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## PINEMOUNT ELEMENTARY Parents: Kids still in fear of teacher

Parents also angry that Mary Rachal won't face charges.

By **ROBERT BRIDGES**  
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Parents of seven Pinemount Elementary School students who were allegedly struck, paddled and pinched by a kindergarten teacher say the children now live in fear of the woman, who, according to parents, told the children not to tell and gave them gifts to keep silent.

They are angry as well that Third Circuit State Attorney Jeff Siegmeister has opted not to file criminal charges against the woman.

Mary Lee Rachal, 43, a kindergarten teacher at Pinemount, allegedly struck at least seven of her students with rulers and paddles in an open closet in her classroom up until May.

According to school officials, Rachal violated district policy on corporal punishment. The district referred the case to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, which then sent Siegmeister a 30-page report detailing allegations by parents and students.

According to CCSO, the Florida Abuse Hotline in May received four calls saying Rachal had struck up to eight of her students. The children range in age from 5-7 years old. The report did not say how long she had allegedly been spanking them.

### 'What if we see her in Walmart?'

The CCSO reports says Rachal struck the children on the legs, buttocks and hands with a ruler and made them stay in the closet until they stopped crying. Some children were allegedly pinched by Rachal, leaving bruises. One mother said Rachal berated her son to other students after spanking him.

"The ... baby is going to be in the closet for a while until he stops crying," Terri Melton said her child told her Rachal announced to his classmates after he had been spanked.

Melton and the parents and grandmother of six other children who were allegedly pinched and struck by Rachal met with Siegmeister Friday morning, and after learning he would not file charges, drove to the office of the Lake City Reporter to voice their concerns.

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# New district for us?

Congressional District 3 could be redrawn before election.

By **SARAH LOFTUS**  
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Columbia County voters have been on notice that congressional District 3 may get redrawn, but with a Tallahassee judge's order on Friday, it may happen sooner than anyone thought.

Circuit Judge Terry Lewis ordered legislators to hold a special session to draw up a new congressional map for the state by Aug. 15, the day before early voting is set to begin. Lewis ruled the old map illegal last month, saying it violated the state's Fair Districts Amendments, which prohibit drawing legislative or congress-

sional maps to benefit an incumbent or one political party over another.

Lewis' July 10 ruling sparked a legal battle over what to do since Florida's primary election is scheduled for Aug. 26.

The groups that challenged the current districts wanted Lewis to adopt a new map and

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## GOT YOUR GOAT

Learning to paint like Da Vinci



Photos by **SARAH LOFTUS/Lake City Reporter**

Josiah Car, 14, was one of about 20 participants in the final class of the three-day Da Vinci art program on Saturday at the west branch of the Columbia County Public Library. In Saturday's class, the participants used watercolors to paint a goat head and neck.

### Aspiring artists get practice painting livestock at final day of Art League program.

By **SARAH LOFTUS**  
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Kamryn Tyre, 12, won a bet with her uncle on Saturday, thanks to the Da Vinci art program for children.

The bet? Twenty dollars to paint anything other than a cat.

Painting and cats are Kamryn's first loves, so usually she paints cats, mostly her own cat, Molly, who she's had since she was about three.

"I'm like a cat fanatic. My mother says I'm obsessed," she said. "I'm not. I have a healthy liking."

But on Saturday, Kamryn broke away from her preferred subject to paint the head of a goat, which according to her means she won the bet.

She said it's irrelevant that every child at the Da Vinci art program on Saturday was using watercolors to paint a goat. There were no stipulations in the bet saying she had to freely choose to paint something else, she said.

The Da Vinci program, sponsored by the Art League of North Florida, Gateway Art Gallery, The Friends of the Library and Columbia County Library, may not have helped its other participants win bets with their uncles, like it did Kamryn, but it did help them improve their artistic skills.

The free, three-day program for 10- to 14-year-

DA VINCI continued on 3A

## Yoho, Rush to meet at FGC forum

To take questions from LCR editor Monday on TV.

By **SARAH LOFTUS**  
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The race for U.S. Congress in Florida's third district is heating up, with challenger Jake Rush launching attacks on members of U.S. Rep Ted Yoho's family, and Yoho calling into question his



Yoho



Rush

opponent's character. Monday at 8:30 p.m. voters can see the two answer questions on live TV here in Lake City concerning the state of the union and their contentious campaign.

Local candidates for school board, county attorney, city council and county commission will also participate in the Florida Gateway College candidates forum, sponsored by FGC, the Lake City Reporter and the Lake City-Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.

The forum runs Monday and Tuesday nights.

Monday at 7 p.m. candidates for school board District 1 will be on TV answering questions specific to school board. After that, at 7:30 p.m., District 3 school board candidates will be on public access TV. County attorney candidates will be on answering questions at 8 p.m. The congressional candidates follow at 8:30.

On Tuesday, District 10 city council candidates will be on TV at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., those running for city council District 14 will have their turn to answer questions specific to city council. At 8 p.m., county

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COURTESY

## CCSO has new receptionist

In a ceremony Friday, Sheriff Mark Hunter swore in Chelsea Collins to the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. Collins took the oath as a civilian employee. She will be assigned to the Records Section as the receptionist.

## Scripture of the Day

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." — James 1:22-24

## Thought for Today

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead. The consciousness of loving and being loved brings a warmth and richness to life that nothing else can bring. — Oscar Wilde, Irish writer and poet (1854-1900)

## Winning Lottery Numbers

**Cash 3:** (Saturday) 8-7-4

**Play 4:** (Saturday) 3-4-9-1

**Fantasy 5:** (Friday) 10-12-17-24-34

**Florida Lotto:** (Wednesday) 8-31-35-36-44-51-x3

**PowerBall:** (Wednesday) 13-30-42-49-53-29-x3

# AROUND FLORIDA

## Family's search for missing man ends at jail

**LEESBURG** — The family of an apparently missing Kansas City man spent weeks and drove more than 1,200 miles in an effort to find him before learning that he has been in a Florida jail since July.

The Leesburg Daily Commercial reports that the Kansas City man was arrested and taken to the Marion County jail after a trespassing incident on July 7.

The man's family drove from Kansas city and distributed missing-person flyers throughout central Florida in an effort to find him. An Ocala-area church helped in the search and housed the family.

A person who saw one of the fliers called the family and told them the man they were looking for was in jail.

## Photo bomb leads to beach brawl

**GRAYTON BEACH** — Panhandle authorities say an accidental photo bomb of a wedding by a man collecting beach lounge chairs lead to a brawl

between the man and the wedding party.

The Northwest Florida Daily News reports that members of the wedding party, including the bride, attacked the man who was removing his rental lounge chairs from a stretch of Panhandle beach at the end of the day.

The man accidentally showed up in the background of some wedding photos.

Witnesses told the Walton County Sheriff's office that words were exchanged between the man and the members of the wedding party before members of the wedding party began to attack the man.

The sheriff's office said that the man declined to file charges against any members of the wedding party.

## Man critical in I-95 road rage shooting

**STUART** — A manhunt was underway Friday for a suspect police said shot a 22-year-old Florida man in an act of road rage.

Twenty-two-year-old Steven Simon, of West Palm Beach, was

driving on Interstate 95 Thursday evening near Stuart when another vehicle drove up behind him, a witness told deputies.

Simon attempted to get out of the way, but the vehicle passed him before slowing down again, Lovelyn Salomon, 25, a passenger in Simon's car, told investigators.

As Simon moved further away, the suspect pulled up along the side of the vehicle and fired a gun through the window, striking Simon in the head, according to a Martin County Sheriff's Office report.

Simon's vehicle careened off the highway and through a metal barrier before coming to a stop.

The first deputy responding to the scene discovered Simon bleeding heavily and slumped back in the driver's seat.

"Officer help me, I'm going under, I need oxygen," he said, according to the sheriff's report.

The deputy applied pressure to Simon's head wound and tried to get information on who had shot him.

Simon and Salomon described

the suspect as an older man with medium-length white hair. He was driving an older model, beige colored sedan with round taillights, they said.

Paramedics then arrived on scene and transported Simon to a hospital. He remained in critical condition on Friday.

A statewide alert has been issued and all rest areas and gas stations are being checked.

Anyone with information on the suspect is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-822-273-TIPS.

## Dog stolen in robbery reunited with owner

**HOLLYWOOD** — A Florida woman and her Yorkshire terrier have been reunited after the dog was stolen during a robbery.

Hollywood police say the dog owner's brother was out for a walk with the Yorkie when he was approached by a man Wednesday at about 1 a.m.

The robber demanded that the victim empty his pockets and took off with a cell phone and the dog.

The Yorkie was found Friday morning along the South Dixie Highway corridor. She was taken to the Hollywood Animal hospital in stable condition.

Police are still searching for the robber. Anyone with information is asked to contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

## Skydiver in hospital after jump accident

**DELAND** — A skydiver has been hospitalized after sustaining head injuries during a jump in central Florida.

Authorities say 30-year-old Aline Leao of Brazil was involved in an accident near the DeLand Airport at about 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

Police say Leao had done more than a dozen jumps before but experienced a problem as she got to just above tree level on the way down.

Leao reportedly cut her chute and dropped about 30 to 40 feet to the ground.

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## Knock-Out at the Boy's Club

A group of young boys play a game of Knock-Out at Boy's Club. "This is a game that they play often," said Lake City Boy's Club director Bill Caley. "It's good to keep the boys moving."

# PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

## Kennedy clan gathers for RFK Jr. wedding

**HYANNIS, Mass.** — Relatives and friends are gathering for the wedding of Robert Kennedy Jr. and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" actress Cheryl Hines at the Kennedy compound on Cape Cod.

Kennedy's cousin Patrick Kennedy says the wedding was Saturday afternoon at Ethel Kennedy's home in Hyannis Port.

The 60-year-old Robert Kennedy is an environmental lawyer and activist who lives in New York. He is son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and nephew of President John F. Kennedy and the late Sen. Edward Kennedy. It will be his third marriage.

The 48-year-old Hines has been nominated twice for Emmys for her role playing Larry David's wife on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm."

## Manny Roth, founder of Café Wha?, dead at 94

Manny Roth, a colorful club owner in Greenwich Village whose Café Wha? and its basement level stage was a rite of passage in the 1960s for Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, Bruce Springsteen and many others, has died. He was 94.

Roth, the uncle of Van Halen singer David Lee Roth, died July 25. His daughter, Jodi Roth, said Friday that he died of natural causes at his home in Ojai, California.

As boisterous as his loud-mouthed nephew, Roth was a good man to know during a special place and time — when Greenwich Village was a mecca for upcoming artists and bohemians, where on a given night, you might see Woody Allen doing standup, or take in performances by Peter, Paul and Mary and such future rock 'n' rollers as Dylan and David Crosby.

Founded in the late 1950s, The Café Wha? was a former stable that Roth personally helped renovate, laying down the new floor and bringing in some friends to help decorate. The

look was such a mish-mash that Roth named the club Café Wha?

## Film, TV legend James Garner dies at age 86

**NEW YORK** — Few actors could register disbelief, exasperation or annoyance with more comic subtlety.

James Garner had a way of widening his eyes while the corner of his mouth sagged ever so slightly. Maybe he would swallow once to further make his point.

This portrait of fleeting disquiet could be understood, and identified with, by every member of the audience. Never mind Garner was tall, brawny and, well, movie-star handsome. The persona he perfected was never less than manly, good with his dukes and charming to the ladies, but his heroics were kept human-scale thanks to his gift for the comic turn. He remained one of the people.

The 86-year-old Garner, who died of natural causes at his Los Angeles home on July 19, was adept at drama and action. But he was best known for his low-key, wisecracking style, especially on his hit TV series, "Maverick" and "The Rockford Files."

## Lawsuit over Slipknot bassist's death dismissed

**DES MOINES, Iowa** — A judge says the widow of Slipknot bassist Paul Gray waited too long to file a lawsuit against Gray's former doctor.

The Des Moines Register says Polk County District Judge Dennis Stovall ruled earlier this week to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Brenna Gray against Dr. Daniel Baldi. Stovall said plaintiffs have up to two years to file.

Paul Gray died of an overdose in July 2010; Brenna Gray filed her suit on Feb. 14, 2014, accusing Baldi of failing to help her husband overcome his drug addictions.

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## SRWMD to meet Aug. 12

From staff reports

LIVE OAK — The Suwannee River Water Management District's Governing Board will meet Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 9 a.m. at District Headquarters, 9225 CR 49, Live Oak.

The meeting is to consider District business and conduct public hearings on regulatory, real estate, and other various matters.

A workshop will follow after the Governing Board meeting.

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by visiting the District's website at [www.mysuwanneeriver.com](http://www.mysuwanneeriver.com).

All meetings, workshops, and hearings are open to the public.

## FORUM

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at 8:30 p.m., the political forum will end with county commission District 4 candidates.

Mike McKee, executive director of media and public information at FGC, will host the forum, and Lake City Reporter editor Robert Bridges will act as moderator.

McKee said the forum allows voters who may not be able to attend other political rallies to get to know the candidates. It even helps voters who have seen the candidates elsewhere, he said. The candidates for each race are all asked the same questions, but they don't know the questions ahead of time, so viewers will hear honest answers and see real reactions to the ques-



Mike McKee, executive director of media and public information officer at FGC, (left) and Robert Bridges, editor of the Lake City Reporter, listen to candidates at the 2012 forum.

tions, he said.

"It's kind of on the fly. You've got to be able to answer questions on your feet," McKee said. "There

is no place to hide."

Bridges said candidates ought not expect softball questions.

"These people are

seeking positions of real responsibility," he said. "We want to know if they are up on the issues and capable of understanding

the complexities of the jobs for which they're applying."

The forum will be aired on FGC's channel, Channel 8, for those with Comcast, and on FGC's website to live-stream.

This year, Columbia County residents can also head to Gators Dockside at 313 NW Commons Loop Monday and Tuesday to watch the political forum, which will be broadcast on all the restaurant's TVs. Chamber of commerce executive director Denille Decker said this is the first year for a viewing party. It's the chamber's solution to the problem that a lot of Columbia County residents don't have Comcast to watch the forum at home.

"It's the simplest thing to do," she said.

Viewers can arrive at Gators Dockside anytime, Decker said.

