin will amplify your gains — but also your losses.

Here's an extreme example: Imagine that you hold \$100,000 of stocks and you borrow \$100,000 on margin to invest in additional stock. If your \$200,000 portfolio doubles in value to \$400,000, you'll have earned an extra \$100,000 (less interest expense) thanks to margin.

But if your holdings drop by 50 percent, they'll be worth \$100,000 and you'll still owe \$100,000 (plus interest). That will leave you with ... nothing. Your holdings dropped by 50 percent, but margin amplified that to a total, 100 percent loss. Margin cuts both ways.

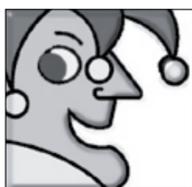
Consider the interest expense, too. If you're borrowing on margin and paying 9 percent interest, you should be pretty confident your borrowed stocks will appreciate more than 9 percent. If they fall below a certain level, you'll receive a "margin call." If you can't add the required additional dollars, the brokerage will sell some of your holdings to generate the cash, possibly resulting in short-term capital gains taxed at high rates.

Only experienced investors should use margin, and many have done well without ever using it.

Q When someone says he's "taking profits," what does that mean? — V., Strasburg, Va.

A It involves selling all or part of your position in a holding that has appreciated. For example, if your stock in Home Surgery Kits (ticker: OUCH) has tripled, you're sitting on a nice gain. But it's just a "paper" gain until you actually sell. When you sell, you take some or all of your profit.

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Many of us are seeking great investments for our portfolios. When we run across a mailing or online post hyping a little-known stock as the next great investment, it can be hard to resist. But that's very often the right thing to do. Most of the stocks that are breathlessly promoted are risky penny stocks (that is, priced below about \$5 per share).

Here are some red flags to watch out for:

- Lots of capital letters and exclamation marks, along with appeals to your emotions. If you're being told about "an Oil-Stock Gusher" or that a company has a deal in the works that "points to HUGE Profits for early shareholders," be wary.

- Strangely specific claims, such as that an expected deal "will soon drive the stock above \$20!" or that you can expect a newsletter's future recommendations to rise more than 30 percent in fewer than 30 days. At such a rate of return, a single \$1,000 investment would grow to more

than \$6.8 billion in just five years.

- An unprofessional company website. If you look up the company's website, and it features poor grammar and misspellings and pages "under construction" or absent, that's a bad sign. You should find clear, honest communication from the company and be able to find audited financial statements for it, too.

If you're tempted to buy, ask yourself this: If these tiny companies really are such compelling bargains, why would they need to advertise? Wouldn't knowledgeable folks already have discovered them? And if there were demand for the shares, wouldn't their prices have risen, rather than fallen to "bargain" levels?

A seemingly inexpensive share price doesn't mean a stock is a good value. A 50-cent stock can soon become a 5-cent one (and often does), while a \$100 stock can double to \$200 and keep growing. When researching companies, look for growing sales and earnings, little debt, ample cash and sustainable competitive advantages. Don't just fall for an exciting story. Favor proven profits over possibilities.

My Dumbest Investment

Didn't Sell Apple

My worst investment decision was not selling Apple at \$700 per share. I believed the hype that it would hit \$1,000. I did manage to escape by \$550. I realized a very good return on my initial investment, but greed got in the way of a great return. — S.M.T., Cranford, N.J.

The Fool Responds: You submitted this regret some months ago, when Apple shares were trading in the low \$400s. They've recently been in the low \$500s, reminding us of the value of patience.

Try not to evaluate your investments by looking backward, at how much they've grown or shrunk. Instead, try to assess whether they're overvalued or undervalued considering how well you expect the company to perform going forward.

If you thought, for example, that Apple would keep introducing innovative products and charging premium prices for them, you might have opted to ride out downturns, expecting shares to recover and keep growing — to \$1,000 and beyond. If you thought Apple's growth phase was over or even if you were just very uncertain, maybe selling was smart, no matter the stock price.

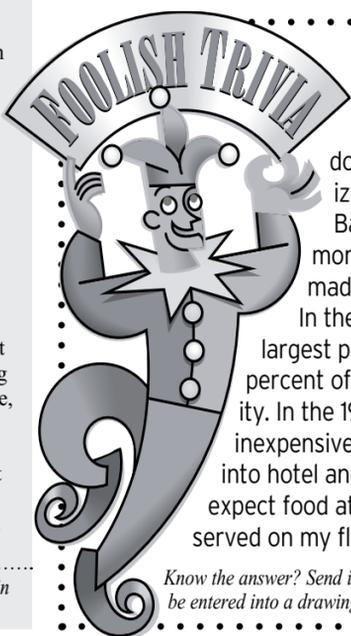
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Small investors fight urge to sell as stocks drop

By BERNARD CONDON and KEN SWEET

AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — January's global sell-off in stocks has left many small investors more puzzled than panicked — and unsure how to act.

They're holding on for now as prices continue to tumble, but their anxiety is mounting. The number of small investors who say they feel "bearish" soared this past week, according to a U.S. survey. Some stock funds have been hit with their biggest withdrawals since 2012.

If more people start selling, it would reverse a new and surprising trend in some of the world's biggest economies: individuals moving back into stocks after years of shunning them.

"I don't know what to do," says Ken Duska, a retiree in Mingo Junction, Ohio, who is sticking with his investment plan for the moment, though he's not sure that's wise. "After (the) upswing last year, it probably isn't going to continue."

Small investors around the world were on edge even before growing signs of a slowdown in China and plunging emerging-market currencies dragged many stock indexes down to their worst start of a new year since 2010. They worried stocks were overdue for a drop, after soaring by double-digit percentages in countries like the United States, Japan and France in 2013. In the U.S., many noted, the market had not fallen by 10 percent or more, known on Wall Street as a correction, for more than two years.

