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Hotel owners: Fire fee undue burden

Say 71% hike should at least be put on hold.

By **TONY BRITT**
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Local hotel owners are questioning a proposed 71 percent fire assessment rate hike and urging city officials to postpone the increase.

The proposed rates would jump from \$.0758 per square foot to \$.1293 per square foot.

Local hotel owners Nick Patel and PJ Patel, who are also business partners, said they can't understand how the 71 percent rate hike was determined.

"We have not received the data yet," Nick Patel said. "We requested the data, hopefully we'll get the data to analyze it further. We were shocked to see that hotels are going to have to bear the brunt of the increase when everyone [else] is going down."

The proposed assessment for commercial establishments decreased about 10 percent, and the proposed rate for industrial/warehouse space dropped 42 percent.

City officials said the study was done scientifically, and in a fair manner. They say there is little to no flexibility now to reduce the proposed rates.

"The purpose of the fire assessment study is to assure equitable distribution of the costs throughout the categories of property owners in the city," said Grayson Cason, Lake City's assistant city manager. "Every property owner category is paying their fair share of the cost."

Nick Patel said since commercial space increased by approximately 500,000 square feet from 2009 - 2014, the years covered in the study, officials

RATE HIKE continued on 7A

Alleged Prehistoric Remains Unearthed Near Lake City

(By Eugene Volvick, Ph. D.)
Through what might be called a freak of nature, prehistoric remains that are of historical value ranch to the east, toward the river to the west, and toward Dr. Smith's ranch to the south.
The well is bored on the geometrical center or crest of this dome and, therefore, should be of interest, since its log furnishes the data by which the age of the remains may be arrived at.

PREHISTORIC BODIES VIEWED BY EDITOR WHO WENT INTO CAVE

H. L. Dodd Saw Enough Evidence in Depths of Cave to Convince Him of Genuineness of Discovery

By **HERBERT L. DODD**
Editor and Owner of The Lake City Reporter

Monday afternoon, at the solicitations of Mr. DuMazuel and prompted by recent charges of "fake" as regards the prehistoric remains near Lake City, I went into the depths of the cave, with Mr. DuMazuel, the man in charge, and viewed the find at close proximity.

I will not describe my feelings at being this far under the ground and being in the presence of the petrified bodies, but will conclude that part of the story.

Such "years," the locality has been submerged three times in salt water since the burial. One should not expect these petrified remains of prehistoric human beings to appear today smooth and polished as Grecian or Roman statuary. The fact is, when looked at through very pow-



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BACKGROUND: Stories in 1927 and 1928 editions of the Lake City Reporter describe an unusual archaeological find alongside U.S. 41; **CENTER:** The site's purported discoverer and his two sons; **LEFT, RIGHT:** An admission ticket to the site; **FOREGROUND:** Supposed mummified human remains.

Folks still recall supposed archaeological discovery along US 41 in 1927

Secret of the tombs lives on

By **SARAH LOFTUS** • Lake City Reporter

Back in the 1920s, U.S. Highway 41 looked nothing like it does today. It was the road everyone took into Lake City — and beyond. Interstates didn't exist, and people weren't in as much of a

hurry. Instead of rushing to their destinations, people stopped to see things as they traveled.
Along U.S. 41 in Lake City were all kinds of tourist attractions — a small zoo, fresh fruit markets and

juice stands, things that probably could've been found on any Florida highway.
But there was also something

TOMBS continued on 6A

Governor has financial stake in natural gas pipeline

Owns shares in the company hired to build pipeline, which will cross beneath Santa Fe.

By **MEGAN REEVES**
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Gov. Rick Scott not only offered political support for construction of a major natural gas pipeline to run through Florida, but backed

the project financially as well. According to BrowardBulldog.org, Scott invested millions in "more than two dozen entities that produce and/or transport natural gas," including Spectra Energy Corp., the company

behind construction of Florida Power & Light's 474-mile Sabal Trail Transmission Pipeline, which will run from Alabama to Florida, crossing through neighboring Suwannee County along the way. Scott's stake in Spectra was reported to be \$53,000. Representatives of the Scott administration told BrowardBulldog.org that the

governor wasn't aware of the investment because it was part of a blind trust, which means he had no knowledge or influence over the funds being spent. However, BrowardBulldog.org reports that Florida's blind trust law is ineffective at veiling public officials' investments. In fact, the online newspaper reports, the governor's

investments "are a matter of public record," as the state law "is trumped by the public reporting requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission." The pipeline was first proposed by an official of FP&L appointed to Scott's transition team in 2010, **SCOTT** continued on 3A



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TONY BRITTI/Lake City Reporter

Ice cream for breakfast

Cierra Bryant (clockwise), Sophia Butler, Kylie Smith, Ria Patel and Esha Patel get ice cream from Tim Van-Skyhawk and Mike Mershon during Saturday's Ice Cream for Breakfast "Scoops of Hope" event at the Holiday Inn and Suites.

Scripture of the Day

Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
— Psalm 51:1-2

Thought for Today

Perhaps they are not stars,
but rather openings in heaven
where the love of our lost ones
pours through and shines down upon us
to let us know they are happy.

— Eskimo Proverb

Winning Lottery Numbers

Cash 3: (Saturday) Unavailable as of press time
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Fantasy 5: (Friday) Unavailable as of press time
Florida Lotto: (Wednesday) 16-32-36-44-48-52-x3
PowerBall: (Wednesday) 4-10-12-22-31-3-x5

AROUND FLORIDA

Naked thieves take burgers from SW Fla. eatery

BONITA SPRINGS — A southwest Florida waitress has dubbed the trio of naked hamburger thieves who broke into an eatery "dumb, dumber and dumbest." Waitress Nancy Sansiveri was still laughing after police released surveillance video Wednesday showing the college-aged men — two naked and one clad in underwear — stealing 60 hamburgers from Doc's Beach House in Bonita Beach.

Police say the men broke in early Sunday and left a trail of red peppers on the beach.

Doc's general manager Lou Bangert told the News-Press of Fort Myers that he's never witnessed such a crime in the restaurant's 27-year history. Thieves have broken in and taken money from the cash register, but he says no one has ever slammed through a door completely naked looking for beef.

Geese cause flap at retirement home

EDGEWATER — Two Australian magpie geese are causing quite a flap in a central Florida retirement community.

The geese — who residents have named Lucy and Rickey — apparently love the swimming pool. While residents would prefer the geese to stay on the lake, they've gotten used to it. But Tuesday someone picked up the female goose and took her to an area near the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

The Daytona Beach News-Journal reports Lucy returned to Hacienda Del Rio on Wednesday, flying some nine miles.

Wildlife officials say it's a federal offense to drop an animal in the refuge. And it's against state laws to release any animal into the wild that's not native to Florida.

Residents say Lucy and Ricky may eventually go to a wildlife rehabilitation center.

Slaying of law prof a seeming mystery

TALLAHASSEE — Detectives say Florida State University law school professor Daniel Markel was shot in the head — but won't say whether he was shot from the front or back. They say he was gunned down at his home in broad daylight - but won't say if he was found inside

the house or outside. They released a photo of a vehicle of interest, but wouldn't confirm exactly where the car was seen or even the make and model.

But they have made one detail perfectly clear: Whoever did it wanted Markel dead.

Last Friday's shooting of the popular lawyer has stunned his friends, colleagues and residents of his well-to-do community in Florida's state capital, who demanded to know whether Markel had surprised an armed burglar or robber. No, Police Chief Michael DeLeo said - this was a premeditated murder.

Tallahassee police spokesman David Northway released photos of a vehicle of interest Wednesday and asked for anyone with surveillance in the area to contact police. The car appears to be a silver or light green Toyota Prius, though police will not confirm that.

CrimeStoppers has increased a reward for information leading to an arrest from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Markel, 41, was born in Toronto, was the father of two boys and a 2001 graduate of Harvard Law School. He practiced white-collar criminal

defense and civil litigation before joining the Florida State law school as a faculty member in 2005. He was tenured in 2010.

Bob Jarvis, a Nova Southeastern University law professor, said there are numerous reasons police withhold crime details from the public, even when seeking tips. Prosecutors worry about affecting the jury pool, and police are always concerned with false confessions and copycat criminals, he said.

"It's a way to test anybody who's either making a confession, who's trying to pin the blame on somebody else," Jarvis said. "It's a truth-telling test. You don't want confusion. If there's something unique about the killer or the killer's M.O., you'd like to keep that under wraps."

Markel finalized a contentious divorce from his ex-wife, Wendi Adelson, in 2013. The two had equally split custody of sons Benjamin and Lincoln, but they had follow-up litigation over money settlements. At one point, Adelson, who also teaches law at Florida State, hoped to move back to her hometown in South Florida.

"She's a basket case, she's

totally, totally shocked over what happened," said Adelson's lawyer, Jimmy Judkins. "Gone from having children with two parents to children with one parent with no warning.

Trapper called to town over wild hogs

LAKEWOOD RANCH — After wild hogs spent months tearing through lawns and common areas, costing homeowners hundreds of dollars, some southwest Florida officials have hired a trapper to remediate the hog havoc.

About five homes and several common areas in the Lakewood Ranch community near Bradenton have been hit by hogs in the last few weeks.

Danny Young, who runs Sarasota-based Caught Hog Hunting and Trapping, has captured 16 hogs since he was hired by the district in March.

The Bradenton Herald reports that the pigs travel several miles each day. They love to toss dirt and grass to look for shrubs, roots and bugs. In the spring, they crave acorns.

■ Associated Press



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

A walk in the park

Art Butler walks laps around Lake DeSoto as a stress reliever on Friday.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Ricky Martin to judge 'The Voice ... Mexico'

MEXICO CITY — And the fourth and final judge for "The Voice ... Mexico" is: Ricky Martin.

The Puerto Rican pop star will join Yuri, Julion Alvarez and Italian songstress Laura Pausini as the judges for the singing contest.

Mexico's Televisa network announced that Martin will be the fourth judge in a statement Thursday, saying that "all his experience and musical abilities will be available for the next season of The Voice ... Mexico."

Martin previously was a coach on "The Voice Australia."

The fourth edition of "The Voice ... Mexico" begins Sept. 7.

Baldwin, LaBeouf share NYC role — defendant

NEW YORK — Alec Baldwin and Shia LaBeouf never ended up sharing a Broadway stage as planned last year, but real-life dramatics landed both of them Thursday in a distinctly less celebrated venue: Manhattan criminal courts.

Both stars appeared in courtrooms a few blocks apart for separate disorderly conduct cases. LaBeouf is charged with disrupting a Broadway performance, while Baldwin was accused of getting belligerent with police who said they stopped him for riding a bicycle the wrong way down a one-way street.

Their shared court date was just a coincidence, but it paired stars who have become known for acting up, not just for acting.

"Looks like you have a short fuse," Manhattan Criminal Court Judge John DeLury told Baldwin while looking over the allegations against him; they're violations, not crimes. After Baldwin repeatedly said he'd pay a fine for the May 13 encounter — though the judge said he was just asking for an apology — DeLury put the case on track to be

dismissed if the actor avoids re-arrest for six months. It's a common outcome for low-level cases in Manhattan.

"Can you stay out of trouble, Alexander?" DeLury asked.

"Sure, sure," Baldwin said.

"Be a good boy from now on. Have a good day!"

Meanwhile, LaBeouf's lawyer and prosecutors said they were trying to resolve his case. He's accused in court papers of playing a boorish role in the audience at "Cabaret" last month, smoking cigarettes, yelling at the actors onstage, and swearing at security guards and hollering as he was escorted out: "Do you know who I am?"

The actor, whose publicist has said the episode stemmed from an alcohol problem and that LaBeouf has since gotten treatment, stood solemnly before a judge during the brief appearance. He and his lawyer, G. Robert Gage, declined to comment as they left court amid a swarm of cameras and microphones. LaBeouf is due back in court in September.

LaBeouf, 28, and Baldwin, 56, were slated to co-star last year in a revival of Lyle Kessler's play "Orphans," but LaBeouf pulled out over creative disagreements — and then publicly tweeted private emails from Baldwin and others involved in the show. ("Sorry for my part of a disagreeable situation," LaBeouf wrote to Baldwin in one message; Baldwin apparently wrote back: "I don't have an unkind word to say about you. You have my word.")

Best known for starting in the first three "Transformers" movies, LaBeouf has made headlines for his off-screen behavior in the past year.

He apologized this winter for borrowing the story line and dialogue for a short film from a graphic novel writer. In February, he walked out of a Berlin Film Festival news conference for the movie "Nymphomaniac Volume I" and then wore a paper bag — emblazoned with "I am not famous anymore" — over his head at the red carpet premiere.

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Former city utilities chief dies at 55

Clanton served as interim city manager in '09.

By TONY BRITT

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Dave Clanton, the city of Lake City's former Executive Director of Utilities, died Wednesday. He was 55 years old.

Lake City Mayor Stephen Witt called Clanton a good friend.

"I had a lot of respect for Dave. Not only was he a great employee with the city, he was one of my favorite people," Witt said. "Me and Dave had become good friends and actually visited back and forth, kept in touch and I considered him a good friend."

Clanton began working with the city in September 1987 at the city's wastewater treatment plant as the maintenance superintendent. He was promoted to Wastewater Treatment Plant director in 1998.

He received the City of Lake City Achievement Award in 2005.

Clanton was promoted to the Executive Director of Utilities position in August 2007. He retired from the

position February 28, 2014. Clanton also served as interim city manager from February - July of 2009.

Wendell Johnson, city manager, said when he was appointed city manager, Clanton was serving as the interim city manager.

"I got to know a little bit about him during the transition process," Johnson said. "It speaks volumes for Dave's abilities and his value to the city, for the council to appoint him to the role of interim city manager."

Clanton was executive director of the city's utilities when Johnson moved to Lake City as the city manager.

"My relationship with Dave was always respectful with a very good level of professional respect for each other," Johnson said. "He did a great job during his tenure. He was well liked by all employees and I never heard anybody say anything negative about Dave. It was sad when I found out he was sick. The last time I met with Dave, that's when he told me he was going to have to retire because of his heart condition. I enjoyed working with Dave. He will be missed."



Mayor Stephen Witt (left) and utilities director Dave Clanton display a proclamation recognizing 'Florida Water Professionals Week' during a city council meeting last year. Clanton, who suffered from a heart condition, passed away on Wednesday.

FILE

Update voter info Monday

From staff reports

If you need to make party changes or register to vote for the Aug. 26 primary election, you must do so before Monday, July 28.

All address changes can be made prior to election day. Signature updates must be made prior to the start of canvassing of absentee ballots.

Stop by the office of Liz P. Horne, Supervisor of Elections, 971 W Duval St. Suite 102.

Court OKs 'Docs vs. Glocks' law

By BRANDON LARRABEE

The News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE—A federal appeals court has upheld the state's controversial "docs vs. glocks" bill, overturning an earlier court ruling that had blocked part of the law from being enforced.

In a 2-1 ruling, a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said

the state Legislature had the right to pass the law, which includes provisions restricting doctors and other medical providers from asking questions about gun ownership during medical visits.

"In order to protect patients, physicians have for millennia been subject to codes of conduct that define the practice of good medicine and affirm the responsi-

bility physicians bear," Judge Gerald Tjoflat wrote. "In keeping with these traditional codes of conduct — which almost universally mandate respect for patient privacy — the Act simply acknowledges that the practice of good medicine does not require interrogation about irrelevant, private matters."

The majority found that the National Rifle Association-

backed law, known as the Firearm Owners' Privacy Act, "has only an incidental effect on physicians' speech."

The appeals court rejected a decision by a U.S. District Judge, who ruled last year that legislators couldn't prove that gun rights would be jeopardized or that patients who own firearms might face discrimination.

SCOTT

Continued From 1A

the newspaper reports.

In May and June 2013, Scott signed into law two bills to streamline permitting for the pipeline.

The five members of the Florida Public Service Commission, all appointed by Scott, later approved the \$3 billion project unanimously.

The pipeline would be used as a passageway for up to 1.1 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to travel to an FP&L plant in South Florida.

Environmentalists from Columbia and surrounding counties have been uneasy about the project for fear the pipeline would have detrimental effects on the ecology and economy of the area.

The first route proposed by Spectra went directly under the Ichetucknee River, raising concerns for the Ichetucknee Alliance, and threatening Florida's environment and eco-tourism industry.

"There is very porous limestone in those areas," said Lucinda Merritt, secretary of the Ichetucknee Alliance. "It was just a bad idea when the state has paid so much to preserve it."

Merritt said once Spectra submitted a route avoiding the Ichetucknee, the alliance decided it would not contest the pipeline itself. There are, however, still groups in the area that remain opposed to the project.