## DA VINCI

Continued From 1A

olds, taught children how to paint with acrylics, oil pastels and water colors. This is about the fifth year they've hosted the program, said Wally Reichert, who is on the board of the Art League of North Florida and the Gateway Art Gallery. Each day, there was a different instructor, all of whom are members of the Art League of North Florida and have worked as art teachers.

On Thursday, Jane Kopp taught the kids the basics of painting with acrylics.

Unlike on Saturday, when everyone painted the same thing, the kids got to choose what they wanted to paint on Thursday, and the choice wasn't hard for Kamryn. She, of course, painted a cat. But it wasn't her traditional cat painting. She decided to paint a picture of a cat in a frame.

On Friday, Helen Beaty taught the kids how to paint like Van Gogh. She started the two-hour session with information on Vincent himself and then helped the children do a painting using his paint of choice, oil pastels, while following his techniques.

Then, on Saturday, Carol Ghionzoli wrapped up the

program by teaching her students how to paint with watercolors.

"Some (of the participants) like art, and this is a continuation of their education," Reichert said. "Some are being introduced to art for the first time on a more personal level."

Most of the children who started the program as art lovers said they were already familiar with at least one of the kinds of paints they learned about but it was good to get practice with the others.

Alkhnsa Raffay, who wants to be the next Leonardo Da Vinci, said she has never used oil pastels before but really liked them. Good thing, too, because Da Vinci used a lot of oil paints in his work. Alkhnsa, 12, said the reason she wants to paint like Da Vinci one day is because she loves the Mona Lisa.

Allison Matsubara, 9, was also unfamiliar with oil pastels before starting the program but didn't take to them like Alkhnsa did. Her grandmother was one of four artists helping Ghionzoli with Saturday's class, and she said she and her grandma paint together and usually use watercolors.

"Since I grew up doing watercolor, I'll probably do that," she said.

Even though Allison was familiar with watercolors before participating in Saturday's class, she still learned some new watercolor techniques in the class.

Stippling was one. It's more so letting your tiny brush touch the paper to create dots than it is painting.

The key to it, 12-year-old Jarod Sanders said, is having as little water as possible on your brush and making sure all of your marks are going the same way. They used stippling in Saturday's class to create the hair on the face of the goats they painted. So you want to make sure the hairs look like they're going the same way, he said.

Allison said she didn't know about stippling because it's not really a technique she uses in her work. Most of her paintings are of mountains from a distance, so everything blends together, she said.

Like many of Lake City's budding artists who participated in the Da Vinci program, Allison wants to be an artist when she grows up and is excited to one day sell her work in a gallery.

"I'll never sell the originals though," she said.

Jarod is another one of the program's participants hoping to be a great artist

one day, but he's not sure if wants to do it professionally or just as a hobby. His grandmother, he said, is an artist who just paints on the side, so maybe he'll just do the same one day, he said.

Jarod's love of art began when he was in second grade and realized that sketching, something he loved to do, was a form of art.

"And then I got really interested in art, and it just kind of went from there," Jarod said. "The smallest things can make you interested in art."

Jarod was one of about 20 children at Ghionzoli's Saturday class on watercolor painting. Each child had a sketch of a goat's head and neck that they painted with Ghionzoli's help. They started by painting the paper with water to prepare it for the paint, said Ghionzoli, who is a retired art teacher. Then they diluted some yellow paint with water and painted a thin layer of it onto the goat head. After that, they created the shadows, creases and hairs with blends of dark brown.

Ghionzoli said it was great group of students.

"I enjoy working with kids. It always invigorates me," she said. "They push you into life. They're so full of life. You can't help but be enriched by them."

## Still in need of an absentee ballot? Call the Supervisor of Elections Office

From staff reports

All vote-by-mail (absentee) ballots have been mailed to all voters that have requested them for the Aug. 26 primary election.

If you or a member of your family still needs an absentee ballot, or have any questions regarding absentee voting, please call 758-1026 x 3105.

You may also stop by the office of Liz P. Horne, Supervisor of Elections, 971 W Duval St. Suite 102.

Or you can request to receive your ballot by mail by emailing [absentee@votecolumbia.com](mailto:absentee@votecolumbia.com).

Early voting begins Wednesday, August 16 and will run through August 23.

Early voting will be at the Lake City Supervisor of Elections office and Fort White Community Center each of the eight days from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Early voting is for registered voters.

Guess who's turning 6?

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OUR OPINION

## Listen to Hayley

**B**y all accounts, Hayley Lewis is on the way to a miraculous recovery following a devastating ATV accident in June.

She can now walk a ways and has regained most of the use of her left arm, though she still has some distance to go.

One reason for the severity of her injuries?

She wasn't wearing a helmet when she crashed.

Now the young Columbia High grad, a student at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach with a bright future ahead of her, has a message for anyone who'll listen: When riding a four-wheeler, wear a helmet.

These are powerful machines with a high center of gravity and awkward handling characteristics.

Simply put, they can go fast and tip over without too much trouble.

And when they do, it's not uncommon for them to land on top of their riders. Compared to a dirt bike, which some years back used to be the rage for off-road fun, these machines are far more deadly.

We've seen a spate of serious ATV injuries in the area in recent months.

In some, a helmet may not have helped.

In most, it was a crucial factor.

Do not mistake these machines for toys.

If your children ride ATVs, don't let them mount up without head gear.

And be sure to hold yourself to the same standard.

But please, don't listen to us.

Listen to Hayley.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1863, the first thoroughbred horse races took place at the Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

In 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

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THE EMPEROR'S SAME OLD CLOTHING

## A Gaza tale the world has yet to grasp

**I**nhumanity in Gaza is happening right before our eyes — and the whole world is watching.

Watching but maybe not really seeing — and certainly not fully grasping. Those unhappy news truths became clear as we chronicled the week's events from our frequent perch here at the intersection of the media, policy and politics.

And chiefly among those who were not really seeing nor fully grasping were those who were running the media end of the news. All week, we saw news made in the form of visuals and words — yet also some disturbingly flagrant news gaps.

**Pictures:** In our living rooms, we saw horrors of war that happened just moments ago, half a world away. Heart-wrenching tragedies of children, wounded or worse, being carried to hospitals or morgues, and their parents wailing in helpless grief that hit us all where we live. Those instant pictures of war's horrors will be forever in our mind's eye.

**Words:** In our living rooms, we also heard words describing why those horrors were happening. We heard Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on every channel explaining Hamas has fired barrages of rockets from Palestinian Gaza into Israel's cities. And that Hamas deliberately placed its rocket launchers, arsenals and entrances to terrorism tunnels into Israel among Palestinian civilians so Israeli retaliation strikes would cause horrible civilian casualties. And we saw how Hamas made sure TV cameras could show the world Palestinian civilian tragedies Israel caused.

**Gaps:** Virtually unmentioned in these reports was that Hamas, which the U.S. government classified as a terrorist organization, has had two backers and enablers: Qatar and Turkey, both considered U.S. allies. Their aid became vital after Hamas lost its biggest aid backers, Iran and Syria, after Hamas



**Martin Schram**  
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

backed the rebels in Syria's uncivil war.

U.S. TV interviewers gave pathetically short shrift to the key question: How could Hamas and its enablers justify the inhumanity of locating launchers, arsenals and tunnels amid Palestinian civilians — forcing Israel to kill and maim women and children just to halt rockets Hamas was raining upon Israel's cities and people.

On CNN's "State of the Union," an adviser to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas said his side tried to get Hamas to stop locating its launchers and weapons amid Palestinians — but there were no follow up questions on why these Palestinian leaders didn't mount a worldwide campaign to save their brothers and sisters from Hamas's warfare criminality. Other networks either made a mere passing stab at it, or ignored the question.

No network anchor or interviewer seemed to have thought through the full importance and implication of the venality of what Hamas was doing to willfully endanger its own civilian population for a victory in a political PR war. No one questioned United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, who was flying to Qatar, on why U.N. schools in Gaza have been used as Hamas arsenals — or the morality of the civilian tragedy Hamas' financial enablers have made possible. And of course, no one questioned the leaders of Qatar or Turkey about any of the above.

But one U.S. luminary was questioned about it. House Minority

Leader Nancy Pelosi, whose Democratic San Francisco district has a large Palestinian population, who also has staunch support among American Jews, and who apparently is close to prominent potentates in Qatar. Questioned by CNN's Candy Crowley, Pelosi struggled to support everyone at once, say nothing newsworthy, and finally seemed in danger of drowning in her own stream of consciousness sentence fragments. As in:

"...war is a deadly thing ... any missile that comes from someplace has a return address. And if Israel is responding to that address, then that's a shame that the Palestinians are use, are rumored to be using children and families as shields for their missiles... We have to support the Palestinians and what they need..."

Then, finally and bizarrely: "And we have to confer with the Qataris, who have told me over and over again that Hamas is a humanitarian organization. Maybe they could use their influence to —"

Here CNN's anchor threw her guest a life preserver. She interjected that of course the U.S. government labels Hamas a terrorist organization and helpfully asked if Pelosi agrees. To which Pelosi elaborated, in a carefully non-quotable response presented here its entirety:

"Mmm hmmm."  
This was the week when the first and only woman to hold America's high office of House Speaker helped us appreciate the sentiments of baseball's Hall of Fame manager Casey Stengel, who upon observing his brand new but hapless 1962 New York Mets, asked:  
"Can't anybody here play this game?"

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## Welfare state grows as self-sufficiency declines

**F**or the past 50 years, the government's annual poverty rate has hardly changed at all. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 15 percent of Americans still live in poverty, roughly the same rate as the mid-1960s when the War on Poverty was just starting.

After adjusting for inflation, federal and state welfare spending today is 16 times greater than it was when President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the War on Poverty. If converted into cash, current means-tested spending is five times the amount needed to eliminate all official poverty in the U.S.

How can the government spend so much while poverty remains unchanged? The answer is simple: The Census Bureau's "poverty" figures are woefully incomplete.

The Census defines a family as poor if its annual "income" falls below specific poverty income thresholds. In counting "income," the Census includes wages and salaries but excludes nearly all welfare benefits.

The federal government runs over 80 means-tested welfare programs that provide cash, food, housing, medical care and targeted social services to poor and low-income Americans. The government spent \$916 billion on these programs in 2012; roughly 100 million Americans received aid from at least one of them, at an average cost of \$9,000 per recipient. (These figures do not include Social Security or Medicare.)

Of the \$916 billion in means-tested welfare spending in 2012, the Census counted only about 3

percent as "income" for purposes of measuring poverty. In other words, the government's official "poverty" measure is not helpful for measuring actual living conditions.

On the other hand, the Census poverty numbers do provide a very useful measure of "self-sufficiency": the ability of a family to sustain an income above the poverty threshold without welfare assistance. The Census is accurate in reporting there has been no improvement in self-sufficiency for the past 45 years.

The poverty rate is better understood as self-sufficiency rate. That is, we should measure how many Americans can take care of themselves

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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.

## COMING UP

### 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.

### Sea Cadets

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps is an exciting after school leadership program for boys and girls from fifth to twelfth grade. Students may explore future career fields while developing confidence, teamwork, fitness, and self-discipline. An informational meeting to learn more or sign up will be held Saturday, August 23, at 10 a.m. at the Richardson Middle School cafeteria in Lake City. See [www.LibertySeaCadets.org](http://www.LibertySeaCadets.org) for details.

### Soil testing

Columbia County Master Gardeners will do free soil pH testing each Wednesday at the Columbia County Extension Office's new location, 971 W. Duval St. (U.S. 90), Suite 170. Drop off soil samples at the office any week day during business hours. Also, please gather any pots you are not using and bring them in on Sept. 3 or 4 for the "Pot Recycle." For more information, call 752-5384.

### CPAAA 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.



TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

## Car show at Teen Town

Lake City Police Department officer Mike Lee (far left), talks to teen town students in front of the police department's 1924 Ford Model T during a public service and antique vehicle car show Friday morning at Teen Town. The car was restored by Peter Kaptain, a member of the LCPD Citizens Police Academy alumni.

### Aug. 3

#### Family Reunion

The annual Allbritton family reunion will be at Deep Creek Community Center on Aug. 3 at 12 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Call Dessie Meeks at 386-752-1473.

#### Karaoke with Mark

VFW Post 2206, 343 Forest Lawn Way, will host Karaoke with Mark at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3. Call the VFW Post 2206 at 386-752-5001 for more.

### Aug. 5

#### Career Fair

Saint Leo University will host a career fair/Human Services expo at the Columbia County Public Library (Main Branch) August 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tables and chairs will be provided for you to

display your organization. Space is limited so call Jessal Markham, Assistant Academic Advisor, at 386-752-6866 to RSVP.

### 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.

#### CCBA

The Columbia County Builders Association invites you to join them Wednesday, August 6 at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites for an 11:30 a.m. lunch. Guest speaker will be Glenn Hunter, Economic Development Director. Members \$12 and non-members \$15. Lunch is sponsored

by T D Bank. Please call: 386-867-1998 or email [col-countybuild@comcast.net](mailto:col-countybuild@comcast.net) to make a reservation.

### Aug. 7

#### Homeschool Book Sale

A used Homeschool curriculum/book sale will be held Thursday, Aug. 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Covenant Community School, 2019 SW Main Blvd. If you are interested in selling books during this event, please contact Cindy at 386-961-8130 to reserve space. You will need to bring your own table(s) for set-up.

### Aug. 8

#### Smart Driver

The NEW AARP Smart Driver Course will be held on August 8 at 9 a.m. at Lake City Medical Center. Refresh your driving skills

and know the new rules of the road. Learn research-based driving strategies to help you stay safe behind the wheel. There are no tests to pass. Register at 386-719-9371.