Now, with the Dow Jones industrial average down 5 percent from a recent

peak, one is closer at hand.

"The question is, 'Is this all of it, or is there significantly more to come?'" says Greg Sarian, a managing director at the Sarian Group at HighTower, a wealth advisory firm in Pennsylvania.

Anxiety has ramped up in Asia, too.

"Clients were very worried as they haven't seen such market jitters in a while," says Lee Young-hwan, a private banking consultant at Daishin Securities Co. in Seoul, South Korea. Still, he says that many are more inclined to snap up stocks now at lower prices, than to bail out.

That country's main index, the Kospi, is down 3.5 percent since the start of the year. In Japan, the Nikkei is off 8.5 percent, after soaring 58 percent last year. The Hang Seng in Hong Kong has fallen nearly 5.5 percent, after a 3 percent gain.

In Moscow, where the main stock index has been dropping for a year, Marina Pliskina, an English teacher, decided she'd finally had enough. She recently sold all of her stocks. "You want your money to last, but then it goes down and down," she says.

Since the 2008-2009 global financial crisis, small investors have mostly dumped stocks. But recently, buoyed by strengthening economies in the developed world, they have crept back into the market in some countries.

In the final four months of last year, nearly \$100 billion flowed into stock mutual funds in seven big economies tracked by Lipper Inc., a fund data provider. The countries are the U.S., which accounted for much of the buying, as well as Japan, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Canada and South Korea.

Now, that flow of money might reverse as investors grow worried.

At the start of the year, more than twice as many U.S. investors said they were bullish on stocks than said they were bearish, according to a survey by the American Association of Individual Investors. Now, the bulls and bears are neck and neck, with sentiments yo-yoing along with the indexes.

"I've lost ... maybe \$50,000 in the past week, and I'm not happy about it," says Scott Woodall, 44, of Acworth, Ga. "I hate the stock market."

The global tumble started more than a week ago after China reported economic growth had slowed and a key manufacturing measure suggested that sector was contracting. Stocks dropped in developing countries, along with their currencies, on fears exports of iron ore, soybeans, electronic components and other goods to China would slow.

Adding to the emerging-world woes were some homegrown problems — double-digit inflation in Argentina, for instance, and a corruption probe in Turkey that threatens to destabilize the government. Then, on Wednesday, the U.S. Federal Reserve announced it would be pulling back even more from its bond-buying program.

That buying has helped pushed U.S. interest rates to record lows, and sent investors to emerging markets in search of higher yields. Now the tide of cash is reversing, hammering those economies as investors pull money out.

A sign of the times: The price of gold, considered the ultimate "safe" asset by spooked investors, is up 3.5 percent this year after plunging 28 percent in 2013. Investors are also buying U.S. Treasury bonds, another refuge in fearful times, despite the Fed decision to scale back its

purchases. The yield on the benchmark 10-year note, which falls when prices rise, has dropped from 3 percent at the start of the year to 2.65 percent, a big move.

There were other signs Friday that fear might be spreading.

In the U.S., the Standard and Poor's 500 index, a broader measure than the Dow, was down 0.7 percent, a fifth loss in seven trading sessions. That said, the index is well shy of a correction. It is down 3.6 percent from its record close on Jan. 15.

Stocks in Germany also fell Friday, helping to push the country's DAX index down nearly 3 percent in January, despite a strong economy and a low unemployment rate.

So far, some small investors seem willing to ride out the storm, though they don't sound too happy.

Leighanne Franklin, a mental health therapist in Greenwood, N.Y., wonders whether U.S. stocks are "just another bubble." But she is adding to her retirement account anyway, partly because she doesn't want to miss out on matching funds from her employer. "It's better than putting it in a savings account," she says.

Eric Rogers, a home builder in Independence, Ore., says stocks are "inflated," and that he isn't surprised that trouble in emerging countries has pushed the market down.

Still, the 44-year-old is holding onto stocks in his IRA, figuring he can ride out any drops over time.

"It'll be wonderful for me in 20 years," he says, "but right now ... I can't touch it." AP Business Writer Youkyung Lee in Seoul, South Korea, and David McHugh in Frankfurt, Germany, contributed to this report.

CLOSET: At FGC

Continued From 1C

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Nevada AG sanctioned in fraud lawsuit

By KEN RITTER
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A Nevada judge has ordered the state to pay legal costs that could amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars to a mortgage-services company that state Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto accused of consumer fraud and engaging in an illegal "robosigning" scheme.

Attorneys for the former Lender Processing Services Inc. won sanctions Thursday from Clark County

District Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez after arguing the attorney general's office failed to back up claims Masto made in December 2011 after filing criminal charges against two employees and a civil lawsuit against the company.

Masto on Friday afternoon issued a long statement declaring that she was fighting for the people of Nevada against a company she accused of deceptive trade practices and "widespread problems in the execution and notarization of mortgage documents."

"Nevada has borne the costs and continues to bear the scars from the reckless conduct of too many unscrupulous players in the mortgage market," the statement said.

Masto also acknowledged that her office was using a New York-based law firm to represent the state, and she said the amount that will be paid to Lender Processing Services will be up to the judge.

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Keystone XL oil pipeline clears a major hurdle

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The long-delayed Keystone XL oil pipeline cleared a major hurdle Friday as the State Department raised no major environmental objections to the controversial pipeline from Canada through the heart of the U.S. Republicans and some oil- and gas-producing states cheered, but the report further ruffled environmentalists already at odds with President Barack Obama.

