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## SANDBOX GRAVESITE: A PLACE TO Grieve, play

A lot has changed since local woman's story was first told.

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No one knew that a photograph of a child playing in a sandbox on his brother's grave could change so many lives, but it has.

The photo, which has since gone viral on the Web, shows 3-year-old Tucker Hammac playing in a sandbox built to create a bond between him and his brother, Ryan Michael Jolley, who died in October just five days after birth due to complications of Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy.

What the photo does not show is what came after.

Tucker's mother, 24-year-old Ashlee Hammac of Lake City, set out to help others who had gone through what she had. After Ryan's death she formed Pages to Memories to help them cope.

"I came up with the name Pages to Memories because when I was in the (neonatal intensive care unit) I sat and read to Ryan," she said, noting her voice was a way to bond with him, since she couldn't always hold him like other babies. "I held him and read to him as much as they would let me. We were turning pages and those were the memories I made with my son, Ryan."

Pages to Memories provides books and blankets to parents facing similar heartbreak.

"After I lost my son, just having a way to grieve, I took on Pages to Memories as a project because it kept me busy," she said. "Being busy was better than sitting there doing nothing."

When her story gained national attention and the photo of Tucker playing went viral, the non-profit Pages to Memories gained momentum as well.

"Before that picture took off, Pages to Memories was just family and friends at the church helping me do everything through the charity," Hammac said. "Since then, we've actually had people writing us, wanting to help, people sending books and a lot of parents wanting to share their stories and have somebody to talk to — which is what I wanted."

Hammac is uncertain how many volunteers work with the organization, but said she has more than 500 books in her house awaiting donation to parents wanting to connect with their gravely ill infants much as she was able to.



Tucker Hammac, 3, plays in the sandbox at his late brother's grave.

### A place to grieve and play

After Ryan's death the family ordered a headstone for his grave and, after a storm washed away much of the dirt over the grave, concrete to go over it and rails to go around it.

"We had that stuff put out there and I didn't know what I was going to put in the middle until I thought about every day when I used to take Tucker out there with me, he'd always wanted to play in that dirt. He would go out there he would sing and he just wanted to play in the dirt. I didn't like him playing in that dirt," she said. "I felt weird about him playing on the grave, but the more I thought about it, I decided I'd put sand in it so he could play out there, because he wanted to play there. He just needed a place to play out there."

Hammac said she had never heard of a sandbox on a gravesite before, only sites decorated with glass pebbles. Some people think it's

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**A graveyard is for the people who are left here to be able to have memories.**

— Ashlee Hammac



Ashlee Hammac and Tucker sit with Ryan in the neonatal intensive care unit.

## Senate seeks to cut college funds

Move met with resistance from FGC president.

From staff reports

Local reaction was swift and strong to a state Senate Appropriations Committee budget proposal that would cut \$3.5 million from state colleges' four-year degree programs, with the money funneled instead into state universities. The plan (SB 2500) passed the committee unanimously on Thursday, a day after the House budget-writing panel approved a \$75.3 billion spending blueprint.



"Governor Hall Scott has asked all of the educational entities to produce more graduates and get more people to work," said Dr. Charles Hall, FGC president. "The state colleges, in offering baccalaureate degrees, focus only on those 'getting-to-work' degrees, the occupational and technical tracts, which is what the governor has asked us to do. Limiting the degree opportunities certainly prohibits the governor's idea from being carried out and is a reason why the state colleges need to be allowed to continue offering these degrees."

Hall said that FGC and the other state colleges only offer the four-year programs that larger universities do not offer, are workforce-related, or degrees the universities do not wish to offer.

Florida Gateway College currently offers one baccalaureate degree, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. A second four-year degree in Early Childhood Education will begin this fall, and two other baccalaureates — one in Industrial Logistics and another in Water Resource Management — are scheduled to be offered by the end of 2015.

Hall said these degrees were chosen because each of the industries is vital to the community.

"These degrees are not offered on a whim," Hall said. "Each program goes through a long process before it can be offered, with a lot of hard work by a variety of people. We have to show a need in the area for these particular degrees, and have to go through approval by the State Office of the Florida College System, our accrediting agency, SACS, and the State Board of Education before we can offer any new degree to our students and the communities we serve."

The goal of the budget language, supporters said, was to prompt the colleges to select and get rid of the degrees they need the least. But Joe Pickens, a former lawmaker and current president of St. Johns River State College, said that might not happen.

"The funding cut that is across the board impacts both the programs that I think the chair has acknowledged that we

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## Jobless numbers down from January

Unemployment rate falls slightly in Columbia Co.

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The local employment picture for February bounced back slightly after a dip in January, according to state figures released Friday.

Columbia County's unemployment rate for February was 6.3 percent, down from 6.4

percent in January.

The jobless rate is based on the number of people without a job, but who are actively seeking work. A person seeking work is considered unemployed even if they have never held a job before.

Columbia County is now above the state unemployment rate, which remained at 6.2 percent for February. The national unemployment rate in February was 6.7 percent.

In February there were 30,993 people in the Columbia County labor force, 29,040 of which were employed.

In January the local labor force consisted of 30,454 county residents and 28,520 had jobs.

In February 2013 the local unemployment rate was 7.1 percent.

According to CareerSource Florida Crown, which serves Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist and Union counties, there were 733 online advertised job vacancies in January (the last month for which numbers were available), an increase of 132 jobs over January

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## Art Gallery hosts Chamber mixer

Local photographer Herb Ellis shows Denise Wynne (center) and Jackie Kite a hand-crafted tea kettle made by Susan Margaritondo during a Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce mixer held at the Gateway Art Gallery on Thursday.

## QUICK HITS

### Lottery Numbers

**Cash 3:** (Sat.) 6-1-7

**Play 4:** (Sat.) 3-8-0-9

**Fantasy 5:** (Fri.) 1-5-15-21-30

**Florida Lotto:** (Wed.) 2-16-24-32-40-47-x4

**PowerBall:** (Wed.) 28-33-41-44-59-21-x2

### Thought for Today

Listen, or your tongue will make you deaf.

— Native American Proverb

### Today's Scripture

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."  
— 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

## AROUND FLORIDA

# Mom charged with fatally stabbing son

ST. PETERSBURG

A Tampa Bay mother was charged with first-degree murder after authorities say she fatally stabbed her 4-year-old son Friday night.

St. Petersburg police said Tasha Trotter was waiting on the apartment's porch when Joseph Artis and his grandmother came home. Police said Trotter was acting odd and grabbed a knife once inside the house and went after the boy. Police said the grandmother, Carolyn Trotter, tried unsuccessfully to stop her.

A short time later, Trotter carried her son out the front door. Police found the boy outside with multiple stab wounds. Artis, who lived with his grandmother, was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Neighbor Sherry Ford told the Tampa Bay Times she heard screams from her home.

Officers told Trotter to hand over the child and she complied.

"She just laid him on the ground," Ford said. "She just politely laid him on the ground. She still had the knife in her hand."

St. Petersburg police say Tasha Trotter did not want to talk to detectives Friday night and said they don't have a motive for why she allegedly stabbed her son. She was taken to Pinellas County Jail. It's unclear if she has retained an attorney.

Department of Children and Families officials worried about the boy's safety in 2009 after receiving a call about violence in the home that appeared to involve the child's father. Trotter and the boy moved in with the child's grandmother and the father agreed not to contact the child, DCF spokeswoman Natalie Harrell said.

In 2010, Trotter voluntarily gave the boy's grandmother, Carolyn Trotter, temporary guardianship and moved out of the home. A judge made it permanent a year later.

Two other siblings, one older and one younger, had already been removed from Trotter's custody prior to the stabbing, according to DCF.

DCF officials were unable to provide what treatment, if any, Trotter had received, due to privacy laws. Family members told police she had a history of mental illness and has been in and out of several treatment facilities.

Linda Maibauer lived across from Trotter and told the newspaper she'd

heard the woman screaming inside her room or throwing things against the walls in recent weeks. Maibauer said Trotter sat outside on a couch cutting clothes with a kitchen knife and stabbing the knife into the ground.

## Deputy injured after crashing cruiser

FORT LAUDERDALE — A South Florida deputy is recovering from injuries after crashing his patrol car into a wall.

Broward Sheriff's officials say the unidentified deputy was responding to a shooting in Lauderdale Lakes on Friday night when he lost control of the vehicle and struck a wall. A helicopter was already en route to the alleged shooting and was nearby to quickly transport the deputy to the hospital.

The deputy's injuries are not life threatening.

Authorities say the shooting ended up being unfounded.

## 14-year-old boy killed in dirt bike collision

POINCIANA — Authorities say a 14-year-old boy has died after his dirt bike collided with a large truck in central Florida.

Truck driver Joshua Martinez told Polk County Sheriff's officials he saw the dirt bike on the grass shoulder of the road Friday afternoon and as he drove past the intersection the teen struck the truck's rear wheels.

Cory Flemming, Jr. sustained serious injuries and died at the scene.

The area is an undivided two lane roadway. The intersection was closed for about three hours.

The investigation continues.

## Sea turtle poacher pleads guilty

WEST PALM BEACH — A South Florida man has pleaded guilty to poaching more than 300 sea turtle eggs.

The U.S. Attorney's Office reports that 52-year-old Kenneth Cornelius Coleman pleaded guilty Friday to one count of unlawfully transporting endangered sea turtle eggs. He faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

■ Associated Press

## Flight 370: Stories of the final day

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — One morning, many stories.

The three women woke before sunrise that day, leaving their hotel while it was still dark and boarding a small plane in Katmandu, Nepal, for a look at Mount Everest. They were Chinese retirees, avid photographers ending a two-week tour of the Himalayan nation. Late that night, after a stopover in Kuala Lumpur, they would head home to Beijing.

The Indonesian couple woke up at home, a tidy two-story concrete-walled house down a small alley in the city of Medan. A taxi arrived a few hours later to take them to the airport, starting them on a journey to a long-anticipated vacation without their children, a trip to China to see the Great Wall and Beijing's Forbidden City.

In Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown, the artists and calligraphers headed down to breakfast about 8 a.m. Some had been celebrating the night before, downing shots of the powerful Chinese liquor called Xifengjiu at the end of almost a week exhibiting their work. But they gathered early in the hotel restaurant, ready for a day

of sightseeing and shopping before the late-night flight back to Beijing.

And in Perth, in western Australia, the 39-year-old mechanical engineer woke up early in his red-roofed bungalow, leaving his wife and their two young boys for a 28-day mining job in Mongolia. Just before he headed to the airport, on his way to connecting flights in Kuala Lumpur and Beijing, Paul Weeks gave his wife his wedding ring and watch for safe-keeping. If anything happened to him, he said, he wanted the boys to have them someday. "Don't be stupid!" she told him.

It was Friday morning, March 7.

By that evening, they would all be together in a departure lounge in Kuala Lumpur's airport, with its granite floors and soaring ceilings and tiny plot of transplanted, living rainforest. And a little after midnight on March 8, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 took off for Beijing, carrying 239 people inside its meticulously engineered metal shell.

We know only the broadest outlines of what happened next.

Soon after takeoff, Flight 370 disappeared.

Its transponders had been switched off. Soon, the blip was gone from radars. This past week, after more than two weeks of searches across tens of thousands of square miles, Malaysia's prime minister announced that satellite data showed the plane's last known position to be in a remote corner of the Indian Ocean, far from its destination and far from any possible landing sites.

How it happened, and why, remains unclear. Perhaps it was a hijacking, perhaps pilot suicide, perhaps a catastrophic malfunction.

It had been a heavily Asian passenger list, reflecting both the locale of the flight and the changing face of the continent, home to a new generation of 21st-century people who form an emerging tourist and traveling class. Some of those aboard were heading home, others just making a quick stopover. Some were returning from their first trip abroad. For others, foot soldiers in Asia's growing economies, it was just one more connecting flight in a lifetime of connecting flights.

The people at airports, those who get dropped off, proceed through security and make their way to their

gates, are usually right in the middle of the business of their lives. Much of what happens is not even memorable. But now, for many who knew the people aboard Flight 370, that last full day looms so large. Everyday details, now loaded with the ballast of hindsight, take on fresh weight.

But does it mean anything that Liu Rusheng, at 76 one of the oldest of the 19 Chinese artists and calligraphers, argued with his wife shortly before their plane took off? Does it mean anything that Zhao Zhaofang, known for her delicate paintings of peonies, bought Malaysian chocolates that afternoon to take home as a present?

Is it important that Paul Weeks told his wife that his wedding ring should go to the first of his sons to get married, or that Chandrika Sharma, an Indian social activist on her way to a conference in Mongolia, called her elderly mother just before the plane took off?

It's only in retrospect that what happened that Friday now seems anything more than prosaic, more than just another passing day.

■ Associated Press



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## Upside down at Southside

Bryce Fraga, 9, and Maleah Fraga, 8, both of Key West, spin around on playground equipment at the Southside Recreational Complex on Wednesday.

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## Clarification

Data presented in a story on the county's health care rankings listed the number 474 for the STDs column of Columbia County. That figure represents the number of cases of chlamydia per 100,000 residents. Since Columbia County's population does not exceed 70,000, that figure was described in the article as "1 in 200 people," or roughly 0.5 percent of the county population, according to the methodology used.

## Submissions

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# SRWMD to assist with springs restoration



COURTESY

The eroding spring bank and failing rock boulders are pictured at Little River Springs Park in Suwannee County.

## Scott reappoints Williams, Alexander to SRWMD Board

From staff reports

LIVE OAK – Governor Rick Scott announced Friday the reappointment of Guy N. Williams and Alphonas Alexander to the Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board.

Williams is reappointed for a term beginning March 28 and ending March 1, 2018. He is an At Large member. Alexander is reappointed for a term beginning March 28 and ending March 1, 2018. He represents the Upper Suwannee River Basin.



Williams



Alexander

Williams, a Columbia County native, is a self-employed certified public accountant. He also is a licensed building contractor. After earning an associate of arts degree from Lake City Community College, he continued his education at the University of Florida, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. He is a member of the Florida Institute of CPAs.

Alexander, of Madison, has an extensive background in agriculture and forestry, including a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from Florida A&M University. He began his career with the Proctor and Gamble Buckeye pulp and paper plant in Perry in 1976. Since retiring in 2005, Alexander has worked as an independent contractor for The Forestry Company of Perry.

The appointments are subject to confirmation by the Florida Senate.

## Governing Board, Suwannee Co. partner in project

From staff reports

BRANFORD — The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board has approved a partnership agreement with Suwannee County to provide restoration activities at Little River Springs County Park near Branford.

River floods have caused significant erosion and bank failures along the spring bank, including the displacement

of some of the rock along the banks. The project will improve water quality and enhance safe access to the spring.

The project will repair 70 feet of eroding shoreline along the north side of the spring run, remove large rock boulders from the spring bed, and stabilize the spring bank to control further erosion. Rock boulders along the spring bank will be repositioned and cemented together

for stabilization and vegetation will be planted to control erosion.

The District will provide \$90,000 toward the project. Suwannee County will provide \$15,000. The water district's portion of the funding is through legislative appropriations for springs received last year. The project is one of many springs protection and restoration projects recently approved by the Board.

## POLICE REPORTS

### Live Oak man faces charge of indecent exposure

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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A Live Oak man was behind bars after exposing himself Friday morning, CCSO reports.

Witnesses said Robert Frank Woodworth, 51, of Live Oak, attempted to rape a person or persons (redacted from the report) at the Weekly Inn Motel between 12:00 a.m. and 12:35 a.m. Friday, according to the arrest report.

A witness said Woodworth "tried to kiss [redacted] and to force [the individual] onto the bed," the report said.

After the victim allegedly told Woodworth "no" three times, he began fondling himself in front of the them, the report said.

Woodworth then attempted to "climb on top of" someone nearby and force fellatio, according to the report.

Deputies arriving on scene ordered Woodworth to the ground and arrested him for disorderly intoxication and indecent exposure in public, the report said.

On the way to the jail, Woodworth "became irate and expressed his hatred for me," the deputy said. "He threatened to 'beat my ass' multiple times and even pleaded with me to pull the car over so he could do so."

Woodworth was released on \$2,000 bond. He faces charges of indecent exposure and disorderly intoxication.



Woodworth

## Deputies seek identity of trespassing suspect

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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Columbia County deputies are working to uncover the identity of a man they tased and arrested Thursday accused of trespassing and resisting officer, CCSO reports.



'John Doe'

Listed as "John Doe" in the arrest report, the mystery suspect appeared to be a "white male in his 40s, wearing blue jean shorts and a blue jacket," who witnesses said was climbing over fences and yelling at residents around SW Sweet Brian Lane between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. Thursday, according to the arrest report.

The suspect allegedly climbed a fence, passed through a homeowner's yard and approached a lemonade stand near the front of the house.

"If I had any money, I'll buy from you," said the suspect, according to the report.

When a witness and his brother approached the suspect, asking him about what he was doing, "the [suspect] started yelling at them and approached them in an aggressive way... [the witnesses] thought he was going to fight them," the report said.

The responding deputy located the suspect at the corner of SW Bunn and SW Wester Roads, but soon called for backup because the man was being "uncooperative," the report said.

Another deputy turned

on his lights and initiated his siren, but the suspect ignored authorities and continued walking, according to the report.

The deputy parked his car in front of the suspect, asked his name and informed him they were investigating a possible trespassing, the report said.

"By what authority do you have to question me and ask my name," the suspect allegedly said.

After the deputy said he asked the suspect his name numerous times and was not given an answer, he threatened to take him to Columbia County Detention Facility to determine his identity, the report said.

The suspect replied, "You don't have the authority to question me or stop me," and walked away, according to the

report.

"I grabbed a hold of his arm and he tried to yank it free," the deputy said in his report. "I then put his arm behind his back and stated loudly to stop resisting."

Deputies said the suspect continued to be "non-compliant," and told deputies "I am complying, I'm on the ground, and you have no authority over me," and allegedly refused to put his hands behind his back.

The deputy then used a taser on the suspect's left shoulder, the report said.

"He immediately complied and placed his hands behind his back and was secured," according to the deputy's report.

According to Public Information Officer Murray Smith, there were no indications the man was under the influence of drugs or alcohol and did not appear to have a weapon.

When the suspect arrived at the county jail, "the detention facility could not find any information on the suspect through the fingerprint scanner. The suspect was also non-compliant with the detention staff, refusing to remove his bandana or any other command he was given," the report said.

"John Doe" was booked into CCDF on \$2,000 bond. He faces charges of trespassing and resisting an officer without violence.

## Two arrested for trafficking

By STEVEN RICHMOND  
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Local deputies Wednesday arrested two Lake City men accused of trafficking cocaine following a "lengthy undercover investigation," CCSO reports.

Deputies arrested Tony Anthony Holley Jr., 32, of 411 NW Bascom Norris Drive, and Wayne Lee Freeman, 37, of 1166 SE St. John Street, following an investigation in narcotics violations by CCSO's Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force, according to a Thursday press release from the sheriff's office.

The task force is comprised of personnel from CCSO, LCPD, FDLE, DEA and ATF, the release said.

"Columbia County Sheriff's Office SWAT deputies assisted by securing the homes for the detectives," CCSO wrote in the release. "The searches uncovered cash, handguns, marijuana, cocaine in powder form and 'crack' cocaine."