"Putting a pipeline

anywhere near in a sink-hole-laden environment could be horrific if something went wrong," said Our Santa Fe River President Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson. "Our organization is still very much opposed."

GreenLaw, a non-profit Georgia law firm specializing in environmental issues, has filed objections to the project and said it would be a "major emitter" of pollutants that could harm the air quality and climate for its surrounding cities.

The firm has specific concerns about the damage the pipeline could bring to the state's longleaf pine forests.

The Environmental Protection Agency has

questioned whether there is another way to complete the task of moving gas to the FPL plant, saying that the pipe could create a public hazard. It has requested that any progress on the project avoid "high functioning, high quality and rare systems."

"We are still in opposition to putting a pipeline in the springs heartland that is Florida," Malwitz-Jipson said. "This is the most prolific area of springs in the entire state, and I will not support putting a gas-filled pipeline in its corridor."

An individual identifying herself as Nancy Argenziano, a Republican former legislator who rep-

resented Columbia and Suwannee counties in the Florida Senate and later served on the Florida Public Service Commission, said in an online comment to

Members of the PSC "do

as they are directed by the ... utilities and they take the heat with the promise that they will get reappointed to the high-paying position," she wrote.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

July 27

Karaoke with Mark

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will have Karaoke with mark on Sunday, July 27. Wings, shrimp and burgers will be served from 1:30-3 p.m. Karaoke will start at 2 p.m. The event is open to the public. Call 386-752-5001 for more information.

Homecoming

DaySpring Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate homecoming on July 27 at 11 a.m. Revered Stacey Lewis from Beaumont, Texas will present the message. Gospel Harmonieers will offer special music. Dinner will be served following the service. The church is located at 849 NE Congress Ave.

July 30

'Young Da Vinci'

The Art League of North Florida, The Friends of the Library, and the Columbia County Library are offering free art classes entitled "The Young Da Vinci Program" at the West Branch of the Public Library. Registration is July 30 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The classes will be held Thursday, July 31, Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. The program is for children ages 10 through 14. The classes are taught by professional artists. Thursday's class will be taught by Jane Kopp and will be "The Basic Techniques of Acrylics"; Friday's class will be taught by Helen Beaty and will be "The Art of Vincent Van Gough"; Saturday's class will be taught by Carol Ghionzoli and will be "Got your Goat: Painting in Watercolor." The class space is limited and is offered on a first-come basis. For additional information call the Gateway Art Gallery at 752-5229.

Aug. 1

Operation Christmas

Operation Christmas Child and Chick-fil-A will host a community fundraiser event at Chick-fil-A Friday, Saturday, and Monday Aug. 1, 2, and 4 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donate school supplies valued at least \$2 and receive a coupon for an original chicken sandwich. Half of the collected school supplies will go to Columbia County Schools and half will

go to Operation Christmas Child for shoeboxes.

Wine and Cheese

The Gateway Art Gallery invites the community to a wine and cheese and "Art Affair" on Friday, Aug. 1 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Gallery. There will be a special presentation of "Art in North Florida." The showing is made up of several artists that capture the beauty of North Florida in his or her unique style and medium.

Friday Jazz

The first First Friday Jazz event will be Aug. 1 from 6-10 p.m. at Track Sports and Entertainment Club, 164 NE Railroad St. Ben Grier, Andrea Gambles and Lynn Branscome will be performing. A \$10 cover charge will be taken at the door. Food and drinks will be available. Call Pam Cooley at 407-690-0776 for more.

Aug. 2

Poker Run

American Legion Riders Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd., will have a poker run Saturday, August 2. Registration will be from 8-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for the first hand and \$10 each additional hand, or buy six hands for \$50 and get a meal at the end of the ride. The ride will consist of four stops, ending at the Legion. There will be drawings, raffles, food and full bar and entertainment. Call 386-697-0288 for more information.

Cooking Competition

New Mt. Pisgah AME Church, 345 NE Washington St., will host a cooking competition Saturday, Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set-up begins at 7 a.m.; judging will begin at noon. Categories and registration costs are: Pound Cake — \$25; Sweet Potato Pie — \$15; Barbecue — \$75 (Includes one meat entry: ribs, chicken, or brisket. Each additional entry is \$25.) Bounce houses and a sampling of the area's best food will be available throughout the day. A food auction will take place after the competition. Call Roosevelt Lake at 386-466-8697 or Kwan Morgan at 704-654-0058 for more.

Aug. 6

Lake City Newcomers

Lake City Newcomers and Friends will meet at Gator's Dockside (in the Publix Shopping Center) on Wednesday, Aug. 6 for a Friendship Lunch. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. For more info contact Rose Taylor, 755-2175.

Aug. 9

CHS '84 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 6-11 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. Cost is \$40 per person. Start the weekend early with a meet & greet at Gator's Dockside, Friday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Make payments to www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/28609 or visit the Facebook page CHS Class of 1984 30th Reunion. You may also call Kelli K. Ronsonet at 386-397-9482.

Candidate Forum

It's About My Efforts, Inc. will host another candidates forum on 107.9 Aug. 9 beginning at 10:30 a.m. There will be a meet and greet with the candidates in the radio station reception area following the forum at 12:30. The station is located at 463 N. Marion Street.

Smokey's Birthday

Forest Rangers of the Suwannee Forestry Center will host a 70th birthday party for Smokey Bear at the Lake City Mall on Aug. 9 from 12-2 p.m. The Columbia County Forestry Queens will also be present.

Mystery at the Library

The Columbia County Public Library is hosting an after-hours Library Mystery on Saturday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Participants will work in teams, following a string of clues, to solve the mystery of who committed the crime. The event is for adults only, and registration is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please call Katrina at 758-1018 to reserve your spot. If you would like to create your own team, gather up to 5 people and register as a team. Individuals or groups of less than 5 who register will be put with others to make a team. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free and open to the public.

Aug. 12

Medicare Seminar

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center is sponsoring a free educational Medicare Seminar on Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 5-6 p.m. Irv Crowetz will moderate the seminar. Subjects covered will be: What you need to know; when to enroll; what is covered; and is a supplement needed. RSVP to 386-755-3476 x 107.

SVTA Meeting

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. at its headquarters, 1907 SW Volyes St., Live Oak. The public is invited to attend.

Aug. 13

Lake City Newcomers

Lake City Newcomers will have their regular luncheon meeting Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. at Eastside Village on Baya Ave. The program will be the annual bingo game. For additional info please call Joan Wilson 755-9897.

Aug. 14

Retirement Seminar

The LifeStyle Enrichment Center will host a Retirement Seminar reviewing when to retire, social security, pension/IRA income, Medicare, and other insurance needs. Moderators will be Sidney Thompson and Irv Crowetz. The seminar will be held Aug. 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Seating is limited to RSVP to 755-3476.

Early Learning

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. will have an executive/finance committee meeting Thursday, Aug. 14 at 1:30 p.m. at 1104 SW Main Blvd. Call Stacey DePratter at 386-752-9770 for more.

Aug. 15

CHS '74 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1974 will hold its 40th Class Reunion on August 15 and 16. Friday, August 15 will consist of an informal get-together at Gator Dockside at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 16 will be the reunion at Quail Heights Country Club. Social hour will begin at 7 p.m.; a DJ will perform from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cash bar will be available all night along with hor

d'oeuvres. Cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. Send your registration and check payable to CHS 1974 Class Reunion, 223 SE Lillian Loop Apt. 102 (Lake City) no later than August 1. Contact Tonia Edenfield at 386-961-6328 with questions.

Aug. 16

CHS Class of '72

The CHS Class of 1972 will have a 60th birthday party on Saturday, Aug. 16 from 5:30-11 p.m. at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center, 628 SE Allison Court. Cost is \$15 per person if paid by Aug. 5 then will increase to \$20. Price includes barbecue dinner. Checks payable to Class of 1972, 81 SE Anastasia Street, Lake City. Call Charles Tannachion at 386-752-3621 or Kent Harriss at 386-365-7086 with questions. Information and a registration form can be found on the CHS Class of 1972 Facebook page.

Aug. 20

Early Learning

The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Gateway Inc. will have a board meeting Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m. at 1104 SW Main Blvd. Call Stacey DePratter at 386-752-9770 for more.

Aug. 27

Q&A

Rep. Ted Yoho (R-Gainesville) announces mobile office hours at Lake City City Hall, 205 N Marion Ave., hosted by his local constituent advocates on August 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Lake City Medical

Lake City Medical Center is looking for volunteers. Please call 386-758-3385 for more information or visit the hospital's website at Lakecitymedical.com or you can stop by the front desk and pick up a paper application.

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CPAA Fundraiser

The Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is hosting a garage sale fundraiser Sept. 5-6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Flea Market. Proceeds from the fundraiser will help purchase safety equipment for Lake City Police Department's K-9 unit and officers. Please drop off items for donation (excluding clothing) at the vacant parking lot across from LCPD, 225 NW Main Blvd, Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Poker Run

American Legion Riders Post 57, 2602 SW Main Blvd., will have a poker run Saturday, August 2. Registration will be from 8-9:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 for the first hand and \$10 each additional hand, or buy six hands for \$50 and get a meal at the end of the ride. The ride will consist of four stops, ending at the Legion. There will be drawings, raffles, food and full bar and entertainment. Call 386-697-0288 for more information.

Smokey's Birthday

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OBITUARIES

David Edward Clanton

Mr. David Edward Clanton, 55, of Lake City, passed away on Wednesday July 23, 2014 at the North Florida Regional Medical Center in Gainesville after a sudden illness. He was born in Melbourne, Florida on January 20, 1959 to the late William and Delma Jo Clanton; and has lived in Lake City the past 32 years. He worked for the City of Lake City for the past 27 years served as interim City Manager; retiring as the Executive Director of Utilities. He was very involved with the FWPCOA (Florida Water, Pollution and Control Operators Association) currently serving as the Secretary-Treasurer; He loved being a state officer. He loved to fish and also loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He was a very loving Husband, Father and Grandfather.

He is survived by his loving wife of 25 years; Peggy Clanton of Lake City; sons: MSgt Grange Coffin (Nikki) currently stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan; Matthew Coffin of Lake City and Tyler Clanton of Lake City; daughter: Jennifer Sandell (Keith) of Tallahassee; brother: Terry Clanton (Meri) of Hendersonville, N.C. and his beloved English Bulldog: "Buck". Eight grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family members and friends also survive.

Funeral services for Mr. Clanton will be conducted on Monday July 28, 2014 at 1 P.M. in

the Chapel of the Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

John Lovick Ley

Mr. John Lovick Ley, 88, of Lake City passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 24, at his residence surrounded by his loving and devoted family following an extended illness.

He was born in Key West to the beloved John and Camilla Ley, and preceded in death by his loving sister, Cookie. John served in the United States Army/Air Corp as a tail gunner. John and Barbara moved to Lake City in 1995 after John retired from the printing business. John was a loving and devoted husband, and an awesome father, grandfather, and great grandfather.

John will be waiting in Heaven for his beloved wife of 67 years Barbara, son John (Nikki) daughters Crystal (Carrol) and Emily (Ray), grandchildren;

Dean (Deborah), Deanna (Mark), and Andrea (Shawn), four great grandchildren; Elaine, Austin, Mason (Cassidy), and J.D., one great-great grandson, Colton and his devoted dog, Russell.

Funeral services for Mr. Ley will be conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 28, 2014 at Parkview Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Tatem officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior at the church. Interment with military services will be at Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are under the direction of **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. Please leave words of love and comfort for the family at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

Roy Pascal Douberley, Jr.

Mr. Roy Pascal Douberley, Jr., 88, of Lake City, passed away peacefully on Saturday July 26, 2014 at his residence following an extended illness. He was born in Orlando, FL on December 20, 1925 to the late Roy Pascal Douberley, Sr. and Lena Leila Nettles Douberley. He was a Butcher by trade; working for many years in the Orlando area and owning his own Grocery Store before moving to Lake City in 1972. He worked for Scaff's Market for many years as a butcher and retired in 1992. He loved to fish and bird hunt; he also loved to garden and raise cows, which he continued to do after retirement. He also was an avid Florida Gator Fan. He was a member

of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; he was also a Navy veteran. He is preceded in death by his son: James Walter Douberley and sister: Doreatha Malloy.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 ½ years: Martha Bradford Douberley of Lake City; son: Dwight Roy Douberley (Yvonne) of Lake City and daughter: Cynthia "Cindy" Murrill (Jesse) of Lake City. Six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive along with many extended family and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Douberley will be conducted on Tuesday July 29, 2014 at 11 A.M. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Price Creek Ward (Old Country Club Road) with Bishop Jeff Thomas presiding. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 10-11 A.M. (one hour prior to the services) at the church. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the **DEES-PARRISH FAMILY FUNERAL HOME**, 458 S. Marion Ave., Lake City, 32025. Please sign the online guestbook at www.parrishfamilyfuneralhome.com

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TOMBS

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that couldn't be found elsewhere, something that attracted hundreds, including travelers and townsfolk alike: caverns that supposedly held petrified remains of prehistoric humans.

For 25 cents, people could stop at the site, now near a Dollar General store across from Columbia High School, and go down into the cave to see what was said to be the remains of a man and two women. A Lake City Reporter article from July 1, 1927 describes the petrified man, whose head and shoulders were visible, as having "a pronounced forehead, large eyes, a small stubby, thickish nose and ... a thick-lipped mouth framed by heavy bulldog like jaws."

The female bodies were much more refined, the article says. James Gray, a Lake City native who published a book in 2008 on the story of the remains called "The Lake City Tombs," describes the women's bodies as showing "a marked contrast to the brutish appearance of the man."

But still to the average person, none of the bodies looked much like mummified human remains. Even Gray admitted, "To someone not accustomed to looking at or studying fossils, they appeared largely as decaying rock."

When visitors ventured into the cave, they also saw a shelf displaying a gold breast plate, ancient jewelry and stone slabs with hieroglyphic writings carved into them, which were purportedly found during an excavation of the land in the late 1920s.

Was it a hoax?

Even back then, many believed it was.

But locals, whether they studied the history of the tombs or lived it, still enjoy telling the tale.

The beginnings

The man behind the discovery was Marquis Edmund G.F.R. Du Mazuel, who served in the Naval Reserve during World War I.

On June 15, 1927, his company, Kas-So Kitch-E-Mon-E-Toosa-Ne-Ah Limited, known as K.V.S., was boring a 16-inch well to drill for oil and while searching for a lost bit discovered the bodies 63 feet below the surface, according to a July 1, 1927 Lake City Reporter article.

Hundreds of people from the area rushed to the site, the article says. Gray wrote in his book that DuMazuel's findings became the site of a pilgrimage.

Now the land is nothing more than a grassy area near a Dollar General, and most people drive by it with no idea what once was there. Most weren't even alive then.

But some Lake City residents remember when the tombs were the talk of the town.

Marie Kennon, who was born in 1928, lived across the street from the site until 1938.

She said she doesn't remember seeing the bodies or hieroglyphics but remembers going down into DuMazuel's caverns as a child. Kennon described them as "long hallways." She and other young children would run around playing in them, she said.

"I was so young," Kennon said. "I don't remember too much."

James Montgomery, a retired Columbia High School history teacher, remembers the controversy surrounding the tombs. Were there really petrified bodies and hieroglyphic writings or was it just made up to be a tourist attraction?

"You had two sides of it," Montgomery said.

Those who believed and those who didn't.

And everyone had an opinion, he said.

Personally, he has never had an opinion on the authenticity of the tombs, he said.

But according to a Lake City Reporter article from April 20, 1928, then-editor Herbert L. Dodd saw the petrified bodies and was sold. The article tells his tale of going down into the caverns and how he saw the remains clearly enough that he believed they really were petrified bodies.

He wrote in the article, "... I am fully convinced that there is no fake as regards the genuineness of the petrified bodies. I examined them thoroughly with an electric light which I held.

"The faces of the petrified remains, and that part of the bodies visible, were full of small indentations, something like the depressions in the face of a person who has had the smallpox, and were not smooth like a statue sculptured from stone," he wrote.

People still have strong opinions on whether Du Mazuel really found prehistoric human remains.

Gray, author of "The Lake City Tombs," wholeheartedly believes



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter



COURTESY

TOP: Land owner Bob Jordan stands in a field behind the Dollar General store along U.S. Highway 41 where the tombs were located. **ABOVE:** James Gray during his 1967 expedition to reach the tombs.

the caverns and everything Du Mazuel claimed to find in them were the real thing. He states it in his book as a fact: the petrified remains are genuine.