The department report stops short of recommending approval of the \$7 billion pipeline, which has become a major symbol of the political debate over climate change. But the review gives Obama new cover if he chooses to endorse the pipeline in spite of opposition from many Democrats and environmental groups. Foes say the pipeline would carry "dirty oil" that contributes to global warming. They also worry about a spill.

Republicans and business and labor groups have urged Obama to approve the pipeline to create thousands of jobs and move toward North American energy independence. The pipeline is also strongly supported by Democrats in oil and gas-producing states, including Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana, Mark Begich of Alaska and Mark Pryor of Arkansas. All face re-election this year and could be politically damaged by rejection of the pipeline. Republican Mitt Romney carried all three states in the 2012 presidential election.

The 1,179-mile pipeline would travel through the heart of the United States, carrying oil derived from tar sands in western Canada to a hub in Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries in Texas.

Canadian tar sands are likely to be developed regardless of U.S. action on the pipeline, the report said, and other options to get the oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries — including rail, trucks and barges — would be worse for climate change.

"Approval or denial of any one crude oil transport project ... is unlikely to significantly impact the rate of extraction in the oil sands or the continued demand for heavy crude oil at refineries in the United States," the report states.

State Department approval is needed because the pipeline crosses a U.S. border. The Environmental Protection Agency and other departments will have 90 days to comment before State makes a recommendation to Obama on whether the project is in the national interest. A final decision by the government is not expected before summer.



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Million-dollar sales club

Hallmark real estate of Lake City announced that six of their Realtors sold more than a million dollars worth of property in 2013. "This may be an indication of a bit of recovery in the local real estate market. It reflects a lot of hard work," a spokesperson said. Selling more than a million were: Ginger Parker, Robin Williams and Vic Lantroop. Selling more than two million were Paula Lawrence, Nate Sweat and top producer Teresa Spradley. From left: Ginger Parker, Nate Sweat, Paula Lawrence, Teresa Spradley, Robin Williams and Vic Lantroop.

Senate: Delay flood insurance hikes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of thousands of homeowners in coastal and flood-prone areas would win protection from sharply higher federal flood insurance premiums under legislation muscled through the Senate on Thursday after angry constituents inundated Capitol Hill with complaints.

The 67-32 vote reflects widespread alarm about changes enacted two years ago to shore up the program's finances. In many cases the changes produced unexpected, sky-high insurance rates that are unaffordable for many homeowners in flood-prone areas whose insurance has historically been subsidized by the government and other policyholders.

"Something is just terribly wrong when homeowners are more worried about raging flood premiums than they are about raging floods," said Sen. Jeff Merkley, D-Ore.

The bill would delay for up to four years huge premium increases that are supposed to phase in next year

and beyond under new and updated government flood maps. It also would allow homeowners to pass below-cost policies on to people who buy their homes. People who have recently bought homes and face sharp, immediate jumps in their premiums would see those increases rolled back.

Opponents of the bill say it unravels long-sought reforms of the flood insurance program, which has required numerous taxpayer bailouts and owes \$24 billion to the Treasury Department as a result.

"It's simply irresponsible for the Senate to gut reforms they overwhelmingly adopted just a year and a half ago," said Steve Ellis, vice president of Taxpayers for Common Sense. He called the bill "an empty, feel-good, four-year delay that will keep people in harm's way, accelerate the insolvency of the program, increase uncertainty about future rates, and cost taxpayers billions."

The measure goes to the GOP-controlled House, where there's tension between supporters of the Senate approach and top Republicans

like Financial Services Committee Chairman Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, who is largely standing behind the 2012 changes. Hensarling spokesman David Popp said the chairman wants "free-market alternatives" to the government-run flood insurance program.

But allies of delaying the rate hikes demonstrated in a 281-146 vote last year in the House that they have sweeping support for delaying premium increases. That vote, on an amendment by Rep. Bill Cassidy, was included in this month's government-wide funding bill. It effectively guarantees a few months relief to those facing increases late this year because of new maps but doesn't allow people to pass below-market rates on to people who buy their homes.

At issue is the government-run flood insurance program, in which taxpayers and other homeowners subsidize below-risk rates paid on older homes in both coastal areas threatened by hurricanes and big storms and inland areas near flood-prone rivers.

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Dinner for two

Valentine's Day is fast approaching! On this day, we buy cards, candy or flowers to show our dear sweet-hearts how much we care about them. Some of you even may spring for an expensive dinner out at a local restaurant. While we all love a night out on the town, what better way to show the ones you love just how much you do care about them than with a fabulous meal at home that's easy to make, easy on the budget and best of all – absolutely delicious!

We've included a few recipes for you to consider making for your valentine. The recipe for skirt steak can be modified using flat iron steak. The flat iron is a little known cut of beef and it is absolutely wonderful cooked in an iron skillet or on the grill and you can change up your marinade to suit your taste. If you haven't tried a flat iron, we highly recommend that you do. It is tender and one of the tastiest steak choices. If you don't see one in the meat counter just ask your butcher to cut you one. Our butcher friend, Sam Robinson at Publix, also highly recommends it.

Skirt Steak

- 1 lb. skirt steak (or flat iron steak)
- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tsp. soy sauce
- ½ tsp. ground ginger
- ¼ tsp. garlic powder (or ½ tsp. fresh chopped garlic)
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- 2 tsp. rice vinegar

Directions:
 Mix all ingredients together in a Ziploc bag. Add skirt steak, coating well and marinate until ready to cook. Marinate for at least 30 minutes.

In an iron skillet over medium high heat place the skirt steak. Slightly press down to create a sear. For medium rare, cook 3 minutes on each side. Remove from pan and let steak rest for 10 minutes. Cut into thin slices against the grain.