### Aug. 9

#### 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.

## OBITUARIES

### Ann J. Polhemus

Ann J. Polhemus, 95, passed away peacefully and entered Glory from her residence on July 31, 2014. She was born on the family farm near Westfield, Indiana on December 20, 1918 to Mary and Leland Jessup. She graduated from Westfield High School in 1936, attended Butler University and graduated from Indiana University School of Nursing in 1940. There she met and married Warren C. (Polly) Polhemus on January 25, 1942. She did Public Health nursing in New Orleans while her husband served in the US Navy. After his enlistment, they moved to Anderson, Indiana where she was a mother and homemaker. She loved shopping, bridge, cooking and was an excellent pie baker. She was a member of may



Womens' organizations. She and her husband moved to Florida in 2006 to be near their children. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a sister Louise Sullivan. She is survived by a son, Dr. Jay K. Polhemus of Lake City, FL, a daughter, Jan Cole (Dion) also of Lake City, a granddaughter, Jenna I. Cole of Miami, FL, a grandson, Dain Warren Cole of Steinhatchee, FL, a step grandson, Dion II (Terri) Cole, a great grandson, Zachary Cole all of Pembroke Pines, FL, a brother, Ralph (Sue) Jessup of Bloomington, IN, a dear niece, Shirley (Fred) Darling of Columbus, IN, a niece, Melinda (Herb) Hine of Camby, IN and many great, great-great and great-great-great nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind her two faithful and loving care givers, Joyce Larson and Yvette Dandy, Pearlina Thomas and Theresa Porte also helped in her care along with her hospice nurses, Gail and Kathi. A private Memorial

will be held at a later date at the Friends Church in Carmel, IN. **GATEWAY-FOREST LAWN FUNERAL HOME**, 3596 S US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32025. (386) 752-1954 [www.gatewayforestlawn.com](http://www.gatewayforestlawn.com)

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# EEE discovery sparked by cruelty, CCSO reports

Horse owner arrested; 31 horses and donkeys taken into custody.

By SARAH LOFTUS  
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The arrest of a Columbia County man Friday for failing to properly care for his horses led to discovery of an outbreak of Eastern Equine Encephalitis here, according to a Columbia County Sheriff's Office press release.



**Brown**  
Jeffery Brown, of 385 NW The Lord's Court, faces two counts of animal cruelty and nine counts of animal neglect, the press release says. Brown was booked

into Columbia County Detention Center, where he remains on \$65,000 bond.

Murray Smith, CCSO public information officer, said CCSO took custody 31 of Brown's horses and donkeys and expects him to face additional charges.

CCSO first investigated after receiving a call that horses had wandered onto one of Brown's neighbor's property searching for water. CCSO initially said the horses were suffering from "dew poisoning" and "rain rot," the release says.

Both horses needed medical attention — one had injuries consistent with being caught in a fence, and the other was suffering from "an unknown debilitating illness," the report says.

A veterinarian was brought into treat the horse with the unknown



CCSO detectives assist animal rescue specialists in securing Jeffery Brown's horses. Thirty-one horses and donkeys were confiscated.

ailment and advised the horse be put down because of its suffering. Before it was euthanized, a blood sample was taken from the horse, which revealed it had EEE.

It was confirmed that another horse in Columbia County also had EEE.

Neither horse had been vaccinated against the virus.

The Centers for Disease Control issued a mosquito-borne illness advisory Thursday because, according to a health advisory from the Florida Department of Health in Columbia County, the outbreak has increased the chances for humans to contract the disease. EEE is a virus transmitted by mosquitoes that often

affects horses and can affect people.

"EEE epidemics in horses can be common during the summer and fall, however, in humans the disease is rare," said Sallie Ford, the Columbia County Health Department Environmental Health Director.

When humans do get the virus, it typically affects their central nervous systems, which can cause severe complications and even death. About half of the people with EEE die from it, Ford said.

County officials are asking people to take precautions to protect themselves and their horses against the virus. They are asking that people drain any standing water, so mosquitoes don't multiply and are asking residents to cover their skin with repellent or clothing.

## TEACHER

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They said their children have been traumatized by what they consider physical and emotional abuse.

"All of our children have been acting out," Melton said. "My son, for example, won't sleep in his room without a light on. We've never had that issue before."

Another mother said her child didn't want to go to school anymore, even after Rachal had been suspended.

"I had to pull my child out

of the car to go to school," said Ashleigh Geiger. "He's terrified to get out the car."

Geiger said her son told her that Rachal took him into the closet and struck him on the leg with a ruler and that once when he was standing in line Rachal pulled him by the ear.

Laura Waters, whose grandchild won't say if she was struck by Rachal, said many of the children, including her grandchild, have been doing "the turtle" in times of stress.

She described "the turtle" as the child placing

both hands behind his or her bowed head, elbows pointed forward.

Parents say the children were instructed by Rachal to do "the turtle" when another child was being punished.

"Our kids are mentally and emotionally abused," said Jamie Guerra.

Crystal Brown said her child worried, "What if we see (Rachal) in Walmart?"

According to parent Amanda Dunn, "I turn around real fast and my child (flinches)."

Kenneth Chesser said his child "can tell you how to hold your hands so it doesn't hurt so bad — that's how many times she was hit."

Katherine Lindblade, Chesser's wife, said their child was struck on the hand with a ruler for misbehavior but still rewarded with prizes.

"They were getting 'treasure chest' (toys they were allowed to select from a box) not to say anything," Lindblade said.

Geiger said despite getting bad progress reports,

her child was still rewarded with treasure chest visits.

Lindblade said Rachal instilled fear in her daughter, and worries she might not report more serious instances of abuse by others should they occur.

Attempts to reach Rachal for comment were unsuccessful.

### Permission not granted?

Of the parents who voiced their concerns about Rachal's alleged actions in disciplining the children, only one said she gave consent for corporal punishment to be used on her child.

Under school board policy, parents have to sign a document saying corporal punishment may or may not be administered to their child. The policy says the parent will be contacted prior to corporal punishment being administered.

"None of the parents were notified, at all, that these children were being spanked," Waters said.

At least two of the parents interviewed Friday said they checked the box on the form indicating they did not consent to corporal punishment for their children.

### 'I don't have a case'

Siegmeister said the

decision not to prosecute was based on the law.

"I just don't have a case to file. There was no decision to it except to follow the law," he said. "Case law is clear that corporal punishment, even when it violates school policy, with discipline issues are subject to (the offender) being dismissed."

Siegmeister said when he explained to parents Friday that he could not prosecute, many of them stormed out of his office, with one saying he was "scared."

He said there are no additional steps for his office in this case.

"The police have done their investigation and basically the allegations are all bordering in nature as to whether it was battery or child abuse and I don't have a case," he said. "I don't doubt that everything those kids said happened. I don't have a legal crime, even though I have a violation of school policy..."

Dunn, one of the mothers, claimed Siegmeister "wants to sweep it underneath the rug."

Chesser also disagreed with Siegmeister's decision.

"He pulled one case record and tried to use that case saying it was dismissed because of corporal punishment rules, but nobody in this room agreed to let their children be corporally punished," he said.

The case was also investigated by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

John Harrell, DCF spokesman for the Northeast Florida Region, said the agency's findings would not be released to the public.

"Because of Florida's confidentiality laws, we are not able to reveal the results of DCF investigations," he said.

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### WORKSHOP MEETINGS CITY OF LAKE CITY-CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council for the City of Lake City, Florida will hold a workshop meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2014, Thursday, August 7, 2014 and Monday, August 11, 2014 (if necessary). The meetings are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 205 North Marion Street, Lake City, Florida. The item to be discussed is:

1. FY 14/15 Budget

All interested persons are invited to attend. No official action will be taken during these meetings.

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## High school reunions, gatherings coming up

### 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](http://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.

### 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.

### 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 and includes buffet of fried/boiled shrimp, chicken wings, chicken strips, veggies, salad bar, etc. Tea, Coke products, and keg beer will be served all night. 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](mailto:shs1984reunion@gmail.com) by Aug. 15. Payment must be received by Sept. 15. Make check/money order payable to Class of 1984 and send 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. There will be reserved seating at the Friday, Oct. 24 Homecoming Football Game at a cost of \$6 per ticket. The ticket price must be included in total amount remitted with reunion ticket purchase. Indicate how many tickets are needed when you RSVP. Questions? Email [shs1984reunion@gmail.com](mailto:shs1984reunion@gmail.com).

# School is just around the corner

It's amazing to think about it, but the end of summer is nigh.

It seems like just yesterday Florida Gateway College was hosting its dual graduation ceremonies in May, saying congratulations to hundreds of graduates who had completed their degrees or obtained certificates at our college.

But, as summer classes are winding down, we begin to welcome a new class of students into our midst, many of these looking to go onto higher education after graduating FGC or find a career that's right for them.

It's a busy time at the college, and all of our offices are gearing up for the upcoming fall semester. There's



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Public Information Coordinator  
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deadline after deadline in the coming weeks, meaning our offices will be slammed with new students hoping to enroll at the college and register for the classes they need for graduation. With this, of course, comes financial aid requests, advising (because, obviously, students need to know what courses to take), books to purchase and, finally,

classes to attend.

Of course, while many of our students are already enrolled and have their class schedule set, we'll obviously see a lot of people who are either making the move off the fence or some of those who are just a little late to the game. For those, there are a number of upcoming deadlines they need to know about — starting this week.

If you're looking to start classes later this month, here are some dates you should know:

August 6: This is your last day to submit an application for admission to Florida Gateway College. This is your first step in enrolling — you can't register for classes or attend (obviously) without apply-

ing for admission first. This is the "Start Here" in our "Start Here. Go Anywhere" slogan.

August 15: This is the final day to register for classes this fall. Once you've been admitted to the college and have met with an advisor, you can register for the classes you need to take to complete your degree or certification. This is where you set up your schedule.

August 18: This is the day that classes begin. An important date to note, obviously, as you don't want to miss your first day of classes (if, in fact, you have classes scheduled for that day).

And if everything here is moving a little too quickly for you, and starting college is something

you'd rather put off until the spring, it's never too early to begin working toward that goal — you can apply for admission up until December 10 if you're looking to start in the spring. A complete list of critical dates can be found on the Florida Gateway College website.

But whatever you do, if you feel that going back to college is right for you, don't feel intimidated — we'll walk you through it. You can call 386-752-1822 to get started.

And if you're interested in setting up a guided tour of campus, please call 386-754-4246.

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## MAPS

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adjust this year's election schedule. But legislative leaders said the state's current districts should be kept in place for now to avoid disrupting the 2014 elections.

In his ruling, Lewis said he agreed that the Legislature should be responsible for redrawing Florida's congressional map.

But he said he could not put off a new map until 2016. Lewis said to do so would be to leave voters "deprived of the equal right of having a say in who represents their interests in Congress for two years."

It's unknown when that session will begin. There was no immedi-

ate reaction on the ruling from the Legislature. A spokesman for House Speaker Will Weatherford said the House was reviewing the decision.

Lewis said he'll then consider whether to order a special election later this year under the new map.

Local officials are concerned that following a new map for the coming election will effectively disenfranchise some voters, particularly absentee ballot voters.

Koby Adams, a legislative aide for Rep. Liz Porter, R-Lake City, said it's unfair to adopt a new congressional map right now and that it should come into effect in 2016.

Kat Cammack, campaign manager for U.S. Rep Ted Yoho, who now represents District 3, agreed it would be unfair for a new map to come into

effect so close to the election.

"Redrawing maps for this election would displace a large number of voters and military voters, and that's just not right," she said.

While only two districts — Districts 5 and 10 — were ordered redrawn, the ripple effect may alter many other districts as well.

District 5 is represented by Jacksonville Democrat Corrine Brown. The district winds its way down from Jacksonville to parts of Orlando. District 10, which is represented by Orlando Republican Daniel Webster, includes parts of Polk, Lake and Orange counties near the greater Orlando area.

But since the District 3 doesn't violate the law, it shouldn't be redrawn, Adams said.

"It should stay the same," Adams said. "It meets the criteria."

District 3 covers all of Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee and Union counties as well as parts of Alachua, Clay, Madison and Marion counties.

Cammack said it's too early to tell what will happen to District 3. She speculates it could be redrawn to incorporate Baker and Taylor counties.

Buddy Hines, head of the Republican party in Columbia County, said if District 3 is redrawn, he would like to see it configured to include only other rural counties. The current district includes Clay County, which doesn't have much in common with Columbia, he said.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

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# THE WEATHER

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<b>Chance of storms</b>	<b>Chance of storms</b>	<b>Slight chance of storms</b>	<b>Chance of storms</b>	<b>Chance of storms</b>
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### REGIONAL FORECAST MAP for Sunday, Aug. 3

Sunday's highs/Sunday night's low

City	Monday	Tuesday
Cape Canaveral	92/76/ts	92/77/ts
Daytona Beach	91/76/ts	93/75/ts
Fort Myers	89/77/ts	91/76/ts
Ft. Lauderdale	92/79/ts	92/78/ts
Gainesville	91/72/ts	91/72/ts
Jacksonville	89/74/ts	90/73/ts
Key West	91/82/ts	90/82/ts
Lake City	91/72/ts	91/72/ts
Miami	90/78/ts	91/78/ts
Naples	89/77/ts	91/77/ts
Ocala	91/73/ts	90/73/ts
Orlando	94/78/ts	95/79/ts
Panama City	86/76/ts	86/77/ts
Pensacola	88/76/ts	88/78/ts
Tallahassee	91/72/ts	91/72/ts
Tampa	89/78/ts	92/77/ts
Valdosta	91/71/ts	92/71/ts
W. Palm Beach	91/78/ts	91/77/ts

### LAKE CITY ALMANAC

TEMPERATURES	SUN
High Saturday	90
Low Saturday	70
Normal high	91
Normal low	72
Record high	99 in 1999
Record low	68 in 1966

PRECIPITATION	SUN
Saturday	0.00"
Month total	0.46"
Year total	34.36"
Normal month-to-date	0.41"
Normal year-to-date	29.59"

**MOON**  
Moonrise today 1:36 p.m.  
Moonset today 12:13 a.m.  
Moonrise tom. 2:34 p.m.  
Moonset tom. 12:53 a.m.

**UV INDEX**  
**9**  
Very High  
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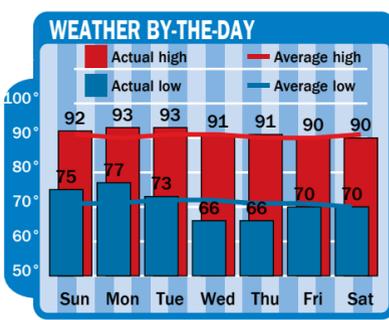
**NATIONAL FORECAST:** Scattered mainly afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms will continue to develop from the Southwest to the Rockies. Showers and thunderstorms will be expected along the East Coast.