Also in his book is a report from four geologists who visited the site and assessed what they saw. Two believed that what DuMazuel found was "undoubtedly only the filling of a lime rock wormhole that had solidified," Gray wrote. The other geologists, Br. A Bauer and Eugene Volvick, believed what was found was in fact petrified remains.

There's no record of any assessment of the supposed hieroglyphics.

Volvick wrote in the Lake City Reporter on July 1, 1927 that although random, and perhaps "a freak of nature," there really were petrified bodies. He explained that the fossils show progression through different prehistoric eras.

Bob Jordan, a local attorney who now owns the land where DuMazuel supposedly found the petrified remains, falls on the nonbeliever side of the debate.

He said the tombs were probably a tourist attraction — one of many along U.S. Highway 41.

"He was like a P.T. Barnum kind of guy," Jordan said. "He always had an angle."

Back in the 1920s, science wasn't nearly as advanced, so there were a lot of attractions like DuMazuel's, he said.

"People could say all kinds of things, and there was no way to prove it," Jordan said. "Back then, they looked like bodies, so he said they were."

When DuMazuel discovered the tombs in 1927, hundreds of locals, along with folks passing through, were coming to see the petrified remains, but there were also many who thought the tombs were bogus, Gray wrote in his book.

About a month after DuMazuel discovered the tombs, a few nonbelievers — "hooligans" as Gray calls them in his book — put dynamite in the caverns and blew them up, severely damaging the caverns and the purported mummies. As a result, DuMazuel closed the tombs.

In December of that year, a Romanian foreign dignitary, Princess de Stourza, came to see the tombs while in the U.S., Gray

reports. The tombs were closed at the time, but Gray allowed her to visit anyway.

She was so impressed with the caverns, she donated \$1,000 to

where the tombs were and had a priest bless the land.

His ornate plans for the tombs never came to fruition, and around the start of World War II, DuMazuel left Lake City. No one knew why he left, and it's unclear if the tombs closed when he left or if they were already closed. The Lake City Reporter does report they closed sometime in the 1930s, DuMazuel's efforts at piquing the interest of archaeologists at the University of Florida and elsewhere having failed.

Once DuMazuel left Lake City, talk about the tombs seemed to cease. No more newspaper articles, and no mention of DuMazuel or the tombs.

The tale reborn

The Diocese of St. Augustine bought the land from a tax deed sale, and it seems like that could've been the end of the Lake City Tombs tale.

But Gray kept the story alive.

Fascinated by the whole episode, in 1967 Gray assembled a team to excavate the land where the tombs supposedly were located.

They found the tunnels DuMazuel had constructed, but after digging about 45 feet, the crew literally hit a dead-end — a layer of solid clay that was so dense as to be impenetrable.

They hadn't given up, but when they returned the next weekend, they found that the hole they had dug was filled with water. Gray and his team waited for the water to drain, but it never did. Without a lot of money, there was nothing they could do, and that's where their excavation ended.

But Gray, determined to tell the story of the petrified remains, published "The Lake City Tombs" in 1982 and republished the book with additional information in 2008.

In 2005, the land changed hands for the first time in more than 60 years. Jordan bought the land as an investment from the church and is working to sell it off as commercial lots. So far, he has only sold one acre to the Dollar General.

Jordan said while the Lake City tombs aren't talked about too much anymore, the topic does come up on occasion.

"Every now and then, someone calls me asking about the tombs," he said.

And so the story lives on.

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Inaugural Infinity Con draws 200-plus

Organizers had expected much smaller crowd.

By **TONY BRITT**

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Anime, indie films, comic books and people dressed like characters from each genre were in Lake City Saturday for the inaugural #Infinity Con 14.

The event was held at the former downtown arts center location and attracted more than 200 people within the first two hours of the event — three to four times more than event organizers were expecting.

Ray Hancock and Nathan Boeckman, event coordinators, said things went better than expected.

“We started out thinking we’ll do this thing because we like comic books and nerdy things and maybe there’s 50 or 60 other people in Lake City that would want to come hang out,” Hancock said.

The event featured more than 25 vendors selling comics, posters, DVDs, T-shirts, video games and a variety of other items.

There were also panels discussions focusing on making independent films or giving tips on how to start role-playing game communities locally.

“This kind of shows



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Justin Baker (from left), Jennifer Crosby and Robert Boswell, dressed like characters from cartoons, video games and movies, chat during Saturday’s #Infinity Con 14 event. More than 200 people, many of them in character, attended the inaugural event.

that Lake City was really yearning for something like this,” Boeckman said. “They need events where the kids can come out and have a lot of fun that’s a safe environment.”

Hancock said they also produce a “nerd” podcast

and they wanted to have an event where everyone could attend and celebrate what they are all nerdy about and Infinity Con was born.

“Some people may be nerdy about football and some people may be nerdy

about comic books — we just wanted to get everyone together with common interests to hangout and have a good time,” he said.

Pleas Bethea came to the event dressed as “Neo” from the Matrix movies and Guess Bethea

was dressed in an X-man Wolverine costume. Both are from Lake City.

Pleas Bethea, who said he is accustomed to attending larger events, said the Lake City event was pretty good, considering it’s new.

“It was nice to have a local event because it was the first time Guess was actually able to come to one,” he said. “It’s the first year they are doing it and obviously the first year is always the hardest.”

A look at the four-year programs at FGC

When Lake City Community College became Florida Gateway College back in 2010, it wasn’t just a name change. Though it was done in part to recognize the college’s five-county service district — we do also serve students outside of Columbia County, you know — it also gave the college the ability to expand its future program offerings and better prepare our community for the future.

This expansion allowed colleges like FGC the ability to begin adding four-year programs that, before, you could only find at the university level. Of course, there were a number of criteria attached to what programs could be added, but what a lot of it boiled down to was this — what four-year programs could best benefit the college community?

Health care programs are a major focus for community colleges. There’s a reason for

that — according to Economic Modeling Specialists Intl., no sector since 2001 has been as consistent in employment growth year after year, and no sector has as many occupations with a two-year training focus.

That’s definitely good news if you’re thinking about a health care profession.

The Nursing & Health Sciences field is a strong one at Florida Gateway College. We offer various programs, from Registered Nursing to Patient Care Technician to Phlebotomy. These courses can take anywhere from one semester to two years to complete, and this is in a continually growing occupational field. And many of our graduates can find jobs at our area hospitals, which include Lake City Medical Center and Shands Lake Shore Regional Hospital, who hire many of our graduates.

So, I feel it’s pretty obvious why we chose the first baccalau-



Troy Roberts
Public Information Coordinator
Florida Gateway College

reate in the college’s history to have a health care focus.

We introduced the Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2012 as a way for nurses to take their skill sets further. The program is designed for a student who has an associate degree in nursing and currently holds a Registered Nursing license. Its goal is to provide these students with enhanced education that focuses on community and population-focused care, leadership, management, and research learning experiences.

Graduates from this program also are qualified for supervisory positions such as nurse managers and patient unit coordinators.

And I’m sure the increase in the paycheck doesn’t hurt, either.

Since introducing the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program we have already seen great success. We have eight graduates in our inaugural graduation class — and that was only one year after we launched the program! We’ll celebrate another 10 graduates next month.

The program is growing. And that has been helped by changes in our admissions policy. During our first year, we required that applicants have at least one year’s field experience before they could be accepted into the program. We’ve done away with that — if you graduate in May with your associate degree in Nursing and have your Registered Nursing license, you can start in the BSN program

that fall.

The program is also seeking accreditation, which should be approved in the coming year. This accreditation was something that couldn’t be applied for until it had existed for two years.

Nurses are vital to the continually growing health care field, and Florida Gateway College will continue to train the best and brightest.

For more information about the program, or for any questions, you can contact Jan Medford at (386) 754-4352 or at janice.medford@fgc.edu.

And if you’re interested in setting up a guided tour of the Florida Gateway College campus, please call (386) 754-4246.

■ Troy Roberts is the public information coordinator at Florida Gateway College. He can be reached at troy.roberts@fgc.edu.

RATE HIKE

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should expect more fire calls from commercial establishments.

“We find the study to be a bit flawed,” Nick Patel said. “It hurts the industry that has the smallest footprint.”

If the proposed 71 percent fire assessment increase is implemented, Holiday Inn and Suites general manager Rod Butler said the hotel will pay \$11,098 annually. Holiday Inn and Suites currently pays \$6,490 for its fire assessment.

“In the last two years the fire department has been called to the hotel on four occasions and all four occasions were false alarms,” Butler said. “If the assessment were to go up to \$11,098 we’re paying close to over \$5,000 a call.”

Nick and PJ have five hotels they manage and operate and Nick Patel said he is currently paying \$17,890 annually for fire assessment fees. If the rates go up, they’ll pay

\$30,414 for fire assessment fees each year.

Cason said fire rates are based on the size of the building as well as how much combustible material there is, along with fire department capabilities and historical fire call data.

“It’s not just the call data that drives the costs,” he said. “It’s also what you have to have to be prepared to fight the fire including your equipment, manpower and the like.”

Cason noted that several hotel/motels in the city are multi-story structures and a few years ago the city had to purchase a ladder truck for fires in just such settings.

Nick Patel said they’ve spoken about the proposed rate with city officials.

“We are talking with the decision makers — city council members — and hopefully they will take a practical approach here,” he said.

Nick Patel admitted that time is not on their side as they try to educate other local hotel/motel owners about the proposed assessment increase. The city

council is expected to set the fire assessment rate during its Aug. 6 meeting.

“The council members have expressed concerns and I just hope that such a large increase will not take place,” he said.

However, Mayor Stephen Witt said there was little flexibility in deviating from the study.

“The rate studies are done supposedly by professionals that put in the right information and based on what their process shows is what is supposed to be fair to each group,” Witt said. “It’s supposed to be something that we don’t have any flexibility. We can’t just say let’s raise this one or that one or let’s change the percentages. By law, I think we have to go with the rate study if it’s appropriate. If there’s a flaw in it, then we need to look into that, figure it out and do the right thing. I have a lot of concerns for the hotel owners and their position and we just need to look and see if the rate study was done right and why it did make that kind of increase.”

Cason said he did not see how the proposed rate could be adjusted.

He said the fire department budget is “extremely lean.”

“When you go through an analytical process like this, which is very complex, and quite large to ensure all the property owner categories pay their portion, it basically is what it is,” Cason said. “It’s just a mathematical calculation.”

Fire assessment fees go to fund the Lake City Fire Department’s \$1.91 million budget.

Revenues generated

will not fund the entire budget for the fire department because some properties are exempt. The city’s general fund supplements the fire assessment revenue to pay the remainder.

“This is quality fire protection services for the City of Lake City at minimal costs,” Cason said.

The fire assessment study released last week was the first major analysis the city has had done for fire protection services in about five years.

Cason said he does not recall there being such an

increase in any one category during previous fire assessment rate studies.

“That is a large percentage increase, but it’s a small portion of the overall cost of the fire protection services,” he said.





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REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, July 27

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	94/77/pc	91/75/ts
Daytona Beach	94/77/pc	92/75/ts
Fort Myers	93/76/pc	93/76/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	93/79/ts	92/78/ts
Gainesville	94/75/pc	91/72/ts
Jacksonville	95/76/ts	92/73/ts
Key West	91/82/ts	91/81/ts
Lake City	94/75/pc	91/72/ts
Miami	90/78/pc	91/78/ts
Naples	90/77/pc	91/77/ts
Ocala	94/75/pc	91/73/ts
Orlando	95/79/pc	93/79/ts
Panama City	90/78/ts	88/75/pc
Pensacola	89/79/ts	88/77/pc
Tallahassee	96/75/ts	92/69/ts
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Low Saturday	73
Normal high	91
Normal low	72
Record high	100 in 1952
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SUN

Sunrise today	6:46 a.m.
Sunset today	8:27 p.m.
Sunrise tom.	6:46 a.m.
Sunset tom.	8:26 p.m.

MOON

Moonrise today	7:24 a.m.
Moonset today	8:45 p.m.
Moonrise tom.	8:16 a.m.
Moonset tom.	9:20 p.m.

PRECIPITATION

Saturday	0.00"
Month total	13.10"
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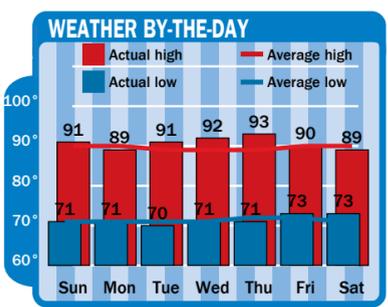
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Albuquerque	91/72/00	94/69/ts	Detroit	81/61/00	82/63/ts	Omaha	87/72/00	84/59/pc
Anchorage	59/55/00	68/50/pc	El Paso	95/75/00	100/77/pc	Orlando	93/75/00	96/76/ts
Atlanta	88/70/00	93/76/pc	Fairbanks	57/41/00	67/47/pc	Philadelphia	78/69/22	87/71/ts
Baltimore	87/64/02	88/71/ts	Greensboro	88/69/00	95/72/pc	Phoenix	98/82/00	107/87/pc
Billings	75/54/00	87/58/s	Hartford	79/63/00	82/69/ts	Pittsburgh	82/63/01	82/65/ts
Birmingham	91/66/00	95/75/pc	Honolulu	82/77/00	87/77/pc	Portland ME	75/59/00	76/64/ts
Bismarck	77/57/00	75/53/pc	Houston	93/77/00	95/77/pc	Portland OR	71/57/00	89/62/s
Boise	75/58/00	98/66/pc	Indianapolis	82/66/00	85/64/ts	Raleigh	87/69/00	97/76/pc
Boston	82/64/00	81/71/ts	Jackson MS	93/72/00	94/75/pc	Rapid City	78/59/00	81/55/s
Buffalo	77/61/00	81/63/ts	Jacksonville	89/73/00	95/76/pc	Reno	86/61/00	95/66/pc
Charleston SC	91/73/00	96/79/pc	Kansas City	82/74/00	86/61/s	Sacramento	90/66/00	101/64/pc
Charleston WV	82/63/00	84/66/ts	Las Vegas	100/87/00	105/85/pc	Salt Lake City	88/66/00	97/72/ts
Charlotte	88/68/00	96/75/pc	Little Rock	93/73/00	97/73/pc	San Antonio	82/76/00	98/76/s
Cheyenne	81/66/00	79/54/pc	Los Angeles	81/68/00	86/68/pc	San Diego	75/69/00	73/68/pc
Chicago	81/68/00	84/62/ts	Memphis	91/72/00	95/73/pc	San Francisco	73/60/00	71/60/fg
Cincinnati	81/66/00	85/64/ts	Miami	88/75/21	90/79/pc	Seattle	72/57/00	83/58/pc
Cleveland	81/62/01	81/63/ts	Minneapolis	81/72/00	75/60/ts	Spokane	79/55/00	92/67/s
Columbia SC	91/72/00	89/61/pc	Mobile	89/73/00	93/76/pc	St. Louis	99/73/00	90/65/pc
Dallas	98/80/00	99/79/pc	New Orleans	91/78/00	91/77/ts	Tampa	88/79/00	93/79/ts
Daytona Beach	91/73/00	94/77/ts	New York	79/70/00	84/71/ts	Tucson	95/73/00	99/78/ts
Denver	70/66/00	82/60/pc	Oakland	75/62/00	78/60/fg	Washington	87/73/00	88/72/ts



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Amsterdam	75/62/00	78/62/ts	Lima	62/59/00	64/59/od	Rome	78/69/00	86/64/pc
Athens	89/75/00	91/75/s	London	82/64/00	82/62/s	San Juan PR	88/81/00	89/78/pc
Auckland	57/42/00	55/51/pc	Madrid	95/68/00	98/69/s	Santiago	91/75/00	93/75/pc
Beijing	96/69/00	95/64/s	Mexico City	73/53/00	78/57/pc	Seoul	87/69/00	78/64/r
Berlin	84/62/00	84/68/pc	Montreal	77/60/00	77/66/pc	Singapore	89/82/-	91/80/ts
Buenos Aires	51/41/00	53/48/pc	Moscow	78/62/00	78/53/pc	St. Thomas VI	89/82/00	90/79/pc
Cairo	91/75/00	89/77/pc	Nairobi	75/59/00	73/57/ts	Sydney	66/53/00	64/48/r
Geneva	71/60/00	75/55/ts	Nassau	89/82/00	89/78/s	Tel Aviv	87/71/00	87/73/pc
Havana	89/77/00	91/69/pc	New Delhi	96/82/00	95/82/pc	Tokyo	91/78/00	91/78/s
Helsinki	87/59/00	86/59/s	Oslo	75/62/00	86/57/pc	Toronto	73/62/00	75/64/pc
Hong Kong	87/78/00	89/80/ts	Panama	91/78/00	93/77/ts	Vienna	82/57/00	84/60/pc
Kingston	89/80/00	93/82/pc	Paris	75/62/00	77/60/r	Warsaw	82/66/00	84/66/od

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Section B

Future Tigers gather

Youth football camp benefits players of all ages.