Warrants were served at 411 NW



Holley



Freeman

Bascom Norris Drive Apt. 104 and 843 NE Catawba Street, the release said.

"The investigation continues and more arrests are expected," the release said.

Holley was booked into Columbia County Detention Facility without bond. He faces charges of possession of a weapon by a state felon, cocaine manufacturing, cocaine possession, cocaine trafficking, drug equipment possession and a probation violation.

Freeman was also booked into CCDF without bond. He faces charges of possession of a weapon by a violent career criminal, cocaine possession, cocaine manufacturing, marijuana possession, drug equipment possession and a probation violation.

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ANOTHER VIEW

## Tighten rules on charity solicitors

Tallahassee must be doing something right when the best argument an industry can muster against new regulations for charities is that it doesn't want the rules to apply to calls for money that go out of state. Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam's plan to tighten up how charities and their for-profit solicitors operate in Florida is advancing in the Legislature, but state lawmakers cannot get sidetracked by special interests with no interest in protecting donors. It's time to shed the state's reputation as a haven for dubious charities and their partners, no matter where they get their donations.

Twice in the last month, groups representing the direct solicitation industry have sent warning signs that their members need to fight the reforms, SB 638 and HB 629, aimed at tightening Florida's porous charity statutes. They have argued, among other things, that the least the state could do is lessen the proposed regulations for calls that won't go to Floridians — even if the calls originate from Florida.

That position is a subtle acknowledgement of how some members of this for-profit industry have paired with so-called charities to exploit Florida's spineless regulations to rake in millions. As last year's "50 Worst Charities" investigation by the Tampa Bay Times/Center for Investigative Reporting documented, such groups prey on people's good intentions as they raise large amounts of money. Then they spend most of the contributions on their own salaries or solicitation costs. The Times/CIR report found that of the 50 worst offenders across the nation, 11 were based in Florida.

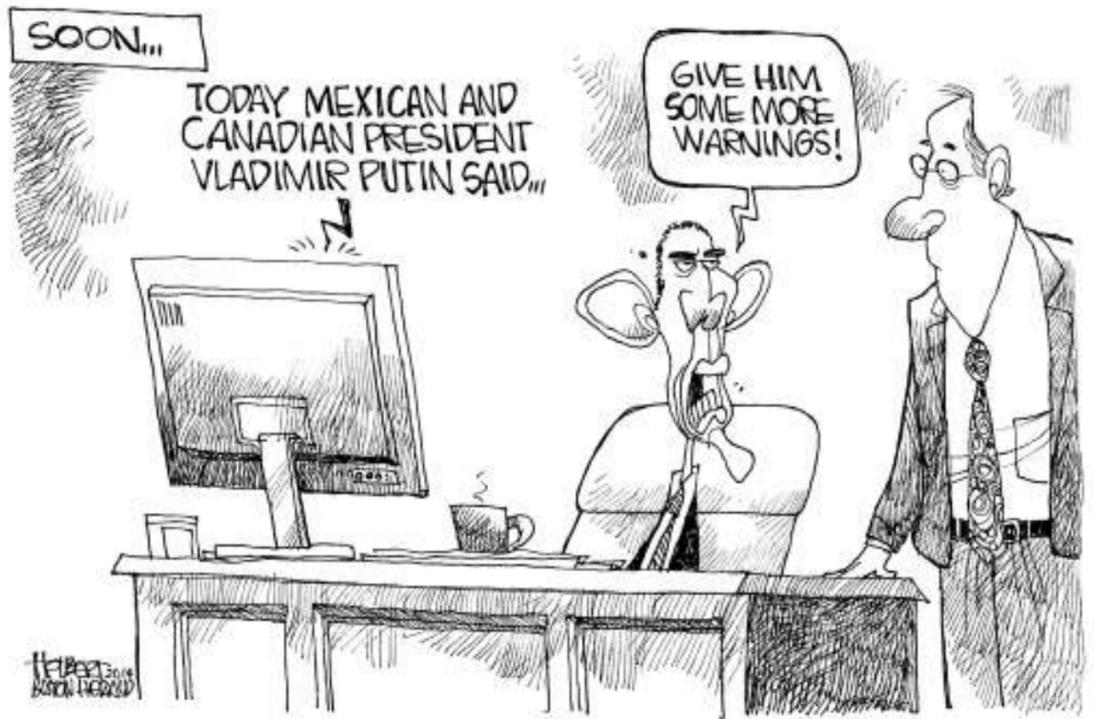
Under Putnam's plan, Florida would dramatically increase public disclosure of the inner workings of charities and solicitors. The legislation also would clarify when the state has the power to shut them down, including when they are banned in other states.

Among the chief complaints of the for-profit solicitation industry? The bill would require each employee making charity solicitation calls to submit to fingerprinting and a background check for a \$100 registration fee — finally giving the state a way to enforce an existing law prohibiting such firms from hiring felons. The legislation also would require firms to provide copies of solicitation scripts, the locations and phone numbers from which calls are to be made, and details about what percentage of funds raised actually flow to the charity.

The changes also would shine a spotlight on those charities that raise lots of money but don't spend much helping others. Charities raising at least \$1 million annually that spend less than 25 percent of their proceeds on charity would have to submit detailed reports on where the money went. That information and more would be available in a new online database, enabling Floridians to better investigate a charity before giving.

Putnam has worked diligently with nonprofits in Florida to try to ensure the new regulations would not be too burdensome on reputable charities, and many charities have signed on in support. Now the full House and Senate and Gov. Rick Scott need to embrace these reforms as well. It's time to force the bad actors out of Florida.

■ Tampa Bay Times



## Bill Maher and his make-believe god

Bill Maher, flanked by the sycophants of the tri-table, unleashed his acrimony on the Noah narrative in the Bible and the movie of the same name. Bill says the story of Noah is "about a psychotic mass murderer who gets away with it, and his name is God," who "sent a flood to kill everyone! Everyone! Men, women, children, babies." He says Christians are mad because the movie "doesn't stay true to their made-up story."

So tell me, how is God a "psychotic mass murderer" if the flood is a "made-up story"? Here's a news-flash, Bill, no humans were harmed in a "made-up story." If Bill believes the whole idea of God is made-up, then his logic is even more absurd, as he is accusing a made-up god of being "a psychotic mass murderer."

If the Bible is a book like any other book it would be like Bill's logic: incomprehensible, unbelievable. But if the Bible is supernatural in its inspiration and preservation — if it reveals the God who is more powerful than we could imagine, created everything, knows everything, is more holy than we can conceive, more just than we have a right to expect, and more loving in His actions than we deserve — then maybe we can begin



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to understand the Bible.

Like Bill Nye, Bill Maher wonders how Noah, using ancient tools and technology with only his three sons for help, built an ark the size described in the Bible. I don't know. How did the ancient Egyptians 2,500 years before Christ build the Great Pyramid of Giza, using ancient tools and technology to move 2.5 million stones weighing between two and 70 tons, and placing them with such precision as to rival and even in some instances surpass modern architectural achievements? I don't know.

I don't think Bill does either, since the scientists he claims to have so much confidence in haven't figured it out.

We already know Bill is smarter than his make-believe god (not such

a feat, really), but did you know he is more moral than his make-believe god? Bill's not saying, but his high moral standards were probably shifted out during his many discussions with his buddy Hugh Hefner at his Playboy Mansion. If his make-believe god was wrong for drowning babies, I am sure it is just a matter of time before Bill's pro-life, anti-abortion sentiments surface.

"The first to plead his case seems right, until another comes and examines him," Proverbs 18:17. Bill thinks he is smart and moral as long as he does all the talking, but a closer examination tells a different story. Right now it is profitable and even fashionable to mock a silly, stupid, immoral, make-believe god. They did in Noah's day, but the laughing stopped when it started to rain.

I could say more about Bill's make-believe god, but I think you get the picture.

The next swimming event on God's schedule will be held in a lake of fire. I would think about that.

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## Safeguards fail to protect our military families

Three years ago, a congressional hearing put a spotlight on shameful home loan practices that subjected military families to overcharges, harassing collection calls, "accidental" foreclosures and the denial of special legal protections aimed at easing the financial strain of active-duty service.

While banking behemoths promised to fix mistakes, an alarming new report from a fledgling federal consumer protection agency makes it clear that abuses of military consumers are still occurring across the financial services industry and that heavy lifting is needed on the home front to enforce existing safeguards against predatory loans, evictions and default judgments and to guard against deceptive debt collectors.

Doing so is not just in the troops' best interest, it's also in the nation's best interests. Especially when forces are on the front lines, "We don't want them to worry about financial problems while they are worrying about the nation's business," said Rep. Tim Walz, a Democrat who represents southern Minnesota. Walz is a former Army National Guard sergeant major.

The report — detailing dubious practices such as default judgments and attempts to collect nonexistent debts, as well as lack of awareness about military protections for home and student loans — was released this month by the Office

of Servicemember Affairs, part of the new and embattled Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The CFPB was established in sweeping bank reforms enacted in 2010 after the mortgage-meltdown-fueled financial collapse of 2008.

The CFPB's mission: to bring a consumer protection perspective to financial regulation and to provide federal oversight to parts of the market where it had been sorely lacking, such as payday lenders, debt collectors and credit reporting agencies. There was such concern about military families when the law was passed that Congress specified that the new agency would have a dedicated office for military consumers. Holly Petraeus, who has a long family history of military service, is the office's assistant director.

There are already solid laws on the books to protect the financial security of military men and women. Provisions under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act include a cap on interest rates, stays of proceedings and protections from evictions. The Military Lending Act guards against loans notorious for high interest rates, such as payday loans and auto title loans.

The problem is that service members often are unaware of these safeguards. Many financial firms appear to be as well or, worse, they choose to ignore them, judging from the 14,100 complaints filed by military consumers with the CFPB from July

2011 to February 2014. The volume of complaints filed with the agency surged 148 percent from 2012 to 2013, according to the report.

That increase is not only a reflection of military consumers' growing awareness of the CFPB, but of the need for an agency to assist them and all consumers with concerns like this. So far, the agency has recovered more than \$1 million on behalf of military consumers. More important, by tracking mistreatment, spotlighting existing protections and helping consumers get resolution, the CFPB is helping to deter future abuses of our troops.

The good work by Petraeus and this agency should be lauded by policymakers. Instead, the CFPB is under attack in Congress, where the Republican-controlled House recently passed legislation to weaken it.

The CFPB has few fans within the politically powerful financial services industry. That's not surprising. Before the agency began operation in 2011, regulators often seemed more interested in protecting financial firms than overseeing them....

The CFPB is off to a promising start, as the new report from Petraeus' office shows. Lawmakers should let the agency do its work instead of doing the bidding of wealthy special interests to undermine its important mission.

■ Minneapolis Star Tribune

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

## Save the date

### 2014 Passion Play

Parkview Baptist Church, 268 NW Lake Jeffrey Rd., will perform their 2014 Lake City Passion Play "The Lamb Has Overcome" on Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. and Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Call 386-752-0681 for more information.

### Epiphany's Play

Epiphany Catholic Church, 1905 SW Epiphany Court, will perform its Passion Play on Friday, April 11 at 7 p.m. at the church's main building. Admission is free. Call Miriam Cartagena at 813-495-4005 for more information.

### Road to Calvary

A drive-through re-enactment of the fellowship, betrayal, trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ will be hosted by Wesley memorial UMC, 1272 SW McFarlane Ave., on Friday and Saturday, April 11-12 from 8-9 p.m.

### Easter Cantata

Elim Baptist Church, 3435 SW Elim Church Road in Fort White, invites the community to their Easter cantata with their choir performing "The Day He Wore My Crown" on Sunday, April 13 at the 11 a.m. service. Call 386-497-1972 for more.

## Announcements

### Homecoming Day

The Lulu Community Center invites the public to the 35th Annual Lulu Homecoming Day on Saturday, May 3 at the Lulu Community Center. Events begin at 10:30 a.m.; lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a basket lunch for everyone in your party. Bring lawn chairs and share a day of games, food, music and fellowship. There will be a quilt raffle. T-shirts and hats will be available for purchase. Children in attendance must be accompanied by an adult who can sign a permission slip for their participation in children activities.

### Books needed

The Friends of the Columbia County Library are in need of books for their ongoing book sale. They accept books and magazines of all genres. Please bring your donations to the Main Library.

## Today

### GriefShare



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

## Out for a walk

Tina Hurst, of Lake City, walks her dogs, Dudley (a pug) and Jeda (black Labrador) along Baya Avenue after Saturday's rains.

GriefShare, a grief recovery support group, will meet every Sunday through May from 4-5:30 p.m.. First United Methodist Church, 973 S. Marion Ave. GriefShare is a nondenominational group and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. Real help for deep hurt. Call 752-4488 for more information.

## April 1

### Walker to speak

On Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Library welcome Delores Leggett Walker, the author of Legend of Promise, the first book in the Promise Series. The book grew from a dream that stayed on the her mind and simply refused to go away until it was written. The second book, Gathering Promises will be released in 2014. Mrs. Walker is a former newspaper reporter and continues to write a weekly column. She lives in the close-knit community of Mayo near the Suwannee River and finds inspiration in the rhythm of the everyday lives of people she meets.

## April 2

### Lunch and Learn

On Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m. enjoy a Lunch and Learn with students

from the Speech/Debate Team at Florida Gateway College. Bring your lunch and come hear interesting presentations on a variety of topics: Ian Cosentino of Lake City, a dual enrollment student from Columbia High, will present an informative speech on the development of the Tesla electric motor sportscar. Annabelle Blevins of Lake City, will present an informative speech on wearable technology, such as Google Glass. Samantha Lane, a dual enrollment student from Columbia High, will present a poetry interpretation from five selections about female empowerment, including poetry by Maya Angelou. Sam Bass of White Springs will present an informative speech about the pollution and deforestation of the Ichetucknee Springs, and Kellen Vincent of Lake City, will present a poetry interpretation of the balance of good and evil in the world, including some of his original poetry.

### Spouse Loss

A Spouse Loss Group will be offered to the public on Wednesday, April 2 at 11 a.m. at the Wings Education Center, 857 SW Main Blvd. The workshop will offer a support group for people who have experienced the death of a spouse. There is no cost;

register by calling Vicki Myers at 755-7714 x 2411.

### Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers and Friends Club will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 11:30 a.m. for a Friendship Luncheon at Applebees. Contact Rose Taylor at 755-2175 for more.

### Autism Awareness

April is Autism Awareness month and by presidential proclamation, April 2 has been designated as World Autism Awareness Day. The population of students living with autism grows each year. Learn more about it at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2011/04/01/presidential-proclamation-world-autism-awareness-day>.

## April 3

### Bird workshop

The Habitat Management and Enhancement for Ground Nesting Birds workshop will be April 3 from 9 - 11:15 a.m. at the Columbia County Extension Office, 971 W Duval St. Ste. 170. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is required. Call Stan Shepard at 386-758-5713 or email stanley.shepard@freshfromflorida.com

com by April 1.

## April 5

### School Reunion

The Lake Lona School Reunion will be held Saturday, April 5 at the Westside Community Center, 431 SW Birley Road. It will begin at 11 a.m. and we'll eat at noon. Please bring a covered dish; there will be a cake walk again this year. We'll take up a collection to pay for the rental of the Center — \$5 minimum. Call Jo Ann Nash at 386-752-9334 for more.

### Yard Sale

The Wellborn Community Association will host a community yard sale on Saturday, April 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Andrews Square, 1340 8th Ave., Wellborn. Come to buy or to sell. 12x12 spaces are only \$5 to set up your own tent or tables. The Bloodmobile will be there to donate. A blueberry pancake breakfast will be served from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.; cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Hot dogs, chips and soft drinks will be available for lunch. Call 386-963-1157 or find the Wellborn Community Association on Facebook for more information.

### Ballin' for a Cure

New Dayspring MBC Relay for Life team presents Ballin' for a Cure basketball

tournament on Saturday, April 5 at the Richardson Community Center, 255 NE Coach Anders Lane. Teams are church vs. church; all skill levels welcome. Registration is \$100 per team. Teams are divided by 8th grade and under, 9th grade and up. There is no limit on the number of team members. Each team must have shirts of the same color. General admission is \$3 at the door; everyone is welcome. Call Roshonda Jones at 386-623-1879 with questions.

### March for Babies

A March for Babies, benefiting March of Dimes, will be Saturday, April 5 at Olustee Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by awards, entertainment and warm-up exercises. The five-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. and ends at the park around 10:30 with more entertainment and lunch compliments of Sonny's. To join this event and support March of Dimes, visit [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org) or register as a walker for \$25.

### VFW Post 2206

Join VFW Post 2206 for a "It Must be Somebody's Birthday" party on Saturday, April 5 at the Post, 343 Forest Lawn Way. Kickstart will perform at 8 p.m. Call Sharrie at 386-752-5001 with questions.

## April 6

### Karaoke with Mark

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will host karaoke with mark at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 6. Wings, shrimp and burgers will be served from 1:30 - 3 p.m. The public is invited. Call Sharrie at 386-752-5001 with questions.

## April 8

### Medicare Seminar

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free educational Medicare seminar on Tuesday, April 8 from 5-6 p.m. Irv Crowetz will discuss what you need to know about Medicare, when to enroll and what is covered. This is not a sales seminar. Please RSVP to 386-755-3476 ext. 107.

## April 9

### Lake City Newcomers

The Lake City Newcomers will hold their monthly luncheon on Wednesday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at Quail Heights Country Club. The program, put on by Teresa Byrd Morgan, will be on "Staying Fit after 50." Contact Pinky Moore at 752-4552 for more.

## OBITUARIES

### LTC (ret.) Lowell Rogers Payne

LTC Retired Lowell Rogers Payne of Wetumpka, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, March 26, 2014. He was 86 years old. Born in Sanie, Alabama to the late John and Nora [Adams] Payne he had served in the United States Merchant Marines for 6 months in 1945. He then entered the United States Army in March 1946 and served for 18 months. After marrying Mary Jo Crow of Odenville, Alabama in 1947, Lowell attended college at the University of Alabama, Birmingham Center. He was called back into active service in the Army during the Korean War in November 1950 and received a direct commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1951. He retired from the Army on April 30, 1970, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his career, he served overseas tours in Japan, Korea, Panama, Alaska, Germany, and Vietnam in addition to stateside assignments. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Honor Medal First Class (Government of South Viet-



nam) in addition to campaign and service awards. He and his wife Mary Jo, moved to Venice, Florida from Atlanta, Georgia in 1978 and then to Lake City, Florida in 1981. His wife of 57 years, Mary Jo Payne, preceded him in death in 2004 and he relocated to Wetumpka, Alabama, in 2008.

Survivors include his wife; Jennie P. Payne of Wetumpka, AL; son: Mickey (Sandra) Payne, Wetumpka, AL; stepdaughters: Anne Holliday and Georgette (Mark) Norman; grandchildren: Andrew R. (Charity) Payne, Megan Holliday and Gaelen Mitchell; great grandchildren: Trey Payne, Ivie Payne and Madeline Holliday.

Military funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Gateway-Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel with Pastor Jeff Tate officiating. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

**GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME.** 3596 South US Hwy 441, Lake City, Florida 32025. (386) 752-1954.