Beefy Rice is an old stand-by that Mary Kay's mom used to make years ago — back in the 70's — that we still love today.

Beefy Rice

- 1 stick butter
- 1 can Campbell's French Onion Soup
- 1 can Campbell's Beef Consommé
- 1 ¼ cup Jasmine rice

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 350. Melt butter in 2 quart casserole dish. Add other ingredients. Cover with lid or foil. Cook for 45 minutes to 1 hour.
NOTE: You can add a can of sliced mushrooms if you like.

If you are watching the fats and calories, Genie makes it with 2 tbs. butter, soups, regular rice and adds a drained can of

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Mike Reid: Finding math in everyday life

'I don't see why a math class has to be dull,' he says.

By **AVALYN HUNTER**
 Special to the Reporter

His desk looks like the aftermath of an explosion in a paper factory. His accent can make his speech a little hard to follow when he gets excited. But if there is such a thing as a born teacher, Mike Reid is that man. For him, teaching isn't just a job; it's a daily celebration of his students and their growing abilities.

Reid can't recall a time when he didn't want to be a teacher. Even while growing up in Jamaica, his favorite game was "playing teacher" to a class made up of his seven siblings. And from the beginning, what he wanted to teach was math.

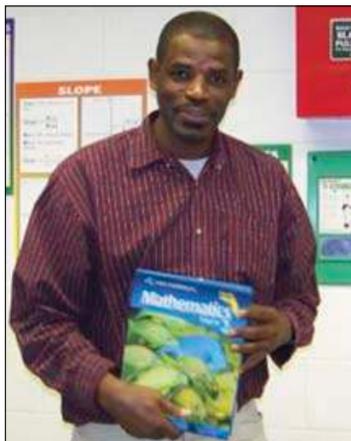
"It's beautiful," he says. "Logical. It was the easiest thing for me to teach because I could make up the problems and solutions as I went."

After completing his initial certification at St. Joseph's Teaching College in Kingston, Jamaica, Reid taught in his native country for nearly 10 years. But his wife Ena, a nurse, sought greater opportunities in the United States, and Reid followed her here in 1990.

Certified and nominated

In order to meet Florida certification requirements, Reid completed a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Nova Southeastern University in 1993 and immediately after graduation was hired by Ridgewood Park Elementary School in Orlando.

Reid spent the next decade teaching in Orlando elementary schools. Along the way, he completed a master's degree in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern (he also holds a bachelor's degree in theology for good measure) and was nominated for Disney's American Teacher Awards. He ended up being recruited by the Columbia County school system in 2003 and taught at Five Points Elementary School and Niblack Elementary School before starting at Fort White Middle School in 2009.



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Before being hired at Fort White in 2009, Mike Reid always knew he wanted to teach math. 'It's beautiful,' he said. 'Logical.'

Assessing more than math

Reid's messy desk belies a highly organized approach to teaching. "I do my own diagnostics on each child at the beginning of the year to see what skills they have. I don't just rely on previous test scores," he explained. "When I know exactly what a child does and doesn't know, I can build from there. This is crucial because each new concept in math builds on previous concepts. Take fractions, for example. If you mess up teaching fractions to a child, you've messed that child up mathematically for the rest of their school days because so many later skills depend on an understanding of how fractions work."

Sometimes Reid's assessment of a student takes in more than their math skills. "Because they require a lot of focus and concentration, math skills tend to be among the first to suffer when a student is going through some sort of trauma," he says. "I had one student whose grades were dropping and who was becoming increasingly difficult to handle. When I talked to him about it, he nearly exploded. It turned out that his parents were going through a divorce and he was having a lot of trouble dealing with it. He needed someone to hear him out and give him some extra support as he worked through his emotions. Another student was becoming extremely withdrawn. In his case, the problem turned out

to be homelessness. That one, I had to refer to guidance so that the authorities would be notified and his family could be linked to the help they needed."

But even Reid's skills at assessment take a back seat to his passion for communicating his enthusiasm about math.

Math can be fun

"Math is everywhere," he said. "What I have to do is show my students how it applies to things they're interested in. I don't see why a math class has to be dull. Sometimes people have complained that there's too much laughter coming from my room. I say, why shouldn't students laugh and enjoy their work as long as they are working? The only rule about laughter in my room is that we never laugh at anyone. When I ask a student to participate, to share with the class what he or she has learned from a lesson, I want that student to feel safe; I want it to be a learning experience for both the student and me, so that I can be sure that I have taught that student what he or she needs to know."

Reid doesn't limit his teaching to the classroom, either. As the coach of the middle school boys soccer team, he has sometimes taken the opportunity presented by away games to tutor individual students while traveling on the bus. He also makes a point of connecting with his students' parents and getting their support for his students' educational goals.

When asked why he does what he does, Reid smiles.

"I've been asked sometimes why I haven't tried to move into administration since I have the degree for it," he said. "But I love motivating students and challenging them to do a little better each year, and I don't think I could do that as well from the office. I love to see children grow and develop. When the FCAT scores come out and my students have made progress, maybe even moved up to new levels, I know that I'm doing my job as I pray to do. And I love hearing how my former students are doing in areas like teaching and medicine and hotel management; it makes me feel that I've contributed to their successes. Teaching touches lives, and that's what I'm about."

GARDEN TALK



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A colorful choice: Red Maple

When is the best time to plant a tree? It depends on where you live. Arbor Day is a celebration of the future, and it involves planting trees for the good of the environment. The most common date for other states to observe this 'tree planting' day is the last Friday in April. In a few southern states, Arbor Days arrives much earlier to coincide with the best tree planting weather.