### NATIONAL FORECAST MAP

3 p.m. today

**YESTERDAY'S NATIONAL EXTREMES** High: 100°, Columbia Airport, Low: 33°, Leadville, CO

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Albany	79/66/0.00	79/62/pc	Des Moines	84/64/0.00	85/66/pc	Oklahoma City	87/64/0.00	89/68/pc
Albuquerque	72/62/2.1	81/64/ts	Detroit	72/64/0.00	83/64/fg	Omaha	84/62/0.00	90/66/ts
Anchorage	62/55/0.00	65/53/r	El Paso	73/64/2.3	87/71/ts	Orlando	93/77/0.00	94/76/ts
Atlanta	81/66/0.00	85/71/ts	Fairbanks	59/57/1.2	72/53/sh	Philadelphia	77/68/3.5	81/68/sh
Baltimore	75/64/2.5	81/69/ts	Greensboro	70/62/0.00	83/65/ts	Phoenix	93/82/0.00	98/81/pc
Billings	75/60/0.00	92/63/pc	Hartford	73/66/0.05	78/63/ts	Pittsburgh	80/64/0.00	78/60/ts
Birmingham	89/72/0.00	89/70/ts	Honolulu	82/78/0.00	86/77/sh	Portland ME	75/64/0.00	73/61/sh
Bismarck	82/59/0.00	86/60/pc	Houston	80/72/0.00	91/73/ts	Portland OR	75/64/0.00	87/61/pc
Boise	84/72/0.00	97/73/pc	Indianapolis	82/63/0.00	82/63/pc	Raleigh	69/64/0.1	81/68/ts
Boston	72/64/0.3	72/64/pc	Jackson MS	80/71/0.1	90/67/ts	Rapid City	85/61/0.00	88/61/pc
Buffalo	82/64/0.00	78/62/ts	Jacksonville	91/73/0.00	89/74/ts	Reno	89/63/0.00	91/66/pc
Charleston SC	78/75/0.00	87/73/ts	Kansas City	71/63/0.00	88/67/pc	Sacramento	80/63/0.00	94/64/pc
Charleston WV	80/60/0.00	83/60/pc	Las Vegas	93/84/0.00	90/74/ts	Salt Lake City	88/69/0.00	91/69/pc
Charlotte	71/66/0.00	83/68/ts	Little Rock	86/70/0.1	89/66/pc	San Antonio	79/72/0.00	95/74/pc
Cheyenne	78/53/0.00	83/58/pc	Los Angeles	82/64/0.00	85/68/ts	San Diego	73/70/0.00	75/69/ts
Chicago	82/60/0.00	83/66/pc	Memphis	88/72/0.00	91/68/pc	San Francisco	66/59/0.00	70/60/fg
Cincinnati	82/66/0.00	83/61/pc	Miami	90/79/2.0	89/78/ts	Seattle	75/61/0.2	82/60/pc
Cleveland	77/62/2.1	78/60/pc	Minneapolis	84/66/0.00	84/66/ts	Spokane	89/66/0.00	95/67/pc
Columbia SC	84/60/0.00	88/64/pc	Mobile	89/69/0.00	90/71/ts	St. Louis	84/64/0.00	89/68/pc
Dallas	84/68/0.00	92/72/pc	New Orleans	88/77/0.00	87/75/ts	Tampa	91/79/0.00	91/79/ts
Daytona Beach	90/75/0.00	91/76/ts	New York	75/64/4.0	77/67/sh	Tucson	84/73/0.1	95/76/ts
Denver	62/53/0.00	89/62/pc	Oakland	64/60/0.00	74/60/fg	Washington	82/68/1.3	82/70/ts



### WEATHER HISTORY

In 3 hours on this date in 1898, 5.84 inches of rain fell on Philadelphia. The force of the accumulated runoff on the hydraulic pressure in city sewers caused overflows via toilets, basins, and sinks.

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### INTERNATIONAL

CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today	CITY	Saturday	Today
Acapulco	89/80/0.00	89/77/ts	La Paz	59/21/0.00	59/30/s	Rio	82/66/0.00	86/68/s
Amsterdam	80/60/0.00	78/60/ts	Lima	66/60/0.00	64/60/pc	Rome	86/71/0.00	87/66/s
Athens	87/71/0.00	89/75/s	London	75/60/0.00	77/55/ts	San Juan PR	82/75/9.1	88/81/pc
Auckland	66/59/0.00	64/57/r	Madrid	82/68/0.00	86/60/s	Santiago	91/73/0.00	93/71/cd
Beijing	93/77/0.00	96/73/s	Mexico City	75/55/0.00	77/51/pc	Seoul	95/80/0.00	93/73/cd
Berlin	84/68/0.00	84/71/pc	Montreal	80/60/0.00	80/64/pc	Singapore	89/82/-	89/78/pc
Buenos Aires	68/59/0.00	64/51/r	Moscow	91/64/0.00	89/64/cd	St. Thomas VI	82/77/1.65	89/80/pc
Cairo	95/77/0.00	96/73/s	Nairobi	75/59/0.00	73/55/ts	Sydney	57/44/0.00	60/46/s
Geneva	77/62/0.00	78/60/ts	Nassau	82/78/0.00	87/77/ts	Tel Aviv	89/69/0.00	91/73/s
Havana	87/71/0.00	89/73/ts	New Delhi	93/82/0.00	98/82/s	Tokyo	91/78/0.00	93/77/s
Helsinki	78/59/0.00	82/62/s	Oslo	73/53/0.00	78/53/pc	Toronto	75/60/0.00	75/60/pc
Hong Kong	95/78/0.00	93/82/ts	Panama	87/77/0.00	87/75/ts	Vienna	84/62/0.00	84/66/s
Kingston	89/80/0.00	89/80/ts	Paris	78/64/0.00	78/60/cd	Warsaw	89/66/0.00	87/68/s

**KEY TO CONDITIONS:** c=cloudy, dr=drizzle, f=fair, fg=fg, h=hazy, i=ice, pc=partly cloudy, r=rain, s=sunny, sh=showers, sn=snow, ts=thunderstorms, w=windy.

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FROM THE SIDELINE



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## Summer brings return to childhood

**M**y best friend's name is Noah and he's 7 years old.

It might sound strange for a 30-year-old man to admit he spends most of his spare time with a child that still plays with action figures, but I wouldn't trade the opportunity even for a date with Kate Upton.

I've said before that I never envisioned myself in a relationship with a woman with a child. It's funny how God makes fools of us all when looking back on past words.

In this case, I think he was looking out for me. It's afforded me an opportunity, not only to be friends, but to take on roles of a father and older brother. I try to never overstep my boundaries and let the mother continue to do the amazing job she has raising him on her own for over seven years, but it's impossible not to have any influence on him.

What's strange is he's had the bigger influence on me.

This summer, in particular, is one of the best I can remember in quite some time. Gone are trips to the beach, red solo cups and an opportunity to gaze at the local scenery.

Instead, there have been fishing trips, backyard games of catch, cartoons, watching classic movies such as Rocky and Rudy, theme park adventures, a brush up on the immortal Hulk Hogan and even a trip to Tampa to check out the latest batch of WWE Superstars.

I've found myself doing things I wouldn't have imagined doing in the past. I'd be hard pressed to tell you how many hours I've spent pretending to be a "tag-team champion" with my little buddy. It would be impossible to tell you how insane a "Nerf war" can be after the sun goes down. Imagine the latest Call of Duty game with the lights off and holding automatic machine guns that shoot cushioned bullets.

The greatest gift that I've been given is to pass along my love of sports and molding him as he continues to grow.

He still wears Mario pajamas and for my birthday he gave me a dollar bill along with a Ninja Turtles t-shirt.

What he doesn't know is that he's given me an even bigger gift over the last year and that's the opportunity to not only be his best friend, but a kid again.

■ Brandon Finley covers sports for the Lake City Reporter.

# Football returns



Columbia High's Lonnie Underwood runs the ball in a game last season. The Tigers begin practice for the 2014 season on Monday.

## Allen excited to see Tigers returning to practice field

By **BRANDON FINLEY**  
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The dormant season is over and the 2014 Columbia High football season is ready to erupt.

The Tigers return to the practice field for their first official practice of the fall at 3:30 p.m. on Monday.

Although the Tigers will have to move through four days without putting on the pads, Columbia head coach Brian Allen is excited the lull is over.

"We're ready to get at it and see who is ready to be the surprise of the 2014 season," Allen said. "With all the changes in Florida, we'll go through the standard acclimation period of two days in shorts then two days in shoulder pads before finally getting to put all the pads on during the fifth day."

Allen said the Tigers are ahead of schedule and he doesn't intend on Monday being a refresher course. Columbia has conditioned, attended the University of Central Florida Camp, and competed in 7-on-7 passing camps during the summer. All of this keeps the Tigers focused on football and the system fresh. It also lets the coach know that he doesn't have to worry about any of his campers showing up unable to perform.

"We know that we're in shape," Allen said. "We don't have to worry about them understanding the system. What we want to do is look to see who can compete. There are still positions that can be won or

lost. We want to see if someone is going to emerge that we don't know."

And a whole new group will try to catch Allen's eyes.

"We're going to see those kids in eighth grade, who will now be in ninth grade, go against the varsity," Allen said. "That's going to be a true test to see if they are ready or not. Can one of them come in and earn a role and be successful? That's what we're looking for."

Allen looks for one thing from players in the first few days of camp that can show what a player has even without pads.

"We're looking for hustle, hustle, hustle," Allen said. "That's the biggest thing they can do to catch our eye. Are they going 100 percent? What's the attitude and enthusiasm? We need to see people leading vocally and by example."

Even if new players don't emerge, Allen is content with the class he has returning. He still expects the Tigers to be in the playoffs and push for 10 wins for a third consecutive year.

"I just had this conversation the other day, and I think we're somewhere in the middle of where we've been the last two years," Allen said. "I'm optimistic. Last year we had a bunch of sophomores cast into roles. I wouldn't say that I have as high of expectations as I did two years ago with Laremy Tunsil, Ronald Timmons, Felix Woods, Jayce Barber and that group of seniors that won 11 games. I



An Orange Park defender is dragged down after colliding with Columbia High's Laquavious Paul. Columbia head coach Brian Allen said he expects Paul to be one of the leaders of this year's team.

**'We have Roger Cray, who is probably the best corner in the state. If he's not the best, he's in the top three.'**

**- Brian Allen  
Columbia head coach**

think we're somewhere in between of those teams, but that's not to say that we can't make a push."

Allen said that a lot of the pieces this year return from a team that challenged for a spot at the state championship last year.

"You look last year and go by what Bartram Trail (which defeated Columbia in the second round of the playoffs) did and we're a team that could have

pushed into the third, fourth round," Allen said. "We've got some talented kids, but we've got to continue to get better."

Allen said he's not worried about the defense at all, which he says could be one of the best in the state.

"We have Roger Cray, who is probably the best corner in the state," Allen said. "If he's not the best, he's in the top three. Zedrick Woods, Malachi

Jean and Ben Kuykendall are all back. Then we have Derontae Jordan returning for his second year and he's going to be a next-level player."

Offensively, Allen expects the Tigers to bring in the best passing attack he has had as head coach.

"This receiving group is the best I've seen and maybe the best that Columbia has seen when you look across the board," Allen said. "They can make plays catching the football."

But catching isn't where Allen is focused heading into the first game.

"We have a young offensive line that has to continue to get better," Allen said. "Each week is critical. If we can't, we could have an average year and only win eight or nine games. We have higher expectations here."

Columbia will host the kickoff classic against West Orange High at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 22.

# SCOREBOARD

## TELEVISION

### TV sports

**Today**  
**AUTO RACING**  
**1 p.m.**  
 ESPN — NASCAR, Sprint Cup, GoBowling.com 400, at Long Pond, Pa.  
**3 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — IndyCar, Honda Indy 200, at Lexington, Ohio  
**6 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — Indy Lights, at Lexington, Ohio (same-day tape)  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — NHRA, Northwest Nationals, at Kent, Wash. (same-day tape)  
**GOLF**  
**Noon**  
 TGC — WGC, Bridgestone Invitational, final round, at Akron, Ohio  
**2 p.m.**  
 CBS — WGC, Bridgestone Invitational, final round, at Akron, Ohio  
**3 p.m.**  
 TGC — Champions Tour, 3M Championship, final round, at Blaine, Minn.  
**7 p.m.**  
 TGC — PGA Tour, Barracuda Championship, final round, at Reno, Nev.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**1:30 p.m.**  
 TBS — L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay  
**4 p.m.**  
 WGN — Chicago Cubs at L.A. Dodgers  
**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN — N.Y. Yankees at Boston  
**NFL FOOTBALL**  
**8 p.m.**  
 NBC — Preseason, Hall of Fame Game, N.Y. Giants vs. Buffalo, at Canton, Ohio

**SOCCER**  
**11:15 a.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Emirates Cup, Monaco at Arsenal  
**10 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — National Women's Soccer League, Houston at Portland  
**TENNIS**  
**3 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — ATP World Tour, Citi Open, championship, at Washington  
**5 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — WTA, Bank of the West Classic, championship, at Stanford, Calif.

**Tuesday**  
**LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Intermediate World Series, championship, teams TBD, at Livermore, Calif.  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**Noon**  
 MLB — San Francisco at N.Y. Mets  
**7 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Detroit at N.Y. Yankees  
**SOCCER**  
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 FS1 — International Champions Cup, final, teams TBD, at Miami

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 New Orleans at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

**Saturday**  
 Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.  
 Green Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.  
 Houston at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

**At Pocono Raceway**  
**Long Pond, Pa.**  
**Lap length: 2.5 miles**  
**(Car number in parentheses)**  
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 16. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 180.716.  
 17. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 180.502.  
 18. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 180.274.  
 19. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 180.133.  
 20. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 179.986.  
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## AUTO RACING

### GoBowling.com 400 lineup

**Final Standings,**  
 Richardson Wolves 6-2;  
 Nothing But Nets 5-3;  
 Wal-Mart Heat 4-4;  
 Da Threat 3-5;  
 RCC/AMN Wolves 2-6.

The tournament begins Monday.  
 6:00: Game 1, Da Threat vs. RCC/AMN Wolves  
 7:30: Game 2, Nothing But Nets vs. Wal-Mart Heat  
 9:00: Game 3, Richardson Wolves vs. Winner of Game 1.

Results from the regular season games:  
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**Big week at Disney**

LEFT: Tiara and Todd Carter take time out from their round at the Parent/Child Golf Tournament at Disney. The duo finished fourth in their flight. RIGHT: Carter is pictured after making a hole-in-one on No. 8 during the tournament. It was the fourth of Carter's career.