Please leave words of love and comfort for the family online at [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

### Lonnie Harland Schofield

Lonnie Harland Schofield, 67, Fort White resident passed away Friday, March 28 at his residence following a lengthy illness. He attended the Church of God and owned and operated AIA Tree Service. He loved to hunt and fish and play horse shoes.

Survivors include long-time spouse, Ann Brown Schofield of Fort White; four sons, Randall, Westley (financee, Tina Lynn Dorminey), and James all of Fort White and Virgil Jarboe of Spooner, Wisconsin; one daughter, Angel Schofield Abner (Gerrick) of Minter, AL-

abama; brother, Clifford Schofield (Patricia) of Fort White; sister, Ethel Brown (Edward) of High Springs; and nine grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents, James Franklin and Olive Mae Schofield; brothers, John Calvin Schofield, Daniel David Schofield and James Franklin Schofield.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2:00 PM Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, High Springs with Pastor Sam J. Brown officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Horeb Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday 6-8 PM at **Evans-Carter Funeral Home**, High Springs (386)454-2444.

Obituaries are paid advertisements. For details, call the Lake City Reporter's classified department at 752-1293.

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# Shands Lake Shore reaches milestone in gallbladder surgery

From staff reports

Jerzy T. Polmerski, a physician at Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center, performed the first robotically-assisted, single-site gallbladder removal last week. The patient's gallbladder was removed through one tiny incision in the belly button, making the procedure virtually scarless.

The surgery uses the robotic system through a 2.5 centimeter single incision allowing for better cosmesis, less pain, and quicker recovery.

"Our commitment to deliver cutting edge technology to our community is evidenced by Dr. Polmerski being the first to deliver single incision gallbladder removal," said Rhonda Sherrod, CEO of Shands Lake Shore Regional Medical Center.

Shands Lake Shore is currently the only hospital to offer this approach to patients for gallbladder removal in Columbia and Suwannee counties.

"This exciting new procedure is just one more step in our efforts to make surgery less invasive, less difficult and safer for my patients who trust me with their health," Polmerski said. "This allows me to perform an almost incision-less gallbladder procedure with accurate precision, enhanced maneuverability, and 3-D, high definition visualization."

Each year, about one million people in the United States will undergo gallbladder removal surgery. Of that number, approximately 40 percent are women. Thanks to the latest breakthrough in robotic-assisted surgery, patients can now have their gallbladder removed through a small incision buried in their belly button, where no visible scar can be seen. After surgery, patients are usually home within a few hours with minimal discomfort.

"This is the next step in the evolution of surgical technologies," Sherrod said. "We are truly excited to be a leader in the surgical treatment of tomorrow, providing patients with the most minimally invasive surgical options."

## Lent opportunities

### Lenten Worship

New Mount Pisgah AMEC, 345 NE Washington St., is offering an evening of Lenten Worship on Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. Call 752-4262 for more.

### Soup Lunch

First Presbyterian

Church invites the community to a free Lenten Soup Lunch for the Lent Season. On Tuesday, April 8 there will be fellowship, a selection of homemade soups and a monolog collection by William Dohle. Lunch is free of charge. Donations are accepted for local charities.

## 'STAYING ALIVE ON I-75'



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Florida Highway Patrol Maj. Gene Spaulding speaks at a press conference at the Florida Welcome Center on Friday in order to promote the 'Staying Alive on I-75' campaign, which is an initiative to keep the roadways safe and fatality-free from March 28-30. 'Staying Alive on I-75' supports the nationwide initiative by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to reduce traffic fatalities in the United States by 15 percent this year. Law enforcement from Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan will be patrolling the 1,786-mile stretch of Interstate 75 to focus on distracted driving, aggressive drivers, speeders, seat belt use and commercial vehicle safety. Members of the Florida Highway Patrol, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Lake City Police Department, Georgia State Police and the Georgia Motor Carrier Compliance Division attended the press conference.

## 6 states partner to keep roads safe

From staff reports

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Highway Patrol is collaborating with five other states in an effort to keep the roadways safe and fatality-free through today. All six states that line Interstate 75 (Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan), will be participating in an intensified enforcement effort called "Staying Alive on I-75."

By all states working together, the entire 1,786 miles of I-75 will be covered under this enforcement action. The "Staying Alive on I-75" is being conducted in support of a nationwide initiative by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to reduce traffic fatalities in the United States by 15 percent this year.

During the three day period, law

enforcement agencies in each state planned special details on I-75. The details will focus on distracted driving. In addition, troopers will be checking for aggressive drivers, speeders, seat belt use, and commercial vehicle safety. While these focus areas are something the Patrol does every day, it is the first time that the six states have teamed up to ensure multi-state travelers will see consistent enforcement throughout their trip on the interstate.

"This partnership, and the one we formed with the seven states that line Interstate-10 over Labor Day holiday, demonstrates the Patrol's commitment to public safety," said Col. David Brierton, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "No matter what state you are traveling to or from, we want you to arrive at your

destination safely."

FHP offers the following tip for safe travels on the roads, whether going a long distance or a short drive:

- Buckle up. A seatbelt is your vehicle's most important safety feature;
- Obey all speed limits;
- Drive sober and alert;
- Eliminate driver distractions such as texting, talking on the phone, adjusting the stereo, etc. Anything that can take your eyes off the road, even a second, can lead to a crash.
- Get plenty of rest before setting out on a long trip and allow plenty of time to reach your destination;
- Take steps before you leave to prepare your vehicle for the trip i.e. checking tire pressure/condition and fluid levels.

## BUDGET

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should and could have, as well as those that he intends to impact, that he has expressed an opinion that we shouldn't have," Pickens said.

In addition to the budget measure, the panel also approved a separate bill (SB 1148) that would strip the State Board of Education of its ability to authorize four-year degrees. Instead, state colleges would have to get permission from the Legislature to offer new four-year programs.

Sen. Jack Latvala, a Clearwater Republican who is fighting for the Senate presidency in the future, slammed the proposal. He said it would lead to lawmakers protecting their pet colleges and could run counter to the Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott's drive to lower tuition costs.

"When our governor made a bold request to try to find institutions that would give a \$10,000 college degree, I didn't see any universities step forward and say that (they would do it)," Latvala said. "It was our



FILE

Pictured is Florida Gateway College's Wilson S. Rivers Library & Media Center.

state colleges that stepped forward to do that."

Latvala was the sole vote against the separate bill. But even lawmakers who voted for the bill raised concerns about the budget amendment, which passed on a clearly divided voice vote.

"It appears to me that we're going after this thing with a meat cleaver when we really ought to have a scalpel," said Sen. Alan Hays, R-Umatilla. "And so my question is, why are we penalizing those colleges that are, for lack of a better word, behaving the way

we'd like for them to? Why not penalize those that are excessive in their numbers of degrees or have overlap, that sort of thing?"

House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, was noncommittal Thursday about the college proposal.

"I think it's worthy of consideration," he said, "but I'd say it's way too early to determine whether or not we would support it."

The News Service of Florida contributed to this report.

## JOBS

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2013. CareerSource Florida Crown saw a decrease from 743 job ads in December 2013 to 733 job ads in January 2014.

The major occupational groups with the most online ads in January were healthcare practitioners

and technical occupations, office and administrative support occupations and sale and related occupations.

Labor demand in the region, measured by online advertised vacancies, bottomed out in January 2011 and has increased by 348 openings since then.

Monroe County had the state's lowest unemploy-

ment rate in February at 3.8 percent, followed by Walton County with 4.2 percent and Alachua and Okaloosa counties with 5.0.

The highest unemployment rate in the state for February belongs to Hendry County, with 9.8 percent, followed by Flagler County with a 9.4 percent and Hamilton County with 9.0 percent.

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### Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting

The Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership and the Columbia County Health Department have come together to form a partnership in order to create a tobacco free community. The partnership focuses on policies that effect our youth. In the New Year, we would like to focus on multi-unit housing cessation programs and promote the various tobacco cessation programs available to our community. We invite all community members, service workers, and school aged youth to attend the upcoming meeting to discuss tobacco-related issues in our county.

#### Columbia County Tobacco Free Partnership Meeting

134 SE Colburn Ave.  
Lake City, FL 32025  
Monday, March 31, 2014  
Time: 12:00pm



All partnership meetings are open to the public. For more information on how to make a difference in your community through your local Tobacco Free Partnership, please contact:

Shomari Bowden  
Columbia County Health Department  
(386) 758-1066 or [Shomari.Bowden@flhealth.gov](mailto:Shomari.Bowden@flhealth.gov)



# Woman authors children's book

By **TONY BRITT**  
tbritt@lakecityreporter.com

Barbra Griffin, a grandmother, has no reservations about toting around a white teddy bear with a crooked blue nose with a crooked blue smile.

She and the bear, which she calls "Little Bear" have a special relationship after she "rescued" the bear from a local department store.

Griffin, who recently turned 70, said she was shopping years ago and noticed people kept picking up a particular toy bear and just kept throwing it back on the shelf.

"I walked over and saw that his nose was sewn on crooked," she said. "I fell in love with him and took him home."

Griffin said her granddaughter, who was four years old at the time, didn't want the bear, so she kept it and after a few years she wondered what she would do with it.

"Then I thought about children that are born with cleft palates and children that are scarred or feel like they are scarred from a blemish or braces, and I sat down and in about 30 minutes I wrote this book," she said. "It's for children that feel unloved, unwanted, and feel like they always have to measure up to someone prettier than they are. The message of the story is really simple:



Local writer Barbra Griffin shows off her book, "The Little Bear That No One Wanted," which was officially released Tuesday. Griffin is scheduled to be at several local book signings where the book can be purchased for \$8.



It's if you're the only one who is different, remember, there is always hope."

"The Little Bear That No One Wanted" was offi-

cially released Tuesday by Tate Publishing. The book was originally written in 2007 and finally Griffin decided to attempt to have it published.

"It feels like I'm looking at someone else to see my book for sale. It feels like, 'Wow,'" she said.

Griffin said there will be a sequel to the book in the near future about her granddaughter who lost her father to cancer.

"The book is going to be 'Little Bear Goes Home and Helps Ashlyn With Her Sorrow,' but it will end on a good note," she said. "Ashlyn is OK with that."

Griffin will be at the Morrell's indoor flea market on Saturdays selling the book and she's also scheduled to take part in several local book signing events. The book can be purchased from her events for \$8.

## STATE BRIEFS

The News Service of Florida

### Court: Prison guard can use 'Stand Your Ground'

An appeals court Friday ruled that a correctional officer can use the state's controversial "stand your ground" law in a case stemming from an altercation with an inmate. A three-judge panel of the 5th District Court of Appeal sided with correctional officer Brad Heilman, who was charged with aggravated battery after an inmate was injured in an incident at Lake Correctional Institution. A circuit judge found that Heilman could not use the "stand your ground" law in defense because of another state law that deals with circumstances when correctional officers can use force. But Friday's seven-page opinion, written by appeals-court Judge Thomas Sawaya and joined by judges William Palmer and Wendy Berger, concluded that the Legislature intended for the "stand your ground" law to apply to correctional officers and sent the case back to circuit court. The "stand your ground" law says people can use deadly force and do not have a duty to retreat if they think it is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm. The law offers criminal and civil immunity in such cases.

### Scott says FHP bonuses won't be tied to tickets

Gov. Rick Scott on Friday rejected the possibility that bonuses for Florida Highway Patrol troopers could be connected to the numbers of traffic tickets they write. Scott issued a strongly worded statement after media reports raised questions about whether the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles was considering such a plan. "The idea that FHP would tie officer bonuses to the number of tickets they write is absolutely outrageous and wrong," Scott said in a prepared statement. "All state worker bonuses should be based on better — not worse — outcomes for the people of Florida who pay the taxes to fund state government." The Tallahassee Democrat reported Sunday that the Florida Police Benevolent Association was concerned that the department, which oversees the Highway Patrol, would link trooper evaluations with "public contacts," which include traffic stops, traffic citations, written warnings and arrests. In contract offers with the union, the department said traffic-citation quotas would not be put in place, the Democrat reported. But Scott appeared Friday to try to end any speculation on the issue. "Floridians paying more in tickets is not a better outcome. Period," he said. "If this idea comes across my desk, I will reject it."

## HAMMAC

Continued From 1A

strange, she said, but Hammac has a different perspective.

While in the U.S. death is something people don't much talk about, in other places, such as Mexico, there is the "Day of the Dead," when ancestors who've passed on are celebrated. She said there are places in other countries with picnic tables and playgrounds in graveyards.

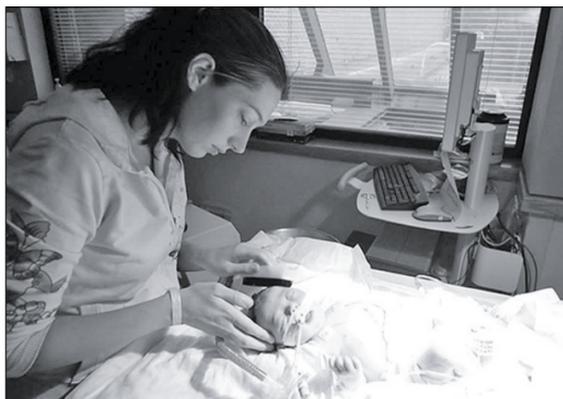
"A graveyard is for the people who are left here to be able to have memories," Hammac said. "I don't want bad memories of my son, I want happy memories of him and there is no reason why I shouldn't have a place to go, where I can sit and remember him happily."

### A wave of publicity

Hammac has appeared on television and her story has been chronicled in People magazine.

"It was publicity that came and I wasn't expecting it," she said. "I didn't even expect the picture to be shared."

Hammac said she posted the photo of Tucker playing on Ryan's grave



COURTESY

Ashlee Hammac sits with her son Ryan, who passed away from Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy five days after birth.

on Facebook so that family members in North Carolina could see the headstone. She said her mother sent it to one of her friends in her support group and before she knew it the photo went viral. People magazine estimated that more than 220,000 users shared the picture.

"I never intended on reaching out with anyone, never intended on getting any publicity from it — it was something I just did for my son not thinking of anyone else," she said.

The publicity has also raised the profile of Hypoxic-Ischemic Encephalopathy, the disorder that took Ryan's life.

HIE occurs when there

is a lack of blood flow to the brain, in Ryan's case due to complications during labor.

The dual purpose of Pages to Memories is to help other families in the NICU, and to raise awareness of HIE.

Hammac said she was unfamiliar with HIE before Ryan's death, as were her family and friends.

"None of us had never heard of it," she said. "A lot of children are born with it, just not to the extent we had."

Hammac said the five days of Ryan's life were a learning experience as much as anything.

"It brought our family closer together," she said. "It showed that the love

of a child, it doesn't matter what your problems are, that you're there for them. I learned that time with my son is a lot more important than trying to work overtime and making more money."

Not only does she learn of new developments in HIE research, Hammac also has an opportunity to

talk to parents with children diagnosed with HIE who are in a NICU.

The nonprofit is headquartered out of her home in Lake City and is operated by Hammac, a few family members and two of her best friends.

"Since we've done this I've been able to deal with my feelings a lot better

than just pining away or not doing anything," she said. "It's helped me be able to grieve and it helps me know that my son didn't die for anything — he actually had a purpose. Although I've lost him, he's helped other families," she said, noting that Ryan's heart went to save the life of another child.

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# THE WEATHER

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| <b>30</b> SUN<br>Sunny<br>Northwest wind 10 mph<br>HI 74 LO 41 | <b>31</b> MON<br>Sunny<br>Light wind<br>HI 76 LO 45 | <b>01</b> TUE<br>Mostly sunny<br>Light wind<br>HI 85 LO 49 | <b>02</b> WED<br>Partly cloudy<br>Light wind<br>HI 85 LO 54 | <b>03</b> THU<br>Partly cloudy<br>HI 85 LO 58 |
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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, March 30

Sunday's highs / Sunday night's low

| City           | Monday   | Tuesday  |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Cape Canaveral | 77/53/pc | 79/59/pc |
| Daytona Beach  | 74/51/pc | 79/56/pc |
| Fort Myers     | 82/57/pc | 79/57/pc |
| Ft. Lauderdale | 77/64/s  | 78/68/s  |
| Gainesville    | 77/46/s  | 82/50/pc |
| Jacksonville   | 76/48/s  | 79/53/pc |
| Key West       | 79/71/pc | 80/71/pc |
| Lake City      | 77/46/s  | 82/50/pc |
| Miami          | 78/65/s  | 80/67/s  |
| Naples         | 76/59/s  | 80/62/s  |
| Ocala          | 78/47/s  | 82/50/pc |
| Orlando        | 78/57/pc | 82/61/pc |
| Panama City    | 70/52/pc | 71/54/pc |
| Pensacola      | 72/58/pc | 74/61/pc |
| Tallahassee    | 79/48/pc | 84/48/pc |
| Tampa          | 76/56/pc | 80/59/pc |
| Valdosta       | 79/48/s  | 86/48/pc |
| W. Palm Beach  | 76/60/s  | 78/66/s  |

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 85°, Marathon, FL Low: -7°, Intl Falls, MN

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**TEMPERATURES**

|               |            |                   |           |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|
| High Saturday | 73         | SUN Sunrise today | 7:22 a.m. |
| Low Saturday  | 64         | SUN Sunset today  | 7:48 p.m. |
| Normal high   | 77         | SUN Sunrise tom.  | 7:21 a.m. |
| Normal low    | 52         | SUN Sunset tom.   | 7:48 p.m. |
| Record high   | 94 in 1907 |                   |           |
| Record low    | 33 in 1955 |                   |           |

**PRECIPITATION**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Saturday             | 0.87"  |
| Month total          | 0.98"  |
| Year total           | 2.95"  |
| Normal month-to-date | 4.08"  |
| Normal year-to-date  | 10.59" |

**MOON**

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Moonrise today | 7:07 a.m. |
| Moonset today  | 7:57 p.m. |
| Moonrise tom.  | 7:48 a.m. |
| Moonset tom.   | 8:59 p.m. |