By **TIM KIRBY**
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The Coach Brian Allen Future Tiger Camp was Friday at Columbia High.

Eighty-six athletes from pre-K to middle school grade levels signed up for the annual camp, sponsored by the Columbia High Quarterback Club. All received a T-shirt and hot dog lunch.

"It is actually a very good crowd," CHS head coach Brian Allen said at the camp. "You know how important I feel the youth of the community are. That is one of the main reasons for me coming back home."

Allen recruited varsity Tigers to help with the camp. There were stations for quarterbacks, running backs and receivers, linemen, defensive backs and linebackers.

"It is major to get guys coming out on their day off," Allen said. "Maybe (the campers) will take something away from here for Pop Warner and rec league ball."

CAMP continued on 2B



Willie Jernigan, 13, works on his hand placement while hitting a pad under the watchful eye of Tiger players and fellow athletes at the Brian Allen Future Tiger Camp at Columbia High on Friday. The camp drew 86 participants from pre-K to middle school grade levels.

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TELEVISION

TV sports

Today
AUTO RACING
1 p.m.
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, The John Wayne Wallding 400
2 p.m.
 NBCSN — Formula One, Hungarian Grand Prix (same-day tape)
9 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Sonoma Nationals (same-day tape)
CYCLING
9 a.m.
 NBCSN — Tour de France, final stage, Evry to Paris

GOLF
6 a.m.
 TGC — European PGA Tour, Russian Open, final round
Noon
 ESPN2 — The Senior British Open Championship, final round
1 p.m.
 TGC — PGA Tour, Canadian Open, final round
3 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, Canadian Open, final round
 TGC — LPGA, International Crown, final round

HORSE RACING
5 p.m.
 NBC — Thoroughbreds, Haskell Invitational, at Oceanport, N.J.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1 p.m.
 TBS — Toronto at N.Y. Yankees
8 p.m.
 ESPN — L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco
SOCCER
4 p.m.
 FSI — International Champions Cup, AC Milan vs. Manchester City, at Pittsburgh
6 p.m.
 FSI — International Champions Cup, Liverpool vs. Olympiakos, at Chicago
TENNIS
4 p.m.
 ESPN2 — ATP World Tour, Atlanta Open, championship
6 p.m.
 ESPN2 — World Team Tennis, finals, Washington at Springfield
VOLLEYBALL
3:30 p.m.
 NBC — World Series of Beach Volleyball, women's/men's finals, at Long Beach, Calif. (same-day tape)

Monday
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
Noon
 MLB — San Diego at Atlanta
7 p.m.
 ESPN — Toronto at Boston
SOCCER
10 p.m.
 ESPN2 — MLS, Los Angeles at Seattle

BASEBALL

AL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	57	45	.559	—
New York	54	48	.529	3
Toronto	54	50	.519	4
Tampa Bay	50	53	.485	7½
Boston	47	56	.456	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	57	43	.570	—
Kansas City	52	50	.510	6
Cleveland	51	52	.495	7½
Chicago	50	54	.481	9
Minnesota	46	56	.451	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	63	39	.618	—

Los Angeles	61	41	.598	2
Seattle	53	50	.515	10½
Houston	42	61	.408	21½
Texas	41	62	.398	22½

Today's Games
 Toronto (Happ 8-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Greene 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (Peavy 1-9) at Tampa Bay (Archer 6-5), 1:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Carroll 4-6) at Minnesota (Pino 1-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Salazar 2-4) at Kansas City (B.Chen 2-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Miami (Ja.Turner 3-6) at Houston (Oberholzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.
 Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at L.A. Angels (H.Santiago 2-7), 3:35 p.m.
 Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 5-5) at Seattle (Elias 8-8), 4:10 p.m.
 Oakland (Kazmir 11-3) at Texas (Mikolas 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Milwaukee (Lohse 11-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Dickey 8-10) at Boston (Buchholz 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 5-4) at Texas (Darvish 9-6), 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland (J.Chavez 8-6) at Houston (Peacock 3-7), 8:10 p.m.

NL standings

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	56	44	.560	—
Atlanta	55	48	.534	2½
Miami	49	53	.480	8
New York	49	54	.476	8½
Philadelphia	45	58	.437	12½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	58	46	.558	—
Pittsburgh	54	48	.529	3
St. Louis	54	48	.529	3
Cincinnati	51	51	.500	6
Chicago	42	59	.416	14½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	57	46	.553	—
Los Angeles	57	47	.548	½
San Diego	46	56	.451	10½
Arizona	44	59	.427	13
Colorado	42	60	.412	14½

Today's Games
 Washington (Fister 9-2) at Cincinnati (Latos 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Nuno 0-1) at Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 4-8), 1:35 p.m.
 Miami (Ja.Turner 3-6) at Houston (Oberholzer 2-7), 2:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-5) at Milwaukee (J.Nelson 1-1), 2:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wainwright 12-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Volquez 8-7) at Colorado (F.Morales 5-5), 4:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Stults 3-12) at Atlanta (Minor 3-6), 5:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 11-5) at San Francisco (Y.Petit 3-3), 8:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
 San Diego (Kennedy 8-9) at Atlanta (E.Santana 9-6), 12:10 p.m.
 Arizona (C.Anderson 6-4) at Cincinnati (Bailey 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Lohse 11-4) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (A.Burnett 6-9) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 9-8), 7:10 p.m.
 Washington (Zimmermann 6-5) at Miami (Eovaldi 5-6), 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado (Flande 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-1), 8:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Worley 3-1) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 12-7), 10:15 p.m.

AUTO RACING

Race week

SPRINT CUP BRICKYARD 400
 Site: Indianapolis.
 Schedule: Today, race, 1 p.m. (ESPN, noon-4:30 p.m.)
 Track: Indianapolis Motor Speedway (oval, 2.5 miles).
 Race distance: 400 miles, 160 laps.
FORMULA ONE HUNGARIAN GRAND PRIX
 Site: Budapest, Hungary.
 Schedule: Today, race, 8 a.m. (CNBC, 7:30-10:30 a.m., NBC Sports, 2-4:30 p.m.).
 Track: Hungaroring (road course, 2.72 miles).
 Race distance: 190.53 miles, 70 laps.
NHRA SONOMA NATIONALS
 Site: Sonoma, California.
 Schedule: Today, final eliminations (ESPN2, 9 p.m.-midnight).
 Track: Sonoma Raceway.

Brickyard 400 lineup

- At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Saturday qualifying; race today
 (Car number in parentheses)
 1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 188.47 mph.
 2. (24) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 187.77.
 3. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 186.893.
 4. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 186.765.
 5. (55) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 186.455.
 6. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 186.193.
 7. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 185.943.
 8. (12) Juan Pablo Montoya, Ford, 185.924.
 9. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 185.828.
 10. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 185.705.
 11. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 185.468.
 12. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 184.991.
 13. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 185.468.
 14. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 185.391.
 15. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 185.254.
 16. (15) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 185.128.
 17. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 185.048.
 18. (99) Carl Edwards, Ford, 184.991.
 19. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford, 184.9.
 20. (21) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 184.869.
 21. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 184.74.
 22. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 184.426.
 23. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 183.887.
 24. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 183.61.
 25. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 184.449.
 26. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 183.726.
 27. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 183.692.
 28. (95) Michael McDowell, Ford, 183.565.
 29. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 183.539.
 30. (98) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 182.867.
 31. (51) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 182.656.
 32. (83) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 182.574.
 33. (7) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 182.245.
 34. (38) David Gilliland, Ford, 182.072.
 35. (23) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 181.866.
 36. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 181.815.
 37. (40) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, owner points.
 38. (34) David Ragan, Ford, owner points.
 39. (26) Cole Whitt, Toyota, owner points.
 40. (32) Travis Kvapil, Ford, owner points.
 41. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, owner points.
 42. (36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, owner points.
 43. (37) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, past champion.



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Jaedyn Thomas, 13, moves through an agility course at the Brian Allen Future Tiger Camp on Friday.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Darian Mayo, 11, catches a pass at the Brian Allen Future Tiger Camp.

CAMP: Tigers teach and also learn

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In the head coach's way of thinking, the teacher becomes the student. "Our older guys are out there taking them through their drills," Allen said. "It helps them understand what we are teaching them. You have to know it well to teach it. You see stuff you are saying daily in practice and they are relaying that to the kids. That is super important and beneficial." Tiger running back Lonnie Underwood volunteered and was working at one of the stations. "This is helping the program with those coming up and with us coming out

and teaching them stuff," Underwood said. "I was going to come as soon as Coach told us about it." Underwood's advice to the younger players: "Stay with it and keep trying." Summer workouts for CHS ended on Thursday, and the Tigers were allowed to wind down. "We threw them a bone on Wednesday and Thursday," Allen said. "They have had 20 hard days, 23-24 days for those who went to camp. We had a big barbecue on Thursday. We let them bring video games from home and put them on our

big projectors." Fall practice begins Aug. 4 and Allen's advice is to stay active during the 10 days off. "Make sure you are doing some running or other activity, so you don't lose what you have gained over the last three months," Allen said. Allen said he will have to be at the school. "These guys want to be here, so I have to come and open the place up," Allen said. "To be special, you have to put the work in and they want to be here. That's why they are reaping the benefits."

ACROSS

- 1 Talks on
- 5 "Ualume" poet
- 8 Took a taxi
- 12 Little creek
- 13 Sticker
- 14 Out of control
- 15 Thought
- 16 Prehistoric time (2 wds.)
- 18 Unnerve
- 20 Hollow
- 21 Sunset hue
- 22 Zeppo's brother
- 25 Duty
- 28 Soul singer — James
- 29 Jet route
- 33 Level best
- 35 Luminous auras
- 36 Must-haves
- 37 Least risky
- 38 Half of A.D.
- 39 Bring up
- 41 Watery expanse

DOWN

- 42 Like some nuts
- 45 Thole filler
- 48 Stomach muscles
- 49 Gourmet mushroom
- 53 Flying mammal (2 wds.)
- 56 Wheel hub
- 57 Cater for
- 58 Caustic solution
- 59 Mineral deposits
- 60 Lip, slangily
- 61 NASA counterpart
- 62 Budget item

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Crushers make strong run at 18U World Series

From staff reports

The Columbia Crushers made a valiant run in the championship bracket of the USSSA Fast-Pitch Girls 18 & Under B World Series in Orlando.

It included playing four games in the losers bracket on Friday and winning three of them.

Columbia was finally eliminated by the Razorbacks (White), 2-0, late Friday.

The Razorbacks lost to the Germantown Titans 18U '96 in the third round. The Titans made the winners bracket final and lost to Killin Time.

In the losers bracket final rematch the Razorbacks got their revenge, then faced Killin Time having to win twice.

The Razorbacks forced an "if necessary" game, but Killin Time won the World Series final, 7-4.

After qualifying for the championship round with a 2-0-1 record in pool play, the Crushers won their first two games in the winners bracket — 10-2 over Brevard Breeze Elite and 8-3 over South Florida Contenders 18U.

A 3-0 loss to the Carolina Rebels late Thursday dropped the Crushers into

the losers bracket.

Columbia then defeated Cumberland County Magic 18U Blue (10-0), South Florida Contenders 18U (12-2) and Delaware Fillies Fastpitch (3-2) before falling to the Razorbacks.

Columbia was the fourth team left standing in the 32-team championship bracket. The Crushers got to play at Champions Stadium, the Braves Spring

Training field and the USSSA Pride home field.

9U Southeast Regional

The Columbia Timber Rattlers missed out on making the championship bracket with a 9-4 loss to Glen Allen late Thursday.

West Raleigh and Glen Allen played in the championship final with West Raleigh winning 14-5.

JUMBLE

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: PANTS DIVOT FORAGE MISUSE
 Answer: They weren't sure what it would be like sailing in the Mediterranean, so they went — OUT TO "SEE"

BRIEFS

CHS FOOTBALL

Booster tickets available Monday

Columbia High football booster season tickets, parking passes and gifts will be available for pickup at McDuffie Marine & Sporting Goods beginning Monday.

For details, call Quarterback Club president Randy Thomas at 623-0097.

CHS SWIMMING

Parents meeting set for Tuesday

A mandatory parents meeting for Columbia High or other eligible ninth-12th-grade students interested in joining the CHS swim team is 6 p.m. Tuesday in room 130 of school board building 2, directly across from the pool. Important papers that must be completed prior to participating will be distributed.

Conditioning begins Aug. 4. A team meeting is planned for 3:30 p.m. Aug. 18 with practice beginning the next day. For details, call Linda Richardson at 965-7071 or coach Mary Kay Mathis at 397-6661.

YOUTH GOLF

Ste-Marie Junior Golf Clinic

Carl Ste-Marie's final summer Junior Golf Clinic is 8-11 a.m. Monday-Friday at The Country Club at Lake City. Cost is \$65 for club members and \$80 for non-members and includes drinks and snacks. Registration is at The Country Club at Lake City; clinics are limited to 20 participants.

For details, call Ste-Marie at 752-2266 or 623-2833.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Voices for Children tourney

The Voices for Children Charity Baseball Tournament is Aug. 9-10 at Southside Sports Complex. Format is double elimination with USSSA rules. Game balls will be provided. Age groups are 12U (\$375 entry fee), 11U (\$325 entry fee) and 10U (\$300 entry fee). There will be awards for first and second place.

For details, call Elizabeth Price at 758-1170 or Stephen Smith at 867-1387.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Open meeting set for Aug. 8

Columbia County Adult Softball's annual open meeting is 7 p.m. Aug. 8 in the meeting room at the Southside Sports Complex adult fields. There will be election of officers for 2014-15. Only currently registered players are eligible to vote.

For league information, go to ballcharts.com/CCAdultsoftball.

FORT WHITE BABE RUTH Election meeting set for Aug. 12

Fort White Babe Ruth Baseball has its annual meeting for elections to all positions at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the South Columbia Sports Park board meeting room.

Interested parties should call Jackie Brooks at (386) 527-2555 or send a letter to P.O. Box 44, Fort White, FL 32038, and plan to attend the election meeting.

■ From staff reports

GOLF REPORTS



LEFT: Bryce Wilson works out of the bunker during Junior Golf Camp at Quail Heights Country Club.



RIGHT: Evan Wheary practices on the putting green during the Carl Ste-Marie Junior Golf Clinic at The Country Club at Lake City.

Kerby/Garcia win Open Blitz

There were 23 players, who teamed up with a pro, for The Open Blitz on July 19.

Robbie Kerby/Sergio Garcia won first place in the A division with a +17. Bruce Ford/Adam Scott came in second with a +16. Best individual round went to Steve Thomas with a +4.

Eli Witt/Jim Furyk won first place in the B division with a +22. Bruce Gibson/Garcia came in second with a +14. Best individual round went to Steve Peters with a +7.

Skins winners were: Kerby (No. 1), Ford (No. 4), Don Howard (No. 5), Rick Cahill (No. 6) and Witt (No. 10).

The Saturday Blitz costs \$15 plus cart fee and is open to anyone. You must tee off by 9 a.m. Call the pro shop for a tee time.

The team of Casey Clemons, Pete Skantzos and Josh Boris won the top honors in the July 17 Thursday Night Scramble with a 6-under par. The threesome also won the pot hole, which was No. 17.

The Thursday Night Scramble. Cost is \$23 for members and \$30 for non-members.

There were 19 players in the Sunday Blitz on July 20.

Don Howard came in first place with a +5. Bob Randall

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Carl Ste-Marie

and Mickey Willcox tied for second with a +4. Mike Gough and Steve Thomas came in fourth with a +2.

Closest to the pin winners were: Dell Sanders (No. 5), A.J. Lavin (Nos. 7 and 15).

Skins winners were: Don Howard (No. 8), Jim Carr (No. 9) and Thomas (No. 18).

The Sunday Blitz costs \$20, plus cart fee, and is open to anyone.

Caroline Stevens won first place in the Ladies Day "low net" on Tuesday with a 67. Katrina Counts and Nancy Edgar tied for second with a 69.

Chip-ins were Katrina Counts (No. 13) and Caroline Stevens (No. 15).

There were 26 players in the Wednesday Blitz.

Jonathan Allen won first place in the A division with a +5. Dennis Crawford and Mike McCranie tied for second with a +4.