**GOLF REPORTS**

**Jam-packed week at The Country Club at Lake City**

The team of Bryce Hawthorne, Curtis Mixon and Rick Cahill won the top honors in the Thursday Night Scramble on July 24 with a 4-under par. The Pot Hole was #4 and it carries over. The Thursday Night Scramble is open to anyone and the cost is \$23 for members and \$30 for non-members. Just call the pro shop by 5 p.m. to sign up.

We had 32 players in The MGA 400 on July 26th. The Danica Patrick Team of Dennis Crawford, Scott Kishton, Pete Skantzios and Michael Yacovelli won First Place with a 204. The Matt Keneth Team of Jonathan Allen, Shelton Keen, Bruce Gibson and Pedro Munoz came in Second Place with a 206. The Jimmie Johnson Team of Terry Hunter, Mickey Willcox, Bud Johnson and George Bowlin came in Third Place with a 207. Low Gross Honors goes to Alan Moody with a 74 and Low Net Honors goes to John Raulerson with a 66. Skin winners were: Eli Witt #10 and Dennis Crawford #17. The Saturday Blitz costs \$15 plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you must tee off by 9 a.m. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

**COUNTRY CLUB at LAKE CITY**

Ed Goff

We had 23 players in the Sunday Blitz on July 27. Don Howard and Pete Skantzios tied for First Place with a +3. Jim Carr and Eli Witt tied for Third Place with a +2. John Brewer, Casey Clemons, Mike Jacobs, Steve Patterson and Dell Sanders tied for Fifth Place with a +0. Closest to the Pin winners were: Casey Clemons #5, Don Howard #7, Dell Sanders #15 and Charlie Timmons #17. Skins winners were: Steve Patterson #1 and Casey Clemons #2. The Sunday Blitz costs \$20 plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

Caroline Stevens won First Place in the Ladies Day Best Nine on July 29 with a 32.5. Nancy Edgar came in Second Place with a 33. Katrina Counts came in Third Place with a 33.5. Peggy Radcliffe and Dottie Rogers tied for Fourth Place with a 35. Chip-ins were: Caroline Stevens #5.

We had 25 players in the Wednesday Blitz on July 30th. Steve Patterson won

First Place in the A Division with a +6. Cory DePratter came in Second Place with a +2. Don Howard came in Third Place with a +1. Joe Paul won First Place in the B division with a +7. Eddy Brown came in Second Place with a +6. Emerson Darst came in Third Place with a +4. Skin winners were: Charles Timmons #6, Cory DePratter #9, Joe Paul #10, Cory DePratter #11, Mickey Willcox #15 and Steve Patterson #17. The Pot Hole was #8; no one won it, therefore the Pot carries over. The Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

The Good Old Boys Match 1 - Ed Snow, Joe Persons, Don Howard and Bob Sonntag - 7, Bob Wheary, Merle Hibbard, Bobby Simmons and Dan Stephens - 5. Match 2 - Shelton Keen, Jim Bell, Jim Stevens and Jim McGriff - 5, Dennis Hendershott, Rhea Hart, Eli Witt and Tom Elmore - 3. Match 3 - Tom Foley, Stan Woolbert, Paul Davis and Larry Ward - 5, Jerry Jobe, Emerson Darst, Dave Cannon and

Bill Rogers - 1.

Good Scores for the Good Old Boys were: Ed Snow 73 (36-37), Emerson Darst 77 (37-40), Don Howard 79 (38-41), Eli Witt 79 (37-42), Jerry Jobe 79 (40-39), Bob Sonntag 79 (37-42), Bob Wheary 79 (43-36) and Dan Stephens 79 (40-39).

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Skin winners were Joe Herring with two skins, Gerald Smithy with two skins, Jack Tuggle with two skins, and Tim Tortorice.

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Closest to the pin winners were: #3 Gerald Smithy, #11 Tim Tortorice, #15 and #17 Kevin Parks.

Monday's top of the hill had a first place tie, Jack Tuggle and Bob McGraw both came in +2.

Taking second place with a +1 Tim Tortorice.

The Wednesday Blitz had ties in first and second place. In first place Bob McGraw and Ronnie Ash tied with a +5. Keith Denmark and Mike Kahlich tied in second with +3's.

Skin winners were Mike

Kahlich, Jim Munns, Chet Carter, Frog, Al Cohoon, and Ronnie Ash.

Closest to the pin winners were: #3 Keith Hudson, #5 Chet Carter, #11 Keith Denmark, #15 Kevin Parks, and #17 Rick Cahill.

The Wednesday scramble pot is on its 4th week rollover.

This past weeks Wednesday Scramble winning team was Lance Bass, Brooke Russell, Riley McKenzie, and Richard Simmons.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Desert art colony
- 5 — day now
- 8 Each
- 11 "Hawkeye" Pierce
- 12 Exploit
- 14 52, for Cato
- 15 Pub fixture (2 wds.)
- 17 Tack on
- 18 Scout group
- 19 Plains tribe
- 21 Ration out
- 23 Truth stretcher
- 24 Eateries
- 27 Negative responses
- 29 WWW address
- 30 Revamp
- 34 Mimic
- 37 Sci-fi Doctor
- 38 Crying shame
- 39 Eats fast
- 41 Motels of yore
- 43 Hormel product

**DOWN**

- 45 Rumpole
- 47 Prince Val's wife
- 50 And, for Wolfgang
- 51 First-rate
- 54 — bang theory
- 55 First name in cheesecake
- 56 Cheano in Sicily
- 57 Crack pilot
- 58 Sun. follower
- 59 Dogsled pullers
- 1 Water source
- 2 Oodles (2 wds.)
- 3 Bloodhound's clue
- 4 Strauss opera
- 5 Cope with change
- 6 Beak of a bird
- 7 Sharp bark

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- 8 Preferred strategy (2 wds.)
- 9 Comforter stuffing
- 10 Trot or gallop
- 13 Merchant
- 16 Bunion sites
- 20 Fond desire
- 22 Diplomats
- 24 Billiard stick
- 25 Pitcher's pride
- 26 Kind of vaccine
- 28 Above, in verse
- 30 Giants hero of yore
- 31 Belt maker's tool
- 32 TV band
- 33 Part of UCLA
- 35 Hosp. workers
- 36 Ushers' beaks
- 39 House part
- 40 Short-order fare
- 41 Column order
- 42 Push gently
- 44 Joyous outburst
- 45 Band instrument
- 46 Quiz
- 48 Pierre's noggin
- 49 Governance in Siam
- 52 — -Magnon
- 53 Jaunty lid

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# The ocean's Chuck Norris

Every so often there is a fish that will make you question if you heard the details correctly. Fish such as Capt. Justin Moore's 300-plus pound tarpon or the 172-pound cobia out of Brazil are two recent examples. There is a new monster to add to this list; the 138-pound amberjack caught recently aboard the Double Nickel by angler Trent Zenkewicz with Jason Boyle, Will Froelich and Nick Froelich.

When I first saw pictures of "the amberjack" I couldn't believe how enormous it was. It spanned three guys and had a gut like a defensive tackle. The monster amberjacks weighed in during tournaments always seemed to be about the same length, with the girth making up the weight difference. This fish was much longer, and it almost looked like a yellow-banded tarpon.

For our readers that have caught amberjack, you can all begin nodding at this next sentence. Amberjack are NOT fun to catch. It's work. Actually, it's blue collar, manual labor on steroids. If you enjoy digging ditches, roofing during the summer, bailing hay, cropping tobacco, or trimming 30-foot palm trees with a manual pole saw, then you'd love catching AJ's. In fact, you'd be downright giddy.

They are pound for pound the toughest fish in the ocean. They're more relentless than Chuck Norris on a Total Gym. Side-note: Did you know Chuck is 74 years old? Seriously. Chuck Norris won a staring contest with his eyes closed. (I had to get one Chuck Norris joke in here!) Amberjacks are the Chuck Norris of the ocean. They do things fish shouldn't be able to

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do.

For those readers that have never caught an amberjack, there's something you can try at home. Go ahead and find your biggest rod and reel, borrow your neighbors, or if you can't find a rod and reel, just use rope. Tie the fishing line, or rope, to a VW bug, and have someone drive it about 7 miles an hour. You're not done yet. Have the VW violently shake side to side to simulate the AJ's trademark headshakes.

This is just an average amberjack. They're not just tackle busters, they're human busters. I've literally witnessed guy's entire arms cramp up, and start pulsating after fighting just a few AJ's. You'd have thought they had gone ten rounds with Mike Tyson (circa 1986) with the pure exhaustion on their faces, and in their bodies.

With all of this being said, the biggest AJ I've ever been around on a boat is probably around 50 pounds. Jason Boyll has experience with big amberjack, and by big I mean absolute freak of nature amberjack, but nothing could prepare him for this monster.

"When he came to the surface we were all in disbelief," said Jason Boyll. "My biggest amberjack was 102-pounds. This amberjack was significantly bigger, a really special fish. I know I will never see another one

like him."

Such a beast came from the very deep in the Gulf of Mexico as you can expect. After the Double Nickel landed a Warsaw grouper at the same spot, angler Zenkewicz sent down a 4-pound octopus 500-feet below on a Shimano Torsa and St. Croix combo with 100-pound braid.

"The fight lasted about 25 minutes with extremely high drag, about 35 pounds," described Boyll. "Most men could not handle these drag settings, however Trent is a former football player around 6-foot 4-inches and 280 pounds."

"We initially thought it was a large Warsaw, it didn't have the big head shakes as most of the 70-pound amberjack we had been catching."

The state record amberjack is 142 pounds, caught near Islamorada.

With amberjack season closed, it could not be kept. Weighing the fish on the boat had it come in at 138-pounds. The possibility of it being a state record is there, but as most fish stories go we will never know.

The amberjack season reopens on August 1, so get ready to go catch one, or just wait to read more AJ articles from your favorite chair in an air conditioned living room. I wouldn't blame you either way.

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PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Anglers Trent Zenkewicz, with Jason Boyll and Will Froelich with an amberjack.



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Melissa Macarages caught this kingfish off Suwannee in early July.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Ty and Kade Jackson teamed up on this big bull dolphin out of St. Augustine.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Cade Higgs caught this bluegill while fishing with his brother.



PHOTO COURTESY ROB CHAPMAN

Brent Lyons and Blair Davis made a road trip to Islamorada, and caught this beautiful sailfish.



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John Delgado caught this monster snook while exploring around Cedar Key and Wacassassa with Ed Blair.

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Section C

## Cedar River ready for new locale

Seafood restaurant will move closer to downtown area.

By TONY BRITT  
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For the past 13 years Cedar River Seafood has been a staple near I-75, but the future of the local restaurant is at a new locale.

By the end of the year, or early in 2015, the restaurant plans to relocate closer to downtown.

"Hopefully we're looking to move by the end of this year," said Curtis Fellows, Lake City Cedar River owner and operator.

Cedar River's new home will be at the corner of Sisters Welcome Road and U.S. Highway 90, across the street from Ken's Barbecue.

"We're going to have an updated facility, a nicer environment for our customers and bigger bathrooms," he said. "We've been putting off a remodel here for a while waiting to find out if we were going to purchase this building and stay or if we were going to have to move. We're finally going to get the upgrades that our



The new location of Cedar River Seafood at the corner of Sisters Welcome Road and US 90 is pictured. The restaurant plans to relocate at year's end or early in 2015.

TONY BRITT/Lake City Reporter

customers appreciate and deserve."

Another benefit of moving is that there will be more parking available to Cedar River customers.

The parking area at the restaurant's current sites has space for 38 vehicles. Fellows said the new location will have parking for more than 60 vehicles.

There are currently no scheduled changes to the restaurant's hours of operation, though that may change.

"If business warrants it and calls for us to be open longer hours we have no problem with that," Fellows said. "We're not planning to jump out with that, but we'll have to see what happens."

Crews have been working on clearing and remodeling the new location, which will also provide more room for customers.

"We're going to have increased seating capacity. We're going to have about 30 more seats than what we currently have," he said. "We're also putting televisions up on the walls

to hopefully better serve our customers and give them what they want."

The Cedar River Restaurant has been in Lake City since Nov. 2001 and at its current location.

"I'm excited about the move," Fellows said. "We're getting all new tables, all new chairs, all new equipment and everything else. I've been

wanting to do a remodel for the last five or six years knowing that we were overdue for it, so I'm just excited about having something you can put your name on and be proud of it. It will be fun to have folks come in and watching their smiling faces eat."

## US auto sales sizzle in July, helped by discounts

DEE-ANN DURBIN  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT — Big discounts helped U.S. auto sales sizzle in July.

Toyota, Ford, Nissan and Chrysler all saw double-digit sales gains. General Motors' sales were up 9 percent compared with last July, while Hyundai's rose 1.5 percent. Of major automakers, only Honda and Volkswagen saw declines.

It was the best July for the industry since 2006. New vehicle sales rose 9 percent to 1.4 million, according to Autodata Corp.

Automakers typically offer deals in the summer to clear out inventory before cars from the new model year arrive in the fall. But July's discounts were unusually high.

Incentives rose 8 percent — or \$216 per vehicle —

over last July, according to Jesse Toprak, chief analyst for the car shopping site Cars.com. Incentives averaged \$2,774 per vehicle, their highest level since August 2010. Toprak said Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen and Hyundai were the most generous; GM and Honda spent less.

Toyota was offering zero-percent financing on a five-year loan and \$1,000 cash back on the Camry sedan. Ford offered \$6,000 cash back on a new Expedition SUV. And Chrysler was peddling a \$99 per month, two-year lease on a Dodge Dart.

Edmunds.com said 13.5 percent of new car loans in July had zero-percent financing, the highest level since December 2010.

John Felice, Ford's U.S. sales chief, says a slow-

ing rate of sales growth will force automakers to get even more aggressive to steal sales away from competitors. That's already happening with small and midsize cars. For instance, buyers are paying an average of \$1,000 less for a Ford Fusion sedan than they did a year ago, Felice said.

But demand for SUVs and trucks remains strong, and so does pricing. Overall, Felice said, buyers are still paying \$800 more per vehicle than they did

last year. That's because even with discounting, more people are choosing pricier SUVs and loading them up with features.