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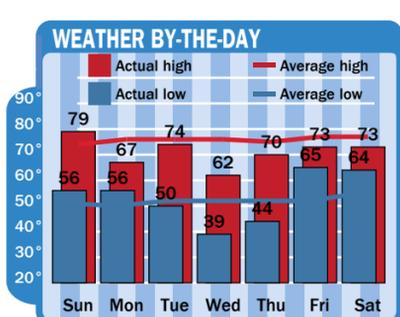
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| Albany        | 51/37/0.00          | 42/30/r       | Des Moines   | 48/28/0.00          | 72/52/pc      | Oklahoma City  | 71/37/0.00          | 76/56/pc      |
| Albuquerque   | 64/39/0.00          | 75/41/pc      | Detroit      | 39/35/0.00          | 49/31/s       | Omaha          | 50/19/0.00          | 74/51/pc      |
| Anchorage     | 30/15/0.00          | 40/17/pc      | El Paso      | 73/46/0.00          | 84/60/pc      | Orlando        | 79/66/1.96          | 75/52/pc      |
| Atlanta       | 66/57/0.09          | 64/42/s       | Fairbanks    | 26/1/0.00           | 35/3/f        | Philadelphia   | 54/48/6.7           | 54/35/r       |
| Baltimore     | 61/51/3.7           | 50/36/r       | Greensboro   | -54/1.4             | 56/34/sh      | Phoenix        | 79/57/0.00          | 82/56/pc      |
| Billings      | 56/42/0.00          | 44/28/sn      | Hartford     | 52/39/1.0           | 45/34/r       | Pittsburgh     | 54/37/0.02          | 43/28/sn      |
| Birmingham    | 63/57/3.33          | 66/39/s       | Honolulu     | 77/70/0.00          | 82/69/ts      | Portland ME    | 50/33/0.00          | 38/33/r       |
| Bismarck      | 57/19/0.00          | 49/18/r       | Houston      | 78/55/0.00          | 77/57/pc      | Portland OR    | 53/46/2.1           | 54/41/sh      |
| Boise         | 54/46/1.1           | 52/34/sh      | Indianapolis | 37/33/5.5           | 58/39/s       | Raleigh        | -76/7.4             | 53/36/sh      |
| Boston        | 52/42/0.3           | 45/34/r       | Jackson MS   | 64/57/1.76          | 70/43/s       | Rapid City     | 62/23/0.00          | 52/26/ts      |
| Buffalo       | 39/34/0.00          | 39/30/sn      | Jacksonville | 75/66/6.6           | 72/42/pc      | Reno           | 59/52/0.00          | 51/31/cd      |
| Charleston SC | 77/64/1.39          | 69/42/s       | Kansas City  | 39/30/0.00          | 75/54/pc      | Sacramento     | 57/53/4.2           | 64/46/pc      |
| Charleston WV | 55/46/5.6           | 53/31/sn      | Las Vegas    | 78/57/0.00          | 72/51/pc      | Salt Lake City | 64/46/0.00          | 51/38/f       |
| Charlotte     | 66/57/1.6           | 63/34/s       | Little Rock  | 64/48/0.1           | 68/47/s       | San Antonio    | 67/57/0.00          | 81/60/pc      |
| Cheyenne      | 59/28/0.00          | 65/32/pc      | Los Angeles  | 75/53/0.00          | 73/52/sh      | San Diego      | 70/57/0.00          | 64/56/pc      |
| Chicago       | 39/33/0.00          | 59/44/pc      | Memphis      | 60/46/2.9           | 67/48/s       | San Francisco  | 60/55/5.5           | 58/50/pc      |
| Cincinnati    | 46/37/8.4           | 55/34/pc      | Miami        | 82/75/0.00          | 79/62/sh      | Seattle        | 48/45/3.2           | 52/42/sh      |
| Cleveland     | 41/34/0.3           | 38/26/pc      | Minneapolis  | 42/21/0.00          | 60/40/pc      | Spokane        | 52/42/0.1           | 51/32/ts      |
| Columbia SC   | 51/35/0.00          | 74/50/pc      | Mobile       | 69/57/6.4           | 70/45/s       | St. Louis      | 45/39/0.00          | 70/49/s       |
| Dallas        | 73/46/0.00          | 79/55/s       | New Orleans  | 70/55/1.53          | 70/52/s       | Tampa          | 74/66/4.9           | 70/53/pc      |
| Daytona Beach | 75/66/1.48          | 74/50/pc      | New York     | 50/41/4.4           | 50/36/ts      | Tucson         | 80/46/0.00          | 85/52/pc      |
| Denver        | 36/30/0.00          | 74/36/pc      | Oakland      | 60/57/7.8           | 61/50/pc      | Washington     | 60/54/4.4           | 50/36/r       |



### WEATHER HISTORY

On this date in 1988, parts of the western United States, including the central Rocky Mountains and Utah, were covered in snow from a strong storm. Over a foot of snow fell in Utah, while sections of Arizona experienced wind gusts of 60 mph.

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|--------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Acapulco     | 86/75/0.00          | 86/73/s       | La Paz      | 77/28/0.00          | 64/32/s       | Rio           | 87/68/0.00          | 89/73/cd      |
| Amsterdam    | 66/41/0.00          | 62/44/s       | Lima        | 73/64/0.00          | 78/66/pc      | Rome          | 68/42/0.00          | 69/46/s       |
| Athens       | 62/50/0.00          | 64/50/r       | London      | 66/46/0.00          | 64/46/pc      | San Juan PR   | 86/70/0.00          | 85/73/sh      |
| Auckland     | 69/57/0.00          | 73/53/pc      | Madrid      | 55/44/0.00          | 60/42/r       | Santiago      | 86/69/0.00          | 87/68/pc      |
| Beijing      | 73/46/0.00          | 73/48/s       | Mexico City | 78/60/0.00          | 77/53/pc      | Seoul         | 71/55/0.00          | 69/48/pc      |
| Berlin       | 60/35/0.00          | 64/41/s       | Montreal    | 39/33/0.00          | 37/30/pc      | Singapore     | 89/80/0.00          | 91/78/ts      |
| Buenos Aires | 78/69/0.00          | 77/55/ts      | Moscow      | 35/19/0.00          | 37/22/s       | St. Thomas VI | 84/75/0.00          | 85/75/r       |
| Cairo        | 86/59/0.00          | 86/57/s       | Nairobi     | 78/62/0.00          | 80/60/cd      | Sydney        | 73/68/0.00          | 80/68/s       |
| Geneva       | 62/33/0.00          | 68/46/pc      | Nassau      | 86/75/0.00          | 86/73/ts      | Tel Aviv      | 80/55/0.00          | 78/57/pc      |
| Havana       | 86/66/0.00          | 89/68/pc      | New Delhi   | 87/66/0.00          | 87/66/pc      | Tokyo         | 69/57/0.00          | 69/57/pc      |
| Helsinki     | 50/24/0.00          | 48/30/s       | Oslo        | 48/44/0.00          | 59/48/pc      | Toronto       | 39/35/0.00          | 39/30/cd      |
| Hong Kong    | 77/69/0.00          | 80/71/s       | Panama      | 91/77/0.00          | 89/77/pc      | Vienna        | 66/41/0.00          | 64/44/s       |
| Kingston     | 86/78/0.00          | 87/77/ts      | Paris       | 69/33/0.00          | 68/46/cd      | Warsaw        | 57/37/0.00          | 53/37/s       |

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Section B



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Columbia High's Cassidy Lear will lead the Lady Tigers into the District Tournament at Oakleaf High on Tuesday.

## Districts begin

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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With a squad of girls comprised of freshmen and sophomores, Columbia High head tennis coach Tabatha McMahon is happy to be in contention at the District 3-3A tournament, which begins on Tuesday.

"I should be able to seed our No. 1 and No. 2 doubles," McMahon said. "That's incredible, because No. 1 is freshman. I could seed No. 2 potentially."

Cassidy Lear and Megan Zahlne make up the No. 1 doubles team with Tori Jackson and Brittany Helms at No. 2. Zahlne also has a chance to seed in singles, but McMahon believes the Lady Tigers' best chance at advancing to state will come in doubles play.

Lear and Zahlne can make their case beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday at

Eagle Landing and Oakleaf Plantation.

"The player that has shown the most improvement, and they have all shown improvement is Cassidy Lear," McMahon said. "Coming in as a freshman to the No. 1 position can be pretty difficult. Her game has improved dramatically. She puts a lot of time in, including tournaments on the weekend and outside tournaments. She really motivates her Megan. She's very strategic. Her partner, also a freshman, is so good at the net, they can set each other up."

McMahon doesn't expect the Lady Tigers to come in as the favorite, but believes they can contend in certain spots.

"I think we can easily place No. 3, if not No. 2, in terms of win," McMahon said. "There's potential for us to go all the way at the No. 1 doubles. There are three-

big teams in Gainesville, Orange Park and Fleming Island. I think Gainesville will come in as the top seed. We're young, freshman, but it's possible that we could go as freshman to state, which would be very exciting. Either way, it will be very exciting."

The top two teams will advance to the regional tournament, while the No. 1 district champions at the tournament will earn a pass to the state championship.

### Columbia baseball

Columbia High's game against Bell High on Friday was canceled after three innings due to rain.

Columbia's game against Chiles High scheduled for Saturday was postponed until April 5 at 1 p.m.

The Tigers travel to Oakleaf High at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

## Gators are Final 4 bound

Florida makes easy work of Dayton, 62-52.

By **TERESA M. WALKER**  
 Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The Florida Gators are first yet again this season.

Scottie Wilbekin scored 14 of his 23 points in the

first half, and Florida became the first team to advance to the Final Four with a 62-52 win Saturday night over the 11th-seeded Dayton Flyers in the South Region final.

The Gators reached their fifth Final Four after losing at this point in each of the past three NCAA tournaments.

This time, Florida came in as the country's

top-ranked team and the overall No. 1 seed.

Florida won its 30th straight game and improved to 36-2, topping the 35 wins by the 2007 national championship squad.

Patric Young scored 12 points, and Michael Frazier II added 10 for Florida.

Dyshawn Pierre led the Flyers (26-11) with 18 points.



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Florida's Scottie Wilbekin and the Gators will move onto the Final Four beginning Saturday.



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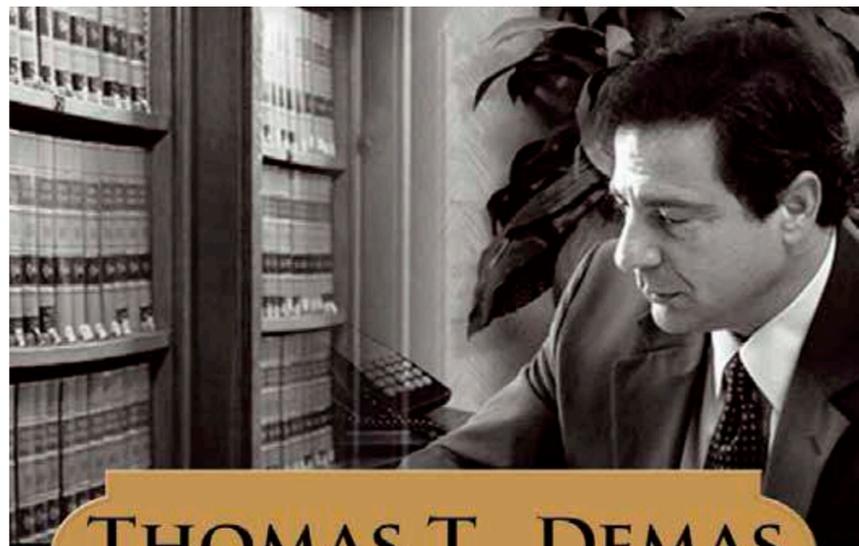
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**2 p.m.**  
ESPNU — Kentucky at Vanderbilt

**GOLF**  
**1 p.m.**  
TGC — PGA Tour, Texas Open, final round, at San Antonio

**3 p.m.**  
NBC — PGA Tour, Texas Open, final round, at San Antonio

**7 p.m.**  
TGC — LPGA, Kia Classic, final round, at Carlsbad, Calif.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**8 p.m.**  
ESPN — L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**2 p.m.**  
CBS — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, UConn vs. Michigan State, at New York

**4:30 p.m.**  
CBS — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, Michigan vs. Kentucky, at Indianapolis

**NHL**  
**Noon**  
NBC — Boston at Philadelphia

**7:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Chicago at Pittsburgh

**SOCCER**  
**8:25 a.m.**  
NBCSN — Premier League, Everton at Fulham

**10:55 a.m.**  
NBCSN — Premier League, Tottenham at Liverpool

**TENNIS**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — ATP World Tour/WTA, Sony Open, men's championship match, at Key Biscayne, Fla.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Noon**  
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Maryland vs. Tennessee, at Louisville, Ky.

**2:30 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Louisville vs. LSU, at Louisville, Ky.

**4:30 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, Stanford vs. Penn St., at Stanford, Calif.

**7 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — NCAA Division I tournament, regional semifinal, South Carolina vs. North Carolina, at Stanford, Calif.

**Monday,**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
ESPN — Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh

**3 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Boston at Baltimore

**4 p.m.**  
ESPN — St. Louis at Cincinnati

**7 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Colorado at Miami

**10 p.m.**  
ESPN2 — Seattle at L.A. Angels

**NHL HOCKEY**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Florida at New Jersey

**10 p.m.**  
NBCSN — Minnesota at Los Angeles

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, teams TBD, at South Bend, Ind.

**9:30 p.m.**  
ESPN — NCAA Division I tournament, regional final, teams TBD, at Lincoln, Neb.

## BASKETBALL

## NBA schedule

**Today's Games**  
Utah at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.  
Indiana at Cleveland, 3 p.m.  
Toronto at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
Minnesota at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.  
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.  
New York at Golden State, 9 p.m.  
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.  
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday's Games**  
San Antonio at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Sacramento at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
Memphis at Denver, 9 p.m.  
New York at Utah, 9 p.m.

## NBA calendar

April 16 — Last day of regular season.  
April 19 — Playoffs begin.  
May 20 — Draft lottery.  
June 5 — NBA Finals begin.  
June 16 — Draft early entry withdrawal deadline.  
June 26 — NBA draft.

## NCAA tournament

**EAST REGIONAL**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York

**Friday**  
UConn 81, Iowa State 76  
Michigan State 61, Virginia 59

**Regional Championship**  
**Sunday**  
UConn (29-8) vs. Michigan State (29-8), 2:20 p.m.

**SOUTH REGIONAL**

**Regional Semifinals**  
At FedExForum  
Memphis, Tenn.

**Thursday**  
Dayton 82, Stanford 72  
Florida 79, UCLA 68

**Regional Championship**  
**Saturday**  
Dayton vs. Florida (n)

**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
At Lucas Oil Stadium  
Indianapolis

**Friday**  
Michigan 73, Tennessee 71  
Kentucky 74, Louisville 69

**Regional Championship**  
**Today**  
Michigan (28-8) vs. Kentucky (27-10), 5:05 p.m.

**WEST REGIONAL**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
At The Honda Center  
Anaheim, Calif.

**Thursday**  
Wisconsin 69, Baylor 52  
Arizona 70, San Diego State 64

**Regional Championship**  
**Saturday**  
Wisconsin vs. Arizona (n)

**FINAL FOUR**  
At AT&T Stadium  
Arlington, Texas

**National Semifinals**  
**Saturday, April 5**  
East champion vs. South champion  
Midwest champion vs. West champion

**National Championship**  
**Monday, April 7**  
Semifinal winners

## NIT

**Quarterfinals**  
**Tuesday**  
Clemson 73, Belmont 68  
Minnesota 81, Southern Miss 73

**Wednesday**  
Florida State 78, Louisiana Tech 75

**SMU 67, California 65**

At Madison Square Garden  
New York

**Semifinals**  
**Tuesday**  
Minnesota (23-13) vs. Florida State (22-13), 7 p.m.

Clemson (23-13) vs. SMU (26-9), 9:30 p.m.

**Championship**  
**Thursday, April 3**  
Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

## FOOTBALL

## NFL calendar

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San Francisco at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
Cleveland at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

## MLB calendar

Today — Opening day in North America, Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.

June 5 — Amateur draft.  
July 15 — All-Star game, Minneapolis.  
July 18 — Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.

July 27 — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.

Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.  
Sept. 30 — Postseason begins.  
Oct. 22 — World Series begins.

## NASCAR

**After Friday qualifying; race Sunday**  
**At Martinsville Speedway**  
**Martinsville, Va.**  
**Lap length: .526 miles**  
**(Car number in parentheses)**

1. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 99.674 mph.

2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 99.548.  
3. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 99.428.  
4. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 99.178.

5. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 99.048.  
6. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 99.048.  
7. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 98.883.

8. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 98.846.  
9. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 98.625.

10. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 98.165.  
11. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 97.764.  
12. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 97.382.

13. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 98.965.  
14. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 98.929.  
15. (47) A J Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 98.888.

16. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 98.877.  
17. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 98.712.  
18. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 98.707.

19. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 98.661.  
20. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 98.625.  
21. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 98.611.

22. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 98.61.  
23. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 98.599.

24. (34) David Ragan, Ford, 98.599.  
25. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 98.43.

26. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 98.379.  
27. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 98.359.

28. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 98.333.  
29. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 98.246.  
30. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 98.206.

31. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 98.2.  
32. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 98.002.

33. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 97.957.  
34. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 97.886.

35. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 97.82.  
36. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 97.759.

37. (33) David Stremme, Chevrolet, owner points.  
38. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, owner points.

39. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, owner points.  
40. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, owner points.

41. (30) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, owner points.  
42. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points.

43. (66) Joe Nemechek, Toyota, owner points.

## GOLF

**PGA TOUR**  
**TEXAS OPEN**

Site: San Antonio.  
Course: TPC San Antonio, Oaks Course (7,435 yards, par 72).  
Purse: \$6.2 million.

Television: NBC 3-6 p.m.  
Last year: Scotland's Martin Laird matched the course record with a 63 to beat Rory Mclroy by two strokes.

Last week: Matt Every won the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first PGA Tour title, rallying to beat Keegan Bradley by a stroke.

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## GOLF REPORTS

## Sun comes out briefly for golfers

The sun finally decided to come out. Hopefully, it lasts a few days to dry up the inches of rain we have had.

The Wednesday Blitz Winner was Gerald Smithy who broke even. Smithy pocketed two skins and won closest to the pin on No. 5. Jack Tuggle also won two skins and Tim Tortorice won one.

The Wednesday Scramble winning team was Todd Carter, Amanda Odom and Brady Anderson with a -2. In second place was

## QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

the team of Chet Carter, Luke Richards and Mike Anderson.

This was the first Wednesday switch to the scramble, which starts at 5 p.m. every Wednesday.

Friday Dogfight winners were: Chet Carter, first with a +6; Randy Heavrin, second with a +5; Gerald Smithy and Jack Tuggle, tied for third with +1.

Skin winners were Bob Sonntag, Tony Kent, Carter, Heavrin and Tuggle.

Closest to the pin winners were Bob McGraw on No. 3, Chet Carter on Nos. 5 and 15, and Heavrin on Nos. 11 and 17.

Monday's Top of the Hill winners were: Joe Herring, first with a +5; Gerald Smithy, second with a +4; Tim Tortorice, third with a +1.

The MGA three-person scramble tournament is April 5. Teams are limited; come to the pro shop or call 752-3339.

## Busy Bee tourney lives up to its name

The Busy Bee charity event drew 84 players in its second year.

The team of Joe Nicolaus, Stacy Sutherland, Mason Smith and Ken Breen topped the field with a score of net 53, three strokes better than the foursome of Buddy Slay, George Burnham, Mickey Willcox and John Raulerson.

Skill shot winners were: David Bailey, longest drive; Mike Smith, closest to the pin; Willcox, straightest drive; Raulerson, longest putt.

Steve Thomas and Mike Jacobs won the A/B flight with a 56 in the MGA twoman tournament. Steve Patterson and Mickey Willcox finished second with 60.

In the C/D flight, Pete Skantos paired with Don Combs to win with 58. Eddy Brown and Pedro Munoz were in second with 60.

Steve Patterson recorded his second finish in the money this week in the A flight of Sunday's blitz. His +5 was four points ahead of Timmy Rogers and five up on Scott Kishton.

Don Combs had his second win of the week, taking

## COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY

Ed Goff

the B flight with a round of +11. Jonathan Morgan and Dell Sanders tied for second with +5.

Closest to the pin winners were Charlie Timmons on No. 5, Bruce Ford on Nos. 7 and 15, and Patterson on No. 17.

Thomas, Morgan, Kishton and Patterson each cashed in a skin.