Ed Snow won first place in the B division with a +9. A.J. Lavin came in second with a +7. Dell Sanders came in third with a +6.

Skin winners were: Crawford (No. 4), Charles Timmons (No. 13), McCranie (No. 15) and

Chad Hunter (No. 17). The pot hole was No. 15 and McCranie won the \$100 kitty with his birdie. A new pot starts Wednesday.

The Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot), plus cart fee, and is open to anyone.

Good Old Boys results:

■ Match 1 — Jerry Jobe, Bob Sonntag and Paul Davis def. Marc Risk, Jim Bell and Bobby Simmons, 11-10;

■ Match 2 — Bob Wheary, Jim McGriff, Tom Elmore and Dan Stephens def. Shelton Keen, Joe Persons, Stan Woolbert and Mike Spencer, 10-5, and Ed Snow, Eli Witt, Jim Stevens and Bill Rogers, 10-4.

Top scores were: Snow 73 (35-38), Elmore 74 (36-38), Jobe 77 (40-37), Risk 77 (40-37), Elmore 78 (40-38), Keen 79 (41-38) and Simmons 79 (39-40).

For information and tee times, call the pro shop at 752-2266 or check out our website at www.thecountryclubatlakecity.com.

Upcoming events:

■ Monday-Friday, final golf clinic;

■ Saturday, Mayo Rotary Club (course closed until 1:30 p.m.);

■ Aug. 4-8, final tennis camp;

■ Aug. 9, The PGA Blitz.

Lady Tigers event deemed a success

The Columbia High girls golf team benefit was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the local high school girls team.

First-place team members were Gary Newcomb, Chris Beckman and George Poultney with a 60. Taking second place in the tournament was the team of Donnie Thomas, Matt Soucinek and George Tuning with a 61. Taking third was the team of Rob Cassube, Tiara Carter and Doug Peeler with a 62.

Mega-skins went to team members Luke Soucinek, Bob Sonntag and Wallace Christie Jr.

The Friday Dogfight winner was Tim Tortorice with a +9. Second place was a tie with Kevin Parks and Jason Watts both at +2.

Skins winners were Gary Newcomb with three, Parks with two, Tortorice and Watts.

Closest to the pin winners were Jack Tuggle on Nos. 5 and 15, Tortorice on No. 11, and Ricky

QUAIL HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB

Nicki Newmans

Crawford Jr. on No. 17 Monday's Top of the Hill winners were: first-Tim Tortorice at even; second-Jack Tuggle at -3; Jerry Snowberger at -8.

The Wednesday Blitz winner was Rick Cahill with a +10. Close behind in second was Jim Munns with a +7. In third was Randy Heavrin with a +4.

Skins winners were Ricky Crawford Jr., Bob McGraw, Kevin Parks, Heavrin and Munns.

Closest to the pin winners were McGraw on No. 3, Chet Carter on No. 5, Keith Hudson on No. 11, Cahill on No. 15 and Jack Tuggle on No. 17.

The Wednesday Scramble winning team members were Mike Kahlich, Chris Hewitt and Danny Harrington with a -6.

To reserve a tee time, call the pro shop at 752-3339.



Tiara Carter of Lake City hits during the Gainesville Jr. Golf Tour at Ironwood Golf Club in Gainesville. Carter shot an 80 to win the Girls 16-18 division.

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Kayak fishing

Outdoors360

Thirty miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico is not a place you'd expect to find a kayaker fishing. Did that get your attention?

I'll preface this article by stating the fact I'm not a kayak expert.

I know a lot of people that fish out of them, and love them. I also firmly believe that one day I'll join these fanatics, and start fishing some of the tough-to-get-to water (fresh and salt) in our area.

My last kayak experience was two summers ago, and we had a storm blow up on us quickly. (Doesn't that seem like a summer theme?)

I'm a large human being — 6-foot-5, 220 pounds — and I'm not known for my speed. Never have been. I was so slow in fact that my nickname in basketball was "slow motion" because when I ran as fast as I possibly could, it looked like I running in slow motion — literally.

I embraced it, and decided to simply post up in basketball, and try to hit as many home runs as possible in baseball. It worked for me, as I set several school records, even though I couldn't outrun an overweight sloth.

On this particular trip we had to move very quickly when the storm started bearing down on us. I took a few photos of the end-of-the-world-looking clouds shortly before I attempted to board my kayak.

Those photos never made it.

As I tried to quickly get in the kayak, I jumped up quickly as the air temperature plummeted, and I jumped so fast, and so far, that I ended up on the other side of the kayak — upside down!

My iPhone didn't mix well with the saltwater and I had a long paddle back to shore, soaked and wet and scared of the impending storm.

Fast forward to some guys that actually know what they're doing.

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Rob Chapman
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A few months back, a group of kayakers discussed fishing for tarpon at the Skyway Bridge on the forum at *TheOnlineFisherman.com*.

"There was a lot of concern about the tidal flow at the bridge," said Paul Piscopo, a local kayaking angler. "Some liked the idea of going beyond the flats and the norm with their 'Yaks.' A new adventure packed with the thought of hooking bigger fish. From that the first Amber-Yak-Attack was born."

There were seven kayaking anglers in total who participated, hosted on a party boat from Hubbards Marina and captained by Mark Hubbard. The want-to-be offshore kayakers were put through a few tests to prove they would be able to handle the possible conditions.

"A week before the event we had to take our kayaks to show that we could right our kayak if it were to tip over, and also show that we wouldn't freak out if we had something big on the end of the line," said Andrew Hill, who moved to the Tampa Bay area 12 years ago from Joliet, Ill. "They basically tied a 20-pound dive belt to a fishing pole and threw it in the pool, and we had to reel it up."

Tuesday afternoon's storms cleared and Wednesday arrived with clouds that eventually cleared. As the seven anglers entered the calm water, the feeling of being 30 miles offshore in a kayak was one they will never forget.

"I was a bit nervous about being out in the open like that, in 100 feet of water," Hill said. "As soon as I was in the water, that little bit of fear went away and I went into fishing mode."

"I just sat there for a minute just taking it all in," said Chris Wegescheide. "The deep, clear blue Gulf of Mexico and realizing I was so far out in it on a kayak! Awesome!"

Prior to this trip, Wegescheide had never been fishing offshore, nevertheless on a kayak. "It felt awesome to be out there in a kayak with crystal clear blue water and schools of amberjacks under you," said Andrew Benak.

The anglers immediately began catching and landing their share of amberjack up to 32 inches with mangrove snapper and sharks as well. Butterfly jigs seemed to be the ticket for the amberjack, while the sharks ate pinfish, and the snapper ate cut sardines on light leader.

"I caught five amberjack and I feel like I got a good workout," Wegescheide said. "It was amazing to look down and see huge schools of amberjack swimming below me. I also saw barracuda and a probably 150-pound goliath grouper chasing the fish I was trying to land."

This may be the start of a new yearly adventure. Each angler said they couldn't wait to do it all over again.

"I would absolutely do it again," Benak said. "Not a doubt in my mind."

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PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Pam Carswell caught a nice 16-pound red off horseshoe last weekend



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Ryder Higgs requested his photo make *Outdoors360*, so here you go big guy.

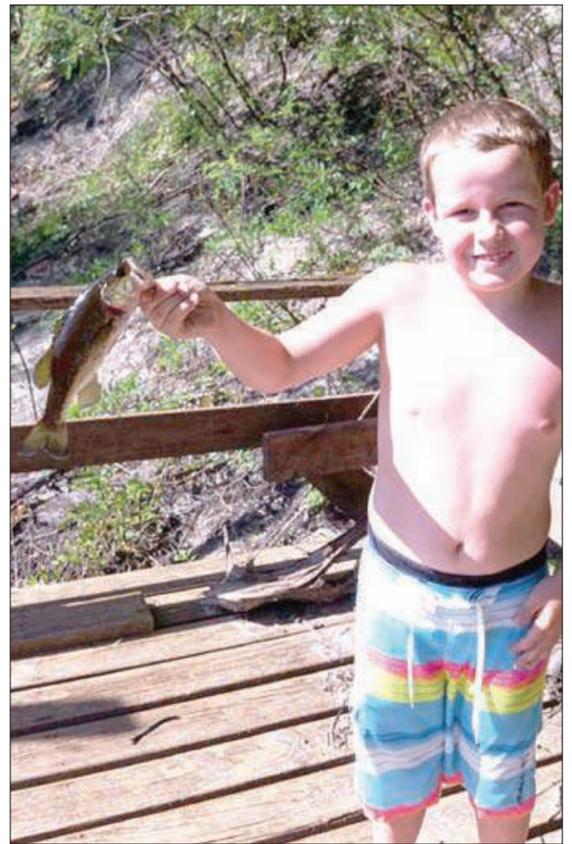


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Pace Murray, aka Paceman, with a sweet bass.

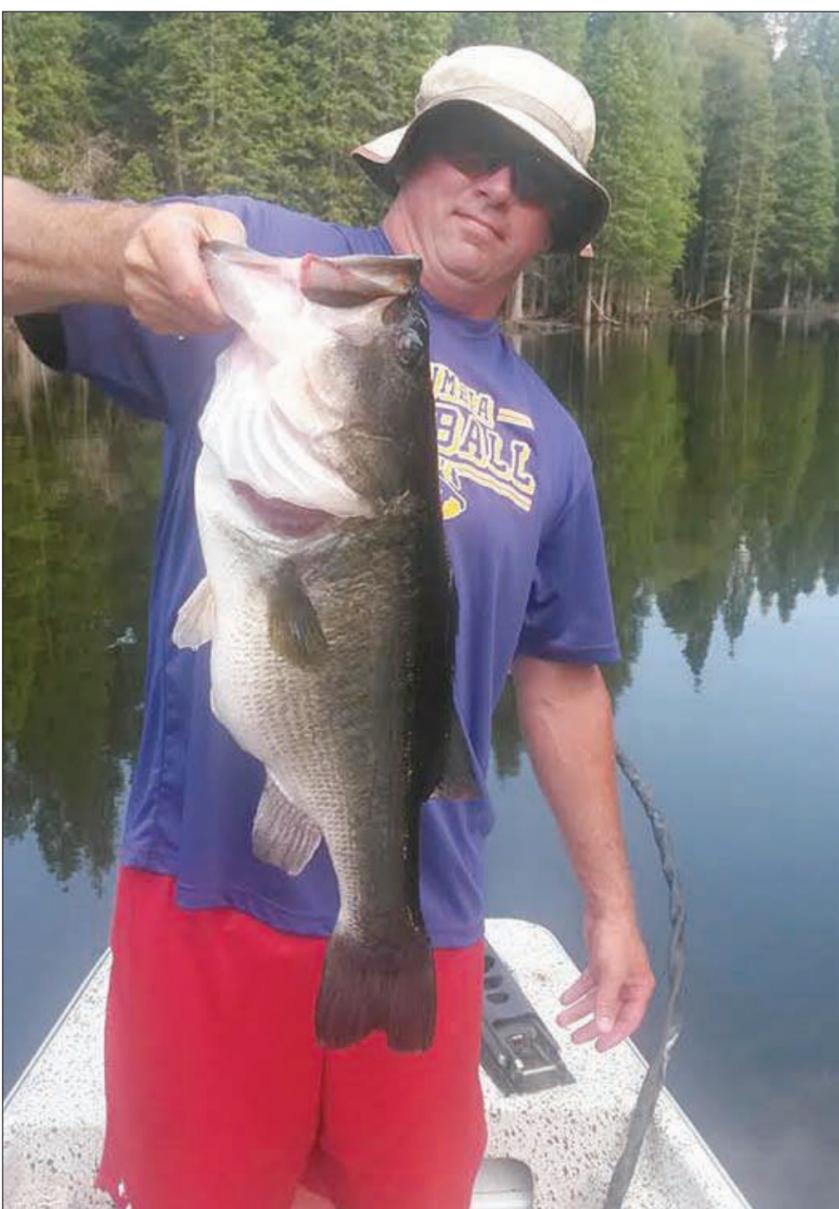


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Shayne Edge sent this photo of a monster bass he caught 'somewhere in Florida.'



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Mike Moses (right) caught this 38-pounder out of Suwannee.



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Aaron Barber and Lacreia Williams with a beautiful Islamorada sailfish.

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Section C

Back-to-school tax holiday coming



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

Tyler Lankford, a Star Tech Computer Center technician, adjusts an iMac all-in-one computer. Star Tech plans to extend back-to-school sales tax savings throughout August.



JASON MATTHEW WALKER/Lake City Reporter

Belk sales associate Debbie Manchester checks out Priscilla Campbell and her daughter, Bailey, 9, who bought shoes on Friday.

No sales tax next weekend on electronics, clothing, more

By TONY BRITT and CARTER JACKSON
Lake City Reporter

Local merchants have increased their inventory and are ready for shoppers looking to take advantage of the annual sales tax holiday, whether they're shopping for electronics, school supplies or clothing.

The annual Back to School sales tax holiday is set for Aug. 1-3.

Legislation was passed to create a three-day sales tax holiday that will begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 1 and end at midnight, Sunday, August 3.

During this period, no Florida sales tax or local option tax will be collected on sales of clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$100 or less per item, on certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item, and on the first \$750 of the sales price for computers and certain computer-related accessories when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use.

Personal computer-related accessories include: Keyboards, computer mice, personal digital assistants, monitors, other peripheral devices, modems, routers, and non-recreational software, regardless of

whether the accessories are used in association with a personal computer base unit.

Computer-related accessories do not include furniture or systems, devices, software, or peripherals that are designed or intended primarily for recreational use.

Electronics

Bryant D. Jennings, Star Tech Computer Center owner, plans to extend the sales tax holiday at his store for the entire month.

"We have done for several years a type

of sale or amnesty sale where there will be no extra charge as the sales tax is set," he said. "We do that for the whole month of August. That is a big deal and brings in a lot of people. I expect more traffic than last year because this is the second year the state has announced that computers and computer-related items have been added to the back to school sales tax holiday."

Jennings said the reason the store does the sales tax amnesty for the whole month is because some people want to

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Q What does it mean when a company is taken private? — L.J., Shenandoah, Iowa

A Think of how a company “goes public” via an initial public offering (IPO), selling a chunk of itself in shares on the stock market. Companies can go in the opposite direction, too, becoming private again if their shares are bought back and no longer trade publicly.

In 2011, Hugh Hefner took his company, Playboy Enterprises, private in a \$207 million deal. In an effort to regain control over the company, and presumably because he thought its stock was undervalued, Hefner offered shareholders a premium over the going price. He had to raise his bid, too, to deflect other bidders.

Last year, Michael Dell, in partnership with a private equity firm, took his struggling computer company, Dell, private in a far-bigger, \$25 billion deal. And right now, lululemon athletica founder Chip Wilson is looking into taking his company private, as well.

Q Is “buy and hold” the best investment strategy? — K.V., Greenville, North Carolina

A Super-investor Warren Buffett has said that his favorite time to sell is “never.”

But successful investing isn’t as simple as just never selling. Many have made millions by holding shares of great companies for decades, through ups and downs.

Think of it as buying to hold. In other words, don’t buy a stock and then just blindly hold it for years. You need to check up on your holdings regularly. Fortunes can change, even for the best companies.

So carefully select promising companies, intending to hang on for the long term — as long as they remain healthy and growing.

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Credit Card Balance Transfers 101

By transferring a balance from a high-interest-rate credit card to a low-interest-rate card, you can save hundreds, or thousands, of dollars. There are some things to know before you proceed, though:

- Read the fine print and crunch some numbers. A “0 percent” credit card will indeed charge you no interest on your debt, but typically only for a limited time. So if you transfer a big debt to such a card, aim to pay it off as soon as possible. Otherwise, a rate much higher than 0 percent will kick in after a while (usually six months to a year or more).

- Learn exactly how long you will enjoy the 0 percent rate, and what the rate will be when charges start applying. Some cards might charge you just 12 percent or less, while others might charge upward of 20 percent. The fine print can alert you to possible problems, such as if a single late payment will trigger the

card’s highest rate taking effect, or whether new purchases will face regular (or steep) interest charges while only the transferred balance enjoys the 0 percent rate.

- Be sure to consider all the costs involved in transferring a balance. Your new card may feature 0 percent interest, but it might also charge a balance transfer fee of between 3 percent and 5 percent. If you’re transferring \$25,000 and are being charged a 4 percent fee, that’s a \$1,000 charge. Make sure that your interest savings will make that cost worthwhile.