Michelle Krebs, a senior analyst at AutoTrader.com, isn't alarmed about growing incentives. Things have changed from a decade ago, when automakers were making too many vehicles and had to use across-the-board incentives to sell them. Companies have cut back on production, she said, and they use incentives in a much more

strategic way. They're also profitable, so they can afford to give a little on price.

Based on July's sales, J.D. Power and Associates raised its forecast for full-year U.S. sales to 16.3 million vehicles. That's approaching the peak of 17 million set in 2005. Auto sales have led the uneven U.S. economic recovery, with sales increases of 1 million or more vehicles in each of the last four years. But that pace is slowing. U.S. sales totaled 15.6 million in 2013.

Chrysler saw the biggest gain in July, with sales up 20 percent to 140,102, led by the Ram pickup and the new Jeep Cherokee small SUV. Chrysler sold nearly 15,000 Cherokees, almost matching sales of the larger Grand Cherokee. Jeep sales rose 41 percent overall.

Toyota said its U.S. sales gained 12 percent to 215,802 on double-digit gains for the Camry and Corolla sedans and a 37 percent increase in sales of the newly redesigned RAV4.

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Of Great  
(and Little) Interest

What makes interest rates rise and fall? — *H.S., Tulsa, Oklahoma*

Interest rates are strongly influenced by inflation and the debt market (notes, bills, bonds, etc.). With inflation rather low in recent years, we've been enjoying low interest rates. Even when interest rates rise a bit, they're still really low, historically speaking. The prime rate topped 20 percent in 1980!

These days, our economy is recovering from our recent recession. If it appears to be growing too briskly, the Federal Reserve, headed by Janet Yellen, may hike short-term interest rates via the "federal funds" rate (the rate a bank can charge another bank for use of its excess money) in order to slow growth and keep inflation in check. The Fed can also change the "discount rate" — the rate paid by a bank to borrow short-term funds from the Fed.

When the economy is sluggish, the Fed often lowers rates to give companies and people an incentive to borrow (and spend) money and thereby spur the economy. In recent years, interest rates have been kept low for that reason.

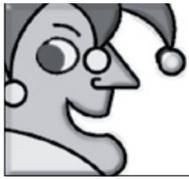
The prime rate and other interest rates are based primarily on these two interest rates, while mortgage rates are linked to Treasury bill rates. The money markets themselves (basic supply and demand for credit) also exert great influence over interest rates.

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What are "day" and "GTC" stock orders? — *B.C., Muskegon, Michigan*

When you place an order with your broker, you specify, among other things, whether it's good just for the day or good until canceled (GTC). GTC orders remain in effect until they're executed, canceled or expire (typically one to three months after the order is placed). Learn more about brokerages at [broker.fool.com](http://broker.fool.com).

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Behind the Penny  
Stock Curtain

It's easy to be lured into penny stocks (stocks that trade for less than \$5 per share), especially when hypesters are pushing them in newsletters, emails and blog posts. It's exciting to think of spending your \$2,000 on 12,000 shares of a \$0.17 stock instead of 50 shares of a \$40 stock. Learn more about how penny stocks are manipulated, though, and you'll opt for the \$40 stock, which will probably perform much better.

At [Fool.com](http://Fool.com) last year, we detailed how one penny stock was hyped. It was a social recruiting company-turned-Colombian-gold miner that did not exist as an incorporated business before the summer of 2010 and did not trade as a public company until March 2013. But in its early trading days, its trading volume was higher than that of Apple or ExxonMobil.

Why were investors eagerly buying into the stock? Well, many read an email quoting a financial blogger at a mainstream financial website who

stated that a research firm had placed a price target of \$4 per share on the stock. It sounds promising, right?

Well, that little research firm was reportedly paid \$5,500 to provide some analysis of the stock, and the blogger was likely paid to cover the stock, too, while being given the research firm's report. Many freelance financial writers are routinely offered compensation by outfits trying to promote penny stocks. It's considered unethical by many to accept such an assignment, but many others take the money.

Here's what else is going on: The stock starts out trading at a very low price, when promoters snap up shares. Then they hype the stock so that naive investors buy shares — and in creating such demand, send the share price higher. Then the promoters dump their shares at a profit, sending the share price crashing and wiping out many little investors. It's a classic "pump and dump" scheme.

Resist the come-ons of penny stocks. Favor bigger, established companies with actual (and growing) revenues, competitive advantages and solid financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

## My Dumbest Investment

## Short-Term Loss

My dumbest investment was chasing what looked like a strong bull move on Amazon.com. I bought in the morning and then, around noon, it quickly sold off below my buy, giving me a loss. It was caught up in that ridiculous Facebook initial public offering (IPO). — *C.S., online*

**The Fool Responds:** You seem to be engaged in short-term trading, which generally isn't an effective strategy. A famous study by researchers Brad M. Barber and Terrance Odean found that the most active traders earned an average return significantly lower than those who traded least often. (Their report is titled "Trading Is Hazardous to Your Wealth.") Facebook debuted on May 18, 2012, and Amazon.com closed near \$214 per share that day. It did rise and fall in subsequent days, but long-term investors have been well rewarded. Shares recently traded near \$360 per share, 68 percent higher than \$214.

Short-term traders are often focused on not-too-meaningful graphs of stock-price moves, instead of fundamental factors such as revenue and earnings growth, debt levels and profit margins. Focus on the long run, and remember that Warren Buffett's favorite holding period is "forever."

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## LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1927 and the Hot Shoppes restaurants. Today, based in Maryland, I'm a hospitality giant with about 4,000 lodging properties and nearly 700,000 rooms in 72 countries and territories. My brands include my own flagship name, along with Renaissance Hotels, Residence Inn, SpringHill Suites, Gaylord Hotels and The Ritz-Carlton. I was a pioneer in airline catering in the 1930s and the extended-stay lodging business in the 1980s, and even entered the cruise business in 1972. In 1957 I opened the world's first motor hotel. I rake in about \$13 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Marriott International)

## Name That Company

I began as a single-system cable operator in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1963. Today, I'm America's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone service provider to residential customers, serving businesses, too. (You might have heard of my XFINITY brand.) I merged with NBC Universal in 2011, and now operate 30 news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, Universal Pictures, Universal Parks and Resorts and more. I own all or part of MSNBC, Bravo, E!, G4, Syfy, mun2, Chiller, USA Network, Sprout, Hulu and the Weather Channel. I even own the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team. Who am I?

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

SeaWorld, Southwest Airlines  
ending 25-year partnership

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Southwest Airlines and SeaWorld Entertainment are ending their 25-year-old marketing partnership, officials with both companies said Thursday, as the airline has been urged by animal rights activists to terminate the relationship.

The partnership won't be renewed at the end of the year when the current contract expires. As part of the partnership, three Southwest airplanes had various SeaWorld animals painted on their bodies. Those planes will be returned to Southwest's traditional livery. SeaWorld also had Southwest signs in its parks, and Southwest offered vacation packages to SeaWorld, as it does to other tourist destinations. The vacation packages will continue.

SeaWorld officials said the decision was mutual.

SeaWorld wants to concentrate on growing markets in Latin America and Asia, the marine park company said in a statement.

"Southwest and SeaWorld have enjoyed their long relationship, and wish each other continued success," the statement said.

SeaWorld has parks



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in Orlando, Florida; San Antonio and San Diego.

Southwest spokeswoman Marilee McInnis said it was a business decision as the airline intends to focus on international service.

Earlier this year, animal rights activist held a rally and dropped off a petition at Southwest, urging the airline to end the relationship. The activists cited the

documentary "Blackfish," which explores what may have caused the killer whale Tilikum to kill SeaWorld trainer Dawn Brancheau in 2010.

The documentary argues that killer whales, when in captivity, become more aggressive to humans and each other. Since the documentary, several entertainers have pulled out of

planned performances at SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. parks.

Regarding the pressure from the activists, McInnis said Southwest has been in "listening and education mode."

"We ... have engaged and heard from conservationists, SeaWorld supporters, and others on all sides of this issue," McInnis said.

Debit overdraft  
fees often exceed  
cost of purchase

By JOSH BOAK  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The fees that banks charge debit-card users who overdraw their accounts usually cost more than the items being bought.

That's the result of a study that the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released Thursday.

Large banks have generally charged a \$34 penalty when people overdraw their debit-card accounts, even though

## BY THE NUMBERS

75% of all overdraft fees come from 8% of bank customers

10% of accounts belonging to 18-25 year olds face 10 overdraft fees/year

36% of accounts belonging to 26-45 year olds face one overdraft fee/year

checking account income from these fees.

The study builds on a 2013 report that found that heavy overdrafters, on average, face \$900 in additional costs each year.

"Overdraft fees should not be 'gotchas' when people use their debit cards," CFPB director Richard Cordray said in a conference call with reporters.

The CFPB is considering what protections might be necessary but has yet to outline specific policy changes that could shield bank customers from these charges. One area of concern for the CFPB is that some banks process transactions by size instead of the time of their purchase. This means the banks prioritize large expenditures such as rent or auto payments ahead of smaller purchases, possibly draining accounts such that buying a cup of coffee can trigger an overdraft fee.

The study found that 75 percent of all overdraft fees come from just 8 percent of bank customers. Younger Americans who frequently use debit cards are more likely to be charged fees. More than 10 percent of accounts belonging to 18- to 25-year-olds are hit with at least 10 overdraft fees a year. Nearly 36 percent of accounts belonging to 26- to 45-year-olds face at least one fee.

Not surprisingly, the fees weigh mainly on people who use their debit cards more often. Nearly half of bank customers with more than 30 debit transactions each month will pay one or more fees each year.

Richard Hunt, president and CEO of the Consumer Bankers Association, said in a statement that overdraft protection and the resulting fees are optional. Consumers can instead choose to have their transactions denied if they exhaust their accounts.

"We believe overdraft protection is a vital banking service voluntarily chosen by consumers to ensure their financial needs are met," Hunt said.

## Scott questions Citizens travel costs

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Gov. Rick Scott is demanding that the head of the state's largest property insurer explain travel expenses.

The Scott administration on Thursday asked Barry Gilway, executive director of Citizens Property

Insurance, to appear next month before the governor and Cabinet.

The Palm Beach Post reported last week that officials with the state-created insurer had made trips abroad to Bermuda, London and Zurich, Switzerland. Citizens had promised to rein in travel expenses after Florida's chief inspector general in early 2013

criticized some of them as excessive.

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# \$100 million for firm without offices?

By JEFF HORWITZ  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Companies overseeing millions of mortgage loans appear to be skirting new federal regulations and legal settlements intended to stop them profiteering at the expense of troubled homeowners.

They are selling or have sold nearly nonexistent insurance agencies — in some cases with no offices, no websites and only a single registered agent — in multi-million dollar deals, as new rules prohibit them from collecting commissions on insurance they force homeowners to buy.

The deals illustrate how regulators are still wrestling with messy banking practices more than six years after the housing market's collapse. They also mean that newly sold insurance agencies have an incentive to compel struggling homeowners to buy costly policies, to justify the high sales prices commanded when the insurance agencies were sold.

## Force-placed insurance

The deals involve "force-placed insurance," a type of backup property insurance meant to protect mortgage investors' stake in uninsured properties. Standard mortgages require borrowers to maintain homeowners insurance and authorize the loan's servicer to buy coverage when borrowers don't. If the borrowers don't pay for the new insurance, servicers foreclose on their properties and stick the bill to mortgage investors.

Even before the housing boom, mortgage servicers found ways to profit from buying insurance with other people's money.

Insurance carriers paid banks including JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo and Citigroup to buy policies at inflated prices, according to an investigation by New York's Department of Financial Services. To hide this "kickback culture," as New York regulators described it, some servicers created virtual insurance agencies and disguised illicit payments as commissions.

New rules by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, investigations by state regulators and class-action settlements now prohibit servicers from collecting commissions on such insurance policies, and the country's biggest brand-name banks have renounced the practice.

But some of the largest subprime mortgage servicers in the country — companies that handle the troubled loans most likely to be subject to the insurance policies — appear to skirt those rules or have already made profitable business arrangements that comply with them.

Because people tend to stop paying insurance when they're struggling to keep up with their mortgage, the collapse of the housing market after 2007 turned the practice into a multi-billion dollar industry. In many ways, force-placed insurance's rise reflected the behavior that fed the housing bubble: After profiting from putting borrowers in homes they couldn't afford, mortgage companies were profiting from inflated insurance bills they assigned to homeowners at risk of foreclosure.

## Nationstar Mortgage

The country's second largest non-bank mortgage servicer, Nationstar Mortgage Holdings Inc., has been trying to

sell an insurance agency for roughly \$100 million, according to people familiar with the deal who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the sale.

Nationstar's insurance agency, Harwood Service Co., has no website and no independent offices. The switchboard operators at Nationstar's headquarters in Lewisville, Texas, said they haven't heard of it. Employees of Assurant Inc., the insurance carrier whose policies Harwood sells, say the company is "just the name used when Nationstar refers us business."

Harwood's only registered insurance agent, a Nationstar consultant named Dennis DiMaggio, initially told The Associated Press he was semi-retired. Asked how he could run a \$100 million business in semi-retirement, DiMaggio ended the call then later said he had been joking.

Nationstar's first attempt to sell its affiliated insurance agency fell through early this month after the AP raised questions about the deal, prompting New York's Department of Financial Services to look into the deal.

"We have some concerns with the proposed transaction," said Matt Anderson, a spokesman for the financial regulator, four days before the expected buyer withdrew. Nationstar is still seeking to sell the insurance agency, said one person who is familiar with its efforts but not authorized to discuss its business affairs.

Nationstar declined to discuss details of Harwood's business. Assurant Inc. also declined to discuss its relationship with Nationstar. The insurer said it complies with

the federal government's new rules against affiliate commissions but "may pay commissions to unaffiliated agents in compliance with laws and regulations for work performed."

In court, however, Assurant and Nationstar have not defended their arrangements. Earlier this month, the companies reached a deal to settle a class-action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida that alleged Harwood exists solely to "funnel profits" to Nationstar at borrowers' expense.

If Nationstar's attempts to sell Harwood are successful, the deal would render the agency immune from bans on commissions — much as a similar agency owned by the country's largest subprime mortgage servicer already is.