Mike Gough rolled in a late birdie to finish at +9 for a one-point win over Cory DePratter in the A flight of Wednesday's blitz. Joe Paul, Jordan Hale and Yves Pelletier tied for third with +4.

Emerson Darst posted +11 to win B flight. Mike McCranie and Buddy Slay were at +8 in a tie for third. Shelton Keen and David Blair finished tied for fourth with +6.

Dennis Crawford and DePratter picked up two skins apiece; Bob Randall, Keen and Gough had one each. Both pot holes carried over.

For the second week in a row, Jordan Hale headed the winning team in the

Thursday PM Scramble. He teamed with Shelton Keen and Curtis Mixon for a one-stroke win over the trio of Casey Clemons, Ed Snow and Dustin Walker.

The pot hole carried over.

The Good Old Boys couldn't find a close score.

In a three-way match, the team of Ed Snow, Carl Wilson, Bill Wheeler and Dan Stephens had an easy 6-2 win over the team of Stan Woolbert, Emerson Darst, Joe Persons and Bob Wheary. The foursome of Jim McGriff, Tony Branch, Howard Whitaker and Rob Brown had one point.

In a battle of fivesomes, Don Christensen, Rhea Hart, Dave Cannon, Jim Stevens and Merle Hibbard shut out Marc Risk, Larry Ward, Jim Bell, Bobby Simmons and Mike Spencer, 3-0.

Risk shot 41-38-79 for sole possession of the medalist seat.

In nine hole play Stephens had 38 on the front side. Snow took the back side with a 39.

The Lions Club annual golf tournament is April 5. The golf course will be closed until 2 p.m.

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Section C

## New look for Rountree-Moore Ford

Remodel scheduled to be completed by the middle of August.

By **TONY BRITT**  
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**R**ountree-Moore Ford has been a Columbia County mainstay since 1924 and, with 90 years of service, is one of the oldest Ford dealerships around.

Rountree-Moore Ford, first opened in 1924 by A.J. Rountree, is now getting a remodel. The makeover will give the Rountree-Moore dealership an 11,000 square-foot, indoor showroom.

Stephen Jones, Rountree-Moore Ford/Lincoln Mercury general sales manager, said the work is going great.

"Our biggest focus is customer service and customer satisfaction," Jones said. "Anything that we can do to make the customer's buying experience even better, that's what our main focus is and that's what Rountree-Moore's main focus is. Keeping customers happy to where customers know they can shop local and still get their best deal and still be able to purchase in a very nice environment."

The remodel will leave the local car dealership with a new



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Trey Brown (left) and Tim Bruch remove strands of rebar while remodeling Rountree-Moore Ford in Lake City. The remodel of the dealership, which has been in business since 1924, is expected to be completed by mid-August.

customer lounge as well as service drive.

"We're trying to move some of this inventory," Jones said. "We're giving great deals especially on the new Fords because we've got to make room for new inventory coming in."

The project was broken down

into two phases. Phase 1, enclosure of the front section of the business, will be completed around June.

"Basically, June 1 all the employees will move to the front in the building and construction crews will basically demolish all of this existing building," Jones said.

Phase 2 will begin immediately afterward and is expected to be completed by mid-August.

"Obviously it's time for a change," Jones said of the remodel project. "This building was built in the 1970s and (the remodel) is to keep up with the demand because

we're selling more and more vehicles."

He said The Ford Motor Company has come out with a new design and many of its dealerships are onboard with the concept.

"Ford has come out with this new design that basically all of their dealerships are doing," Jones said. "They came up, partnered with all their dealers, to build new facilities, so we're very fortunate to be a part of Ford."

Jones said the remodel has been in the planning stages for the past 25 years as the dealership continued to grow. He said they've talked about enclosing the front of the showroom for years and now seems to be the right time to make it a reality.

"Business is better than it's ever been," he said. "The auto industry is better than it's ever been — the rates are lower and incentives are higher and financing is easier. Business has never been to the point that it's at."

Jones said the auto dealership is having a record-setting year. In February they sold 202 cars. He said 2011, 2012, and 2013 were all record-setting years and they look for 2014 to be even better than the previous years.

"There's no better time than now to do the remodel," he said.

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## Target-Date Funds 101

Q Can you explain what target-date funds are, and if they're good investments? — P.L., Headland, Ala.

A Target-date funds are sometimes referred to as "lifecycle" funds. Relatively new, they're designed to simplify your financial life. Each fund is focused on a particular year when shareholders would be expected to retire, and its asset allocation is adjusted over time as retirement approaches.

If you plan to retire around 2030, for example, you might buy into a 2030 fund from Vanguard, T. Rowe Price, Fidelity or many other companies. It will likely be invested largely in stocks and some bonds, and over time it will decrease its stock holdings and add more bonds for you.

They're not all the same, though. Fees vary widely, and even among funds targeting the same year, holdings and performance vary, too. So do your research before buying, knowing that you're not restricted by your age. You might plan to retire in 2020, but a 2025 fund might have the kind of stock-bond mix you prefer.

Keep your big picture in mind, too. You might invest \$20,000 in a target-date fund with a 90-10 stock-bond ratio, but if you hold \$100,000 in bonds separately and your retirement is 25 years away, your overall asset allocation might not be what you want or need it to be.

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Q Is there any silver lining to inflation? — A.A., Pueblo, Colo.

A Yes. Imagine locking in a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. Inflation will make the dollar value of your payments worth less over time. You might be earning \$50,000 now and paying \$1,000 monthly, but in 15 years, if inflation-driven raises have you earning \$80,000, that \$1,000 payment will represent a much smaller chunk of your income.

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Kids might repeat the credit card sins of their parents. Co-workers might settle for lesser raises than they could have received. And when loved ones die without discussing their final financial wishes, heartache and headaches ensue. Don't contribute to this damaging tradition.

Talk with your parents (or others), if you can. Find out what they earn (or did, when they were working), and share your own income. Discuss mortgage payments. Ask about financial sacrifices they made in order to have the life they built. You can learn a lot, especially if you're planning on buying a home or deciding between public and private school for your kids. Talk about long-term-care insurance and living

on a fixed income, for yourself or them. Hear your parents' wishes and let them learn about yours.

Talk with your kids. Do they know what it costs to put a roof over their heads and food in their tummies? Why not? Consider an open-checkbook policy, and find ways to expose them to some of the financial products — particularly credit cards — that they'll face in a few years.

How do your friends and peers spend their paychecks? Do they max out contributions to their 401(k) accounts? What does their weekly grocery bill come to? These kinds of discussions can deliver insights and spread smart strategies.

If you can share salary information with friends in your industry, you'll have a good barometer of what's happening in your industry and whether your employer is keeping pace. If you're too squeamish to talk finances with friends, join conversations online, such as in our discussion boards at [boards.fool.com](http://boards.fool.com).

Try practicing financial openness. Talk about your next major purchase and how long it's taking you to save for it. See what you learn when you're open about money issues.

## My Dumbest Investment

## Gloom and Doom

My dumbest investment move was listening to Marc Faber, who predicted a market plunge. — D.Q., online

**The Fool Responds:** Some pundits and financial prognosticators are known for their sunny dispositions, while others, such as Dr. Faber, are more associated with gloom and doom. Each side can claim vindication when the market does what they predicted, but it often goes the other way, and you rarely hear about that. There are many folks suggesting they know what the market will do in the next few months or years, but no one knows or can know.

What we do know is that over long periods of time, the market has gone up, but never in a straight line. There will always be occasional hiccups and drops, and each will have been predicted by one or more experts (who got other predictions wrong).

As long as you have plenty of investing years (or decades) ahead of you, consider just investing for the long haul in strong and growing companies, and staying the course during downturns. A simple broad-market index fund can serve you well, too, roughly matching the market's returns.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to [TheMotleyFool@fool.com](mailto:TheMotleyFool@fool.com) c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

## The Motley Fool Take

## Coke's Big Plans

Coke is one of the most dominant and valuable trademarks on Earth, likely to prosper for decades to come. But Coca-Cola's (NYSE: KO) sweetened carbonated beverages are losing their fizz a bit, as consumers seek healthier alternatives. The company has been aiming to revitalize sales with bottled juices, waters, energy drinks, coffees and teas, and it has a bigger plan, too.

In 2010, Coca-Cola laid out its "2020 Vision" for the next decade, aiming to double revenue, raise profit margins, and increase its total number of global servings to 3 billion per day (from nearly 2 billion recently). The goals are ambitious, but not impossible.

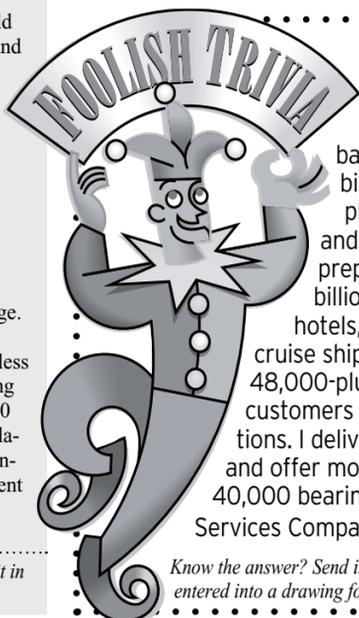
Factors in its favor include a growing global middle class, increasingly able to afford beverage treats. It also sports massive brand power, with 16 billion-dollar brands to its name, such as Diet Coke, Fanta, Sprite, Coca-Cola Zero, vitaminwater, Powerade, Minute Maid and Simply. Brand strength leads to pricing strength. Coca-Cola is also forging strategic partnerships, such as its 10 percent stake in the maker of Keurig machines, which can boost its presence in households.

Shares of Coca-Cola have a decent chance of growing at a solid clip in coming years. But even if growth stalls, the global powerhouse will still be a generous income provider, via its dividend that recently yielded 3.1 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Coca-Cola and its newsletters have recommended it.)

## Name That Company

I began in 1969 as a national wholesale food distributor. Today, based in Houston and raking in \$44 billion annually, I'm the leader in supplying food and related products and services to anywhere meals are prepared outside the home — a \$235 billion market. (That means restaurants, hotels, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, cruise ships, sports venues and more.) My 48,000-plus employees serve about 225,000 customers and operate from nearly 200 locations. I deliver roughly 1.3 billion cases annually and offer more than 400,000 products, including 40,000 bearing my own name. I'm a Systems and Services Company. Who am I?

Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!



### LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I began in Alexandria, Va., in 1993, as a print newsletter. Today, I oversee a great global investment community, educating, amusing and enriching millions through my website, newsletter services, books, audio programming, syndicated newspaper feature, CAPS stock-rating service, asset management service and more. (There are more than 2 million copies of my books in print.) I've long advocated for individual investors, exposing conflicts of interests on Wall Street. My name is taken from Shakespeare and refers to the character who could tell the king the truth without getting his head lopped off. My favorite holiday is in April. Who am I? (Answer: The Motley Fool)

Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to [Fool@fool.com](mailto:Fool@fool.com) or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

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# Lake City Reporter CLASSIFIED

ADVantage

Take Advantage of the Reporter Classifieds!  
**755-5440**

## Placing An Ad

You can call us at 755-5440, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Some people prefer to place their classified ads in person, and some ad categories will require prepayment. Our office is located at 180 East Duval Street.

You can also fax or email your ad copy to the Reporter.

FAX: 386-752-9400 Please direct your copy to the Classified Department.

EMAIL: [classifieds@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:classifieds@lakecityreporter.com)

### Personal Merchandise

4 lines • 6 days One item per ad

Rate applies to private individuals selling personal merchandise totalling less than the category amounts listed below. Each item must include a price. This is a non-refundable rate.

| Under \$100                   | Under \$500                    | Under \$1,000                  | Under \$2,500                  | Under \$4,000                  | Under \$6,000                  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$3.50                        | \$10.75                        | \$17.15                        | \$24.70                        | \$28.40                        | \$31.40                        |
| Each additional line<br>\$.25 | Each additional line<br>\$1.10 | Each additional line<br>\$1.15 | Each additional line<br>\$1.45 | Each additional line<br>\$1.55 | Each additional line<br>\$1.65 |

### Service Guide

Limited to Service type advertising only.

**\$82.00**

4 Lines • 1 Month

Each additional line \$9.00  
Includes an additional \$3.00 per ad for each Sunday insertion.

### Garage Sale

**\$17.50**

4 Lines • 3 Days

Includes 2 Signs

Each additional line \$1.65

| Ad to Appear: | Call by:        | Email by:      |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Tuesday       | Mon., 10 a.m.   | Mon., 9 a.m.   |
| Wednesday     | Tues., 10 a.m.  | Tues., 9 a.m.  |
| Thursday      | Wed., 10 a.m.   | Wed., 9 a.m.   |
| Friday        | Thurs., 10 a.m. | Thurs., 9 a.m. |
| Sunday        | Fri., 10 a.m.   | Fri., 9 a.m.   |

These deadlines are subject to change without notice.

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**Ad Errors-** Please read your ad on the first day of publication. We accept responsibility for only the first incorrect insertion, and only the charge for the ad space in error. Please call 755-5440 immediately for prompt correction and billing adjustments.

**Cancellations-** Normal advertising deadlines apply for cancellation.

**Billing Inquiries-** Call 755-5440. Should further information be required regarding payments or credit limits, your call will be transferred to the accounting department.

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Advertising copy is subject to approval by the Publisher who reserves the right to edit, reject, or classify all advertisements under appropriate headings. Copy should be checked for errors by the advertiser on the first day of publication. Credit for published errors will be allowed for the first insertion for that portion of the advertisement which was incorrect. Further, the Publisher shall not be liable for any omission of advertisements ordered to be published, nor for any general, special or consequential damages. Advertising language must comply with Federal, State or local laws regarding the prohibition of discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. Standard abbreviations are acceptable; however, the first word of each ad may not be abbreviated.

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### Services

**BANKRUPTCY/DIVORCE**  
Other Court Forms Asst.  
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386-961-5896

### 020 Lost & Found

FOUND mixed lab off Hwy 100 by Homes of Merit.  
Call to claim.  
386-623-6685

**LOST DOG** - Reward \$400  
Female dachshund, black w/brown on her. Shorthaired, very friendly, needs heart medication. Please call 386-755-4456; 386-628-6228; 386-466-7164 Mauldin Ave & Joyce Lane, Columbia City

### 060 Services

**FREE Clean-up.**  
Pickup unwanted metals, tin, scrap vehicles, appliances & more. We recycle. 755-0133 or 288-3253

### 100 Job Opportunities

**BARTENDER NEEDED**  
Must be experienced & reliable. Must have your own phone & car.  
386-752-2412

**Immediate hire.** Experienced landscape and irrigation staff. Winning attitude.  
386-755-0078

**Industrial Construction Experienced Supervision / Craftsman Needed**  
Minimum of 3 Years Craftsman Experience Required  
Structural Welders, Pipe Welders, Pipe Fitters, Industrial Maintenance Workers, Millwrights, Ironworkers, Riggers, and NCCCO Operators.  
Welders must pass weld test, Temp to Permanent Positions Available  
Filling positions immediately, White Springs, FL area  
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Fax Resume to - 904-714-0008  
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Phone - 904-714-1376

**COTTAGE PARENTS**  
The Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch is looking for married couples to be full-time Cottage Parents. Salary is \$47,840.00 per couple with benefits provided. High School diploma or GED required. For more information contact Wendy Boise at (386) 842-5555 [wboise@youthbranches.org](mailto:wboise@youthbranches.org)  
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Wright Tree Service is hiring Foremen, Trimmers, Mower Operators, and Groundman. We offer competitive pay and great benefits!  
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**PART TIME**  
Grant funded position, 28 hrs/week. Must have basic computer skills, be organized and a team player. Must provide own transportation. Send resume to Box 05117, C/O The Lake City Reporter, P.O. Box 1709, Lake City, FL, 32056

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**MOSAIC - NOW HIRING**  
Industrial Maintenance Mechanics (Job ID #11905)  
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Company looking for Drivers Guaranteed Home Every Weekend Clean Class A CDL Flatbed Exp. Required. Call 386-755-8579 for information. R.D.H. Trucking, Inc

Line Cook w/comm 1 cooking exp needed at Milton's Country Store. Will be taking orders, cooking & serving. Kitchen open to view. Apps avail Milton's 8 mi N, of I-10 hwy 441

**Drivers: Home EVERY Week-end, Dedicated Southern Lanes & OTR!** All Miles PAID (Loaded & Empty)! Or Walk Away Lease: No Money Down, No Credit Check. 1-888-880-5916

**DRIVERS: \$5,000 Sign-On Bonus! Great Pay!** Consistent Freight, Great Miles on this Regional Account. Werner Enterprises: 1-855-515-8447

**CDL Class A Truck Driver.** Van or Flatbed exp. for F/T SE area. 3 years exp or more. Medical benefits offered. Contact Sandy@ 386-935-2773

**CDL Driver 2 yrs exp clean MVR** for local company. Apply between 10am & 1pm only. 247 NW Hillandale Glen, Lake City. No phone calls

**Mechanic needed** with heavy truck experience preferred. Excellent pay package. Southern Specialized Truck and Trailer 386-752-9754

**KENNEL TECH** needed; 40 hr/week; O/T Available Apply by Fax 386-961-8802 Drug-free workplace

Wanted: tradesmen with experience in carpet and linoleum installation. General remodeling a plus. Please call Steve at 386-365-8549