Florida's national Arbor Day celebration is on the third Friday in January, which was January 17 this year. Our Arbor Day is the earliest of all the states. Newly planted trees have time to develop healthy roots before the warm, dry spring months arrive. Even so, supplemental water should be provided new trees during prolonged dry spells.

If you are going to plant a tree this year, be sure to put the "right plant in the right place." This simply means to first test your soil pH and other site factors, and then choose a tree that needs what your site has to offer. For instance, if your site is moist and the soil is acidic, you may have a good spot for a red maple shade tree. It prefers sun or part sun, will grow in sand or clay, and will even tolerate occasional flooding.

Red maples are one of the first plants to show color each year. On a drive toward Jacksonville recently, we were amazed by the cheerful red color-

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Happy 100th birthday, Extension

In Lake City in 1884, Florida's first Land Grant College was born. States were given tens of thousands of acres of land (through the Morrill Act of 1862, also called the Land Grant Act) and proceeds from the sale of these lands were to be invested in an endowment fund. These monies would provide support for colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts in each state, known as land grant colleges.

So, how did our land grant university, the University of Florida, end up in Gainesville? In 1905, the Florida Legislature consolidated Florida Agricultural College, the East Florida Seminary of Gainesville, the St. Petersburg Normal and Industrial School at St. Petersburg, and the South Florida Military College at Bartow to form the University of the State of Florida, which was moved to Gainesville. The school was renamed University of Florida in 1909.

The Extension Service was established through the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, as a partnership



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between land grant colleges nationwide and the US Department of Agriculture, in order to provide scientific knowledge and expertise to the public through educational programs. Some of the earliest efforts at Extension work involved teaching farm women to stuff their own mattresses and preserve food; Farmers Institutes, where researchers traveled by trains to rural towns; Boys Corn Clubs, where young boys were challenged to out-produce their father's crop yields; Short Courses, where farmers came to campus when regular students were not there; and Better Farming Specials, where college professors used trains across the state to teach farmers and homemakers better ways based



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In Florida, we are lucky to have an Extension office in all 67 counties.

Each office is a cooperative effort through the University of Florida and the local County Commissioners. The expertise of the people in the office is based on the needs of the community. You may see more agent specialties in a small rural county than in a more metropolitan area.

The local Extension Office in Columbia County has recently moved to 971 W. Duval St., Suite 170 in the Duval Place off Hwy 90 (in the same complex as the

Supervisor of Elections). They can be reached by calling 386-752-5384. Most of the classes are free or charges are only to cover the cost of materials. The Horticulture Agent deals with plants, landscaping, insects, etc. and is starting a new Master Gardener volunteer training class soon. Our Family and Consumer Sciences Agent is partnering in a research project working with folks who want to successfully manage their weight with research-based information they can continue throughout their lives. The VITA program, a tax preparation assistance program will start in late February or early March. Our 4-H Agent is always looking for adult volunteers willing to mentor youth. This year there is a new opportunity for 4-Hers who are interested in robotics. Our Ag Agents are helping farmers in the area, whether it is helping someone living on a few acres or those who need peanut pod blasting to figure out

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DEAR ABBY

Husband saves business but destroys wife's trust

DEAR ABBY: During the past three years, my husband and I managed to save about \$45,000 for a down payment on the purchase of a new home. (We each put in about half.) Early last month, I asked my husband if he liked one house we had just seen, and he confessed that he had taken all the money we had saved and put it into a struggling business he has had for 12 years and which I helped him run on weekends.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com my number from our mutual friend. (I had given her permission to give it out to people who had been at the party.)

I am devastated! It's not just the money, which was for our future. The plan was to purchase an affordable home and pay it off quickly. But he lied to me, strung me along and stole from me, because half of that money was mine. There is no chance he can repay it. My trust in him and our marriage is broken. What are your thoughts? — CRUSHED IN PALM HARBOR, FLA.

DEAR CRUSHED: Because the basis of any successful partnership — and that includes marriage — is trust, I think you have some serious thinking to do. And if you decide to remain married to your husband, you should have access to all documents connected to both your finances in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I am blessed to have many friends who invite me to parties and gatherings. I met a guy at one of them and we had a nice conversation. A few days later he called me. He said he'd gotten

We talked some more and kept talking and exchanging emails over the course of a couple of months. Because it wasn't every day or even every week, I thought we were just friends.

At the next party he asked me out on a date — a romantic date. This is a problem. I identify as an aromantic asexual. I do not feel the things he does. Having to explain my sexual orientation to people is embarrassing. Any advice on how to convey this without ruining the friendship we have developed? — EMBARRASSED

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Try saying it this way: "I'm flattered, but it would be better if we remain just friends. I think you're terrific, but I am not a romantic or sexual person. It has nothing to do with you. It's just the way I am and always have been."