## Ocwen Financial Corp

That servicer, Ocwen Financial Corp, oversees more than one-quarter of the country's outstanding subprime loans, according to data from trade publication Inside Mortgage Finance. Last March, Ocwen sold off a force-placed insurance affiliate called Beltline Road Insurance Agency as part of an \$86 million deal with

Altisource, a company spun out of Ocwen in 2008, led by former Ocwen executives and partially owned by Ocwen's founder.

The deal closed the same month that the Federal Housing Finance Agency formally proposed banning commissions and New York reached a legal accord with Assurant, Ocwen's principal force-placed insurer, banning payments to affiliates like Beltline. By selling the company to Altisource, however, Ocwen got cash upfront — and handed the lucrative business of collecting commissions from Beltline and sold the agency to Altisource solely because the agency didn't fit in with Ocwen's business model, the company said. Altisource, which does collect commissions on Ocwen's force-placed insurance, did not return calls and emails from the AP over several weeks seeking comment.

# Price tag for new Tampa area expressway is \$454M

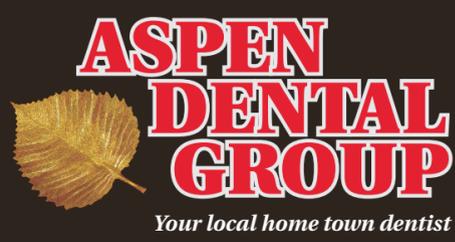
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ST. PETERSBURG — Florida Department of Transportation officials say a new expressway linking two major roads in the Tampa Bay area will cost about \$454 million — about \$116 million more than first announced.

Most of the extra expense is from buying right-of-way along the route, a cost estimated at \$93.5 million.

The expressway will eventually link Interstate 275 and U.S. 19, and the unfunded project has been moved forward by as much as 20 years.

The Tampa Tribune reports that DOT officials revealed the cost of right-of-way purchases to the Pinellas County Commission at a workshop Tuesday. They also announced that the toll to drive elevated sections to avoid stoplights will be 75 cents and that the five-year construction schedule also could make life complicated for the St. Petersburg Clearwater International Airport.



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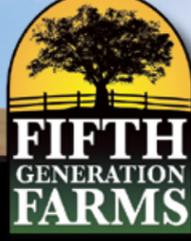
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TASTE BUDDIES



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## Taste Buddies make a Landing

*Taste Buddy Mary Kay Hollingsworth is taking the summer off. The column will continue by our other Taste Buddy Genie Norman.*

Last week my niece, Kimberlynne Norman, and I decided to try the Landing and ran into a couple of friends for lunch.

The Landing is located in the building previously occupied by Robert's Dock, Brooklyn Boys, etc. directly across from the Lake City Airport. The entrance catches your attention with its hanging ferns and potted

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# BEHIND THE FUNDRAISER

School's just around the corner, and with that comes school fundraisers. Take a look at what goes on to get those money-makers up and running.

By AVALYN HUNTER  
Special to the Reporter

FORT WHITE

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out when the end of summer is approaching. School supplies magically appear on prominent shelves in stores; children and parents start thinking about new clothes, shoes, and computer equipment. And as the school year gets under way, fundraisers for various school sports and activities start showing up at locations around the county.

While it's tempting to heave a sigh at seeing yet another set of youngsters soliciting donations at the grocery store or holding up signs for a car wash, the truth is that for most of the programs involved, raising money is a necessity.

Costs add up

"People don't realize how much these activities cost to run," said Leah Hintz, vice president and fundraising coordinator for the Fort White Middle/High School Soccer Boosters. "Take soccer, for example. It doesn't require a lot of equipment, but we still have to pay for what we do need plus uniforms, transportation for away games, and fees for the officials



AVALYN HUNTER/Special to the Reporter

Fort White Middle/High School Booster Club vice president Leah Hintz works on setting up a fundraising activity.

refereeing the games. The kids and their parents just can't afford to make up the difference between what we take in at the gate and concessions and what it costs to pay the program's expenses."

Students often need to raise money for special events as well as athletic programs and other regular activi-

ties. For example, the FWHS Chorus sold candy last year to pay for the costs of a performance at Downtown Disney.

Two chains

Most school fundraisers are coordinated through two separate chains. One is the chain within the school system itself; the other belongs to the merchant or property owner providing space, donations, or discounts for the fundraiser.

"If a fundraiser is held on school property or if money is being raised by selling something through the school, it has to be approved by school administration and the School Board," Hintz said. "If a fundraiser is held somewhere else, it doesn't require school approval but

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DEAR ABBY

Daughter is hurt by drunken mom's loose-lipped remark



Abigail Van Buren www.dearabby.com

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Pete," and I are at a point in our lives where we're ready to start a family. We have already started trying. We both have college degrees, jobs and own our home. I have talked with my OB and have started making myself "baby-ready."

Friends and most of our family are happy we're trying to start a family. The problem is my parents seem less than enthused.

One night last week, my mother, dad, Pete and I were enjoying some local entertainment and drinks together. Mom got a tad sloshed and told me she wishes my older brother and his wife had a child first, "no offense to me." They have been trying for years and have gone to fertility clinics, but due to the cost, decided to stop trying until my sister-in-law earns her degree. I have talked to her about our plans, and she was happy for us.

Is it wrong for me to hold onto this? Pete and I are financially and emotionally ready for a happy addition to our family. I know he'll

be a great dad. I wish my mother would realize this, too. — "NO OFFENSE" IN OHIO DEAR "NO OFFENSE": You are an adult and a married woman. You should not need anyone's "enthusiasm" beyond yours and your husband's to bring a child into this world.

You stated that your mother was "sloshed" when she made the remark. Alcohol-addled individuals often make inappropriate comments. Who knows what she meant when she said it? It may be she was thinking about the pain your brother and sister-in-law are experiencing because of their infertility issue.

Because her comment was hurtful, I think you should let her know so she can clarify — if she even remembers saying it. And if she doesn't, suggest she cut back on her drinking because

memory lapses can be a symptom of a drinking problem.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Merle's" daughter got engaged, and Merle threw an engagement party for her and the husband-to-be. The couple announced where they were registered in the Facebook invitation (which I thought was truly insensitive).

People arrived for the engagement party with gifts. I did not take one. I figured I'd wait until the wedding, which is a year away. I also thought, "What if they change their minds and don't get married?"

Was I wrong not to take a gift? I guess I just don't understand the current etiquette.

— STUMPED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR STUMPED: You accepted the invitation, didn't you? Because you did, you should have given the couple a gift. You did not have to take one to the party, but you should send something within a short time.

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

THE LAST WORD Eugenia Word

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Changes at home must not go over budget. Put more into activities or events that promise enjoyment and time spent with friends or your lover. A trip that you plan or taking an interesting course will give you incentive to pursue your dreams. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your happiness levels are skyrocketing, making personal relationships a target. Focus on the positives and sharing with someone you love. Say little and do a lot to please others. An argument will lead to regret. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offer assistance or get involved in a cause you believe in. You can make a difference and doing so will raise your profile and promote what you have to offer. Engage in activities that challenge you as well as help you grow. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stay on track. Don't lose sight of your goals. Build a strong base and stick to what you know in your heart is best for you. Don't give in to indulgent tendencies that will lead to waste and trouble. Put love first. ★★★★★

HOROSCOPES

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Problems will mount. Cooperation will be next to impossible. Don't put demands on others and you will avoid recourse. Change can be good and may be required, but too much of anything will work against you. Consider working alone. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't hide your thoughts. Offering help will make you feel good even if someone complains that you should be putting your focus elsewhere. An interesting connection will be made. Share creative pursuits with someone who has common interests. ★★★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Savor every moment. Impulsive behavior will be your downfall. Explore new possibilities and don't feel rushed when making choices. Change can be good, but only if it fuels your desires. Avoid anyone trying to push you. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional matters will surface, making decisions difficult for you. Take a step back and refuse to get sucked into a situation that is too demanding, indulgent or expensive. Time spent at home improving your surroundings will bring better results. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Changes to your living arrangements will bring you renewed hope. Make a fresh start by ridding yourself of the people and things that aren't working for you anymore. Get on with your life and start doing the things that make you happy. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Getting involved in something you are passionate about will lead to a new endeavor. You have plenty to gain if you don't let what others decide to do spoil your plans. Focus on what's important to you and carry on. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your research. Secondhand information will be to your detriment. Look for partnership opportunities that will allow you to accomplish twice as much. Cooperation will be what leads to success. Don't leave room for error and you'll have no regrets. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional situation should not be allowed to ruin your day. Focus on what you do best and get involved in activities that allow you to show off your skills. Look past any controversy or jealous actions. ★★★★★

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.
"C X H O H X H Y K J T E W M G N N H E C E H U J Y G A E C O D . . . C G K R G M T H O L B N V H C O D E P H H X C K J O H . G O L C R J B K L O E P B Y E G U K M . . . — H K C R G K K G A P

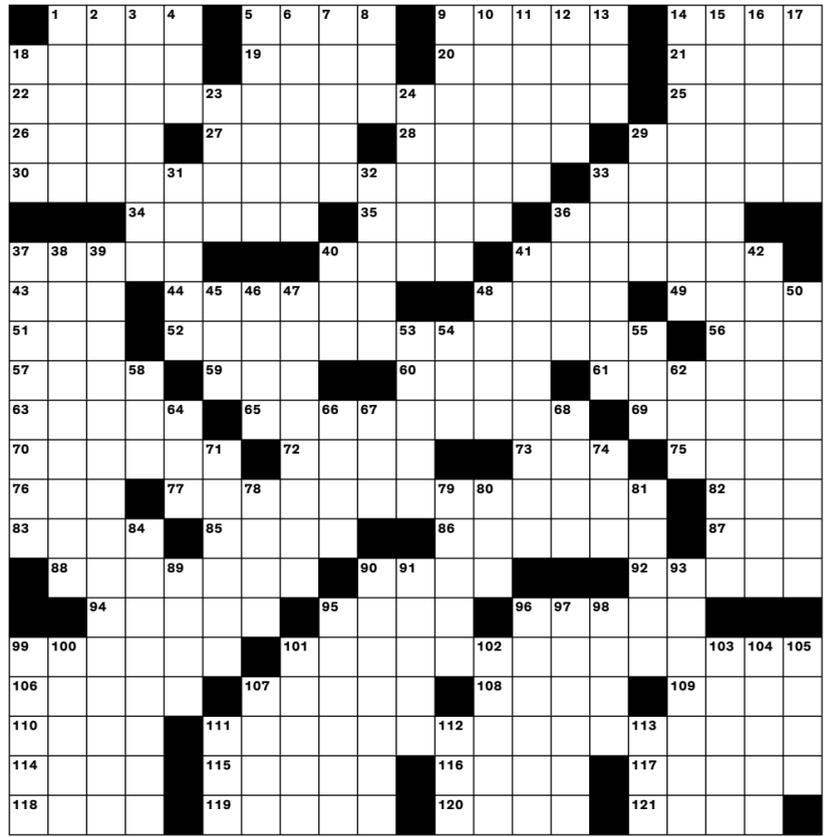
Previous Solution: "Country music ... speaks about real life and about truth and it tells things how they really are." — Faith Hill
TODAY'S CLUE: W S E N D A M
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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

WHAT'S MY LINE?

BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS
1 Sandwiches with toothpicks
5 Corner key
9 Refuse
14 Alternative to texted
18 European capital, to natives
19 Discipline
20 Jimmy \_\_\_\_\_, "They'll Do It Every Time" cartoonist
21 "Le Roi d'Ys" composer
22 Telephone line
25 "\_\_\_\_\_ Eyes" (1975 Eagles hit)
26 "Let \_\_\_\_\_"
27 Dash
28 Union gain?
29 Gut feeling?
30 Cruise line
33 Like one's favorite radio stations, typically
34 Perfect, e.g.
35 Sarcastic retort
36 Played out
37 San \_\_\_\_\_, Calif.
40 "Double" or "triple" feat
41 Special somethings
43 Late actor Wallach
44 Vinyl-roofed car
48 Butler's quarters?
49 Tickle Me Elmo maker
51 Like
52 Story line
56 First two words of "Dixie," often
57 Longtime baseball union exec Donald
59 Loudmouth's talk
60 Romance novelist Roberts
61 \_\_\_\_\_ de Champlain, founder of Quebec
63 Like the Marx Brothers
65 Pinched
69 Interprets
70 Car featured in the "Transformers" movies
72 Country with the most all-time medals in Olympic baseball
73 Pathet \_\_\_\_\_ (old revolutionary group)
75 Fit of fever
76 Capt.'s prediction
77 Finish line
82 Draft pick
83 Astronaut Slayton
85 Email virus, power outage, etc.
86 Formal confession
87 Iraq War danger, for short
88 Maze feature
90 Shake off
92 Names hidden in Al Hirschfeld drawings
94 Gown accessory
95 Politician's goal
96 Hunt in "Mission: Impossible"
99 Small pellets of noodle dough in Jewish cuisine
101 Fault line
106 Foreign princes
107 Hogan contemporary
108 Road shoulder
109 Stove cover
110 Old Venetian V.I.P.
111 Laugh line
114 "I Ain't Marching Anymore" singer/songwriter
115 Bayer brand
116 Picture problem
117 Some spinners, informally
118 Chris who played Mr. Big on "Sex and the City"
119 Lets go of
120 Gallic greeting
121 Spanish 3 + 3
DOWN
1 Zipped
13 Endorsing
14 Help line
15 Date line
16 A-list
17 Robert who played filmdom's Mr. Chips
18 Trident-shaped letters
23 House \_\_\_\_\_
24 Weeper of myth
29 Only non-Southern state won by the G.O.P. in '64
31 College in Atherton, Calif.
32 Confusion
33 Some charity events
36 Famous Amos
37 Embarrassed
38 Put off
39 Power line
40 Org. with the Sullivan Award for character, leadership and sportsmanship
41 Baud measurement
42 I.R.S. form with a line for "Casualty and Theft Losses"
45 "\_\_\_\_\_ calls?"
46 Birthplace of Pres. Polk
47 Drew
48 Starch source
50 Canola, soybean and peanut
53 Former center of Los Angeles
54 Affirmative action
55 Listen here
58 Coastline feature
62 Start of an apology
64 PC component
66 Mug
67 Alley org.
68 F.D.R.'s Scottie
71 "There's always next time!"
74 Initials, in a way
78 Bang-up
79 Almost stop with the head facing the wind, as a ship
80 Blooming business?
81 1967 war locale
84 Subway line
89 Executes
90 Bagel toppers
91 Good to have around
93 Pitched right over the plate
95 Work on the docks
96 Hottie
97 Ring leader?
98 Something to get over
99 Had for a meal
100 Discontinued gas brand
101 Signed
102 Govt. security
103 "Me, too!"
104 Law man
105 Fall setting
107 Closing act?
111 Part of a winning combination
112 Ring org.
113 Discophile's collection



Answers to last Sunday's Crossword.