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**100 Job Opportunities**

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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS WATER RESOURCES**  
 Develop and teach the course "Water Resources Information and Database Management" for on-line format and delivery requires BS degree or higher in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science, Agricultural/ Biological Engineering, Geology, Hydrology, Water Science, or Geography. Three years minimum experience in working with government and utility databases. Experience in developing data transfer and analysis to GIS. Experience in importation of water data layers. Experience in using educational technologies in science teaching or the professional workplace. Ability to work well with others. Experience with or desire to teach on-line distance-learning with a proficiency in use of Microsoft™ products, particularly PowerPoint, Word, Access, and Outlook. Ability to scan and capture images and video to enhance on-line teaching platforms. Experience in using water models such as AFSIRS and GWRAPPS. Desirable Qualifications: Coursework in GPS, GIS. Knowledge of water supply and public utilities operation and policy. Experience in Florida water district operations. Knowledge of engineering contractor relationships with water districts.  
 Deadline For Receiving Applications: Open Until Filled  
 Persons interested should provide College application, vita, and photocopies of transcripts. All foreign transcripts must be submitted with official translation and evaluation. Position details and applications available on web at: [www.fgc.edu](http://www.fgc.edu)  
 Dr. W. David Shoup, CIC, CAIS, TSP  
 Water Resources Training Programs  
 Florida Gateway College  
 149 S.E. College Place  
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 Phone (386) 754-4343  
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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, WATER RESOURCES**  
 164 Duty Days (Re-Advertised)  
 Teach Water and Environmental Science Technology courses in Water-Wastewater Operator Technician licensing, A.S. Environmental Science Technology courses, and/or B.A.S. courses in Water Resources Management. Requires Doctorate degree plus 18 graduate hours in Environmental Engineering/ Science, Agricultural with Biological Engineering, Geology, Hydrology, Water Science, or Agricultural Systems (Water specialty), Public Health, or a related area.  
 Experience/Abilities Required: Ability to teach a variety of water science and environmental science technology in distance and technological formats. Experience in using educational technologies in teaching or the professional workplace. Ability to work well with others. Experience with or desire to teach on-line distance-learning with a proficiency in use of Microsoft™ products, particularly PowerPoint, Word, Access, and Outlook. Ability to scan and capture images and video to enhance on-line teaching platforms. Willing to develop an array of new courses to building our new BAS degree. Desirable Qualifications: P.E., Class A Florida Water-Wastewater plant operator s license. Proficiency or quick learner in acquiring skills of distance course development on Pearson and/or Blackboard platforms. Willingness to explore Web based instruction and multimedia presentational teaching technologies as well as a willingness to teach evening classes. College or university teaching experience.  
 SALARY: Based on degree and experience.  
 DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS: 4/10/14 or Open Until Filled  
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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY and/or WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (For Summer, Fall, Spring 2014-2015)**  
 Adjunct instructors needed for water and wastewater programs preparing students to qualify for Florida Department of Environmental licensure process. Also, instructors will develop and/or teach online courses in Environmental Sciences, and/or water resources management courses toward BAS degree program.  
 A Bachelor s Degree is required for noncredit/non transfer courses and 2 years of related work experience. A Master s Degree with at least 18 graduate hours in environmental science or related discipline is required for Associate level courses; A doctoral degree in environmental sciences or engineering, Agricultural & biological engineering, Water Sciences or equivalent discipline is required for teaching and/or developing B.A.S. level upper division courses. Requires knowledge in math, environmental science, and chemistry; knowledge of state and local laws/regulations regarding water/ wastewater operations; communications skills; ability in written communications. For B.A.S. degree courses the ability to develop on-line coursework in springs ecology, watershed management, public wells & septic, hydrology, water technologies, environmental modelling, water demand calculation, water supply, and other related water courses.  
 Desirable Qualifications: Water/wastewater operator s license, computer skills, as well as some instructional abilities for certificate programs. Ability to develop on-line courses on standard platforms.  
**Deadline For Receiving Applications:** 4/15/14 or Open Until Filled  
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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/ PROPERTY SPECIALIST**  
 Accounting work including accounts payable, property records maintenance, record retention coordination, financial records maintenance, subsidiary ledger maintenance, and data entry. Requires considerable attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy. High school graduate plus three years of business office experience, one of which is in accounting. A high school equivalency diploma from the State Department of Education may be substituted for high school graduation. Special consideration will be given to applicants with an Associate Degree or certificate in a related area. Knowledge of business math and basic accounting principles. Knowledge of office practices and procedures. Experience with Microsoft Excel and Word. Ability to exercise effective communication, work well under pressure, work effectively in a team atmosphere, and to perform in a timely manner. Ability to perform manual labor and lift 35 pounds correctly.  
 Desirable Qualifications: Knowledge of accounting rules and regulations for community colleges. Knowledge of state regulations regarding payment procedures, property procedures, record retention procedures, and travel. Knowledge of applicable federal regulations.  
**SALARY: \$23,373 annually, plus benefits**  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 4/14/14**  
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**100 Job Opportunities**

R & R Harvesting Inc – 100 Temporary workers needed in Alachua, FL area from approximately May 20, 2014 – July 10, 2014 Following Supervisors instructions, the worker will perform manual labor to hand cut and pack watermelons. Use hand tools such as shears and knives. Duties also include cleaning, loading and unloading harvested products. Grade and sort products according to factors such as color, species, length, width, appearance, feel and quality to ensure correct processing and usage. Discard inferior or defective products and/or foreign matter, and place acceptable products in containers for further processing. Weigh products or estimate their weight, visually or by feel. Place products in containers according to grade and mark grades on containers. Measure, weigh and count products and materials. Examine and inspect containers, materials and products to ensure that packing specifications are met. Clean and maintain work areas. Must assist with all Good Agricultural Practices policies. Perform prolonged bending, reaching, pushing, pulling, walking stooping and lifting up to 60 lbs. Exposure to extreme temperatures. Workers may be required to perform miscellaneous grove clean-up work. These activities may include removing debris, boxes, discarded fruit from fields to clean growing areas, pruning, painting trees, repair and or replace irrigation equipment, may maintain fence lines. The highest of \$10.26 per hr. 34 guarantee, 35 hrs per week, housing and transportation provided at no cost to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of each work day, must be 18 years or older. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be reimbursed upon completion of 50% of the work contract. We participate in the E-Verify program and workers must have valid identification for I-9 preparation when they report to begin work. Apply for this job at the State Workforce/Job Center office in your area, please call for the nearest office in your area FL 239-252-7310, AL 256-259-1835, GA 404-656-6000, MS 662-842-2175 using job # FL9868507

**120 Medical Employment**

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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, NURSING**  
**194 Duty Days—Tenure Track Position # F99923**  
 Conduct the learning experience in the classroom, laboratory, and/or clinical areas. Prepare for instruction – syllabi, lesson plans, tests, use assessment strategies to assist the continuous development of the learner, use effective communication techniques with students and others. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the subject matter, use appropriate and current technology in the teaching and learning process. This is a 194 duty day position. Hours will vary and require some evenings. Requires a Master of Science in Nursing degree and be licensed in Florida or be eligible for licensure in Florida. Three years of experience as staff nurse (acute care preferred). Strong experience in Maternity Health Nursing. Ability to present information in a coherent manner and the ability to fairly evaluate student retention of that information. Desirable Qualifications: Computer Literate. Teaching experience preferred.  
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**120 Medical Employment**

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**FLORIDA GATEWAY COLLEGE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
 This is a professional classification responsible for the development and supervision of innovative and forward-thinking programs. The primary responsibilities are to maintain the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing Program and acquire program accreditation through ACEN, continue to expand all program areas and resources, provide effective leadership for the college within the community, administration, faculty, and students. Manage multiple budgets and have a strong understanding of personnel management and leadership. Responsible for expanding and maintaining a premier institute that supports Florida Gateway College and the community it serves. The individual applying for this position **must** hold an earned doctorate with a nursing background. Requires at least five years of progressive administrative experience, a strong background in program development and accreditation, and a valid Florida driver s license.  
 Desirable Qualifications: Experience in higher education administration. Record of teaching at tenured professor level; experience in business in conjunction with health background. Experience in the community college teaching/working environment.  
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CNA's with a dedication to provide excellent service to seniors needed. Driver s license and a reliable automobile is a must. Applicant must be willing to work weekends and possibly evenings. CNA certification and Level II background screen required. Call Fiscal for more information at 755-0235

**Medical Office** looking for full time employee in Optical Office. Experience preferred but not required. Will train. Send resume to 763 SW Main Blvd. Lake City, FL 32025

**Nurse practitioner FT or PT** for busy internal medicine office please call Nancy at 386-719-2540 for more information  
 North Florida Community College, Madison FL., has the following positions available: Project Coordinator of Healthcare Information Program; Curriculum Developer for Automation Production Program; Faculty Position for Registered Nurse. See [www.nfcc.edu](http://www.nfcc.edu) for details.

**240 Schools & Education**

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**INTERESTED in a Medical Career?**  
 Express Training offers courses for beginners & exp  
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Catahula Healer/Australian cattle dog. Female, 10 mo, great w/cattle & children, all shots w/chip \$200 386-719-4900 or 965-1500

**To place your classified ad call 755-5440**  
**Lake City Reporter**

**310 Pets & Supplies**

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

**420 Wanted to Buy**

**I BUY USED MOBILE HOMES CASH PAID IMMEDIATELY**  
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**K&H TIMBER**  
 We Buy Pine Hardwood & Cypress. Large or small tracts. Call 386-288-6875.

**430 Garage Sales**

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE**  
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**630 Mobile Homes for Rent**

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

**2/1 W/ screened porch, Lg. lot,** in very nice, clean, well maintained, safe, small park, no pets, really nice place to live, with long term tenants, Background/credit check required. \$485 mo., \$485 sec. dep., smoke free environment 386-719-9169 or 386-965-3003.

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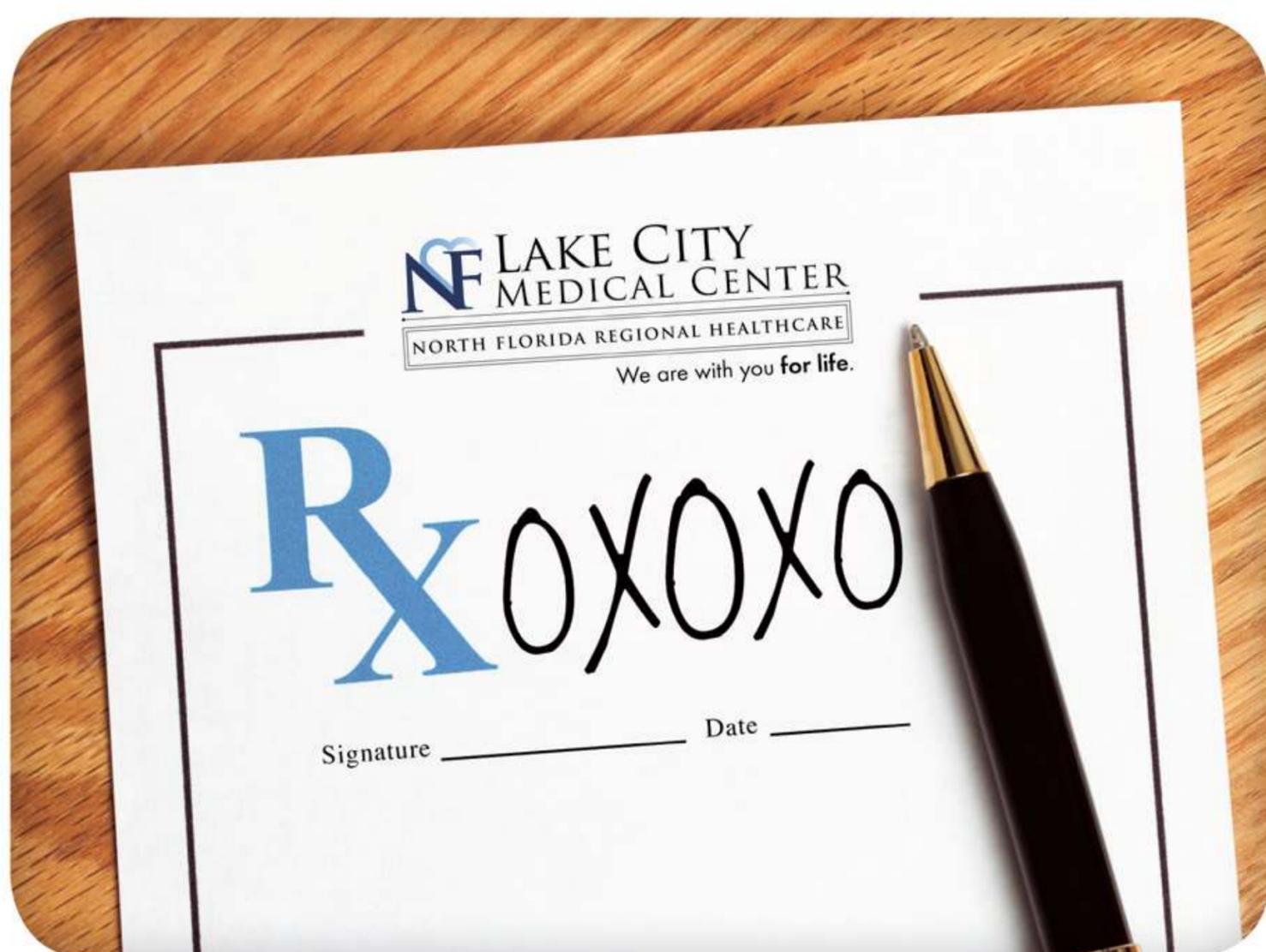
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# LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

Finding out more about other cultures than just how they speak

By AVALYN HUNTER  
Special to the Reporter

FORT WHITE

To the casual observer, Fort White may seem like an isolated rural community with a homogenous population. But appearances can be deceiving.

During tubing season, tens of thousands of visitors from all walks of life and many different cultural backgrounds pass through. A growing Hispanic population adds a new dimension to the area. And even those who have little contact with tourists or new neighbors need only go as far as a home computer or the Internet stations at the branch library to find a wider world awaiting.

### More than just words

"Many of my students don't really see why they should learn a foreign language," says Fort White High School Spanish teacher Maria Agudelo. "After all, everyone they know speaks English. But there's a lot more to learning a new language than just the words; it introduces people to new cultures, new ideas."

Agudelo has plenty of experience in dealing with a variety of cultures. The child of Puerto Rican parents, she was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and moved to Tampa with her family when she was seven. In both places, she lived in multiethnic neighborhoods where adapting to differences and even learning to enjoy them was a way of life.

Following her marriage to a man from the South American nation of Colombia, she moved back to New York, enjoying the variety and excitement of big-city life. She also took advantage of the area's educational opportunities, earning a master's degree in education from Adelphi University. But after becoming parents, she and her husband found themselves yearning for a quieter life.

"I suppose some of the people we knew would wonder what a place like this has to offer," she says with a smile. "But look around; it's beautiful! You have the two rivers here and all the springs; you have nature all around you. There are many things to explore and do, and the more relaxed way of life is a pleasant change."



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Fort White Spanish teacher Maria Agudelo in her classroom, surrounded by students' artwork.

### Becoming well-rounded

Now in her sixth year of teaching Spanish, Agudelo has a total of 16 years of classroom experience. She has taught both language arts and English as a Second Language classes and is considering expanding her teaching experience to yet another area.

"One of my biggest passions is doing whatever I can to help children grow into well-rounded adults, and that includes teaching them to take care of their physical health," she says. "So I'm taking courses in health education and thinking of a move into teaching health."

Although technically she grew up bilingual, Agudelo can sympathize with students who are learning Spanish from the ground up. "I did learn some Spanish at home, but only at a basic

level; English was my first language," she explains. "It wasn't until I started dating the man who became my husband that I became fluent in Spanish. Since that was his first language, learning to speak Spanish well was a way to get to know him better. It was also a way to explore of the differences in our cultural backgrounds. Although Puerto Ricans and Colombians are both considered Hispanic, there are differences in the way they speak Spanish and their cultural patterns, just as there are differences in expressions and culture between English-speaking Americans who live in New York and those who live in the South."

### Beyond beginner's Spanish

Agudelo's classes at FWHS only cover beginning Spanish, but there are a sur-

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prising number of resources available locally for those students who want to go further. "With many DVDs, you can get subtitles in Spanish or even watch the whole movie in Spanish," she suggests. "There are computer programs you can buy that teach Spanish and there are Spanish websites and English-Spanish translation sites. But the best way to learn is to meet people who speak the language and develop a relationship along with the language skills. The big thing is having the self-discipline to study and practice regularly, or you start forgetting what you've learned — as they say, use it or lose it."

### Opportunities abound

Skills in Spanish are a plus for many state jobs and are virtually required in South Florida in government positions at all levels as well as by many businesses. While a basic command of the language can be helpful in many areas, greater fluency may open doors to positions in international commerce, the State Department, or even specialized translator positions in the courts and in big-city hospitals. Modern brain research also indicates that bilingual individuals appear to develop better concentration skills and greater development of certain portions of the brain.

As important as brain development and improved job skills are, Agudelo believes the greatest importance of what she teaches lies elsewhere. "Learning another language is really about learning to embrace opportunities, to value other people and other cultures," she says. "And when we do that, we find that we really aren't so different after all."

## Check out the 'phun phood' at Phish Heads

It's hard to believe we've been writing up restaurants both near and far for the past several years and have yet to share our take on one of our local favorites — Phish Heads.

Anyone who's lived in the Lake City area in the past fifteen years has probably eaten at Phish Heads for lunch or dinner. They have awesome wings, burgers and seafood baskets. They also have daily specials that are sure to please just about anyone. I know a few people who go there for lunch on Tuesdays just so they can enjoy the homemade meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

### TASTE BUDDIES



Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth  
TasteBuddiesLakeCity@gmail.com

Tuesday nights feature Tex-Mex yumminess with your choice of chimichangas, fajitas or quesadillas.

I recently had an

opportunity to chat with James, owners Phil and Toni Crenshaw's son. In 2009, fresh out of college with a degree in small business management and hospitality, he decided to come back to work in the family business with a goal of bringing great tasting food and beer to Columbia County — not that Phish Heads hasn't always had great tasting food but he was ready to kick it up a notch!

One thing that struck me as we talked was his and his parents' commitment to buying local whenever they can — whether

PHISH continued on 4D

### GulfCoast Financial Services, Inc. proudly welcomes newest member to Marketing and Business Development Team



GulfCoast Financial Services, Inc is proud to introduce to you our newest team member. We want to welcome Allison Hancock to our family. She and Alisa Ring will be working together as our Marketing and Business Development Team. Allison will be focused on maintaining our blog, website, social media sites and our wealth management accounts. Alisa will be focused on coordinating workshops and seminars, advertising and promotions.

Allison comes to us with a background in art and she is currently working on creating illustrations for a children's book. Allison enjoys being a part of Church on the Way and being involved in her community.

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DEAR ABBY

Guidelines make visits fun for stressed-out parents

DEAR ABBY: We're proud parents of a new baby girl. She's adorable, and we feel lucky and blessed.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

Although having a new baby is an exciting, magical time, it is also very stressful. Sleep deprivation, difficulty with breast-feeding, plus endless visits and phone calls can wear any new parent thin.

TOUCHING THE BABY. While it's unlikely that you would unwittingly pass a cold or sore throat to the baby, seeing you wash your hands will make concerned new parents feel better.

Friends and family don't always realize everything new parents must cope with. I compared notes with other parents and came up with a short list of guidelines for friends and family of new parents:

5. LEAVE YOUR SMALL CHILDREN AT HOME. Even if you keep a close eye on your children, their high energy level can be too much for already stressed-out new parents.

1. UNLESS YOU ARE IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR VERY CLOSE FRIENDS, WAIT UNTIL THE THIRD WEEK OR SO TO CALL. Keep in mind the first two weeks are often the toughest. If you would like the new parents to know you're thinking of them, send a card.

6. BE SENSITIVE ABOUT MOM'S NEED TO BREAST-FEED. If Mom had a surgical birth, moving around can be an effort for her. If she needs to nurse, offer to leave the room. — NEW MOM

2. LIMIT VISITS TO 20 OR 30 MINUTES. Unless you are staying to help with the housework, or know your presence is wanted longer than this, keep your visit short.

DEAR NEW MOM: Congratulations on your new arrival. Your guidelines make sense, and I'm pleased to share them. However, as sensible as they may be, do not be surprised if most of your visitors don't abide by them — because if my mail is any indication, the majority will think they are the exception to the rule.