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

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your thoughts to yourself and be mindful of those around you. It isn't worth getting into an argument over a trivial matter that will pass if left alone. Focus on fitness, health and self-improvement, and you will make positive gains. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have everything going for you if you step into action and follow through with your plans. Don't hold back, especially if there is something you want to share with someone special. Romance will be heightened. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Tread carefully, especially when dealing with emotional matters. Listen attentively and be honest but kind in your response. You'll benefit most if you do not interfere or take sides. Reassess your personal position but don't make a move. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Express your feelings and follow through with your plans. A commitment or promise will go a long way, ensuring that you have a bright future. Talk over your plans and visit places and people who can help your dreams come true. ★★★★★

HOROSCOPES

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will discover information that will lead to a significant change. Fixing up your home or looking at real estate will be misleading. Think twice before you spend on something you don't need to do. A partnership change will benefit you. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Discuss important plans with someone who has knowledge or experience to offer. A partnership will bring about an unusual change in your life and your direction. Socializing and romance will lead to an interesting realization. Say what's on your mind. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Assess personal situations but don't make an impulsive move. Play out any situation you face by observing, understanding and being mindful of those around you and what they may be experiencing. Not all the facts will be visible. Wait for greater clarity. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Creative alterations at home will help you get a project off the ground. You'll be persuasive in drumming up the support you require to reach your goals. A trip or engaging in a cultural event will be eye opening. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everything will be as crystal clear as you think. Question what's being said and try to be as precise in your description or communication with others as possible. Misunderstandings will end up being costly. A quick response will be required. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look over your past accomplishments and you will find an interesting way to incorporate the old with the new in order to come up with a fabulous and interesting way to advance in the future. Celebrate with someone you love. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for any opportunity that will help you to generate greater cash flow. Taking on a challenge may pose a problem, but a unique and innovative approach will lead to your success. Ask questions if someone is not giving you a straight answer. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look over personal papers, investments or old lottery tickets. Something you may have missed in the past will help you out monetarily now. Put a romantic twist on your day by divulging your feelings and making special plans for two. ★★

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.

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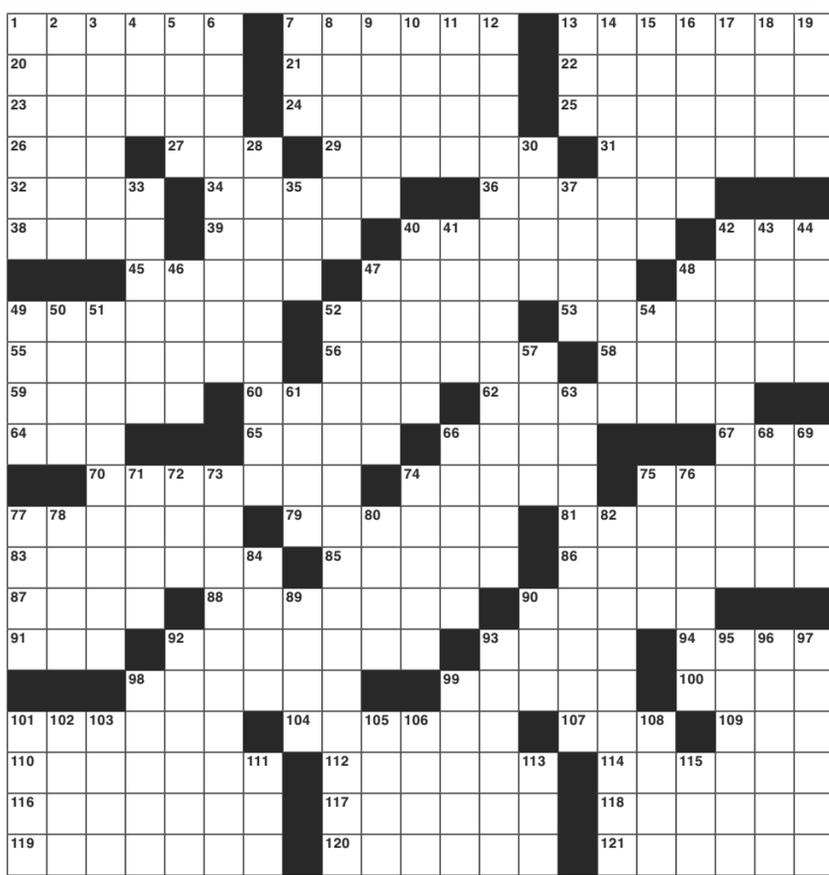
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