Note, too, that you may need to have a good credit rating in order to qualify for a good balance-transfer deal. If you qualify and go for it, consider consolidating debt from several cards onto one low-rate card in order to simplify your financial life. Check with your current lender, too — if you have a good record with them, you might get a lower interest rate just by asking.

Learn much more about debt and credit at fool.com/how-to-invest and review some available cards at sites such as indexcreditcards.com and cardhub.com.

My Dumbest Investment

Shouldn't Have Bought — or Sold

My dumbest investment was when I listened to my husband, who doesn’t know jack about stocks. He wanted to get in on Facebook when it had its initial public offering (IPO). So instead of listening to the buzz about the inflated IPO price, I bought and lost and ... the second-dumbest investment was selling it! Live and learn. — S.C.S.

The Fool Responds: Financial differences can sink many relationships, so it’s great to talk about money frequently and to get on the same page. Like many IPOs, Facebook shares opened high and then rose, before falling back to earth a bit later. The shares touched \$45 on their first day, closing near \$32 a week later and near \$18 a few months after that. Of course, they’re above \$60 now.

It is indeed risky to jump into IPOs in their first year or so, when they can be extra-volatile. There’s usually plenty of time to invest in great companies. With Facebook, you needed to study the company to determine what you thought the shares were worth. Selling was right — if you no longer had faith in its future.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool 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!

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1887 when a watchmaker at the Nippon Gakki company began making reed organs. I’m now the world’s largest maker of a full line of musical instruments — as well as sports equipment, semiconductors, robots, furniture, appliances, audio/visual products, machine tools and much more. (I even own and run some Japanese resorts.) In addition, I encompass the separately managed vehicle company that is now the world’s second-largest motorcycle maker and also makes golf carts, outboard engines, snowmobiles, water vehicles and more. At some point, I have even offered fiberglass-reinforced bathtubs. Who am I? (Answer: Yamaha)

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get a great deal but otherwise can’t because their paychecks don’t come in during the few short days of the state sales tax holiday.

“We do the whole month so people aren’t left hanging,” he said. “We also allow customers to use layaway holding that keeps the sales tax amnesty the exact same.”

Jennings said customers making back to school tax holiday purchases mostly buy portable electronics. He said the store usually sells some desktop computers, but most of the people who come during the event will buy tablets, laptops and smaller devices for their kids.

With the \$750 cut-off line, Jennings said the store attempts to give consumers the most for their

money.

“Everything that we sell under the \$750 cut-off mark is in incredible condition,” he said. “Everything else is the top-of-the-line equipment like gaming centers or brand new material. We will specifically build machines that hit the \$749 mark, that way people can still get the top-of-the-line material and get the best deal off the sales tax amnesty. The \$750 mark covers most everything in our store. Once you get in to the hundreds of dollars on a machine, the sales tax really starts to make an impact on how much you pay. That is why we do this for the entire month.”

Jordan Brian, owner of Florida Cell Repair, also said the sales tax holiday was a good time for consumers to purchase phones as well as tablets and other electronic devices.

“We are excited about

doing this for Lake City and Fort White,” he said. “This is a good time to buy phones and tablets from Florida Cell Repair. We are excited about this weekend seeing that we will also be having more sales to go along with our products.”

During the sales tax holiday, no tax is due on the sale or purchase of any school supply item with a selling price of \$15 or less per item.

Clothing

For clothing no tax is due on the sale or purchase of any article of clothing, wallet, or bag, including handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags (excluding briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags) with a selling price of \$100 or less per item.

Bob Smith, Smitty’s Western Store owner, said the sales tax holiday is a

great break for everyone.

“Everyone who needs help or just wants to take advantage of this opportunity should do it,” Smith said. “Above all, I think this is great for the community. It is a great time for people to shop local because the local companies they are going to have more leeway with their sales on top of the tax break. The officials in Tallahassee did a great job of being conscientious of those who are in need and giving everyone a break in these recovering times. This tax break and Christmas are great times for mom and pop stores to give back to communities.”

Smith said the tax holiday is great because you can save the sales tax for every item that sells for under \$100.

“It used to be \$50 but has since been raised,” he said. “As a company, we will probably have 90 per-

cent of the store on sale on top of the sales tax holiday, so the savings for those who need it and those who want to take advantage are going to be incredible.”

Smith is looking forward to the event.

“As a store, we are very community oriented,” he said. “That is why I am so excited about this tax holiday is because it is for our community. That is why people should stay and shop local. It is very important for people to be aware of this holiday. If you don’t know about it, then you can’t take advantage of it.”

Jason Zink, Belk manager, said the sales tax holiday usually draws additional shoppers to the store.

“During the back to school sales tax holiday, it gets pretty wild around here,” he said. “It doubles our usual Saturday business. These days are going to be great for everyone.

The sales tax holiday is not specific to kids or to adults with kids but anyone who needs clothing items can come by and use this opportunity.”

In addition to the sales tax event, Zink said the store has many other discounts.

“Every \$30 purchase, you get \$10 off,” he said. “We are going to have a lot of door-busters as well. This is definitely the best time to shop.”

Belk has also partnered with the United Way of Suwannee Valley to give back to the community through the event.

“We are partnering with United Way on these dates (August 1-3) for a jean drive,” Zink said. “When you donate your gently used or new jeans, you get \$5 off in the store. The cool thing about this jean drive is that these jeans are going to local teenagers in the community.”

Lockout looms as Met contracts set to expire

By MIKE SILVERMAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Figaro might not be getting married anytime soon. Mimi and Rodolfo might not fall in love in that cold Parisian garret. And Macbeth might never murder his way to the throne.

That’s the bleak scenario at the Metropolitan Opera, where fractious labor negotiations threaten to disrupt the new season for the first time in more than 30 years. This week, the company’s general manager, Peter Gelb, vowed to lock out union members — cutting off pay and health insurance — unless they settle before contracts expire July 31.

And that seems unlikely, given that the Met and unions representing the orchestra and chorus are only now sitting down to serious negotiations on management’s demands for pay and benefit concessions averaging 16 percent to 17 percent. Unions for stagehands and other backstage workers have been meeting with management but remain far from agreement.

The Met says deep cuts are essential if the company is to avert financial ruin, while the unions say the money problems have resulted from Gelb’s bad management and could be addressed by cost savings that include fewer and less lavish new productions.

“We need to impose a lockout because otherwise we have no ability to make them take this seriously,” Gelb said in an interview Thursday. “The short-term pain is something we’d have to live with in order to provide long-term survival.”

Joe Hartnett, who is coordinating negotiations for six units of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, counters: “We are willing to tighten our belts if Peter Gelb is willing to cut up his credit cards. It’s more than just our labor costs that’s the problem.”

The last time there was a work stoppage at the Met, in 1980, the company locked out its unions for 11 weeks. The orchestra players eventually won their demand that they be required to play only four performances a week instead of five, but the curtailed season didn’t open until December

(symbolically, not with an opera but with a performance of Mahler’s “Resurrection” symphony).

It’s unclear how long a lockout might last this time, but it could hamper preparations for the season, which is set to open Sept. 22 with a new production of Mozart’s “The Marriage of Figaro,” followed on consecutive nights by Puccini’s “La Boheme” and Verdi’s “Macbeth.”

The Met is unique among American opera companies in both the length of its season (seven performances a week from September to May) and the size of its house (3,800 seats and an additional 200 standing room spots).

The way Gelb sees it, the Met is facing a crisis brought on by declining attendance and “donor fatigue,” the unwillingness of wealthy supporters to keep providing unlimited support for a failing institution.

Last season the company reported a deficit of \$2.8 million on a budget of more than \$300 million, of which more than \$200 million went for pay and benefits to the Met’s unions and its principal singers.

That deficit might not sound like a lot, but Gelb said it “could have easily been \$20 million to \$30 million if I had not been calling up our donors and getting them to fill the gap.”

If the unions would agree to concessions, Gelb said, the savings of more than \$30 million annually would inspire the board to carry through a plan to double the company’s relatively anemic endowment of \$253 million and guarantee future financial security.

Gelb said he won’t cut union members’ base pay, but wants to trim “high-end” health and pension benefits and eliminate “excessive work rules that trigger overtime on a daily basis.”

As an example of inflated pay, the Met has cited singers in its chorus making \$200,000 a year. But Alan S. Gordon, executive director of the American Guild of Musical Artists, which represents chorus members, called that figure misleading. He said their base salary is \$104,000, “and everything else is overtime caused by his productions. He wants us to work overtime with no pay.”

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Pot: Not legal everywhere in Colo.

The Associated Press

DENVER — Pot may be legal in some states — but the neighbors don't have to like it.

Marijuana and hemp have joined wacky paint colors and unsightly fences as common neighborhood disputes facing homeowners' associations. Though a few HOAs have willingly changed their rules to accommodate for legal marijuana use or home-growing, many more are banning home pot smoking.

Homeowners' associations can't ban members from using marijuana in their homes when it's legal. But if neighbors can see or smell weed, the law is clear — HOAs have every right to regulate the drug as a nuisance, or a threat to children along the lines of a swimming pool with no fence.

"The fact that people may be legally entitled to smoke doesn't mean they can do it wherever they want, any more than they could walk into a restaurant and light up a cigarette," said Richard Thompson, who owns a management consulting company that specializes in condominium and homeowner associations.

Thompson said his home condo development in Portland, Oregon, is a prime example of how marijuana's growing acceptance has sparked neighbor conflicts.

"As soon as spring and summer come around, we hear complaints about marijuana smoke because people are out on their patios and they have the windows down," he said.

It's not clear how many homeowners' associations have confronted marijuana

conflicts in the 23 states with some form of legal marijuana. But lawyers who specialize in HOA disputes, as well as a Colorado regulatory agency that advises HOAs, say there are growing conflicts among neighbors who want to smoke pot and others who don't want to see it or smell it.

"What we're really seeing more now is regulating the associations' common areas," such as smoke wafting onto playgrounds or others' porches, said Erin McManis, an attorney in Phoenix whose firm represents hundreds of Arizona HOAs.

The Carrillo Ranch homeowners association in Chandler, Arizona, earlier this year took the rare step of withdrawing a proposed ban on residents smoking medical marijuana in their front and backyards and on their patios.

The HOA planned a meeting on the topic in March, but withdrew the proposal after many residents opposed the ban as too harsh.

"This is a personal-freedom issue where people were going to dictate how other people should live," Carrillo Ranch resident Tom LaBonte told The Arizona Republic in February, when the HOA dropped its proposal.

HOA lawyers say the Carrillo Ranch case illustrates the value of HOAs when the law changes, as with marijuana.

"Coming together and working on issues is something associations have been doing for a long time," McManis said. "We're hopeful that's how it's going to go forward now with medical marijuana."

Smoke isn't the only

neighbor complaint posed by loosening marijuana laws. Growing pot and hemp is prompting neighbor disputes, too.

A suburban Denver retiree learned the hard way this spring that he needed neighbors' permission before growing hemp. Jim Denny, of Brighton, Colorado, learned about marijuana's non-intoxicating cousin and decided to try the crop on a 75-by-100-foot plot in his yard.

But Denny's hemp plot ran afoul of his homeowners' association, which ruled the hemp experiment unacceptable.

"As soon as they heard about it, they said, 'We're not going to let anyone grow marijuana here,'" Denny said. "I explained to them that hemp is not marijuana, but they were dead-set against it."

So with his hemp plants about 2 feet tall, Denny invited hemp activists to come transplant them to somewhere without opposition from a homeowner association. Denny sold the plants for about \$3 each, a good price for a plant whose seeds can cost up to \$10 each because it can't be imported.

Hemp activists volunteered to pay Denny's fines for flouting the HOA, which could have run to \$600 a day. But Denny decided that living peacefully with his neighbors trumped making a political point.

"I had people calling up and saying, 'It's just a shame; we'll pay your fines all the way through to the end.' But I decided in the end not to fight it," said Denny, a technical writer and former software engineer. "At the end of the day, I live here."

Air travel a leap of faith for passengers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Airline travel requires passengers to make a leap of faith, entrusting their lives to pilots, airlines, air traffic controllers and others who regulate air travel.

Even after a week of multiple tragedies in worldwide aviation, "There isn't much that we can do to manipulate how we fly as passengers. But we also shouldn't worry too much," says Phil Derner, founder of the aviation enthusiast website NYC Aviation.

With one passenger plane being shot out of the sky and two crashing during storms, aviation experts said there was no pattern suggesting a huge gap in airline safety measures.

"One of things that makes me feel better when we look at these events is that if they all were the same type event or same root cause. Then you would say there's a systemic problem here, but each event is unique," said Jon Beatty, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, an airline industry-supported nonprofit in Alexandria, Virginia, that promotes global aviation safety.

Less than 1 in 2 million flights

last year ended in an accident that damaged a plane beyond repair, according to the International Air Transport Association. The statistic includes accidents involving cargo and charter airlines in its data as well as scheduled passenger airline flights. This week's aviation disasters have the potential to push airline fatalities this year to over 700 deaths — the most since 2010. And 2014 is still barely half over.

The misfortunes began July 18 when Malaysia Flight 17 was shot down over eastern Ukraine with 298 people on board. It's still uncertain who fired the missile that destroyed the plane, but Ukrainian officials have blamed ethnic Russian rebels, and U.S. officials have pointed to circumstantial evidence that suggests that may be the case.

Global aviation leaders will meet in Montreal next week to initiate discussions on a plan to address safety and security issues raised by the shoot-down of the Malaysia Airlines jet, an aviation official said late Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to discuss the issue publicly by name.

The shoot-down doubled

Malaysia Airlines' losses this year. The mysterious disappearance of Malaysia Flight 370 with 239 people on board in March combined with the destruction of Flight 17 amount to more than twice the total global airline fatalities in all of last year, which was the industry's safest year on record. Ascend, a global aviation industry consulting firm headquartered in London, counts 163 fatalities in 2013 involving passenger-carrying airliners with 14 seats or more.

On Wednesday, a TransAsia Airways plane crashed in Taiwan in stormy weather trailing a typhoon, killing 48 passengers, injuring 10 passengers and crew, and injuring five more people on the ground.

The next day an Air Algerie flight with 116 passengers and crew disappeared in a rainstorm over Mali while en route from Burkina Faso to Algeria's capital. The plane's wreckage was later found near Mali's border with Burkina Faso. The plane was operated for the airline by Swiftair, a Spanish carrier.

Derner said passengers can't do much about the path of their flights, and should leave it to aviation officials to learn the right

lessons from the downing of the Malaysian flight.

For all that is out of the passengers' control, though, there are still steps that travelers can take to be well informed, select solid airlines and practice good safety habits.

Some tips:

TRACKING FLIGHTS: FlightAware.com can show what path a specific flight has flown the past few days, which can give passengers an idea of what to expect on their own flight. However, flight plans typically aren't loaded until an hour or two before a flight, and change all the time. Within the United States, passengers can track a flight's planned path with the WindowSeat flight tracker app: http://download.cnet.com/WindowSeat-Lite-Flight-Tracker-Timer/3000-20428_4-75503094.html

SAFETY RECORDS: AirSafe.com offers airline-by-airline and model-by-model information on fatal plane crashes and other fatal events. It also shows crashes by regions of the world. Aviation-safety.net, a service of the Flight Safety Foundation, lists recent

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ASSESSING THE AIRLINE: The European Union keeps a list of airlines that are prohibited from flying there. If an airline makes that list, avoid it. http://ec.europa.eu/transport/modes/air/safety/air-ban/index_en.htm. It's also a good idea to see if a carrier is a member of the International Air Transport Association, the trade association for the world's airlines. If they're not, they might not have met the group's safety standards. <http://www.iata.org/about/members/pages/airline-list.aspx>

GOOD HABITS: AirSafe.com, run by former Boeing safety engineer Todd Curtis, offers 10 tips for safe flight. These include choosing larger aircraft and non-stop flights. Once onboard: listen to the safety briefing, keep overhead bins free of heavy items, keep seatbelts fastened during flight, listen to flight attendants, don't bring hazardous materials, let flight attendants pour any hot drinks, don't drink too much and keep your wits about you. http://www.airsafe.com/ten_tips.htm

Deadly fungus killing trees in Everglades

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A fungus carried by an invasive beetle from southeast Asia is felling trees across the Everglades, and experts have not found a way to stop the blight from spreading.

Then there's a bigger problem — the damage may be leaving Florida's fragile wetlands open to even more of an incursion from exotic plants threatening to choke the unique Everglades and undermine billions of dollars' worth of restoration projects.

Since first detected on the edge of Miami's western suburbs in 2011, laurel wilt has killed swamp bay trees scattered across 330,000 acres of the Everglades, a roughly 2 million-acre system that includes Everglades National Park. The fungus is spread by the tiny redbay ambrosia beetle, which likely arrived in this country in a shipment of wood packing material.