3. IF YOU VISIT, BRING FOOD! A simple casserole or some takeout will be gratefully accepted by the exhausted parents.

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

4. WASH YOUR HANDS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE

THE LAST WORD

Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Saying too much or being too aggressive will end up being emotionally costly. A partnership will undergo changes based on the way you react, making it of utmost importance to stay calm while you gather all the pertinent facts. ★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay in the background and keep a watchful eye on what others do and say. Use your imagination and delve into projects that you can do on your own. Refrain from getting dragged into someone else's business or an authoritative situation. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Follow your dreams even if someone tries to get you to do otherwise. False information is likely to be used to change your mind or to lead you astray. Believe in your abilities and make changes that suit you. Love is highlighted. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be confused by what others do or say. Look closely to grasp what's going on. Don't feel obligated to make a decision if you aren't

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ready. Rely on your good memory, experience and insight to lead you in the right direction. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pump up your enthusiasm and take the initiative to turn your dreams into a reality. Short trips, communicating with experienced individuals and sharing your thoughts and passions will all play into a favorable outcome and better future. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't make financial or medical choices based on hearsay or someone else's prodding. Rely on your knowledge and ability to read a situation clearly. Listen and offer suggestions, but don't sign up for something with a high risk factor. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay alert and be ready to deal with whatever comes your way. Be careful not to get upset or overreact regarding a relationship that needs an adjustment. Focus on your happiness and do what needs to be done. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Mental stimulation will help you find your way to stable ground. What you learn through an unusual experience will shape the way you do things in the future. Don't be afraid to choose a different

route to get to your destination. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The optimism you feel may be false if you are avoiding an emotional encounter with someone. You must address anything that can stand between you and your personal progress. Deal with the past and move into the future. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Do the unexpected and you will throw off anyone who challenges or opposes you. It's important to use your know-how as well as trusted contacts to reach your goals without interference. Problems with a friend, relative or neighbor can be expected. ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what needs to be done. Show enthusiasm and you will get whatever help you need to reach your destination. There is money to be made and negotiating to be done. Ask and you will receive what you want and more. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Find a unique way to get what you want. Show your intentions and what you have to offer to those who have the skills, talent or contacts to help you be successful. Offering incentives will help you close an important deal. ★★

CELEBRITY CIPHER

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

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Previous Solution: "All of the Mets' road wins against the Dodgers this year occurred at Dodger Stadium." — Announcer Ralph Kiner. TODAY'S CLUE: 8 sense 0. © 2014 by NEA, Inc., dist. by Universal Uclick 3-31

BIRTHDAYS

Peter Marshall, 88; Richard Dysart, 85; John Astin, 84; Warren Beatty, 77; Graeme Edge, 73; Eric Clapton, 69; Robbie Coltrane, 64; Paul Reiser, 57; MC Hammer, 51; Ian Ziering, 50; Tracy Chapman, 50; Piers Morgan, 49; Celine Dion, 46; Norah Jones, 35; Justin Moore, 30.

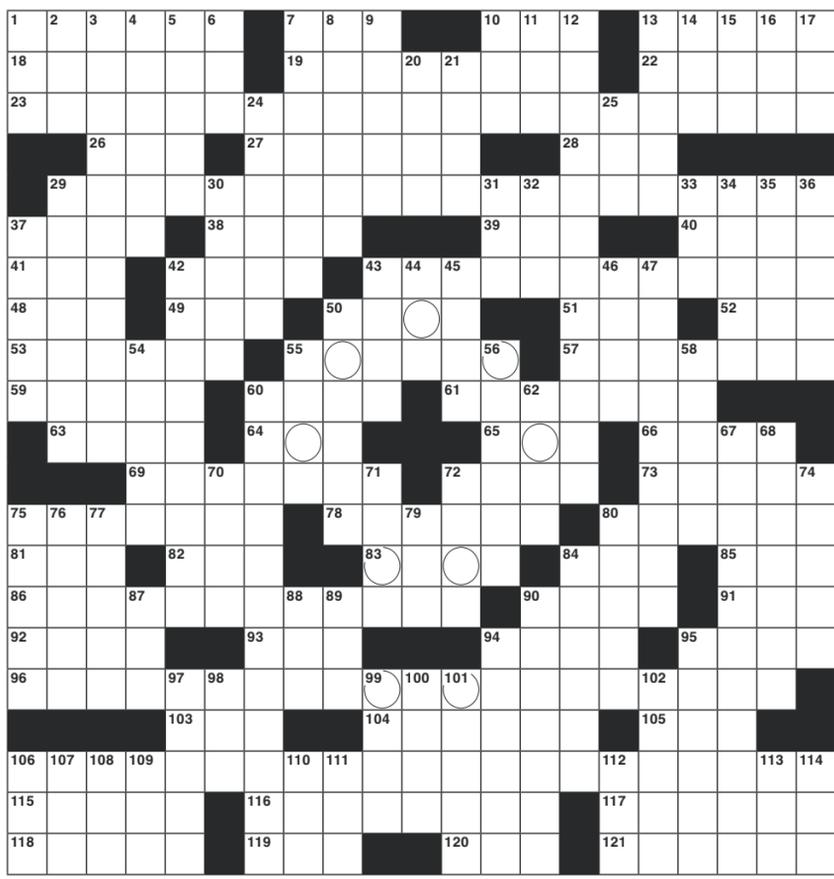
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

BRIGHT IDEAS

BY IAN LIVENGOOD / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

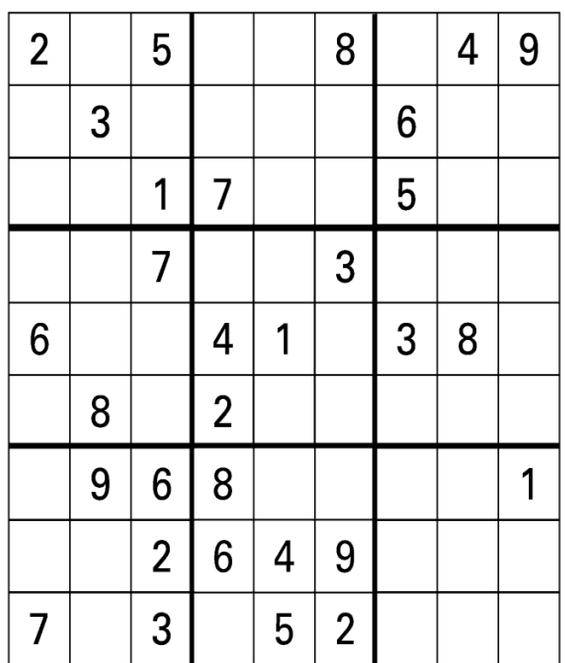
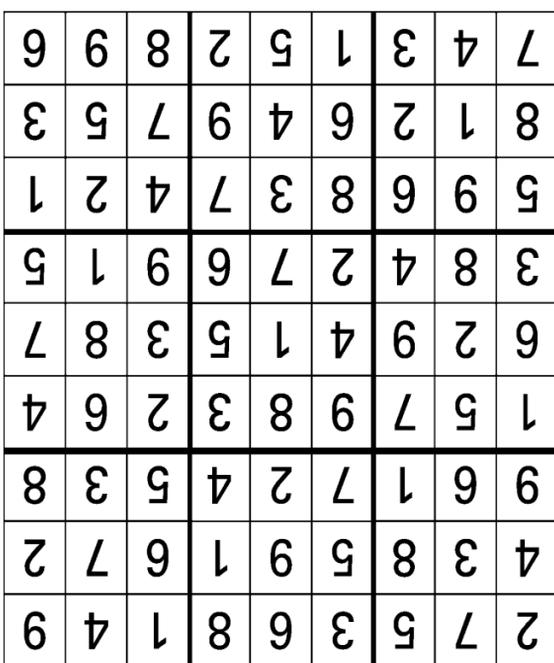
When this puzzle is done, the circled letters, reading counterclockwise from the top, will spell a phrase relating to the puzzle's theme.

- ACROSS: 1 Expands, in a way; 7 Sister of Helios; 10 room; 13 Elite unit; 18 Gambling mecca; 19 Saint's home, for short; 22 Venomous African tree-dweller; 23 Start of a motivational comment attributed to 86-Across; 26 Justin Timberlake's "Cry River"; 27 [That makes me so uncomfortable]; 28 Lockup; 29 Middle of the comment; 37 Toolbar feature; 38 Director Nicolas; 39 Record; 40 Facial moisturizing brand; 41 "Power" suffix; 42 Sticks in the closet?; 43 End of the comment; 48 College major, briefly; 49 Commercial lead-in to Pen; 50 Rocket; 51 Cousin of "Ugh!"; 52 Osaka-to-Sapporo dir.; 53 Law firm department; 55 Fired on; 57 Good-for-nothing; 59 Resort city in 1945 news; 60 Small scene; 61 Restricted part of an urban area; 63 Ball player?; 64 Prominent feature of an Obama caricature; 65 Ray Charles hosted it in 1977: Abbr.; 66 Couple at the altar?; 69 Start to show one's real potential; 72 So; 73 Birthplace of Buddha, now; 75 Pitcher Mike with 270 wins; 78 Christmas cookie ingredient; 80 Plagues; 81 Eponymous German physicist; 82 Combined with; 83 Watering hole for Homer and Barney; 84 Coin collector; 85 Pelican's home, for short; 86 See 23-Across; 90 The Durbeyfield girl, in literature; 91 Dr. Seuss animal; 92 It has paper denominations from 5 to 500; 93 Ex-Fed head Bernanke; 94 Some body work, in slang; 95 Zippo alternatives; 96 Nickname for 86-Across; 103 Barrel of fun?; 104 Saffron-flavored dish; 105 Brow line?; 106 Development of 86-Across ... as depicted in the middle of this grid; 115 World capital on the slope of an active volcano; 116 Dolph of "Rocky IV"; 117 More chilling; 118 Throw around; 119 D.C. mover and shaker: Abbr.; 120 Scandinavian coin; 121 Actor Christian; DOWN: 1 French kiss recipient, maybe; 2 "How silly of me!"; 3 Bit of a code; 4 Stockpile; 5 View that may cost you extra; 6 Security Council veto; 7 Ins; 8 Near future; 9 Hardly enough; 10 The French way?; 11 It may be delayed by a storm: Abbr.; 12 United Center team; 13 Update, say; 14 Garden State casino, informally, with "the"; 15 Outback native; 16 Crunches crunch them; 17 Yoga base; 20 of relief; 21 Nondairy item in the dairy aisle; 24 Ones without a leg to stand on?; 25 Part of a moving line; 29 Blues Brothers wear; 30 Nosedives; 31 Utmost: Abbr.; 32 Farm mother; 33 "My word!"; 34 Stag, maybe; 35 "The fish that got away" and others; 36 Comic Wanda; 37 Hurried; 42 "Death Magnetic" band; 43 Drinking binge; 44 Accessory for the 91-Across; 45 Many an Al Jazeera viewer; 46 Pioneer org.; 47 Five-time Super Bowl champions, informally; 50 Barack's successor; 54 Sharp pains; 55 Travel agency listings; 56 Caboozes; 58 Starts of news articles; 60 Deli stock with seeds; 62 Tight; 67 What an electric current does not flow through; 68 Relaxed, say; 70 Difficult weight; 71 Appropriate flowers for Mother's Day?; 72 Bootleggers' banes; 74 Exams offered four times a yr.; 75 Certain Bach composition; 76 "For sure"; 77 Goopy campfire treat; 79 "Not shabby!"; 80 Cesare Angelotti in "Tosca," e.g.; 84 It gets you off schedule; 87 Place to store hay; 88 German article; 89 Third line on many a ballot: Abbr.; 90 Sunbathing evidence; 94 One with bills piling up?; 95 "My Name Is \_\_\_\_\_," gold album of 1965; 97 "Tell me about it!"; 98 One of two parts of a British puzzle?; 99 page; 100 Canine; 101 D.C. mover; 102 Pi \_\_\_\_\_, "Life of Pi" protagonist; 106 100s of ordinary people?; 107 Fanatic; 108 Geometry fig.; 109 Had something; 110 Bring into court; 111 "\_\_\_\_\_ = Politics" (TV slogan); 112 Guys; 113 Food Network host Sandra; 114 "It's f-f-freezing!"



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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## PHISH

*Continued From 1D*

it's milk from Wainright's Dairy in Live Oak, pork and sausage from Nettles, fresh veggies from KC's or delicious cupcakes from Amy's Sugar Cakery next door. Did we mention that Phil cuts all their steaks?

Phil and James trade out weekend specials where they try to focus on farm-to-plate-style goodness. We're lucky enough to live in an area where we have access to great local products and James sees no reason not to bring that to their customers.

While they've been doing "off menu" specials every Friday and Saturday night since they opened, this friendly competition between father and son has produced some really awesome selections: Steak Au Poivre and Lyonnaise Potatoes, Rosemary Orange Glazed Chicken, Bacon Wrapped Asparagus, Spicy Pork Sausage and Cornbread Pork Tenderloin, Chinese Five Spice Rubbed Braised Pork Belly with collard greens and winter squash medley.

Being a self-proclaimed "foodie and beerie," James' menu inspiration comes from eating and drinking (not to excess) his way through places he's visited, cherry pickin' the best of the best and making it his own. See, you don't need to drive a little north, south, east or west to find *PHABULOUS* food.

Now here's what we're really, really thrilled to tell you about. Their relatively new expansion into the craft beer world. OK, so maybe not so new — they've been serving up craft beer for a little over a year — we just didn't know about it!

With 11 taps open at all times, three are dedicated to what they call "well" beer...that would be your standard Bud Light, Michelob Ultra and Yuengling. The other eight rotate through different brands with a commitment to having at least one for each style: IPA, Pale Ale, Amber Ale, Belgian Wheat, Hard Cider, Nitro and seasonal

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Phish Heads  
**WHERE:** 1445 SW Main, Blvd.  
**Hours:** Tuesday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Closed Sunday and Monday  
**CONTACT:** 386-755-0490

offerings.

This year they started hosting a monthly Beer Tasting Event featuring local (as in Florida) breweries. Intuition Ale Works and Green Room Brewing, both out of Jacksonville, were in the house in January and February. World Famous Swamp Head Brewery out of Gainesville will be featured on April 26. For \$10 you get four 5-ounce tastings of different beer, a must-have Phish Heads Phrisbee, and a pint glass to take home. Representatives from the brewery will be there to answer questions and will have lots of swag to give a way. And if you end up liking one of the samples you can always fill up your pint glass for around \$5.

They've also expanded their wine list beyond the boring Chardonnay, Cab and White Zin variety. James doesn't go the easy route of letting some salesman at a distributor pick out their wines; he does it himself. They always have four reds and four whites, including the ever popular white and red blends that are easy on the palate.

Check them out on Facebook for their specials (they usually don't know what they are going to cook until they place their order on Thursdays for the weekend) and for news about their upcoming Beer Tasting Events and other special happenings. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

I think James said it best, "We're the same but different."

■ Genie Norman and Mary Kay Hollingsworth are Columbia County residents who love good food and fun. Their column on their favorite recipes appears twice a month. You can contact them at TasteBud-diesLakeCity@gmail.com.

# For the love of gardening

If you're reading this, chances are, you might love gardening. Someone in your past taught you to love it. Your mom, maybe your grandmother, even a neighbor. At the very least they taught you to appreciate the beauty of nature and that is something that will stay with you for a lifetime, and give you much pleasure.

My family, for generations, have worked closely with the earth. My grandfather and father were farmers. My mom, grandmother and sister were all good gardeners and would rather have a new plant or visit another garden than any other treat. I hope my grandchildren will enjoy the great outdoors in one form or another.

We gardeners work on our little plot of earth with a vision in mind, whether weeding, pruning or planting, we have the results of our labor in our mind's eye. How satisfying it is to step back and admire what we've accomplished. Or just sit in the shade of a big tree and soak it all in. The cares of the world just seem less important in the peaceful atmosphere of our green space.

### First things first

However, after the winter's rest from many of our gardening chores it is time to get things done. Clean up should be your first priority in early spring and is important to the health of our gardens.

Remove the fallen leaves and fruit from under your citrus trees, as diseases can overwinter in the debris and reinfect the plant. The University of Florida does not recommend mulch under citrus trees; if mulch is used keep it at least 24 inches from the trunk. The water and nutrients provided can be more easily absorbed by the shallow roots on the bare soil. It is important to remove all grass and weeds from under the tree, weeds especially can promote a fungus which can even kill the tree.

Clean up old leaves from under roses as black spot can reoccur from infected leaves. If you haven't pruned them yet, Google "IFAS: growing roses in North Florida" for detailed information on how to prune different types of roses.

Garden roses don't need to be pruned as hard as hybrid tea roses. They do well with about one third of the plant removed. One third is the recommended amount to prune most plants without causing harm or shock to them.

Remove old blooms from under camellias to help prevent camellia petal blight next fall and winter.

Work on pulling winter weeds,



**Martha Ann Ronsonet**

in the flower beds, especially those with seed heads or flowers, as herbicides won't work on these. As for the prolific oxalis and Florida betony (rattlesnake weed) with underground root structures, try to remove them by getting under the bulbs or snake-like roots. If they are left they will multiply rapidly. It isn't possible to get them all but 10 minutes here and there of digging under them will go a long way in controlling them.

### The last March freeze

We may get another freeze during March and the dead foliage making our gardens look so dreadful could help prevent further cold damage to the plants. Mid-March is usually the last frost date for North Florida, so wait until then to prune cold damaged foliage back, by then you can see the new green growth at the base of the plants.

Don't prune your azaleas and other spring bloomers until after they bloom, of course. This goes for hydrangeas also. You may remove just the dead hydrangea blooms on the tips from last year, if you haven't done so.

March is the time to start fertilizing your fruit trees using a citrus or pecan/peach special.

Blueberries, azaleas, camellias and gardenias require an acid forming fertilizer such as an azalea special, but don't fertilize the azaleas before they bloom. If these plants don't have acidic soil they may have an iron deficiency with symptoms such as; the youngest leaves becoming pale green or yellow with dark green veins, curved leaves, usually upwards, stunted growth or leaf drop with some limbs dying. This can be corrected by adding chelated iron or iron sulfate which helps acidify the soil by lowering the pH.

If you choose to fertilize your lawn wait until mid-April. Use a no phosphorus fertilizer, 15-0-15 with 7.5 percent slow-release nitrogen. Water in with only ¼ inch of water so the fertilizer will remain in the root zone and not leach down to the aquifer. Then when it is necessary to water the lawn use ¾ inch, and only water when the grass begins to show stress again, this practice will

train the roots to go deeper. The lawn won't need as much water, as if you used a little sprinkling of water more frequently causing the roots to stay shallow searching for the water which is near the surface.

Established, contented plants don't require fertilizer, but most will benefit from a 3 inch layer of mulch that will break down and enrich the soil.

### Planting by the calendar

Have your tomato plants in the ground by the middle of March. Have snap beans, pole beans, lima beans, cantaloupes, watermelons, peppers, squash, okra, cucumbers and sweet corn by the end of March.

Herbs to plant include basil, fennel, mint, marjoram, summer savory, Mexican tarragon, oregano, and dill.

You can still plant cool weather annuals, such as alyssum, petunias, dianthus and snapdragons. They'll do well until about June. Wait until late March to plant warm season annuals, such as torenia, zinnias, sun-patients, marigolds, angelonia, coleus, cosmos, scaevola, wax begonia and salvia and perennials such as pentas, coneflower, daylilies, bletilla, gloriosa daisy and rudbeckia.

Some of these plants won't be available everywhere, but independent nurseries usually have a wider variety to choose from. Nobles in Live Oak and The Garden Gate in Gainesville are both excellent nurseries with knowledgeable staff. They will also order special requests for their customers.