IT'S ALL RELATIVE By DANIEL A. FINAN / Edited by Will Shortz

- ACROSS 1 Apply quickly 7 Wall 13 Gringos' land 20 Place with wheels and deals 21 Summit planner 22 Worse 23 Woodworking tool 24 Untrustworthy sort 25 What players do at the start of a game of tag 26 Some bling 27 One for the "no" column 29 Most Cypriots, ethnically 31 Massages 32 Like some eagles and tires 34 Li'l Abner's surname 36 Company with the Havoline brand 38 Notre dame, e.g. 39 Valdez of coffee advertising 40 Period of the Cenozoic Era 42 Language suffix 45 Servings of mashed potatoes, e.g. 47 Writer Kipling 48 Let go 49 Cynic Bierce who once defined "alone" as "in bad company" 52 Swear off 53 Potentially dangerous 55 Sapling 56 Relax 58 Goes in 59 Stairway post 60 Twinkie filler 62 "Back to the Future" villains 64 Amo: I love :: I hate 65 "The Merry Drinker" painter 66 Pop singer Del Rey 67 In need of a lift 70 "Adoration" subjects in a Leonardo painting 74 Maine college 75 Irish county and seaport 77 Have troops in 79 [What a bore] 81 Martin Sheen's real family name 83 Tops off? 85 Pam of "Jackie Brown" 86 Takeout choice 87 All riled up 88 Part of London where Eliza Doolittle is from 90 One side of an 1899-1902 war 91 Smidgen 92 Source of ivory 93 Uzbekistan's Sea 94 About a quarter of the population of Sicily lives on its slopes 98 Title girl in a Chuck Berry hit 99 Make enforceable 100 Opportunity 101 Learn well 104 Take blows for 107 A line in an A-line? 109 Punk offshoot 110 Be supported by 112 Movie director who was himself the subject of a 1994 movie 114 Gold-medal gymnast Mary Lou 116 Powell's successor on the Supreme Court 117 Some starting help 118 "Keep going!" 119 Love to hate? 120 Canon parts 121 On the receiving end of a Dear John letter DOWN 1 Writer of old 2 Secular 3 See 51-Down 4 Gumshoes 5 empty stomach 6 73-Down, relatively 7 Denver-to-Albuquerque dir. 8 See 52-Down 9 Break a peace treaty, say 10 Gaelic tongue 11 Lunging sport 12 93-Down, relatively 13 Lines to Wrigley Field 14 See 82-Down 15 Fine point 16 Bone: Prefix 17 Moreno of "West Side Story" 18 Ticked (off) 19 Goofs 28 "Yessiree!" 30 Dreamcast maker 33 Résumé datum 35 in kangaroo 37 Boomers' kids 40 Sip on 41 Limit 42 95-Down, relatively 43 " gut" 44 Breyers alternative 46 Rest in a hammock, say 47 Wanders 48 Abbr. at the start of a memo 49 He's 2, for one 50 He "will never speak unless he has something to say," in a song 51 3-Down, relatively 52 8-Down, relatively 54 "Bambi" doe 57 Air-freshener scent 61 Cleaner's supply 63 One who might yell, "Go home!" 66 Rested in a hammock, say 68 Gets up there 69 Nap 71 Taking a certain tone 72 Fuel-economy authority, for short 73 See 6-Down 74 Cartoon sound 75 Hubbub 76 Macros, e.g. 77 Words of remembrance, briefly 78 Michael of "Arrested Development" 80 McFlurry flavor 82 14-Down, relatively 84 Indian wrap 89 Depots: Abbr. 90 Built-in part of a tank top, maybe 92 Block party? 93 See 12-Down 95 See 42-Down 96 "Make it stop!" 97 Observed Yom Kippur 98 Italian grandpa 99 Funeral delivery of old 101 " stupid question ..." 102 Vitamin a.k.a. para-aminobenzoic acid 103 Director Gus Van 105 In a hammock, maybe 106 Gershwin biographer David 108 Many a Yelp link 111 Big Apple N.L. team 113 Fielding feats: Abbr. 115 Cable inits. for a cinephile



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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TASTE

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mushrooms.

While a regular tossed salad would do just fine, try the Greek Chopped Salad for extra flair!

Greek Chopped Salad

- 1 hothouse cucumber, peeled and chopped
- ½ yellow bell pepper, chopped
- ½ red bell pepper, chopped
- 6 scallions, chopped
- 3.5 oz jar green olives, sliced or chopped
- 3.5 oz. jar Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1 tsp. garlic, minced
- 3 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 4 tbsp. olive oil
- 4 tbsp. white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp. freshly chopped oregano
- 1 tbsp. freshly chopped mint
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cracked pepper
- 4 oz. feta cheese

Directions:

Combine all ingredients except feta. Let macerate 4 hours or so. Add feta just before serving.

Dinner wouldn't be complete without a simple yet delicious slice of pound cake. Add fruit of your choice like strawberries or raspberries with a dollop of whipped cream. It is over the top. Want to have an extra special breakfast treat with your coffee the next morning? Take a slice of the pound cake, add a little dab of butter (yes, the real thing) and toast until golden. Talk about sinful!

Lee's Almost Famous Pound Cake

- 4 sticks butter at room temperature
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 eggs at room temperature
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whipping cream (8oz)
- 1-2 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Mix butter and sugar; add eggs one at a time, then alternate adding flour, whipping cream and vanilla. Mix thoroughly and pour into a greased and floured tube pan and place in a cold oven. Turn oven to 325 degrees and bake for 1 ½ hours. Let cool in pan on wire rack. (Cold oven is important.)

This recipe came from former Lake City resident Pat Vanous. It is probably the most decadent pound cake known to man or woman. Literally if you place a slice in your hand, when you finish eating it your hand will be buttery greasy.

Oh go ahead, it's Valentine's Day and we wish you a happy one.

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MAPLE

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ation in the wooded areas lining the highways. These maples begin showing their beautiful red blossoms in January in northern Florida, followed by red samara fruits and red emerging leaves. A red maple can offer outstanding red color in your own yard for a long period in the spring.

Besides providing the benefits of quick shade and spring color, a red maple will also put on quite a show of fall color. Brilliant fall leaf colors of red, yellow and orange will often last for several weeks in the fall, but the species is not always too dependable. For the best fall color and performance, choose a variety such as "Red Sunset," "Florida Flame"

Pardon me while I reminisce

I grew up in Lake City, a lovely very small town, when what is now Main Boulevard was a dirt road. You could get anywhere in town in five minutes and when you got there you knew everyone. Saturday afternoon, downtown was a bustling place. When we were growing up, the children of my generation went outside every day, we came home for lunch and couldn't wait to go back out to play with the neighborhood kids.

What did we do all day during the lazy summer? We explored the creek, the many wooded areas, played ball in the open fields, played Monopoly when it rained, built kites, put on plays with our makeshift costumes, rode bikes, skated down our street or pretended we were Tarzan, trying to swing on the heavy vines, and climbed trees. The big sycamore was our favorite and it still stands near South Marion Street.

Our mothers would take us swimming, usually at White Springs or Ichetucknee Springs. I learned to swim in the brown, sulfur water of the beautiful Spring House in White Springs. This spring is no longer flowing! It doesn't seem so long ago that it was a viable asset to the community and tourist desti-



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nation.

We need to learn to take better care of our beautiful natural resources. I'm sure you could guess where this was leading — our water is in jeopardy. What will it take to get the attention of the majority of people that we need to change our way of thinking about the water we enjoy and take for granted?