The same fungus also plagues commercial avocado trees and redbay trees elsewhere in Florida and the Southeast. While the state has been working with the avocado industry to mitigate the damage, there's been no way to contain it in swamp bay or redbay trees. Experts say the best

defense would be stopping invasive pests from crossing U.S. borders in the first place.

Hundreds of millions of redbay trees have succumbed across six states since 2002, said Jason Smith, an expert in forest pathology at the University of Florida.

"It's amazing how much of an impact this one little tiny beetle that's no bigger than Lincoln's nose on a penny has done," Smith said in a recent interview. "And it continues to spread."

This summer, Smith will survey the national park for living swamp bay trees to collect samples in the hopes of propagating new trees resistant to the pathogen from their cuttings or seeds. The South Florida Water Management District, the state agency that oversees Everglades restoration, also plans to ramp up its monitoring and maintenance of the tree islands where swamp bays are found.

The damage is easily spotted from the air and from the highway that cuts across the Everglades. Gray skeletons of swamp bays that died in the pathogen's first wave and newly dead trees that have turned dry and brown mar the dark green tree islands that dot the vast expanse of pale sawgrass.

Each tree island is losing up to half its tree canopy, said LeRoy Rodgers, the water management district's lead invasive species biologist.

That's worrisome because invasive plants may work their way into those open spaces — like weeds in a garden, but worse.

Old world climbing fern, melaleuca, Australian pine and Brazilian pepper are the invaders that particularly worry state and federal caretakers of the Everglades. Like the invasive Burmese pythons that are blamed for dramatic drops in the populations of native mammals in the wetlands, the plants have established a home in South Florida's sunny and wet climate.

The exotic plants can transform sawgrass prairies into impenetrable thickets, and they fuel explosive fires that kill native plants adapted for less intense burns. They're not a food source for native wildlife, and in coastal areas, their roots can disrupt the nests of endangered sea turtles. They're so tenacious and difficult to remove that even if Smith finds a way to propagate swamp bays to replace the ones lost, the invasive plants could prevent them from taking root.

"We already have these problems with invasives that are almost too daunting. When you add laurel wilt to the mix, it's only going to get worse," said Tylan Dean, chief of biology at Everglades National Park.

Nonnative plants currently comprise 16 percent of the flora in the Everglades, according to a congressionally mandated restoration progress report published last month by the National Research Council.

Billions of dollars have been pledged for Everglades restoration projects that span decades, but those funds are mostly focused on restoring a more natural flow of freshwater through the wetlands south to the Florida Keys.

In spite of the disturbances they cause, invasive species haven't been factored into Everglades restoration planning beyond treating invasive plants that spread during construction, and there's little funding or manpower available to fight them back, according to the report.

"In Everglades restoration, we have a mantra: we want to get the water right," Rodgers said. "But if we cannot deal with the invasive species, we can get the water right but not get the Everglades we thought we were getting."

Obama wants limits on US company mergers abroad

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Staking out a populist stand ahead of the midterm elections, President Barack Obama on Thursday demanded "economic patriotism" from U.S. corporations that use legal means to avoid U.S. taxes through overseas mergers.

"I don't care if it's legal," Obama declared. "It's wrong."

Obama and congressional Democrats are pushing to severely limit such deals, a move resisted by Republicans who argue the entire corporate tax code needs an

overhaul. At issue are companies that enter into arrangements with foreign companies, shifting their tax addresses overseas while retaining their U.S. headquarters.

"They're technically renouncing their U.S. citizenship. They're declaring they are based somewhere else even though most of their operations are here," Obama said at a technical college in Los Angeles. "You know, some people are calling these companies corporate deserters."

He also charged that such companies are "cherry-picking the rules."

Though Obama included a proposal to rein in such mergers and acquisitions in

his 2015 budget, his speech marked a new, more aggressive focus on the subject.

The push came amid a developing trend by companies to reorganize with foreign entities through deals called "inversions" partly to reduce their tax payments in the U.S.

It also came ahead of the fall political campaign as Democrats seek to draw sharp contrasts with Republicans by portraying them as defenders of corporate loopholes. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and others have been drawing praise from liberal arms of the Democratic Party for their overtly populist positions.

The growth of inversions has also concerned Republicans, but by and large they have called for a broader tax overhaul that would reduce corporate rates.

A total of 47 U.S.-based companies have merged with or acquired foreign businesses over the past decade in inversions, according to the Congressional Research Service. The issue gained attention earlier this year when Pfizer made an unsuccessful attempt to take over British drugmaker AstraZeneca. The deal would have allowed Pfizer to incorporate in Britain and thus limit its exposure to higher U.S. corporate tax rates

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Section D

TRAVEL TALES



Sandy Kishton

Touring Martha's Vineyard

We arrived at the harbor in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard from Hyannis on the ferry. Upon our arrival, we decided to do a bus tour that would take us around to the other five towns on the 100 square mile island. We ended up with a private tour on a van instead of with a group on an old school bus. Our tour guide was Russell. (On a side note, we spent an adequate amount of time researching him on the Internet after we got back to our room, based on a few comments he made. During our tour he shared so much history, not only about the island, but a little hint at times about himself. He was born and raised on the island. After going online, we found out he was a retired civil engineer, hydrologist and once the county manager. He's been retired since 2012 and now runs around the island giving tours wearing flip flops and sporting a pony tail. Who knew? Just goes to show you, don't judge a book by its cover).

He started the tour by taking us out to Ocean Park where there are a lot of Victorian-inspired homes. During this stretch of the ride he explained that each township has a different flair. For example, Oak Bluffs is more bohemian, where Edgartown is more refined and where the rich and famous mostly stay. I think those two towns are the only "wet" ones of the six, too.

During the ride, Russell explained about the geology of the island, like how 15,000 years ago rock debris from glaciers and ice sheets helped form

TRAVEL continued on 4D

Reaching out to Teach

Tammy Collier walked the path from student to teacher in just 4 years.

By AVALYN HUNTER
Special to the Reporter

FORT WHITE
Prior to World War II, few rural Southerners got more than an 8th-grade education. Seventy years later, high school graduation with sufficient preparation to go on to college or a technical school is the expected standard.

As expectations for education have risen, so have the requirements for teachers. Once the province of local school boards, teacher qualifications are now set by the Florida Department of Education. The goal is to certify teachers who can meet the demands of passing on knowledge in an increasingly technical society.

Tammy Collier is an example of the level of training new teachers require. A new hire in the mathematics department at Fort White High School, she has spent the last four years in rigorous preparation for her new role.

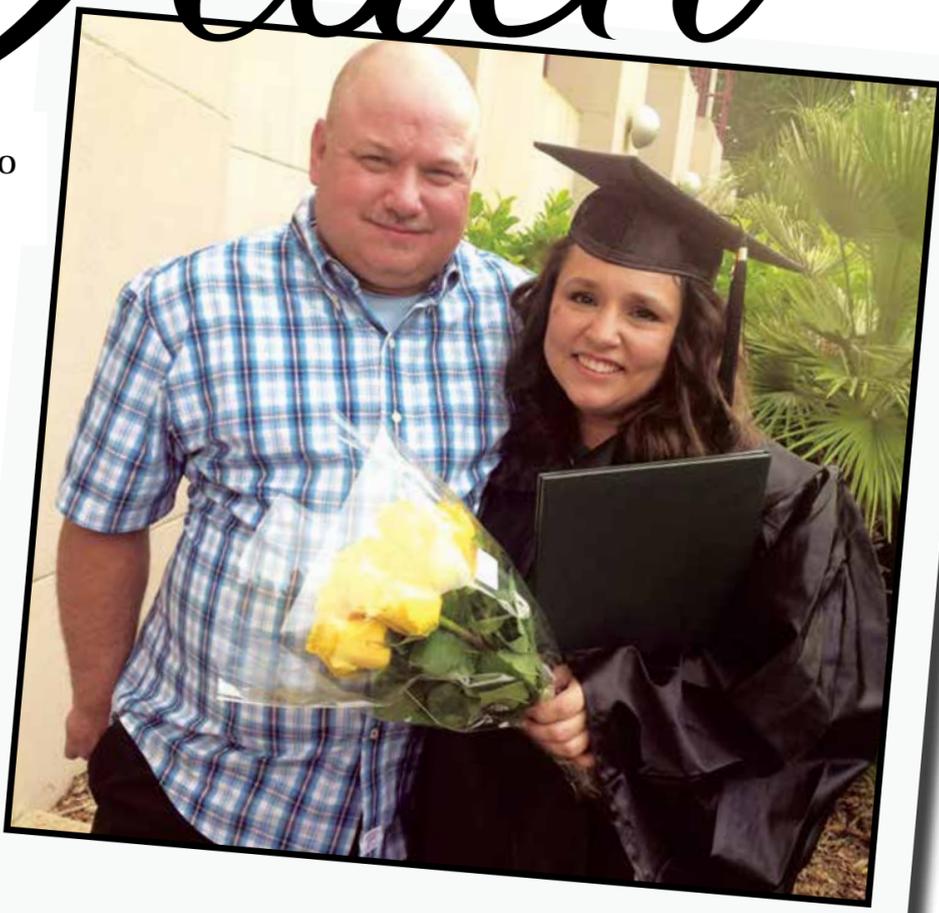
The art of teaching

"You have to have a bachelor's degree to teach, but it's not just about knowing a subject," she explained. "In addition to math courses, I had a lot of courses on pedagogy — that's the art of teaching. I had to learn about child development and behavior, theories of learning, how to structure a classroom, and how to develop lessons."

Modern teacher education emphasizes hands-on learning as well. "You learn a lot about teaching in the classroom, but it's all theory," Collier said with a laugh. "Practicums and your internship are where you learn how to apply that theory. You're supervised by an experienced teacher, so it's a chance to get your feet wet before you plunge into teaching on your own."

As part of her bachelor's program at Saint Leo University, Collier rotated through three one-semester practicums at three different schools, teaching one day a week during each. Her internship took place at a fourth school and was more intense, putting her in the classroom five days a week.

"One good thing about the way



ABOVE: Tammy Collier is seen at her graduation from Saint Leo University with her husband Joe Collier. COURTESY PHOTO

Saint Leo's does things is that I rotated through schools in different settings and served different demographic groups. I also taught a different grade during each practicum," Collier said. "It gave me experience in teaching children from differing subcultures and at differing levels of maturity and behavior. Some of them were a little rough, but that's part of the challenge of being a teacher. You have to reach them at the level they're on and work from there."

Teachers are tested, too

Student teachers must pass three tests before they can be certified in Florida. The first is a general knowledge test given in the second semester of a student teacher's junior year. As a senior, a student teacher must pass a professional exam on teaching skills and a test covering a specific content area such as math, science, social sciences or language arts.

Graduation and attainment of a teacher's certificate are only the beginning of a teacher's education. Besides learning from experience gained in the classroom,

teachers are required to engage in continuing education in pedagogy and their subject areas to maintain their certifications. Many choose to go on to graduate degrees as well.

Collier's transition from student to teacher means that it isn't just her four daughters who are looking forward to the new school year with a mix of anticipation and nerves. "They don't have to report until August 18," Collier said. "I have to go in next week to pair with a veteran teacher. For the next two weeks, I'm going to be asking a lot of questions about the system — where things are, how to get computer access, how to make use of the technology they have available. I'm a little nervous, but it's just a matter of finding out the thousand and one little things I need to know to be ready to teach."

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DEAR ABBY

Everyday walk in the park is marred by silent man's stare

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman in my 30s. Every morning I walk my dog in the park near my house. Each morning I see the same maintenance man in the park and he stares at me in a way that makes me uncomfortable. I have tried saying "Good morning," but he doesn't reply and just continues to stare.



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

I don't think I should have to stop frequenting the park because this creepy man works there. Is there a way I can confront him about his staring without making the situation more uncomfortable? — DOG WALKER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR DOG WALKER: Has it occurred to you that the man may be mute, or perhaps doesn't speak English? Talk to some of the other women who frequent the park and ask if this happens with them, too. There may be an explanation for his behavior, and he may be perfectly harmless.

If you are still uneasy after that, contact the parks department. But I'd hate to see someone lose his job who might be concerned only about whether you're picking up after your dog.

DEAR ABBY: When my son visits me, he stays in a hotel with his family instead of in our home. When he visits his parents-in-law, he stays in their home. His in-laws would consider it disrespectful if he didn't.

He used to stay here before he got married. His siblings and I feel hurt and disrespected, and we also think it is inappropriate. When his siblings visit, they stay at our home.

My wife died 19 months ago. I know if she were here, he wouldn't even think of staying anywhere else. How should I (and my other children) handle this? — PROUD DAD IN NEVADA

DEAR PROUD DAD: The important thing is that they are visiting and sharing good times with you, not where they stay. I'm sure they have their reasons for wanting to sleep at the hotel. At the end of the evening, they

may crave some private conversation. Or, your daughter-in-law may feel uncomfortable now that your wife is gone. The way I would handle it is to simply ask them why, without being confrontational.

DEAR ABBY: When I attended the recent funeral of a family member, I saw someone walk up to the open casket and begin taking photos of the deceased. Then, if that wasn't enough, the person asked the deceased's caregivers to pose by the body!

I feel it was in extremely poor taste. Am I wrong? I know I'll see the "photographer" again at future funerals. — BAFFLED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR BAFFLED: In some cultures it is not offensive to take photos of people in their coffins; it is accepted, and relatives cherish these last mementos of their loved one. If you follow that logic, then it's understandable that having a photo of the deceased with the people who cared for him or her at the end would be desirable.

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

HOROSCOPES

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting out of the house and away from any controversy that is brewing around you will do you good and help you put things in perspective. Avoid anyone looking for a fight. Positive changes will bring good results. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Talk any pressing matter through calmly. Getting worked up over nothing will lead to domestic problems. Stick to your budget regardless of the pressure you may face to loosen up the cash flow. Focus on love and romance, not unnecessary spending. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Day trips, visiting people you enjoy being around and talking about plans for the future will all lead to interesting changes in the way you move forward personally and professionally. Get whatever offer you receive in writing and sign on the dotted line. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not like change, but it can lead to an interesting opportunity and improve your standard of living. Put a little backbone into what needs to be

done and move forward without looking back. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider unusual investments that show promise and have the potential to turn a dream into a reality. Present what you have to offer and you will find a way to invest in your attributes. Keep it simple and build a solid future. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A day trip or time spent with people working toward a similar goal will open up doors to new partnerships that offer unexpected contributions. Love is on the rise and a unique development will lead to a better domestic situation. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't rely on others when you should be taking care of whatever it is you want to see happen. Waiting for help will make you look lazy and lead to criticism. Make positive personal changes that prove you do your fair share. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to do things that are within your budget, but be sure to bring appreciation from the people you want to impress. A seminar that offers suggestions regarding a cost-efficient lifestyle will help you manage money matters. Love is

highlighted. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Investigate a financial opportunity. There is money to be made, but you must do your homework in order to pick the best and most feasible offer. Positive changes at home will improve your love life. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Relationships will be unpredictable. Don't feel you have to overspend in order to please and impress someone. Your charm and innovative, cost-efficient ideas should be enough to make someone you love happy. If not, re-evaluate your relationship. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotions will well up and situations will get blown out of proportion if you don't compromise. Weigh the pros and cons and consider how you can keep the peace and enjoy your day. Too much of anything will lead to trouble. ★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can secure your financial position if you go over your investments and bank statements. Taking care of responsibilities will ease your mind. Once you have a budget to work with, plan to do something fun with someone you love. ★★

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.

"U O J N J F J N J U D Z J R Z P K G T U R F J N J R M U O D T D E M B W X R D U M T G X D Z J G T X U J W W D A D U F G R O J G X R M N U G D W R." — R K J T E J N U N G E P

Previous Solution: "The biggest challenge in New Orleans has been to find workers who can climb a ladder after lunch." — Harry Anderson. TODAY'S CLUE: J Senba v

BIRTHDAYS

Norman Lear, 92; Jerry Van Dyke, 83; Bobby Gentry, 70; Peggy Fleming, 66; Betty Thomas, 66; Bill Engvall, 57; Christopher Dean, 56; Julian McMahon, 46; Triple H, 45; Maya Rudolph, 42; Seamus Dever, 38; Taylor Schilling, 30; Indiana Evans, 24.