### Use water sparingly

My sprinklers have been turned off all winter because we have had plenty of rain. Remember, in cold weather or in shade, less water is needed. Watering once every 10 days to two weeks when it doesn't rain is enough in the winter. In summer once, or at the most, twice a week is plenty. Newly planted plants will need extra water to become established, but can be hand watered as necessary.

Water is a limited resource. Let's remember this in all that we do. We want our children and grandchildren to have the water they need. As technology advances and moves into smaller communities, we can look forward to using more reclaimed or recycled water for all our landscapes.

■ Martha is an avid gardener who lives in Lake City.

## Rotary thanks the Rodeo

Club supports sanitation, clean water projects in South America.



**Robert Turbeville**

special thank you to 5th Generation Farms, for both selling tickets and providing the star of the event, Bessie "the cow." As a reminder, the back of your ticket stub has a coupon for use at 5th Generation Farms store. We are also pleased to announce the winning ticket was purchased by Tom Logan, the recently retired Executive Director of the Early Learning Coalition. Congratulations, Tom.

Rotary fundraising also supports clean water and sanitation projects in South America. Within the next few weeks, construction will begin on 50 ecological composting latrines in the region of Miner, Bolivia. The challenge in this region is not unlike our challenges in Columbia County: how to keep human waste out of water supplies. Our local challenge is to clean up

our waste water at the Columbia County spray field before the effluent reaches Ichetucknee Springs. In developing countries, the challenge is more basic. Families need outhouses to keep sewage away from rivers and lakes. Following installation, our goal is to document fewer incidents of water-borne illness in children and higher school attendance rates.

On March 21, the annual "Purple Pinkie" project for polio eradication within our local schools took place. We appreciate the support of the Columbia County school system and Epiphany. More than \$4,000 was raised. When combined with a \$2 for \$1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Rotary will be able to purchase enough vaccines to ensure that 21,000 children will be protected from the polio virus for a lifetime. The end of polio on earth is near. Rotary Club of Lake City will continue to support polio eradication efforts until this dread disease is gone for the earth forever.

Your local Rotarians work hard to help our local community as well as providing help to our international brethren.

■ Robert Turbeville is president of the Rotary Club of Lake City.

## Small business start-up ideas

Have you been thinking about starting your own business, but you aren't sure where to start? At the library, of course. Being successful in your business venture means spending time researching and developing a business plan, marketing strategies, deciding if it will be an online business or a physical location, all part of doing your homework before you can even think of opening the doors. The library has books on creating business plans, marketing, business taxes, legal implications of owning a small business, owning a business in Florida, and even on bankruptcy for small business owners.

Some helpful titles for you might be Peri Pakroo's "The Small Business Start-Up Kit: a Step By Step Legal Guide" (346.73 PAK), Linda Pinson's "Anatomy of a Business Plan: the Step by Step Guide to Building Your Business and Securing Your Company's Future" (658.4 PIN), J.J. Ramberg's "It's Your Business: 183 Essential Tips That Will Transform Your Small Business" (658.022 RAM), Stephen L. Nelson's "QuickBooks 2012 All-in-One for Dummies" (657.9042 NEL), "How to Own and Operate a Financially Successful Landscaping, Nursery or Lawn Service Business" (791.068 HOW), and/or



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Kathryn Bechthold's "The Entrepreneurial Mom's Guide to Running Your Own Business" (658.041 BEC). This is just a very small sample of books as the library has many more titles on starting a business.

There are e-Books available on the library's website, www.ccpl.sirsi.net, including Business Plans for Dummies, Small Business Marketing Kit, Starting and Running an Online Business, and KaChing: How to Run an Online Business That Pays and Pays, to name just a few.

Click on the "Enjoy e-Books" icon on the library's home page and set up an account if you do not already have one, then search for and download the titles of your choice.

You can also search for articles about starting a small business in several of the library's online databases located on the Library's home page, eLibrary and Infotrac. The databases can be searched while you are in the

library, at home or work.

If you search from outside the library, you will need your library card number to be authenticated. eLibrary searches may include newspapers, magazines, books, websites, and audio-visuals with information about your topic.

You can refine your search by date (maybe you want only the most recent articles printed in 2014) and language.

Infotrac is another online database you can access on the library's home page. It is very comprehensive and searches your subject in many places.

SCORE is a non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to helping you get your small business off the ground and running. The SCORE website, www.score.org, has a tremendous amount of useful information that will do nothing if not make you see all that you have to do before your business can open. The contact information for the SCORE of Suwannee Valley is 386-752-2000.

If you are considering opening your own small business, I hope you start your journey at the Columbia County Public Library. For more information on starting a business, please call 386-758-2101.

■ Debbie Paulson is the director of the Columbia County Public Library.

# 'La Florida' exhibit coming April 19

From staff reports

GAINESVILLE — Visitors will have an opportunity to discover the unique wildflowers that inspired Juan Ponce de Leon in 1513 to name this state "place of flowers" at the Florida Museum of Natural History's newest photography exhibition.

## IF YOU GO

**WHAT:** Florida Museum of Natural History  
**WHERE:** 3215 Hull Road, Gainesville  
**Hours:** Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
**CONTACT:** 352-846-2000

On display April 19 through Aug. 3, "La Florida: 500 Years in the Place of Flowers" showcases images from Gainesville nature photographer John Moran, who roamed the state to capture the beauty and mystique of Florida's original Garden of Eden. It features 15 large-format photographs showing the timeless beauty of wildflowers along with a panel describing the history and culture of early Florida.

"The state's astonishing wildflowers are an essential part of the real Florida," Moran said.

Traveling the state with his cameras, Moran seeks his vision of natural Florida as it must have appeared to Ponce de Leon. His photography has appeared in numerous publications including National Geographic, Life, Time, Newsweek, Smithsonian, The New York Times Magazine and the National Audubon Society Field Guide to Florida.

"John's photography captures the essence and splendor of the unique flora found here in the Sunshine State,"



COURTESY JOHN MORAN

An American Lotus flower is pictured in this John Moran photo.

said Lisa Roberts, executive director of the Florida Wildflower Foundation, which developed the exhibit as part of the Viva Florida 500 campaign. "The display takes the viewer to swamps, springs, sand hills and deep into the

woods in search of the natural beauty that defines 'La Florida,' 'place of flowers.'"

The exhibit is funded with proceeds from state wildflower license plate sales. To learn more about Florida's wildflower

ers and the work of the foundation, visit [www.flwildflowers.org](http://www.flwildflowers.org). For more information about the exhibit, visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/exhibits/coming-soon/upcoming/> or call 352-846-2000.

## Haven Hospice's Derby Dash and Car Show in May

From staff reports

The 5th Annual Derby Dash 5-K Run/Walk and Car & Truck Show is coming back this May.

As the local Haven Hospice of Suwannee Valley's annual fundraising event, this year's event will utilize the newly-constructed Pavilion at Wilson Park and the backdrop of Lake DeSoto in Downtown Lake City.

The community is invited to come out May 3 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and spend the day enjoying fitness, live entertainment, local vendors, kids activities, bounce houses, a Kentucky Derby-themed party and lots of cars.

There will be classic cars, muscle cars, trucks, antique motorcycles and new sports cars. All proceeds from this event will benefit Haven Hospice and their unfunded programs like Camp Safe Haven.

Last year the event added the Car Show and showcased over 40 cars from the local car clubs and drew more than 1000 spectators. Members of the Suwannee River Region AACA Car Club, Southern Knights Car Club, Moonlight Cruzers Car Club, and N.O.S. Nation of Stangs Car Club have organized this year's show and anticipate to draw more than 200 cars, with participants coming from all over Florida and Georgia.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the show runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is free but donations for will be accepted.

Judging results will be announced at noon for the following categories; Pre 50's/ 50's-70's/ 70's-90's/ Trucks/ Modern with trophies in each category presented to the first, second and third place winners. There will also be a Mayor's Choice and People's Choice, as well as several "Special Category" classifications that will be awarded trophies.

For information concerning the car show and registration information please contact Ralph (386)397-4571, Jack (386)365-5557 or Bob (386)984-6573.

Your 5-K race registration will include professional chip timing by Start 2 Finish Race Management, a post-run meal, a chance to win awards and much more. Online registration will shut down on April 29 at 6:30 p.m. The race begins at 8 a.m. the day of the event. To learn more visit [www.havenhospice.org](http://www.havenhospice.org) or call Stephanie Brod at (352)271-4665.

There will be plenty of free entertainment to enjoy so bring the entire family out. For event information please contact Jackie Kite at (386)719-5766 or email [kitej@lcfla.com](mailto:kitej@lcfla.com).

## Enjoy a Lunch & Learn

From staff reports

On Wednesday, April 2 at 12 p.m. enjoy a Lunch and Learn with students from the Speech/Debate Team at Florida Gateway College. Bring your lunch and come hear interesting presentations on a variety of topics.

Ian Cosentino of Lake City, a dual enrollment student from Columbia High, will present an informative speech on the development of the Tesla electric motor sportscar.

Annabelle Blevins of Lake City, will present an informative speech on wearable technology, such as Google Glass.

Samantha Lane, a dual enrollment student from Columbia High, will present a poetry interpretation from five selections about female empowerment, including poetry by Maya Angelou.

Sam Bass of White Springs will present an informative speech about the pollution and deforestation of the Ichetucknee Springs.

Kellen Vincent of Lake City, will present a poetry interpretation of the balance of good and evil in the world, and will include some of his original poetry.

## Quick facts about cattle IDs

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (FDACS) Cattle Identification Rule (Chapter 5C-31, Florida Administrative Code) went into effect last month. These rules will improve the state's ability to respond to serious disease outbreaks and to help maintain out-of-state markets. The rules require cattle and bison (18 months and older) entering and moving within the state to be tagged with official identification. There are three exemptions to the rules: cattle moving to approved tagging sites for tagging, cattle moving directly to slaughter and cattle moving between pastures under normal ranching operations. Cattle moving between pastures can include cattle or bison



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transported between two ranches, owned by the same producer.

FDACS will be conducting educational outreach prior to initiating enforcement actions. However, any cattle moving within Florida that are not officially identified by April 7, 2014 may be quarantined until officially identified. Subsequent violations will result in administrative fines to the cattle owner. Cattle owners can obtain USDA officially identified tags at no charge or

### SAVE THE DATE

North Florida Cattlemen is having a meeting on **Thursday, April 24** at the UF/IFAS Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center, 8202 Creek 417. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

can purchase tags from private suppliers. To obtain tags at no charge, producers should contact FDACS, Division of Animal Industry District Offices. District representatives will make arrangements for tag delivery.

The USDA officially identified tags are metal tags, also known as National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES), or "Brite" tags. Private manufacturers offer metal, plastic panel and radio frequency identification device tags for

purchase.

If you have not joined the Florida Cattlemen's Association, I would like to invite you to attend the North Florida Cattlemen's meeting on Thursday, April 24 at the UF/IFAS Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center located at 8202 Creek 417, Live Oak. The program will start at 5:30 p.m. and the guest speaker will be Dr. Cliff Lamb, UF/IFAS Beef Cattle Specialist from the North Florida Research and Education Center - Marianna.

This program free to attend and you may register at 386-752-5384 or [Columbia@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:Columbia@ifas.ufl.edu).

■ Derek Barber is a livestock and natural resources agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

## March for Babies event next week

From staff reports

March for Babies, benefiting March of Dimes, will be Saturday, April 5, starting and ending at Olustee Park in downtown Lake City. Registration

begins at 8 a.m., followed by awards, entertainment and warm-up exercises. The five-mile walk starts at 9 a.m. sharp and ends at the park about 10:30 with more entertainment and lunch (compliments of Sonny's).

To join this fun event and support March of Dimes programs to ensure full-term healthy babies, visit [marchforbabies.org](http://marchforbabies.org), or register Saturday as an individual walker for a \$25 donation to March of Dimes.

# Weddings and Engagements

*If you were recently engaged or have an upcoming wedding and would like to announce it in the Lake City Reporter, stop by our office at 180 East Duval Street to fill out an announcement form.*

*Pictures can be dropped off at the front desk or emailed to Emily Lawson at [elawson@lakecityreporter.com](mailto:elawson@lakecityreporter.com).*





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### 50th Wedding Anniversary

Shelton Eugene Hodges and Mary Ellen West Hodges celebrated 50 years of marriage. They were married on Sunday, December 15, 1963 in Asbury Methodist Church in Lumberton, North Carolina at 6 p.m. by Rev. Donnie G. Davis.

To celebrate their 50 years together, the couple renewed their vows, to the hour, on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at 6 p.m. in Asbury Methodist Church in Lumberton, North Carolina. This ceremony, like their wedding, was performed by Rev. Donnie G. Davis.

In attendance were two of the original bridesmaids: Mrs. Phyllis Benton of Lumberton, North Carolina and Mrs. Barbara Davis of Ellerbe, North Carolina. Also in attendance were two of the original ushers: Mr. Dean Ivey of Rockingham, North Carolina and Mr. Terry Lanier of Lumberton, North Carolina.

Others in attendance at the renewal ceremony included the couple's two children, Ms. Wendy Hodges of Lake City and Mrs. Cherie Stone with their son-in-law Mr. Dale Stone of Lake City. Their two grandsons, Dillon Stone of Tallahassee and Colton Stone of Lake City were also in attendance. As was Mrs. Hodges' sister, Ms. Doris Faye Middlesworth of Lumberton, North Carolina.

The reception was attended by family and friends.

The couple have made their home in Lake City for the past 50 years.

# Creating mood gardens with great **COLOR** combinations

## GARDEN TALK



**Nichelle Demorest**

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**T**he garden centers were so busy over the weekend with spring-fevered shoppers. We must have looked like starved honeybees as we flitted from one pretty blooming plant to another. Yes, I was among the shoppers who couldn't resist the sunny weekend even though I wasn't prepared to buy. I recommend that before visiting your favorite garden center, you should plan out the flower bed and make a list.

Gardens are vivid right now with spring blooming plants such as azaleas and dogwoods. What color will you be enjoying in the garden when the spring bloomers begin to fade? Make a plan by starting with the location of your flower bed. List the factors on the site such as sunny, shady, wet, drained or acidic. Read about annuals in Florida at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg319>.

You can choose "the right plants for the right place."

Decide what your garden can do for you, not how you can work in your garden. Color can set the mood. Would you like to view it in the evening twilight because of your work schedule? Try using white flowering plants and plants with variegated green and white foliage. The flowers seem to glow in the darkening shadows of dusk, offering a calming and tranquil setting for relaxation at the end of a busy day.

Shades of purple, blues and pinks are 'cool' colors and can make a hot day seem a little more comfortable. We tend to relax in a cool color garden, but keep blooms close because the colors seem



Photos by NICHELLE DEMOREST/Special to the Reporter

Cheerful yellows and oranges are pictured in a sunny garden at the Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio.



Blue and green flowers provide for a cool and relaxing garden at the Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, Ohio.

to fade into the scenery if used in the distance or in the shade. They need some interplay of light to reflect soothing color to your eyes. Green fits into this color palette, also, so a 'cool' color garden would be an ideal home for some of your favorite foliage plants.

If you like lively, sunny gardens, try shades of yellows, oranges and reds. Gardens can be planned with different shades of

just one color, or they can be mixed with three or four colors in a pleasing color scheme. Yellow and orange flowering plants show up well from a distance, too. They have a way of pulling the background forward, making things look closer to the viewer. Colors that fight with each other for our attention are also energetic.

Mix different plant shapes, leaf textures and sizes to help make your

garden appealing. Your eye will follow around the garden, stopping to enjoy all the surprises and differences that you have planned. And after you have enjoyed looking around, settle down and relax in your favorite setting that suits your mood.

■ D. Nichelle Demorest is a horticulture agent with the Columbia County Extension of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

## Jam artist Gilbert is #1 on Billboard

From staff reports

**LIVE OAK** - Among the many top-notch country artists booked for the Suwannee River Jam April 30 - May 3 at The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak this year is Brantley Gilbert. Already a hot country artist and songwriter, Brantley just got hotter - his current chart-topping song, "Bottoms Up," hit #1 on the Billboard Country Chart a week ago and remains at #1 for the second week in a row.



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Suwannee River Jam artist Brantley Gilbert charts #1 on Billboard two weeks in a row with "Bottoms Up!"

Gilbert is currently signed with Valory Music Company. His latest album, Let It Ride, produced by Valory, is expected to be released May 19-20 with "Bottoms Up" on that album. Gilbert has now had three #1 singles - "Bottoms Up" and "Country Must Be Country Wide" both went certified Gold and "You Don't Know Her Like I Do," went Platinum in sales.

Gilbert has won Breakthrough Artist Single of the Year for "You Don't Know Her Like I Do" at

the ACA, New Faces at the CRS, the CMA Triple Play Award for "Country Must Be Country Wide," "You Don't Know Her Like I do" and "Dirt Road Anthem" at the CMA Awards and Top New Male Artist at the ACM Awards. He's been nominated for Song of the Year ("Dirt Road Anthem") at the CMA, USA Weekend Breakthrough Video of the Year ("Country Must Be Country Wide") and New Artist of the Year at the CMA Awards.

Right behind Gilbert with a fast-rising country favorite is upcoming Jam artist Justin Moore with "Lettin' The Night Roll," which has been on the charts 17 weeks and hit #21 this week. The song stayed at #23 for two weeks prior to jumping to #21. Moore already has three #1 singles - "Small Town USA," "If Heaven Weren't So Far Away" and "Til My Last Day," along with Top 10 "Backwoods." He's recorded two Gold albums - Justin Moore and OutLaws Like Me, both which have sold more than one million copies.

Both artists will perform at the SRJ this year along with Montgomery Gentry, Charlie Daniels & band, Chris Cagle, Colt Ford, David Nail, LoCash Cowboys, The Mavericks, JJ Lawhorn, The Lacs and a number of winners from the SRJ Auditions.

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is located at 3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, Fla, 32060, 4.5 miles south of Interstate 75 and 4.5 miles north of Interstate 10 off US 129.

Go online to [suwanneeriverjam.com](http://suwanneeriverjam.com) to order tickets. You may also email [spirit@musicliveshere.com](mailto:spirit@musicliveshere.com), go to [musicliveshere.com](http://musicliveshere.com) or call the SOSMP at 386-364-1683 for Easy Pay.

## Married folks have fewer heart problems

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**  
AP Chief Medical Writer

Love can sometimes break a heart but marriage seems to do it a lot of good. A study of more than 3.5 million Americans finds that married people are less likely than singles, divorced or widowed folks to suffer any type of heart or blood vessel problem.

This was true at any age, for women as well as for men, and regardless of other heart disease risk factors they had such as high cholesterol or diabetes, researchers found.

"It might be that if someone is married, they have a spouse who encourages them to take better care of themselves," said Dr. Jeffrey Berger, a preventive cardiologist at NYU Langone

Medical Center in New York.

This is the largest look at marriage and heart health, said Dr. Carlos Alviar, a cardiology fellow who led the study with Berger. Previous studies mostly compared married to single people and lacked information on divorced

and widowed ones. Or they just looked at heart attacks, whereas this one included a full range from clogged arteries and abdominal aneurysms to stroke risks and circulation problems in the legs.

Researchers used health questionnaires that people filled out when they

sought various types of tests in community settings around the country. Some of these screening tests, for various types of cancer and other diseases or conditions, are not recommended by leading medical groups, but people can still get them and pay for them themselves.



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