ENWRAPS ROTEPALMOIL
DARENOT EXONFRIENDS
WHIT(T)LE BEAD COOLEST
TREETROUNDUP UNDE
ICEE MEWS SPECS SUCK
NOTATION STASHES PAN
DOODAD GARTTEASTRO
HERDRISOTTO FALLOUT
ALICK ELS SAMEGTOS
GLACIAL PATRONS
ALITTHEMAGIVEANDTAKERS
THETHEGIVETEETERS
SHED EDIT BSA TRIAL
MALIGN RECHAINS ARTY
OVER(E)AT AGITATE
RAVEN STRETTO ASSAIL
ENE EMPRESS NEGATIVE
SANG ISITAFIXELRON
RAN BURRITOPUP
AFRAMES REAL DIECAST
PRIVATE NAVE UMPIRES
BABYSAT SNIT SPEAKER

Grid of numbers for crossword clues, showing the placement of answers.

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Photos by GENIE NORMAN/Special to the Reporter

The Landing is located at 3445 East US 90 and is open every day of the week from 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## TASTE

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plants/palms. Inside I immediately liked the clean, tastefully decorated appearance. There were probably around 45 people there when we arrived. The restaurant can seat up to 70 customers at booths and tables.

### Buffet, country-style

Appearance is one thing but let's talk about the food. This is a buffet that I would have to describe as Country. There is a loaded salad bar with super fresh veggies and all homemade salad dressings. The potato, pasta and the chicken salads were all delicious. I can't pick a favorite from these three. Kimberlynne commented on how fresh everything in their salad tasted.

The serious eating is found on the buffet. Our choices that day were fried chicken, fried pork chops, seasoned green beans, sweet potato casserole, collards, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese. There were cornbread and hot biscuits that you can butter and douse with syrup or honey or gravy.

I confess that I am a person who loves greens and I must admit that the collard greens were some of the best I have ever eaten. I don't know where you get good collards this time of the year but wherever they came from and the way they prepared them with just the right amount of seasoning gets my vote. I usually put hot pepper sauce on mine but these didn't need a thing.

They start cooking them at 5:30 in the morning so no wonder. I got carried away describing the collard greens, sorry.

One of my friends commented he loved the green beans and he thinks that the veggies set this place apart from others. I agreed with him but I hadn't had dessert at that point.

### Let's talk dessert

Desserts were absolutely wonderful homemade banana pudding and the crown jewel, "cream cheese brownies." I loved the crisp vanilla wafers and the cream cheese swirls in the brownies. They had both just been made and they were absolutely delicious. I don't know how we all managed to



The Landing offers a buffet daily until 2:30 p.m. Fried chicken is always on the menu.



Owner Joe Spradley makes what some people call 'crack brownies,' due to their addictive taste. The brownies are actually cream cheese brownies — chocolate brownies with a cream cheese swirl.

eat another bite after the buffet, but we did. What a way to top off a really good home-cooked meal. The buffet is \$8.99 and is served until 2:30 p.m.

### Breakfast buffet, too

Now, here's the good news: A breakfast buffet is served from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. It includes bacon, sausage, biscuits, French toast bake, sausage gravy, grits, hash brown casserole and eggs cooked to order, cinnamon rolls (weekends). It's all for \$6.99.

### 'Crack brownies'

The owner of the

Landing is Joe Spradley. He previously owned his own air conditioning company and now he is also the owner of the Fast Way Food Store in Olustee. Lots of us know about his fried chicken gizzards from Fast Way.

Many of his customers in Olustee were prison staff and hunters. They kept encouraging him to open his own restaurant and now they are his steady customers. In fact, they call his brownies "crack brownies."

It's also really convenient for personnel from Timco and Florida

Gateway College.

Joe says that he always has fried chicken on the menu and adds one other meat each day, e.g. meatloaf, ham steaks, pork roast, beef steak, pork chops, and either chicken/rice, pork/rice or dirty rice. His vegetables come from K.C.'s and his sausages come from Nettles. Yeah!

On Friday and Saturdays he has fried shrimp, catfish or other fried fish with hushpuppies of course. There is no set menu each day, he just wants to serve what is fresh and in season.

### A ton of food

Joe told us in five days he had used 400 lbs. of chicken, 30 lbs. of butter, 35 lbs. of cheddar cheese, 250 lbs. of potatoes, etc. Now you can see why the food is so tasty. He says he is making things he learned to cook from his mother and his grandmother.

Like I said at the beginning of this review, "country, home cooking."

Joe is effusive in saying how much he appreciates the response he has had from Lake City folks.

So, check it out for yourselves. I think you are going to be loosening your belt like the rest of us had to do.

The Landing is open seven days a week from 5:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Telephone number is 386 243-8077. Address is 3445 E. US Highway 90, Lake City.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



COURTESY

### Morley Kate Bladen

Morley Kate Bladen was born June 12 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. She was 19 inches long. She is the daughter of Bryce and Blaire McIntyre Bladen of Eagle Mountain, Utah. Morley is the granddaughter of Donna McIntyre of Cedar City, Utah; Marty McIntyre of Lake City; Lanae Anderson of St. George, Utah and Neil Bladen of St. George, Utah. Her great-grandparents are Charlie and Harriet Woods and Roger and Ethel Stiles of Lake City, and Roger and Pat Murie of Cedar City, Utah; Boyd and Valaine Bladen of St. George, Utah; She is the great-great granddaughter of Zina Woolsey of Cedar City, Utah. Morley is welcomed and loved by big sister, Summer and big brothers, Preston and Case.

## GRADUATION



COURTESY

### Thompson graduates from UCF

Shequette Griffin Thompson recently graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Services Administration. She is currently employed with the Veterans Administration as Lead Administrative Assistant. Shequette grew up in Lake City and is the daughter of Daniel Griffin and James and Angela Williams. She graduated from Columbia High School in 1991 and worked as a correctional officer for nine years at Columbia Correctional Institution. She is married to Clifford Thompson of Live Oak. She has three children and two step-children.

## Area artists wanted for Live Oak Artist Guild

From staff reports

The Live Oak Artists Guild, in partnership with the Suwannee River Regional Library, 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.

### Application Deadline

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 our blog: <http://theloag.blogspot.com/>. If you have any questions, please contact Glinda Pennock at 386-364-9363.

### Awards

Autumn Artfest 2014 awards will be determined by the entries and donations received. A minimum of \$3000 will be awarded. Artwork selected for these awards will be exhibited at a special "Featured Exhibition" at the Suwannee River Regional Library.

## FUNDRAISERS

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we still coordinate through the school's activity director, Deedee Houk. The goal is to avoid having two different groups doing the same thing at the same time; for instance, if the football team is selling discount cards, the school doesn't want any other booster group or activity selling discount cards at the same time."

### Working with the community

Making arrangements with a mer-

chant for a fundraiser is usually as simple as calling a manager and asking. Todd Gregory, store manager at Publix explains. "The schools are on a pre-approved list, so all we really need to do when someone representing a school sport or activity calls is check the calendar and see if there's room." Other popular fundraising locations around town have fairly similar policies. Most arrangements are for simply soliciting donations from customers as merchants are understandably reluctant to allow sales of goods that might compete with their own merchandise; Publix, for example, does not permit bake sales on its premises.

### 'I know people get to feeling tapped out, but believe me, we are very, very grateful for their help.'

— Leah Hintz, Fort White High/Middle School Booster Club vice president

### Identifying a fundraiser

Identifying a legitimate school fundraiser is usually pretty easy. First, signs surrounding the fundraising activity and clothing worn by the students should

identify the school they represent and the activity for which they are seeking support. Second, a responsible adult should be present at all times and should be able to answer any questions about why money is being raised.

In an ideal world, school sports and other school activities wouldn't need to raise extra money to make ends meet. But the need is there, and most are very appreciative of any donations, no matter how small. "I know people get to feeling tapped out," says Hintz. "But believe me, we are very, very grateful for their help. We couldn't go on without it."

## GARDEN TALK



NICHELLE DEMOREST/Special to the Reporter

This garden at Epcot shows a mix of beautiful glass art flowers displayed in a planting of real flowers.

## Double-duty gardening

Cutting gardens is a great way to let your garden do double duty for you. Enjoy those beautiful flowers and foliage plants in the landscape, but remember to bring some color indoors as cut flowers. The trick to dual purposing your garden is to choose plants that will not only grow well in your landscape setting,

but will stand up to a prolonged vase life as cut flowers. Annuals, perennials, foliage plants, bulbs and woody plants all have candidates for good cut flowers. Annuals only live for one year or less, but they have long bloom periods. Herbaceous perennials and bulbs normally die back in the winter but come back again in the spring. Woody plants survive the winter without dying back if they are planted within their climate hardiness zones.

Long, sturdy stems are important characteristics when choosing flowers for cutting. Some short-stemmed flowers look good, however, in dainty arrangements. Stems should remain sturdy enough to support the flower for about a week in an arrangement. Avoid plants like daylily blooms that last only one day or crepe myrtle blooms that shatter quickly and make a mess with dropped petals.

Consider using common annuals such as zinnia, salvia, cleome, cosmos, celosia and sunflowers which are often overlooked as cut flowers. Snapdragons enjoy our cooler seasons outdoors, but they hold up nicely in vases, especially the taller 'Rocket' series with longer stems. Some plants, like snapdragons, are actually stimulated to rebloom after flowers are cut for indoor use. These include the flowering plants that are often 'dead-headed' to remove faded blooms and encourage more buds. [http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic\\_flowers](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_flowers)

Perennials don't need to be replanted each year, but they normally have short-



The trick to dual purposing your garden is to choose plants that will not only grow well in your landscape setting, but will stand up to a prolonged vase life as cut flowers.



PAMELA FAITH/Courtesy

This submitted picture shows an arrangement of 'double duty flowers' because they are typical flowers from our North Florida landscapes used as cut flowers.

## GARDEN TALK



Nichelle Demorest

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er bloom periods than annuals. Perennials that survive well in arrangements include yarrow, verbena, coreopsis, blanketflower, obedient plant and coneflower. Don't forget roses. There's always a perfect spot for a vase of roses, whatever kind you like to grow. Coleus and ginger are great plants to use for foliage cuttings in arrangements.

Get started by choosing new flowers that are just starting to bloom. You

can extend the vase life of cut flowers with a process called hardening. After cutting the flower stems with a sharp tool, immerse the entire stems in tepid water (110 degrees F), almost up to the flower heads. Let them rest this way for a couple hours in a dark, cool location before removing them to arrange in a vase. Recut the stems under running water to the lengths needed, and remove lower leaves so none will be under water in the vase.

There are products on the market that can be added to vase water that inhibit the growth of bacteria and fungi. Other additives used to keep water fresh are ¼ teaspoon of bleach or ¼ teaspoon of citric acid in one gallon of water. Try to keep the water in the vase at the same level each day, and recut the stem ends if

you change the vase water. Place your arrangements out of hot spots and drafts, and enjoy your double duty blooms where you'll see them often.

Mix in some cool season annual flowers to harvest right along with vegetables from your fall garden this year. Mark your calendars for our 'Fall Vegetable Gardening' workshop at the Extension office on Tuesday, August 19th at 4:00 pm. Learn some great tips from Gerry Murphy and Bill Whitley, UF Master Gardener Volunteers. Call 752-5384 for more information.

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

## Get-togethers and HS class reunions coming up this fall

## 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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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 and includes buffet of fried/boiled shrimp, chicken wings, chicken strips, veggies, salad bar, etc. Tea, Coke products, and keg beer will be served all night. 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](mailto:shs1984reunion@gmail.com) by Aug. 15. Payment must be received by Sept. 15. Make check/money order payable to Class of 1984 and send 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. There will be reserved seating at the Friday, Oct. 24 Homecoming Football Game at a cost of \$6 per ticket. The ticket price must be included in total amount remitted with reunion ticket purchase. Indicate how many tickets are needed when you RSVP. Questions? Email [shs1984reunion@gmail.com](mailto:shs1984reunion@gmail.com).

## Spend time volunteering

## Shands LakeShore

The Auxiliary at Shands Lake Shore Hospital is looking volunteers of all shapes and sizes. With its new regime, the Auxiliary is able to offer a variety of opportunities for volunteers willing to donate just four hours of their time each week. Of course, you may volunteer as many hours as you'd like. Whether it's filing paperwork, working on the computer, driving the golf cart, or working in the kitchen, there's a space for you. If you are 18 or older and would like a volunteer opportunity, stop by the gift shop to pick up an application or call 386-292-8000 x 21216 to receive an application by mail. Gift shop hours are Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday stays open until 8 p.m.

## United Way

United Way of Suwannee Valley is recruiting volunteers who are willing to be called upon to staff the Columbia County Emergency Operations Center's Information Center during disasters. These volunteers serve as the link between the county emergency management offices and the public when the EOC is activated for disasters. Anyone willing to serve in this capacity when needed or can recruit volunteers through your church or civic organization should call Jenn Sawyer, United Way of Suwannee Valley long-term recovery coordinator, at 752-5604, ext. 101.

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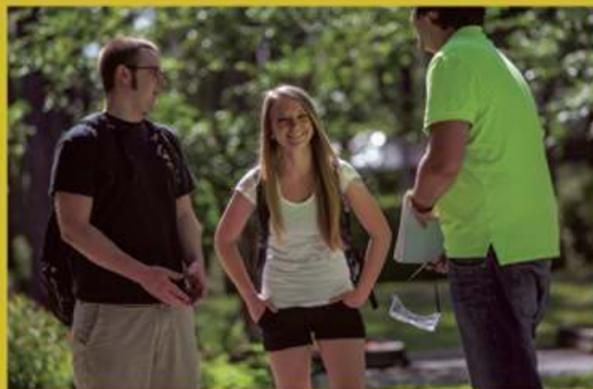
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