We should all start being more aware of our actions and the impact we have on our part of the world. We as individuals can make a difference too. How, you ask? Education. Remember when we had the national campaign about "Don't be a litterbug"? Before that, people would throw trash out the window as they drove along, or dump their household garbage in the woods. We were just beginning to have garbage trucks to pick up trash. Before that we were mostly self sufficient, growing our

own food, disposing of our own garbage. Composting was popular too, we just didn't know what to call it. Already prepared food was unheard of and there certainly wasn't a restaurant on every corner.

Now I'm not suggesting we go back to the way things were, we have come a long and positive way, just be a little more aware of what we waste — especially water.

In Cynthia Barnett's newest book, "Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis," she gives an example of how San Antonio, Texas is now implementing a new water ethic. Their River City Mall now collects and reuses 12 million gallons of water per year from its air-conditioning condensation lines, an upgrade that paid for itself in eight months. Twelve million gallons of water they don't have to buy that used to be wasted. What a simple solution.

Cynthia's guiding principles for securing Florida's water resources for are common sense.

The following five principles are adapted from her book:

1. Floridians value water, from appreciating local streams to being willing to pay an appropriate price for water.
2. We work together to use less and less, rather

than fight each other to grab more and more.

3. We try to keep water local in order to avoid the financial, environmental and energy costs of long-distance transfers.

4. We avoid the two big mistakes of our history: over-tapping our natural supplies and over-relying on the costliest fixes that bring unintended consequences to future generations.

5. We leave as much as prudently possible in nature - aquifers, wetlands and rivers - so that our children and grandchildren, with benefit of time and evolving knowledge, can make their own decisions about water.

In Florida, it is hard to imagine not having plenty of water. We are surrounded on three sides by salt water, plus our lakes and rivers are numerous. Just think about our name, Lake City. Not only do we have many lakes, but more than 100 springs within a 50 mile radius. Columbia County is bordered by the legendary Suwannee River on the northwest and by the beleaguered Santa Fe River on the south, and if anything conjures up images of water abundance it is nearby Baker County's Ocean Pond.

So, we are fortunate, but many heavily populated areas have a straw in our aquifer, so we must remember Cynthia's second principle: "We work together to

use less and less — rather than fight each other to grab more and more." Education is primary in instilling this type of thinking, from school-age children and up.

I think Lake City has gone a step in the right direction in installing our newest "Smart" water meters, which can spot a leak right away. That is good for us money-wise, but it also prevents the wasted water.

We can use less. Many countries collect water it when it rains, in cisterns or cement swales under their homes. Many countries have to pay much more for their water than in the U.S.

Many of our local gardeners have rain barrels to collect water for their plants during drier times. Rain water is better for our plants too, no chlorine in it. Our Columbia County Master Gardeners have workshops periodically for the public to make a rain barrel and take it home for a nominal fee.

During droughts we all think about the scarcity of water, now that the rains have started let's don't forget that droughts will come again. Let's make our own commitment to value our life-sustaining water.

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Refocus your year with SMART goals

By this time of the year, most Americans have already broken or given up on their New Year's resolutions. Too often, we set ourselves up for failure by setting goals that are very vague; for example to eat healthier, to save money, to lose weight, etc. Well if you eat a carrot, put a penny in the dresser drawer, and take off your shoes you have now accomplished all of these goals.

Goals like these are unspecific and immeasurable. One of the most effective methods is to set SMART goals.

■ Specific: Details like who, what, when, where, how much?

■ Measurable: Does it have numbers (two times a week, 10 lbs, \$25)?

■ Achievable: Can it honestly be done without putting your life in jeopardy?



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■ Realistic-can it be done in the time you have set?

■ Time Frame-how long will you do the task? How will you know when are "finished"?

Here is an example of a SMART goal. Reduce the amount of debt on the credit card by \$3,000 over the next two years by reducing the amount of money spent eating out each month by \$20. If you notice, this goal didn't say save \$3,000 by the next full moon. For many, saving that much money that fast is not realistic due tight budgets and tough

economic times. Also, this goal included a time frame and a specific amount, so we can see if it's actually being met. The goal is also specific because we know that you're saving \$20 by reducing how often you eat out. Making SMART goals will help you in not only letting you know if you are meeting them, but it can also help you in making small steps to living a better life.

Sometimes we make specific goals, but we set ourselves up for failure by setting a long term goal and expecting instant results. In goal setting, there are three levels:

Long term goals require large amounts of planning but are often extremely important events like home buying or graduating from school.

Intermediate goals are often a stepping stone in

between long term and short term goals.

Short term goals can be as small as a daily task or a long term goal broken down into smaller steps.

Let's take the long term example above, reduce the amount of debt on the credit card by \$3,000 over the next two years by reducing the amount of money spent eating out each month by \$20. This goal is set over two years but can be measured quickly by its intermediate and short term stepping stones to prevent discouragement. The intermediate goal is to: Save \$20 every week and pay towards the balance on the credit card bill for the next 24 months. A short term example would be: I will decrease the amount of money I spend every month on fast-food by packing a lunch twice a week

for the next year. This is a goal that can be measured weekly, is realistic, and is very obtainable. If you noticed, each goal links into the other and each one builds on top of each other.

So when making goals, prevent failure by making sure they are SMART. Then break those BIG goals into three categories so you can better see the change. Start with your long term or overall goals, and then find a middle point — your intermediate goal. Finally, your short term goals can be the small things you'll have to do daily/weekly/monthly in order to reach that long term goal. Remember, go for the goal. Just make sure you know where the ten yard lines are and you'll score every time.

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EXTENSION

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the best time to harvest. They also work with farmers interested in selling directly to customers.

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