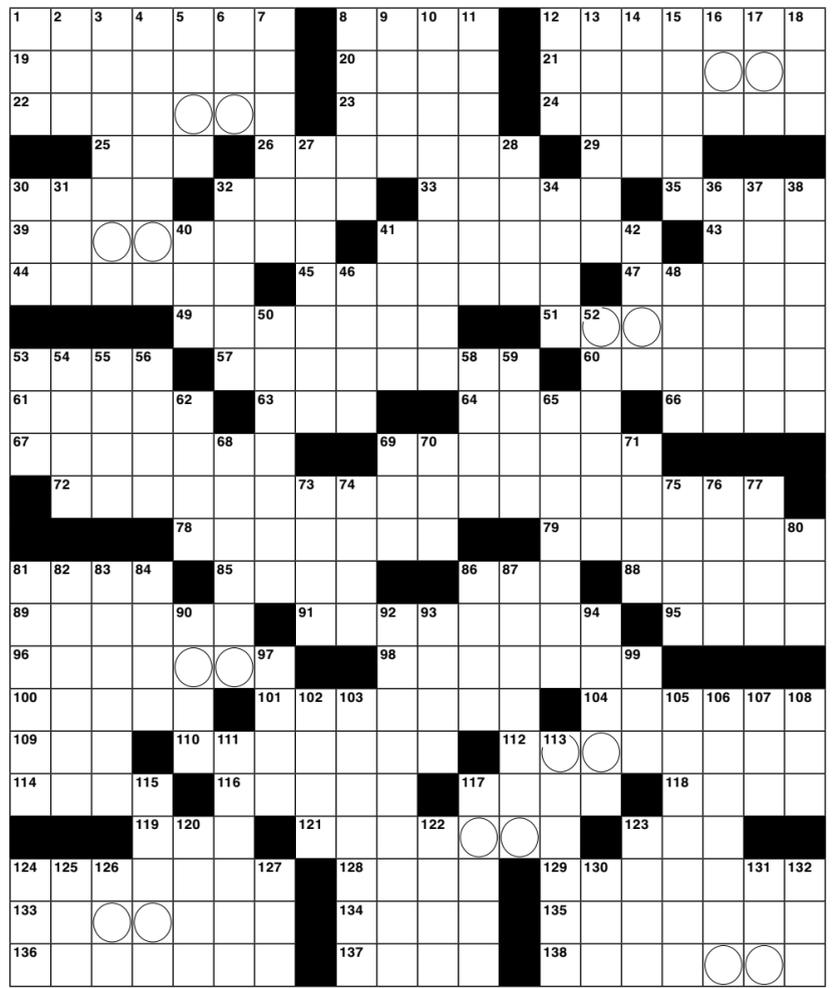
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

MOVING PARTS

BY ERIC BERLIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

The answer to each starred clue must have two consecutive letters removed before it is written into the grid. These letters will move to a pair of circles elsewhere in the puzzle. (In all cases, new words will be formed.) The nine letter pairs, when properly arranged, will spell an appropriate answer at 72-Across.

- ACROSS: 1 Swaddles, e.g. 8 *Turn, as a wheel 12 Edible plant extract 19 Be too fearful to 20 Former Nebraska senator James 21 Burger go-with 22 Yolk surrounder 23 Bit of sweat 24 Most hip 25 Low numero 26 Cowboys' activity 29 Cologne conjunction 30 Slushy drink 32 Kitten sounds 33 Detailed plans 35 Use a straw 39 Idea 41 Hides away 43 *Words of praise 44 Thingamajig 45 Strange 47 Cartoon dog 49 Italian dish that needs much stirring 51 Openly defy 53 *Royal messenger 57 Tony-winning musical with the song "Find Your Grail" 60 Long March participant 61 Not (none) 63 Raised transports 64 Unchanged 66 Classic muscle cars 67 Not just slow 69 Theater supporters 72 See instructions 78 Wise men 79 Is on the brink 81 Get rid of 85 menu 86 Eagle's org. 88 *Piddling 89 Smear 91 Locks up again 95 Painterish 96 Plain to see 98 Stir up 100 Trickster of American Indian mythology 101 Close overlap of fugue voices 104 Attack 109 K.C.-to-Detroit dir. 110 She rules 112 Indigenous 114 Caroled 116 "deal?" 117 Prix 118 Sci-fi's Hubbard 119 Appeared in print 121 Beast of burden 123 Young seal 124 Many ski lodges 128 Legitimate 129 Formed from a mold 133 Babble on 134 Cathedral area 135 Stay-at-home workers? 136 Tot-watched 137 Peevish state 138 Asparagus unit DOWN: 1 One of eight Eng. kings 2 Informal turndown 3 Email, say 4 Used tire 5 Pay to play 6 Glad-handing sort 7 Two-channel 8 *Upbraids 9 Field team 10 Mushroom 11 Reach, eventually 12 Cpl.'s inferior 13 Stir up 14 *Great in number 15 Card combinations 16 Low number 17 Checks at the door, say 18 W.W. II craft 27 Soccer blooper 28 Bother 30 Neither blue nor red?: Abbr. 31 Say sweet words 32 Some dresses 34 Saucier's boss 36 In the mood 37 Tenor from Naples 38 Don of "The Andy Griffith Show" 40 Sticky stuff 41 Mex. miss 42 41-Down's room 46 Convenience-store sights 48 Slow, hard progress 50 Stepped in for 52 French fine 53 Witch 54 "Enchanted" 55 Mideast currency 56 701, once 58 Bone: Prefix 59 Fictional estate 62 Chanteuse Eartha 65 State with the motto "Oro y plata" 68 Half sister of Ares 69 Greedy sort 70 Bird: Prefix 71 "Undo" mark 73 Overseas prince 74 Box office 75 Plus 76 Actor Dullea 77 Latin "was to be" 80 Underhanded 81 Three-ingredient treats 82 World capital where Monopoly is banned 83 Football team 84 Terrible 86 *Old West robber 87 "Shaddup!" 90 *Not rough 92 Like the cry "Veni, vidi, vici" 93 Abbr. in some city names 94 Old West transport 97 Shortening in recipes? 99 Spanish "that" 102 Windy City paper, with "the" 103 Election-night data 105 One of the Windward Islands 106 Facility for small planes 107 Nobel-winning writer Andric 108 N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer Dawson 111 Former transportation secretary Norman 113 Large-scale evacuation 115 *Newton subject 117 Choice cut 120 Latin "you love" 122 Sitarist Shankar 123 Nickname for José 124 P.D. alert 125 Brother's title 126 Poke fun at 127 Collection 130 Prankster 131 Bishop's domain 132 Classic fantasy game co.



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

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Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle.

Grid of numbers for the crossword puzzle.

TRAVEL

Continued From 1A

the island. He also told us that the many rocks used to build fence-like walls around the perimeters of the properties were pulled straight from the fields. Raising sheep was popular; in fact when the British came during the Revolutionary War, they forced the locals to give them all of their sheep to feed the soldiers.

He also pointed out locations where scenes from the movie Jaws was filmed. Very cool!

Our next stop was the gravesite of John Belushi; a nice little spot in the front of the cemetery. He was interred twice; According to our guide, he was actually moved from his original spot because all of his visitors tore up the grounds trekking back to his space. His tombstone has a New England classic slate design, complete with skull and crossbones that reads, "I may be gone but Rock and Roll lives on". Interestingly enough, Russell said that often bottles of beer and joints are left on his headstone. We didn't find anything like that, but we did see money scattered about — coins that were left instead. When he was moved from that spot they located an unmarked tombstone so he could "rest in peace." Apparently, John and his wife had bought a summer home on the island three years prior to his death.

We had more of the same interesting tidbits on our way back around to Oak Bluffs and had lunch at Nancy's. It's on the water with a deck overlooking the harbor. This was the first stop where we tried the lobster rolls we've been hearing about and boy, were they good... lots of large clumps from the claws on a buttered and toasted bun and hmmm hmmm!!!

Martha's Vineyard had a lot to offer and touring it the way we did gave us a great overview. Another place to check off the bucket list!

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Follow the 5 D's to avoid mosquitos

Mosquitos have a way of ruining many outdoor activities. Not only are mosquito bites irritating and painful, but they can also transmit serious diseases. An outbreak of Chikungunya, a disease caused by a mosquito transmitted virus, has sickened more than 300,000 people in the Caribbean so far this year. On July 17, two Florida residents reportedly contracted this disease from mosquitos in Florida. There is no vaccine for this virus. Learn more at <http://www.cdc.gov/chikungunya>.

To protect ourselves, we can follow the 5 D's recommended by the Department of Health: Drain standing water, stay inside from Dusk to Dawn, Dress to minimize exposed skin, and use Deet repellents.

There are repellents that work and there are so-called repellents that just don't provide any protection from bites. The effectiveness of a repellent is measured by the length of protection from bites after just one applica-

GARDEN TALK



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tion. This length of time is called the Complete Protection Time, or CPT. The CPT is different for each of the many brands of repellents that we have to choose from at the store.

If the mosquitos don't bite you for three hours after you apply a repellent, then it has a protection time of three hours. Keep in mind that what works for you may not work the same for others members of your family. Other factors that determine how long a repellent works are humidity, temperature, swimming and activities.

The Centers for Disease Control recommend Deet, Picaridin, and Oil of Lemon-Eucalyptus as active ingredients for repellents. The active



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Aedes aegypti: The yellow fever mosquito.

ingredient is the substance which actually keeps the pests away. To get a product with the best protection, look for one of these three ingredients on the label. Read the label for appropriate age and application rates. And never use a repellent that does not have EPA approval on the label.

Deet is a synthetic chemical used in many different insect repelling products. Mosquitos are not killed by the chemical, but they do avoid skin treated with Deet. Deet also repels gnats, ticks, mites, and blood-sucking

flies. Generally, the higher percentages of Deet offer better protection. This chemical, used now for 46 years, is safe when the label directions are followed.

Beware of product advertisements that sound too good to be true. Products containing Citronella have a very short protection time, if any at all. Products that simply strap onto the wrist were shown to have zero protection. To see the protection test results of many products go to <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN419>. Become informed

before you buy.

There are devices on the market that claim to spray, zap, or scare away mosquitoes. Bug zappers are devices that have been around for decades. They attract mosquitoes with ultraviolet light and then electrocute them. Studies have shown, however, that the population of biters is not really reduced. Other types of flying insects are zapped more often than mosquitos. Maybe just the sound of constant zapping makes us feel more bug proofed.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, the claims that ultrasonic sound devices repel mosquitoes are false. The products are battery operated and are said to emit sounds that frighten the mosquitos. The devices don't kill or repel mosquitoes, and they don't protect us or our pets. Get the most for your money, stay safe and be an educated consumer.

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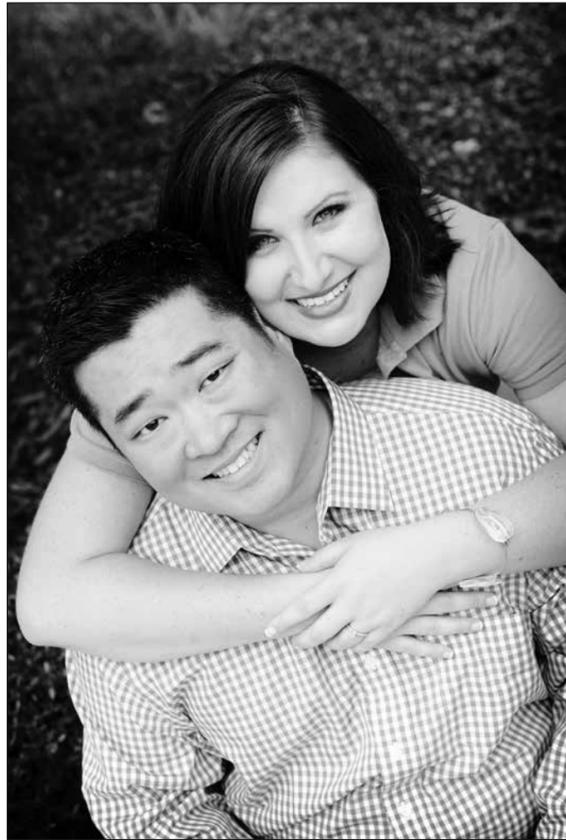
Marriage



Shefchik weds Bhaskar

Dr. and Mrs. Girish and Prema Bhaskar of Lake City are pleased to announce the wedding of their son, Sudhir Bhaskar, to Lori Beth Shefchik, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Jan Shefchik of Sturgeon Bay, Wis. The wedding was July 26 at Baileys Harbor, Wis. The groom graduated from Columbia High School in 1998. He works as the E-commerce Manager at the corporate headquarters of Inter Continental Hotel Group in Atlanta, Ga. The bride is employed as an Assistant Professor of Accounting at the Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind.

Upcoming wedding



Cox and Banis to wed

Randy and Cheryl Cox, of Lake City, announce the engagement and upcoming wedding of their daughter, Lesley Megan Cox, of Gainesville, to Patrick Casimir Banis, of Gainesville, son of Richard and Trisha Banis, of Sebring. An August wedding is planned. Cox is a 2003 graduate of Columbia High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Public Relations and Business. She is employed as Executive Director of Sebastian Ferrero Foundation. Banis is a 1998 graduate of Sebring High School and a 2002 graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in Business Administration. He is employed as an Agency Development Manager at Tower Hill Insurance Group.

Don't miss your class reunion

CHS '84 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th High School Reunion on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 6-11 p.m. at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Banquet Hall. Cost is \$40 per person. Start the weekend early with a meet & greet at Gator's Dockside, Friday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. Make payments to www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/28609 or visit the Facebook page CHS Class of 1984 30th Reunion. You may also call Kelli K. Ronsonet at 386-397-9482.

CHS '74 Reunion

The CHS Class of 1974 will hold its 40th Class Reunion on August 15 and 16. Friday, August 15 will consist of an informal get-together at Gator Dockside at 7 p.m. Saturday, August 16 will be the reunion at Quail Heights Country Club. Social hour will begin at 7 p.m.; a DJ will perform from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The cash bar will be available all night along with hor d'oeuvres. Cost is \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. Send your registration and check payable to CHS 1974 Class Reunion, 223 SE Lillian Loop Apt. 102 (Lake City) no later than August 1. Contact Tonia Edenfield at 386-961-6328 with questions.

SHS '84 Reunion

The SHS Class of 1984 will hold its 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Brown Lantern, 417 E. Howard St., Live Oak. Dress is casual. Cost is \$40 per person. A cash bar will be available at a discounted price for wine and bottled beer. Entertainment is provided by DJ Kickin' Kevin Thomas. RSVP to shs1984reunion@gmail.com by Aug. 15. Payment must be received by Sept. 15. Make check/money order payable to Class of 1984 Sue Swann Ratliff P.O. Box 120 McAlpin, FL 32062. The Holiday Inn Express is offering a lodging discount: \$112.57 per night with a minimum of 10 rooms reserved. Reservation deadline is Oct. 6. Questions? Email shs1984reunion@gmail.com.

Birth Announcement: It's a boy

Robert James Weatherspoon

U.S. Army Warrant Officer Robert J. "Bobby" Weatherspoon and former U.S. Army Spc. Ashley Brown Weatherspoon announce the birth of their son, Robert James on May 2 in Seoul, Korea.

Robert James weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 inches.

He joins Destiny, 11 and Jasmine, 7.

Grandparents are James and Lillie Brown of Orangeburg, SC, and Robert and Deborah Weatherspoon of Lake City.

Great-grandparents are Richardean Brown and the late James Brown of Orangeburg, SC; Albert and Louise Mack of Orangeburg, SC; Ophelia Lucas and the late James Lucas of Jacksonville; and the late Calvin and Bernice Weatherspoon of Madison.

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Art in the area

Da Vinci Program

The Art league of North Florida, The Friends of the Library, and the Columbia County Library are offering free art classes entitled "The Young Da Vinci Program" at the West Branch of the Public Library. Registration is July 30 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. The classes will be held Thursday, July 31, Friday, August 1, and Saturday, August 2 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. The program is for children ages 10 through 14. The classes are taught by professional artists. Class space is limited and is offered on a first-come basis. For additional information call the Gateway Art Gallery at 752-5229.

Artists Wanted for Exhibition

The Live Oak Artists Guild will be presenting their annual fine arts exhibition September 8-19. All artists, age 18 or older, are eligible and invited to submit an application. Applications and with an entry fee of \$25 for members or \$35 for non-members must be submitted by August 22. A photo or digital image must be submitted with the application. Applications are available at The Frame Shop & Gallery and the Suwannee River Regional Library. Or, artists may download/print the application from: <http://theloag.blogspot.com/>. If you have any questions, please contact Glinda Pennock at 386-364-9363. Autumn Artfest 2014 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received.